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Dallas Food Bank needs help during food security crisis

By EILEEN DICICCO
Dallas Food Bank
Board Secretary

In response to the November delay in federal food assistance payments to families in need, Dallas Food Bank is seeing rising numbers of families seeking assistance. To stretch the available food supply, Dallas Food Bank is appealing to our community to help fill the gap in the food supply.

“Since the SNAP delay was announced, a growing number of new and returning families are seeking food assistance. Our already limited food supply is stretched thin,” said Jason Thornton, Dallas Food Bank Board President. “We need donations of food and funds to purchase food to support neighbors in need during this crisis.”

Although Oregon Governor Tina Kotek is directing \$5 million to Oregon food banks to be used during the 60-day food security emergency, Dallas Food Bank won’t be receiving any cash. Instead, it will receive food from the regional food bank, Marion Polk Food Share, as it gets rolled out by Oregon Food Bank.

Food donations may be dropped off Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 9-11 a.m. Especially needed are canned meats, tuna, chili, soups, peanut butter, canned fruit, tomato sauce, oatmeal, cereal and shelf-stable dairy. Tax-deductible monetary donations may be made online at www.dallasfoodbank.com, or dropped off or mailed to 322 Main St., Ste. 180.

Dallas Food Bank is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit that has served our community since 1983.

Cherriots to provide transportation to local food banks

In response to the ongoing federal government shutdown and resulting delays in SNAP benefit distribution, Cherriots is implementing temporary transportation support to help community members access essential food resources.

Beginning Nov. 1, riders traveling to and from food banks and food pantries may ride at no cost. This approach mirrors Cherriots existing support for riders traveling to emergency warming and cooling centers. Cherriots will continue this support

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No tricks, just treats



A family of skunks, composed of Courney and T.S. Riley with their younglings Mason, 2 ½, and River, 8 months, get treats at Grandma’s Attic during Dallas Downtown Association’s Halloween Around Downtown Friday night. For more photos, see page A8.

High school musical returns to Dallas with ‘Zombie Prom’

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

After a year off, the Dallas High School’s Theater program has brought back the musical. It’s your atypical high school love story of the bad boy who loses the girl, turns into a zombie and tries to win back her heart with the help of a scandal-seeking reporter and the school’s tyrannical principal.

That’s “Zombie Prom: Atomic Edition” in a nutshell, which runs at Dallas High School Nov. 6-8.

Director Terry Kitagawa, helming his second production as a contributing member of Struts and Frets Theater Company, said the cast and crew is huge, with 22 actors and another 21 crew behind the scene.

“We have so many new students on this show, which is extra exciting. It’s been electric. The kids are excited. I hope everyone who comes to see the show leaves with big smiles on their faces,” Kitagawa said.

He describes Zombie Prom as like taking “Greece” and adding in touches of “Little Shop of Horrors.”

“So, it has that kitchie, campy vibe. It has a little bit of that horror element, but it’s mostly fun horror, not scary horror,” he said.

The cast has a mix of new actors and “seasoned” veterans who’ve been in the Dallas program all four years.

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The Dallas High School cast practices a song and dance number from their latest musical, “Zombie Prom: Atomic Edition.”

Chamber shares new home with Visitor Center, DDA

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce has a new home at 184 SE Oak Street. And they welcomed some friends to move in, too.

The new center, literally built out of a turn of the century home, has spaces for the Chamber, Visitor’s Center and Downtown Dallas Association.

A large contingency of members from each organization attended a ribbon cutting at the grand opening Oct. 28.

Chamber President Sarah Owree said this has been a long time coming for a problem in search of a common sense solution.

“It’s not really conducive to support businesses and visitors if we don’t have a place for visitors and businesses to come and find support, to advertise and share their business with the community and visitors who come in,” Owree said.

She said many visitors to town don’t realize all there is to do in Dallas, from parks to wineries, hiking/biking trails and much more.

“Without a Chamber/Visitor’s center, where else are they going to find that information? They can come here now and get it all in one centralized location,” she added.

With the help of her predecessor, Sam Dufner, who got the ball rolling in the search for a new home for the Chamber, Owree said she just helped “finish it out.”

The road along the way was bumpy. Owree said the Chamber’s Board of Directors were close, twice, to finding a new home, but both opportunities fell through. Then Owree hit up her friend, Rachel Phelps who owns the space behind her restaurant Taters.

“So I reached out to her. She said, ‘Actually, I think that’s a great idea.’ One thing led to another and here we are,” Owree said.

The Chamber Board signed the lease in December last year, but needed to make several updates and renovations to the space. One challenge was providing an ADA accessible entry, reconfiguring the residential bathroom into a public restroom (which required dispensing with the bath tub) and upgrading a back door.

“The biggest reason we were not able to get in was a door in the back that needed to be replaced with a 90-minute fire rated door,” Owree said. “Those are easy to come by, but not on a budget. We are operating on a shoe string budget.”

They secured a door thanks to volunteers. After shipping and installation delays, the Chamber was finally able to obtain their certificate of occupancy and officially opened three weeks ago.

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Pentacle Theatre presents ‘In-laws, Out-laws, & Other People That Should Be Shot’

Just in time for the holidays, Pentacle Theatre closes its 2025 season with the hilarious, festive romp “In-laws, Out-laws, & Other People That Should Be Shot” that is sure to warm hearts and split sides. Directed by Karen McCarty and written by Steve Franco, “In-laws, Out-laws” runs from Nov. 21 through

Dec. 13 at the Pentacle Theatre in West Salem. The story: It’s 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and the Douglas family is busily preparing for their annual holiday dinner when their evening takes an unexpected turn. After robbing a neighborhood liquor store, high-strung Tony and his dim-witted sidekick Vinny find themselves in

desperate need of a hideout. Their timing couldn’t be worse — or funnier — as the family’s festive gathering spirals into chaotic hilarity. A comic treasure packed with sharp wit, relatable family dynamics, and an unexpected dose of holiday spirit, “In-laws, Out-laws, & Other People That Should Be Shot” celebrates laughter, love, and

the true meaning of Christmas — even when everything goes comically wrong. The cast of “In-laws, Out-laws, & Other People That Should Be Shot” features regular actors from around the region, including:

- Patrick Moser as Dad
- Robin Elliott as Janet
- Heather Bellinger as Beth
- Mat Genuser as Bud

- Jenni Bertels as Bunny
- Alyssa Parr as Tracy
- Tom Wrosch as Uncle Leo
- Julianna Gibbons as Aunt Rose
- Travis Brown as Tony
- James Hall as Vinny
- Laura Davis as Mrs. Draper
- Kelly Sigrah as Mrs. Wakowski
- Jakiah Sigrah as Paul

- Audrey Main as Emily
- Roger A. Citron as Officer Henley

The play is approximately 2 hours in length with a 15-minute intermission. For tickets, show dates, and more information, visit www.pentacletheatre.org or contact the Pentacle Theatre Box Office (503) 485-4300.

Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour and Quilt Show returns Nov. 7

By GINNY WYMORE
Art Tour Coordinator

Discover downtown Willamina and the spirit of the holidays, as it celebrates its 32nd annual Coastal Hills Art Tour and Quilt Show. The walking tour is free and held in designated store fronts on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7-8.

“Take the Tour” cards and maps will be available at each location. Everyone is encouraged to “Take the Tour” and have all the artists stamp your card for a chance to win a prize from one of the artists. Nearly 20 artisans and crafters from the West Valley area will be selling their handmade works. This will be

the 25th year for the Coastal Hills Quilters show and sale with more beautiful handmade quilts than ever before. The following artisans will also be selling:

- Linda Blatt, watercolors
- Debbie Lockwood, photography and craft boxes
- Toni Bryant, textile art

- Tyler Cook, comic book art
- Marge Gutbrod and June Palmer, textile art
- Ron and Nancy Thornhill, jewelry and multi-medium art
- William Lindberg, multi-medium art
- West Valley Artisans, multi-medium art

- Art Conspiracy, multi-medium student art guild

The Willamina Museum of History will host the annual Tea Room and desserts. The amazing miniatures of Gary Brooks, depicting many historical places in Oregon will be on display at the museum. This year, the famous

“Murder Quilt” will also be on display. Maps to all locations will be available the morning of the sale at each designated venue. There is ample parking in the center of town and the tour lends to a beautiful autumn walk to each location.

LaCreole’s Tom Shinn earns Classroom of the Month honors

Farmers Insurance — Steele Insurance Agency has named Tom Shinn of LaCreole Middle School as its Classroom of the Month recipient, recognizing his decades of dedication as an educator, mentor and coach who has shaped the lives of Dallas

students both in and out of the classroom. A longtime educator and coach, Shinn has devoted his career to helping students find success and confidence — especially those facing life’s toughest challenges. Known for his patience, fairness and steadfast consistency, he has

become a trusted mentor to countless young people across the Dallas community. Colleagues describe him as someone who “leads with heart” and truly invests in others. This year, Shinn has taken on the challenge of revitalizing LaCreole

Middle School’s Alternative Education Program, aiming to create a supportive, inclusive environment where students can rediscover their strengths, build academic skills and reconnect with their community. In addition to his classroom leadership, Shinn serves as

part of the Dallas High School football coaching staff, where he continues to inspire student-athletes to excel on the field and in life. “Whether he’s teaching, coaching, or mentoring, Tom’s commitment to students is unwavering,” said Zachary Steele, owner of Farmers

Insurance — Steele Insurance Agency. “He represents exactly what our Classroom of the Month program is meant to celebrate — educators who make a lasting impact on our community.”

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CHERRIOTS

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stress, we want to ensure that accessing food is never a barrier,” said Allan Pollock, General Manager of Cherrlots. “Our community depends on us, and we are proud to step up for those who need support right now.”

Riders can visit Marion Polk Food Share online at <https://marionpolkfoodshare.org/find-food> to find local food resource locations. Cherrlots Customer Service can help riders plan a trip — just call (503) 588-2877 during business hours.

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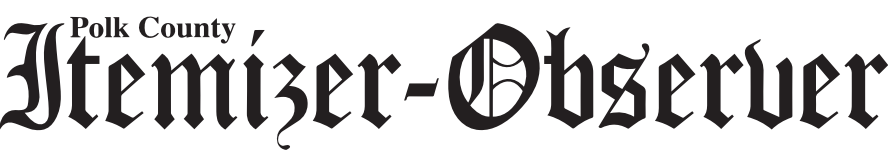
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They received a Dallas Urban Renewal District grant to help pay for the renovations and refittings. And a corps of about 50 volunteers donated time and supplies to help get the facility ready. The new Chamber/Visitor's Center already has had its first customers.

"We had somebody stop by with their kids, again, (wanting to know) what am I going to do in Dallas? Ironically, they were looking for the oldest bridge in Polk County. We actually had some information online we were able to pull up for them, including a map. They were ecstatic and on their way," Owree said.

The house comes with a second floor that Phelps is making available to rent for office spaces and the open space (former living room) is available for meetings and party rentals. Jason Saunders, DDA president, said it was wonderful to finally have a permanent space and not rotate a meeting spot among leadership's homes. "This has been going on for a year and half, two years, to find a new location. And we're finally here. It's wonderful," Saunders said. "It's been almost two years since we've had an official office. It's right here on the edge of downtown. People walking downtown can right down here and grab stuff." Tara Townley, Executive Director of the Chamber/Visitor Center was

appreciative of all the businesses and community partners that helped to make the move happen. She said leadership, going back years, has always thought it important to have a central location for all three organizations. "Because one, to be able to access information, but two, also show the collaboration. You do nothing on your own to create a team," Townley said. "It takes all of our organizations to be able to support the community and business within Dallas. So why would we not be working together in the same space?" Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce/Visitor's Center 184 SE Oak St. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday 503-832-0227 board@dallasoregon.org



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Presidents (current and former) Sarah Owree and Sam Dufner cut the ribbon Oct. 28 at the new home for the organizations, including the Downtown Dallas Association.

MUSICAL
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Ninth grader Bradley Butler, plays Joey, the jock friend of bad boy and zombie Johnny. "It's so fun. I get to meet and act with these new people and people I've seen before in middle school," Butler said. "I've done plays in middle school. Now it really seems like I'm one of them." He added the audience is going to be in for a treat. "They're going to love the amazing diversity in the colors, the theme, the depth with it being in the 1950s set to a zombie love story. It's just so incredible," Butler said.

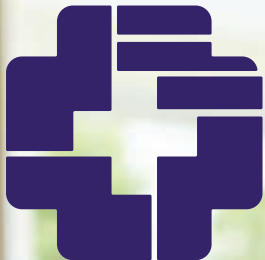
Senior Sam Abbi, is taking his first jab behind the scenes as stage manager. He describes it as a big, daunting task, replacing someone who was really good in the position the last three years. "A big part of your job is figuring out what needs to be done and not being told what to do type of thing," Abbi said. "I find myself in situations wondering what we need to be doing right now. Then I realize, I'm the one who needs to know what we need to be doing right now." He added the challenge with a musical is there are so many more moving components of getting actors in the right spots compared to a drama that deals with single locations.

But a feature he's enjoyed that many other schools don't is a projector system. "So we have a projection designer who's been finding photos, resizing them, and putting them up there," he said, pointing to the stage which had current projections of a school hallway, giving the state a greater depth of field. At the center of the unconventional love story is senior Guin Balsch. The last musical she was in was in the ensemble for "The Wizard of Oz." Now, she's the lead in "Zombie Prom" as Johnny Warner, lead teen zombie. "It's very challenging. I need to figure out how to hold myself, like male inflection. But now that I have, it's really fun," Balsch said.

She added she's really happy that Dallas is able to do a musical again after being unable to last year due to budgetary cutbacks. "It's super, super fun. It's my favorite. I love everything about it. The dance, the music. It brings a smile to my face, energizes me more than anything else, to be singing and dancing," Balsch said. Junior Jayden Chancery, is Johnny's love interest, Toffee Little. She said what sets "Zombie Prom" apart is its setting in the 1950s. "There's a lot of atomic jokes, which is really timely for the 50s. Warfare scares. But we have it in such a fun way. Even though they're serious topics, it's so energetic, you don't ever feel down during the show," Chancery said.

