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John C. Barnard Park opens in Dallas featuring an all abilities play structure

IO STAFF REPORT

Children of all abilities now have a place to play together at the new John C. Barnard Park that opened Nov. 8 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The park, located at 1901 SE Academy St. in Dallas, includes a first-of-its-kind investment in inclusion and accessibility for the Dallas community.

“This park has been a dream for Dallas for many years,” said Jennifer Ward, Public Works Director for the city of Dallas. “Now, thanks to the support of Moda Health, the Trail Blazers, and our generous community, that dream is a reality. This is a park that offers something for everyone.”

Designed for children of all physical and sensory abilities, the park features an adaptive play structure with sensory-friendly elements, as well as open spaces built to encourage connection and movement for every child.

The project was made possible in part by the Moda Assist Program — a partnership between Moda Health and the Portland Trail Blazers — which turns on-court assists during the Trail Blazers’ season into real-world community improvements across Oregon.

“Through the Moda Assist Program, we are creating inclusive play spaces where everyone feels that they belong, because everyone deserves access to play,” said Karis



PHOTO COURTESY MODA

Children frolic on the new playground at the John C. Barnard Park in Dallas that opened Nov 8.

Stoudamire-Phillips, Vice President of DEI and Community Initiatives at Moda Health. “Every assist on the court helps fund playgrounds where everybody can connect and play.”

John C. Barnard Park was made possible through a combination of city funding, grants, and community partnerships. It reflects the city of Dallas’s ongoing commitment to building accessible, welcoming

spaces that enhance health and quality of life for all residents.

“We have always believed in the power of teamwork to build something bigger than ourselves,” said Annie Klug, Vice President of Community Programs, Portland Trail Blazers. “That spirit of teamwork fuels our community work, and we’re proud to partner with Moda Health to create something lasting for every kid in the Dallas community.”

The Moda Assist Program is a partnership between Moda Health and the Portland Trail Blazers that turns every assist made on the court into funding for projects that build healthier communities across Oregon. Since its launch in 2013, the program has helped build all abilities playgrounds in Astoria, Baker City, Dallas, Hermiston, La Grande, Medford, Portland, Redmond, Tillamook, La Pine and Woodburn.

SW Polk Fire District responds to levy election results

By CHIEF FRED HERTEL

The Southwest Polk Fire District’s initial reactions to the recent levy election results are ones of understanding and concern. We hear and respect the public’s voice as a clear message against increasing taxes. As a District, we recognize the need to strengthen our communication with the community to help clarify the full ramifications of not renewing the levy.

At the same time, we are incredibly proud of what has been accomplished over the past four years through community support. Together, we have achieved faster response times, implemented Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, launched ambulance operations, provided 99% coverage for response requests, and enhanced the training and professionalism of our fire and EMS providers. In addition, the District has been awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants for fire and medical equipment, personal protective equipment, and facility improvements. These achievements have directly improved safety and service for every citizen within the SW Polk Fire District.

The proposed average increase of \$120 per year was designed solely to continue these accomplishments and sustain the higher level of emergency service the public now receives. Our foremost concern moving forward is maintaining the dedicated staff and employees who make these successes possible. If the levy ultimately fails, many of these skilled professionals may face employment uncertainty and could be compelled to seek opportunities elsewhere. This situation could impact the quality and timeliness of emergency services our community depends on.

The Board of Directors have discussed the possibility of pursuing a May election as a contingency and will continue deliberations on that option in the coming months.

The SW Polk Fire District remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the continued protection of our citizens. We sincerely thank the community for its engagement and ongoing support, and we will continue working to ensure everyone has the information needed to make informed decisions about the future of emergency services in our district.

Editor’s Note: In the Polk County Elections Office’s initial count for the Nov. 4 special district election, a 36.65 percent voter turnout saw Southwest Polk Fire District’s levy request being rejected 1,224 No’s to 920 Yes’s. The next voter count update will be posted tonight (Nov. 12).

High spirits overcome low turnout at Willamina art tour

By DAVID HAYES
IO Editor

Drive through Willamina the second weekend of November and visitors would likely find a surprising amount of creative artisans residing in and around the small rural town. Many, whether individually or as members of groups and organizations, meet throughout the year. But come November, for more than three decades, they invite the surrounding community, even those passing through on their way to the coast, to stop and see what they’ve created.

Thus was born the Willamina Coastal Hills Tour in 1991.

Unfortunately, this year’s theme for the annual art showcase seemed to be low turnout. Participating artists, who couldn’t help but notice fewer attendees, were nonetheless still in high spirits willing to share their art or a tale or two.

Author and artist William Lindberg, or just Bill if you meet him on the street, recalls attending the tour in his youth. Now, he participates, showcasing his hand crafted greeting cards.

“It was a great event,” Lindberg said, only slightly lamenting the slow turnout this year. “But I think it worked way better when Judy



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Chris Darr, spokesperson for the Coastal Hills Quilters, gives the backstory of her group’s recreation of the Murder Quilt during a stop on the annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour Nov. 8

Buzzwell (water colors) and Walt Mindinhall (metal art) were involved in it. She was a famous artist. Her and one of her husbands had a strawberry patch down where the casino is now. She started doing water colors. Somehow her art could be found in every airport in the United States. She became very wealthy from her watercolors.”

But the art tour continued on without the two renowned artists.

One of the longest running members is the Coastal Hills Quilters, which joined the tour a couple years into its run. Spokesperson for the quilters, Chris Darr, said the art tour, which started as a walking tour of downtown businesses displaying local art, has worked to draw new artists and visitors ever since its inception.

“It was very successful. I think it was even copied. The Yamhill County Art Harvest Festival started after that. It’s continued ever since,” Darr said.

She admitted the Coastal Hills Art Tour has had some “hiccups” over the years, such as when it had to be canceled during the COVID pandemic. Last year’s event was also cancelled, due to the city’s community center had to be shuttered during renovations.

Darr said the event’s first year had about a dozen artists and at its peak, the art tour had 30 participating.

“It’s still looked forward to by the community thanks to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Improvement District,” Darr said. “It’s usually excellent, in that (visitors) think they’re getting a good bargain. Most of the artists sell their things at a relatively good price. So we get a lot of people who do their Christmas shopping, get something more personal and handmade than something off the rack.”

Their nine members, putting their creations on display in the VFW Hall, now craft anything from baby quilts all the way up to king sized bed quilts, and everything in between from table runners to wallets.

At the south end of town, the first stop on the tour is actually off the

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Polk County organizations receive Oregon Arts Commission grant

Four Polk County organizations were among 355 to receive grant awards totaling \$ 1,759,580 through the Oregon Arts Commission’s Sustaining Arts Program for fiscal year 2026.

In 2025, the Arts Commission reimagined this grant program to provide a more equitable distribution of funds to arts organizations. Awards are determined based on a newly updated funding formula that considers an organization’s annual expenses, number of applications and available grant funds. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, and these unrestricted awards are available to nonprofit arts organizations that offer public arts programs throughout the year.

“This program is an important example of how the Oregon Arts Commission fulfills its commitments to continue invigorating the economic, cultural and creative expressions of our diverse state,” said Commission Chair Subashini-Ganesan Forbes. “The extensive grantee list highlights the number of arts organizations operating with impeccable vision to nourish and energize their respective communities.”

The Polk County organizations to receive a grant were:

- Focus on Book Arts, Monmouth: \$2,368
- Pentacle Theatre, Salem: \$5,916
- Western Oregon University Development Foundation: \$2,368
- Western Oregon University Development Foundation – Rainbow Dance Theatre: \$5,000

Suspicious device found near Monmouth construction site

A Monmouth construction site was the apparent victim of a bomb hoax Nov. 5.

At 9:06 a.m., officers from the Monmouth Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious device in the 300 block of Hoxton Avenue, near a construction site. Construction workers discovered the device and promptly notified the authorities.

According to the MPD, officers assessed the device and collaborated with the Salem Bomb Squad for identification, which arrived on scene just before 11 a.m. As a precautionary measure, several residents in the vicinity were advised to shelter in place or temporarily evacuate until the Bomb Squad concluded their investigation.

The device was subsequently identified as a hoax and was safely removed from the site. Residents and construction crews were able to resume their normal activities by 12:15 p.m.

This investigation remains ongoing.

WOU celebrates First Generation Student Week

By MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Every year, universities nationwide celebrate First-Generation Student Day on Nov. 8. Once again, Western Oregon University is dedicating an entire week of workshops and activities to highlight the experiences of first-generation students and celebrate their contributions to the campus community, from Nov. 3-7.

Themes throughout the week include basic needs, mental health awareness, TRIO programs, finding support systems, and career readiness. On Nov. 7 at 9:30 am, Western hosted the second Tri-Alfa honor society induction ceremony. This is a first-generation honor society, and Western was the first public university to join last year.

“Being a first-generation-serving institution is not just a title; it’s a profound responsibility. Knowing that almost 50 percent of our students are first-generation highlights the critical role we play in preparing the future workforce,” said Andres Hernandez-Galvan, first-generation coordinator at Western.

He added that the ultimate goal is not just to be the first place first-generation students think of for college, but the place they successfully graduate from. Hernandez-Galvan emphasizes that Western boasts exceptional, dedicated resources poised to support its students.

By intensifying efforts to empower first-generation learners, the institution is fostering a campus culture that uplifts everyone.

“Our impact is our legacy, and we will work tirelessly until every student achieves that end goal of graduation,” Hernandez-Galvan said.

First-generation college students share their college journey and what being a “first-gen” student means to them.

Avery Gonzalez, is a social work major.

“To me, being first generation means I have enough determination and strength to break out of my family’s patterns,” Gonzalez said.

Arianna Velason, a psychology major, said being a first-generation college student means a lot to her family.

“My parents really pushed me and my siblings to go to college, and it was like the expectation to go because they didn’t have the chance to go, so they made sure that they helped us as much as they could,” Velason said.

Cecilia Rodriguez, a psychology major, said someone outside her family was the person who helped her the most.

“The person who helped me the most in my journey from freshman year to now was my Student Enrichment Program Advisor, Dana Nunez-Silva. She helped me navigate through everything, and she was also first-generation, so she was able to relate to me and understand where I was coming from,” Rodriguez said.

DHS to host Professional Trades Program info night for seniors

By DHS STAFF

Dallas High School will host a Professional Trades Program Information Night from 5-6 p.m. Nov. 20 in the school library. The event is open to all senior students across Polk County and their families, offering an opportunity to learn about a free, grant-funded training program designed to help students enter high-demand career fields immediately after high school.

This year’s Professional Trades Program provides after-school certification courses and licensure preparation in several professional service industries, including Real Estate, Insurance Sales, Mortgage Loan Origination, Tax Preparation, and QuickBooks Certification. The program is scheduled to begin next month and is offered at no cost to participating students.

“We’re excited to expand career pathways for students who are interested in entering professional fields right after graduation,” said Bill Masei, CTE Coordinator at Dallas High School. “This program gives seniors a head start toward state-recognized licensure and connects them with real industry mentors.”

The information night will include a question-and-answer session with program coordinator Masei and local business partners, providing students and families a firsthand look at the career support network surrounding the program. Representatives from Home Smart Realty, Farmers Insurance, H&R Block, and Avenue Mortgage will be on hand to share insights, discuss career outlooks, and offer guidance to young professionals considering these career tracks.

Students interested in reserving a spot or requesting more information should contact Masei at bill.masei@dsd2.org.

Polk County seniors and their families are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and learn how this free certification program can launch a promising professional career right after high school.



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Invasive beetle infestation crosses into Polk County

By THE OREGON
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FORESTRY

Trapping for Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) this summer showed this new pest from Europe, North Africa and western Asia is now present across the northern Willamette Valley in at least six counties – Polk, Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill. MOB is a concern because it has infested Oregon white oaks, sometimes with fatal consequences. The tiny beetles carry fungi that can infect a tree with a vascular wilt, which can lead to tree death.

Before now, state and federal officials did not know how extensive Mediterranean oak borer’s presence in Oregon might be. Individual borers had shown up in traps here and there in the Willamette Valley even before the first infested Oregon white oaks (quercus garryana) were found in Troutdale and Wilsonville. So this summer they set up traps all over the Willamette Valley and beyond to try and determine where MOB had reached.

