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Dallas ups
sidewalk
repair
program

Reimbursement
to residents,
businesses
expanded

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The city of Dallas has expanded a reimbursement program, increasing the amount residents and businesses can get back after making repairs to sidewalks on their property along public streets.

The City Council approved the increase at its Oct. 6 meeting, codifying a program that wasn't ever formally recognized or adopted by the council via policy or even administratively at staff level, according to City Manager Brian Latta.

Following the recommendation of the Public Administration Committee, the city council approved increasing the reimbursement from \$500 to up to \$2,500 or 50 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less. Latta said the new policy also modifies the program.

"This sets it up more like a grant program. You ask in advance of doing the work if your project is eligible and we have funding to supply that. Then we would approve that ahead of the work happening. Then do the work, submit the reimbursement then get reimbursed," Latta explained. "As these construction costs have grown over time, we felt that was an appropriate amount for reimbursement."

There are several qualifiers that go with the program.

- Eligibility would only apply to sidewalks along public streets, both residential and commercial, as approved through the Public Works Department.
- Reimbursement requests will not be considered for work that is underway or has been completed prior to application approval.
- Work must be completed within 90 days of application approval. If this deadline is not able to be met, applicants may apply for a one-time extension as determined by the city.
- Applicants must contact the city at least 14 days prior to the deadline if additional time is needed.
- A property owner may apply for the program only once per fiscal year.

"Sidewalks damaged by the homeowner's own neglect would not be eligible," Latta added. "Damage from natural wear and tear or tree roots uplifting or cracking the sidewalk would be examples of being eligible."

The city is making up to \$25,000 per fiscal year available overall to the sidewalk repair reimbursement program.

Councilor David Shein said the Public Administration Committee

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Ready, Set, Glow!



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Nearly 700 runners who registered for the annual Dallas 5K Glow Run set off at the starting line outside the Academy Building. The annual event, featuring runners in neon glowing paraphernalia and Halloween costumes, raises funds for Christmas Cheer, a nonprofit that helps feed the needy on the holiday. This year's total was not available before press time.

Duo share the key to home
show success - marketing

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Take a member of a legacy family in Dallas who has been operating his own contracting business going on three decades. Add an experienced partner in marketing who's been doing some sort of exhibition show since her teens. You get Rich Simons and Kelly Tynon, the power couple behind Oregon Hearth & Home Events, the duo keeping the Home and Garden Show going at the Polk County Fairgrounds this weekend.

Now running Oregon Hearth & Home Events going on four years based out of Monmouth, Simons said the idea came about when the organizer for the Albany show was ready to retire.

"The person running the home shows decided to retire, which was a problem for my business, as that's where my company gets a lot of its leads," he said.

So he called up his partner, who's now his fiancée, who was working as an administrator at a private school in Corvallis, but has a lot of experience in marketing. Simons proposed they keep the Albany show running, but had just two months to organize it.

"I asked him if he was crazy," Tynon recalled. "Then I asked him if he'd run the numbers, because I had no idea if this would be a viable business."

They got the ball rolling, researched the industry, and got everything approved, "just in the nick of time" to get billboard advertising and the fairgrounds gave them the old slots to host the event. The first year they cobbled together more than 60 vendors, filling up three quarters of the Linn County Fairgrounds.

They continued putting on the events in Salem then in Polk County, with their eye on Hillsboro next, increasing the numbers of attendees



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Rich Simons and Kelly Tynon are the power duo behind Oregon Hearth & Home Events, hosting the Polk County Home and Garden Show Oct. 10-12 at the county fairgrounds.

and vendors from prior years. The secret was having someone as social media savvy as Tynon, Simons said. Another element to success is making sure the vendors are well taken care of, including things as simple as giving them water bottles and bathroom breaks. Then on Saturdays, they host a vendor reception that gives them an opportunity to network with others from their industry.

"Because you're kind of stuck in the booth the entire time you're here, so you can't really go talk to people. So, Saturday night gives them an opportunity to relax before they have to go home," Simons said.

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Beltz takes
second run as
commissioner

Longtime Monmouth
community leader
running for Position 2

Staff REPORT

Roxanne Beltz, longtime community leader, small business owner, and Monmouth City Councilor, has announced her candidacy for Polk County Commissioner, position 2, the seat currently held by the retiring Craig Pope.

Beltz said with Pope retiring, this open seat is a great opportunity to continue serving the community she loves.



Roxanne Beltz

"I bring the experience to do this job well and my heart is in Polk County," Beltz said by email. "I've served and worked alongside Commissioners Gordon and Mordhorst on committees and shared priorities and am ready to take that collaboration to the next level to keep Polk County moving forward."

Beltz is centering her campaign on three key priorities:

- A Strong Local Economy – Building on her experience as a business owner, president of the Monmouth Business Association, and a City Councilor, Beltz is committed to supporting local entrepreneurs, creating opportunities for family-wage jobs, and strengthening Polk County's economy. She emphasizes that growth must come from bringing more resources into the county through tourism and business development — not by raising taxes on families and businesses.
- Safe and Healthy Communities – Ensuring that everyone has access to the services and support they need, while maintaining safe neighborhoods and strong emergency response systems.
- Accountable, Transparent Government – Drawing on more than 25 years in public service and regional leadership, Beltz pledges to bring openness, collaboration, and responsible management to county government.

"I'm ready to get to work on day one," said Beltz. "I believe in Polk County's future and in the power of bringing people together to get real results. My campaign is about making sure every voice is heard, every community is strong, and progress is measured by the opportunities we create for every person and every business."

Beltz emphasized her respect for the current Polk County Commissioners and the importance of building on their work.

"I value the contributions that Commissioners Pope, Gordon, and Mordhorst have made on behalf of Polk County — from investing in safe and healthy communities, to strengthening our roads and bridges, to supporting veterans and seniors," she said. "I look forward to the

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Oregon Main Street honors Brian Dalton with Excellence On Main award

By OREGON PARKS and RECREATION DEPT.

Former Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton was among Oregon Main Street’s 2025 “Excellence on Main” award winners on Oct. 8 announced during the Opening Session of the Main Street conference in downtown Albany.

Created in 2010, the annual Excellence on Main awards honor the outstanding people, projects and activities that are helping to sustain and enhance

historic downtowns across the state.

This year’s edition saw the acknowledgment of 11 remarkable projects and activities as well as recognition for six Standout Volunteers. Dalton is the recipient of one of the Standout Volunteer certificates for his contributions to the Dallas Downtown Association.

Dalton is one of the driving forces behind the Dallas Downtown Association, dedicating an impressive 430 hours in 2024 alone

to preserve, promote, and enliven the heart of the city. As Vice Chair of the Design Committee and a key member of Promotions, he leads signature events like the beloved annual parade and the unique scarecrow contest, while passionately advocating for downtown building preservation through grant facilitation.

Dalton’s leadership shines in projects like the festive courthouse square lighting that transforms Dallas into a winter wonderland. Always the first to volunteer for clean-up

days and meticulous in tracking progress with detailed reports, Dalton’s unwavering commitment and deep love for Dallas make him an invaluable champion of community pride and growth.

“Brian’s energy, dedication, and love for downtown Dallas truly embody the spirit of Main Street,” said Sheri Stuart, state coordinator of Oregon Main Street. “From organizing events to preserving historic buildings, his leadership helps make Dallas a vibrant, welcoming

place where community pride shines.”

The Excellence on Main awards underscore the diverse facets of the Main Street Approach™, a comprehensive strategy developed by the National Main Street Center, which is embraced by Oregon Main Street Network communities. Through this approach, communities thrive by leveraging innovative projects, community-focused programs, and historic preservation to improve their vitality and enrich residents’ lives.

The Oregon Main Street program empowers local economies, fosters community connections, and enhances the overall appeal of the state. The network of local Main Streets working within the Oregon Main Street program is a testament to the transformative impact of collaborative efforts, nurturing vibrant environments for residents, visitors, and workers alike. Discover more about the Oregon Main Street program’s influence by visiting www.oregonmainstreet.org.

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had a lot of conversations about recrafting the policy.

“Probably the most noticeable thing in the policy is the increase from \$500 to \$2,500, which sounds like a lot. If you look at the price of getting any sort of construction done today – labor, materials and all that goes into it – that \$500 number sounds like something out of the 1980s. And it hadn’t been updated in forever, as far as I know,” Shein explained.

The council made an adjustment to the proposed policy at the urging of councilman Michael Schilling, who had an issue with it requiring

the homeowner or business to get three bids from contractors before being qualified for the reimbursement.