She added the clothes and costumes are amazing, referencing the colorful poodle skirts the cast wears from the era. "Our costume team works really hard. They make parts of pieces and a lot others are vintage. Like the one I wear for the prom. It really helps put us into character," Chancery said. She added the unconventional love story still shows the universal power of love through controversy and aesthetic, how love powers through when it is so strong. Kitagawa said even though the Atomic Edition of "Zombie Prom" is shorter than the original stage production, it is still full of so much music and dance. It runs about

one hour and five minutes with an intermission. "Audiences will have a great time. It's fun, it's silly, zany in all the right ways. It has a little bit of heart so you feel for Johnny and Toffee," he said. "I think people will have a fun time with this show." "Zombie Prom: Atomic Edition" Nov. 6-8, 6:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. Nov. 8 Bollman Auditorium, Dallas High School Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens; free for students with ASB cards Purchase tickets online at www.dhstheatre.org/buy-tickets

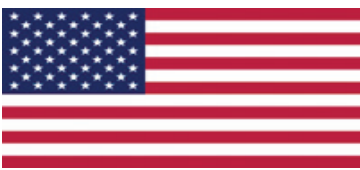


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Alan Fredric Oppliger
March 6, 1932 – Oct. 7, 2025

Alan F. Oppliger passed away on Oct. 7, 2025, at the age of 93. He was born in Columbus, Nebraska, on March 6, 1932, to Elmer and Vera (Kluck) Oppliger.

In 1942, Alan’s family moved to Portland, Oregon, where they worked in the shipyards building Liberty Ships. As World War II drew to a close, his parents opened a Western Auto store in Independence in 1945.

Alan attended local schools, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and began his lifelong passion for running during high school. He continued competing at the University of Oregon under legendary coach Bill Bowerman and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He graduated from Independence High School in 1950 and from the University of Oregon in 1954.

Following graduation, Alan served two years in the U.S. Air Force in Texas. He later returned to Eugene to pursue his MBA but soon moved back to Independence to help his father operate the family’s Western Auto store after his mother’s passing in 1958. In the late 1970s, he sold the business and began a 30-year career in real estate, earning the nickname “The Running Realtor.”

Alan was a devoted supporter of the Independence and Monmouth communities. He served on the Independence City Council and was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Elks, and Rotary. Alan was one of the organizers for the “On to Oregon Cavalcade” in 1959 – the 100th anniversary of the covered wagons which traveled from Independence, Missouri to Independence, Oregon. He helped organize the annual 4th of July

Mini-Marathon and numerous other local running events.

An accomplished runner, Alan completed over 10 marathons — including the Boston Marathon — along with several half-marathons and hundreds of 5K and 10K races. He and his wife, Jayne, enjoyed participating in races around the world, including the World Masters Games in Eugene, Melbourne, and Edmonton.

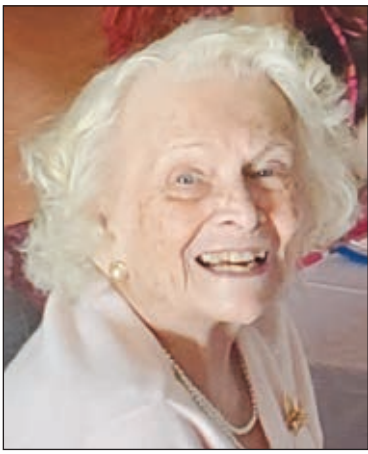
Alan is survived by his wife, Jayne; children Eric, Leslie and David; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on April 25, 2026, at the Elks Lodge, Independence.

Funeral Arrangements by Farnstrom’s Mortuary, Independence

Roxana Lee Neil
June 26, 1934 - Oct. 22, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Roxana Lee Neil, a loving mother and remarkable woman. She lived her 91 years fully and with joy and compassion and went to be with the Lord on Oct. 22. Roxana’s nurturing spirit, unwavering support and boundless love will forever live in the hearts of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



She was born on June 26, 1934, and raised in San Diego, California. There, she met the love of her life and married Gene Neil on Aug. 15, 1953. They started a family and moved to San Jose, California, where their family grew, and they put down roots where she created a warm, loving and nurturing home for her family and lived there for over 30 years.

She was a lifetime baseball fan, and taught the values of teamwork, perseverance and fair play while coaching her daughters’ softball teams, and never missing her son’s little league games or her grandchildren’s sporting events. She was a passionate animal lover and was involved in dog rescues and always had dogs and cats as pets.

In retirement, they moved to Dallas, Oregon, and she became a vital part of their community. Roxana was a community leader in Dallas; part of the local chapter of the Kiwana’s Club and active member at First Christian Church where she played the piano and organ. She was a pillar of her faith and community. She had an extraordinary gift for nurturing deep, lasting friendships with those around her.

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 6, 2025, in the Chapel at Bollman Funeral Home, 287 SW Washington St, Dallas, Oregon, at 12 p.m. All are welcome to celebrate her life with her family.

She leaves behind her children, Kathy Neil, Mike Neil (Diane), Linda McMaster, Lori Thompson (Dave), eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Death Notice

Donald Alfred Hanenkrat
June 21, 1959 - Oct. 25, 2025

Donald Alfred Hanenkrat died Oct. 25, 2025. Funeral arrangements are to be determined.

DHS hosts first-ever College Eligibility Night for student athletes

By DHS STAFF

The Dallas High School library was filled to capacity last Wednesday evening as student-athletes and parents from across Polk County gathered for the school’s first-ever College Eligibility Night. Families from Dallas, Central, Perrydale and Fall City high schools attended. The event aimed to help students better understand the academic and athletic requirements for playing sports at the college level.

Event coordinator Bill Masei, Dallas High School’s CTE and College & Career Coordinator, said he was uncertain what type of response such a new event would generate.

“I wasn’t sure how many people would show up, but I was pleasantly surprised,” Masei said. “It’s great to see so many families taking early steps to understand what it takes to compete in college athletics.”

The program featured an impressive lineup of guest speakers, including Emlyn Goodman, Director of Compliance at Oregon State University; Justin Crosswhite, Compliance Director at Western Oregon University; and Athletic Directors Leslie Shevlin of Willamette University and Bill Pilgeram of Corban University.

The panelists discussed the importance of understanding NCAA and NAIA eligibility center requirements, academic standards, and recruiting timelines — key information for student-athletes planning to transition to collegiate athletics.

Masei said the evening was designed to bring clarity to a process that can often be confusing for families.

“There are so many rules and steps involved in college eligibility,” he explained. “We wanted to give students and parents



PHOTO COURTESY DHS

A full house of student athletes attended Dallas High School’s first ever College Eligibility Night on Oct. 29.

a chance to hear directly from those who work in college athletics every day.”

Parents and students alike found the session valuable. Dallas parent Steve Ward said the

information was both timely and eye-opening.

“This was a much-needed and great presentation of information that parents and athletes need to know early in their high school career. It should be

mandatory for all student athletes,” Ward said.

Given the strong turnout and positive feedback, Masei said he hopes to make College Eligibility Night an annual event, helping Polk County student-athletes prepare for

success both in the classroom and on the field.

If you have questions or missed the presentation and would like a recording or slides of the presentation, email Bill Masei @ bill.masei2dsd2.org.

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United in Service,
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Honoring Oregon’s
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DR. NAKEIA
COUNCIL DANIELS
Leader Guest Column

This week, across Oregon and across our nation, we gather as one community — many voices, many experiences, united in purpose — to honor all who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is a moment for all of us to pause, reflect, and give thanks — not only as citizens, but as members of a community bound by service and sacrifice.

Those of us who have served know that the decision to wear our nation’s uniform is not one made lightly. It is a choice shaped by duty, by love of country, and by a commitment to something larger than ourselves. It changes the way we see the world and deepens our appreciation for peace, for freedom, and for one another. Whether we served in times of conflict or calm, at home or abroad, we share an unbreakable bond forged through shared purpose and sacrifice.

Oregon is home to more than a quarter of a million veterans, each with a story that deserves to be heard. Some of us served in the heat of battle; others supported missions from ships, bases, and hospitals around the world. Together, we represent every era — from those who fought in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and countless operations in between. No matter the place or period, we all answered the same call to serve our nation and defend its ideals.

When I meet with fellow veterans across our state, I am struck by the same thread of quiet resilience that runs through every story. We don’t think of ourselves as heroes. We think of ourselves as people who did our duty, who stood by our brothers and sisters, and who came home ready to continue serving in new ways — as parents, teachers, public servants, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. That ongoing spirit of service is what keeps our communities strong and our democracy vibrant.

Veterans Day traces its origins to November 11, 1918, when the guns of the First World War finally fell silent.

That moment marked more than the end of a conflict — it marked the beginning of a national commitment to peace, understanding, and unity. Each generation since has faced its own challenges, and each has produced men and women willing to step forward to defend the freedoms we hold dear.

Those of us who have worn the uniform know that freedom is not guaranteed — it must be protected, nurtured, and renewed through each act of courage and compassion. We also know that war, in any form, represents the failure of peace — and that those who have seen its cost understand the true value of unity and understanding.

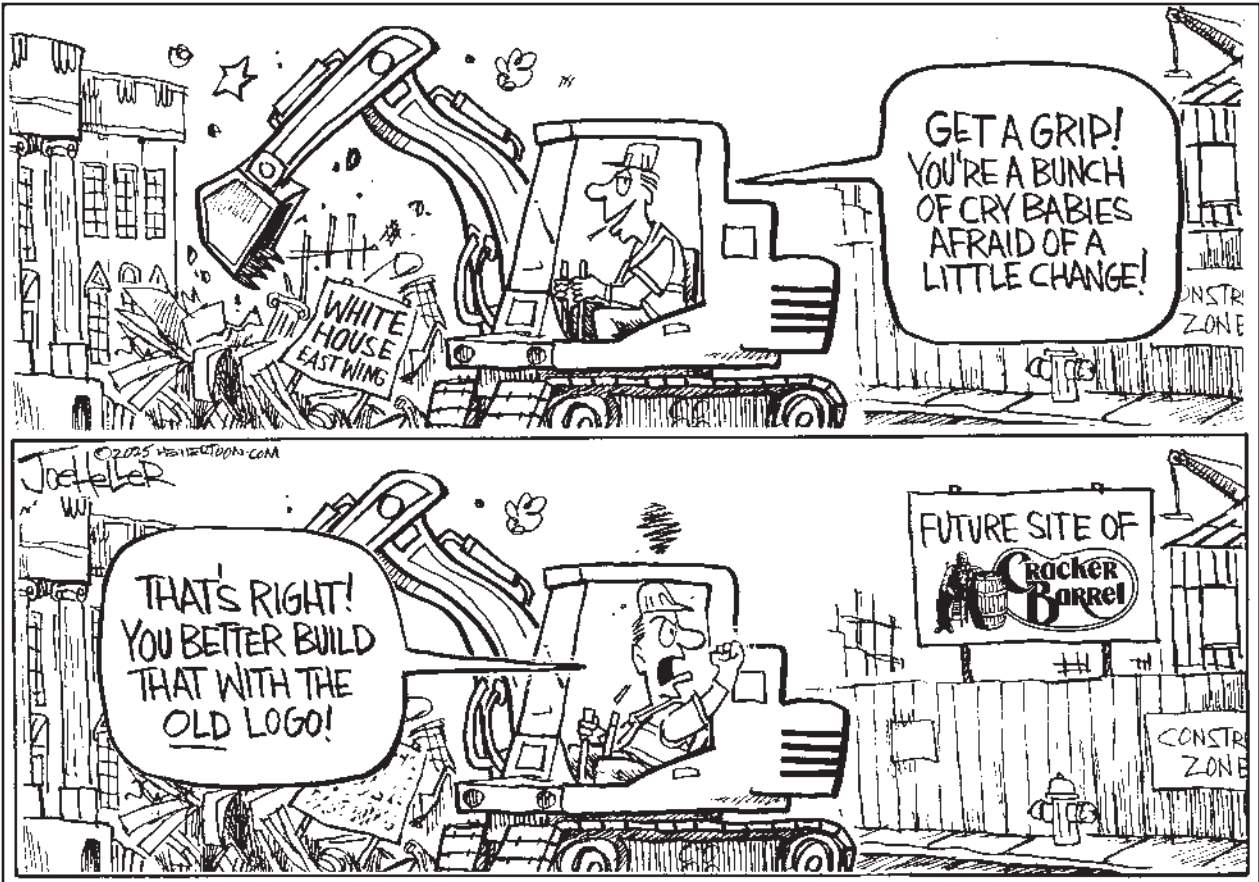
When we return home from service, our mission changes, but it does not end. We carry with us the lessons of discipline, teamwork and integrity. We carry the memories of those who did not come home and the responsibility to honor them through our actions. Many of us continue to serve — volunteering in our communities, mentoring younger generations, or advocating for fellow veterans still finding their way.

At the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, we are committed to ensuring that no veteran, no matter their age, background, or experience, ever feels forgotten or left behind. That commitment extends not only to veterans, but to the families who have served alongside us. Spouses, children, and caregivers share the burdens of military life — the deployments, the moves, the uncertainty — and they too deserve our gratitude and support.

True appreciation for veterans goes beyond parades and ceremonies, though those are important. It means ensuring that every veteran has access to quality health care, education, housing, and meaningful employment. It means reaching out to those struggling with the invisible wounds of service and reminding them that they are not alone. And it means continuing to strengthen the systems of care and connection that honor our shared promise: to take care of one another, just as we did in uniform.

