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Lazanos put the family in re-opened Dallas restaurant

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

In what should have been a celebration of their 20th anniversary serving the Dallas community, the Lazano family instead held a ribbon cutting July 12 marking a new beginning for their restaurant La Herradura.

The drive through Mexican restaurant has been open at the corner of Main and Washington streets since Emma Veneas and Silverio Lozana opened it back in February of 2005.

That stretch was interrupted when, according to the Dallas Police records, at 12:35 p.m. on Aug. 12, 2024, a motorist ran a red light, clipped a truck bumper, spun and crashed into the La Herradura restaurant. Estefania Lazano, family spokesperson, restaurant manager, and daughter to Emma and Silverio, said only the building was damaged in the accident.

“The only thing that really mattered was that everyone was okay. Everything else was replaceable. The building is replaceable but our lives are not,” Estefania said.

She said damage was initially estimated at \$60,000-\$70,000, but there were always surprises, other fixes, engineer changes.

“The roof moved. The whole building shifted. It was like an earthquake happened. We are just so thankful that no one was hurt,” she said.

Luckily, their insurance paid for everything.

“My dad is one of those old fashioned guys. He made sure everything was checked off. We’ve had Farmers forever. And they really came through with everything,” Estefania said.

After the accident, they were told it would take 6-9 months to repair the damage. But it got extended to 11 months. Estefania looked at the bright side.

“We got to take a long vacation. Well deserved. Because we had never taken a vacation that long. We got to enjoy my parents. They were home more often. They got to take care of our babies,” Estefania said.

Emma and Silverio, originally from Zacatecas, Mexico, moved to the U.S. in 1996 and settled into Monmouth. But in 2013 they bought a house in Dallas because the commute was too much, Estefania said.

“My parents came into this business knowing nothing. But they had three things - a very good work ethic, and still do; commitment - they were determined to make this work; and my mom had really good recipes. And with all those three things, we gave it a shot. Hopefully we made it work,” Estefania said.

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New police chief looks to build on predecessor’s legacy

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Dallas’s new Police Chief Jerry Mott, who replaced a retiring Tom Simpson on July 1, grew up in Polk County. His steady progression through the ranks within the Dallas Police Department since he was hired in 2004 has inevitably led him to his latest leadership role. Unlike the other kids in the region, however, Mott didn’t share their vision of someday joining law enforcement.

“Absolutely not,” Mott said. “I wanted to be an attorney. There’s quite a bit of crossover, but it’s definitely not the same thing.”

His career path took a swerve in 1997 when he started working as a cadet with the Oregon State Police.

Mott was soon working at the Polk County Jail and was also a reserve officer for Dallas PD when he got hired working for Benton County’s patrol division. However, he was facing a layoff as the county went through tough financial times when Dallas had an opening.

“I applied and I was hired as a full time officer,” Mott said.

In his time with Dallas, he’s been a police officer, a persons crimes detective, narcotics detective, a sergeant, lieutenant, deputy chief and now chief.

“I did quite a few things to earn a potential promotion to chief. I earned a couple more degrees and an executive certificate,” he said.

Mott acknowledges he steps into big shoes left by Simpson.

“He did quite a bit of work. He was here 38 years and he spent the



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Dallas Police Chief Jerry Mott was sworn into office July 1, replacing a retiring Tom Simpson after he served on the force for 38 years.

last dozen or so as chief,” Mott said. “He did a lot of things to move the department forward. Hopefully I can build on that.”

At the top of his list is more community interaction.

“I’d like to see us a lot more interactive with the community, in terms of neighborhood watch and HOA’s, clubs and community groups,” Mott said. “Being just more involved in

that community setting and more interactions outside our regular enforcement jobs.”

Mott would love for any of those groups to reach out to him to set up talks to expand any programs they may already have.

Also new this year is a cadet program to get local recruits into the law enforcement pipeline. The

program has two enrolled so far in a self imposed limit.

“We’d like to expand that because it’s a new program, but expansion is fairly controlled so we can manage it well. We want to start these young people off on the right track in their careers,” Mott said.

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Shared vision makes Spectrum Artworx a multi-talented store

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

A shared vision has become reality in Monmouth.

Since opening its doors in October, Spectrum Artworx has reimaged what a local art store can be, offering not only retail supplies but also printmaking, professional framing, and classes. The Hampson and Butler families founded the business.

For Malia Hampson, Spectrum Artworx was more an unexpected journey than a lifelong pursuit. A sociology major with a background in medical office management, she never saw herself operating an art supply and maker space.

“It’s a combination of a lot of different ideas and dreams coming true,” Hampson said. “I’ve always been a hobbyist, but I’ve learned that being a hobbyist and being an artist is not the same thing.”

The store has adjusted its inventory based on community feedback and interest, sometimes in ways that surprise Hampson.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Malia Hampson, Jake Hampson and Tom Butler (from left) of Spectrum Artworx, are bringing art and community together in downtown Monmouth.

“Puzzle glue, for example, has become a big seller,” she said.

Puzzle glue is a necessity in turning completed jigsaw puzzles into frame-worthy art.

In addition to word-of-mouth and local advertising, Spectrum benefits

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With each region of Mexico known for a different take on traditional Mexican cuisine, Zacatecas is renowned for its beef broths, especially used in making menudo, pozole and birria de borrego. With that flavor profile growing up, Estefania said La Herradura gets many compliments on its seasoning, making the food quite good and unique.

“I always get the compliment, ‘We have tried so many other Mexican restaurants and they just don’t come close to you.’ I think that is so sweet and kind. Because we really make everything fresh, daily. My mom really pours her heart into the cooking, and so does my dad,” Estefania said.

Another key ingredient to their success was keeping the business within the family.

“So it’s just been us and my parents. My nieces have worked here. My sister has worked here. I have worked here. So it’s a generational business,” Estefania said.

La Herradura had a soft re-opening on July 7 and once word got out, it was non-stop in their drive through.

“It has been crazy. We have been pushing over 120 orders a day since we opened. There’s five of us working. We can’t keep up. The line is up all the way to Spoon N Folks. Every single day. We are so blessed and grateful for it,” Estefania said.

With such high demand, they’re working on opening up the lobby to service as well.

During the long downtime during the rebuild (which Estefania credits the hard work of Team McGinnis

Restoration & Construction) the family has revamped a portion of their menu, adding weenie fries. They essentially transformed their french fries supreme from featuring steak to hot dogs on top. But they did not take anything off the menu.

“That’s still one of the questions I get. ‘Do you still have this on the menu?’ Yes, everything is the same. We just added a few things,” Estefania said.

Estefania added the reopening announcement for La Herradura was made from her personal Facebook page, getting over 300 likes, as the restaurant itself has never really had a social media presence. Their success is 100 percent word of mouth.

The only other thing she ever posted was being down because of the accident, “Please be patient. We will be back.”



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Lazano Family celebrates the reopening of their restaurant La Herradura with a ribbon cutting on July 12 after 11 months closed due to a motorist driving through one of their walls last August.

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| Now, after 20 years of chasing the American Dream, the family business is back. | of being here 24/7. My parents have done such a great job keeping it in the family, raising their daughters here,” Estefania said. “Now my sister and I get to raise our kids here. And we’ve really kept | it traditional, generational. Hopefully we’ll be here for a while.” |
| “It’s been great. We made this little restaurant our whole world. Being a business owner is really the definition | | |

ARTWORX
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from its downtown location and participation in the city’s Main Street Program. With a nearby trolley stop and foot traffic from Western Oregon University, the store attracts customers who live in the area, and from as far away as Eugene and McMinnville.

Spectrum participates in the university’s “Welcome to M-I Town” events and offers a 10 percent discount on “WOU Wednesdays” for anyone wearing Western gear.

“We’ve had city representatives come in to ask about our vision for the area,” Malia

said. “It feels like we’re, really, a part of something.”

Meanwhile, framing specialist Tom Butler works quietly in his area. His custom shop is a vital part of the store’s identity.

“My whole focus has been to get good, solid, aesthetically pleasing framing at a price that’s not going to break the bank,” he said. “We’re beating the big-box stores on price, and the quality is better, too.”

A former computer science and math major who once worked in mediation and human services, Butler found his way into framing after relocating to Wyoming to care for his grandmother. It was

there, in 2012, that he opened his first framing studio. At the same time, he discovered a knack for precision and empathy.

“I think that’s what sets us apart - understanding what a client values and their relationship with a piece helps me figure out how we need to display it,” he said.

Butler emphasizes archival-quality craftsmanship, using acid-free matting and pH-neutral materials to ensure the longevity of each piece. From Andy Warhol prints to vintage comics and family heirlooms, each job is done with individual care and attention.

Jake Hampson is at the heart of Spectrum’s printmaking studio.

The WOU graduate, who studied writing, art and education, considered a career in special education. That changed once he discovered printmaking.

“I convert 2D images into 3D printing blocks,” Jake explained. “That allows me to produce tactile art that people can feel as well as see.”

His studio combines traditional printmaking with laser engraving, enabling the creation of embossed, tactile works. Some are designed solely with visually impaired people in mind. He’s even working with the city of

Monmouth on Braille-inspired designs.

Jake teaches groups in printmaking, PanPastel blending, and resin art. His background in education is evident in his teaching style, which he described as hands-on, accessible, and patient. It’s a service, he added, that is needed.

“There’s no public printmaking between here and Eugene,” Jake noted. “I wanted to make sure people had access to the tools and space they need to make art.”

For some, it’s a collaboration that feels more like a creative playground than it does a retail outlet.

“Our goal is to help people explore without the pressure of buying something that might just sit unused,” Malia said.

Another Spectrum feature is its “maker space” - a \$10-per-hour area where customers can experiment with tools and try new mediums, like gel and mono printing, without pressure.

Spectrum Artworx
140 Main St., Monmouth.
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Call (503) 897-0931 for more information.

CHIEF
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The Dallas Police Department is authorized 23 sworn positions, now there are 22, as they have not yet

backfilled for Mott’s former position.

“I think that is probably pretty close to the right number of police officers for our population. We could use one or two more to concentrate on traffic issues, because

we know we have problems there,” he said.

Mott said the biggest challenge his force faces is facilities.

“A lot of people don’t realize the space an officer takes up in a facility is a tiny part of

the need,” he explained. “Our biggest needs are evidence retention space, technology issues, places to process evidence. As the population grows, we take in more evidence.”

City leaders have had some discussions on next steps after the \$17.2 million bond failed to get voter support. The city council has planned a work study session July 21 with the McKinsey Group architects to examine other options in a redesign.

“People take it in stride. I certainly have an appreciation for the effort that was made. It’s been 20 years since an effort was made before. And

just seeing that effort made by the council was meaningful for us,” Mott explained.

Dallas does have additional difficulties in its community that it shares with the rest of the state, Mott said.

“We have fentanyl driven issues and drug driven issues, some theft crimes. We’re a very safe community, relative to most places. We don’t have a large amount of violent crime. We do sometimes, but it’s pretty infrequent,” he said.

Mott added the Dallas PD has a good relationship with both the neighboring cities (Monmouth and Independence) and the county.

“We’re working to make it closer. There’s an economy of doing things together - training with each other, working with each other, leaning on each other for investigative resources. So we work really hard to maintain those relationships,” he said.

After 21 years on the force, Mott said what he most enjoys about his job is getting to do something different day to day.

“I like to help the community. Be involved in making the community a better place to live. Those are important values to me,” he said.

In his free time, he likes to fish, and in the past few years has earned a private pilot license.

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“Unfortunately, I don’t get to use it that much, as I don’t have time. I like to learn and do new things all the time,” he said.

So far he’s certified on single engine Cessna type planes. While he doesn’t own one yet himself, he does have a lottery ticket.

“So, there’s a chance,” he added.

Mott sees things coming the community’s way that will be phenomenal improvements including work to extend the reservoir and lights at the intersection of Ellendale and Levens.

“Those are generational fixes that will be around long after I’m gone. The police department has nothing to do with that. The other city departments do, but those are big, meaningful deals,” Mott explained.

Mott currently has a significant other, two adult children and one grandchild.

He sees himself in the position of chief for a minimum of four years, maybe five.

“I’m not going to stay forever. I do have plans to retire, and do those hobbies,” he clarified. “Four, five years is a good number. I think the city can get the best out of a chief. That provides an opportunity to get the next person ready, or a good leadup to get the next person at a national level. I think that leaves the city in a great place.”