“I don’t know if anyone has tried to get three bids lately, (but) three bids is not an easy thing to get,” Schilling said. “So it is a very large discouragement for this. I also know how competitive bids work. Many homeowners will get a bid from contractors they want, then get two from friends then use the contractor they want. So, I don’t know if we really need three bids when one or two might suffice.”

Schilling asked if there was a legal requirement to ask for three bids, as he didn’t want it to be a roadblock to people using the program. Latta said

there is not a requirement to get any bids, let alone three.

“We felt that getting a bid (was needed). The committee proposed getting three. But if you want to change that to a lesser number that would be fine,” Latta said.

“I’m in favor of streamlining people’s ability to get things done,” Shein added.

Latta recommended keeping the policy to at least one bid so the city would have an idea what the project would cost. The council approved the new policy with just a one-bid requirement.

ADA playground equipment

In other action, the city council approved adding an ADA accessible swing set project to the city’s Capital Improvement Plan with

project completion at Dallas City Park in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Jennifer Ward, Public Works Director, said there has been an interest from the community in increasing the amount of accessible play opportunities for children.

“The accessible play equipment going into Barnard Park is a start, but it will not have an ADA accessible swing, in which there seems to be a particular interest, especially one at City Park,” she read from the staff report.

The proposal would have city Parks staff install a two-bay swing set. The total cost, she said, would be about \$40,000, including purchasing the ADA swing from GameTime for \$5,500. The installation of an accessible,

poured-in-place, or rubberized play tile surface (making it accessible for wheeled devices and mobility aids), for \$25,300. And contracting the site preparation for the play surface, which qualifies it to be a capital improvement project, at an estimated cost of \$9,000.

“The planning was in the works but hadn’t been solidified when we were doing our capital planning for this fiscal year so it is not included in this year’s capital improvement program,” Ward told the city council.

She said the project has great community support with both the Dallas Rotary and Dallas Community Foundation committing \$5,000 each. The remaining costs would be paid for out of Parks SDCs (the

extra funds remained available due to the city not building the Mill Section of the RCTS this year).

The set is planned for the Allgood side of the park, where there is space to install the ADA swings next to the largest play structure and would be accessible from sidewalks currently in place. Ward did not know how the area’s winter weather would affect the timeline for installation, and leaned more toward a spring start.

Latta added the city website has a tool that links to current construction projects that lists its information, from funding sources to plans and specifications and estimated start and completion dates.

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opportunity to collaborate with Commissioners Gordon and Mordhorst and carry forward that momentum.”

Beltz previously ran for county commissioner against Mordhorst in 2024, earning 45% of the vote. She said she learned just how much people

value connection, honesty, and heart in their leaders.

“I met incredible people across the county and had heartfelt conversations about their priorities, their concerns, and their desire for representation. Those conversations strengthened my commitment to keep working for a stronger, more united Polk County,” Beltz said.

Beltz’s record of leadership includes serving as a

Monmouth City Councilor since 2017 (first appointed to fill a vacant seat, then elected twice), chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, and president of the Monmouth Business Association. Her professional career has spanned public service, transportation planning, education, and small business ownership, giving her a unique blend of experience in managing government

resources, connecting people with services, and moving projects forward.

Beltz has 35 years experience working for Cherriots, ODOT, Stanford University and Chevron in transportation planning, marketing, communication, organizational development and regional collaboration. A long-serving Monmouth city councilor, Beltz said she draws perspective from a diverse family

of educators, tradespeople, entrepreneurs, and artists, as well as cultural traditions brought in through marriage. This breadth of experience has shaped her into a bridge-builder who values different perspectives and works to unite people around shared goals.

“My vision is a county where our economy is strong, our communities are safe and healthy, and our local

government is accountable and transparent,” Beltz said. “As a mother and grandmother, I want Polk County to be a place where the next generation can live, work, and thrive.”

Learn more and get involved by visiting her campaign website, www.BelieveinBeltz.com.



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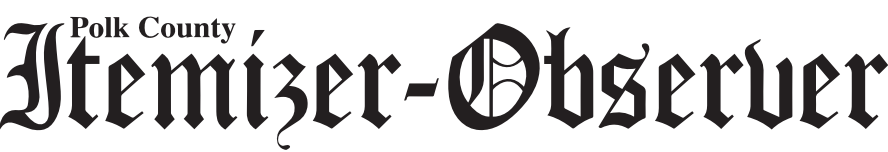
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“I’ve always been someone who believes in supporting small businesses,” Tynon said. “I’ve volunteered for many chambers over my career. I wanted to do this to help businesses grow. Because even the national companies here it’s local reps or local franchises. So it’s still a local business.”

She added she’s “very thankful for our vendors who took a chance on us on our very first show. Some have been with us every show ever since.”

Heather Leyva, manager of Murphy’s Fireplace and Stoves in Salem, is now in her second year participating in Oregon Hearth & Home Events, and 10 years overall at home shows. She said home shows remain an important part of her business model.

“I had a great show here last year. It wasn’t the busiest show I do every year. But I don’t need the busiest shows. I need people who have problems I can solve,” Leyva said. “I do 10 or 11 shows a year, but their shows have been very good for us ... I prefer these smaller types of shows like this. I get better leads. Better folks to help out. This has been a good show.”

The Polk County Show had about 40 vendors this weekend, a little down from previous years. But that’s not necessarily a bad thing. Tynon’s goal is not to pack her shows to the gills. Rather, the goal is to bring in the most serious residents who are undertaking a renovation and get the most exposure to the most vendors at once to best plan their project.

“The people I do bring in are usually pretty serious about finding a contractor,”

Tynon said, adding that could be anything from new plumbing, installing a wood stove or gutters or replacing old windows. “So they’re coming with their projects. I’ll take that every day. Because that’s what we’re here for, to help them get business.”

The duo try to attract to the shows anything to do with home remodeling and decor, focusing on small businesses, including crafters.

“People who run a home business who don’t have a store front. They’re creating stuff by hand,” Tynon said.

The youngest vendor at the Polk County Fairgrounds was Molly Parker, 14, of Salem, who set up her first ever booth at a home show for her business Let’s Go! Sugar Scrubs, a cosmetics business that sells sugar scrubs, lotion bars and lip balms. Her mom Amber is the legal owner behind the business, as the state of Oregon does not allow minors to own an LLC. But Molly makes all the decisions in which direction to take her company. She was excited to be at her first home show, sounding like an old pro explaining her products to interested attendees.

“It’s been going pretty good. It’s a little slow, but that’s only because it’s the first day,” Parker said. “

Whether they’re old pros or complete newbies, Tynon has been helping the vendors learn to excel at the home and garden shows, leaving with a batch of new leads.

“For some of these small businesses, especially if it’s their first or second show, I’m trying to look at it as an educational opportunity for them. Trying to teach them booth etiquette ... like get off your phone. Cause you’re not going to get any leads or business if you’re doing this the whole time,” Tynon said, miming tapping away, head down on a cell phone.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Molly Parker, 14, of Salem, the youngest vendor at the Polk County Home and Garden Show, explains her products for her business Let’s Go! Sugar Scrubs.

She added all a vendor needs to be successful at one of their home and garden shows is a table and a banner. And, the right attitude.

So far, Albany, Polk County and Hillsboro are the only three locations for Oregon Hearth & Home. Simons said they plan to host another in the spring and incorporate agriculture vendors in it.

“This area seems to like agriculture,” he said.

To learn more about Oregon Hearth & Home, go to <https://oregonhearthand-homeevents.com>.

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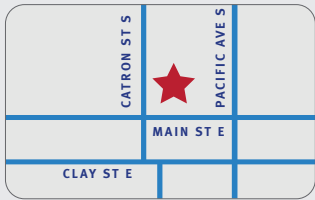
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Katherine Ann Mulvey Caligure
July 4, 1927 - Aug. 17, 2025

Katherine Ann Mulvey, affectionately known as Kay, passed away peacefully on Aug. 17, 2025, at the age of 98. Born on July 4, 1927, in Norwalk, Connecticut, to William Mulvey and Mary Fagan, Kay was one of 11 children.

A proud graduate of Norwalk High School in 1947, Kay went on to live a life filled with love, family and adventure. Kay married her beloved husband, Joseph R Caligure, and together they shared 72 years of marriage until passing.

Kay and Joe raised four children – Ron, Lorraine, Michael and Tony. Kay was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother to 11 grandkids and 20 great grandkids. Mom always made sure you had breakfast, lunch and dinner, and never missed a kids event, be it a game or other event.

After retirement from Central School District, Talmadge Middle School, Kay embraced life’s joy with Joe. They traveled to spring training baseball games and cruised the world, creating cherished memories.

Kay’s kindness and zest for life will live on in the hearts of her family and all who knew her.