And so, as part of your Veterans Day observance this year, I ask every Oregonian to take a moment to reflect. Think about the freedoms you enjoy and the people who made them possible. Remember those who never came home, and those who continue to serve around the world today. Reach out to a veteran in your life, not only to thank them, but to

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Commentary

Oregon Gov. Kotek sends \$5 million to food banks ahead of SNAP cutoff

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek on Wednesday, Oct. 29, declared a state of emergency over hunger and directed \$5 million to food banks across the state, seeking to avert the impending November loss of food stamp benefits for hundreds of thousands of Oregonians under the federal government’s ongoing shutdown.

Kotek’s emergency declaration gives authority to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to coordinate with local governments, nonprofit organizations and private companies to “respond and mitigate the impacts of this emergency.” It calls for “essential protective measures” from the Oregon Department of Human Services to address food insecurity, while directing the agency to provide financial assistance to those facing hunger due to the loss of SNAP benefits. The order lasts until the end of the year, unless the federal government distributes benefits or Kotek changes its terms herself.

“It’s unacceptable that families are being used as leverage in a political stand-off in Washington, D.C.,” Kotek said in a statement.

“While the Republican-controlled Congress fails to do its job, Oregon will do ours. We stand up for each other, whether it’s fires, floods or any other crisis. I call on all Oregonians to do what they can to help their neighbors.”

About one in six Oregonians, the majority of whom are children, disabled or seniors, rely on SNAP for food assistance. Kotek’s declaration comes one day after the federal government shutdown hit its four-week mark. It also follows Kotek urging the U.S Department of Agriculture on Monday to release emergency contingency funds that would allow SNAP benefits to remain during the shutdown and Oregon and other states suing the Trump administration on Tuesday, Oct. 28, to force the release of those funds. The federal agency has declined to do so, despite warnings from Oregon officials earlier this month that benefits would be running out by the end of October.

Food banks across Oregon, meanwhile, have warned that they do not have enough resources to absorb the impact of the loss of food stamp benefits. In her Wednesday order, Kotek drew upon \$5 million from federal

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to support the state’s network of food banks. That money is unspent from previous years and “can support short term crisis benefits without creating new ongoing requirements, which is ideal for this emergency,” the governor’s office said.

The ongoing federal government shutdown has pitted federal lawmakers on both sides of the aisle against each other, with Democrats refusing to back off their demands to restore subsidies for states under the Affordable Care Act that were rolled back under the GOP’s tax and spending law.

And in Oregon, state Sen. Christine Drazan, a Canby Republican who launched her campaign for governor against Kotek this week, criticized Kotek before her Wednesday order for not moving quickly to provide assistance. She highlighted a Washington plan announced Wednesday which orders the disbursement of \$2.2 million in state funds each week to food banks across the state.

“If Washington State can step up to protect its residents, why can’t Oregon?” Drazan said in a statement. “Families can’t wait for the

Governor to play catch up. We need leadership and action now.”

The average SNAP payment to an individual is \$6 a day, according to research from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2025/10/29/oregon-gov-kotek-sends-5-million-to-food-banks-ahead-of-snap-cutoff/>

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Courtesy photo from the Oregon
Food Bank

A cut in federal food assistance has forced low-income Oregonians to turn more frequently to food banks for help. An Oregon Food Bank employee stocks up on food at its warehouse in northeast Portland.

Weekly Online Poll

Where are your kids going trick or treating?

☐ Around the local neighborhood - 50.0%
☐ One of several Trunk or Treat events - 10.0%
☐ They don't celebrate Halloween - 40.0%

MAGIC MAZE

DESCRIBING SNOW

CPNKPPIGDBZYWXV
SPOWDERSLUSHYQO
MKIGENECAAYICVWU
SQPBNEDDL TJNAHF
ECPICTURESQUEGA
YXVTURSOAEQRHNP
NMF IKAUJHZNCFIE
COBNZTYXVUZKTWR
SQPGNITLMOIMOL
KI HGGNITFIRD LLE
YNIARGNIDN ILBBD

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

Biting
Blinding
Blizzard
Blowing

Crunchy
Drifting
Grainy
Heavy

Knee-deep
Melting
Penetrating
Picturesque

Slushy
Soft
Whiteout

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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: P equals C

PUXICYO AXZGPGTI KEU KTZ
WTAUXZ WUY VGLGIV ULNYMO
FYTATCGP YNIFGCGUIZ UW
ZUIVZ: ETAAO KOINCCN.

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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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×		-		÷				
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24		2		2				
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Super Crossword

E-CONTENT

ACROSS

1 Soft & — (deodorant)
4 GPS display
7 GPS display: Abbr.
10 Farming sci.
13 Musical record
18 The "Entertainer" musical style
20 Tillo maiden of a Civil War song
22 Twice twenty
23 Assessment to see if two things are the same?
25 Opera solos
26 Guitarist — Eddy
27 College in Cedar Rapids
28 Materialize property?
30 Mili. bigng
31 Sister of Eva and Zsa Zsa
33 Approaching
34 Person snatching an African antelope?
38 Aerie babies
45 Je t'— (Gigis "I love you")
46 Some Siouan speakers

49 Earth, in Spanish
50 Taters
53 Sovereign rule that wears subjects down?
56 "Love" author Morrison
57 Go out with
59 Twosome
60 Fed. meat inspector
61 Tournament finals held at a manor?
68 "Says —?"
69 PC key
70 Pierre's "yes"
71 With
85 Across, facial spa treatment
72 Subside
75 Situation when an exhaust system is completely contained?
81 — with faint praise
84 Clodhopper
85 See
71 Across
86 Presley's middle name
87 Sellers of Alt
131 Royal Navy init.
132 Rd. crossers

DOWN

1 Seafloor-scooping machine
2 Actress
3 Large lizard
4 1,760 yards
5 French buddy
6 Tending to darkness?
7 Liko highly speculative bonds
8 Natl. voting day
9 Irish Gaelic language
10 Ukranian, e.g.
11 Music style
12 Bob Marley's 11-Down
13 Not nearby
14 Greiner of "Shark Tank"
15 Jail on a ship
16 Provo locale
17 Hit 1980s PC game
19 Light brown
21 SSS holder
24 Discipline with asanas
29 Bard's Musc
31 "Lili" studio
32 "Peek- —"
35 Comaneci of gymnastics
36 Insult, informally
37 Takeoff stat
38 Caviar eggs
40 Sing liquor

41 Ease off
42 Mufts up
43 Stepped (on)
44 Spanish for "room"
47 Prelix with spore
48 Stupefy
50 Ragout, e.g.
51 Swanty
52 "Woe — you!"
53 Verb suffix in the Bible
54 1992 Oscar nominee Stephen
55 Universe
57 Sub-seller
58 Heeds, as advice
62 Tartan cap
63 Barnyard sound
64 Word-wit bit
65 Sundial's 3
66 Shucking waste
67 TSA requests
72 Spanish river
73 Voting tacton
74 Stiller and Affleck
75 The blafs
76 Slumps
77 Doubtful
78 French "Mrs."
79 Fathers
80 Film wizard's declaration
81 — vu
82 Iowa city
83 Fit together

86 Stop working
89 — Easy" (1977 hit)
90 Ending for ethyl
91 Negative conjunction
92 B-G link
93 — ray Disc
96 Emu relative
97 Operative
99 Having length, width and depth, for short
101 — Aires
102 Employs
103 Some urban planners
104 Walks fast, slangily
105 De-chalks
107 Ex-Viking flashad
108 Cle
111 Clean up text
112 Across Farmiga
113 Huge-screen film format
114 Fetching
115 Uno plus dos
116 Volkswagen hatchback
117 Barnyard sound
119 9-way booth tellers
120 A single
123 Car. Prefix
124 URL ending

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Don't think of it as a prison sentence. Salvie think of it as a court-ordered staycation.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

FOR THE LAST TIME, I'M SORRY I WAS SUCH A JERK IN YOUR DREAM. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.

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Americanisms

"Roses are red, mud is brown, the woods are better than any night on the town."
— Earl Dibbles Jr.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS A PERFECT NIGHT TO LOOK FOR SPACESHIPS, SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

JUST THINK HOW FAMOUS WE WILL BE IF WE ARE THE ONES TO SPOT AN ALIEN.

YEAH, BUT WHAT IF ALIENS SPOT US FIRST...?

HEY, COME ON, GUYS, WAIT FOR ME!!!

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Moments in time

- On Nov. 17, 1991, Fox aired the first condom ad on network TV during the teen sitcom "Herman's Head," inspired by increasing anxiety about the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- On Nov. 18, 1996, exotic bird expert and protector Tony Silva was sentenced to seven years in prison for heading an illegal parrot-smuggling operation — one of many people to be arrested during Operation Renegade, a three-year international investigation into bird smuggling by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Law Enforcement.
- On Nov. 19, 1969, Brazilian soccer star Pelé, considered one of the greatest players in his sport, scored his 1,000th professional goal in a game, against Vasco da Gama in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.
- On Nov. 20, 1866, Pierre Lallement received a U.S. patent for the country's first pedal bicycle. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to capitalize on his invention. Failing to acquire enough funds to open a factory, he sold the rights to the patent in 1868 and died in obscurity in 1881.
- On Nov. 21, 1934, a teenage and terrified Ella Fitzgerald stepped on the stage at Harlem's Apollo Theater to participate in Amateur Night after her name was drawn from a hat. At the time an aspiring dancer, she spontaneously decided to sing instead, not only winning the competition after a rough start, but unknowingly setting her feet on the path to becoming a music legend.
- On Nov. 22, 1986, 20-year-old Mike Tyson knocked out 33-year-old Trevor Berbick in only five minutes and 35 seconds to become the youngest titleholder ever. He had won all 27 of the matches he'd previously fought, knocking out 26 of his opponents.
- On Nov. 23, 2002, John Herrington became the first Native American in space when he set out on a mission to the International Space Station. In honor of his heritage, he brought along several eagle feathers, a traditional wooden flute, a few arrowheads and the flag of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ASTRONOMY: When was Pluto reclassified as a dwarf planet?
- ACRONYM: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Dodecanese Islands?
- MUSIC: Which country music star threw the javelin in college?
- TELEVISION: Which character on the series "Bridgerton" admits to being Lady Whistledown, the pseudonym of a gossip writer?
- MATH: How many degrees are in a circle?
- MOVIES: What was the name of actor Henry Fonda's last movie?
- ANATOMY: In human beings, what is the condition called polythelia?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef had a specialty food store called "The Barefoot Contessa"?
- CHEMISTRY: What metallic element has the highest melting point?

Answers

- 2006.
- Uniform Resource Locator.
- Aegean Sea.
- Garth Brooks.
- Penelope Featherington.
- 360.
- "On Golden Pond."
- Having an extra nipple.
- Ina Garten.
- Tungsten (W).

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Awards 32 Grants totaling \$622,332

By THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) awarded 32 grants totaling \$622,332 in their third quarter funding cycle. Grant funds were awarded during a recent check presentation at the Grand Ronde Governance Center.

Polk County’s Salem Dream Center’s \$5,000 youth grant was among 15 small grants worth \$97,536 presented, while another 15 large grants worth \$499,796 were given out. Additionally, \$25,000 in annual Youth Grantmaking grants were awarded at a special check presentation in early August

by the Community Fund’s summer youth interns.

Among the nonprofits to receive grants from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund this quarter were:

- **Benton County**
- Civics Learning Project - \$20,000
- Clackamas County
- Native Fish Society - \$25,000
- Parrott Creek Child & Family Services - \$50,000
- Greater Oregon City Watershed Council - \$7,500
- Pacific Northwest Search and Rescue, Inc. - \$2,036
- Red Lodge Transition Services - \$7,500
- Youth Music Project - \$7,500
- Lane County

- St Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County - \$5,000 (youth grant)
- The Arc of Lane County - \$5,000 (youth grant)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley - \$20,000
- Bethel Education Foundation - \$4,000
- Creswell Clubhouse - \$5,000
- Sheltercare - \$7,000
- Veterans Legacy - \$7,500
- Walama Restoration Project - \$7,500
- **Linn County**
- Jackson Street Youth Shelter - \$5,000 (youth grant)
- Marion County
- Wisdom of the Elderberry Farm - \$5,000 (youth grant)

- The Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality - \$40,000
- Ampkwa Advocacy - \$7,500
- Stayton Public Library Foundation - \$5,000
- Multnomah County
- Latino Network - \$50,000
- Painted Horse Recovery - \$43,234
- Portland Youthbuilders - \$20,000
- Ronald McDonald Houses of Portland, Oregon - \$100,000
- Schoolhouse Supplies - \$40,000
- The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources - \$45,000
- AdoptOneBlock - \$7,500
- Healthy Living Community - \$7,500

- Medicine Bear - \$7,000
- **Tillamook County**
- Operation Warm - \$7,500
- Washington County
- Swallowtail Waldorf School & Farm - \$46,562

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon is committed to honoring the Tribal traditions of sharing and giving back. In 1997, through a formal compact agreement between the Tribe and the State of Oregon, Spirit Mountain Community Fund was established as a way for the Tribe to give back to the local communities that supported them during their most vulnerable time, the termination era.

Through the Community Fund, the Tribe donates 6

percent of casino revenue to nonprofit organizations throughout northwest Oregon. We accomplish this by providing competitive grant programs in an 11-county service area, as well as to government agencies in Lane, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes of Oregon.

Our primary focus is to improve the quality of life for all people living in northwest Oregon through community investments consistent with the Tribe’s culture and values. Since inception, the Community Fund has awarded 3,454 grants totaling \$101,780,662.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund seeks nominations for Helping Hand award

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) frequently celebrates its nonprofit partners’ success and remarkable achievements. However, the individuals within these inspiring organizations often don’t receive the recognition they deserve. A fundamental ingredient of a successful organization is the dedication, commitment, and unwavering effort of the individuals working within the organization.

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund needs the

community’s help finding that one special “helping hand” in your organization or community. Send them your nomination for the 2025 ye?lan lima award (A Chinuk Wawa phrase meaning: Helping Hand). Your nominee may be a volunteer, a co-worker, a manager/supervisor, or someone you know who is affiliated with a partner nonprofit organization.