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OBITUARIES



Michael Dean Murphy
Jan. 19, 1953 - June 14, 2025

Mike Murphy was born on Jan. 19, 1953, in Dallas, Oregon, to Paul and Frieda Murphy. He grew up in Independence on the family farm, one of four siblings. He passed away on June 14, 2025.

Mike graduated from Central High School in 1971, where he played football and wrestled. He later attended Linn-Benton Community College, earning a 4.0 GPA.

He spent much of his career working as a machinist at Oremet Wah Chang. Outside of work, Mike had a wide range of interests — he earned his private pilot’s license and loved to fly whenever he had the chance. He also enjoyed tinkering with cars and playing the drums in rock bands. Friends and family remember him as someone who was always smiling, quick with a joke, and happiest when making others laugh. He was a loving and involved parent.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Christina. He is survived by his brothers Ron and Larry Murphy, and his stepdaughter Libbey Jazi.

Mike’s celebration of life will be held at Chase Bar and Grill in Independence on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 2-5 p.m.



Brady Ewin Crook
March 21, 1986 - June 26, 2025

Brady Crook was born in Salem, Oregon. He joined his forever family at three-days old. He grew up in Dallas and his favorite times were at his grandparent’s farm riding his ATV’s or trying to catch that big bass. Brady’s heart was at the family cabin near Detroit.

After graduating from Dallas High School, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Drum, New York, and Fort Bliss, Texas. Brady had deployments to Iraq and Kuwait

where he was injured. He was very proud of his service to his country. He ultimately returned to Oregon where he had jobs including driving lumber and log trucks and welding. He died after a long illness.

He is survived by his parents, Julie and Larry; his two sons Tanner and Jaxton; brothers Pat, Jack (Kelly), Kent (Kirston) and Corey; and also his sister of the heart, Cindy, and stepson Dakota.

A more detailed obituary is at www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Private service will be held. Donations can be made in Brady’s memory to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Floyd Francis Lapp
Feb. 23, 1943 - May 28, 2024

A memorial was held June 27, 2025, for Floyd Francis Lapp, who passed away at his Dallas, Oregon, home May 28, 2024. He was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on Feb. 23, 1943, to Kathleen Chilton and Floyd Thomas Lapp. Floyd’s family, stepbrother Don Castleman, and three sisters: Mae, Colleen and Dahl, have all passed away. Floyd Lapp had a black terrier dog named Trevor, and left wishes that he be buried with him which was done.

At age five, he moved to the small logging community of Valseltz, Oregon. Floyd completed high school and married Beverly Cox-Oliver. Together they had two children, Lora and Paula. He later married Lucinda Fisher, who is now deceased. Lucinda is survived by her daughter, Elaine Arnold.

He worked in a lumber mill, owned an automotive transmission specialty store, and worked in a Caterpillar large equipment plant. Later he became self-employed and an entrepreneur of various companies. His latest adventure being Lapp’s construction.

In addition to his love for dogs, nature, hunting, fishing, and action movies, he loved car racing, riding horses, and playing pool.

He expressed a love for God at the end of his life with a need for forgiveness both to and from others. His ashes are interred near the old lumber town of Valseltz, Oregon.

Burton Roger Pope
Nov. 11 1928 - July 6, 2025

Burton Roger Pope passed into the arms of Jesus, on the morning of Sunday, July 6; his siblings and parents all gone before him.

He was the son of Rollin and Florence Pope, sibling to brothers Vernon and Chester; sisters Carol



and Jean; and his twin, Beryl. He leaves behind his loving wife, Bonny (Bonita); daughter Barbara (Larry) Sickles; and son Brian.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Evangelical Bible Church, in Dallas, Oregon on Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. All friends and family are welcome to join; there will be a luncheon following the service. Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family.



Joan Kaiser
May 14, 1938 - June 29, 2025

Joan Guilford Kaiser passed away peacefully in Happy Valley, Oregon, on June 29, 2025, at the age of 87.

Joan was born May 14, 1938, in Bellingham, Washington, to James Thompson Guilford and Thelma Christine Toft Guilford. The family moved to Silverdale, Washington, in 1943 where they established a feed store and farmed turkeys and dairy cows. Joanie attended Central Kitsap High School, where she was active in choir, was a member of Thespian Troupe 326, and received the “Homemaker of Tomorrow” scholarship when she graduated in 1956. She started college at the University of Washington that fall but stepped away in February when her father passed away unexpectedly.

From 1959-61, Joan worked as an executive secretary for the head of purchasing for the state of Washington in Olympia; she met her husband, Henry Ralph Kaiser, Jr. there while he was securing contracts for his company, Kaiser Research Products. Joan and Henry married on Sept. 3, 1961, in Bellevue, Washington, and she moved to the Kaiser home in Corvallis, Oregon. Joan became the proud stepmother of Gloria Lea, Nicholas Myles, and John Ralph, and on Sept. 13, 1962, Joan and Henry welcomed their daughter, Kathryn Christine, into the family.

Joan returned to school at Oregon State University, earning

her Bachelor of Secretarial Science Degree in 1966, and on Sept. 3, 1967, their second daughter, Anne Gail, was born.

The family moved to a sheep and timber ranch in Pedee, Oregon, in 1970, and also began building college and low-income apartment complexes in Corvallis and Albany at that time. Joan became active in the Pedee community as a member of the PTA at Pedee Elementary School, where Katy and Annie were students; as a trustee at Pedee Memorial Evangelical Church, which the family regularly attended; and, as an enthusiastic leader of Girl Scout Troop 230. While living in Pedee, Joan continued working in Corvallis and Albany as owner-manager of the housing projects; for the next 45 years, she and Henry devoted themselves to providing clean, safe, subsidized housing for families, the elderly and the disabled.

In 1987, Joan and Henry purchased a home in Monmouth, and over the next few years, Joan developed a passion for genealogical research. After researching every branch, limb and twig of her own extended family’s trees, she began volunteering with Willamette Valley Genealogical Society at the Oregon State Library in Salem, providing help to the public in researching their family connections. Joan was a Lifetime Member of WVGS, and was selected as Volunteer of the Year in 2005. She was also a Golden Member of the Thor Lodge of Sons of Norway.

Joan took great pride in her home and garden, loved maintaining family traditions and hosting holiday celebrations, and was dedicated to generously supporting her children’s, grandchildren’s and great-grandchildren’s educations and artistic and professional accomplishments.

Joan was preceded in death by Henry Ralph Kaiser, Jr., her husband of 49 years; her parents, James and Thelma Guilford; her daughter Gloria Kaiser Roper, and her son, John Ralph Kaiser.

Survivors include her son Nick Kaiser and his wife Billie; her daughter Katy Coleman and her husband John; her daughter Annie Kaiser; her son-in-law Richard Roper and her daughter-in-law Cheri Kaiser; her grandchildren and their spouses Eric and Kelley, Brian and Yoshiko, Michiah and Kyra, Dakota, Kristina and Nathan, and Isaac and Maria; and, her great-grandchildren Alexandra, Megan, Dayton, Elan and Mary.

A memorial service for Joan will be held at Pedee Memorial Evangelical Church in Pedee, Oregon, at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025, and she will be interred at Womer Cemetery following the service.

Charles (Chuck) Ferris
Jan. 11, 1960 - July 1, 2025

On July 1, 2025, at the age of 65, Charles (Chuck) Thurman Ferris of Independence, Oregon, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior. He was surrounded by friends and family.



Chuck was the middle child of three kids born to Herbert and Gladys Ferris of Dallas, Oregon. Chuck grew up and lived around the Dallas area most of his life. Growing up his hobbies included fishing, camping, golfing, bowling, skating and playing football with his friends.

His first job was at the Rio Theater, then the Motor Vu in Dallas, Oregon. From there, his love grew for film, comedy and theater. Theater encompassed most of his career managing different theaters in the area over the years. He also collected movie memorabilia.

He loved attending sports events, was an avid sports card collector, and a die-hard Minnesota Vikings and Oregon Beavers fan. He loved reading and music and was always attending concerts, comedy shows, plays and movies with his family.

Chuck was described by most as “one of a kind”. He loved his family and friends unconditionally and always put them first, especially his granddaughter Lillian Angel who stole his heart from the moment she was born. His last words to her were that he could never have imagined loving someone as much as he loved her. He was kind and friendly to everyone he met and never complained even when life was rough. Many describe him as a father or uncle figure in their life, even if he wasn’t related. He always had an ear to lend and a shoulder to cry on and was known for his witty sense of humor and corny dad jokes.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herb and Gladys Ferris, sons Alvin Troub and Michael Runyon, and great nephew Austin Ficek.

He is survived by his partner, Mary Runyon; daughter Angel Troub; granddaughter Lillian Erickson; brother Herb Ferris; and sister Lynn Ficek; nieces Amber Hawkins, Melissa Eisele, Kayla Ferris, Veronica Ferris, Savina Howe, Naomi Howe, Learner Howe, Sunshine Boswell, Desiree Dowe, Autumn Coe, Summer Runyon, Serene Runyon, Savannah Boswell, nephews Daniel Ficek, Stephen Ficek, Tony Ficek, Tyler Ferris, Jacob Ferris, Johnny Coe, and Prescott Coe; and many cousins and great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Praise Church 189 South Monmouth Avenue, Monmouth OR 97361 on July 29, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Death Notice

Clyde Otto Balzer
Dec. 25, 1937 - July 1, 2025

Clyde Otto Balzer, born Dec. 25, 1937, in Rapid City, South Dakota, passed away July 1, 2025, in Albany, Oregon. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 18, at 11 a.m. at Harvest Baptist Church, 2660 Marion St SE, Albany, OR 97322.

Fisher Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Saturday protesters work to preserve the constitutional republic

As a member of the group that gathers each Saturday in Dallas, on the corner of Main and Ellendale from noon to 1 p.m., I felt the need to respond to the Letter to the Editor in the Itemizer July 2 from Donna Faxon. After discussing it with other members of the group, we agreed that it was important to clarify our actions.

We do not gather to promote either hate nor violence but rather to remind ourselves, our neighbors and our elected representatives of the pledges we took as children to our flag and later the oaths we have taken to our Constitution.

As a Constitutional Republic, our government has followed the blueprint designed by our founders to maintain a balance of power. Dividing roles and responsibilities of governance into three distinct areas of responsibility and giving each status of coequality and the tools to insure that none rises to supremacy above the other two.

- Legislative Branch (Congress): Responsible for Making Laws.
- Executive Branch: Led by the President: Enforces the Laws.
- Judiciary Branch, primarily the Supreme Court: Interprets the Laws and insures that they align with the Constitution.

The fact that this president has already usurped the

powers of both of the other two branches of government, we find ourselves, undeniably, in a Constitutional crisis. History has proven this to be a direct route to Autocracy in every case it has occurred; (i.e.) the third Reich takeover of Germany.

Please join us to preserve our freedom.
*Dana Smith
Dallas*

Trump has long list of failures

Trump's inauguration was Jan. 20, 2025, and so far:
- Started a war.
- Why is he trying to get medical information on Joe Biden?

- Threatened to revoke Rosie O'Donnell's citizenship (which he can't do).

- A former White House legal team member under Trump's first administration says he was "worse than anyone in our history."

- His VP states it doesn't matter how many lose Medicaid in the new budget.

- Asked Ron DeSantis what it might be like to date Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene in front of her boyfriend.

- His Big Beautiful Bill phased out clean energy credits and added new taxes to wind and solar projects. Called solar energy projects "ugly as hell". So much for helping save the planet.

- He likes to "threaten" law makers by saying "Remember, you have to be re-elected".

- Gave special breaks for venture capitalists, Alaskan fisheries, spaceports, private schools, rum makers and others. Thank you Big Beautiful Bill.



Letters to the Editor

Protests are not in hate, but for love of country

After reading the recent Letter To The Editor from Donna Faxon, we offer this perspective.

People are not demonstrating to project hatred but rather are opposing the many inhumane, nonsensical and authoritarian policies endorsed by Donald Trump, a man with

no moral compass. These policies include:

1. Willful ignorance: notably, but not limited to, ignoring climate science; decimation of science and medical research in the US; undermining the role and value of universities and public education.
2. Cruelty: notably, but not limited to, the demeaning and arbitrary dismissal of federal workers; ICE policies;

obvious lack of compassion for the less fortunate among us.