Funeral Arrangements were Friday Aug. 22, 2025, at 1 p.m.

passing in 2012, he married Eunice Lorene Weston in 2013.

Alan was devoted to his faith, family, and church. His family was his joy, and he loved spending time with them. He will be remembered as a kind, gentle, honest, faithful and godly man.

A celebration of Alan’s life was held at Valley Life Center, Dallas, Oregon, on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m.



Sheila Nelson (Curran)
Nov. 1, 1942 - Sept. 17, 2025

Sheila Terese Nelson (Curran) of Independence, Oregon, moved on to the great garden in the sky to join loved ones who have gone before.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Charlotte Curran; daughter Tamara Nelson, grandson Michael Nelson-Cedillo and long-time companion, Joseph Quinn. She is survived by her daughter Pamela (Nelson) Young; son Randall Nelson; grandchildren Danielle and James Young, and great-grandchildren Jax Nelson-Cedillo, Phoebe Winborn and Frank Winborn IV; and her three siblings, Cathy Sorenson, Debbie Green and Mike Curran.

Born in New York, Sheila spent most of her youth in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her family relocated to Salem, Oregon, in 1956 where she attended and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, later attending WOU and OSU. Sheila retired after 27 wonderful years as an instructional assistant from the Central School District in 2001 – and revealed in her retirement, spending the last four years in Arizona.

Sheila loved her family and friends, gardening and traveling the world via the internet. Sheila had a personal relationship with God and often said “I believe in angels.” Sheila was the matriarch of our family, deeply loved by many and will be dearly missed.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life in Independence, Oregon, at a date later to be determined.

Donations can be made to the Ella Curran Food Bank of Independence, Oregon. Checks can be mailed to: Ella Curran Food Bank, PO Box 547, Independence, OR 97351-0547. Donate online at www.ellacurran-foodbank.org/volunteer-contact.

Ronald Holloway

Ron was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Charles Wayne Holloway and Dorothy Evelyn Holloway on Aug. 21, 1937.

At 5, his parents moved to Alameda, California, where Ron attended elementary and high school. At 17, he joined the U.S. Army. After being discharged, he held various jobs while attending night classes at San Jose State University in San Jose, California, to earn his



Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science.

Later, after being hired as a Probation Officer in San Jose, he earned his master’s degree in Correctional Counseling through the Probation Department from Chapman College in Orange, California. He started his law enforcement career as a counselor in Juvenile Hall, later advanced to a juvenile probation officer then to an adult probation/parole officer, retiring in 1993 for a total of 28 years.

In 1980, he married his wife Donna and lived in San Jose for 15 years. They moved to Oregon in 1995 and settled in Dallas. Shortly thereafter, they joined St. Philip’s Catholic Church. Ron was the church handyman, served as a hospitality minister, helped with clean up from luncheons/dinners and cleaned the parish hall every week for 18 years. He also volunteered at the Polk/Marion Food Bank, at various functions through the Knights of Columbus, delivered Meals on Wheels, built homes for Habitat for Humanity and was a lunch buddy to an elementary student at Lyle School.

Ron’s passion was building projects which included remodeling old homes. He also liked to travel, his favorite to Boiler Bay on the Oregon Coast to smell the water and listen to the waves and seagulls while napping. Cruising was another favorite – he and Donna both enjoyed sailing to various destinations such as Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Mexico, countries in the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. They also visited Canada several times and traveled on a pilgrimage to Italy.

Ron is preceded in death by his father Wayne; mother Dorothy; brothers Keith (Jeri) and Dwight (Theresa); sister Karen (Aubrey – also deceased); stepbrother Avril; and stepsister, Judy.

Ron is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna; son Ron; daughter Lynette; grandson Joseph (Sara); sister Ann (Bill); stepsister Debbie; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Philip’s Catholic Church in Dallas, Oregon, on Friday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Knights of Columbus - Council 8129 c/o St. Philip’s Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas, Oregon 97338.

Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family.

Dr. Jack C. Rye
April 4, 1935 - Sept. 5, 2025

A tear will be shed on the open range of Eastern Oregon as one of its greatest cowboys and Jack-of-all trades rode off into the sunset at the



age of 90. Dr. Jack C. Rye finally decided to call it a day, as he passed away on Sept. 5, 2025, in his home of over 50 years, surrounded by family and dear friends in Monmouth, Oregon. He fought to the end, proving an adage he loved to quote, “Getting old ain’t for sissies!”

Cowboy, husband, father, grandfather, leader, mentor and friend were roles he filled in a life well-lived and a one that was much appreciated by everyone he embraced along his trail.

Dr. Jack Clinton Rye was born April 4, 1935, in Paducah, Kentucky.

As a child, Jack spent countless hours exploring the Mingo River in Missouri and enjoying the outdoors. He eventually moved to Oregon with his aunt and uncle and graduated from Prineville High School. Jack attended Eastern Oregon State College where he met the love of his life, Grace Fumiko Furuyama.

While in college, Jack acted in the western movie, “Pillars of the Sky.” Because of his riding skills and youthful good looks, Jack was asked to move to Hollywood and become a western actor. In this moment, Jack showed his unwavering devotion to Grace, and chose her over potential Hollywood stardom. Jack and Grace bought a house in La Grande, Oregon, where they raised and showed Appaloosa horses, and started a family.

They moved to Corvallis where Jack achieved his Ph.D at Oregon State University. Jack, Grace and their family then moved to Monmouth, Oregon, where Jack became the Director of Graduate Programs at Oregon College of Education. Jack lit up young minds for decades as a respected educator, Head of the Physical Education Department, and Athletic Director at Western Oregon University (formerly OCE). Jack was the NAIA District II Athletic Director of the Year 1986-87. His focus was to help his students, coaches, community so he pioneered the Wolf Pack Auction to raise money for the WOU athletics. Jack started, and was the advisor for, the Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon Rodeo Club teams. He also served in the National Guard.

In retirement, Jack continued to pursue his true passion, riding horses. Jack was a genuine cowboy, spending time on the open range herding cattle, taking his pack mules with friends to the Minam mountains or trail riding with his family. Jack became a competitive team roper, which he continued until the age of 89.

Jack devoted over 65 years to the Lions Club. He chaired the Scholarship Committee for many of those years, again investing his time, talents, and treasure in the success of young people’s lives. Jack was widely respected and he received the Lions International President Award in recognition of his outstanding service.

Jack loved music and taught himself to play the ukulele. During

family gatherings, Jack would play and sing his way through the holidays.

Most important of all to Jack was his family and the extraordinary, deep friendships he cultivated over the years. Jack’s life was a journey defined by the rare and wonderful combination of grit and kindness, lifelong bonds, and a selfless servant who supported his countless friends, community and dear family, through to the very end.

Jack was preceded in death by Marvin and Beauton Stanley, Robbie Ray Priestler and Jonathan Rye. He is survived by Grace Rye, Melissa and Alexander O’Keefe.

Please join Jack’s Celebration of Life held Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the Pacific Room (Northwest corner on the ground floor), 400 Monmouth Ave N., Western Oregon University, in Monmouth, Oregon..

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Central Lions Club are welcome online at <https://mi-lions.org/donate-here>.



Teena Hughes Lewetag
Jan. 26, 1952 - Oct. 1 2025

Teena Leona Hughes Lewetag was born in Roseburg Oregon, on Jan. 26, 1952, to Quinton Corby and Sally Anne Hughes along with her twin sister Deena. Teena lived with her family and sisters Deena and Cheryl in Oakridge in the 1950’s.

Teena loved school and after she graduated high school she went on to study at Lane Community College, first studying computer programming via punch cards. She hated that. Teena eventually went on to study teaching at Oregon College of Education. She began her teaching career in Polk County and taught at Bridgeport Elementary, Perrydale Elementary. Teena and Rita Montgomery “No Nonsense School.”

She was married to Kenneth Lewetag in 1974 and they became parents to two children, Zachary and Jacklynn. They adopted their son Zachary in 1985 and their daughter Jacklynn in 1996. Teena continued teaching until her retirement in the early 2000’s from the Dallas School District.

After retirement she enjoyed raising her children, having family get togethers, and meeting up with her sorority sisters. Recently she moved to Albany with her son where she loved cooking for her grandson.

Teena passed away unexpectedly Oct. 1, 2025, at her son’s home.

She was preceded in death by her parents Quinton and Sally, and her daughter Jacklynn. She is survived by her ex-husband Ken, her sisters Deena Kappel of LaPine, Oregon, and Cheryl Hughes of Eugene, Oregon, and her son Zachary Lewetag of Albany, Oregon.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Letter to the Editor

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We are looking for more volunteer readers. To sign up, go to www.smartreading.org/volunteer or call (503) 391-8423.