Nomination letters for this year’s ye?lan lima award are being accepted from through Nov. 13.

Award categories are:

- Non-paid volunteer
- Paid non-management staff
- Paid management staff

The criteria for a nominee include one or more of the following qualities:

- Exhibits style and influence to motivate those with whom they interact
- Performs work tasks in an exemplary manner that inspires others to excel
- Consistently demonstrates outstanding conduct and performance of duties

- Demonstrated dedication, superior reliability, and cooperation in achieving the mission, goals, and objectives of the nonprofit organization of which they are employed or volunteer

The nomination letter needs to be limited to one page and not to exceed 250 words. Nomination letters must be emailed to info@thecommunityfund.com by 5 p.m. on Nov. 13.

- Nomination letters must include a recent color photo of the nominee (.jpeg format preferred)

- Nomination letters must specify which award category they are submitting for their nominee
- Nominee must be currently working in the nonprofit sector & serving within SMCF’s 11-county service area (Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, or Yamhill)
- All nomination materials submitted will become the property of SMCF and will not be returned

- Persons may not nominate themselves or their family members
- Previous Helping Hand award winners are ineligible

Each award recipient will receive a distinctive recognition award, a one-night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino, and \$500.

Winners will be selected in early December, and awards will be delivered before Christmas. If you have any questions, please email info@thecommunityfund.com or call (503) 879-1400.

DANIELS

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listen — to hear their story, to understand their journey, and

to stand beside them in unity and gratitude.

We may have served in different places and at different times, but we are all part of the same legacy. Our shared service, our shared sacrifice, and our shared hope for a

better future unite us as one people. Let us continue to build on that unity — to care for one another, to strengthen our communities, and to ensure that the freedoms we defended endure for generations to come.

May we always be a nation worthy of our veterans — and may we never forget that the strength of our country lies in the service and unity of its people.

God bless our veterans, their families and the United States of America.

Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels is a proud veteran of the United States Army and the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans’

Affairs (ODVA) overseeing agency operations, ensuring the availability and access of vital veteran services and programs for nearly 300,000 veterans and their families across the state.

HEALTH DIRECTORY

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- BestMed Urgent & Primary Care is located at:
- 186 West Ellendale Avenue, Dallas**
- Phone: 971-900-4984**

No tricks, all treats

PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES



New Morning Bakery gave out treats of freshly baked cookies.



Yolanda Zuger, usually of the Cornerstone Real Estate Team, was recruited by Hogwarts to hand out candy at the New Morning Bakery, where he team later hosted a costume contest during the DDA's Halloween Around Downtown.



Disney gave the evening off for Spiderman to hand out candy to the littlest princesses.



Handing out candy to the little Trick-or-Treaters.



Tim Shelton channels his inner Willy Wonka as he leads around his two Oompa Loompa children James, 5, and Soraya, 7.

Halloween sightings in Dallas

WILLAMINA COASTAL HILLS ART TOUR & QUILT SHOW

BEGIN YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH A TRIP TO VIEW THE WORKS OF LOCAL WEST VALLEY ARTISTS, ARTISANS, AND QUILTERS

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN WILLAMINA
9AM-5PM • NOV 7-8

POLK COUNTY'S ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

Polk County encourages businesses, families, youth organizations, and non-profit organizations to adopt an area of roadway for litter control.

The program allows citizens to demonstrate community pride and make a positive statement for a clean and attractive community. Adopting a road supports improved water quality by picking up litter within drainage ditches along roadways.

Annual cleanup days are scheduled every year during the spring and fall. Any individual or group interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program can contact the Polk County Public Works Department at (503)623-9287. Additional forms and information can also be found online at: <https://www.co.polk.or.us/pw/adopt-road-program>

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

YOUR NAME HERE

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

What You Can Do:

- ♦ **Auto Care**
- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- ♦ **Rain Barrels**
-
- You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.
- ♦ **Vegetated Filter Strips**
- You can plant filter strips, which are areas of native grass or plants, along driveways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across impervious surfaces.
- ♦ **Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste**
- For more information about how to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, you can contact the Polk County Environmental Health Division at (503) 623-9237.
- ♦ **Illicit Discharge**
- To report illicit discharge call (503) 623-9287, or visit <https://www.co.polk.or.us/pw/report-spill>

Why is Stormwater Runoff a Problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

To learn more, visit the Polk County Stormwater Website at <http://www.co.polk.or.us/cd/building/stormwater-resources>



Prep Calendar	
Nov. 7	
5A Football Playoffs, First Round	
No. 6 Dallas vs No. 11 Milwaukie, 7 p.m.	
1A Football Playoffs, First Round	
No. 9 Powder Valley vs. No. 8 Perrydale	
Northman Stadium, McMinnville High School, 6 p.m.	
Nov. 8	
OSAA State XC Championships	
Lane Community College	
Central, 1:45 p.m.	
Dallas, 2:20 p.m.	
Prep Scoreboard	
Oct. 28	
Volleyball	
Central 3, Dallas 0	
Boys Soccer	
West Albany 8, Central 0	
Woodburn 8, Dallas 0	
Girls Soccer	
West Albany 9, Central 1	
Dallas 2, Woodburn 1	
Oct. 29	
Volleyball	
North Douglas 3, Perrydale 0	
Oct. 30	
Boys Soccer	
Crescent Valley 8, Central 0	
West Albany 8, Dallas 0	
Girls Soccer	
Crescent Valley 6, Central 0	
West Albany 4, Dallas 0	
Oct. 31	
Football	
West Albany 40, Central 14	
Lebanon 30, Dallas 29	
North Douglas 42, Perrydale 36	
Triangle Lake 34, Falls City 0	
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State Playoffs First Round	
Nov. 1	
Bend 3, Central 0	
St. Paul 3, Perrydale 0	

Dallas heads into playoffs on three-game slide

Battle-tested Dragons hosts Milwaukie Friday

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

It wasn't the ending the Dragons wanted on Friday, but it was a performance that showed how battle-tested they've become.

Dallas dropped a hard-fought game, 30-29, to Lebanon. The outcome wasn't decided until the closing minutes.

The Warriors, unbeaten in Mid-Willamette Conference play, did what they had to do to secure the victory and, in the process, the league title.

"It was a very thrilling and exciting down-to-the-last-minute game," said Dallas head coach Andy Jackson. "Lebanon made more plays than we did at the very end. Their kids did a great job in the fourth quarter.... Kudos to Lebanon."

The Dragons led heading into the final frame. Had they held on, Dallas would have earned a share of the league title with the Warriors and Silverton Foxes.

"We had the lead," Jackson said. "But we

got a little passive in the moment."

Jackson emphasized responsibility for the loss begins at the top.

"When we lose, it's on the coaches. We've got to do a better job of preparing our kids," he said. "We've got great kids, and they deserve to be in a great spot."

Running back Aidan Galusha netted 75 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries for Dallas. He also scored a 2-point conversion.

Quarterback Tommy Hess completed 7-of-11 passes for 118 yards. Hess added a touchdown and 58 yards on the ground.

Chase Eriksen, with three catches for 74 yards, was the team's leading receiver.

On defense, Hunter Rivers and Jacoby Morrison combined for 18 tackles, while Erickson added an interception.

All three of the Dragons' losses came against worthy adversaries.

"Our losses were to teams (seeded fourth or higher) in the playoffs: Lebanon, Silverton and



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Dallas junior Aidan Galusha rumbles for a first down against Lebanon Friday. His two touchdowns were not enough, as the Dragons fell to the Warriors 30-29.

Willamette (a 6A school)," Jackson said. "Those are tough losses to take, but they were against quality opponents."

Dallas (4-2, 6-3 overall) is the sixth-seed in the Class 5A state championship bracket and hosts Milwaukie Friday at 7 p.m.

"I'm really proud of our kids," Jackson said. "We've been in it the last four weeks against the best of the best, and our kids keep

fighting. We've lost some guys along the way, but our players respond well. They're great kids, and they're going to be ready to go."

Expect the Dragons to meet their next challenge head-on.

"Milwaukie's a playoff team. They've been playing good football," Jackson said. "But our league is second to none. We're as battle-tested as it gets in 5A

football. I think our kids are going to prepare like champions all week and go play a great game."

The Dragons will have the hometown crowd behind them.

"Playing in Dallas is such a big deal. We've got an amazing home atmosphere," he said. "Our community and student section are incredible. Our team will show up in full effect."

Cirino wins third straight district title; Panthers headed to state

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Nobody does it better – at least not over the past three years, and not in the Mid-Willamette Conference.

Central High senior Ty Cirino won his third straight cross country district title at Ash Creek Preserve, near Western Oregon University.

Cirino's winning time of 15:13.34 in the 5K bested runner-up David Villanueva Cortes (16:26.73) of Woodburn by almost a minute.

"He looked really comfortable," coach Eli Cirino said of Ty's race. "It's hard to know exactly what he's capable of when he's that far ahead of everybody. I'm anxious to see him race (at state) in a big race with all the top guys. But he looked really strong and confident."

Ty also outran himself, as he clocked a time nearly 30 seconds faster than his 2024 effort of 15:40.7.

"Ty ran smart, stayed relaxed, and said afterwards he felt great. That's a really good sign after the struggles he's had this season," coach Cirino said.

Though it wasn't a personal record, the performance was among Ty's fastest on the course, and it came against a relatively small field that didn't demand his best.

With his high school career winding down, Ty will join the University of Colorado program next fall. His father believes the move will suit Ty well.

"He's been to camps in Bend and at Steens Mountain, and has done great at



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Running hard from the very beginning is Ty Cirino (front) and Central High's varsity boys cross country team, en route to winning his third straight Mid-Willamette Conference district title.

altitude," Eli Cirino said. "Ty's even won the uphill mile at Bowerman Camp and the uphill 5K at Steens, at around 7,000 feet. Boulder's at 5,200, so he'll adapt well."

Boulder is home to the University of Colorado.

While Ty doesn't boast the raw sprint speed of some collegiate runners, endurance and strength set him apart.

"He's not the fastest miler. But put him in a 5K, 8K or 10K, and he'll do really well," Eli Cirino said. "He'll redshirt his first year, so he'll have time to adjust and train without pressure."

Ty wanted to join a program that would challenge him.

"He wanted to go somewhere he wouldn't be the top

guy. He wanted to race against the best," Eli Cirino said.

The University of Colorado is part of the Big 12 Conference, home to such schools as Arizona, Oklahoma State, West Virginia and Brigham Young.

As a team, the Panthers' second-place finish locked them into Saturday's Class 5A state finals at Lane Community College in Eugene.

"Their facial expressions and body language said it all," said Eli Cirino of his team's commitment. "I couldn't be more proud of them, and their effort. They gave it their all."

The Panthers also got key performances from Aidan Wendring and Thomas Butler. Wendring, who battled nagging injuries all season, gutted

out a third place finish. Butter was 14th.

"Aidan had a tough year, but showed a lot of pride and heart," the coach said. "He was fading late in the race, but he battled for third and really stepped up for us."

Eli Cirino added last week that the team's focus over the next 10 days will be on recovery and preparation.

"If we get healthy, I think we're in great shape," he added. "Our goal is to finish in the top four, that's the trophy range. We've never finished better than fifth, so it would be huge for this group."

The last time the Panthers claimed a state title was in 1985, or 40 years ago. That said, this year's squad claims another honor.

"The guys like to say they are the fastest team Central's ever had," Eli Cirino said with a smile. "That might just be true."

A deep Corvallis team finished first with 38 points.

Results:

Panthers: Ty Cirino, first, 15:13.34; Aidan Wendring, third, 16:39.53; Thomas Butler, 14th, 17:24.7; Wyatt Hawes, 17th, 18:10.74; Colton Engdahl, 19th, 18:16.32. Also, Hudson Stange, 22nd, 18:20.88; Evan Taylor, 30th, 18:49.82.

Team scores: Corvallis, first 38 points; Central, second, 54; Crescent Valley, third, 89; Silverton, fourth, 108; South Albany, fifth, 146; Woodburn, sixth, 156; West Albany, seventh, 172; Lebanon, eighth, 216.

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1975

Rash of Dallas burglaries solved: 13-year-old responsible

A series of nine Dallas burglaries that occurred last week were solved Monday with the arrest by Dallas Police of a 13-year-old boy reportedly responsible for all of the break-ins. The boy was placed in the Juvenile Detention Center.

Also placed in the detention center were two 16-year-old boys and a 17-year-old. All three of the older boys were charged with theft by receiving. Police confiscated about \$500 in cash that was taken from the burglaries.

Polk County to continue control of child funds

A rate increase requested by Willamina Sanitary Service Co. was approved

Friday by the Polk County Board of Commissioners. The firm, which serves the Willamina and Grand Ronde Areas, received permission to increase the weekly single-can residential pickup from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per month. For two cans, the charge would climb from \$4.25 to \$5.50. During the meeting, the board passed a resolution calling for the clerk's office to continue collection and disbursement of child support funds.

Dragons wind up season Friday

All the mystery as to who will represent the East and West sides in the play-off game for Coast Valley League was resolved Friday evenings. Dallas had an outside chance, in a league vote, to represent the West if they defeated McMinnville Thursday evening and Forest Grove lost to Astoria.

FLASHBACK

This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1975: GRUESOME TWOSOME - Callers to the county's 911 Central Dispatch Center Thursday probably would have been more panicked than comforted if they could have seen what was on the other end of the line. Mary Comstock (left) and Sherri Jackson, dispatchers at the center, joined a large number of workers in Dallas who celebrated Halloween by putting on their ghoulish best.