3. Pushing boundaries of decency, norms and laws to maximize presidential power: notably, but not limited to, dozens of executive orders (some bordering on the laughable); impounding and/or delaying funds allocated by congress; pardoning of J6

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Weekly Online Poll

Do you support a gas tax increase in Oregon?

- ☐ Yes 8.9%
- ☐ No 88.9%
- ☐ Undecided 2.2%

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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: ROYAL FORTIFICATION.

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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: X equals M

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Moments in time

On July 28, 1996, two men happened upon a skull in a Washington state park, which was part of a skeleton eventually discovered to be more than 9,000 years old. The remains, christened Kennewick Man, were reinterred 21 years later in a Native American ceremony.

On July 29, 1862, Confederate spy Maria Isabella “Belle” Boyd was arrested by Union troops and held at the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. It was the first of three arrests for the intrepid teenager, who was 17 when she shot and killed a Union soldier for insulting her mother and threatening to search their house. Four years later, she turned her experiences into a book and acting career.

On July 30, 2004, the cult-classic “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle,” starring John Cho and Kal Penn as two burger-craving stoners, debuted. Reportedly, the White Castle chain noted a 30% rise in sales the following week.

On July 31, 1556, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order of Roman Catholic missionaries and educators formally known as The Society of Jesus, died in Rome. He was canonized as a Catholic saint in 1622.

On Aug. 1, 1944, Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl hiding in a secret annex in Nazi-occupied Holland whose diary would come to serve as a powerful symbol of the Holocaust, penned her final entry three days before she, her family and four others were arrested and transported to concentration camps.

On Aug. 2, 1939, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the suggestion that uranium could be used in the creation of “extremely powerful bombs of a new type.” Years later, however, he would describe the missive as the “one great mistake” of his life.

On Aug. 3, 1936, track-and-field star Jesse Owens earned the first of four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, the most of any American at the Games. Sadly, back in the States, only white Olympians were invited to the White House.

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Super Crossword

AMERICAN CINEMA

ACROSS

1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase

8 Recording on a cassette

14 Drab military wear

20 Jostled, in a way

21 Fill with love

22 Wear away

23 1967 Nicolas Cage come comedy

25 Evening party

26 Second-string sports squad

27 Screw up

28 Revered Fr. woman

30 Singer Anita

31 “Absolutely!”

32 1991 Denzel Washington drama

39 Certain Slav

40 Novelist Gay

41 “Help!” asea

42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama

47 Tango move

49 Actor Linden

52 Wear away

53 Cribbage pins

54 Voluntarily

56 Messy sort

57 Executive nix

59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic

61 Take an ax to

62 Amigo

63 Got close to

66 Ronstadt — of song

67 1978

Maggie Smith comedy

71 Pretend to be

74 Pontificated

75 “— Miniver”

76 37-Down container

79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie

82 Maple fluids

84 Jesting Jay

85 Tablelands

86 Org. looking for aliens

88 Deserve

89 Ecol. or biol.

90 Film bomb

91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy

95 “General” on a Chinese menu

97 Even (with)

99 Fleming and McKellen

100 1991 River Phoenix drama

105 Moming times, in brief

108 — avis

109 Dusting cloth

110 Talking: — (lectures)

111 Smack the baseball hard

113 Flaxen-haired woman

115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle

121 Apple media player

122 Quiz show fodder

123 Designed to fit most people

124 Argon and radon

125 Shiny fabrics

126 Ingredient in emollients

1 Well-seasoned, in a way

2 Fill with joy

3 Some theater awards

4 Parks who stayed put

5 Pool contest

6 Pullet, e.g.

7 Slips past carefully

8 Naturalist

Irwin

9 DiFranco of song

10 La —, Bolivia

11 “I believe,” to a letter

12 Prefix, with profit

13 Holds firmly

14 DJ Casey

15 “Watchmen” network

16 Melodious

17 Reality TV family name

18 Paragon

19 “Adios!”

24 Skill, to Cato

29 Many a ‘60s T-shirt

33 Sale bin abbr.

34 Antlered deer

35 Get lippy with

36 Sort

37 Soup veggie

38 Road paving materials

39 Wild guess

42 Net fabric

43 Harvard rival

44 Pack away

45 Germane

46 “Il Trovatore” heroine

48 German “I”

50 Caustic liquid

51 Sister of Luke

54 Amigos

55 Tot’s injury

57 Kilmer of film

58 Director Roth

59 Soft cheese

60 Brings about

62 Relayed

64 Epochs

65 Wee colonist

67 Reality star Jenner, familiarly

68 Actor Jamie

69 Sports arbiter

70 TeleTax org.

71 Downloads for iDevices

72 Class taken after trig

73 Like turncoats

76 Land of Lima

77 Tending to the matter

78 Lavish love (on)

80 Fraternity “T”

81 Writer Welty

120 Genetic ID

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GO FIGURE!

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

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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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: In the show “Ted Lasso,” what does the sign over the locker room doorway say?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many words are dogs believed to understand, on average?

3. U.S. STATES: Which two states don’t observe Daylight Savings Time?

4. LITERATURE: In the “Harry Potter” book series, how many balls are used in a Quidditch match?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which company owns car makers Porsche and Audi?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Lake Como?

7. MOVIES: What are the names of Cinderella’s stepsisters?

8. ACRONYMS: What does the computer acronym DOS stand for?

9. MEDICAL: What is the condition called solar erythema?

10. PSYCHOLOGY: Someone suffering from alektorophobia is terrified by what?

Answers

1. “Believe.”

2. Dogs generally know an average of 89 words and phrases, but the number can range from 15 to 215.

3. Hawaii and Arizona.

4. Four balls of three different types (the Quaffle, two Bludgers and the Golden Snitch).

5. Volkswagen AG.

6. Italy.

7. Anastasia and Drizella.

8. Disk Operating System.

9. Sunburn.

10. Chickens.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FUNNY “HARK.”

A BEAN BAG CHAIR

FUNNY “HEIKED.”

A BEAN BAG EXAMINATION TABLE

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

UH, DEAR, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING IN A CROCK-POT I THINK YOU'RE PROBABLY OUT OF LUCK.

Americanisms

“Continue to share your heart with people even if it’s been broken.” — Amy Poehler

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

CHECK IT OUT, OWEN. MY ARTWORK IS ON DISPLAY FOR ONE AND ALL TO ENJOY.

OOH, HERE COMES MY DAD. PROBABLY TO TAKE IN ALL MY ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS.

AH, COME ON! WHO ATE ALL THE LEFTOVER EGG SALAD?

LIKE ALL THE GREATS, I'M NOT APPRECIATED IN MY OWN TIME.

INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE:
Striving for peace

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

Republican President Ronald Reagan and Democrat Speaker-of-the-house, Tip O'Neill were political foes. To help build a bridge of friendship, Reagan and his wife hosted O'Neill and his wife for an evening dinner. They swapped Irish stories and enjoyed a friendly evening. However a couple of days later, O'Neill publicly attacked one of the new president's programs. Reagan called him.

"I thought we had a pretty good relationship going," O'Neill said, "Old buddy, that's politics. After six o'clock we can be friends, but before six, it's politics."

Reagan continued to hope for a better working

relationship. He wrote, "... Whenever I'd run into him, whatever time it was, I'd say, 'Look, Tip, I'm resetting my watch; it's six o'clock.'" The Bible teaches believers to, "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14, English Standard Version used throughout.) The work of peacemaking requires at least three actions.

Prepare

We understand the Bible better by reading a section of verses instead of a single verse, which is looking at the context. Ahead of verse fourteen in Hebrews, the author wrote: "Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed." (Hebrews 12:12-13).

Jeffrey A. Kottler, PhD. wrote about preparation for conflicts: "Don't tell the other person, You made me do it, or Why did you do that to me? Instead, forget about whose fault it is and decide to take whatever steps you can to improve the situation. Rehearse in your mind how you are going to handle the difficult situation. Next time it occurs you will be prepared."

Persist

The verb strive in verse fourteen was used in another ancient document to describe a lion's striving after his prey in the forest. It's an image of action and persistence. Likewise, striving in a disagreement with another person requires action. In the Greek New Testament, the

verb strive is in the present tense, which focuses on the continuous nature of the action more than time.

It's the same verb tense used for perishing in Mark 4:38, when the disciples were in the middle of a storm in a sinking boat. They experienced relentless waves and water pouring into their boat, when they shouted to Jesus, "And they woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'" In Hebrews 12:14 the translation can be expanded: "Keep on striving, striving, and striving for peace".

Dr. Kottler told of a man named Jim with a neighbor who allowed his dog to bark all night. Jim asked his neighbor to quiet the dog, but the neighbor did nothing. The next night he sprayed the dog

with water and the neighbor filed a complaint with the police. His better solution was recruiting other neighbors who all agreed to meet with the dog owner. Finally, the barking dog owner controlled his pet.

Find good in the bad

Also before Hebrews 12:14, the author wrote about difficulties and struggles.

"In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." (Hebrews 12:4).

He explains that the difficulties that come to believers are like the discipline a parent gives to correct a child's errant behavior. Then he gave the uncomfortable truth: "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness

to those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 12:11).

Hard labor in a garden yields fruit. So will hard labor improve relationships.

A woman was shocked when President Abraham Lincoln said kind words about the Confederates. She told him his job was not to be kind, but to destroy the enemies.

"What madam," Lincoln asked. "Do I not destroy them when I make them my friends?"

[Brief bio: Mr. Pastor (yes, that is his last name, not his profession) is a Polk County, Oregon resident and graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div., M.Th.).]

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. Find us on Facebook: on page DallasEC, MyDallasEC Friends and www.dallasec.org. Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom for weekly Bible Study and Worship Service. We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:00 AM; Worship Service 10:00 AM, zoom room 228-034-850. Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) is also on Sundays and starts with Dinner 5:00 PM; Large Group (Worship) 6:00 PM, and small groups at 7PM. We have a Community Clothing Closet: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat 9 AM - Noon; Thurs Nights 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Step Studies are often starting or ending all year and meeting at various times. Message phone 503-623-3778. Find us on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email pastor Dave at 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, Administrative Pastor Mike Fast. 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. Lead Pastor David Curtis, 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.stphil.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 phone number is 503-623-5822 . Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays for the 10 a.m. service or find us live on Facebook and updates. Join us for coffee after our service. Our services are as follows:

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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, Mpac Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery care. For more information, contact us at www.valleylife.love, info@valleylifecenter.com or 503-623-4116.

FALLS CITY

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INDEPENDENCE

Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays10 am 155 C St, Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ckindependence.com.

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St. Patrick Parish, Catholic — 1275 E. St., Independence, 503-838-1242. Father Francisco Bringuela. Saturday Masses: 5pm English Vigil & 7pm Spanish. Sunday Masses: 9am English & 11:30am Spanish. Daily Masses: Monday 9:30am Communion Service. 9am Tuesday and Thursday Spanish, Wednesday and Friday English. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm or by appointment. Faith Formation: Monday 6:45pm -8:15pm Middle & High School. Tue: 6:45pm-8:15pm. Grades 1-4. Youth Group Thur. 6:30pm. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sunday 5pm at 315 Knox St., Monmouth. Tuesday 7pm Fellowship

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Polk County Museum

Presents

FROM CITY LIGHTS

TO MAJESTIC VIEW

July 19th 1 p.m.

Poet and Author Deb Darr will be presenting her new publication “From City Lights to Majestic View.”

Darr, a long time Polk County resident, has been active in 4-H, The Polk County Historical Society, and a variety of other roles.

She will be talking about the dramatic move from the Bay Area to an idyllic country life in Oregon.

Admission:\$5 adults, Seniors \$4, Students \$1, under 6 or over 100 free. Light refreshments will be served. Free parking, A/C, wheelchair accessible.

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Monmouth-Independence Rotary announces Grand Parade winners

This year’s annual 4th of July Grand Parade, put on by the Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club, was a huge success according to organizers. With 135 entries, the community talent and spirit was on full display. Here are this year’s winners of the 10 judging categories. Winners were presented with award certificates.