Dawna Maiden & Carol Christ Dallas

Is Portland war torn?

So I pose this question to the community for thought?

Does the entire city of Portland need to be classified as war torn or can a neighborhood compromising four city blocks possibly be war torn while the majority of Portland is safe?

Let me give you these thoughts to ponder:

1) The waterfront neighborhood is the area where the ICE routing is centered. People pay high rent to live in this neighborhood. This neighborhood is nice and trendy. It is also the home of the Tillicum Bridge and Medical Offices that are at the base of the OHSU Tram. Day and Night these rioters have disrupted this neighborhood with noise and chemical pollution that ICE uses to control the ANTIFA group.

2) There was a school that was located within very close vicinity that had to shut down and relocate due to the noise, chemicals and the threats that individuals posed.

3) Old Spaghetti Warehouse, the place with the purple roof, is having trouble with keeping business flowing. Antifa shuts down the primary road in and out of this establishment. The Manager even went down to ask if they could stop blocking the road and they were told to F off.

4) The mayor, police chief and governor are in complete

denial as to what is really going on, denying that there is an issue.

When there are Military Black Hawks and snipers on the roof of ICE then it’s a war zone.

Jake Dutton Independence

Healthcare reform starts with pharmacy benefit managers

Healthcare is one of the reasons our leaders are telling us the government is shut down. My family has a history of health issues and they have faced challenges getting the medicines they have been prescribed. I think most Americans want the government functioning and want to see those in Congress work together to tackle such healthcare problems and there seems to be bipartisan agreement on one solution: Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) reform.

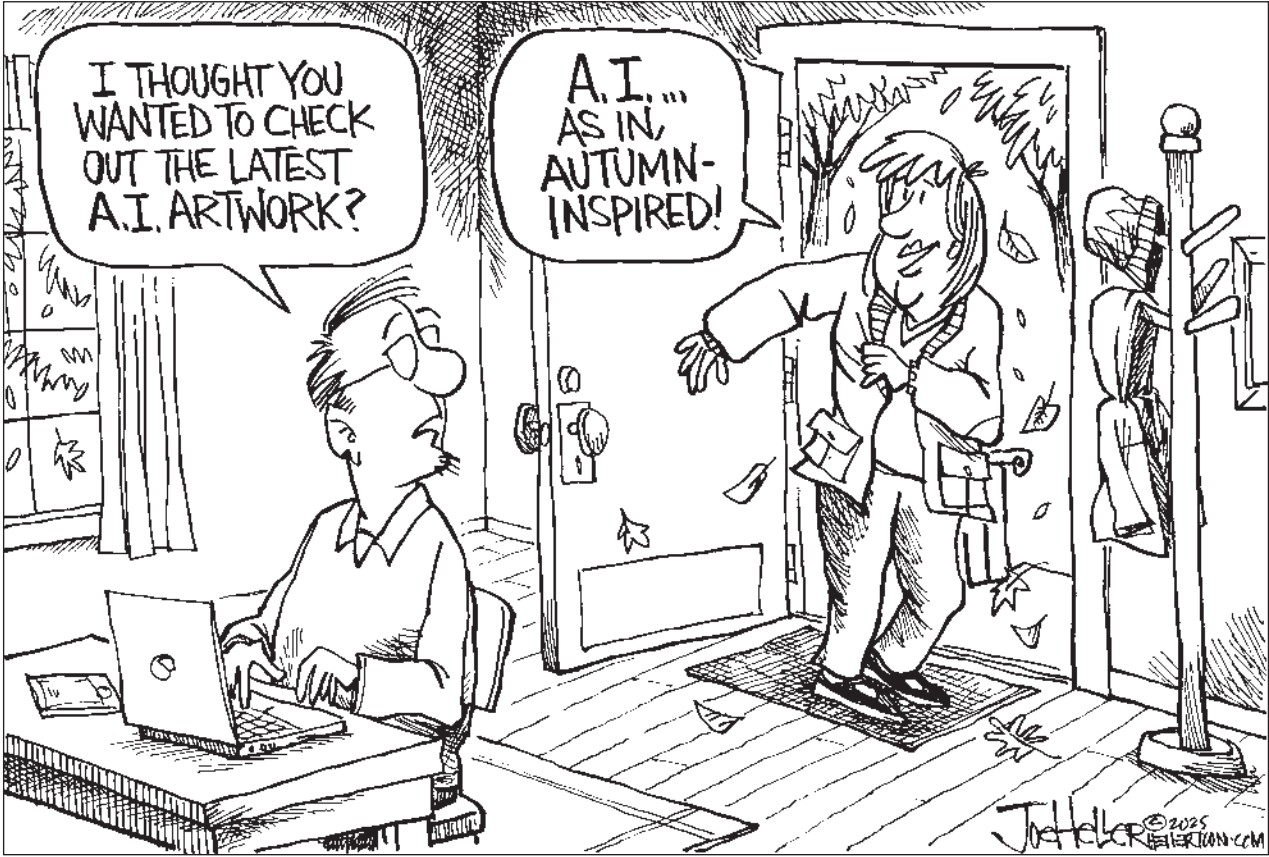
Pharmacy benefit managers are the middlemen of our insurance industry, deciding what medications are available to patients and how much we pay for them. PBMs even control where patients can obtain their prescriptions, preferring expensive, PBM-owned pharmacies over lower-cost and personable neighborhood pharmacies.

PBM reform has bipartisan support because it would put money back in patients’ pockets while helping folks address their health issues. That should be Congress’ and President Trump’s focus; instead the President is pushing Most Favored Nation, which would force U.S. drug manufacturers to use lower-cost foreign pricing schedules for prescription medications.

We need PBM reform to increase access to medications, we should not pass something like MFN that could make access worse.

Senator Wyden has been a proponent of PBM reform. I would ask him to help keep the government’s eye on the ball, forgo MFN price controls and pass PBM reform as part of his efforts to improve healthcare.

Jacob Crusier Willamina



Commentary

Your Environment Can AI really help ‘solve’ climate change?

“As one of the world’s toughest challenges, combating climate change is another area where AI has transformational potential.”

— Victoria Masterson, Senior Writer, World Economic Forum

By PHILIP S. WENZ

Step right up folks! Don’t miss the investment opportunity of a lifetime. Buy that luxury car. Take that dream vacation...blah, blah, blah

I’m not one of the big investors who are currently throwing so much money at Artificial Intelligence (AI) development that, according to Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman, they’ve created a stock bubble that’s propping up America’s eroding economy. Krugman and others have likened the AI investment craze to the 1990s dot-com bubble that burst so spectacularly.

Like the carnival barkers of old, AI’s boosters loudly extoll its potential marvels: It will cure cancer, end poverty, hunger and wars and, of course, “solve climate change.”

But will it? Let’s examine the last claim.

In her World Economic Forum’s online article, “9 ways AI is helping tackle climate change,” author Victoria Masterson writes that “AI has been trained to measure changes in [large Antarctic] icebergs 10,000 times faster than humans could do it.” AI can also map deforestation and aid in predicting weather disasters.

In short, AI can help us track and respond to the effects of climate change, which could be useful for trying to survive this ubiquitous menace, but does nothing to “solve” the problem.

To be fair, toward the end of her article Masterson says AI can help industry decarbonize and can guide drones reseeding Brazil’s desiccated rain forests. While these examples of AI’s miraculous curative powers at least describe ways it could assist us in addressing the root cause of the climate crisis — carbon pollution — they rely on shaky assumptions about motivation and effectiveness.

Why, for example, would polluting industries, which for the most part have shown no interest in cutting short-term profits for remote goals such as ensuring civilization’s survival, be

motivated to act on suggestions made by an AI bot? Concerning effectiveness, can scattered seeds grow into mature, carbon-absorbing trees in a rainforest that is already dying from drought?

According to the tech industry, everything is not only possible, but inevitable, including AI’s takeover of every aspect of our lives and environment. No need to pass rules and regulations or initiate programs to drastically reduce carbon emissions. No need for messy politics. There’ll be a technofix for everything — if we just keep throwing money at the industry.

But here’s the reality. Many of the consequences of human-induced global warming, though we might be able to slow them, are now unavoidable. Rainforests are dying all over the world. Sea-level rise is flooding Bangladesh and beginning to inundate Florida. Long term, crop-destroying drought is settling into the world’s vast breadbaskets, including most of America’s Midwest which currently prides itself on “feeding the world,” but could soon be overwhelmed by conditions that will make

a 1930s Dust Bowl sky look like an overcast day.

What’s the tech industry doing about it? Rushing to build huge, energy-hogging AI “factories” that drain our public utilities’ electricity supply. While the tech companies could build their own solar farms to power their factories, why would they spend the money and take the time to do so when they can commandeer the public’s power at quantity discount rates while racing against each other to dominate the technology?