Neither of those things happened. Dallas lost to Mac 14-7 and the Vikings whipped visiting Astoria on the same night 13-7 to claim their second consecutive West Division title.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1985

Pack ends strike threat

Administrators are running the school district rather than preparing for a strike;

teachers are teaching classes and their minds are on a grading period about to end rather than a strike; board members are back at their jobs or businesses full time. A three-year agreement on teachers' salaries and conditions was ironed out in a 12-hour session ending about 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 after off-and-on negotiations that began in the year and ended about 10 days short of a strike.

Foster gives up district court judge
Polk County District Court Judge Walt Foster notified Gov. Vic Atiyeh last week that he plans to retire Dec. 31, settling recent speculation about that possibility. Foster, who will be 65 in December, has completed about 20 years on the bench. He was appointed in 1965 by then-Gov. Mark Hatfield and, most recently, ran unopposed for re-election in 1984.

Pirates end season 2-7
Perrydale closed out its football season against the Casco League's top team Friday, and the Pirates knew it. St. Paul, 9-0, defeated Perrydale 49-6. But Pirates coach Mert Newland found more than a few good things to say about his 2-7 season. "We probably had our best defensive game of the year, even though the score didn't reflect it," Newland said. "St. Pauls is pretty powerful."

Community Achievement

Joe Shinkle wins best cowboy song awards



Joe Shinkle, of Dallas, holds his awards from the Wild Bunch Film Festival in Tuscan, Arizona, held Oct. 22-23. He won for his involvement in the film "Twenty Years for Twenty Dollars", winning Best MP3 Western Song for "Dark Skies" and Best Film Soundtrack in a Western Film

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Country musician who was famous for giving overly dramatic renditions of songs: Hammy Wynette.

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Community Calendar NOV. 5-12

Wednesday, Nov. 5
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Beginning Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:15 p.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:30 p.m. - Creating Community Connections, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Sip & Science: Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Watershed, Divine Distillers, 915 N. Main St., Independence

Thursday, Nov. 6
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Intermediate Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces & Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10:30 a.m. - Medicare Class with Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Medicare 101, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6 p.m. - Trivia & Vino at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Nov. 7
7:30 a.m. - Seniors Hiking Club trip to Silver Falls State Park, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Drawing for fun/ writer's workshop/Pottery

Class w/Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5 p.m. - Live Music: Debut of Sora Schutt (singing country favorites old and new), Divine Distillers, 915 N. Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Live Music:David - Elton John tribute artist, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

Saturday, Nov. 8
8 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center Board of Directors meeting
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
10 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center General Meeting
6 p.m. - Live Music:Johnny Wheels & the Swamp Donkeys, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road,

Independence, \$10 cover charge
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Sunday, Nov. 9
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
2 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Monday, Nov. 10
7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Public Library
10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/ Cribbage Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi/Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Movie Matinee, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.

4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Nov. 11
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling/ Intermediate Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 Main St.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas

Wednesday, Nov. 12
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library
168 Ecols St.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Beginning Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:15 p.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:30 p.m. - Creating Community Connections, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bambino's BamBus, 1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting
6 p.m. - Get Lit Book Club discusses Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.

Community Briefs

Fairgrounds hosts Holiday Fair Nov. 7-8
The Polk County Holiday Fair, a local tradition for more than 60 years, returns Nov. 7-8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Highway, in Rickreall. There will be more than 75 small business vendors with a wide array of hand-crafted goods. There's no entry fee, and door prizes are awarded every 15 minutes. Donations at the event go to support 4-H for youth in Polk County.

St. Thomas hosts free Veterans pancake breakfast Nov. 8
To honor veterans, the St. Thomas Episcopal Church hosts a free pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Nov. 8 at 1486 SW Levans St. in Dallas.

Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum hosts maintenance party Nov. 8
Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum invites anyone interested in helping to maintain the arboretum grounds from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 9. Join in a variety of tasks, big and small, and stay for as long as you want. This will be the last Saturday opportunity to volunteer at the arboretum this

year. See what's happening with the former pond. Help get the arboretum ready for winter. Meet at the arboretum center on Park Street.

Gentle House Holiday Bazaar moves to new location
The annual Gentle House Holiday Bazaar has moved to a new location Nov. 12-15 at Cultivate Community Church, at 655 S. Pacific Highway.

Monmouth hosts artist reception for Pam Serra-Wenz Nov. 7
The Monmouth Arts and Culture Commission presents an artists reception for Pam Serra-Wenz, from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 7 at City Hall, 151 Main St. Enjoy light refreshments while meeting the artist and checking out the city's new rotating art gallery.

PCL hosts Casino Night fundraiser Nov. 7
Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. (PCL) presents Prohibition Casino Night fundraiser, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at The Independence Hotel, 201 Osprey Lane, Independence. Roaring 20's themed costumes are encouraged,

Play with fake money, win real prizes. There will be casino games, food and fun. Secure your tickets now at www.auctria.events/prohibitioncasino.

Panther Kids annual tournament returns Nov. 8
Panther Kids Wrestling presents their annual

wrestling tournament Panther Pit Throwdown, is Nov. 8 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Central High School, 1530 Monmouth St., in Independence. Weigh-ins start at 6 a.m., wrestling starts 8 a.m. Come cheer on our wrestlers as they give it their all on the mat.

The Hotel Salem is Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce's member of the week.
The Hotel Salem is at 4370 Commercial St SE, Salem. Formerly known as The Phoenix Inn & Suites, the hotel has been renovated, rebranded, and beautifully appointed. In addition to 84 spacious and comfortable rooms, The Hotel Salem also has a complimentary hot buffet breakfast, indoor pool and fitness room, and is certified Bike Friendly by Travel Oregon. Those are but a few of the amenities offered by The Hotel Salem.
We recognized many of the activities and sites recommended by The Hotel Salem, including Crush Wine Tours and several Polk County vineyards. The Hotel Salem recommends a large spectrum of experience for the local traveler. Shuttles to and from the Portland Airport enhance their convenience and attractiveness.
If you're thinking about a reservation for yourself, a friend or a family member, contact The Hotel Salem by phone at 800 445-4498, or online at hotelsalemoregon.com.
The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is pleased to name the Hotel Salem as a Member of the Week.



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PCIO25-1391 TS No. OR07000219-24-1 APN 200767 To No 3321727 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, DARNELL LARVELL JOHNSON SR as Grantor to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for OPEN MORTGAGE. LLC. Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of December 23, 2021 and recorded on January 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-000403 and the beneficial interest was assigned to FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded September 10, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-006706 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 200767 LOT NUMBER - TWO (2), BLOCK NUMBER TWENTY-SIX (26) IN THORPS TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 430 LOG CABIN STREET, INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 Both the Beneficiary, Finance of America Reverse LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7 under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$103,750.12 together with interest thereon from July 3, 2024 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 17, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/02/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0479648 TO: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/05/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025

PCIO25-1392 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearings will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, November 13, 2025 on the following: Variance #25-05 (Continuance from 10/9/2025) Sign Permit Exception for new fuel station at 1985 Skys the Limit Way. Approval Criteria: DDC.3.6.120 Conditional Use Permit #CUP-25-08 Establish a Short-Term Vacation Rental at 529 NW Crater Lake Drive. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4.040 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call Chase Ballew, City Planner (503) 831-3570

PCIO25-1394 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No. 25PB09383 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of Susan Kennard NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michael D. Kennard has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 6400 SE Lake Road, Suite 440, Portland, Oregon 97222, within four months after date of first publication of this Notice, as stated below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and Published on November 5, 2025. Michael D. Kennard Personal Representative Jonathan Bacsalmasi, OSB #170830 Fitzwater Law Of Attorneys for Personal Representative 6400 SE Lake Road, Suite 440 Portland, OR 97222 (503) 786-8191 jonathanb@fitzwaterlaw.com

PCIO25-1395 POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, OREGON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING SERVICES Notice is hereby given that proposals are invited to be received to provide Agricultural Water Quality Monitoring Services to Polk Soil and Water Conservation District. Brief description of work to be performed: Provide routine and event-based water sample collection and data retrieval for the Polk Focused Ag Solutions (FAS) Agricultural Water Quality Project. Collect water samples and field data from specified locations. Be trained on, and use, calibrated field instruments owned by Polk SWCD. Submit accurate, timely records to the FAS Project Manager. Transport water samples to one or more testing laboratories using proper chain-of-custody procedures. Proposal documents will be available on November 5th, 2025. To view electronic copies at: <https://polkswcd.com> under "Quick Links" on the home page. Bidders shall be responsible for checking the website for any Addendums or clarifications to the bid documents. Return the complete proposal documents no later than November 20th, 2025, 4:00 pm, PST as follows: • Bid in electronic form email to: Kevin Porter, District Manager manager@polkswcd.com with Subjectline: QUALITYMONITORINGRFP • Bid in writing must be sealed, marked plainly as Attn: Kevin Porter AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING RFP, and received by Kevin Porter, Polk SWCD, 580 Main Street, Suite A, Dallas, OR, 97338 For additional information, contact Kevin Porter via email at manager@polkswcd.com Date Dated this 5th day of November 2025 By: Kevin Porter District Manager Polk SWCD, Oregon

PCIO25-1384 OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION v. NICK A. MCBETH SUMMONS - CASE No. 25CV40127 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN TO: NICK A. MCBETH, the above-named defendant. You are hereby

required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For the principal sum of \$16,611.53, plus late fees in the amount of \$125.00, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$1,044.21 through July 8, 2025, plus interest accruing on the principal balance at the contract rate of 14.34 percent per annum (\$6.526 per diem) from July 9, 2025, until the date judgment is entered (the amount owing may be reduced by the net proceeds, if any, following repossession and sale of the Vehicle); 2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs A1 and A2 above at the contract rate of 14.34 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered until paid in full. B. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For recovery of the 2012 Ram 1500 Quad Cab, VIN 1C6RD7JT5CS241789 (the "Vehicle"), by seizure and sale of the property through replevin; and, alternatively, for value of the Vehicle if Defendant fails to surrender it; 2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs B1 and B2, at the contract rate of 14.34 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full. C. ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF: 1. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Circuit Court Judge Lindsay R. Partridge of the above-entitled Court made on the 18th day of November, 2024, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County, Oregon. Date of first publication: October 29, 2025 Date of last publication: November 19, 2025 Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff FARLEIGH WADA WITT 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204-3136 (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwwlaw.com

PCIO25-1381 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace, located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304, intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 11/19/2025 at 10:00AM. Lecheasha McDonald Unit #157; Lisa Miller Unit #631. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1380 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Dura Built Construction, LLC, as Grantor, to Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon, as Trustee,* in favor of Keith A. Noble and Marilyn L. Noble Co-Trustees of the Noble Family Trust dated March 3, 2003, as Beneficiary, dated May 17, 2023, recorded May 22, 2023, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon, as Instrument number 2023-003766, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: Commonly known as 2418, 2438, and 2448 Morrow Court, Salem, Oregon. *The successor Trustee is Nicholas J. Hennemann, Attorney at Law. Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell

the real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute 86.752. The default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: the monthly payments in the sum of \$1,640.25 each for the months of October 2024 through June 2025. By reason of the default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: Principal in the sum of \$198,626.05, with interest thereon at the rate of 9 percent per annum beginning October 1, 2024; and unpaid interest in the sum of \$2.55; together with penalties, title expenses, costs, Trustee's fees and attorney fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the Beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned Trustee will on December 23, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock, A.M. in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: The front steps of the County Courthouse, 850 S. Main Street Dallas, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by Grantor of the trust deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with the statute addressed to the Trustee either by personal delivery to the Trustee's physical office set forth in this notice, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Trustee's post office box address set forth in this notice. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right under ORS 86.778 to have the proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying the entire amount then due (other than such portion as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with costs, Trustee's fees and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default that is capable of being cured, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the 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. Dated: October 17, 2025. /s/ Nicholas J. Hennemann, Trustee For further information, please contact: Nicholas J. Hennemann, Trustee Hennemann Law Mailing address: P.O. Box 531 Sublimity, OR 97385 (503) 963-6363 Office address: 278 E. High St., Ste 202 Stayton, OR 97383 This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PCIO25-1386 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE, NOTICE OF DEFAULT, AND ELECTION TO SELL. The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed and Promissory Note described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby gives notice of sale, default, and elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. The following information is provided: 1. PARTIES Grantor: 1700 Edgewater LLC Original Trustee: First American Title of Lane County Prior Successor Trustee: James A. Gardner, Gardner Beckley Meadows, LLC Successor Trustee: Darien S. Loiselle, Sokol Larkin Wagner & Storti, LLC Beneficiary: AMR Investment