What they found was that more than 500 of the tiny

borers turned up in more than 30 traps on both sides of the Willamette River from the Portland area south to Salem. Catch rates varied from a single borer at a number of traps to 160 at a trap east of Oregon City. The borers were even caught in locations where no Oregon white oak trees had been reported declining.

“The results show us that, unfortunately, Mediterranean oak borer is firmly and widely established in the northern Willamette Valley,” said Cody Holthouse, current chair of the state’s Interagency MOB Task Force.

Of 944 oak trees inspected since MOB was first detected in Oregon, a total of 38 are currently infested with MOB. Another 22 thought to be infested have been removed.

Forest Entomologist Christine Buhl leads the Oregon Department of Forestry’s efforts to track and evaluate MOB’s potential impact on trees in the state. She said that Oregon scientists are still trying to learn all they can about the borers and the fungus they carry.

“We still have a lot of questions about MOB that we’re



PHOTO COURTESY ODF

Black streaks in the wood of this Oregon white oak show where it has been infested by a fungus carried by Mediterranean oak borer. The fungus can cause a fatal wilt in oak trees.

working to find answers to,” said Buhl.

One basic question is what other tree species potentially could be affected by MOB.

“So far in Oregon, only Oregon white oaks have shown signs of infestation,”

said Buhl. “In California, other native oak species have been attacked and killed, including valley oak (quercus lobata) and blue oak (Q. douglasii). In Europe, MOB has been reported in a large

number of oak species, and even on some non-oak trees.”

Buhl said researchers don’t know what percentage of Oregon white oak trees might eventually become infested, let alone if they could start infesting other trees here.

“So far we haven’t seen widespread decline of Oregon white oak. In many cases, even trees near those that have been heavily infested have not shown signs of infestation or decline. This raises a question in my mind about whether MOB will prefer to infest stressed or otherwise unhealthy trees,” said Buhl.

Buhl points out seeing recent construction in the root zone of many of the trees infested with MOB.

“This can lower trees’ ability to cope with a variety of pests and diseases,” said Buhl.

She advocates for protecting the root zones of Oregon white oaks from disturbance, ideally up to twice the width of the tree’s canopy.

“My hope is there might not be widespread, rapid die-off of Oregon white oaks, like there is with emerald ash borer, which is killing most ash trees across the country,” said Buhl.

She stressed that more research is needed to find out what level of resistance oaks might have to the fungus carried by MOB.

Oregon white oak is an important native tree growing from British Columbia into California. Numerous species of birds, mammals, insects, and reptiles rely on the long-lived tree for food and shelter. A number of Native American people have traditionally leached out bitter tannins from the tree’s acorns, then processed their kernels into an acorn flour used in various dishes.

With funding from the USDA Forest Service, ODA hosted a multi-agency collaborative program to trap Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) in Oregon. That program, which ended in October 2025, aimed to improve the understanding of MOB distribution and pest status in the state. ODA has no more funding to continue coordinated trapping for MOB. The agency’s focus is shifting to supporting awareness, outreach, and detection through visual observations from professionals and the public.

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beaten path of Main Street. Down Polk Street, tourists can find Ron Thornhill’s Gallery in his garage. Has been doing artwork for the past 25 years. His art has evolved over those years.

“I started with pen and ink, then to stippling (dot art), then water color. Then I went to acrylic. My art went to a gallery out on the coast, but when some family came to town, I took off for three years. Then a couple years ago, I went on to

YouTube and saw this acrylic pour (technique). Now I do collage,” Thornhill said.

He said the tour used to be a good event, but has experienced a drop off – he only had four visitors the first day. However, he remains unruffled.

“I like it. I look at the different vendors, too. Next week there’ll be another show down at the VFW Hall,” he said.

His wife, Nancy, takes the leftover from his acrylic pours and creates jewelry from the kaleidoscope of colors. Her artwork was featured at a table with other artists from

the West Valley Art Guild on the tour’s second stop at Willamina Christian Church.

Nancy and the other members meet once a week on Wednesdays and are always looking for more and new members.

“I think it’s great, if we could get more people to turn out. I think skipping last year hurt, because the community center shuttered and that affected things this year,” she said. “The Coastal Art Tour helps promote art, community businesses and the community itself. Get people to come and visit.”



A family admires some hand crafted quilts on display at the VFW Hall, a stop on the Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour.

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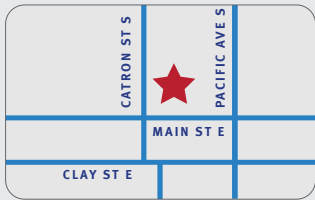
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Laurel Lea (Williams) Finke
Nov. 19, 1954 - Oct. 29, 2025

Laurel Lea (Williams) Finke, daughter of the late Orville R. Williams and Dorothy June Williams, was born Nov. 19, 1954 in Centralia, Washington. Her hope for eternal life through faith in Jesus was realized on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, when she passed from this life into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Laurel graduated in 1973 from Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Oregon. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Education

in 1978 from Oregon College of Education (OCE, and a Master of Arts in Mathematics from OSU in 1983).

Laurel and her husband married on Nov. 22, 1980. They lived in Columbia City, Oregon, at the time of her death.

Laurel was preceded in death by her father, Orville Williams; mother, Dorothy June Riedel; step-mother, Vivian Irlene Williams; and brother, Raymond Williams.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; sister, Jean Marie Daniels; children, Erin Finke, Joshua (Clara) Finke, Louis (Mollie) Finke, and Anna (Cody) Watson; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 1 p.m. at Columbia River Foursquare Church in St. Helens, Oregon. A visitation will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday Nov. 13, at Columbia Funeral Home.



Marjie Ellen Johnson
July 13, 1938 - Oct. 11, 2025

Marjie Ellen Johnson was born July 13, 1938, in Eugene, Oregon. She passed away at the age of 87 on Oct. 11, 2025.

She was the daughter of Donald and Mary Strunk, of Sheridan, Oregon. Both preceded her in death. She had two sisters – Helen Johnson and Edwina Gray, who also preceded her in death.

Marjie is survived by her brother, Donald Albert (Joanie) Strunk Jr., of Priest River, Idaho; daughter Josephine Marie (Shaun) Davis, of Dallas, Oregon; seven grandchildren – Nicolas (Nicole) Holtsclaw, Dallas, Oregon; Heather Davis (Carlos), Amity, Oregon; Bradley (Erin) Holtsclaw, Dallas, Oregon; Scottie (Emily) Holtsclaw, Charlottesville, Virginia; Austin (Anna) Holtsclaw, Kennebunkport, Maine; Timothee (Liz) Holtsclaw, Dallas, Oregon; and Hannah Davis, 17 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She graduated from Willamina High School in 1959.

Marjie married Ira Raymond Johnson on May 6, 1967. They were married 31 years until his passing in 1998. Marjie was involved with the 4H, Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls, and she served as a deaconess, treasurer and trustee of the Falls City Christian Church, where she was a member for over 40 years.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, and watching the wildlife in her backyard. She especially enjoyed

the deer. She was a hard worker, very dependable, and she was a care giver to many. She lived life on her own terms.

Marjie will be laid to rest with her husband Ray, at Restlawn Memory Gardens.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 22, 2025, at 2 p.m. at New Beginnings Church, 575 SW Ash Street Dallas, OR 97338.

Death Notices

Sue Cordell
July 7, 1952 - Oct. 27, 2025

Sue Cordell died Oct. 27, 2025. Funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

Lyle Von Sansom
Nov. 4, 1936 - Nov. 2, 2025

Lyle Von Sansom died Nov. 2, 2025. Funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

Western Oregon University hosts week-long tribute to veterans

Western Oregon University is honoring veterans Nov. 10-14 in support of those pursuing their educational and career goals. Western’s Veterans Resource Center is hosting a variety of events with support from other campus organizations. Events include a military appreciation football game, “a show of green” photo, and a veterans breakfast. This year’s annual public military Run N’ Ruck 5k is at 11 a.m. Nov. 22 in parking lot R, outside of the Health & Wellness Center at Western Oregon University. Interested individuals can sign up in advance to participate at <https://bit.ly/49AHM2w>.

“We don’t have a military base close to us, and we don’t always have the opportunity to come together and celebrate and recognize our veterans,” said Logan Doerfler, director of the Veterans Resource Center. “This is an opportunity for our veterans to be honored and for university partners to support them, and we are excited to bring everyone together to recognize their sacrifice.”

“I’m excited for the Run N’ Ruck and to see how many people show up. I run a 5k monthly, and I’m looking forward to the turnout, and I can’t wait for the run,” added Gianni Villanueva, a student veteran studying biology and public health.

said they cannot pay full SNAP benefits during the government shutdown that began Oct. 1 and instead, under court orders, are using a contingency fund to make partial payments.

Shutdown chaos surrounds SNAP

Saturday’s guidance from Patrick A. Penn, the department’s deputy under secretary for food, nutrition and consumer services, marked the latest turnaround in a chaotic few days for the agency, states that administer SNAP and the millions of Americans who depend on it to afford food.

Penn wrote that, in light of the Supreme Court’s order pausing lower court rulings that USDA must pay full November benefits, the administration was returning to its position that SNAP benefits should be funded at 65%.

States — including Wisconsin and Kansas — that issued full benefits did so under a Friday memo, also signed by Penn, that said states should authorize full payments for SNAP, consistent with a Thursday ruling in federal court.

they were actively working to implement full SNAP benefits for November and would ‘complete the processes necessary to make funds available,’” he said. “They have failed to do so to date.”

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek said her state will not comply.

“Oregon acted lawfully, given the federal court’s directive and the communications with the USDA, and my decision to ensure SNAP benefits went out quickly was in direct alignment with my food emergency declaration,” said Kotek, a Democrat. “I am disgusted that President Trump has the audacity to take taxpayers’ money away from them when they are in crisis. I have a question for the President: What would he prefer to spend the money on over groceries for people in need? This is ridiculous, immoral, and Oregon will fight this every step of the way.”

U.S. Rep. Angie Craig of Minnesota, the top Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, said in a statement: “Let’s be clear about what this is — the Trump administration is demanding that food assistance be taken away from the households that have already received it. They would rather go door to door, taking away people’s food, than do the right thing and fully fund SNAP for November so that struggling veterans, seniors, and children can keep food on the table. It is incomprehensible, incompetent and inconsistent with our values as Americans.”

appeals court but also changing things yet again.

No longer, for the moment, required by a court order to pay full November benefits, the administration instructed states in the Saturday memo to have the vendors that process payments to the electronic benefit transfer cards withhold part of the month’s allotment.

“States must not transmit full benefit issuance files to EBT processors,” Penn wrote. “Instead, States must continue to process and load the partial issuance files that reflect the 35 percent reduction of maximum allotments detailed in the November 5 guidance.”

Shutdown negotiations

SNAP funding has been a key issue during the shutdown.

In a plan published Sept. 30, the USDA said it would continue to pay for the roughly \$9 billion per month program through its contingency fund. The administration reversed itself 10 days later, telling states there would be no SNAP available for November.

Trump administration tells states to ‘undo’ full SNAP benefits paid, Oregon won’t

JACOB FISCHLER
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The Oregon Context
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Oregon distributed full SNAP payments to the state’s roughly 757,000 recipients overnight Thursday immediately after a judge ordered funding be released. Gov. Tina Kotek said President Donald Trump’s demands will have no impact on that funding and that SNAP recipients can continue to use their Oregon Trail cards as they normally would.

Following a late Friday emergency ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Trump administration has instructed states that authorized full November nutrition assistance benefits to return a portion, another unprecedented reversal for a program that helps 42 million people afford groceries.

A Saturday memo from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service said states should fund 65% of benefits for users of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, often called food stamps.

Those that had authorized full payments in line with earlier administration guidance should “immediately undo” that action, according to the memo.

“To the extent States sent full SNAP payment files for November 2025, this was unauthorized,” the memo said. “Accordingly, States must immediately undo any steps taken to issue full SNAP benefits for November 2025. Please advise the appropriate FNS Regional Office representative of steps taken to correct any actions taken that do not comply with this memorandum.”

President Donald Trump and top administration officials have

Kansas, Wisconsin, Oregon govs express dismay

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, a Democrat, in a late Friday statement expressed disappointment with the administration’s appeal to the Supreme Court and noted the state had authorized full payments earlier in the day for all eligible Kansans.