How is their electricity produced? Under the Trump administration, which is striving to revive long shuttered coal-powered plants, it’s increasingly produced with fossil fuels. Rather than solving or even slowing climate change, AI development is giving it a shot in the arm.

So, this average Joe won’t invest in AI. But I will buy some additional supplies for my household emergency kit.

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



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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: O equals G

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BC K FCQRO HKVZ UCMLZ.
UZ'L LC WCVB-UZKMBZE.

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Super Crossword

THINK INK

ACROSS
1 Direct applause toward
8 Finner's cry
11 April follower
14 Mimic a bird
19 Singer Patti
20 Take by force
22 Capital on the Red River
23 Art studio
24 Phases
25 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
26 Start of a riddle
29 Booming jet of old, in brief
30 Inseparable
31 Spike of corn
32 Olive bugger by Biko
33 Prefix with light or night
35 Part of AOL
39 Thing with rungs
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Zac of 2017's "Baywatch"
49 German linking word
50 Org. for teachers
51 "Sure, we should do it!"
52 Desperate, as a situation
54 Synan president
58 Auto racer's warm-up circuit
61 Riddle, part 3
64 In-vogue thing
65 Brand of fuel additives
66 Forearm
67 Crew tool
68 "You folks," in the South
70 West of "Diamond Lil"
73 "General" of Chinese cuisine
74 Riddle, part 4
78 Museum overseer
82 Gaffer Sam
83 Eighth parts of circles
84 Redding of soul
85 Sly laugh sound
87 Gp. with merit badges
89 On a cruise
90 End of the riddle
97 "Strut" singer
98 Affirm
99 Flying goose formation
100 High peak: Abbr.
102 "No more details!" in texts
103 Sushi tuna
105 Archer's skill
108 Riddle's answer
116 Really write
117 Apollo 7 astronaut
118 Annals, as a law
119 Resilient strength
120 Certain support group for adolescents
121 Lay out for printing
122 Gather bit by bit
123 Ad. (inprovis)
124 Zig's reverse
125 Film-shaving tools
7 Air again
8 Many a prep sch.
9 Star of the past
10 Shows up
11 Part of
102-Across
12 Johnson of old comedy
13 Simple kind of question
14 Place with beakers, in brief
15 Disease-free
16 Engrossed by
17 Building top
18 Wrestling win
21 Game of falling shapes
27 Find out
28 The Clan of the Cave Bear heroine
33 Rosebush sticker
34 Hurricane hazard
36 Win gold, say
37 Piece of Bush's Cabinet, informally
38 Prop- or hex- ender
40 Meled
41 Mono-a-mono finish
42 "At Last" singer James
43 Filing tool
44 In progress
45 Common baby ailment
46 Scheduled to arrive
47 Interval
48 Ice cream brand
53 Inuit dwelling
55 Feel faint from ecstasy
56 Divide up
57 Vital blood line
59 Insurer with a duck icon
60 Sch. with a Fresno branch
62 Univ. dorm supervisors
63 Theaurus word: Abbr.
69 Score (earn some points)
70 Minister's residence
71 Modify
72 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
73 Eat a bit of "Poppycok"
76 "Sounds likely to me"
77 Unglossy
81 Mono-a-mono finish
82 Single beds
89 Neighbor of Colorado
80 Initiation, e.g.
61 Pi-sigma link
66 Very bad grades
68 Scandinavian "Salut!"
91 1986 #1 hit for 19-Across and Michael McDonald
92 Vow
93 Revel at a really hoppin' party
94 "Carlos" star Edgar
95 Neighbor of Ethiopia
96 Sinister gaze
101 Like some congestion
104 Rival of Avis
105 Demeanor
106 Lazybones
107 Ship spars
108 Postmarked pieces
109 Zapzyt target
110 Peftman of "Cheers"
111 Roman 651
112 "Moby-Dick" captain
113 Zingy flavor
114 Smartphone games, often
115 Cross paths
116 Soup flavor enhancer, for short

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Americanisms

"The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom."
— Teddy Roosevelt

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Moments in time

- On Oct. 27, 1873, Joseph Glidden, a farmer in DeKalb, Illinois, submitted an application to the U.S. Patent Office for his new design for a fencing wire with sharp barbs. His version, using two strands of wire twisted together, was an improvement on the single-strand version created by Henry Rose and became the best-selling such wire in the country.
- On Oct. 28, 1787, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart worked all night to complete the overture of his opera "Don Giovanni," which was scheduled to debut in Prague the next day. The orchestra had no time to rehearse, but sight-read it in the concert hall to a most enthusiastic response from the crowd.
- On Oct. 29, 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, an English adventurer, writer and favorite courtier of Queen Elizabeth I, was beheaded in London under a sentence brought against him 15 years earlier for conspiracy against King James I.
- On Oct. 30, 1905, George Bernard Shaw's play "Mrs. Warren's Profession," which dealt frankly with prostitution and had already been banned in Britain, was staged at New York's Garrick Theater, but was closed by authorities after a single performance. The next day the producer and players were arrested for obscenity, but no one (including Shaw) was convicted. The play would not be legally performed in Britain for another 21 years.
- On Oct. 31, 1950, 21-year-old Earl Lloyd became the first African American to play in an NBA game when he took to the court in the season opener for the Washington Capitols. While he would describe joining an all-white team as "intimidating," his teammates were welcoming, though not all fans approved.
- On Nov. 1, 1800, President John Adams moved into the newly constructed President's House, the original name for what we today call the White House.
- On Nov. 2, 2000, the first residential crew arrived aboard the International Space Station, marking both the beginning of a new era of international cooperation in space and the longest continuous human habitation in low Earth orbit, which continues to this day.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans?
- LITERATURE: Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the national animal of France?
- MATH: What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
- HISTORY: Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
- ACRONYMS: What does the computing acronym API stand for?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- MUSIC: Which musical instrument has 88 keys?
- TELEVISION: Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"?

Answers

- Alaska: Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean.
- Stephen King.
- The Gallic rooster.
- 180 degrees.
- Theodore Roosevelt.
- Incan.
- Application Programming Interface.
- Bruiser.
- Piano.
- Steve Urkel.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Patch of perfect pumpkins

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

There's still time to get a pumpkin before Halloween at the On the Edge Farm's Pumpkin Patch. Matt and Ava Jensen opened the farm in the fall of 2023. They have since grown to be the go-to pumpkin patch after the Beals retired their patch.

Ava said between their home grown and contributions from Case Farms in Albany, On The Edge has more than 2,000 pumpkins to offer up this season.

"They have been amazing to work with. They've actually helped us the last three years" Ava said of Case Farms. "We don't grow nearly enough pumpkins for the pumpkin patch. Last year, we had to shut down the whole week before Halloween because we were about to run out of pumpkins."

They've since grown. Their patch offers more attractions to shoppers, including food and drinks from vendors, food to feed the chickens, donkeys and pigs, and inflatable houses to bounce in (when the weather is agreeable). Their notoriety has garnered them a second best pumpkin patch award from Best in Willamette Valley.

"The community has gotten the word we're open. We like to advertise ourselves as a family patch, not commercialized. We like to keep it more intimate. That way families can come with their young kids and not worry about so many people and get instead a laid back, family festival," Ava said.

Their pumpkin patch, located at 2690 E. Ellendale Ave., will be open Thursdays through Sundays while supplies last all the way up to Halloween.



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Midnight, the resident "grandma cat" at On the Edge Farm, finds a comfy spot to perch overseeing operations at the pumpkin patch.



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Jaxon Simmons, 2, tries to haul away a display wagon of pumpkins while his dad Michael tries to steer them back to the main attractions at the On the Edge Farm pumpkin patch.

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- Patti D. Resident Family

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- Wanda K., Resident

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Boys Soccer

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Lebanon 3, Dallas 1

Girls Soccer

Woodburn 4, Central 0

Lebanon 1, Dallas 0

Oct. 8

Volleyball

Perrydale 3, Livingston

Adventist 0

Oct. 9

Volleyball

Silverton 3, Central 2

WVC 3, Falls City 0

Perrydale 3, C.S. Lewis 0

Oct. 10

Football

Central 42, Corvallis 13

Dallas 25, West Albany 10

Falls City 59, Mapleton 0

Perrydale 50, Mohawk 24

Calendar

Oct. 15-21

Oct. 15

Volleyball

Perrydale vs. Jewell, 4 p.m.

Perrydale vs. C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.

Oct. 16

Volleyball

Dallas vs Lebanon, 6:30 p.m.

Falls City at Chemwa, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Central at Silverton, 7 p.m.