Group, LLC Current Occupant: 1700 Edgewater LLC 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: The Property is described as follows: Street Address: 1750 Edgewater St. NW, Salem, OR 97304 Legal Address: See Exhibit A attached hereto. 3. RECORDING: The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Dated: June 21, 2022 Date Recorded: June 24, 2022 Instrument No.: 2022-007586, Polk County 4. DEFAULT: The Grantor(s) are in default and the Beneficiary has declared all sums due pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Note and Supplementary Promissory Note both dated June 16, 2022, in the original amount of \$4,650,000.00 plus interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum, in the monthly principal and interest installments of not less than \$46,500.00, until June 1, 2024, when the entire unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest was due and payable, accrued late charges in the amount of 10 % of the installment amount, beginning on the first day of each installment period, the original of which is incorporated into the Trust Deed by reference, the entire balance of which is presently due and owing and the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee have elected to foreclose the Trust Deed because of the following: 1. Failure to make principal installment payments; 2. Failure to interest installment payments; 3. Failure to pay late fees; and 4. Failure to pay default interest, cost, and attorney fees. 5. AMOUNT DUE: By reason of the Default just described, the Beneficiary has declared and does hereby does declare all sums owing on the obligations secured by the Trust Deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following: principal in the amount of \$4,650,000.00; interest at a rate of 12% per annum; late fees; default interest at a rate of 20% per annum (or the maximum extent allowed by law whichever is less; title expenses; insurance; costs; trustee fees; attorney fees; and any other cost advances made by the Beneficiary to protect their interest in the said real property pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed, including but not limited to attorney fees and costs incurred in defending and protecting the Beneficiary's interest in the Property against claims by third parties. Please note that the amounts stated herein are subjection to confirmation and review and are likely to change in the next 30 days. Please contact the Successor Trustee to obtain a payoff quote prior to remitting funds. 6. ELECTION TO SELL: The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the Property at the time, place, and location listed below by public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in Property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or its successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the Successor Trustee and costs and fees permitted under the Trust Deed. 7. TIME AND PLACE OF SALE: Date: Thursday, - ? February-? ? 5,- ? 2026 Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Main Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97388 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE: The right exists under ORS 86.778 to have the proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by paying the entire amount then due, together with costs, trustee's fees, and attorney fees, and by curing any other default complained of in the Notice Of Default, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale. 9. STATUTORY NOTICE: 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 purchases of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. 10. DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE TO 1700 EDGEWATER LLC: 1700 Edgewater, LLC owes creditor, AMR Investment Group, LLC, the amounts described above pursuant to the Trust Deed and Promissory Note described above. Unless you notify the undersigned Successor Trustee within thirty (30) days after receipt of this notice that the validity of this debt, or any portion of it, is disputed, AMR and the Successor Trustee will assume that the debt is valid. If 1700 Edgewater, LLC sends the Successor Trustee

written notice within 30 days that 1700 Edgewater, LLC disputes this debt, or any portion thereof, the Successor Trustee will obtain verification of the debt and mail it to 1700 Edgewater, LLC. Also, upon 1700 Edgewater, LLC's request within thirty (30) days, the Successor Trustee will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. This notice is an attempt to collect a debt any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 11. MISCELLANEOUS: Other than as shown of record, neither Beneficiary nor Successor Trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have lien upon or interest in the Property described above subsequent to the interest in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors of any lessee of other person in possession of or occupying the Property, except: None. 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 persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest if any. Exhibit A A tract of land situated in Sections 28, 29 and 30, Township 7 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Northerly line of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company, (hereinafter referred to as SFCW), recorded in Volume 50, page 105, Deed Records, said point being on the Westerly line of Out Lot 4 in FAIR OAKS, as platted and recorded in Volume 1, page 29, Book of Town Plats for Polk Count, Oregon; and running thence South 14°58'09" East 60.01 feet along said Westerly line to a point on the South line of that tract conveyed to Southern Pacific Company, (hereinafter referred to as SPC), in Volume 65, page 620, Deed Records, said point being 40 feet Southerly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said SFCW railroad; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 994.93 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 81°16'20" West 250.48 feet), 251.14 feet along said South line to a point of tangency; thence South 88°30'13" West 255.00 feet along said South line to a point of curvature; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 914.93 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears South 85°29'36" West 96.10 feet), 96.14 feet along said South line to the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 14°58'09" West 20.17 feet to a point on the Southeasterly line of the aforementioned SFCW railroad, said point being 20 feet Southeasterly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 934.93 feet radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears South 62°30'32" West 633.82 feet), 646.63 feet along said Southeasterly line to a point on the South line of Stage Highway 22; thence North 83°10'52" East 579.19 feet along said South line to a point 110.00 feet Southerly and opposite Engineer's Centerline Station 1291+93.09; thence North 83°55'14" East 404.79 feet along said South line to a point 95.00 feet Southerly and opposite Engineer's Centerline Station 1295+97.60; thence North 85°34'46" East 348.88 feet along said South line to the ordinary high water line of the Willamette River; thence Southwesterly (on a meander line of South 49°49'54" West 2580.92 feet), along said ordinary high water line to a point on the Southwesterly line of that tract of land described in that instrument recorded in Volume 172, page 702, Deed Records; thence North 51°27'00" West 489.07 feet along said Southwesterly line to a point on the Southeasterly line of that tract conveyed to SPC in that instrument recorded in Volume 211, page 620, Deed Records, said point being 60 feet Southeasterly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of the aforementioned SFCW railroad; thence South 39°32'23" West 15.23 feet along said Southeasterly line to a point of curvature; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 5669.58 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears South 39°11'31" West 68.82 feet), 68.82 feet along said Southeasterly line to a point of tangency; thence South 38°50'39" West 14.64 feet along said Southeasterly line to a point of curvature; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 5789.58 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 41°48'10" West 597.67 feet), 597.94 feet along said Southeasterly line to an

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angle point thereof; thence North 45°14'18" West 30.00 feet to a point on the Southeastly line of that property conveyed to the SFCW in Volume 47, page 468, Deed Records, said point being 30 feet at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 5759.58 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 45°52'03" West 222.35 feet), 222.36 feet along said Southeastly line to the beginning of an offset spiral curve to the right; thence South 47°58'44" West 151.55 feet along the chord of said offset spiral to a point of curvature; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 1462.39 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 69°16'58" West 967.12 feet), 985.67 feet along said Southeastly line to a point of compound curve; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 2894.79 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 89°05'23" West 50.32 feet), 50.32 feet along the South line of said property to a point on the East line of that tract of and described in that instrument recorded in Instrument No. 2008-9471; thence North 0°35'06" East 10.00 feet along said East line to the Southeast corner of that tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 47, page 463, Deed Records, said point being 20 feet Southerly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence Northwesterly along the arc of a 2884.79 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears North 86°35'44" West 384.42 feet),

384.70 feet along the South line of said tract to the Northeast corner of that tract conveyed to SPC in Volume 93, page 188, Deed Records; thence South 73°16'13" West 72.06 feet to a point 50 feet Southwesterly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of the SFCW railroad; thence Northwesterly along the arc of a 2914.79 feet radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears North 73°38'55" West 794.39 feet), 796.87 feet along the Southwesterly line of said tract to a point of tangency; thence North 65°49'00" West 68.15 feet along said Southwesterly line to the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 24°10'59" East 30.00 feet to a point on the Southwesterly line of the aforementioned SFCW tract recorded in Volume 47, page 463, said point being 20 feet Southwesterly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence North 65°49'00" West 1179.17 feet along said Southwesterly line to the ordinary highway water line of the Willamette River; thence Westerly, (on a meander line of North 68°48'55" West 1382.23 feet and South 75°11'45" West 1732.37 feet), along said ordinary high water line to the East line of that property described in that instrument recorded in Instrument No. 2016-6163, Deed Records; thence North 2°09'46" West 57.36 feet, more or less, along said East line to the Southeast corner of that tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 41, page 432, Deed Records, said point being 25 feet Southerly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence

Southwesterly along the arc of a 979.93 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 87°16'22" West 273.57 feet), 274.46 feet along the South line of said tract to a point of tangency; thence North 84°42'12" West 288.00 feet along said South line to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South 5°17'48" West 5.00 feet to the Southeast corner of that tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 41, page 433, Deed Records, said point being 30 feet Southerly at perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence North 84°42'12" West 28.69 feet along the South line of said tract to the West line of the aforementioned property described in Instrument No. 2016-6163; thence South 0°02'48" West 110.00 feet, more or less, along said West line to the ordinary high water line of the Willamette River; thence Westerly, (on a meander line of North 79°38'29" West 937.44 feet and South 77°21'42" West 760.59 feet), along said ordinary high water line to the Northeastly line of that property described in Book of Records 154, page 1678, Polk County; thence North 32°42'02" West 140.00 feet, more or less, along said Northeastly line to the South line of "Parcel 3" in deed dated July 26, 1935 from Southern Pacific Company to the State of Oregon, said point being 15 feet Northerly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of the SFCW railroad; thence along said South line of "Parcel 3" the following eight courses: thence Northeastly along the arc of a 1051.00 foot radius curve to the right, (the

chord of which bears North 77°31'48" East 641.40 feet), 651.79 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 84°42'12" East 1439.42 feet to a point of curvature; thence Northeastly along the arc of a 939.93 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears North 83°27'28" East 385.67 feet), 388.42 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 71°37'09" East 1077.55 feet to a point of curvature; thence Southeastly along the arc of a 1160.92 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears South 87°05'55" East 842.73 feet), 862.43 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 65°49'00" East 148.00 feet to an angle point; thence North 24°11'00" East 15.00 feet to an angle point, said point being 30 feet at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of the aforementioned SFCW railroad; thence South 65°49'00" East 1009.17 feet to an angle point; thence South 2°39'55" West 10.75 feet to the Northerly line of the aforementioned tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 47, page 463, said point being 20 feet Northeastly at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of said railroad; thence along said Northerly line the following ten courses: thence South 65°49'00" East 1185.01 feet along said Northeastly line to a point of curvature; thence Southeastly along the arc of a 2844.79 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bear South 78°36'45" East 1260.11 feet), 1270.65 feet to a point of compound curve; thence Northeastly along the arc of a 1412.39 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord

of which bears North 69°16'58" East 934.05 feet), 951.97 feet to the beginning of an offset spiral curve to the left; thence North 47°58'12" East 148.93 feet along the chord of said offset spiral to a point of curvature; thence Northeastly along the arc of a 5749.58 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears North 39°11'31" East 69.79 feet), 69.79 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 39°32'23" East 302.76 feet to the beginning of an offset spiral curve to the right; thence North 39°37'23" East 50.09 feet along the chord of said offset spiral to a point of curvature; thence Northeastly along the arc of a 5749.58 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears North 40°56'23" East 230.79) 230.80 feet to the beginning of an offset spiral curve to the right; thence North 42°15'24" East 50.09 feet along the chord of said offset spiral to a point of tangency; thence North 42°20'23" East 976.20 feet along the Northwestly line of said tract and the Northwestly line of the aforementioned tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 50, page 105, to a point of curvature; thence Northeastly along the arc of 974.93 foot radius curve to the right, (the chord of which bears North 65°25'18" East 764.44 feet) 785.51 feet along said Northwestly

line to a point of tangency; thence North 88°30'13" East 255.00 feet along the Northerly line of said tract to a point of curvature; thence Northeastly along the arc of a 934.93 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears North 81°14'26" East 236.40 feet) 237.03 feet along said Northerly line to the point of beginning.

PCIO25-1379 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk Case No. 25PB08805 In the Matter of the Trust Administration of the Theodore A. O'Connor Trust dated October 4, 2017 Notice is hereby given that Michael K. O'Connor, as Trustee of the Theodore A. O'Connor Trust dated October 4, 2017, presents this Notice to Interested Persons as follows: All persons having claims against the Settlor, Theodore A. O'Connor, or the trust estate are required to present them to the Trustee at 3001 Stone Creek Street, Caldwell, Idaho 83605, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Trustee, or the attorneys for the Trustee. Michael K. O'Connor Trustee of the Theodore A. O'Connor Trust dated October 4, 2017 Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP Attorneys for the Trustee 693 Chemeketa Street NE Post Office Box 2247 Salem, Oregon 97308-2247 Date of first publication: October 22, 2025, Second and third publication: October 29, 2025; November 05, 2025

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, Oct. 23
At 3:52 a.m., Feliciano Mata, Joksan Zavala and Fernando Matinez were arrested on Orchard Avenue and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft 2 and possession of a stolen vehicle.
At 9:07 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Jefferson Street speeding. The officer later found the driver was in violation of a no contact release agreement with the passenger. Nicholas Watkins, of Independence, was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail, charged with contempt of court - violation of no contact release agreement.
At 1:59 p.m., a motorist on Barberry Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 4:26 p.m., a motorist on Fairhaven Lane was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 6:21 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious male behind the bowling alley and adjacent residence. They were unable to locate anyone.
At 6:55 p.m., a report of three Hispanic males going up to houses on Douglas Street pretending to be Pacific Power. They were gone upon officers' arrival.
At 8:36 p.m., officers performed a welfare check on a resident on Ellendale Avenue. She had visible injuries to her left side of the face. She stated she was in a bicycle crash involving her dog who

was in training on a leash and refused medical assistance. She stated she was not attacked.
Friday, Oct. 24
At 6:35 a.m., a welfare check was requested for a resident on Hillcrest Drive due to motion light going on and off. Officers contacted the resident who said everything was fine. The home's motion light kept being triggered by the wind.
At 1:07 p.m., a late report of a hit and run on Holman Avenue.
At 5:25 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving uninsured.
At 6:01 p.m., officers investigated a report of a physical domestic disturbance on Ellendale Avenue. Tatiana Mortimer was cited and released for harassment.
At 8:47 p.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25-mph zone.

Sunday, Oct. 26
At 5:52 a.m., a report of a physical domestic disturbance in front of Walmart between a male and female. Officers in the area were unable to locate the subjects after an employee told them to split up and leave the property.
At 9:13 a.m., a motorist who backed into another vehicle while getting fuel was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.
At 3:32 p.m., a motorist on Levens Street was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 8:16 p.m., an officer assisted a citizen with changing a flat tire in the dark on Levens Street, providing illumination and moral support.
At 10:18 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25-mph zone and for driving uninsured.

Monday, Oct. 27
At 1:49 p.m., an officer picked up a baggie of white crystal substance for destruction found in an abandoned backpack on Kings Valley Highway from a couple months ago.
At 1:54 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone.
At 2:32 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.
At 9:20 p.m., a motorist on Cherry Knoll Road was cited for driving uninsured and received a written warning for impeding traffic.
At 9:48 p.m., an officer re-cited a subject into juvenile court for operation of an unsafe vehicle.
At 10:19 p.m., a report of an animal growling at the complainant on Holman Avenue. An officer was unable to locate any animals.
At 11:34 p.m., officers covered a Polk County Sheriff's Deputy on a controlled substance DUII stop.