Best Youth Entry
- First Place: YMCA Stars & Stripes & Spirit
- Second Place: Panther Kids Wrestling
- Third Place: Central High School Senior 2026 Fundraiser

Best Youth Equestrian Entry

- First Place: The Equestrians

Best Equestrian Entry
- First Place: Benton County Fair & Rodeo Queen

Best Family Group Entry
- First Place: Sawyer Family
- Second Place: Cecil Jackson for President
- Third Place: Central Marshal Arts

Best Farm Equipment Entry
- First Place: Quiring Farms
- Orange Tractor

Best Modern Vehicle Entry (49 years and newer)
- First Place - Buddy Gilmore - 2016 Harley

- Second Place - Brad Holbrook/Sweet Wheels Ice Cream - 1979 Jeep
- Third Place - John Bracken- Crush Bus

Best Antique Vehicle Entry (50 years and older)
- First Place - Tom Sims - Nova SS.
- Second Place - Kasie Sperling - 1958 Cadillac
- Third Place - Conner Marshall - Blue Camaro

Best Highway Truck Entry
- First Place - Corey Friedow/Friedow Trucking - Blue and White Kenworth
- Second Place - Kelsey Partridge/VFW - Transport Vehicle

- Third Place - Bell Gutter Service

Most Effort in Participation Entry
- First Place: Christmas Light Guys
- Second Place: Horseback Caballeros
- Third Place: DTW Band

Best Float Entry
- First Place: Christmas Tree Guys
- Second Place: Central Martial Arts
- Third Place: Scott’s Miracle Gro

M-I Rotary is looking forward to next year’s parade as we celebrate America’s 250th Independence Day. For



COURTESY PHOTO

Best Antique Vehicle. More parade photos on page B8.

questions about the parade or to suggest a fun theme for next year, please contact the Monmouth-Independence

Rotary Club at www.miro-taryclub.org or on their Facebook Page.

Award-winning Petty Fever returns to Riverview Park

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Frank Murray became a fan of Tom Petty in 1976, and all it took was listening to the artist’s debut album one time.

“I was fronting a band that focused heavily on original material,” he remembers. “But something about Petty’s ‘Breakdown’ struck a chord. I learned it immediately and added it to our set list.”

So much so that Murray now leads Petty Fever, an award-winning tribute act devoted to the music and spirit of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

This preservation effort continues Friday when Petty Fever returns to Riverview Park for an 8 p.m. show in Independence.

The set list includes such favorites as “Breakdown,” “Free Falling,” “Running Down a Dream,” “American Girl,” “I Won’t Back Down” and other Petty classics.

Standing in for the original Heartbreakers are Tim Baltus (guitar/vocals), Todd McPherson (bass/backing vocals), Steve Kuepker (guitars, keyboards, backing vocals),

Jack Codron (keyboards, backing vocals) and Craig Ostbo (drums).

Petty Fever is a two-time recipient of the Las Vegas Fame Awards and a two-time recipient of the Los Angeles Music Awards.

Opening act Edge Band takes to the amphitheater stage at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person, and is good for both shows. Children 10 and under are free. The River’s Edge Summer Series is sponsored by the City of Independence.

Murray answered a few questions in advance of the concert.

Question: Why Tom Petty?
Murray: I was told by many people over the years that I looked a lot like Tom and even sounded like him, but never had the intention of starting a Tom Petty tribute. Back in 2009, I periodically played with a group of friends in a classic rock band, and we covered many Petty songs as an opener for a Rolling Stones tribute at a theater in Hillsboro. We did the show, and it was sold out and the crowd loved us; it was



PHOTO COURTESY PETTY FEVER

Frank Murray sings lead vocals as Tom Petty in the award-winning band Petty Fever, a tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. The band performs at Riverview Park on Friday, 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

a lot of fun. So that was the start of Petty Fever. This is our 16th year.

Q: What was the preparation/research that went into becoming Tom Petty?

Murray: To be honest, I didn’t do a lot of research; it just happened. I believe we had a lot of similar musical influences in our careers and you absorb bits of those artists as time goes on. Since I followed Tom from the beginning of the Heartbreakers and through the years, there wasn’t a lot I didn’t know. I think what sets us apart from the other tributes is the fact that we focus on providing an authentic Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers concert experience to those fans that miss Tom’s music, and new fans that are experiencing it in a live format for the first time.

Q: What’s your favorite Tom Petty song?

Murray: I really can’t give you an answer. I don’t have any favorites. It depends on my mood, the day of the week, the weather, etc. That’s what sets Tom apart as an iconic songwriter: He could take you to all those places as he crafted a song.

Q: Have you played here before?

Murray: We have played the River’s Edge series before and we love everything about it. I can’t think of a better summertime concert setting, playing down by the river, with a huge enthusiastic crowd singing along to Tom Petty songs as the sun is setting. The crowds there are awesome.

Q: You’ve received some very prestigious awards along the way. Any of these awards hold special meaning for you and your band?

Murray: I would say the first award in 2013 - the LA Music Awards Tribute Band of the Year - holds special meaning. I can remember the day and exact moment I received the phone call saying that we had been nominated, and then actually winning. It was an honor to be in the company of many celebrities winning awards at the Avalon Theater.

Q: Additional comments?
Murray: We’re looking forward to the show. We’ve made many friends around the Independence area and look forward to seeing them each time we come to perform.

Cajun/Zydeco band next up at Music in the Park

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Influences from the Deep South return to Monmouth and Music in the Park on Wednesday, July 23.

But instead of the brassy sound of New Orleans, as delivered by Bon Bon Vivant during the series’ opening show two performances ago, it’s the rub board, Cajun accordion and fiddle favored by musicians from southwest Louisiana.

Too Loose Cajun/ Zydeco Band is the act in question, and two of its members were raised in the Crescent City - Steve Kerin (keys and vocals) and Jason Asby (bass and vocals).

Also in the ensemble: Jennifer Smieja (rub board and vocals), Rick Obbink (Cajun accordion, vocals), Robert Lee (fiddle), Lefty Head (guitar), Peter Dammann (guitar) and Gary Keeney (drums).

When Smieja sings, she does so in Creole French, another nod to tradition.

According to Lee, the British expelled the French from Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s. These were the Cajuns — short for Acadians. Most landed in French Louisiana, where they assimilated into a thriving franco-phone culture — the Creoles. Their traditional sounds joined forces with music from Spain, Africa and the Caribbean. This mix of cultures evolved into the styles the band plays today: Cajun and its Creole cousin, Zydeco.

So why continue tradition?

“Because we can’t help it,” Lee said of Cajun/ Zydeco. “It’s just too infectious.”

Too Loose Cajun is Portland-based and has been around for almost 30 years. But this particular lineup came together 10 years ago. They’re known for their performances at Waterfront Blues Festival, Port Angeles Art Festival, Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festivals, and other get-togethers.

They’re no stranger to Music in the Park.

“We look forward to returning,” Lee said of the upcoming concert. “Community-sponsored events are a lot for us. We love being close to neighbors and families.”

For Lee and company, it’s all about the synergy between musicians and audience.

“Dancing is what this music is all about. We know we’ve connected when we see folks dancing, bobbing their heads, smiling — and especially when we see children dancing,” Lee said. “Our audience can expect to feel joy and to want to dance.”

The Too Loose Cajun/ Zydeco concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

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The Too Loose Cajun/ Zydeco Band performs at 6:30 p.m. July 23 at Main Street Park in Monmouth. Admission is free.



PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

July 16, 1975

Air 'scrubber' installed at Willamette Industries

Smoke emissions from the green veneer dryers at Willamette Industries in Dallas will be noticeably cleaner starting today, if the new dryer scrubber unit being installed over the past five months works as expected.

The unit, costing Willamette Industries more than \$190,000 is the first such unit manufactured by Becker Industries of Portland and Newport. A prototype unit manufactured by the firm had been tested at the local veneer dryer with favorable results. The scrubber is a sand-water filter unit, which scrubs the smoke emitted by the dryers so that it will not exceed 10 percent opacity.

New Dallas store opens doors today

The grand opening of Sears, Roebuck and Co. in

Dallas will occur at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, according to an announcement by Wayne M. Allen, general manager of Sears in Salem.

The new retail appliance and catalog order store will be an extension of the merchandise and services of the Sears Catalog Merchandise Distribution Center in Seattle and the retail department store in Salem.

Dallas playoff picture darkens

One of the things that people can count on, for sure, in this life is change. And my, how the Dallas American Legion baseball team's fortunes have changed in the last few days.

Last Wednesday, July 9, the Polk County team outlasted North Salem for a 9-8 win and ran their Area Three Legion record to a very respectful 6 and 2. The victory strengthened their hold on third place behind Albany and Corvallis

and gave them an outright shot at the title.

40 Years Ago
July 17, 1985

'Extreme' fire danger seen in local forests

As one dry, sunny day follows another this summer, the fire danger is rising rapidly in the forestlands west of Dallas, according to local officials.

Boise Cascade has closed access to Mercer Reservoir, a popular picnicking and

FLASHBACK



This week's flashback come from July 17, 1985: CUT MORE, PAY LESS - Heidi Russell (left) takes oversized scissors in hand and completes the ceremonial opening of the new Pay Less store at Mill Valley Square last week. Inside the store (right) manager Denny Horton greets the first customers.

recreational spot of local residents, due to the fire danger.

"The fire season was declared officially this year on May 28," said Rick Retherford of the state Forestry Department in Dallas. "It came on fast and all precautions are being taken. There's an extreme fire danger in the woods right now."

Council OK's mobile home park expansion

Expansion plans for Greenway Mobile Home Park were tentatively approved Monday night by the Dallas

City Council, which also decided in favor of a proposed office development near downtown.

The Dallas Planning Commission had previously approved the expansion plans at its July 9 meeting and sent a recommendation to the council for approval. The council passed Monday a resolution of intent, which bases the final approval of the expansion plan on findings to be drawn up by the city's legal counsel.

Senior girls gain semifinals

Dallas Senior League girls softball all-stars continued to climb up the tournament winner's bracket here Friday, knocking off Silverton 16-15 to advance to a semifinal game this week.

Dallas played its next game Tuesday against Judson (results were too late for publication) in the tournament, which comes to a close Friday and Saturday.

Community Achievement

Washington Federal makes \$3,000 donation to Dallas Food Bank



Leslie Bole, Branch Manager of the Dallas Branch of Washington Federal Bank, presents a donation check of \$3,000 to the staff of the Dallas Food Bank.

Ciela Acosta named to EMU's Spring 2025 Dean's List

Ciela Acosta, a Peacebuilding & Development major from West Salem, was named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at Eastern Mennonite University.

The Dean's List, compiled at the end of each semester, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester

GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I, or F grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades.

Emma Canales graduates from Pacific University

Emma Canales, of West Salem, graduated in Spring 2025 from the College of Arts & Sciences at Pacific

University in Oregon with a bachelor of arts degree.

Jadey Holcomb wins Lacroute Prize in Prose

Jadey Holcomb, of West Salem, was among the Linfield University students recognized for the best student writing this year. Holcomb, a junior during the 2025-26 academic year majoring in creative writing, won

the Lacroute Prize in Prose for the submission "I Know the End."

The annual Lacroute Prizes in Poetry and Prose highlight the best student writing from across Linfield University. The creative writing faculty chose finalists from dozens of submissions, with final winners selected by acclaimed writers Justin Gardiner and Rose McLarney.