“These Kansans, most of them children, seniors or people with disabilities, were struggling to put food on their plates,” she said. “Why the President would petition the highest court to deny food to hungry children is beyond me. It does nothing to advance his political agenda. It does not hurt his perceived enemies. It only hurts our most vulnerable and our reputation around the globe.”

In a Sunday statement, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, flatly refused to try to claw back any authorized benefits. The state acted in compliance with a court order, he said.

“After we did so, the Trump Administration assured Wisconsin and other states that

the Trump administration is demanding that food assistance be taken away from the households that have already received it. They would rather go door to door, taking away people’s food, than do the right thing and fully fund SNAP for November so that struggling veterans, seniors, and children can keep food on the table. It is incomprehensible, incompetent and inconsistent with our values as Americans.”

Court action

The earlier order, from U.S. District Chief Judge John J. McConnell Jr. in Rhode Island, told the department to use sources outside the contingency fund to make full November payments by Friday. The order was appealed to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

But Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, acting on behalf of the high court, granted the administration’s request for an emergency stay on Friday night, speeding up the process for what Jackson said would then be an “expeditious” decision by the

A bipartisan U.S. Senate bill filed Sunday would end the shutdown. It includes provisions to fully fund SNAP, the contingency fund and the \$23 billion children nutrition programs fund that may be a source of emergency funding for SNAP if the shutdown persists.

Kansas Reflector Editor in Chief Sherman Smith, Wisconsin Examiner Editor in Chief Ruth Conniff and Oregon Capital Chronicle Editor in Chief Julia Shumway contributed to this report.

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A Heartfelt Thank You from the 2025 Dallas Glow Run!

What a magical night in Dallas! This year's Glow Run lit up the town once again, and we could not be more grateful. With 725 runners, walkers, strollers, and not to mention over 100 glow-covered volunteers, our community came together in the best way.

Thanks to you, we raised an amazing \$13,000 to support families right here in our community through Dallas Christmas Cheer.

We want to give a special shoutout to our incredible event sponsors Dallas Grocery Outlet and Christmas Cheer, whose generosity helps make this event possible. We are also deeply grateful to our Title Sponsors — Dominos, West Valley Taphouse, Dairy Queen, and Shred City.

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A big thank-you as well to our Yellow Sponsors — Les Schwab, SW Polk Fire District, The Decorated Wall, Agape Physical Therapy, A Covered Affair, and Imago Dei Chiropractic & Family Wellness.

Finally, we appreciate our Red and Glow Sponsors — A Pedersons Plumbing, North Dallas Bar and Grill, Mira Mar, and Gallagher's.

To our amazing volunteers, from those who set out glow balls and cheered on runners to those who stayed late to clean up, we see you, we appreciate you, and we could not do this without you.

And to every single participant who came out, whether you ran your fastest mile, pushed a stroller, or walked with friends, thank you for filling our town with light and community spirit.

Dallas, you make this tradition special. You show what community means. We are proud, grateful, and already excited for next year.

Until then — Let's GLOW, Dallas!

Sheila Pierce
Event Organizer

Kudos to The Exploration Center preschool in Dallas

I would like to recognize the outstanding work being done at The Exploration Center preschool in Dallas. My children have been attending for several years and I have been impressed with the safe, nurturing and enriching environment the Exploration Center has provided.

Everyone at the Exploration Center, from the directors to the teachers and assistants, are genuinely invested in the growth and happiness of each child. They have been a stable, trusted community for my children and have always encouraged curiosity, creativity, and independence through their care, support, and teaching.

In a world where quality childcare can be difficult to find, The Exploration Center is an example of what early childhood education and care should be. I am grateful for their dedication and highly recommend them to any family seeking a place where children can truly thrive.

Holly Boyles
Dallas



Commentary

Special Moments: Comfort in a Wall

By GARY DEROWITSCH

I grew up in what was called a box house. The walls were horizontal boards nailed to diagonal boards forming the outside structure of the house. There were no 2x4's when the house was built and the nails holding everything together were box nails which were nails that were flat, tapered from the head to the bottom but no sharp point like nails used today.

The head of the nail was horizontal and flat. If you ever tore down an old home you were likely to find such nails. Our home was a two story home with two bedrooms upstairs. The first bedroom at the head of the stairs was my brother's, and my bedroom was accessed by walking through my brother's bedroom to the end of the house. Growing up I always had this bedroom. It was rather large, giving me a lot of space to use for a desk, train table with a HO Train set, chest of drawers and a closet.

I always pushed my bed in a corner up against a wall. I did this for a reason. Having that wall was a form of comfort for me. When I went to bed at night I always started out snuggled up to the wall, facing it, with my back to the room. This gave me a sense of comfort and safety. It was

like no monster or boogie man could get me. Because I had a fear of the dark, it seemed to help. With my covers pulled up over my body and head, my back to the room, I was safe. Of course in the fifth and sixth grades I needed the wall less and less.

Today, I live alone in a spacious home. This may seem strange but in my bathroom off my master bedroom I have a stand up shower in the corner. Up in the corner of the sealing lives a tiny spider. He is so small you might not notice him if you used the bathroom for the first time. I've named him Waggles and adopted him as my pet spider. I've observed his behavior day after day and one thing I find interesting is during the night he hangs away from the wall on one of his strands of web.

In fact, when I'm taking a shower he will travel the length of a strand of web up to a foot or so away from the corner. I like to think it is because he is saying good morning and happy to see you, but the truth is probably more about his anxiety due to a giant standing under a waterfall right below him.

Regardless, what I've noticed is that after the shower my friend crawls up in the corner where he spends the rest of the day.

I've come to believe that he, like me as a child, finds safety and comfort in a corner. Hopefully, over time, he will become acquainted with me and realize I'm not a threat. This behavior is exactly like my behavior as a young boy growing up, always gravitating to the corner of my room, on my bed to find safety and comfort at night.

Growing up my grandma and grandpa lived across the street. Grandpa had a small woodshed behind his house about 6 feet wide and 10 feet long. Inside was wood of course, but also a wall with things hanging on it. There was also a bucket of bent nails that grandpa would straighten to use over again. Times were difficult in those days and saving old nails helped with the budget. One wall in the wood shed I was always drawn to. It gave me a sense of suspense, wonder, curiosity. The woodshed also gave me a sense of security from anyone outside. I can still see and smell that shed in my mind, even though I'm not actually there. My grandpa's home and woodshed are gone now, but thankfully I took some photographs while it was still there.

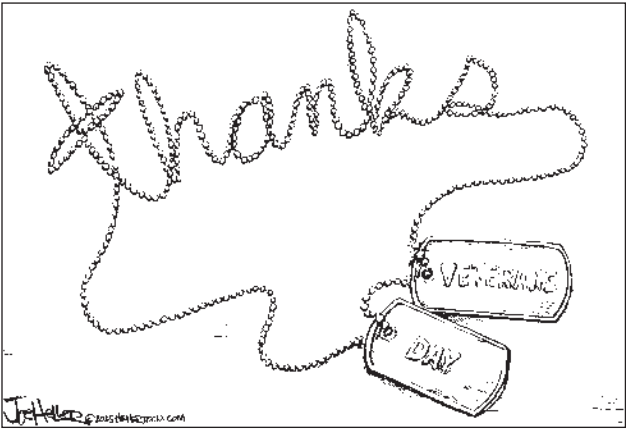
During World War II I'm sure the Jewish people found immense comfort in walls that hid them from the Germans. I've often wondered, after the

war and their liberation, how those who survived thought about the wall or walls that hid and protected them?

While trying to hide from the German soldiers I'm sure those walls were not only a comfort, especially when a patrol of soldiers were unable to discover them, but because they were the salvation of their very life and existence. In fact their only comfort they might have had was the walls that hid them.

I've always found small spaces very comforting. A small camper, tent, woodshed, even an underground fort I constructed down by the river when I was in grade school, giving me the ability to disappear from anyone following me. Today my bed is in the middle of my room more for design and aesthetics. Even so, there are times I think about how I felt as a young boy sleeping in the corner of my bedroom with a wall to sleep against. Maybe as time goes on and I get older I might return to the corner and wall for safety and a sense of security. Maybe like many things in life I will come full circle from beginning to end, back to beginning.

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



Weekly Online Poll

Are you going fishing or hunting this season?

- ☐ Fishing - 29.4%
- ☐ Hunting - 5.9%
- ☐ Both - 11.8%
- ☐ Neither - 52.9%

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

Air filter

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Master cylinder

Oil cap

Radiator

Relays

Wires

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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: L equals T

H L E R S Q R C F H J Y R M S M P I

I M S C X E H M L V P M O V H D O S J

R C L P H F H D D S M W H C J X M R S J

“FRQS YS HDD WPNM YPCSL!”

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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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Super Crossword

PONTIFICATION

ACROSS

1 Stood for

6 Mountain peak lopper

13 Place to keep cargo

20 Proprietor

21 Seat of Nassau County, New York

22 Holiday marches

23 1970 Best Actress nominee for “The Great White Hope”

25 Enigmas

26 Walk — (tiny roles)

27 Rank above maj.

28 — acid (vinogar component)

30 Ruhr article

31 Desperately, informally

35 Country singer with the hit “Blue Ain’t Your Color”

37 “Livin’ La Vida Loca” singer

41 No, in Nuremberg

42 Ending for peak or bug

43 Making a comeback

46 Super angry

51 Month, in Mexico

52 Strong — ox

54 She won gold in the 200-meter dash at the 2012 Olympics

57 French team for unrefined works, as by untrained painters

58 Furry wrap

60 “It could be”

61 Make a phone call to

62 Film directors Joel and Ethan

63 Hour div.

64 He played Jessc Pinkman on “Breaking Bad”

66 “Rocket Man” singer

72 Poem type

73 Light bulb power units

76 Tot’s injury

77 Adopt

82 Stick in mud

83 Tolkien’s hole-dwellers

84 He played eutnant Starbuck on “Battlestar Galactica”

88 Snips

87 — -li film

88 British china

89 Oran native

91 “Be —!” (“C’mon, help me out!”)

92 “Rebecca” actress

95 Civil rights activist with the comedy album “In Living Black and White”

98 Best Supporting Actress winner for “The Fighter”

104 Woman of the future?

105 Resting atop

106 Threat ender

108 “Boo —!”

109 Phased-out character on “The Simpsons”

112 Pre-book documents

114 “Who’s Sorry Now?” singer

119 Cyclone’s kin

120 Totally unknown by

121 Get together with alumni

122 Increase the slope of

123 Elk relative

124 10 featured last names in this puzzle are also the names of these

DOWN

1 Magic charm

2 He played Obi-Wan multiple times

3 Raggedy — (classic dolls)

4 Born, to Yves

5 Funnywoman Ullman

6 Suspect foul play

7 Vote down

8 — par with

9 — Ho Lee (name in 2000 news)

10 Sonata end

11 Smart —

12 French capital, in song

13 Elf

14 Chinese exercise

16 Angler’s boot

17 Improvise

18 Actress Davis

19 Ruhr city

24 Rich soil

29 Sounds of small bells

31 “Citizen Kane” studio

32 Cereal husk

33 Fla.’s ocean

34 Grow wider

36 Join

37 Marriott rival

38 Portugal’s peninsula

39 Sharer of top billing

40 Floss liber

44 Woeful things

45 Dec. 31

47 Yank’s foe

48 Bristol beer

49 — a pity!

50 Outer: Prefix

52 Make — for it

53 “What if ...”

55 Fail to put in

56 Futuristic tiny machine

58 Stor. — fuse

59 Note after fa

62 Billiards stick

63 FC Dallas’ sports org.

65 Yemeni port

66 Takeoff abby.

67 Wealthy Brits

68 Occupation

69 San Luis —

70 Stolen ride

71 In a meddling way

73 Actress Kristen

74 Bowled

75 Shape-fitting game

77 Mag workers

78 Imbibe slowly

79 Virtuoso

80 Assented to

81 App-ordered rides

82 Cato’s 1,550

83 Desirous of

85 Agric bird

86 Tort or baba

90 Drink cooler

91 Dept. of Justice chiefs

93 Tristan’s love

94 Actress Greer

96 Posterior

97 Musical note equivalent to F

98 Necessities

99 Orlando theme park

100 Peter of “M”

101 Combined

102 Actor Dana

103 — Mko

107 City WWIV of Tulsa

109 “Can I borrow — of sugar?”