Tuesday, Oct. 28
At 7:35 a.m., an officer advised a subject he could not set up a tent at a location on Ellenndale Avenue.
At 8:54 a.m., a subject set up his tent in the public right of way on Jasper Street. An officer advised he would likely get an eviction notice from code services.
At 9:07 a.m., a motorist from Rickreall was cited on Ellendale Avenue for driving while using a mobile electronic device.
At 9:36 a.m., a motorist on Strong Road was cited and released for reckless driving.
At 9:57 a.m., a motorist on Gerlinger Place was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 10:40 a.m., John Sholar, of Salem, was cited and released on Jefferson Street

for driving while using an electric mobile device (third offense).
At 2:28 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 31 mph in a 20-mph school zone.
At 9:12 p.m., an officer responded to a report of White Chevrolet pickup truck that backed into the Ellendale Storage Sign, causing minor damage. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle.
Wednesday, Oct. 29
At 1:44 a.m., a resident on Walnut Avenue reported his door had been kicked in.
At 12:19 p.m., a report of a fence on La Creole Drive likely hit by a vehicle.
At 5:23 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Kings Valley Highway.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Oct. 23
Assist Other Agencies: A stolen vehicle was located and confirmed by law enforcement from another agency.
Citizen Contact: A vehicle unlock service was provided for an individual at a laundromat.
Theft: Someone reported the theft of a weed wacker, a rototiller and painting supplies. The individual did not have serial numbers but planned to provide pictures of three suspects.
Suspicious Activity: Two young males attempted to sell a bicycle without a chain for a small amount of money. Law enforcement checked the area but did not locate them, and no other reports or apparent crimes were noted.
Welfare Check: A welfare check was requested for two children whom their parent had not been able to contact for a week. A court order allowed phone call time on specific days. Contact was made with the children and their other parent, who had

lost their phone and was using a backup without a service plan, relying on Wi-Fi for emailing. The requesting parent was updated but was displeased with the findings.
Friday, Oct. 24
Field Interview Report: A minor female was contacted walking alone late at night and was taken home to her residence.
Assist Other Agency: While a deputy was parked, a vehicle drove by and fired multiple shots at the deputy. The deputy pursued the vehicle, which stopped at a gas station. Additional law enforcement assistance was requested due to an uncooperative passenger. Two occupants were taken into custody, and at least one shell casing was found near the scene. An individual was arrested.
Crash: A neighbor reported hearing a crashing sound and then the lights dimming. Law enforcement and fire personnel searched the area but were unable to locate any damage.
Found Property: A scooter in poor condition and missing parts were found on a property. A serial number could not be located, and the scooter did not meet the safekeeping/ found property value policy.
Crash: A minor fender bender occurred in front of a police department between two drivers. One driver, slowing for a speeding truck, was rear-ended by the other driver. There was minor damage to both vehicles.
Found Property: Public Works reported finding a wallet containing an instructional permit. No contact number could be located for the individual, and the wallet and identification were placed in evidence for safekeeping.
Domestic Disturbance: A domestic incident occurred between a parent and their child. The child reportedly pushed the parent out of a

room, broke down the door, and then approached the parent with a piece of the broken door, who was calling emergency services. The child then dropped the item and left on foot. The child, who was referred for menacing and harassment, was picked up by the other parent.
Domestic Disturbance: An individual reported being threatened by a step-parent earlier in the day. The subject stated that during an argument with a parent, the step-parent interjected and threatened to "beat their ass" without raising a fist or taking any other threatening action. The subject left immediately. The step-parent corroborated the account but claimed not to remember what was said. The step-parent was cautioned against making such statements, especially if accompanied by threatening actions.

Saturday, Oct. 25
Suspicious Activity: A fight was discovered during a traffic stop involving intoxicated individuals after one kicked a vehicle. This led to a verbal and then physical altercation. Another individual intervened after seeing one person, who was larger, on top of the other. Both parties were separated, and no other calls were received. The involved parties did not wish to press charges. The intoxicated individual was later spoken to about their behavior.
Alarm: A glass break alarm was triggered at a cannabis business. The building appeared secure upon inspection.
Crash/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants: A report of a single-vehicle crash into a parked truck, which escalated into a disturbance. The driver had been driving east, and after looking at a passenger, collided

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head-on with a parked truck. The driver showed signs of impairment, performed poorly on field sobriety tests, and provided a blood alcohol content of 0.12%. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering, and was lodged after being cleared at a local hospital. Their friend’s vehicle was towed.

Crime: Sometime overnight, someone smashed or punched out a front window of a business, causing it to shatter. Staff at a nearby business had camera footage pointing towards the lounge’s window, but the system was locked and required a manager’s password for access. Follow-up with the nearby business was planned.

Debris: Multiple reports of large branches and trees that had fallen in various locations, including a large tree across the road on East Main Street, a large branch on East Church Street, and a tree across the road on Stadium Drive North. Public Works was contacted for removal.

Suspicious Activity: A report about a male spray painting a car. The caller later clarified that they did not actually witness the act but had heard about it.

Fight: An active fight was reported, but upon arrival, it was determined to be a verbal family altercation. One individual was cleared by medics.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Noise: A citation was issued for unnecessary noise, and an individual provided false identification. Follow-up is planned.

Bite: A dog fight resulted in a homeowner being bitten. Two dogs were kenneled, and a dog bite form will be completed.

Hit and Run: A pickup truck was reportedly backed into while parked, with no suspects identified.

Missing Person: A citizen requested a search for a missing partner who had mentioned suicidal thoughts. Phone pings suggested a local presence, but the individual was not found.

Arrest: An individual was cited and released for providing false information.

Citizen Contact: An individual reported being harassed by another individual honking and cursing at them. The complainant was advised to avoid confrontation.

Monday, Oct. 27

Domestic Disturbance: A citizen reported being strangled and having an object thrown at them by their estranged spouse. The spouse, who was on probation, was located and taken into custody.

Suspicious Person: A caller reported a male smoking fentanyl and talking to himself, but the subject was not located.

Disturbance: A hangup called to a disturbance between roommates. One roommate was asked to leave after an altercation, and both were advised to handle the situation civilly.

Drug Related: Suspected methamphetamine was found in a room during a sweep and seized for destruction.

Assistance to Other Agencies: Another agency responded to a reported prowler and possible gunshots, but no subject was found, and construction noise was a likely cause.

Theft: A citizen reported a neighbor stole prescribed medication. Follow-up is pending video, and the neighbor denied the theft.

Runaway: A student walked off campus but was returned to school by staff before law enforcement arrived.

Animal/Noise: A citizen complained about a dog

whining loudly, but no noise was heard upon inspection.

Suspicious Activity: A citizen reported a scam call from individuals impersonating law enforcement regarding drug investigations. They understood it was a scam.

Harassment: Two individuals reported that one of their mothers had liked their social media posts, despite a previous warning not to contact them. Account information was to be provided for follow-up.

Crash: A two-vehicle crash with no injuries occurred, and damage exceeded \$2,500.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Domestic Disturbance: A neighbor reported a domestic disturbance between two intoxicated individuals. One individual claimed the other broke property, which was denied, but the first individual admitted to breaking property and kicking in a door. No arrests were made, and one individual was transported.

Welfare Check: A medical clinic requested a welfare check on a baby with an urgent medical issue. Contact was made with the parent, who was already en route to the clinic.

Driving: A complaint about a driver traveling slowly, not using a signal, and making an offensive gesture. Contact was made with the driver, who was upset about another vehicle driving too closely. The driver was advised to drive safely and use signals. No impairment was observed, and no enforcement action was taken.

Alarm: A silent panic alarm was triggered from a bathroom motion sensor at a business. Employees were unsure why it activated, noting a similar incident occurred the previous week. It was suggested they contact the security company.

Suspicious Person: A report was made about an unknown male attempting to open a door with a handle/fingerprint lock. The reporter was not interested in pursuing the matter further.

Vandalism to the rear corner of a vehicle was reported. A large dent with no paint transfer was observed. The owner believed someone in the neighborhood caused the damage overnight.

Animal: A black dog was reported running loose. A second caller secured the dog on a leash. The owner was contacted, and the dog was returned. The owner noted that house repairs had caused a gate to not latch properly. Follow-up was advised regarding city registration for the animal.

Domestic Dispute: A welfare check was requested after a friend heard screaming and yelling. Responding officers spoke with the occupants, who confirmed a verbal argument over food. No injuries were observed.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Follow up: A request was made for DNA swabs for victims in a stolen vehicle case. Swabs were obtained and provided to a detective.

Deceased Person: A person was reported deceased in their apartment. The death was confirmed on scene and released to the appropriate authorities.

Suspicious Activity: A convoluted story was reported about a sibling hacking computers and deleting court documents. It was suggested the complainant try contacting a different agency again.

Found Person: A 2-year-old child was found walking alone. The child’s mother immediately appeared, explaining the child had wandered out when a door was not latched properly during a brief conversation with a neighbor. The child was fine.

Ordinance Violation: A complaint was made about construction at a listed address, specifically concerning supplies on the sidewalk and vehicles parked near an

intersection. The construction crew was asked to keep the sidewalk clear and ensure vehicles/tools were parked safely. The crew stated the job would be completed within a week and would comply.

Assist Other Agency: A cross-report was made regarding sexual behaviors by children at school, indicating possible sexual abuse. A caseworker was contacted to meet with the children and a detective.

Ordinance Violation: An abandoned and partially stripped vehicle was reported. An orange tow notice was affixed to the vehicle.

Ordinance Violation: A vehicle was reported as not having been moved in two years. The vehicle was located and appeared to have been driven recently. The registered owner was contacted and educated on the ordinance requirements, which they understood. The vehicle was driven off before the officer left.

Welfare Check: An employee did not show up for work, which was uncommon, and could not be contacted. After investigation, the employee was located at a boyfriend’s apartment and confirmed she was fine and had called into work. The initial reporter was updated.

Independence Police Department

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Officers were called to a disturbance at a storage unit business in the 400 block of North Ash Street, when an individual would not remove a vehicle he was staying in off the property. Jason Patterson threatened the tow truck driver and business employee with a pipe he wielded. Multiple dangerous items were within Patterson’s reach when officers contacted him. Patterson was resistant to leaving and had to be removed from his vehicle and transported to the Polk County Jail, where he was charged with unlawful carry of a weapon, menacing and coercion – aggravated assault.

Thursday, Oct. 23

An off-duty officer spotted Jesus Trujillo riding a bicycle downtown and called the police department as Trujillo was known to have a statewide felony parole violation warrant. When contacted on Main Street and searched prior to transportation to jail, Trujillo was found to have drug paraphernalia on him which he explained he’d found in the park. He was charged with probation violation and unlawful controlled substance.

At 1:37 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a ditch on Hoffman Road. There was no vehicle or property damage. The vehicle was towed due to the driver being uninsured.

Friday, Oct. 24

Michael Skinner approached a person from behind and pressed his body next to them in a parking lot. The victim did not know Skinner and had been while delivering items to the apartment complex in the 200 block of Deann Drive. Skinner was taken into custody and blew .15% blood alcohol content at the jail, where he was charged with harassment - offensive physical.

Saturday, Oct. 25

An officer noticed a vehicle travelling northbound on South 13th Street that had no license plates. He initiated a traffic stop on Monmouth Street and contacted the driver who failed to present a license or identify himself. Aaron Finnell Brown was recognized and cited for failure to present operator’s license.

Officers were called to a residence in the 900 block of North Main Street where Sergio Jimenez was found intoxicated and in violation of his parole agreement. He was transported to jail, where he

was charged with probation violation and blew a .16% blood alcohol content.

At 12:30 p.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road was cited for speeding 28 mph over the speed limit in a neighborhood.

Sunday, Oct. 26

An unresponsive but breathing motorist was found stopped in the lane of travel on Hoffman Road early in the morning. The motorist that stopped to check on him reported that Anthony Dorado initially would not wake up but when he did he took his foot off the brake and began rolling forward as he appeared to be looking for something in his car. After refusing to cooperate during the standard field sobriety tests with an officer, Dorado was taken into custody after being charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants - misdemeanor. Dorado refused to provide a breath sample so the hospital completed a blood draw to determine his blood alcohol content.

At 5:55 p.m., a report of a possible break in on Cessna Street. Officers found no signs of a crime.

At 10:52 p.m., a report of a possible prowler on Tyler’s Place. Officers found no trace of a crime committed.

Monday, Oct. 27

At 12:24 p.m., a report of a rape on Ash Street. The victim requested documentation only at this time.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

At 6:08 p.m., officers responded to a report of possible shots fired in the Grand Street area. The caller was unsure if they came from across the river or not. No other calls were received.

At 8:18 p.m., a report of political signs on Morning Glory Drive that were stolen and vandalized, possibly by a group of juveniles.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

At 9:50 a.m., an officer helped with a lockdown drill at a school on Church Street.

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Wednesday, Oct. 22

At 6:46 a.m., a deputy checked the Reuben Boise Road area due to reports of hunters hunting on properties they were not allowed to be hunting. The deputy was unable to locate any hunters but did leave a card on a car that was parked at an adjacent property that was not safe to be hunting.

At 7:26 a.m., deputies responded to a t-bone rollover crash at the intersection of Perrydale and Highway 22. They confirmed everyone was out and there were no injuries. They provided traffic control while Oregon State Police investigated. The cars were pushed out of the road to open the highway up.

At 8:31 a.m., a deputy was the chase car in a Salem Traffic Enhancement operation and cited a motorist on Edgewater Street for speeding 51 mph in a 35-mph zone.

At 12:01 p.m., a resident on Red Prairie Road reported a friend had located a Facebook post of the \$800 dollars in lumber stolen and of her stolen generator. A deputy sent her a community request link and asked her to submit the photographs.

At 12:28 p.m., a resident on Prospect Street reported being assaulted the previous night by a female subject. An investigation was initiated.

At 1:38 p.m., a motorist on 52nd Avenue was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 3:40 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on Sheldon Avenue in Falls City. A deputy contacted the registered owner and learned the vehicle’s steering went out so it was parked so the owner could fix it and get it out safely. The vehicle was far

enough off the road to not be a hazard.