Dallas vs Crescent Valley, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Central vs Silverton, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Crescent Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 17

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Rodli, Dragons running in the fast lane

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Kelsey Rodli is the fastest cross country runner the Mid-Willamette Conference has to offer, following a strong performance at The Harrier Classic in Albany.

The senior runner for Dallas High School clocked an 18:22.40 to make the move from second to first in the girls conference rankings, as compiled by www.athletic.net.

In addition, her time was fast enough to claim second place at The Harrier Classic, one of the more competitive and prestigious races in the area.

Rodli's fall campaign began with wins at the Northwest Classic at Lane Community College in Eugene, and at the Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational, which is known for its challenging hills, rugged terrain, and natural beauty.

A key moment in her development came last year when the team, under coach Bailey Smith, altered their training methods. According to Rodli, the transition from track to cross country wasn't just about changing distances, it was about rethinking how she approached her workouts and races.

"We had (Smith) last year, but we were still adjusting and figuring out the new training system," Rodli said. "This year, it feels like the coaching is really clicking. (Smith) has done an amazing job preparing us for these meets."

Her performances reflect the success of the new

strategy - though she has yet to better her personal best mark of 18:21.9 set last year at the NXR Northwest Regional Championships in Idaho.

The senior knows this is her final shot at a district and state championship. Her approach to upcoming races is to be strategic and deliberate, as she wants to end her prep career on a high note.

"I don't focus too much on times ...," she said. "It's all about competing with others and pushing myself in the moment."

And she likes that "moment" to be against tough competition.

"I like to race off other girls. I don't always need to lead," she said. "I like to hang back, find a rhythm, and then in the last part of the race, push myself. The last 800 meters are where I find my speed."

This ability to "push" at the end of races, especially when overtaking competitors in the final stretch, is a defining trait of the Rodli running style. While other runners may feel the pressure of Rodli's surge, she experiences a different mental battle.

"It's painful, but you tell yourself to keep going. Stay with that runner, don't let that gap grow, just push through," she said. "You have to mentally gaslight yourself to keep going."

It's this combination of mental willpower and natural ability that has Kelsey topping the conference rankings.

Rodli gives her team an assist when it comes to her



FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Kelsey Rodli is the fastest cross country runner in the Mid-Willamette Conference, according to athletic.net and its rankings of girl runners.

development. The close-knit bond shared by the girls is a major factor in her success, and that of the team's.

"We're all really close this year," she said. "It's not just about racing for yourself but for your teammates. Knowing that they're pushing hard out there really drives you to push harder, too."

Smith agrees with Rodli's assessment.

"We're focusing on staying close as a team ... and matching up against the other top teams," he said. "(Rodli) is one of those runners who leads by example, and we

hope to use her experience to help guide the team through tough competition."

The Dragons are aiming for a top-five finish at state, but there's still the matter of qualifying. Accomplishing that goal won't be easy. Crescent Valley and Corvallis also have deep teams with strong athletes.

Not that Dallas's depth is lacking. According to recent rankings, Amber Green is fourth, Avery Hoffman is 10th, Josie Pierce is 15th, and Tanya Green is 29th. Conversely, Crescent Valley has five runners ranked in the

top 20, and Corvallis five in the top 15.

But Rodli retains confidence in the Dragons' ability to make a late season push.

"We have a really good group of girls this year. It's a mix of grit and excitement," Rodli said. "And I think that combination will push all to do even better."

The girls will have the chance to do just that in a few short weeks. The Mid-Willamette Conference Championships is Oct. 30 at Ash Creek Preserve, near Western Oregon University.

Stange making big strides in cross country for Panthers

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Hudson Stange wasted little time in staking his claim as one of the best cross country runners in the always tough Mid-Willamette Conference.

The Panthers freshman clocked an impressive 16:56.90 at the Mook XC Invite at Alderbrook on Sept. 20. This performance, which came in his second race at 5,000 meters, bettered his previous personal record by more than a minute.

"I think part of it was the course. It's a fast course," he said of his new PR. "But I ... definitely ran a lot better."

Stange trails teammates Ty Cirino and Aidan Wendring and four other runners in the district's rankings as of Oct. 3. He has gone from a former middle school standout - his personal best in the 3K was 10:03 - to legitimate high school threat in a few short weeks.

Early season success suggests Stange is adjusting quite nicely to running with a faster crowd.

"I did pretty well in middle school, but the transition to high school has been a lot, a lot more mileage," he said.

"However, my times have improved a lot, which I've really enjoyed."

A growing number of competitors aren't the only ones left behind in his dust.

"My parents used to run marathons. At first, I'd ride in the stroller when they ran," he said. Then, "I started doing a few miles here and there, back in second grade. Eventually, I started running with them ... now they can't really keep up with me."

Stange's strategy is to be aggressive. He starts out fast, steadies his pace, and then closes strong.

"Especially in that last mile, I just go out as hard as I can and try to pass as many people as I can to get the fewest possible points for our team," he said.

With Cirino and Wendring up front, Stange's role as the team's third scorer is critical, especially given Central's pursuit of a district title. But it takes more than three runners to win a district title. Good thing Stange isn't the only talented youngster on the squad.

Rounding out the team's fastest five, according to www.athletic.net, are junior

Thomas Butler, ranked 10th, and sophomore Wyatt Hawes, 14th.

"Our fifth guy last year was in the mid-18s," coach Eli Cirino said. "Now he's running 17:17. That's exciting."

Greater depth translates to the team's success continuing into the foreseeable future, even with the senior stalwarts running their last miles for the Panthers' program.

"We're excited for the future," Eli Cirino said. "And while we want to get everything we can out of Ty and Aiden this year, we're not going to drop off. We'll have depth for the next few years."

It appears it will be a two-team race for the district title.

"Corvallis has been tearing it up the last few years," Eli Cirino said. "But based on what we've seen so far, we're in the same range. Of course, you have to be cautious with cross country times - different courses, different results."

Central was second at districts last year, even with Cirino and Wendring finishing in the top two positions. The team went on to place seventh at state.



COURTESY PHOTO

Freshman Hudson Stange (No. 3051) is one of several talented youngsters on the Panthers' varsity cross country squad.

"We hope to improve on both marks this season," Eli Cirino said. "But our league is so strong. We've taken four schools to state in recent

years. That kind of depth really sharpens everyone."

District finals are Thursday, Oct. 30, at Ash Creek Preserve, Western Oregon University.

WOU's Villalobos celebrates first goal after overcoming health crisis

By WOU ATHLETICS

The comeback for Abraham Villalobos, a forward on the Western Oregon University men's soccer team, was complete after scoring the team's lone goal Sept. 13 in a 1-0 win over Westminster.

Villalobos had returned to the team after suffering a severe arteriovenous malformation (AVM) stroke in March, while he was exercising with his team.

Villalobos was rushed to the emergency room in Dallas, where he was immediately put on life flight to

Oregon Health and Science University Hospital.

"That day was a normal day," Villalobos recalled, who went to anatomy class and practice before lifting weights. "It wasn't until the end of the workout that I felt pressure on my head, and I just started sweating."

His vision became very blurry and he realized something was wrong. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the hospital with a breathing tube, with no recollection of what happened.

See WOU PAGE B8

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1975

Land use group plans zoning law challenge

The organization of a group of Independence-area residents who call themselves Citizens for Responsible Land Use Planning was an outgrowth of an informational meeting Thursday, Oct. 9 in the Polk County Courthouse in Dallas.

The meeting was attended by about 30 Independence-area residents who questioned two members of the Trinity Missionary Mission about their plans to move onto a 116 acre tract of land on Parker Road near Independence. The residents said they sought information because they have questions about the legality of the people moving in.

Polk food stamp users cut in half

Marilyn Densmore, head of the Polk County Food

Stamp Certification Office, told a Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon group Monday that there are less Polk County people receiving food stamps this year than there were a year ago.

She said that at this time last year there were 1,149 households receiving food stamps. This compares with 440 people that are now receiving stamps.

Densmore said that much of the reason is probably because less students are eligible this year than the year before.

Dallas High School girls victorious in home volleyball matches

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, the Dallas High School girls volleyball team hosted the St. Helens Lions in matches with the junior and varsity teams. Both Dallas teams came out ahead, taking the Lions in two games for each match.

The JV match proved to be the most exciting. They overpowered St. Helens in the first

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1985: DALLAS FOOTBALL coach Ron August was presented with the a plaque and autographed football by team captains Jeff Jones (left) and Rob Salinas after August's 100th victory with the Dragons, a 42-6 triumph over Molalla on Thursday at Gallaspy Field. (File I-O photo).

match 15-9. They came back to defeat the Lions 17-15 in the second frame.