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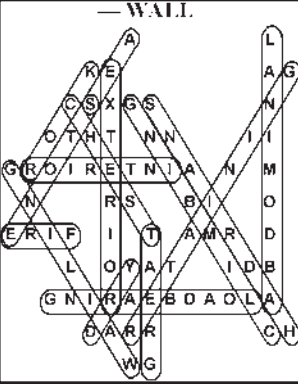
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Community Calendar July 16- 23

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| <p>Wednesday, July 16</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Monmouth Public Library presents Music with Mo, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>3 p.m. - Independence Library presents kids' music with Mo Phillips at Riverview Park</p> <p>4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence</p> <p>6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park - River Divide (country/rock), Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.</p> | <p>10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.</p> <p>10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Creatively Expressing Grief, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Trolly Trip to Independence, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing/Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board Meeting</p> <p>5 p.m. - Live Music: Dylan Santiago, Benedetto Vineyards, 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St W</p> <p>7 p.m. - Dallas Sounds of Summer Free Concert Series: The Shinkle Band (country/rock), Rotary Performing Arts Stage</p> | <p>10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Rock Painting Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Ice Cream & Bingo Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>2 p.m. - Free Movie: "Sonic the Hedgehog 3", Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>4 p.m. - Monmouth Pickleball Tournament and Ribbon Cutting ceremony</p> <p>6 p.m. - Rivers Edge Summer Concert Series: Opening Act - Edge Band; Headliner - Petty Fever; \$5 at the gate</p> <p>6 p.m. - Live Music: Steve Hale, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.</p> | <p>6 p.m. - Live Music: Elyce Taylor, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> | <p>(regular meeting has been cancelled)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> | <p>Wednesday, July 23</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Monmouth Public Library presents Music with Mo, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - Mo Phillips Reading in the Park, musical fun for the whole family, Dallas City Park</p> <p>12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Birthday Celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>2 p.m. - Power Play for the Planet, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth</p> <p>4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park - Too Loose Cajan/ Zydaco Band, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth</p> |
| <p>Thursday, July 17</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> | <p>Friday, July 18</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW</p> <p>10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> | <p>Saturday, July 19</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 180 S Warren St., Monmouth</p> <p>9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot</p> <p>10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW</p> <p>10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center General meeting and potluck</p> <p>11 a.m. - Let's Talk About Plants at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>3 p.m. - Christmas Cheer BBQ Fundraiser, Benedetto Vineyards, 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas</p> | <p>Sunday, July 20</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.</p> <p>2 p.m. - Live Music: Bethie, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> <p>2 p.m. - Live Music: Dante Zapata, Benedetto Vineyards, 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas</p> | <p>Tuesday, July 22</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Grand Activity Days, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board Meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Kid's Mad Hatter Tea Party, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council Work Study Session, City Hall, 555 South Main St</p> | |
| | | | <p>Monday, July 21</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop, Riverview Park</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/ Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence</p> <p>6 p.m. - Dallas City Council Work Study Session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.</p> | | |

Community Briefs

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| <p>Willamina city wide garage sale returns July 18-19</p> <p>The Willamina 10th Annual City Wide Garage Sales are July 18-19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring more than 30 individual sales and flea market/group sales. Maps are available at City Hall, Coyote Joes and at each participant will be available July 17. The event is sponsored by the Willamina Economic Improvement District.</p> | <p>Benedetto's hosts Christmas Cheer fundraising BBQ July 19</p> <p>Dallas Christmas Cheer presents the 5th Annual Benedetto's BBQ Fundraiser at 3 p.m. July 19 at 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas. Play games, enjoy live music, bid on silent auction items all while supporting Christmas Cheer. Limited tickets are \$45 and include dinner, first drink and a logo glass to keep. Purchase tickets online at https://bit.ly/4lao9Bj.</p> | <p>4-H offers Dish Garden & Bird Feeder Workshop July 21</p> <p>Oregon 4-H Polk County presents a Dish Garden & Bird Feeder Workshop, at 11 a.m. July 21 at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Join in making dish gardens with succulents and bird feeders. All materials are provided. The workshop is open to youth ages 5-18 and ifs free for enrolled 4-H youth and \$5 for non 4-H youth. Pre-registration preferred at https://extension.oregonstate.edu.</p> | <p>Library hosts family activity Power Play for the Planet July 23</p> <p>The Monmouth Public Library presents Power Play for the Planet, from 2-3 p.m. July 23 at 168 Ecols St. S. play games, solve puzzles, and tackle wacky challenges. The whole family will enjoy designing solutions and imagining a brighter future.</p> | <p>Pickleball club offers free summer lessons</p> <p>The Dallas Pickleball Club is offering free lessons on Tuesdays through August. To sign up for lessons go to https://signup.com/go/nvYprMa. For more information go to https://www.dallaspickleballclub.net/lessons.</p> | <p>Heron Pointe hosts Alzheimer's fundraiser July 23</p> <p>Heron Pointe Senior Living presents a car wash, BBQ fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 23 at 504 Gwinn St E, in Monmouth. Get a hamburger or hot dog, one side, a</p> |
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Monmouth hosts ribbon cutting, tournament at new pickleball court July 18

The city of Monmouth hosts a ribbon cutting ceremony and single elimination tournament at their new pickleball court, from 4-6 p.m. July 18 at 401 Hogan Road. The tournament is for the first eight teams to sign up with an option to win some great prizes. Refreshments will be served.

DDA hosts cleanup day July 19

The Dallas Downtown Association seeks volunteers to join them July 19 for DDA Downtown Cleanup Day, at 9 a.m. July 19. Meet at their new base of operations, 184 SE Oak St.

Do you have your tickets yet for the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Golden Gala? There are still "golden tickets" for sale that, when purchased, will enter you into a drawing for 1,000 Oregon Lottery scratch-its! To learn more or to purchase your ticket, golden or otherwise, visit micc-or.org.

The Chamber is pleased to name the City of Monmouth as its Member of the Week. The City of Monmouth is a very active place. Monmouth celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service, Black History Month, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Historic Preservation Month, Asian American & Pacific Islander Festival, Pride month, Junteenth, the Fourth of July, Hispanic Heritage Month, History & Mystery in Monmouth, the Halloween Spooktacular, and multiple events at the Monmouth Senior Activity Center, a department of the city.

Monmouth also has excellent collaborations with Monmouth Business Association and Western Oregon University, and participates in Music in the Park, Puppet Palooza, Welcome to M-I Celebration, and Making Spirits Bright.

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Items for Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE Surplus Vehicle Auction - 1988 Kenworth Tender Polk County Fire District No.1 has declared surplus a 1988 Kenworth tender with a 2,000-gallon tank and approximately 23,000 miles. The vehicle is in good condition and was removed from service at the end of 2024. Auction Details: Date: Friday, July 18, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.m. (registration opens at 8:30 a.m.) Location: Polk County Fire District No.1 - Central Station 1800 Monmouth Street, Independence, Oregon Inspection: Interested bidders may schedule a vehicle inspection by contacting Frank Ehrmantraut during normal business hours. Minimum Bid: \$5,000 Payment: Cash or check payable within one week of the auction. Delivery of the vehicle will occur upon receipt of payment. Vehicle Removal: The winning bidder must remove the vehicle within one week following payment. Disclaimer: The vehicle is sold AS-IS / WHERE-IS with no warranty expressed or implied. Polk County Fire District No.1 reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Contact: Frank Ehrmantraut, Division Chief of EMS and Logistics Phone: 541-220-0091 Email: ehrmantraut.frank@polk1.org Stephanie Hale Office Administrator Polk County Fire District No.1 o: 503.838.1510

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1281 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT The Polk County Hearings Officer will conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony on the following applications: APPLICATIONS FOR: The applicant is proposing to establish a solid waste transfer facility within the Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) Zoning District. The proposed transfer facility would accept solid waste from both the public and franchised waste haulers. Solid waste would be temporarily stored and consolidated on-site, then transported to an off-site disposal location. The proposed transfer facility includes constructing a Stormwater Management Facility that would be located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). For this development, the applicant has also applied for a "non-structural floodplain development" land use permit. The subject property currently contains approximately 394.9 acres. The applicant is also proposing to partition the subject property into two (2) separate parcels under the "Nonfarm, Nonresidential Parcels" criteria. Proposed Parcel 1 would contain approximately 357.9 acres and proposed Parcel 2 would contain approximately 37.1 acres. Parcel 2 would be the site of the proposed transfer facility. SUBJECT PROPERTY OWNER: Rickreall Dairy, LLC APPLICANT: Apple Tree Holdings, LLC APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: Alan Sorem, Saalfeld Griggs PC FILE NUMBERS: CU 25-05, LP 25-02, and LUD 25-13 LOCATION: 8365 Rickreall Road, Rickreall, OR 97371 (T7S, R4W, Section 29, Tax Lots 102, 201, 205, and 206; and T7S, R4W, Section 28, Tax Lot 302) REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: 1. Polk County Zoning Ordinance Sections: 112.260, 112.270 119.070, 136.050(2), 136.060, 136.070(B), and 178.060 2. Polk County Subdivision and Partition Ordinance Sections 91.290 and 91.700 3. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-033-0130(5) HEARING DATE & TIME: August 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Polk County Courthouse, First Floor Hearing/Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Sidney Shorter Phone: (503) 623-9237 Email: shorter.sidney@co.polk.or.us Please include File Numbers CU 25-05, LP 25-02, and LUD 25-13 in all correspondences related to these applications. The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237, in as far in advance of the meeting as possible, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. Any person may submit written testimony, prior to or at the public hearing, to the Polk County Community Development Department. Oral and written testimony may be presented at the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in a manner, which allows testimony in favor of the applications, testimony in opposition to the applications, general testimony, and rebuttal by the applicant. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the hearings body an

opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and applicable criteria, are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. In addition, a copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing, and will be provided at a reasonable cost, at the Polk County Community Development Department, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338; (503) 623-9237. PLEASE RETURN TO: Polk County Community Development, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Written comments received by the Polk County Community Development Department by 5:00 PM on July 25, 2025, will be included in the staff report and recommendation to the Hearings Officer. Comments received after that time, but prior to the hearing, will be provided to the Hearings Officer at the hearing.

PCIO25-1276 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice West Salem Storage located at 650 2nd St 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.bid13.com on 8/5/2025 at 10:00AM. Uriel Nevarez unit #103; Brandon Mann unit #167. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1277 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 8/5/2025 at 10:00AM. Preston Hill units #A1100 & #A1112; Carl Roberts unit #A1120; Alex Brouwer unit #A2033; David J Noyes units #A2085 & #A2095; Carl Dingman unit #A3014; Alfred Caudle unit #A3113; Jacqueline Alvarado unit #A4279. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1278 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF VEARIOUS COUNTRY ROADWAYS TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING before the Polk County Board of Commissioners on August 13th, 2025 at 9:00 am, Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon to hear testimony and receive evidence with regard to the proposed jurisdictional transfer of various roadways to the City of Independence, Polk County, Oregon as more particularly described as follows: All that portion of Talmadge Road as described in the exhibits contained in the City of Independence Ordinance No. 1619 dated October 22, 2024. Also, all

those portions of Corvallis Road, Hoffman Road and unimproved 6th Street as described in the exhibits contained in the City of Independence Ordinance No. 1623 dated May 27, 2025. This notice is provided under ORS 373.270. A Public Hearing before the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be held on August 13th, 2025 at 9:00 am. The hearing will be held in the Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon. Any person desiring to speak may do so in person or by attorney at the public hearing. Written comments may be filed with the Board of Commissioners, Room 102, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, 97338. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM August 12th, 2025. POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS If you have questions or would like a copy of Ordinance No. 1619 or Ordinance No. 1623 as noted above please call Polk County Surveyors Office at 503-623-9287.

PCIO25-1279 NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING CLINICAL ADVISORY PANEL TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 7:30 - 8:30 A.M. The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Clinical Advisory Panel brings together diverse local health care provider perspectives to advise on best clinical practice, health care quality, and health information technology initiatives. The CAP is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 7:30 - 8:30 am. The meeting is open to the public and will be held online via Zoom video/ conference call. For additional meeting information, visit https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/our-work/clinical-advisory-panel/. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org. Jamal Furqan, Community Advisory Council Program Manager (503) 584-1303 jfurqan@willamettehealthcouncil.org

PCIO25-1282 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: EDWIN RAYMOND MCCALL, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB05451 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Franklin Earle Jagodnik as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edwin Raymond McCall, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published July 16, 2025. Franklin Earle Jagodnik, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1280 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF HARNEY FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, PCA, DBA AGDIRECT, Plaintiff, vs. BERNARD M. HANSON, Defendant. Case No.: 25CV21712 SUMMONS TO: Bernard M. Hanson IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within 30 days from the date of service of this summons on you. If you fail to appear and defend, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: 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 paper called a motion or answer. The motion or answer must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's lawyer or, if the plaintiff does not have a lawyer, proof of service on the plaintiff. The complaint and the demand for relief seek a judgment and money award for the accelerated balance of a retail instalment purchase agreement in the sum of \$62,770.82 plus interest at 15.00% from May 24, 2025, until paid; a judgment directing the Sheriff of Harney County Oregon to seize and deliver the collateral, a Valley Center Pivot Irrigation System, Model 7000, Serial No 11423865, in foreclosure of Plaintiff's perfected security interest; and judgment for costs and attorney fees, plus interest on such judgment for costs and attorney fees at the rate of 9.00% per annum from the date of entry, until paid. The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee." The published summons must also contain the date of the first publication of the summons. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You may be liable for attorney fees in this case. Should plaintiff

in this case not prevail, a judgment for reasonable attorney fees may be entered against you, as provided by the agreement to which defendant alleges you are a party. You must "appear" to protect your rights in this matter. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "reply." The "motion" or "reply" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the defendant's attorney or, if the defendant does not have an attorney, proof of service on the defendant. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636. DATED: April 4, 2025 Service address: Bernard M. Hanson 9350 Clow Corner Rd. Independence, OR 97351 Date of first publication: July 16, 2025. /s/ Mark B. Comstock Mark B. Comstock OSB no.811930 Comstock Law & Consulting P.C. P.O. Box 3136 Salem, OR 97302-0136 Tel. (503) 991-5653 mark@comstocklawpc.com Attorney for Plaintiff