110 Cone-bearing tree

111 Welds

113 Racing circuit

115 Actor Beatty

116 Suffix with hero

117 French for “summer”

118 — noir film

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Moments in time

On Nov. 24, 1947, the House of Representatives voted 346 to 17 to approve citations of contempt against 10 Hollywood writers, directors and producers who’d refused to cooperate at hearings dealing with communism in the movie industry held by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The men were sentenced to one year in jail.

On Nov. 25, 2000, after passing a resolution earlier in the year, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the first International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The resolution marked the anniversary of the death of three sisters — Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal — who were murdered in the Dominican Republic in 1960.

On Nov. 26, 1968, Air Force 1st Lt. James P. Fleming and four other Bell UH-1F helicopter pilots received an urgent message from an Army Special Forces team pinned down by enemy fire. While the first rescue effort failed, Fleming, accompanied by a second pilot, managed to land and pick up the team before discovering upon return to his base that he was nearly out of fuel. He was eventually awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

On Nov. 27, 2015, Pope Francis released a progressive-rock album titled “Pope Francis: Wake Up!” featuring excerpts of the pontiff sermonizing on subjects including peace, the environment and family, and hymns rearranged with guitar and synthesizer.

On Nov. 28, 1929, a month after the stock market crash, Ernie Nevers, of the Chicago Cardinals, scored a record 40 points in a single game, playing against the Chicago Bears.

On Nov. 29, 2004, Japanese movie monster Godzilla, a mutant born of nuclear radiation fallout, got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame — quite a present on his 50th birthday.

On Nov. 30, 1965, attorney Ralph Nader published “Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-in Dangers of the American Automobile.” An immediate best-seller, it also launched the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, seatbelt laws in 49 states and other road-safety initiatives.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country’s highest mountain is called Ben Nevis?

3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?

4. TELEVISION: What beer brand appears in “The Simpsons” animated TV show?

5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?

6. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the condition known as piloerection?

7. MOVIES: Which city was the setting for the movie “The Sting”?

8. MATH: How many yards are in a mile?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called?

10. FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show “Hell’s Kitchen”?

Answers

1. Nephology.

2. Scotland, 4,413 feet high.

3. Global Positioning System.

4. Duff.

5. 1970.

6. Goosebumps.

7. Chicago.

8. 1,760.

9. A kit.

10. Gordon Ramsay.

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

ONE STEP CLOSER AND I’LL REPLY IN THE CHAIRS. I’LL TIE YOUR THUMBS INTO A KNOT. GIVE YOU AN ATOMIC WERDIE. OVERFEED YOUR LAWN, CANCEL YOUR NETFLIX ACCOUNT, THEN I’LL HIDE YOUR DENTAL FLOSS. CHANGE THE SETTING ON YOUR SLEEP NUMBER BED, THEN.

JACK OVER-REACHER

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

I’M PRESCRIBING YOU SOME MEDICATION FOR THIS. LET’S SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO TREAT ALL THE SIDE EFFECTS FROM IT.

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Americanisms

“Where the women go, the culture goes.” — Phylicia Rashad

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

DUDES, NOW THAT WE AGREED ON A NAME AND CREATED OUR IMAGE, THERE’S ONE MORE THING.

WHO KNOWS HOW TO PLAY DRUMS OR GUITAR?

SERIOUSLY! HOW CAN I ROCK THE MASSES IF THE BAND CAN’T EVEN SHRED? THAT’S IT. I QUIT!

NICE, OUR FIRST BAND BREAK UP. THAT’S SO METAL!

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Puzzle answers on page B2

YOUR ENVIRONMENT:
We need town fire sirens, now!

“Fire wasn’t supposed to do what it did that night. No one had predicted the flames would move so fast, or consume so much of this city...”
— Jessica Garrison, Reporter, Los Angeles Times, on the 2017 Santa Rosa Tubbs Fire.

By PHILIP S. WENZ

Three years ago, on a calm, pleasant midsummer evening in my small town of Monmouth, Oregon, a neighbor who happened to be listening to our local emergency radio channel texted my wife. There was a wildfire just outside of our part of town. Furthermore, the blaze seemed to be getting out of control, although fire crews

from two nearby cities had arrived to fight it. Stepping outside and seeing no smoke, I figured we had perhaps 30 minutes to prepare to evacuate. We sprang into action, putting our dog, emergency “bugout bags,” laptops and heirlooms in our car. I tried to find information about the fire on state and local government websites, but nothing came up. Perhaps the bulletins weren’t posted yet, or I just didn’t know where to look. I rushed to alert our neighbors. One was mowing his lawn. Others came to their doors, and, apparently surprised by my urgency, thanked me and went back inside. To my dismay, one woman put her kids in her car

and drove out to see the fire up close! Before leaving for a nearby town to stay with our daughter, I decided to make one last try to assess the threat, so we drove to the fire station. Someone there told me the fire was out, and the crews from other towns had been called in only because our local firefighters were at a three-day training workshop across the state. So, why were we so worried? In 2017, my wife and I were visiting people in the city of Santa Rosa, California, in the Sonoma Valley wine country. As we arrived back at our motel after a dinner party, we learned there was a wildfire in Napa Valley, 20 miles away across a low

mountain range. We turned on the TV and put a few essentials in our car as a precaution. About 1 a.m., remembering that media reports often lag behind actual events, I stepped out onto the balcony to check the wind and smell for smoke. The fire had shot a gap in the mountains between the two valleys and was raging on the hill directly above our motel. We jumped in the car, raced to alert some friends who lived nearby and likely were sleeping, then drove to our son’s house in another town. By the next morning, the so-called Tubbs fire had killed 22 people and destroyed 5,600 homes, businesses and other structures in Santa Rosa. Some 1,500 homes were

lost in the relatively treeless Coffey Park neighborhood alone. Some hospitals burned down and others had to close for months to repair damage. Today, Monmouth has about 3,700 houses. While most people understand that climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of destructive wildfires, not enough realize how fast these conflagrations can move through a town — especially if driven by high winds. Wildfires can, and often do move faster than most humans can run. Which brings me to the need for town-wide warning sirens. Although Monmouth and other nearby towns have cell phone alert systems, those can’t protect someone who is sleeping, has turned

off their phone or just left it in the house while they’re working in their yard. Old-fashioned, tsunami-style town sirens (such as the one that blows at noon daily in Dallas) can alert everyone except the severely hearing impaired that they could be danger, and they should immediately look at their phone or turn on the radio or TV — then prepare to evacuate, if needed, ahead of serious fire danger. The climate crisis is ramping up, and we’ve been warned. We must take every measure to protect ourselves.

Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at Firebird Journal (firebird-journal.com).

Honoring Jane Goodall by protecting Oregon’s wildlife

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Jane Goodall bridged language and culture barriers when she inspired me, a young girl in small-town India, to care about wildlife, value all living things and dream about protecting them. Watching her on TV taught me about wildlife conservation before I knew the word “conservation.” Thirty-something years later, hearing the news of her passing as I stood in the Oregon Capitol advocating for wildlife, was particularly sad and nostalgic. A renowned primatologist, author, advocate, and educator, Goodall’s discoveries filled us with wonder, and she changed the world through her brilliance and care. “You cannot get through a single day without having

an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make,” she said, not once but many times throughout her extraordinary 91 years. When her passing flooded the news this fall, millions of people offered tributes to her enduring message of hope. But the public response rose above that, too. As a lifelong wildlife champion, Goodall spoke candidly about the inherent value of all creatures. Driven by scientific curiosity and empathy, she called for people to embrace their capacity to do better — to be human and nature — rather than condemning human nature itself. It can be tempting to blame people’s worst qualities. A sixth mass extinction

is underway, with 48% of species diminishing worldwide and monitored wildlife populations declining by a devastating 73% since 1970. Oregon reflects much of the same story. Our latest State Wildlife Action Plan, an assessment and strategic conservation document for species and habitats statewide, now classifies more than 300 species as needing urgent action to avoid extinction. To make matters worse, the plan never receives state funds, and the little funding it does get from the federal government will likely be slashed for 2026. We can be certain Goodall would agree: Giving up isn’t an option, and adaptation often gives rise to strength. The latest state wildlife plan illustrates the necessary actions for species and habitat

recovery; but a plan is only as good as the funding to implement it. Oregon made a bold proposal in the 2025 legislative session with House Bill 2977, called 1% for Wildlife. The bill, expected to be reintroduced next year, would have funded conservation priorities through an approximately 1% increase to our state’s transient lodging tax, charged on stays at hotels and other short-term lodging. The logic here is simple: Tourists in Oregon, the majority — about 65% — of whom are from out of state, would pay a marginal fee to protect the resources that draw them to Oregon in the first place, from our breathtaking landscapes to the fish and wildlife that call it home. With the third-lowest transient lodging tax in

the country (a ranking that wouldn’t change with the proposed increase), Oregon is currently leaving out-of-state money on the table. Meanwhile, our species and habitats continue to decline, putting a big question mark on their ability to sustain the pressures of our ever-increasing outdoor based tourism in the future. Uniting a diverse, bipartisan coalition of supporters statewide, 1% for Wildlife passed the House and nearly became law in 2025. In 2026, it’s ready to go all the way. If you’ve been asking yourself how to honor Goodall’s legacy during tumultuous times, consider this: She believed we still have time to slow climate change and biodiversity loss by taking collective action now. For Oregonians, 1% for Wildlife is a unique opportunity to do just that

in the 2026 session — for Goodall, for wildlife, and for our shared futures. Sristi Kamal is deputy director of the Western Environmental Law Center and holds a Ph.D. in Ecology from Jagiellonian University, with research work conducted at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/11/05/honoring-jane-goodall-by-protecting-oregons-wildlife/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com.



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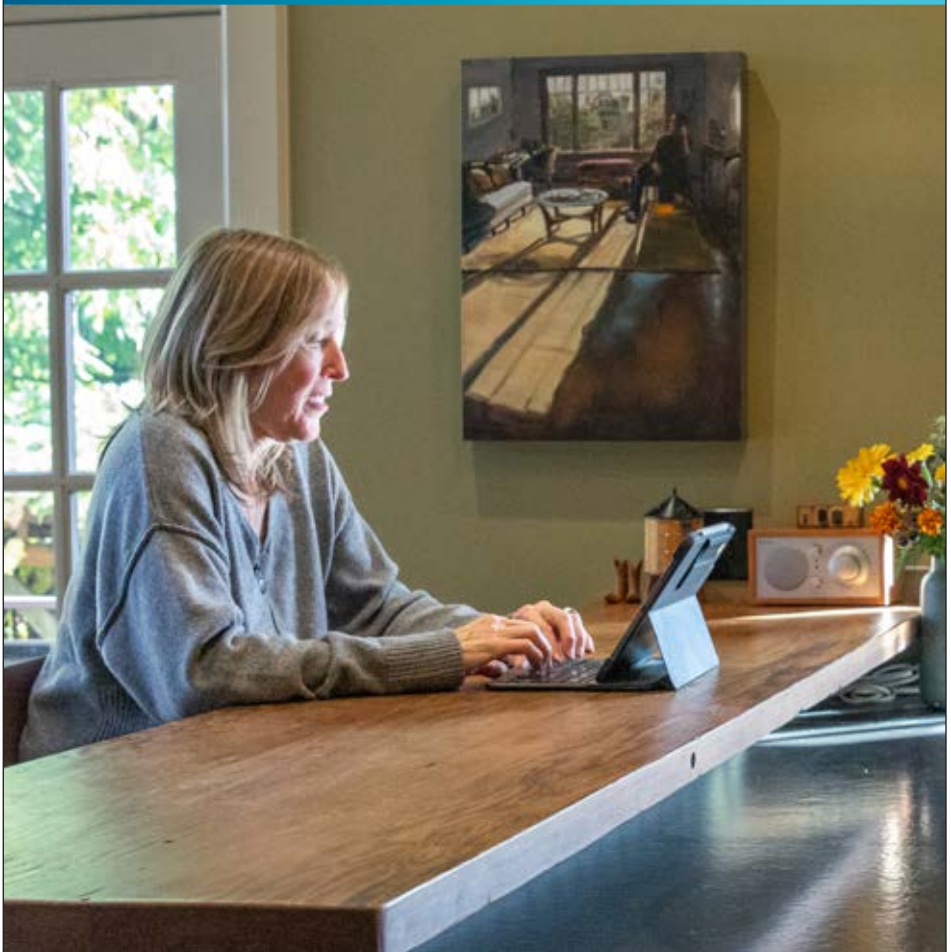
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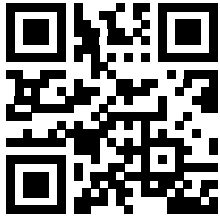
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Prep Scoreboard