The victory seemed to stay with Dallas as the varsity pulled together to defeat the Lions by scores of 15-13 and 15-12.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1985

Teacher talks still snagged

Contract talks lasting more than 17 hours over the weekend produced tentative

agreement on some issues but no contract settlement between the Dallas School Board and the Dallas Education Association.

Negotiating teams representing the school board and the DEA met at 6 p.m. Friday in a marathon mediation session which lasted until past 3 a.m. Saturday. The talks resumed Saturday at 2 p.m. and lasted until 10 that night.

Representatives from both sides say they are willing to enter mediation again, but no date has been set for the next session.

School levy passes third try

Faced with school closure, Dallas School District voters passed a \$3.5 million one-year operating levy Thursday in an emergency election.

Schools in Dallas would have closed Oct. 31 if the levy had been rejected. A Nov. 5 election had been planned in case voters turned down the election Thursday, which was the third time the levy was put on the ballot.

The levy was approved 1,791 to 1,477 with 39 percent of those registered in the district voting. The last time

the levy was put on the ballot, 56 percent of registered voters turned out and the levy was defeated 2,612 to 2,047.

August wins 100th, Dallas No. 6

It was a good haul by anyone's standard.

Dallas High football coach Ron August watched his team notch its sixth victory of the season without a loss Thursday, 42-6 over Molalla at Gallaspy Field. But that was only part of the evening's accomplishments.

Free forum open to the public

Solid waste management in Polk County: What happens to our trash?

Thursday Oct. 16, 6–8 pm

Rickreall Event Hall

305 Nesmith Road, Rickreall

Friends of Polk County is hosting a panel discussion regarding the proposed regional solid waste transfer facility in Rickreall.

Presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Join us to learn about short-term and long-term plans for solid waste management in Polk County.

Our guest panelists:

Mark Yeager Registered Civil and Environmental Engineer and member of Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety

Austin McGuigan Polk County Planning Director

Nic Dahl Applicant for ReHub Polk County, Proposed Transfer Station at the former Rickreall Dairy

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Corrections tech Jakob Hofferber promoted to deputy

On Sept. 29, Sheriff Mark Garton gave the Oath of Office to Deputy Jakob Hofferber who was recently promoted from a corrections technician position at the Polk County Jail. Hofferber will next partner with different trainers to start his field training program and attend the corrections academy at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

CryptoQuip

answer

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Go Figure!

answers

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Super Crossword

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Community Calendar Oct. 15 - 22

Wednesday, Oct. 15
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Free Computer Class: Google Docs, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
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
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Our Friends: Firefighters, visit Polk County firefighters and explore their truck, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Independence Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Wednesday Night Trivia, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

Thursday, Oct. 16
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Medicare Class w/ Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Master Gardener Chat: Seed Saving, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Medicare Class with Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces & Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11 a.m. - Grief 101 Class, 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. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Medicare 101, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
3 p.m. - Friends of Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5 p.m. - Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, Pre-Sale for members, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.
6 p.m. - Trivia & Vino at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Climate Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Oct. 17
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. - Pottery Workshop/Cards, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Drawing for fun/writer's workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
3 p.m. - Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Rewind Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

Saturday, Oct. 18

9 a.m. - Dallas Farmers Market, 850 Main St.
10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 p.m. - Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., bag sale 2-3 p.m.
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
6 p.m. - Live Music: Jazz Night w/Myrtle Brown & The Executive Groove, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Sunday, Oct. 19
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
2 p.m. - Live Music: Beth & Friends, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Monday, Oct. 20
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
9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Nye Beach, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Public Library
10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/ Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, 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. - Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 S. 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, Oct. 21
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. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior 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. - Medicare Class with Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center

5:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas

Wednesday, Oct. 22
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, 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
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Birthday Celebration for members with October birthdays, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5 p.m. - MINET Board of Directors meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence.

Community Briefs

Monmouth hosts anti drugs parent training Oct. 15
The city of Monmouth, in partnership with Polk County, presents a training session for parents, "High in Plain Sight: Current Trends in Youth Drugs and Alcohol Use," from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Gate Youth Association, located at 1501 Monmouth St. The training is presented by Jermaine "Tall Cop" Galloway who has 24 years in prevention and education. Registration opens soon. For more information contact Annie Buse at buse.annie@co.polk.or.us.

Monmouth Library hosts Our Friends: Firefighters Oct. 15
The Monmouth Public Library presents Our Friends: Firefighters at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at 168 Ecols St. S., in Monmouth. Join library staff for a visit from Polk County's very own firefighters. See a firetruck and make friends with the firefighters. For all ages.

DRV presents Roadmap Resolutions Oct. 16
The Dallas Retirement Village presents Roadmap Resolutions, from 10-11 a.m., Oct. 16 at 377 Northwest Jasper St. This is a casual, informal space where to learn and ask questions about the various types of care offered at Dallas Retirement Village. Please RSVP to (503) 623-1810.

Friends of Dallas Library host fall book sale
The Friends of the Dallas Library annual Fall Book Sale returns Oct. 16-18 at the Dallas Event Center, 945 SE Jefferson St. Hardcover books are \$2 and paperbacks and media are \$1. Thursday is a pre-sale for members only from 5-7 p.m. To become a member of the Friends of the Library, sign-ups are available at the library with annual memberships starting at \$15. The sale continues Friday from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A fill your bag sale closes out Saturday from 2-3 p.m.

Soup Showdown benefits Dallas Food Bank Oct. 17
Benedetto Vineyards and the Dallas New Morning Bakery present Soup Showdown for the Dallas Foodbank from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 17 at 14020 Orchard Knob Road, in Dallas. Find out who makes the best soup around. Bring non-perishable food items & cash to vote for your favorite soup, and for raffle entries! Soup samples are free. All donations will go directly to the Dallas Food Bank.

Dallas Rotary Club presents Purple Pinkies for Polio Oct. 18
The Rotary Club of Dallas is hosting Purple Pinkies For Polio Oct. 18 to raise awareness about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio and raise funds for PolioPlus. Visit the club's booth at the Dallas Farmers Market, located at the Polk County Courthouse Square, 850 Main St., between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., where they will paint pinkies purple and add gems representing the two-drop polio vaccine, or offer End Polio Now stickers, for donations to PolioPlus. Last

year, the club's efforts raised \$1,100 towards the PolioPlus fund. For more information, contact Eileen DiCicco at (775) 560-3349 or age-dicicco@gmail.com.

Rep. Paul Evans hosts town hall Oct. 18
Oregon Rep. Paul Evans hosts a Town Hall from 10-11 a.m. Oct. 18 at Indy Commons, 154 Main St. Get legislative updates and your questions answered.

Wetzel Estate hosts Federweisser Festival Oct. 18
The Wetzel Estate hosts the Federweisser Festival 2025 from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 18 at 17485 Highway 22, in Dallas. Celebrate harvest, sip Federweisser (a young, lightly fizzy wine), enjoy authentic German cuisine and live music. The event is free. Please RSVP at (503) 623-6181, ext 2, or customerservice@wetzelestate.com.

4-H Polk County hosts Cloverbud Workshop Oct. 20
The Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts a Cloverbud Workshop from 5-6 p.m. Oct. 20 at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Youth ages 5-8

will get to learn how to draw amazing animals and shapes using a fun shadow technique. It is free to enrolled 4-H members and \$5 for non-enrolled youth. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3Vml6K8>.

Talk About it Tuesday returns Oct. 21
Talk About It Tuesday meets in person from 6:30-8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. On Oct. 21, join the Polk County Democrats on a presentation and round-table discussions on the topic of "I.C.E." We ask only that anyone who comes bring their integrity and empathy. For more information and email notification options, please go to www.polkdems.org and scroll down to click on the link to our Newsletter.

MINET hosts board meeting Oct. 22
The Monmouth-Independence Network (MINET) Board of Directors Meeting is 5 p.m. Oct. 22. The public is invited to attend at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, Monmouth or watch virtually. For agenda and virtual link details go to

<https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>.

Senior Center hosts a Soup & Pie Sale Oct. 23
The Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center hosts a Soup & Pie Sale from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at 191 Warren St. S., in Monmouth. Join them for the most delicious fundraiser. Soup and Pie is available in-person and to-go. Soup is \$5, pie is \$5 per slice or \$15 for a whole pie.