At 3:08 p.m. a deputy investigated a report of an RV on Robb Mill Road that has had a dog tied up for the last seven days. The deputy contacted two individuals who were trying to fix the RV to move it from the location. The dog was in good health. The deputy provided a resource card to the female subject.

At 6:53 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:47 p.m., a motorist in a safety corridor was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.

Thursday, Oct. 23

At 3:52 a.m., Feliciano Mata, Joksan Zavala and Fernando Matinez were arrested on Orchard Avenue and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft 2 and possession of a stolen vehicle.

At 6:58 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 69 mph in a 55-mph zone on Pacific Highway. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for speeding and for no front license plate.

At 7:18 a.m., a deputy stopped to investigate a vehicle pulled over on the side of Highway 99. The driver was in the passenger side of the vehicle taking a poop in a bucket. He stated he had a medical condition and could not hold it any longer.

At 8:05 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver had a valid instruction permit; however was operating the motor vehicle without a licensed driver. The deputy gave her written warnings and allowed her to call her parents to drive her and the vehicle home.

At 1:37 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into the ditch on Hoffman Road. There was no property damage and the vehicle was not damaged. The vehicle was towed due to the driver not having insurance and unknown if he was drivable.

At 8:54 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street received a written warning for no headlights and failing to yield to an emergency vehicle. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 8:56 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a physical disturbance with a violent female on Prospect Street in Falls City. The female was non complaint and the deputies had to fight her into handcuffs. The female was charged with assault 4, resisting arrest, trespassing 2 and disorderly conduct 2 and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Friday, Oct. 24

At 2:47 a.m., while parked on the shoulder of Highway 22 a vehicle drove past a deputy and fired 5-8 shots that he initially believed were directed at him. The deputy caught up to the vehicle as it pulled into the Chevron and stopped for gas. The deputy did a high risk stop along with units from all of the nearby agencies. The deputy located a firearm but no casings inside the car, suggesting that the gun was out the window when it was fired. The passenger, Michael Benson, was caught in a lie after claiming the driver was the shooter, but all of the physical evidence pointed at the passenger. After investigating, it appears Benson was firing out the passenger side window (away from the deputy) for fun and never actually knew he was there. Benson was lodged at Polk County Jail and charged with felon in possession of a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon.

At 7:33 a.m., a motorist was pulled over for expired tags. The driver also did not have insurance. He was cited for driving uninsured and expired registration. The

driver bought insurance on the roadside so the vehicle would not be towed.

At 8:09 a.m., a deputy learned that Magan Bennett was arrested during the previous shift so contacted her at Polk County Jail. She refused to answer any questions. However, the deputy had probable cause from an earlier incident and charged Bennett with robbery 3, burglary 1, theft 3, trespass 1 and harassment.

At 9:33 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a three-vehicle crash, blocking Zena Road, with injuries. They arrived on scene re-routed traffic. Oregon State Police arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

At 9:51 a.m., a male subject came into the PCSO to return a Mongoose Dolomite bike he found by the Darrow Bar on the Willamette River. The bike did not come back as stolen so it was placed into the impound lot as found property.

At 11:17 a.m., a deputy contacted Jade Waggoner at the Oaken Hill Memorial Park in Willamina. Waggoner was suspected of cutting and transporting wood from a Weyerhaeuser property near Gold Creek. Waggoner said he had a friend on Finn Road that let him take the wood, although the deputy also had a camera on Gooseneck that proved otherwise. Waggoner was arrested and charged with two counts of cutting/transporting special forest products, theft 2 and trespassing. Waggoner was admonished and trespassing was passed from Weyerhaeuser, Hancock, Hampton, Starker, Stimson, Miami, Giustina, and Campbell properties.

At 1:33 p.m., a resident on Gage Road reported two suspects in a white mini-van had illegally shot three female deer on his property.

At 2:16 p.m., a motorist lost control around a turn on Corvallis Road and crashed into a speed/turn sign. She was uninjured. The car was towed. Polk County Public Works was notified about the sign.

At 2:42 p.m., a hunter shot a deer on Fire Hall Road. His friend, climbing down the approximate 50 foot embankment to look for the deer, suffered an apparent medical event and died. The medical examiner arrived to examine and release the body.

At 6:35 p.m., a motorist on Hayter Street was cited for failing to perform duties of a driver and for reckless driving.

At 6:35 p.m., a report of a single-vehicle crash into a ditch just north of Highway 22 on Doaks Ferry Road. The driver was uninjured; however, the vehicle was totalled. The driver said he took the corner a bit too sharp and was unfamiliar with the area.

At 9:36 p.m., a report of a motorist that crashed into a ditch on Corvallis Road after a deer jumped in front of the car.

Saturday, Oct. 25

At 6:40 a.m., a report of a male in boxers running in the road on Salem Dallas Highway. Neither deputies nor Oregon State Police were able to locate the subject.

At 7:40 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near Rickreall Road was stopped for no insurance. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and failing to register a vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

At 1:26 p.m., a resident on Caleb Road reported dogs loose in the area killed sheep on his property.

At 1:37 p.m., a motorist on Main Street in Falls City was cited for failing to register a vehicle and driving uninsured.

At 1:47 p.m., a report of a motorist that collided with an actively falling tree on Halls Ferry Road. There were no injuries. The car needed towing. A deputy assisted public works with clearing a lane up.

Central earns first playoff bid in eight years

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

For the first time in eight years, the Panthers volleyball team advanced to postseason play – an important milestone when building a program.

“It’s huge. We’ve been talking about it for a couple of years. For some programs that make the playoffs over and over, it might seem like something small. But for us, in one of the toughest leagues in the state, it’s everything,” said Cammy Baker, the team’s second-year coach. “This literally was our goal, and when you meet your goal, it feels really good.”

For senior Julissa Carbajal, who helped end the playoff drought, Central’s success is also personal.

“It means everything to me. This is my senior year, and it’s so nice to see all the work we’ve put in over the past three years finally pay off,” Carbajal said. “We’ve always had that drive to win, and we’re mentally tough.

Even when we lose, we move on and lift each other up.”

It also matters that the Panthers (7-7, 9-11 overall) dwell in the Mid-Willamette Conference, one of the state’s toughest when it comes to volleyball. South Albany earned the top seed overall, while Crescent Valley, West Albany and Corvallis were a seventh-seed or higher. All four teams advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

“Playing against great programs just makes us want to be better,” Carbajal said. “We want to block their strong hitters, outsmart their defense, and prove that we belong here.”

Sophomore Kydalin Baker feels both pride and a shared responsibility being a part of a team that has turned the corner.

“It means a lot to be a part of something bigger than what people thought we were,” Kydalin said. “Now there’s pressure for us younger players to keep it going. But that’s exciting.

It’s about what we can bring next.”

With five seniors set to graduate, Kydalin added the underclass is eager to carry the program forward.

“It’s a team sport,” she said. “It’s about how we come together. Even if we lose people, we’ll keep showing what we can accomplish.”

The team’s breakthrough wasn’t the result of a single turning point, Cammy explained, but rather steady growth that began last season.

“Coming out of last year we saw what we wanted to do, and couldn’t do yet. That fueled us,” she said. “Then we went to a team camp over the summer and that really brought us together. Camp also made us realize how capable we are and how much we love to play together.”

That chemistry is obvious to other people as well.

“We’re scrappy. We get a lot of things over the net. We have strong outside hitters,” Cammy said. “But beyond that, people tell us all the



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Brynn Taufa’asau powers down against the Dragons in a volleyball match from Oct. 28. The Panthers swept Dallas and later advanced to the first round of the state playoffs.

time we’re just fun to watch. Even after losses, they say we look like we love the sport and each other, and that’s why we do so well.”

Season finales

No. 4 Bend, a perennial powerhouse in volleyball, proved to be too much in sweeping the Panthers, 3-0, on Saturday, a loss that ended their postseason. Though

swept, Central was competitive, falling 25-16, 25-18, 25-19.

As for the Dragons, they finished the 2025 season 3-11 in league, 6-14 overall.

Rodli picks up the pace, Dragons claim automatic bid

By LANCE MASTERSON
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Nobody could keep pace with Kelsey Rodli once she turned on her jets.

The Dallas senior won her first Mid-Willamette Conference district title on the Ash Creek Preserve course, near Western Oregon University. Her winning time was 18:24.31, in the 5K.

Runner-up Alexa Montgomery, a Crescent Valley freshman, was second, at 18:36.00.

In the early going, Rodli was content running with the lead pack. But began surging with two kilometers left and never looked back.

“It feels pretty good,” Rodli said of the accomplishment. “The plan was to let the other girls take it out and then, in the last 2K, squeeze it down to separate from the pack. Yeah, I pretty much dared people to keep up.”

When asked if she was pleased with her strategy, she replied with a smile, “I’d say it worked to perfection.”

Coach Bailey Smith is impressed with his senior’s race IQ.

“Her maturity as a racer is immense,” he said of Rodli. “It takes confidence to be patient in 5K, then push from

2K out. A lot of kids want to hammer from the gun; she trusted the plan.”

Behind Rodli’s win and junior Amber Green’s fourth place finish, Dallas stacked enough scorers to place second overall, just four points behind powerhouse Corvallis, and earn its first automatic team bid to state in 20 years.

“We knew right away from the live results where we stood,” Smith said. “(Corvallis) scored 39 points, we scored 43. In a race like that, if one runner moves up two spots, it swings the score. We’re right there.”

Live results are posted online by www.athletic.net.

As for Green, she executed her own plan in posting her highest finish ever at a district finals.

“Go with the front pack and hold on for as long as I can,” she said of her strategy. “I slipped off the leaders, but held my position. With a K to go, I knew I was fine.”

This is the junior’s third trip to state. She’s eyeing a top-15 or better finish.

Rodli is headed to state for a fourth time. She enters as the sixth seed, and will achieve her goal if she holds serve.

“A podium spot would be awesome,” she said of the payoff for the eight top runners, “and team-wise, top-five is definitely in reach.”

Smith pointed to the culture that made the team’s success possible.

“Finishing second is huge. But it’s a product of all the miles they put in together – summer runs, weekend meetups they organize themselves. A healthy culture breeds more success.”

Smith believes his practices fit the challenge awaiting at state. The course is known for its bark-chip circuit, short, steep “rhythm-breaking” hills and classic early-November Oregon weather.

“It’s definitive cross country,” Smith said. “Rain, wind, cold. You’re always turning, climbing, or descending. Never settling in. We’ve trained for that all year at the Arboretum. Bark chips, hills, turns. It’s not easy. But it’s exactly what we’ll see.”

Surprises are always possible at state.

“You line it up again next week and it could be a different outcome,” Smith said. “We talk less about results and more on our brand. Grit, fighting for every spot,



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Amber Green (left) and Kelsey Rodli run with the lead pack during last week’s district finals at Ash Creek Preserve. Rodli, a Dallas senior, would go on to win her first district title. Green also ran an impressive race, finishing fourth.

handling the course and conditions better than anyone. If we do that, the result will take care of itself.”

Results:

Dragons: First, Kelsey Rodli, 18:24.31; fourth, Amber Green, 19:05.61;

ninth, Avery Hoffman, 19:45.98; 14th, Josie Peirce, 20:41.49; 15th, Tanya Green, 20:50.72; 21st, Brooklyn Chancellor, 21:41.14; 23rd, Lillie Nicol, 21:47.53.

Team scores: First, Corvallis, 39 points; second,

Dallas, 43; third, Crescent Valley, 63; fourth, Silverton, 121; fifth, Lebanon, 150; sixth, West Albany, 160; seventh, South Albany, 161; eighth, Woodburn, 242.

Pirates head into playoffs with growing confidence

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

For a team without a single senior, the Pirates have already exceeded

expectations – capturing a league title and earning a trip to the state playoffs.

No. 8 Perrydale (3-0, 7-2 overall) faces No. 9 Powder Valley this Friday at McMinnville High School’s Wortman Stadium, in opening round action from the Class 1A playoffs. Kickoff is 6 p.m.

Coach Steve Mabry said that his young Perrydale squad has grown up quickly this season.

“After the first game, we didn’t have a lot of confidence,” Mabry said. “We lost that opener, then went on a run of seven straight wins and won the league, which was a bit of a surprise to me. But it’s probably where they should be now that they’ve got some seasoning and belief in themselves.”

The Pirates dropped their opener, 46-18, to Elgin. They wouldn’t lose

again until last week’s regular season finale against North Douglas, 42-36.

Perrydale, which has no seniors and just four juniors on its roster, leaned heavily on its underclassmen. Several freshman and sophomores have taken on key roles this year, with the team’s resilience showing during a string of mid-season victories.

“Winning the league was a big deal for the team,” Mabry said. “A lot of these guys came right out of middle school and thought it would be easy. That first loss opened their eyes, and since then they’ve set goals and worked to get better every week.”

That work ethic paid dividends. The Pirates are one of the highest scoring teams in the

state, averaging better than 50 points per game. They rang up 86 points against Jewell, 74 against Prospect Charter and 66 against Country Christian.

Junior quarterback Braydon Leslie, a first-year signal caller who switched from soccer, earned first-team all-league honors while teammates Landon Eichler was named Offensive Player of the Year, and Broden Ferguson the Defensive Player of the Year.

“It took us a little time as coaches to figure out what we really had,” he said. “Once we did, things started clicking. Every game matters, and the team learned that.”

The Pirates next challenge comes on turf, a change from the muddy fields they’ve grown

accustomed to over the season.

“We’ve played a few games lately on dirty, grind-it-out-fields,” Mabry said. “At McMinnville, the turf will let our speed show. I think that will work to our advantage.”

The Badgers were 3-2 in league, 6-3 overall. They run a traditional Eastern Oregon single-back offense.

Mabry said his team has the momentum, and the mindset, to advance to a second round showdown at No. 1 Dufur.

“It’s one and done now,” he said of the post-season. “We’ve got to minimize mistakes, keep believing, and play fast. Whatever happens, this group has already laid a great foundation for next year.”

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