PCIO25-1272 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Gayle Theresa Farrelly, Settlor, Deceased No. 25PB05851 - Probate Notice to Claimants Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee under The Gayle Farrelly Trust dated 12/10/2024, has petitioned the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County under Probate No. 25PB05851 to determine the claims of the creditors of trust Settlor, Gayle Theresa Farrelly, who now is deceased. All persons having claims against the trust estate are required to present such claims to Steve Spencer, CTFA, Asst. Vice President & Trust Officer, Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., 109 Commercial St. NE, Salem, OR 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. Dated and first published July 9, 2025. Isl Steve Spencer, CTFA, Asst. Vice President & Trust Officer Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee Garret Ramsay, OSB #224741 Heltzel Williams PC P.O. Box 1048 Salem, OR 97308-1048 Attorneys for Trustee

PCIO25-1270 PUBLIC SALE Public Sale at Godsey Secure Storage, LLC, 1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 10:30AM Saturday, JULY 19 2025. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units will be sold as a whole. Call (503) 831-0234 for details. Blanton, Mike B100 Broadus, Shawna E301 Fowler, Josh E255 Hillis, Chris C137, C146 Ortiz, Tammy D193 Pointer, Natasha A020

PCIO25-1267 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy Grand Ronde OR 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageetreasures.com on 7/30/2025 at 2:00PM. Lisa Schmid units #22 & #25. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1259 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73386 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by JEFFERY WOOSLEY as Grantor to TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for UMPQUA BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 12/15/2009, recorded 12/21/2009, as Instrument No. 2009-014421, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 21, BLOCK 3, KINGSBOROUGH PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 518 SW SHEILA STREET DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 401322 / 07532-BB-04800 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is

made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 1 /11/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$7,492.03 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,373.88 Unapplied Funds: (\$461.87) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,310.00 Total necessary to cure: \$10,714.04 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$113,861.26 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 9/12/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 5/2/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Dirk Schouten, OSB# 115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4842840 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025

PCIO25-1247 LLG 25-130277 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Jonathan Henry Richey and Reagan L Taylor, husband and wife as joint tenants, whose address is 965 Southwest Sequoia Lane, Dallas, OR 97338 as grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Geneva Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated April 27, 2022, recorded April 28, 2022, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2022-005209, Planet Home Lending, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Lot 4, FORESTRY CREEK MEADOWS, in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume 12, Page 41.) COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 965 Southwest Sequoia Lane, Dallas, OR 97338. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded

pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Delinquent Monthly payments from July 1, 2024 in the sum of \$29,274.33, and monthly payments in the amount of \$2,647.75 from June 1, 2025 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$749.20, plus the sum of \$200.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$416,710.71, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$20,337.34 through May 14, 2025, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.125% per annum from May 15, 2025, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$749.20, plus the sum of \$3,078.64 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on October 7, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, in the City of Dallas, OR, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of 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 to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatements/ Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. 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 property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said 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. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 5/15/2025 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255 Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 LLG 25-130277 NPP0474604 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 06/25/2025, 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025

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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, July 3

At 1:30 a.m., a report of an open garage door on Brentwood Avenue. The occupant was gaming on a computer.

At 1:32 a.m., a report of an open garage door on Lalack Street. There was no answer at the residence.

At 2:01 a.m., a noise complaint of fireworks on Mulberry Avenue. An officer was unable to locate anyone lighting off fireworks.

At 2:06 a.m., a report of an alarm on Rainbow Avenue. It was a false alarm.

At 6:39 a.m., a request for a welfare check on Appleseed Drive. The neighbor informed the officer that the residents were on vacation.

At 7:50 a.m., a motorist on Walnut Avenue was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 9:39 a.m., an officer came upon a motorist parked the wrong way on Main Street near the library. The officer assisted the driver in getting the vehicle turned around.

At 9:58 a.m., a report of dogs loose on Birch Street. They were gone when an officer arrived.

At 2:13 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Kings Valley Highway. The individual had just gotten out of jail and needed to return to Salem. An officer provided a bus pass.

At 4:39 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was stopped for a stop sign violation and cited for driving while suspended.

At 6:00 p.m., a report of a person on Rainbow Avenue offering to sell meth. The individual said they had asked for a cigarette.

At 7:41 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25-mph zone. The driver was given a written warning for failure to renew the registration.

At 7:53 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Cutoff was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 8:30 p.m., an officer walked through the arboretum, and did not see anything amiss.

At 8:57 p.m., a motorist on Barberrry Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25-mph zone. The driver was given a written warning for no insurance.

A 9:32 p.m., a fireworks complaint on Sunny Drive. Mortars were confiscated and the subject was warned about future use.

At 10:14 p.m., an officer on Main Street provided traffic control for a vehicle with a flat tire.

At 11:25 a report of subjects throwing fireworks at moving vehicles on Ellendale Avenue. A juvenile was warned for reckless endangering.

Friday, July 4

At 12:23 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Walnut Avenue. A loud party was warned for noise.

At 3:29 a.m., a stolen bicycle was recovered on Kings Valley Highway and returned to the owner.

At 6:01 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for failure to renew their registration.

At 8:35 a.m., a report of a fire in a back yard on Heather Lane. It was a Trager smoker.

At 9:23 a.m., a report of a subject using a blow torch to burn weeds on Ironwood Avenue. The individual had a hose nearby.

At 10:07 a.m., a report of a razor blade in the tar on Levens Street. The blade was pulled from the road.

At 11:25 a.m., a request for an escort to retrieve the complainant's belongings. The subject was referred to Polk County courts to obtain a writ of assistance.

At 11:46 a.m., a report of a road rage incident on Kings Valley Highway. An officer searched the area and was unable to locate the vehicle described.

At 3:40 p.m., two juveniles on Mill Street lit a firework and started a grass fire. The juveniles fled prior to an officer arriving.

At 4:41 p.m., a resident on La Creole Drive was warned for lighting an illegal firework when the officer was behind them.

At 6:23 p.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 9:04 p.m., Jeffrey Tatom was arrested and charged with failure to register as a sex offender and driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 9:41 p.m., an officer contacted a family barbecuing in the park on Main Street. They were asked to wrap it up as the park was closed.

At 10:29 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Mill Street. An officer was unable to locate anyone lighting fireworks or any damage to property.

Saturday, July 5

At 12:56 a.m., two individuals were lighting fireworks in the park basketball court on Brandvold Drive. They left after being told the park was closed and the basketball courts are part of the park.

At 1:21 a.m., a noise complaint of a dog barking on Clay Street. The owner agreed to bring the dog inside.

At 1:35 p.m., a noise complaint on Walnut Avenue. Two individuals were sitting in a vehicle talking. One subject was drinking alcohol in violation of post prison supervision restrictions. The subject was advised to report to a parole officer on Monday.

At 7:29 a.m., a report of a theft on Kings Valley Highway.

At 8:08 a.m., a report of an individual selling drugs to minors. The caller had no evidence of their claims.

At 9:56 a.m., a motorist on Orrs Corner Road was cited for failure to register their vehicle, driving uninsured and driving without an operator's license.

At 11:15 a.m., a report of an individual with a cut on their leg that was bleeding. Medics arrived and handled the situation.

At 11:48 a.m., a report of a subject seen in the complainant's boat the night before. The subject ran off when the neighbor yelled. There was no video or description of the subject.

At 4:23 p.m., a report of fraud on Court Street. The complainant fell victim to a scam and was out \$1,700.

At 7:47 p.m., a report of two individuals cutting trees in Delbert Hunter Arboretum. Low hanging tree limbs were being trimmed.

At 8:20 p.m., a report of a motorist passing on the right and passing in a no passing zone on Fairview Avenue. The driver showed no signs of impairment and was given a warning for the traffic violations.

At 10:33 p.m., a report of a dog found on Bonanza Avenue. The caller was informed that Dallas Police no longer has an animal control program. They said they

would attempt to find the owner.

Sunday, July 6

At 12:24 p.m., an officer locked the bathrooms on Brandvold Drive and encountered a juvenile walking in the park. The juvenile was given a ride home and returned to their parents.

At 1:08 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Main Street. The vehicle was unoccupied and registered to an address directly across the street.

At 1:30 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Godsey Road. It was a verbal disturbance and the parties agreed to separate for the night.

At 6:07 a.m., a vehicle was found parked on Main Street just before Academy Street. There was a small dog inside. The driver arrived five minutes later, who had went on a walk. An officer advised parking in a marked parking spot in the future.

At 12:09 p.m., a welfare check was requested for an individual on Bridlewood Drive. The individual reported being fine.

At 12:56 p.m., an officer assisted the Polk County deputies in attempting to locate a driver that walked away from a crash.

At 4:26 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to carry and present a driver's license.

At 8:34 p.m., a report of a minor vehicle crash in the parking lot on Ellendale Avenue. The drivers had already exchanged information.

At 9:18 p.m., an individual was formally trespassed from Court Street Bar at an employee's request.

At 9:24 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Barberrry Avenue. It was a verbal argument over a civil issue.

At 10:02 p.m., a report of fireworks in the area of Gregory Drive. The officer was unable to locate any fireworks in the area and the neighbors the officer talked to thought they seemed to be legal fireworks.

At 10:09 p.m., an officer encountered an individual walking and crying after a verbal argument. The individual had a restraining order against the other party but it had not been served yet. The officer coordinated with a Polk County Sheriff's deputy to serve the restraining order and stand by as the individual moved out.

At 11:55 p.m., a report of a vehicle fire on Mulberry Avenue. Dallas Fire responded and it was not a criminal issue.

Monday, July 7

At 7:17 a.m., a report of a physical fight between two juveniles on Washington Street. One subject will be referred to the juvenile department for multiple crimes.

At 9:18 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving while using a mobile device. They were warned their license was scheduled to be suspended due to a failure to appear warrant out of Salem Municipal Court.

At 9:51 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Kings Valley Highway. The individuals were fighting after they locked their keys in their car. The officer assisted with unlocking the car.

At 10:42 p.m., a report of a subject following a female through Walmart. The subject was warned for disorderly conduct and advised they would be arrested if it occurred again.

At 2:42 p.m., a report of a theft of cans from a back porch on Dimick Street.

At 3:48 p.m., a report of a driver possibly driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

There was no probable cause for an arrest.

At 6:02 p.m., a report of a small bark dust fire on Washington Street. Dallas Fire responded.

At 8:09 p.m., an officer contacted a homeless person looking for a shelter. They were advised to try Monmouth or Salem.

At 10:29 p.m., a report of gunshots in the area on Walnut Avenue. An officer was in the area and heard fireworks.

Tuesday, July 8

At 2:29 a.m., a noise complaint of a dog barking on Virginia Drive. There was a small dog barking in the road. The closest resident reported the dog was not theirs.

At 2:35 a.m., a report of a vehicle broken down in the street on La Creole Drive. The vehicle was pushed into a parking lot nearby.

At 7:09 a.m., a report of an alarm on Greenlee Street. The individual was housesitting and set off the alarm and did not know the password.

At 10:03 a.m., an officer watched traffic on Orchard Drive and didn't see any speeding.

At 11:09 a.m., a vehicle died in the intersection by Court Street. The vehicle needed a jump.

At 12:31 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Walnut Avenue. An officer was unable to locate the subject.

At 1:46 p.m., a report of a juvenile that hit a swimmer with a rock on Brandvold Drive. No injuries were reported.

At 2:31 p.m., an officer observed traffic on La Creole Drive. They did not see any speeding or traffic infractions.

At 3:19 p.m., Patrick Arney was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 3:57 p.m., a report of a dog running loose on Ellendale Avenue. The caller was informed that the DPD does not have a shelter.

At 4:13 p.m., a report of a restraining order violation on Ellendale Avenue. On investigation the officer found that the subject did not enter the store while the protected person was on the property.

At 9:08 p.m., a report of a theft on Kings Valley Highway.

At 10:05 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Levens Street. It was a verbal disturbance.

Wednesday, July 9

At 12:09 a.m., an officer locked the bathrooms at Dallas City Park.