Nov. 7
Football
Round 1 Class 5A State Championship Dallas 45, Milwaukie/ Milwaukie Arts 6
Round 1, Class 1A(8) State Championship Perrydale 22, Powder Valley 20
Nov. 8
Cross Country
Class 5A State Meet Boys Individual Standings
Central
Ty Cirino, 3rd, senior; Aidan Wendring, 26th, senior; Thomas Butler, 53rd, junior; Colton Engdahl, 77th, soph- omore; Wyatt Hawes, 78th, sophomore. Also, Hudson Stange, 83rd, freshman; Evan Taylor, 90th, senior. XC Boys Team Standings First, Crater, 39 points; second, Summit, 48; third, Bend, 105; fourth, Milwaukie, 146; fifth, Wilsonville, 181. (Central, seventh, 221)
Girls Individual Standings
Dallas
Kelsey Rodli, fourth; senior; Amber Green, 12th, junior; Avery Hoffman, 35th, sopho- more; Josie Peirce, 44th, junior; Tanya Green, 47th, senior. Also, Lillie Nicol, 67th, freshman; Brooklyn Chancellor, 76th, freshman.
Team Standings
First, Summit, 51 points; second, Crater, 83; third, Ashland, 100 points; fourth, Corvallis, 108; Caldera, fifth, 134. (Dallas, sixth, 134)
Prep Sports Calendar
Nov. 14
Football
No. 6 Dallas at No. 3 Mountain View, 7 p.m.
No. 8 Perrydale at No. 1 Dufur, 7 p.m.
Nov. 14-15
Cross Country
Central and Dallas XC at NXR Northwest Spokane Polo Fields

Fired-up Dragons unstoppable in 45-6 win over Milwaukie

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas came out on fire and never looked back in a 45-6 thrashing of Milwaukie in opening round action from the Class 5A state football playoffs.

The Mustangs lone touch-down cut their deficit to 7-6 early in the first quarter. They then missed a 2-point conver-sion attempt.

“They hit us with some-thing we hadn’t seen on film,” Dragons’ coach Andy Jackson said of the visitors’ score. “We adjusted on the side-line, realigned our defense, and our kids played fast and aggressive.”

A few sideline adjustments later and the rout was on. The Dragons tallied 41 unan-swered points in winning easily.

“I was just happy to see our boys play together, play for each other and play hard,” Jackson said of the win. “It wasn’t about the play calls. It was about our effort and exe-cution. When we play loose and confident, we’re a very dangerous football team.”

Dallas maintained its bar-rage ever after quarterback Tommy Hess was sidelined by a lower leg injury in the first half.

“We put in Landon Holbrook, our running back, who we’ve also trained at quarterback, and he ran the offense perfectly. Then Corbin

Richards came in and kept things rolling,” Jackson said.

The offense rolled so well, even with three quarterbacks taking snaps, that the team never punted.

Landon Holbrook, Aidan Galusha and Hess, the team’s leading rushers, combined for 282 yards and four touch-downs on 20 carries – aver-aging more than 14 yards per attempt.

“That’s how you win games in November,” Jackson said. “You’ve got to run the ball and stop the run (on defense), especially when the weather turns cold. Our kids did both.”

Holbrook netted 117 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries, Galusha 99 yards and two scores on eight carries, and Hess 66 yards on three carries.

Hess also completed 8-of-12 passing attempts, with a touchdown to Noah Rautio.

Senior linebacker Hunter Rivers led a defensive surge that completely shut down Milwaukie for most of the game. He finished with 12 tackles, five sacks and one fumble recovery.

“(Rivers) is old school. He’s smart, tough and just loves being in those big moments. He’s our leader,” his coach said.

Rivers had plenty of help, however. Carson Atterbury added eight tackles, three sacks and a blocked kick, Chase Eriksen six tackles and



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

There was no slowing down Aidan Galusha (with ball) during Friday’s win over Milwaukie, where he ran for 99 yards and two scores in the opening round of the Class 5A state playoffs

an interception, and Israel Mabry a fumble recovery and eight tackles.

Milwaukie’s record fell to 6-1 in conference, 7-2 overall, with the loss. Their only other defeat was to Gresham.

Sixth-ranked Dallas now heads to Bend where they take on third-ranked Mountain View on Friday, at 7 p.m. Jackson knows victory will require another complete team effort.

“We just have to stay loose and confident,” he said. “We’ve faced elite teams every week, so we’re not going to tighten up. We’ll pre-pare like champs, go over the mountain, and rip it.”

The Dragons (4-2, 7-3 overall) played what Jackson called the “the toughest schedule” of any Class 5A team. Their three losses came against fourth-ranked 6A Willamette, second-ranked Silverton, and fourth-ranked Lebanon, the 5A Mid-Willamette Conference champion. They also defeated eighth-ranked West Albany. Of these four teams, only the Warriors were ousted from the playoffs.

“We know we can play with anyone,” Jackson said. “We’re tough. We’re battle-tested.”

Mountain View was 5-1 in the Intermountain Conference, 9-1 overall. Their

only loss was to top-ranked Summitt.

For now, though, the Dragons’ plan is to remember what got them this far in the first place.

“We need to play for each other. We need to play for the seniors on this team,” he said. “That’s what this group does best.”

This team’s strength is not just reflected on the score-board, he added.

“Our kids have stuck together through everything. They love each other. They love this town, and they play for Dallas. I’m just proud of our players, and proud of our community,” Jackson said.

Pirates survive late Badgers rally, 22-20

PERRYDALE TAKES ON TOP-RANKED DUFUR NEXT

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

A young Pirates football team showed maturity when it mattered. And the result? A 22-20 win over Powder Valley in the opening round of the state 1A eight-man playoffs on Friday at McMinnville High School.

Perrydale led by two scores early in the fourth quarter. The Pirates then held on after a pair of turnovers allowed the Badgers to claw to within striking distance of toppling the home team.

“It was a nail-biter,” head coach Steve Mabry said of his team’s win. “We were up two scores with about eight minutes left and then turned the ball over twice. It was one of those things, but a win is a win.”

Perrydale ran out the clock in the final minutes. Thus earning a well-deserved sigh of relief from the local lads and their fans.

“We knelt down with about a minute forty left in the game. It felt good,” Mabry said. “You go from being in control of the game to making it a lot closer than it should have been. But that’s playoff football.... At the end of the day, we’re moving on, and that’s what matters most.”

The Pirates leaned heavily on their rushing attack, with

Broden Ferguson and Landon Eichler combining for some 250 yards and three scores.

“Those guys ran hard all night,” Mabry said.

The running backs’ success began with dominance up front.

“When we needed first downs or had to control the tempo, they got it done,” Mabry said of his o-line. “They were a big part of this win.”

Missed opportunities and turnovers aside, the Pirates controlled much of the game’s tempo and enjoyed superior field position, espe-cially through the first three quarters.

Ashton Hamilton, Eichler and Ferguson anchored the defensive effort. Ferguson recorded a team-high 11 tack-les, while Ferguson added 10 and Hamilton eight.

“Those three really led the way for us,” Mabry said. “We stayed with our game plan and never deviated. We wanted to avoid situations where we need a stop or a must-have first down to sur-vive, because eventually, your luck runs out in the playoffs.”

Perrydale is a young team, with no seniors on its roster. The experience of having survived a playoff scare is expected to pay dividends in the future.



PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

Pirates sophomore Landon Eichler breaks free from pursuers for a big gain against the Badgers Friday night, helping solidify the ground attack in a 22-20 victory.

“For a young team, it’s super important,” Mabry said of holding on for the win. “I’m hoping some of that was just jitters. We had a couple of procedure calls and off-sides. But they’re learning. They now know what it takes to keep moving on.”

Perrydale is one of eight teams left in the playoffs. So no surprise that an even tougher challenge awaits - an away game at top-ranked

Dufur, a perennial power-house in 8-man football.

Maintaining possession of the ball is key to the Pirates’ strategy.

“You don’t really stop Dufur. You try to control how long they have the ball,” the coach said. “For us, ball con-trol is going to be huge. If we can sustain drives and flip the field, that’s how you beat a team like that.”

Mabry also hopes his team builds on the lessons learned from last week’s win.

“We’re young, but we’re growing,” he said. “Every game builds confidence. The first half (against Powder Valley) gave us belief in our-selves. We wavered a bit, and then we finished strong. We learned that we can win, and should win, games like that.”

Kickoff is 7 p.m. on Friday.

More Area Sports stories on page B8

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1975

DA under bar investigation

Polk County District Attorney John Snyder has been accused by the Oregon State Bar of illegal conduct in handling an estate while in office.

In a set of legal papers served on Snyder on Oct. 10, the bar charged that he “failed to uphold the laws of the State of Oregon and has been guilty of misconduct in his profession.”

The complaint revolves around the handling of the estate of Walter W. Wygant, who died June 18, 1967. He was a retired farmer who left no close family, but more than two dozen distant relatives, most of whom live outside Oregon.

Decision delayed on Polk County annexation, services proposal

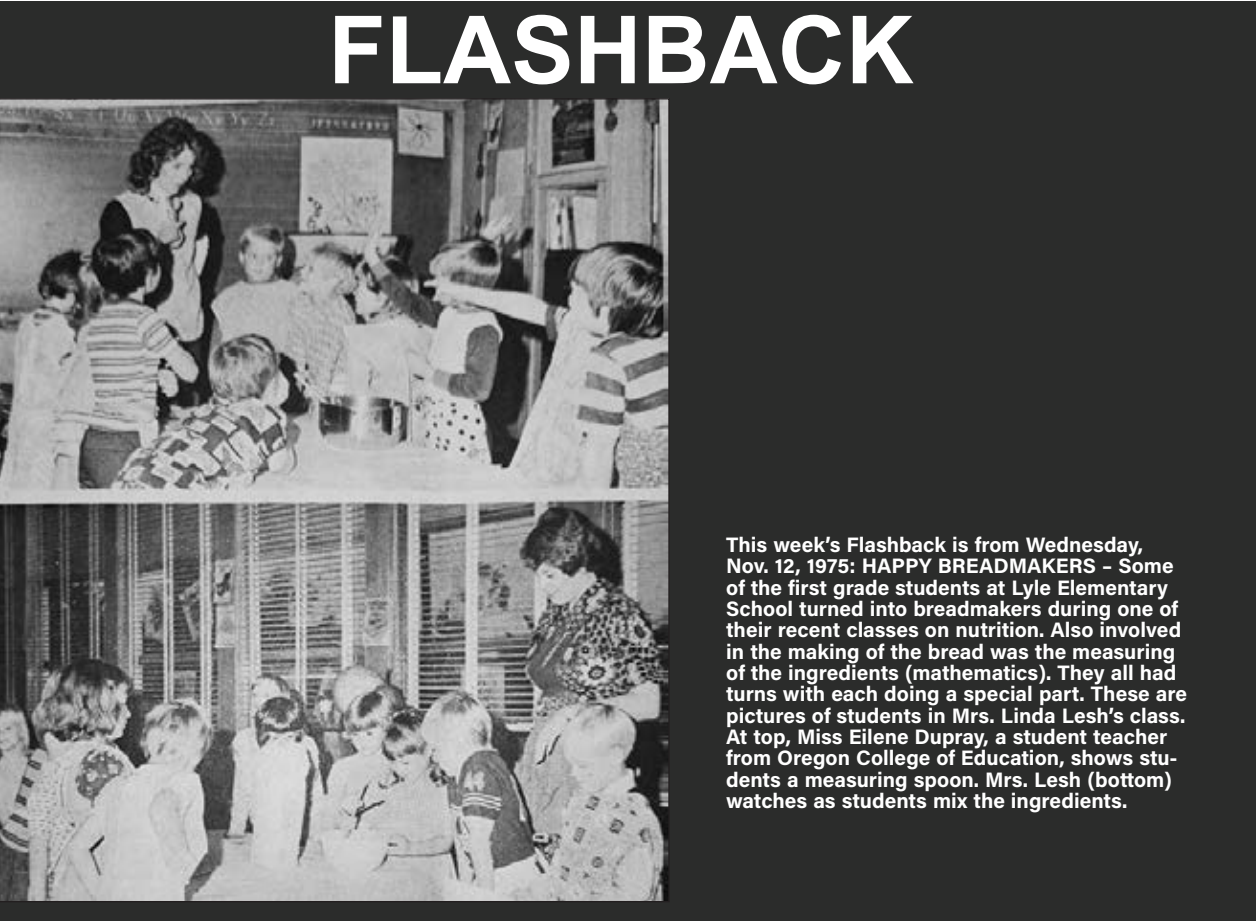
Salem City Council decided Monday to hold off for two

weeks action on a proposal of the Polk County Board of Commissioners that would deny development, except by annexation, in the West Salem area outside the city limits but within the Salem urban Growth Boundary.