At 8:09 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving while using a mobile device. The driver was given a written warning for speeding and expired tags.

At 8:23 a.m., a report of a suspicious person on Ellendale Avenue drinking and attempting to sell drugs.

At 12:56 p.m., a noise complaint of fireworks on Gerlinger Lane. The individual was using poppers, not fireworks, but agreed to stop.

At 2:15 p.m., a report of an intoxicated person at the aquatic center. The subject was advised to not drive and was removed from the facility with a 30-day trespass notice.

At 5:47 p.m., a report of harassment on Brandvold Drive. It was a dispute over juveniles playing tag in the park.

At 6:30 p.m., a report of a barefoot person with a stick looking in windows. The officer was unable to locate the subject.

At 10:33 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without taillights on Main Street.

Independence Police Department

Wednesday, July 2

David Harrison was arrested on C Street and charged with criminal trespass 2 after being told to leave repeatedly as he disrupted volunteers setting up for an event at Riverview Park. Harrison was very intoxicated and urinated in front of people. The arresting officer cited Harrison and gave him a ride home.

At 10:08 a.m., an officer conducted a welfare check on a resident on 12th Street that hadn't been seen for days and whose garbage hadn't been put out. When the officer knocked on the door, the resident answered and was fine.

At 5:08 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a verbal domestic disturbance where a female subject had a crow bar. Upon arrival, the officer found she only had an umbrella. After talking to the two, the officer recommended they keep their verbal arguments down while in public.

At 6:55 p.m., a male subject, who had been excluded from a park on C Street earlier in the day, returned. He was cited and released for trespassing. He was also given a courtesy ride home to avoid a possible DUII.

Thursday, July 3

Surveillance footage from a downtown business in the 100 block of South Main Street showed Alex Coronado Jr. stealing a bicycle on June 20. On July 3, a Monmouth police officer spotted and made a courtesy detention of Coronado for an Independence officer. Coronado admitted to having methamphetamine in his pocket, so he was arrested and charged with theft 2 and unlawful possession of methamphetamine and taken to the Polk County Jail.

At 4:02 p.m., Independence police assisted with traffic control during the Duck Derby on River Road and Riverside Drive.

At 9:13 p.m., an officer investigated a report of an RV improperly parked between properties on Cessna Street. The officer spoke with the owner, who promised to move.

Friday, July 4

At 2:54 p.m., Monmouth police reported a fire on 16th Street with a possible suspect seen running away from it. An Independence officer was in the area and checked the Marigold foot trail area on foot.

At 3:49 p.m., officers investigated a report of a suspected hit and run on Monmouth Street involving a parade vehicle. The case is still under investigation.

Saturday, July 5

At 3:07 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street and was cited for driving while suspended and for having no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 6:38 p.m., a report of a male subject throwing rocks at vehicles on Independence Highway. An officer located the subject who admitted to throwing rocks at everything. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and booked into Polk County Jail.

At 7 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for failure to maintain a lane. After a Spanish speaking translator arrived, the driver was given and failed a field sobriety test. He blew a .14% BAC at the jail and was charged with driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Sunday, July 6

An officer stopped a vehicle with the license plate displayed on the dashboard on Independence Highway near Deann Drive. The driver, Jesus Aurelio Herrera Chavez, had a suspended license and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear out of Marion County. He was cited for driving uninsured, driving while Suspended and warned for illegal display of license plates and failure to renew registration. His vehicle was towed.

At 4:51 a.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road reported nearly missing a juvenile walking down the middle of the road. She was able to get the youth into her car and call 911. Dispatch determined the youth had a history of escaping Laurel Ridge Group Home. They were contacted and came out to retrieve the youth.

At 8:48 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was stopped for a license plate in the windshield and expired tags. The driver was cited and released on an outstanding warrant and received citations for driving while suspended and for having no insurance. The vehicle was towed for being a hazard.

At 10:05 a.m., Independence police investigated a report of a possible child sex abuse case on 17th Street.

At 11:05 p.m., an officer performing a late-night park check contacted Colin Lynch down by the boat launch on Deann Drive. When Lynch opened his driver's side door to retrieve his identification a loaded handgun fell out onto the ground. When searched, brass knuckles were also located in his back pocket. Lynch was arrested and taken to the Polk County Jail, where it was also determined that he had a felony record. He was charged with felon in possession of a weapon, and two counts of unlawful carry of a weapon.

Monday, July 7

Officers responding to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of South 17th Street contacted the victim who said Sara Elizabeth Mimi Gembala had pushed him and pointed a stun gun at him. The victim had scrapes on his body as well that were sustained when Gembala pushed him down a set of stairs after he took away her stun gun. Gembala was arrested, charged with menacing, assault 4 - misdemeanor, unlawful carry of a weapon, and was taken to the Polk County Jail.

At 11:15 a.m., a subject turned into the police two packages found on the side of the road on Clow Corner Road. The packages' owner had an Independence address.

Tuesday, July 8

At 10:25 a.m., a resident on Cessna Street was given a trespass notice for illegally parking an RV partially on their neighbor's property.

Wednesday, July 9

At 6:43 p.m., a report of damaged stakes at the public library.

Monmouth Police Department

Rogelio Hernandez Bravo, 41, was arrested July 10 and charged with harassment.

Travis Nye, 30, was arrested July 9 and charged with contempt of court.

John Hoy, 33, was arrested July 9 on three outstanding warrants.

Kyle Read, 26, was arrested July 5 and charged with burglary.

Gregory Rafferty Jr., 39, was arrested July 6 and

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charged with strangulation and assault 4.

Maressa Pierson, 47, was arrested June 30 and charged with assault 4.

Peter Pagala, 46, was arrested July 7 on an outstanding warrant.

Miron Huhulea, 41, was arrested July 5 and charged with disorderly conduct and harassment.

Thursday, July 3

Check Welfare: A check was requested for an individual with heart issues and alcoholism who had a no-contact order. The individual was spoken with and reported heart issues but had medication. The individual also expressed a desire to drop the no-contact order and was encouraged to contact victims assistance.

Theft: A person reported tools stolen from a job site. The complainant did not wish to press charges, only to file a report.

Suspicious Activity: Employees at a restaurant locked themselves in the bathroom due to an aggressive male. The male, who was on his motorcycle outside, had a misunderstanding about a food delivery order and was frustrated. He received his food and apologized to the employees.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported a vehicle following their juvenile daughters. The vehicle passed by the group multiple times without the driver saying anything; but at one point, the driver held a hand out the window, possibly holding a phone. There was limited enforcement action, and officers kept an eye on the individual until the group arrived home.

Friday, July 4

Animal: A report of a dog in a car during the parade. The area was checked, but the dog was not located.

Missing Person: Three separate reports of children, aged 3-5, lost during the parade. All were reunited with their parents.

Driving: A report of a white SUV driving 20 mph under the speed limit and hitting the center line. The driver was contacted when stopped for the parade route and confirmed to be okay.

Suspicious Person: A fire was reported in a field south of Ash Creek Elementary, quickly spreading to a tree line. A juvenile was seen running from the location. Officers spoke with witnesses and the fire department, who found a firework off the path. The juvenile, a 12-year-old, stated they lit the firework, it went out of control, and was unable to stomp it out.

Animal: A person reported their two dogs got loose from their house. The owner located them shortly after calling.

Criminal Mischief: A person reported their roommate got angry about their dog crying, punched a hole in the wall, threw things, and poured liquid on their bed. The reporting person only wanted to document the incident for their landlord.

Check Welfare: A check was requested for neighbors due to an unknown vehicle in their driveway, a person hiding in bushes, and them not answering the door, which was unusual. The neighbors answered and said they were fine and had a new van. They also reported a teenager had run through their yard earlier.

Prowler: A person reported an unknown male pounding on their door. The male, a friend of the resident, was intoxicated and advised to leave and join friends at another unit.

Dispute: An individual was arrested and charged with harassment and disorderly conduct.

Fireworks: Multiple calls of fireworks going off throughout the evening.

Saturday, July 5

Alarm: An alarm call at a business. The building was secure, and a vehicle was in the parking lot.

Citizen Contact: A business owner reported that an employee who quit had been sending strange texts. The complainant was concerned the employee might cause issues and requested extra patrol. The complainant was informed about trespass options and to call if the employee caused a disturbance.

Animal: Two different callers reported a loose pit-bull and German Shepherd. The owner was located and collected the dogs. The owner was informed to fix their fence as this was the second time the dogs had gotten out.

Suspicious vehicle: A report of an SUV that had been following children the other day was back and parked. Nothing criminal was reported. The area was watched, but nothing out of the ordinary was observed.

Animal: A small white terrier was found near apartments, and the finder wanted to know if anyone had reported it missing. A few hours later, a person called reporting the same type of dog missing, and contact information for the finder was provided with permission.

Suspicious Activity: A person called about a bloody knife being in the road. The person kicked it onto the sidewalk and left it for collection. The knife was collected and placed into evidence.

Dispute: A report of people arguing in the street. Two individuals reported that a third person had yelled at them about fireworks and tried taking them. The third person described something similar but stated one of the individuals “grabbed her” to get the fireworks back. The third person was advised not to confront people, and all were advised to separate and end the night.

Burglary: Officers contacted an individual at a bus stop. After questioning regarding a burglary, the individual confessed to the burglary. They were transported home to retrieve stolen items, but only one jacket was recovered.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual was hearing voices and wanted to go to the hospital. Medics transported the individual.

Domestic Dispute: A person reported a domestic dispute with their ex. The ex was arrested and charged with strangulation and assault and was transported and lodged.

Found Person: A person left a group home and was sitting in the middle of an intersection. Another person moved them out of the road and kept them safe until law enforcement arrived and located their group home staff. The person was released to staff.

Sunday, July 6

Check Welfare: A text to 911 said “Help me.” Initial pings were checked, and residents stated they were fine. Subsequent pings and areas were checked, and numerous people spoke with stated they were fine. Attempts to call a care home and check a hotel for the phone number were unsuccessful. Numerous calls to the number rang then went to an unset voicemail.

Cover: Officers covered for another police department on an assault. A group home client assaulted a caregiver. It was determined that the client did not have a culpable mental state, and no arrest was made.

Driving Complaint: A report of a driver who had slumped over and fallen asleep in a drive-through. The complainant believed the driver was intoxicated. The

driver was located and consented to field sobriety tests but was not arrested.

Monday, July 7

Found Property: A person turned in a wallet found at an intersection. The wallet contained a driver’s permit for an individual, but contact information could not be located. The wallet was placed into evidence for safekeeping.

Animal: A found dog, a toy poodle, female, with short curly gray fur, wearing a pink pajama shirt, was reported. The dog had no chip or identification. The finder agreed to house the dog short-term while an owner was sought. Pictures were posted online. The dog was later taken to another facility for short-term housing as the original finder could not hold it longer. The dog’s owner was eventually found and claimed the dog; the owner lived out of town and was visiting a daughter.

Extra Patrol: A bicyclist requested extra speed enforcement on a street.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and lodged for a confirmed failure to appear warrant for larceny.

Illegal Parking: An recreational vehicle was parked in two two-hour parking spaces in front of city hall and was cited. An attempt to contact the owner was unsuccessful.

Littering: A case was opened for offensive littering.

Trespass: A request was made to trespass an individual from a property. The individual had reportedly moved out with all belongings.

Animal: A report of a stolen dog from April in another county. The individual was directed to the appropriate sheriff’s office.

Welfare Check: A welfare check was requested for an individual thought to be intoxicated near an intersection. The individual was contacted, listening to music, and showed no signs of impairment.

Welfare Check: A report of a female sleeping in an SUV. The individual was contacted and stated she was asleep and waiting for her significant other.

Suspicious Activity: A 911 call was received, followed by a disconnection. Upon call back, an individual reported someone “freaking out” with a gun. The reported individual was not present upon arrival, and the caller would not speak in person, later stating not actually seeing the individual but could hear the suspect and knew they generally had guns.

Arrest: An individual with several warrants was seen, ran into a garage, and then surrendered peacefully. The individual was lodged.

Citizen Contact: A call was received about loud music coming from a vehicle around 5 a.m. A message was left for the caller to report the incident as it occurred.

Welfare Check: A welfare check was requested for an individual who had not been heard from. The individual was contacted and was fine but frustrated about child custody issues.

Animal: A report of a dog left in a hot car at a retail store. Windows were down, and the owner came out shortly after arrival.

Follow up: Two individuals were referred for criminal mischief charges related to graffiti cases.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and lodged after being charged with violation of a restraining order.

Harassment: A female reported an unknown male grabbed her lower back/buttocks while she was walking. She described the male and said he only spoke a foreign language. The area was checked with no success, and follow-up for camera footage will occur.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual called a behavioral health facility,

stating they missed a court date, had a bench warrant, and were having suicidal thoughts. A hang-up call was later received where the caller was heard saying, “I’m gonna make them shoot me, I’ll be dead.”

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A call was received about a concerning text message. The sender was scheduled for detox but stated it was canceled. Several attempts to call the sender were unsuccessful. Not enough information to track the phone.

Welfare Check: A report of a male sleeping in his vehicle with it running. The individual was contacted and stated he was fine and just sleeping. He appeared to be living out of his vehicle and left the area after contact.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, July 2

At 6:51 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone. However, the vehicle had expired tags and the driver had failed to register the vehicle since moving from Wisconsin to Oregon in 2021. He was cited for failure to register a vehicle and warned for speeding.

At 8:23 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone and was warned for failure to present registration.

At 11:44 a.m., a resident on Prospect Street reported license plates stolen off his car.

At 7:17 p.m., Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office was enroute to a suicidal person that claimed he was injecting himself with a needle. Medics arrived and went straight in before YCSO was on scene so a Polk County Sheriff’s Office deputy went in to cover the medics. The male denied being suicidal and was not transported.

At 8:33 p.m., a deputy came across a vehicle on Falls City Road that appeared broken down. It was not. The occupants were taking a video for an Instagram post.

Thursday, July 3

At 6:12 a.m., a report of a German shepherd loose on Joe Day Way. A deputy was unable to locate the dog.

At 7:20 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Pacific Highway for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 7:51 a.m., an RV on Orrs Corner Road that had been given several warnings for illegal parking was towed.

At 7:56 a.m., a motorist on Rickreall Road was cited for expired tags and for failure to register the vehicle.

At 8:32 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for driving while suspended and for driving uninsured.

At 10:14 a.m., a motorist was cited for no operator’s license.

At 10:37 a.m., a deputy responded to an alarm at the Polk County Museum. The treasurer said he was unable to disable it.

At 12:37 p.m., a resident on Rickreall Road reported receiving several items in the mail about credit applications being denied. She confirmed no accounts had been opened in her name at the time of contact. She was able to get an email and phone number for the suspect trying to use her ID.

At 1:42 p.m., a report of a stolen trash can on Orrs Corner Road sometime overnight on July 1.

At 2:38 p.m., a report of a goats loose on Oakdale Road. A deputy was unable to locate the loose goats, but saw some at a residence where they may have originated.

At 4:14 p.m., deputies responded to a large field fire on Airlie Road, providing traffic control.

At 5:12 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. The car was towed to “car jail.”

At 5:32 p.m., deputies were put on the look out for a male who was thought to be suicidal. The male was located at the Dallas City Park and he was not wanting to harm himself. He was just frustrated with his wife.

At 6:23 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of an injured baby deer on Gilliam Road. The deputy found the deer still breathing, but unable to move. The deputy dispatched the deer.

At 8:01 p.m., a complaint about a motorist on Perrydale Road unable to maintain a lane. A deputy found the vehicle pulled over and spoke with the driver, Kristopher Pavelek. Pavelek admitted he had smoked too much weed and decided to pull over to wait out the effects. He failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 11:30 p.m., a complaint of a Suburban speeding on Highway 22. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

Friday, July 4

At 1:13 a.m., a deputy came across two vehicles on Helmick Road with 11 total occupants with the intent to light off fireworks. Four were juveniles. The deputy told them it is not smart to be lighting off fireworks and to be out past curfew. They were told to go home.

At 3:14 a.m., a deputy saw a vehicle on the side of the road with its hazards on. The deputy contacted the driver who said he had a flat rear passenger tire and had a tow on the way.

At 8:21 a.m., a deputy came across a vehicle on Falls City Road pulled over with its hazard lights on. The driver reported just hitting a deer, which was deceased. Although the vehicle was damaged, the driver was able to drive home.

At 8:56 a.m., a deputy was flagged down by a female subject who reported her phone had been stolen and she was tracking it with the Find My Phone app. While showing the deputy the location of the phone, she realized it was close to her residence on Church Street. After they arrived to that area, the deputy called her phone which she located inside of her residence.

At 10:40 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and for driving uninsured.

At 11:10 a.m., a report of loose dogs on Mistletoe Road that looked malnourished. A deputy was unable to locate the dogs.

At 11:38 a.m., a deputy witnessed a motorist speeding on Rickreall Road, then turn into a private driveway when spotted. The deputy asked the driver why he tried to hide, he said he was going to Portland for golfing and that he was on the phone with his sister who told him to turn. The deputy warned him that was unwise and that he almost committed a felony trying to hide. The driver was cited for speeding 81 in 55 mph-zone.

At 1:10 p.m., a motorist was stopped for suspicion of DUII after driving on the wrong side of the road on Orchard Drive. The driver passed a field sobriety test but was cited for driving uninsured and for no operator’s license.

At 2:54 p.m., deputies responded to a fire on 16th Street with a report of a suspect seen running away from the scene. A deputy checked the Marigold foot trail area on foot but did not locate the suspect.

At 8:54 p.m., deputies received an iPhone notification of a crash on Pacific Highway. They were unable to locate any crashed vehicles.

At 9:06 p.m., a resident on Yamhill River Road reported his neighbors were lighting off fireworks, making it sound like World War 2, and that they were also firing off guns. Deputies spoke to the neighbors next door who were lighting legal fireworks and not mortars.

At 11:39 p.m., a deputy rolled up on some juveniles firing roman candles into the air on Deann Drive. The deputy seized the rest of their fireworks as they took off. The deputy then located some other aerial fireworks going off nearby, and contacted the property owner who said he “did not know: the fireworks did that.

Saturday, July 5

At 1:50 a.m., a deputy responded to an alarm at a business on Uglow Avenue. The property caretaker opened the coded gate for PCSO and advised the alarm was a sprinkler alarm from a warehouse on the property. Water was spewing from the area of the building into the lot. The fire department was advised of the alarm and possible riser issue with sprinklers.

At 7:58 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:50 a.m., a resident on Foundation Drive reported her water well was damaged sometime overnight, possibly by a hit and run driver. Neither her or her neighbor’s security cameras captured the incident.

At 12:24 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street was cited for driving uninsured, expired registration, and not having an ignition interlock device.

At 12:31 p.m., a deputy contacted a subject on Edgewater Street for trespassing. Everret Gregory was arrested on two outstanding warrants and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 1:29 p.m., a male subject on 7th Street was stopped for disorderly conduct 2 after he almost got run down trying to cross the road. He was cited and released on an outstanding warrant.

At 5:19 p.m., deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on private property off Bethel Heights Road. An elderly family member was likely intoxicated, trying to leave the house and drove off of her driveway, onto an incline. Fire and medics responded and her family was with her to help.

At 7 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped after a complaint of him driving too slowly and failing to maintain a lane. The driver performed poorly on a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. The driver provided a BAC of .14%.

At 7:09 p.m., a report of a cow in the road on Highway 22. An Oregon State Patrolman reported already searching the area and being unable to find the cow.

At 11:27 p.m., a report of a motorcycle crash on Highway 99 near Clow Corner Road. The driver advised he was headed northbound and wasn’t expecting the roundabout and was probably going 5 mph faster than he should have, losing control.

Sunday, July 6

At 12:56 p.m. a report of a two-vehicle, non-injury crash on Perrydale Road.

At 12:34 p.m., a resident on Finn Road reported a window pane of her home had been shattered sometime overnight.

At 5:15 p.m., Spencer Mandas was arrested on Orchard Heights Road and was charged with assault 4

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- domestic violence/strangulation. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 6:23 p.m., a report of four male subjects with shotguns about 1/4 mile past the gate area on Mill Creek Road. A deputy did not observe any one with shotguns.

At 8:38 p.m., a report of a truck with a trailer being loaded up without permission being on the property in the 7900 block of Red Prairie Road. Deputies were told to be on the lookout for the vehicle. A deputy on Highway 22 had a truck hauling a trailer pass him with the

trailer partially in his lane. He turned around and performed a traffic stop. The driver was unaware the trailer was in the deputy's lane of travel. While it proved not to be the truck and trailer involved in the theft, the driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and verbally warned for failing to drive within a lane of travel.

At 10:20 p.m., a deputy served a restraining order on a male subject on Uglov Avenue.

Monday, July 7

At 3:13 a.m., a bicyclist on Glen Creek Road was warned for not having the proper lighting equipment.

At 6:58 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for

speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:26 a.m., a resident on Ridgeway Road reported a black angus cow that had been missing since July 5. He said the cow usually comes back on its own when it gets out, but hadn't this time. He doesn't suspect it was stolen but may have been spooked by fireworks in the area.

At 9:14 a.m., a male subject reported losing his New Mexico driver's license and Oregon Boater's card while at the Buena Vista ferry the previous day. He was unsure if he lost it on shore or in the water.

At 10:54 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash at North Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road with medics requested. Deputies arrived with SALT members who assisted with traffic control. The scene was

turned over to Oregon State Police when they arrived.

At 6:18 p.m., a Falls City resident reported parking in front of his house on Dayton Street for 1 1/2 hours and when he returned, a chainsaw had been stolen from the bed of his truck. There were no witnesses. A neighbor's security camera is being checked.

At 7:17 p.m., a female subject reported her purse stolen while at a swimming hole and that her debit card had been used at two locations in Dallas. A deputy was able to secure a photo of the suspect spending \$180 at Center Market the victim confirmed was at the swimming hole.

At 11:21 p.m., Ray Myrick was arrested at a gas station on Wallace Road on two outstanding warrants, one from Monmouth the other from Salem. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, July 8

At 2:52 a.m., jail staff reported they found drugs in an inmate's underwear during his changeover. This occurred after he previously told the staff that he did not have any drugs on him. He was charged with supplying contraband and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

At 6:48 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a non-injury, two-vehicle crash on Airlie Road. One driver admitted to passing the other on the left in low visibility. He was cited for unsafe passing on the left.

At 8:08 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 55 was cited for speeding 87 mph in a 55-mph zone and for failure to install an ignition interlock device.

At 9:22 a.m., Laren Garner was arrested on Highland Road and charged with violating a restraining order. He

was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:15 a.m., a resident on Farmer Road reported an RV trespassing on his property. A deputy contacted the two occupants. One was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant on a DUII charge. Both were warned for trespassing.

At 1:39 p.m., a report of two vehicles illegally parked on Helmick Road. A deputy contacted two occupants of the motor home who said they'd just been evicted from their prior residence. The deputy told them they could not park/camp where they currently were. They promised to move the vehicles by the next day.

At 8:39 p.m., a report of a dog fight on Main Street in Falls City. One dog had bite marks from the other. The owner was cited for dog as a public nuisance.

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Dallas Days Sunday in the Park Car Show is July 27

The Annual Dallas Days/ Sunday in the Park Car Show returns July 27 at Dallas City Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per vehicle and starts at 7 a.m. The trophy presentation at noon.

Breakfast in the Park tickets now on sale

Tickets for Dallas Rotary Club's signature Breakfast in the Park fundraising event are now available. The event is July 27 from 7-11 a.m. at Dallas City Park. Proceeds benefit club community projects, grants to local nonprofits and student scholarships. Enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee and juice at the picnic tables under the canopy of trees at Dallas City Park, 690 SW Brandvold Dr. Adults can save \$2 per ticket by purchasing tickets

by Saturday, July 27. Ticket prices are \$11 in advance and \$13 at the gate for adults (13+ years old), \$6 for children (6-12 years old), and ages five and younger are free. There will also be a family ticket for two adults and three children for \$30 advance or \$32 at the gate.

Purchase tickets online at www.dallasoregonrotary.org. Other Dallas ticket outlets are Citizens Bank, Oregon State Credit Union and Les Schwab Tire Center. Tickets will also be available at the Sounds

of Summer and Dallas Days community events.

Polk County Democrats host Dallas Days booth

The Polk County Democrats will be sponsoring a booth at the "Dallas Days" celebration on July 25-26, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by and visit, where you'll find pins, posters, and yard signs for sale. Voter information and lively conversation are free.

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