As proposed by the Polk Commissioners, the county would not provide urban services such as sewer and water within the urban boundary if the city would not extend such services, except by annexation.

JVs defeat Mac on last play, remain undefeated

On Thursday night, Nov. 6, the Dallas High School junior varsity football team completed its season with a hard fought 26-24 victory over McMinnville. This gave the JV’s a perfect 9-0 season. They defeated eight Coast-Valley League opponents as well as the South Salem Saxon JV’s, who had the best record in the Valley League.



This week’s Flashback is from Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1975: **HAPPY BREADMAKERS** – Some of the first grade students at Lyle Elementary School turned into breadmakers during one of their recent classes on nutrition. Also involved in the making of the bread was the measuring of the ingredients (mathematics). They all had turns with each doing a special part. These are pictures of students in Mrs. Linda Lesh’s class. At top, Miss Eilene Dupray, a student teacher from Oregon College of Education, shows students a measuring spoon. Mrs. Lesh (bottom) watches as students mix the ingredients.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1985

Salem pair charged in Polk murder

Two Salem men were arrested and charged with murder Nov. 6 in connection with the death of a West Salem man.

Daniel R. Myers, 21, and James E. Hook, 26, were charged in the death of Archie Browning, 57. Salem police, responding to a tip received from a neighbor of the victim,

found Browning’s body underneath a blanket in the living room of his home Nov. 5.

The state Medical Examiner’s Office autopsy showed the victim died of multiple blows to the head caused by blunt instrument.

Scouts denied use of tree lot

Polk County Commissioners denied a request by the Dallas Boy Scouts last week to set up a lot on the southwest lawn of the courthouse to sell Christmas trees – something

they have been doing for the past 20 years.

The commissioners will form a citizen’s advisory group to adopt a policy for use of the courthouse grounds at their meeting today (Wednesday).

General Services Department director Ken Lambert said there was some question about public and private use of the courthouse grounds and recommended the suspension of such use.

Dallas wins thriller to advance

“I feel older. Maybe tomorrow I’ll feel younger.”

That’s how Dallas High football coach Ron August summed up his comments after his team’s opening round in the state AAA playoffs Friday, a 35-28 victory in overtime over David Douglas at Gallsapp Field.

If August’s Dragons keep playing the way they did Friday, he may feel like he’s been through a lifetime already. Dallas was explosive early, allowed the Scots to fight back, then found a way to win a thrilling finish.



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The Polk County Fire District lent their ladder truck to Ash Creek Elementary Nov. 7 for the school’s Veterans Day assembly.

CryptoQuip

answer

A thieving admirer of French artwork walked into a gallery and cried “Give me all your Monet!”

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Community Calendar NOV. 12-19

Wednesday, Nov. 12
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library
168 Ecolds 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 Ecolds 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 Ecolds St.
Thursday, Nov. 13
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. - Age Cafe, monmouth social gathering, Monmouth Senior Community 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 Ecolds 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 Ecolds St. S.
4 p.m. - Create a banner, teens and adults, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5 p.m. - Artist Reception - Pam Serra-Wenz, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
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
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

Friday, Nov. 14
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/ Cards/Table Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior 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.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Beth & Friends, 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. 15
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Garden Tool Maintenance, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. S.
1 p.m. - Bingo with cash prizes, Independence Elks

Lodge #1550, 289 S. Main St., \$20 entry
6 p.m. - Live Music: Rewind Band, 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. 16
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
2 p.m. - Live Music: CantNeverCould (folk), 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
7:30 p.m. - Live Comedy: Improv at the Elks Lodge #1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence, admission is \$10
Monday, Nov. 17
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
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
Tuesday, Nov. 18
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 Ecolds 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. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community

Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas
Wednesday, Nov. 19
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
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
3 p.m. - Pom Pom Pals and Pinecone Pets, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. S.
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Mystery Book Club, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Community Briefs

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.
GetLit Book Club meets Nov. 12
The GetLit Book Club meets at 6 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. S., in Monmouth, to discuss the book "Braiding Sweet Grass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Polk County Republicans meet Nov. 13
The Polk County Republican Central Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at 255 College Dr. NW, in West Salem. The guest speaker will be John Swanson, candidate for Polk County Commissioner. He will be speaking about his candidacy and talking about the upcoming petition to address the taxes and fees under HR 3991 for ODOT.

Dallas LDS hosts ladies' pie bakeoff competition Nov. 13
The Dallas Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints presents The Great Harvest Bakeoff: Pie Edition, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at 1401 SW 13th St., in Dallas. Ladies ages 16 and up are invited to bring in your favorite pie for a friendly competition. To enter, contact Niki at (801) 643-0837.

Polk County Democrats meet on Zoom Nov. 13
The Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Sign in on Nov. 13 for an informative and educational meeting. The agenda will be announced next week. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on our email announcements list for future events, go to: www.polkdems.org. Scroll down and click on the link to the Newsletter.

Winter Speaker Series kicks off with Bob Oblack Nov. 13
Heritage Museum Winter Speaker Series presents Bob Oblack Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 S Main St., in

Independence. Join in for an evening of conversation and insight as Oblack shares the story of Oregon's natural past. Discover a new perspective on our state's landscapes and gain a deeper understanding of how Oregon's scenery was formed. Suggested donation of \$20 at the door to support the Heritage Museum Society.

Reading Nest hosts conversation on food insecurity Nov. 13
The Reading Next presents Friends of Food: A Community Conversation at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at 1310 Main St. E., in Monmouth. You're invited to join a countywide conversation about food access in Polk County during the current SNAP shutdown. This gathering welcomes organizations, businesses, and community members who are already involved (or want to get involved) in supporting food access across our communities. Get tickets and RSVP at <https://bit.ly/4osnLnG>.

Dallas Library hosts teen Geoguessr event Nov. 14
Teens ages 12-17 are invited for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition! Enjoy delicious pizza

while testing geography skills in a round of Geoguessr — the ultimate game of guessing where in the world you are. Join us at the Dallas Library on Friday Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

WOU presents Creative Arts Day for high school students Nov. 14
WOU hosts Creative Arts Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at 345 Monmouth Ave. N., in Monmouth. The event includes a day of workshops and fun for high school students on WOU's campus. Come experience life as a creative arts student. Learn more at <http://calendar.wou.edu/wou/event/11394-creative-arts-day>.

Panther Club hosts dinner auction Nov. 15
The Panther Club Auction fundraiser is Nov. 15 at The Gate, 1501 Monmouth St. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m. A fiesta themed dinner follows at 6 p.m. And the oral auction caps the night at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple, or \$275 for a table of eight. For more information contact the club at (503) 302-9940 or centralpanthercluboregon@gmail.com.

Heron Pointe Craft Fair returns Nov. 15
The Heron Pointe Second Annual Craft Fair is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at 504 Gwinn St. E., in Monmouth. Local Vendors do not pay for this event. To sign up, call Teresa or Jane at (503) 831-8331.

Chamber, Reading Nest host food/book popup event Nov. 15
The Reading Nest and the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce present a Free Food and Book Pop Up event, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Area Visitors Center, 184 SE Oak St. Pick out free books for all ages, build your own dinner kits and grab some snacks

See BRIEFS B8

Brandt's Sanitary Service has been named by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce as the Member of the Week.
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PCIO25-1393 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 138545-OR Loan No.: *****3713 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JAMES E. JOHNSON AND LOIS F. JOHNSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED N O M I N E E F O R QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/7/2017, recorded 8/24/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-010195, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-ONE (31), MARTIS MEADOW, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. APN: 524199 / 07528-CB-05600 Commonly known as: 227 NW BONANZA AVE DALLAS, OR 97338-1286 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 2/1/2025 - 10/1/2025 Total: \$11,269.39 Late Charges: \$140.36 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,241.48 Total Required to Reinstate: \$12,651.23 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$158,785.92 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$151,692.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.99 % per annum, from 1/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 3/10/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/20/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1396 Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council Thursday November 20, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 pm The Willamette

Health Council is the community governance body for? PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit? https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/more/meetings-events/. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to? ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org

PCIO25-1397 In the Matter of the Estate of Evelyn M. Bathke Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB08907 All persons having claims against the above-identified estate must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of the notice to the personal representative at the address designated in the notice for the presentation of claims or they may be barred. Edwin Bathke and Vernon Bathke, Co-Personal Representatives c/o Sam Sears 570 Liberty St. SE, Suite 240 Salem, Oregon 97301 All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. This notice was first published on November 12, 2025.

PCIO25-1398 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk In the Matter of the Estate of Cedric J. Skabo, Deceased. No. 25PB05169 - Probate NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michelle M. Morrow has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present such claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative or to Michelle M. Morrow, Attorney, at the addresses listed below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Personal Representative Michelle M. Morrow PO Box 3257 Salem, OR 97302 Attorney for Personal Representative Michelle M. Morrow PO Box 3257 Salem, OR 97302

PCIO25-1399 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: DALE ARTHUR JORDAN, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB09366 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Heidi Sue Jordan as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dale Arthur Jordan, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published November 12, 2025. Heidi Sue Jordan, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1401 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on Dec 13th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Unit 32 Cassandra Nunez, Unit 219 Rich & Patty Hill, Unit 190 Michael Elliot, Unit 206 Anthony Smith, Unit 54 Erik Jarnport, Unit 371 Kaydra McCargar, Unit 252 Imelda Vera, Unit 136 James Brown, Unit 288 Mike Silver,

Unit 232 Courtne Narvaez, Unit 361 Cassandra Hubbard, Unit 187 Virginia Hernandez & Charline Durchanek, Unit B015 Migdalia Santiago, Unit 177 Robert Carroll, Unit 184 Tami Davis.

PCIO25-1402 NOTICE OF Public HearingsS CHANGES TO Mobile Vending and Food Truck Standards The Independence City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 (6:30 pm) to consider potential changes to the way that mobile vending units and food trucks are regulated in the City of Independence. The proposed changes would make the existing mobile vending/ food truck approval process two separate steps: an Application for a Mobile Vending or Food Truck Location; and an Application for a Mobile Vending Device or Food Truck. For further information, please visit: www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects. Contact: If you have questions, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us. Hearing Location: The public hearing will be held at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351. The location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the proposed changes is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearing (per Independence Development Code Section 11.025(A) (7)). Physical copies of the documents may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit the testimony prior to and at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearing. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns related to the changes, by the close of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Land Use Board of Appeals).

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" include 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

PCIO25-1380 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.

PCIO25-1384 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@fwlaw.com

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. Loisselle, 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

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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 Southeastery line of the aforementioned SFCW railroad, said point being 20 feet Southeastery 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 Southeastery 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 Southeastery line of that tract conveyed to SPC in that instrument recorded in Volume 211, page 620, Deed Records, said point being 60 feet Southeastery at a perpendicular distance from the centerline of the aforementioned SFCW railroad; thence South 39°32'23" West 15.23 feet along said Southeastery 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 Southeastery line to a point of tangency; thence South 38°50'39" West 14.64 feet along said Southeastery 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 Southeastery line to an angle point thereof; thence North 45°14'18" West 30.00 feet to a point on the Southeastery 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 Southeastery 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 Southeastery 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 a 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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Southeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery line to a point of curvature; thence Southeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery along the arc of a 5709.58 foot radius curve to the left, (the chord of which bears North 42°54'32" East 809.43 feet), 810.11 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 38°50'39" East 14.64 feet to a point of curvature; thence Northeastery 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 Northeastery 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 Northwesterly line of said tract and the Northwesterly line of the aforementioned tract conveyed to SFCW in Volume 50, page 105, to a point of curvature; thence Northeastery 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 Northwesterly 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 Northeastery 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.

PCIO25-1400 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglov Ave., Dallas, Oregon 97338 on November 25th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Heidi Bradford -H30408, Chuck Ferris -H10076, Cherine Demarsh -A0040, Calvin Green -A0111, Ashlee Marshall -H20209.

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, Oct. 30

At 10:20 a.m., a resident on Denton Avenue reported a neighbor's dog getting into the complainant's yard. An officer talked with the dog's owner about it and is going to remedy the situation. At 10:33 a.m., a resident on Elderberry Lane reported someone smashed her styro-foam pumpkins. At 1:18 p.m., a resident on Jefferson Street reported a known subject stole her vehicle; however, she did not wish to pursue charges at this time. At 3:06 p.m., a report that the owners of goats now have them taken care of and out of the road on Ellendale Avenue.

At 5:19 p.m., a report of a group of teenagers smoking, drinking, doing gummies and obnoxiously screaming on Uglov Avenue. Officers were unable to locate any subjects.

Friday, Oct. 31

At 12:28 p.m., a report that two subjects had been removing city trash tops (3) on Court Street and leaving them on the ground. A third subject put them back. At 3:12 p.m., an officer investigated a residential alarm triggered on La Creole Drive. The resident had accidentally set it off. At 9:12 p.m., officers were contacted by a UPS driver who reported seeing a vehicle and occupants looking at the back of the 53-foot trailers near the bus barn. An officer checked them and both were secure with locks.

Saturday, Nov. 1

At 12:46 a.m., officers responded to a residential burglar alarm on Mill Street with a possible window glass break. They found no signs of

a disturbance or entry to the residence.

At 1:09 a.m., a report of two subjects "tagging" windows on Court Street. Officers contacted two juveniles but found no paint. The windows were wiped clean by a bar patron.

At 2:34 a.m., a report of a fight near the senior center on Church Street. A witness advised the group dispersed and no one seemed injured. Officers were unable to locate any of the involved.

At 1:44 p.m., a late report of a hit and run on Orchard Drive.

At 7:07 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Cutoff Road was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and for speeding 57 mph in a 40-mph zone. The driver also received a written warning for operating an unsafe vehicle. The passenger, who was the registered owner of the vehicle, received a warning for permitting the unlawful operation of the vehicle.

At 8:20 p.m., a motorist on Hankel Street was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph

zone. The driver showed indications of impairment and admitted to taking prescription drugs. However, he passed a field sobriety test. No arrest was made.

Sunday, Nov. 2

At 12:10 a.m., a motorist on Academy Street was cited for failure to carry and present operators license.

At 9:58 a.m., Jamison Key was arrested on Kings Valley Highway for violating a restraining order and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:34 a.m., a report of a male yelling and cussing at people near the park on Allgood Street. He was gone by the time police arrived.

At 6:19, a juvenile motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for no operator's license and received a written warning for following too close. A passenger was cited for allowing the juvenile to drive without a license.

At 7:05 p.m., Kelly Lawson was arrested on Gordon Court and charged with harassment - domestic violence, and criminal

mischief 3, and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Monday, Nov. 3

At 12:28 a.m., a female motorist was admonished for careless driving after an officer witnessed her driving fast in a parking lot on Ellendale Avenue trying to get the attention of a boy.

At 4:48 a.m., officers served a search warrant with FBI SWAT on Blackberry Avenue. John Atkins was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct 1 and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:05 a.m., a found wallet was turned in to police by a good citizen.

At 2:05 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 2:17 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 36 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 4:56 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for failure to renew registration.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

At 5:55 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for failure to carry and present an operator's license.

At 8:32 a.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 6:21 p.m., Juan Osorio was cited and released on Court Street for theft 3.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

At 11:33 a.m., a female subject locked herself out of her van on Court Street and was trying to unlock it through the door frame.

At 1:08 p.m., a resident on Robb Street reported her vehicle had been tagged.

At 5:21 p.m., a report of a two vehicle, non-injury crash blocking traffic on Kings Valley Highway. The vehicle occupants exchanged information and were leaving as an officer arrived.

At 9:06 p.m., an officer swapped patches with Simon Winkler, an officer from Germany.

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At 9:21 p.m., a vehicle broke down at the stop light Main Street. An officer assisted the driver in pushing the car into the 76 parking lot.

**Independence
Police Department**

Thursday, Oct. 23

At 11:55 a.m., a male subject was arrested on E Street on an outstanding warrant. During the arrest, police found a meth pipe on the subject.

At 1:37 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a ditch on Hoffman Road. The vehicle was towed due to the driver not having insurance.

Saturday, Oct. 25

After an argument turned physical by both parties in the 400 block of Stryker Road, Darrin Brown grabbed the victim's phone while she was trying to call police. Brown was arrested, charged with interference with making a report and was later transported to jail.

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

Sunday, Oct. 26

At 2:53 a.m., Polk County Deputies assisted police with a DUII stop on Stryker Road when the driver refused to exit the vehicle. Officers finally talked the driver out of his car and handcuffed him. Then he refused to enter the police car. After receiving a threat of force warning, officers were able to pull him into the car from the other side.

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

At 10:52 p.m., a report of a possible prowler on Tylers Place. Officers found no sign of a prowler.

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 1 p.m., an officer helped two parties exchange information after they were involved in a car crash on Monmouth Street.

At 6:08 p.m., officers investigated a report of shots fired in the Grand Street area. Complainant was unsure if they came from across the river or not. Officers noted it is bird season.

At 7:05 p.m., an officer gave a male subject a courtesy ride on River Road after trying to flag down motorists while walking from Salem to Dallas.

At 8:18 p.m., a report of political signs stolen and vandalized on Morning Glory Drive.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

An apartment manager reported seeing Michael Skinner lingering near the mail delivery area of the apartment complex in the 200 block of Deann Drive. A few days earlier he'd been arrested in the exact spot for physically harassing a person, so there was a violation of his release agreement. It was also discovered that he had a recent warrant from failing to appear at court a couple of days prior. He was arrested on the outstanding warrant and also charged with violating a release agreement. He was booked into jail.

At 9:50 a.m., an officer helped with a lock down drill on Church Street.

Friday, Oct. 31

An officer initiated a traffic stop on a speeding motorist in a school zone. Larry K

Redding II produced an out-of-state license that had been expired for 10 years. In addition, his Oregon license had been suspended for several years. Redding was cited for misdemeanor level failure to carry and present a license.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Deann Drive. They found the victim and minor aged children on scene who reported that Jose Gallegos Sandoval had broken things and threw items at them. The victim had been grabbed during this argument and in past altercations. Gallegos Sandoval was booked into jail and charged with strangulation, assault 4 - misdemeanor and harassment - physical.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Stephanie Rhoades was cited and released on South Second Street near Monmouth Street on a failure to register as a sex offender warrant.

**Monmouth Police
Department**

Thursday, Oct. 30

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A driver was stopped for vehicle violations and made concerning statements about self-harm after a breakup. The driver refused to exit the vehicle, and parents were called to assist. They agreed to take the driver home and secure car keys.

Crash: A two-vehicle crash occurred at an intersection due to a driver running a stop sign, causing damage to both cars and a fence. Drivers exchanged information, and the at-fault driver was cited. The property owner was provided with the case number.

Citizen Contact: A parent expressed unhappiness about their disabled child walking away from school. Staff had followed the child and returned them to school without assistance. The parent demanded video footage and answers from the school, but was not satisfied with the suggestions offered to address concerns.

Found Person: Residents observed a young child in the street without an adult. The father quickly retrieved the child, explaining the child had followed the mother who was walking to the bus stop. The child was safe, and the father was advised on supervision.

Animal: A property manager reported a dog bite where a small dog nipped an individual in the butt without breaking the skin. The dog owner was advised of quarantine protocols and would be followed up with regarding dog registration and vaccinations.

Fraud: An individual received a phone call from someone impersonating a police department representative, claiming a missed jury duty and demanding a bond payment of \$2,000 via kiosk to avoid arrest. The individual complied and deposited the money.

Illegal Parking: Two trucks were found parked completely on the sidewalk. The occupants, who were moving, moved the trucks when asked.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical and verbal disturbance was reported between an individual and her ex-boyfriend, with claims of multiple people with rifles. No firearms were present, and no physical altercation was observed. The individual's mental health appeared to be declining, and her father and a friend were present to take care of her.

Noise: A loud party was reported. Officers arrived, observed a group playing games, and advised the resident about the noise ordinance, issuing a warning for future violations.

Friday, Oct. 31

Hangup: A 911 hangup call was made. Officers checked in with the individual, who confirmed everything was fine and declined assistance.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual called reporting self-harm and not taking medication. Minor cuts were observed, and the individual agreed to go to a medical facility to speak with a mental health specialist. The individual was transported by medics.

Found Person: A report of a young juvenile walking alone before entering a residence. Contact was made with the juvenile and an older sibling, who advised they were with their father at the fire department before the juvenile walked home. Both parents and children were confirmed safe.

Trespass: A male was reported recording and harassing customers outside a shop. The shop owner was advised that recording in public was allowed, and the male was advised not to enter the business. The auditor's name and vehicle information were noted.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Assist Other Agency: A call was received about a large party with minors consuming alcohol. During contact at the door, individuals were heard jumping a back fence. An officer observed a subject in a costume laying in a field who identified as a 17-year-old and was cooperative and not intoxicated.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal domestic dispute occurred between two individuals due to loyalty issues. Both denied anything physical, and no injuries were observed. They were encouraged to separate or continue the conversation later, as one individual was intoxicated.

Suspicious Activity: A male was reported tearing things off a car and yelling. The car belonged to the male, who did not want to talk and rode off on his bike. The male was warned for his behavior.

Crime: An individual called to report a possible restraining order violation but did not answer return calls. A restraining order was confirmed, and a voicemail was left. Later, the individual reported receiving several text messages and a phone call from the subject of the restraining order from both a personal and a "burner" phone. Officers attempted contact at the subject's residence and by phone but received no answer. Probable cause for a restraining order violation was developed.

Arrest: An individual was arrested for criminal mischief and transported to a correctional facility.

Crime: During a follow-up regarding previous incidents, an individual explained that explicit videos had been sent to friends from another individual's phone. An initial report was taken and forwarded to detectives.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported hearing one to two gunshots in the area but was unsure of the direction or location. Officers checked the surrounding area and were unable to locate anything.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Assault: Campus police reported a group of students were assaulted by a suspect wearing a mask who left on a bike with two other males. Individuals were contacted, and probable cause was developed for assault and harassment. The suspect was located and released to his mother, as the juvenile department did not want to lodge him.

Harassment: An individual reported being harassed via telephone by an ex-partner.

Suspicious Activity: A tenant reported the back of a communal mailbox was left open. No pry marks were observed, and mail was

present in several boxes, suggesting the postal person likely forgot to secure it. Officers secured the mailbox and planned to contact the post office.

Theft: An individual reported someone entered her boyfriend's vehicle overnight. The suspect stole a portable charger, two pairs of cheap sunglasses, and work keys for a local elementary school. The boyfriend did not want to pursue charges and did not know who could have taken the items. He was suggested to notify the school, and officers planned to do the same. No suspects were identified.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and lodged on a municipal warrant for criminal mischief.

Suspicious Activity: A caller expressed concerns that an RV outside a listed location was connecting to one of their units and using water and electricity at night. The caller did not know for sure but wanted to ensure residents felt safe. The RV had been there for about two days. A 72-hour notice was applied, and the pickup tires were chalked. Officers planned to follow up as there was an existing case on the truck/trailer from when it was parked on another street.

Arrest: A caller reported an individual blocking traffic with their car. The individual had a warrant from another county and was cited and released. The individual was escalated and given a short time to move their car off the road.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A caller stated she cut her arms and wanted to surrender her knife and speak with law enforcement. Officers arrived, and the caller handed over a metal spork. The caller discussed not being able to see her daughter and that her mom got to see her on Halloween, but she didn't. The caller had superficial cuts on her arms that medics looked at, and the caller did not want to go to the hospital. She said they felt better and would be safe for the night.

Monday, Nov. 3

Suspicious Activity: Individuals were contacted in front of a listed location. They advised they were walking home from a friend's house. Attempts to contact parents were unsuccessful. They were transported to another address, and a parent was not home. Both were about eight minutes from violating curfew, so they were warned.

Criminal Mischief: Purple graffiti markings were spray painted at local parks on Halloween. Video footage of the suspect will be sent out.

Hit and Run: A driver reported that another vehicle pulled out next to them, and they thought the other vehicle had hit their left rear bumper. The other vehicle passed and kept driving, leading to a hit and run report. Officers observed the vehicle's driving. After initiating a stop, it was determined the vehicles never made contact. There was no visible damage to either vehicle.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Citizen Contact: A person reported finding a bike and bullets on their property and would call back to arrange for an officer to recover the items.

Suspicious Activity: A parent reported finding an edible in their child's Halloween candy. The remaining candy was searched, and no more edibles were found. Information was sought from a local cannabis shop about the edible. The child was taken to the doctor.

Illegal Camping: Property owners contacted the police about a transient person camping outside a senior center. The person had previous permission but the manager wanted them to leave soon. The potential for establishing

residency and needing eviction was discussed. The camper had a video appointment for a group home.

Found Property: A found blue and grey bicycle was checked and came back clear. The finder is holding onto it to locate the owner. A bag of 9mm ammunition was taken for safekeeping.

Found Property: A ring was turned in after being found. It was placed in safekeeping.

Suspicious Activity/Ordinance Violation: A tenant noticed two young men acting suspiciously at their door. They were identified as working for a window company and did not have a soliciting permit. They were advised to obtain one.

Fraud: A person lost their wallet, and a debit card from their workplace was later used to make a large pizza order to the address where they were house-sitting. Two younger females residing in an apartment in the backyard were interviewed and denied involvement. A bulletin was sent for the stolen driver's license.

Intoxicated Person: A bartender reported an intoxicated male leaving a location in a gray vehicle. The vehicle was registered to an individual residing in a different city. The vehicle was not located, and the individual reportedly headed to the other city.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Arrest: An individual attempted to turn themselves in at a jail for a previous charge. They were detained and arrested for contempt of court and lodged at the jail.

Welfare Check: A caller reported an elderly female had fallen near a driveway. The individual was contacted and stated she was uninjured and did not require medical or further assistance.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A report of a possibly intoxicated or distressed male yelling in an area, matching the description of a known individual. The individual and their vehicle were not located.

Suspicious Activity: A suspicious item was found near construction materials. The bomb squad responded, and nearby residents were advised to shelter in place or evacuate. The item was determined to be a hoax device. The contractor was advised to be vigilant for similar activity.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual made a distress call to a crisis line, stating they were waiting for police to arrive and shoot them, then hung up. Attempts to contact the individual and their parents were unsuccessful. In-person contact was not attempted due to the statements. The individual's vehicle was later located.

Suspicious Person: A male in a red hat was reported going door-to-door. He identified himself as working for a window company and showed his work ID, stating his manager had discussed a solicitation permit with the city.

Citizen Contact: The owners of a plot of land were contacted regarding an individual camping on their property due to complaints from commercial tenants. They were aware of the situation and had an employee en route to contact the individual and have them move. They also planned to place a tow notice on the individual's car and were informed the police could assist with trespassing if needed.

Assist Other Agency: An alarm was unverified at a business. An elderly female, likely custodial staff, was found inside.

Suspicious Vehicle: A silver minivan was reported unoccupied in the middle of a street. The vehicle was found unoccupied. The owner was contacted and advised it had run out of gas. A friend brought gas, and the vehicle was moved. A warning was issued for illegal parking.

Suspicious Person: A male in dark clothing was reported walking in an area, with concerns regarding recent vehicle break-ins. No unusual behavior or criminal activity was observed. The area was checked, and a male with a similar description was seen walking but not doing anything unusual. Attempts to contact the complainant were unsuccessful.

Traffic: A male on an orange mountain bike was stopped for not having lights or reflectors and riding the wrong direction, nearly causing a crash. The individual was confrontational, refused to take a citation for bicycle equipment requirements, and was warned for offensive littering after discarding the citation.

**Polk County
Sheriff's Office**

Wednesday, Oct. 29

At 12:22 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle that drove down a county right of way behind Rickreall Road and had not come out. The deputy contacted a young (adult) couple having sex in their car. They claimed they did not know it was private property. The deputy educated the couple on trespassing as well as public indecency since they apparently thought they were in a place open to the public.

At 1:02 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 87 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 4:15 a.m., a deputy patrolling in West Salem responded to an alarm triggered at a church on Elm Street and assisted until the church was cleared.

At 7:48 a.m., a subject on 13th Street was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 9:34 a.m., Hood River PD asked PCSO to do a drive by at a location on Butler Hill Road to see if a suspect vehicle was there. The detective was requesting an unmarked vehicle do the driveby, however PCSO did not have one available at the time. A detective said he would come out later today or tomorrow.

At 2:26 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a crash on Zena Road. The involved vehicles were gone and had left the scene by the time the deputy arrived.

At 3:15 p.m., a resident on Independence Highway reported finding a gun in a bag laying in his driveway. When a deputy contacted the caller, he said he got curious and opened the bag and found it to be a construction rivet gun and not an actual firearm. Sounds like it possibly belongs to his neighbor.

At 7:02 p.m., a motorist on Glen Creek Road was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for expired registration.

At 8:16 p.m., a resident reported hearing yelling followed by several gun shots in the rural area of Gooseneck Road. A deputy called a female subject known to have loud arguments with her son, and she explained that her son was out target shooting.

Thursday, Oct. 30

At 7:28 a.m., a deputy checked on a vehicle that broke down on the side of the road. The driver was fine and had his wife coming for help with a ride.

At 8:37 p.m., an animal complaint regarding a large dog on Kings Valley Highway. Upon arriving, the deputy learned the complainant and her children were able to get the dog back to where it belonged. The complainant stated the dog lives on the east side of the highway up the shared driveway with a few addresses.

Run N’ Ruck builds community one step at a time

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Western Oregon’s Ruck N’ Run is the fall tradition that brings veterans, cadets, students and local residents together - one weighted step at a time.

“It’s a casual 5K run,” said Logan Doerfler, director of the university’s Veterans Resource Center. “People can show up, run, or pick up a backpack, throw some weight in and do a ruck. It’s a chance for our community to come together and celebrate military culture.”

The annual event is now in its fourth year.

Zach Hammerle, assistant director of Campus Recreation, described Run N’ Ruck as a rare and welcome crossover.

“We’ve got about 80 traditional veterans on campus,” Hammerle said. “When you include family members, cadets, National Guardsmen, it’s more like 150 to 160. Run N’ Ruck lets the whole military family connect with the wider campus and the town.”

Not that it’s easy. There is a physical challenge involved for some. Hammerle knows this from experience. His introduction to rucking came two years ago when carried a 45-pound backpack for the first time. The ordeal, he described, was very difficult.

But it doesn’t have to be. The course is 3.1-miles long and is open to walkers, joggers, runners and ruckers. It meanders through the college and then continues on a circular route that ends at Main Street Park.

The course is marked and volunteers are strategically placed to ensure no one strays off the soon-to-be beaten path.

Campus Recreation will have backpacks and rubberized weights available for participants who want to try rucking but lack their own equipment. Published reports state rucking is gaining in popularity with the general population. Making it part of an overall fitness plan for some, and a window into military life for others.



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The fourth annual Run N’ Ruck returns Nov. 22, near the Recreation Center at Western Oregon University.

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“Hard work gets results,” said Aidan Ionis in explaining the growth in popularity.

Ionis is an ROTC cadet, WOU student and National Guardsman. He added the event is not just a physical challenge.

“It helps the community develop empathy toward military-connected folks,” he said.

“People get a taste of what it means to put on a rucksack and push through. Run N’ Ruck bridges a gap by reducing stigma while increasing understanding on both sides.”

Bridge construction is intentional. Campus Recreation sees itself as a “community hub,” Hammerle said. He noted the center contains a climbing wall and swimming pool that are open to the public. Run N’ Ruck extends the center’s connection to the outdoors.

The event is part of a weeklong effort by WOU to celebrate and honor veterans. Special events planned this week include a military appreciation football game, show of green photos day, and a veterans breakfast.

“We don’t have a military base close to us, and we don’t always have the opportunity to come together and celebrate and recognize our veterans,” Doerfler said in a WOU press release. “This is an opportunity for our veterans to be honored and for university partners to support them, and we are excited to bring everyone together to recognize their sacrifice.”

Contact the university for more information.

Western Oregon University Run N’ Ruck (free 5k walk, run or ruck). 11 a.m., Nov. 22; check in is at 10:40 a.m.

Lot R, 332 Jackson St., Monmouth. Outside the Campus Recreation building. Parking is free throughout the university.

First 50 to sign up receive a commemorative tee-shirt.

To register, go to wou.dserec.com/online/cr/programs/7/program-classes-grid/instance/2808 or sign-up on-site at check-in.

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and treats to take home. Questions? Reach out to hello@thereadingnest.org.

Museum hosts special presentation ‘Hidden in the Hops’ Nov. 15

The Polk County Museum presents “Hidden in the Hops: Women, Brewing & The Labor of Local History” at 1 p.m. Nov. 15. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$1 for children, members free. The museum is located at 670 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall.

St. Patrick Church hosts home energy discussion Nov. 19

St. Patrick Church, in collaboration with the Monmouth-Independence Climate Action Group, is hosting an informational event at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 to discuss home energy efficiency including solar and other energy efficiency improvements. Many people believe energy efficiencies are out of reach. The Oregon Department of Energy and Energy Trust of Oregon provide excellent incentives for energy efficient improvements and solar. There are also extended incentives for low-income homeowners. The event, featuring Julie Williams, Seeds for the Sol, and other experts in installation, is at St. Patrick Church, 1275 E St., in Independence.

Climate Action Group hosts home energy discussion Nov. 19

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4-H hosts youth blacksmithing class Nov. 20-21

The Oregon 4-H Polk County presents Heat & Hammer: Historical Blacksmithing, for ages 15–18, Nov. 20-21 at Brunk Farmstead, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway. Learn coal forging with antique tools and forge your own functional gravy ladle. Class is \$20 for enrolled 4-H Youth; \$30 for non-enrolled youth. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/4hTxTze>.

Monmouth Library hosts screening of ‘Farming While Black’ Nov. 20

The Monmouth Public Library, in partnership with the Cultural Harvest Collective, presents a screening of the film “Farming While Black” at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at 168 Ecels St S., in Monmouth. Join staff for the film screening followed by pizza dinner and film discussion. The event is funded by the Friends of the Monmouth Library.

Service Club hosts Holiday Bazaar Nov. 21-23

The GFWC Polk County Service Club’s annual Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 21 from 3-8 p.m., Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 23, 3-8 p.m. with Santa visiting each day, at 340 S. Third St., Independence. This year GFWC Polk County Service Club’s will be helping Santa by providing a book for each child who visits Santa. GFWC Polk County Service Club also will be coordinating efforts to end hunger and will have a barrel from Ella Curran Food Bank so donations can be brought to the event. This will help with providing food for those in need in the area especially during the Holidays.

Salem Philharmonia Orchestra hosts Family Concerts Nov. 22-23

The Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring

musicians from Polk and Marion Counties, presents a pair of all-ages “Family Concerts” at 2 p.m. Nov. 22 and 23, at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director, Jonathan DeBruyn, these concerts feature a mix of shorter classical to modern compositions, showcasing the different instrumental sections in the orchestra. In addition, SPO musicians will host an instrument “petting zoo”, beginning at 1 p.m. in the lobby for youngsters to see orchestral instruments up close and even try playing some of them. Admission is \$25 for adults ages 18-64; \$20 for students 18-64/srs. 65+; and is free for children/youth under 17. Tickets may be purchased online at www.salemphil.org/buy-tickets/ or at the door on concert day. Contact information@salemphil.org with questions.

Wetzel Estate hosts comedy tour Nov. 28

The Wetzel Estate Vineyard hosts the Winery Comedy Tour at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at 17485 Highway 22, just outside Dallas. Currently in its twelfth year, this nationwide comedy tour has already made stops at 4,600 venues across the country. This event will feature some of the funniest comedians in the country. For tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/4oUD3Np>.

Paint party raises funds for DHS bowling team Nov. 30

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



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