4-H offers free self defense workshop Oct. 25
Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts a self defense workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 25 at West Salem Shao-Lin Kempo: 735 Edgewater St NW, in West Salem. This free event is for youth ages 5-14 who would like to gain confidence in their self defense skills. Pre-registration is requested: <https://beav.es/DEFENSE>.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1369 In the Matter of the Estate of Marlin Ray Wagoner NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Polk County Case No. 25PB04713 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marlin Ray Wagoner, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the personal representative in care of Matthew Jarvis, Attorney at Law, Jarvis Bridge Halttunen & Weyer, LLC, 201 1st Ave, W, Albany, OR 97321, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. DATED and first published: October 15, 2025 Scott Ray Wagoner Personal Representative c/o Matthew Jarvis Jarvis Bridge Halttunen & Weyer, LLC 201 1st Ave, W. Albany, OR 97321 (541) 926-5504

PCIO25-1370 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF POLK, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIE KAY MITCHELL, DECEASED, CASE NO. 25PB08533, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Date of first publication: October 15, 2025. Amy Burton, Personal Representative of the Estate of Julie Kay

Mitchell, Deceased. Gregory V. Goebel, OSB #194952, Sherman, Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt, PC., Attorneys for the Personal Representative, 189 SW Academy St, PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, (503) 364-2281.

PCIO25-1371 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No: 25PB08692 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY MARIE COURTER, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Sue Justen has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the attorney for the Personal Representative at the following address: Jarvis, Bridge, Halttunen & Weyer, ATTN: Andrew Bridge, PO Box 5, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on October 15, 2025.

PCIO25-1366 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 10/20/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by CHERRY CITY TRANS/COMPLT AUTO 853 9TH ST NW SALEM, OR 2015 FRHT FM2 DP VIN= 3ALHCYCY7FDGJ8207 Amount due on lien \$11492.68 Reputed owner(s) > SMITH CONTRACTING GROUP WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OREGON

PCIO25-1368 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN HERBERT KAUPPINEN, Deceased. Case No. 25PB08497 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given

that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of John Herbert Kauppinen. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers attached, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Thomas R. Kauppinen, 989 Grayson Ln., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 or claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, at the address set forth above.

PCIO25-1362 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 10-31-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 264 NW Howard Ln. Dallas, OR. 97338. The court case number is 24CV46004, where SELCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, an Oregon State Chartered Credit Union is plaintiff, and DAVID J. YBARRA is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

PCIO25-1349 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. Number: 2025-00010-OR Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by FRANK DICKSON AND SARAH DICKSON AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as grantor, to TICOR TITLE as trustee, in favor of SYNERGY ONE LENDING, INC AS LENDER MORTGAGE E L E C T R O N I C REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lenders successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated 04/26/2022 recorded on 04/28/2022, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book --- at page --- and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/

reception No. 2022-005223, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 563049 MAP NO.: 07317-DD-13100 LOT 282, WEST HILL ESTATES PHASE 9, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly Known As: 1674 OLYMPIA CT NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary PHH Mortgage Corporation and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 07/10/2025: \$102,781.80 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 07/10/2025: \$785,500.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 10/01/2023 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable. Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned trustee will on 11/12/2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, In the new lobby of the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 as established by ORS187.110, in the County of Polk, State of

Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor 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 ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. 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 this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale has been issued by the Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the Trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey

title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential properties 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 properties should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services Dated: Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 Dated: STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL P A S O O n

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Independence Police Department

Tuesday, Oct. 3
At 11:04 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance on Boat Landing Street. A female subject showed up to retrieve some things then shoved the male subject while grabbing her belongings. The male did not want to press charges. The female got all of her belongings and left.

Wednesday, Oct. 4
At 1:10 a.m., a motorist on Log Cabin Street was cited for failure to carry and present a driver's license.
An officer stopped a vehicle on North Log Cabin Road at Polk Street that did not have a front license plate. The driver, Aaron Brown, refused to present his operator's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration. Brown initially identified himself as "citizen" but eventually gave his name and date of birth in lieu of being transported to jail. Brown was found to have suspended driving privileges and was arrested and charged with failure to present operator's license.
Rebekarose Wright was seen walking in the 1500 block of Monmouth Street in the early morning and appeared injured, so an officer stopped to check on her. Wright was found to have an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Marion County. She was cited and released.
Following a break-up, Yakari Flores Pantaleon continued to return to her ex's residence in the 300 block of Williams Street and remove items multiple times after being told she could no longer be there by law enforcement. Flores Pantaleon later met with an officer to be cited with criminal trespassing.

Friday, Oct. 6
At 5:33 p.m., a resident on Falcon Loop reported varying small groups of children kept throwing rocks at his house.

Saturday, Oct. 7
At 11:26 a.m., a juvenile was trespassed from Dollar Tree on Monmouth Street.
At 5:14 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Monmouth Street near Central High School.

Sunday, Oct. 8
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Monday, Oct. 9
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Tuesday, Oct. 10
At 11:04 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance on Boat Landing Street. A female subject showed up to retrieve some things then shoved the male subject while grabbing her belongings. The male did not want to press charges. The female got all of her belongings and left.

Lucas Garcia, was found to have an outstanding warrant. Garcia was taken into custody and charged with contempt of court out of Multnomah County.

At 1:33 p.m., a deputy assisted Independence and Monmouth police looking for a subject involved in a crime. They were unable to locate him.
At 4:46 p.m., officers responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated male subject sitting in his car in front of a bar on 4th Street. The subject was going through a rough time and agreed to not drive until it was safe to do so.
Three men were observed shouting and fighting at an apartment complex entrance in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street, with one man armed with a knife. Officers arrived and deduced that two men had tried to fight a resident who told them to leave. Multiple neighbors watched as Kyle Layman displayed an unopened pocketknife. Layman was arrested and charged with menacing and disorderly conduct 2. He was taken to jail. Octavio Cruz-Zazueta Jr. was cited and released for disorderly conduct 2.

Wednesday, Oct. 11
At 1:10 a.m., a motorist on Log Cabin Street was cited for failure to carry and present a driver's license.
An officer stopped a vehicle on North Log Cabin Road at Polk Street that did not have a front license plate. The driver, Aaron Brown, refused to present his operator's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration. Brown initially identified himself as "citizen" but eventually gave his name and date of birth in lieu of being transported to jail. Brown was found to have suspended driving privileges and was arrested and charged with failure to present operator's license.
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Friday, Oct. 12
At 5:33 p.m., a resident on Falcon Loop reported varying small groups of children kept throwing rocks at his house.

Saturday, Oct. 13
At 11:26 a.m., a juvenile was trespassed from Dollar Tree on Monmouth Street.
At 5:14 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Monmouth Street near Central High School.

Sunday, Oct. 14
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Monday, Oct. 15
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Tuesday, Oct. 16
At 11:04 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance on Boat Landing Street. A female subject showed up to retrieve some things then shoved the male subject while grabbing her belongings. The male did not want to press charges. The female got all of her belongings and left.

An officer located the SUV driver, who admitted to a confrontation but denied hitting her brakes. No impairment was noted, and no reckless driving was established.

Arrest: An individual was cited and released on an outstanding warrant.
Arrest: Multiple individuals were contacted at a residence, and two were cited and released. The property owner then arrived, and a realtor had questions about the situation.
Driving: A juvenile caller reported a blue car being driven poorly and nearly striking them. An officer was unable to locate the vehicle or reach the caller.

Citizen Contact: A person sought assistance for their 17-year-old son who had run away from home to a party. Assistance was no longer needed after the son claimed he was coming home.
Assist Other Agency: An officer responded to suspicious activity where a resident reported someone on top of their motorhome. No one was found, and video footage showed what appeared to be fog.

Wednesday, Oct. 17
At 1:10 a.m., a motorist on Log Cabin Street was cited for failure to carry and present a driver's license.
An officer stopped a vehicle on North Log Cabin Road at Polk Street that did not have a front license plate. The driver, Aaron Brown, refused to present his operator's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration. Brown initially identified himself as "citizen" but eventually gave his name and date of birth in lieu of being transported to jail. Brown was found to have suspended driving privileges and was arrested and charged with failure to present operator's license.
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Friday, Oct. 18
At 5:33 p.m., a resident on Falcon Loop reported varying small groups of children kept throwing rocks at his house.

Saturday, Oct. 19
At 11:26 a.m., a juvenile was trespassed from Dollar Tree on Monmouth Street.
At 5:14 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Monmouth Street near Central High School.

Sunday, Oct. 20
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Monday, Oct. 21
At 8:03 p.m., Victoria Schafer was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street.
At 8:54 p.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance between male and female subjects on While Oak Circle. No arrests were made.

Citizen Contact: A resident reported a recreational vehicle blocking their driveway, but it was parked across the street. The resident expressed feeling unsafe, and officers explained parking ordinances. The RV later left the area.

Crash: A two-vehicle rear-end crash occurred with minor damage to one car. The drivers exchanged information and did not require police assistance, only confirming DMV reporting requirements.

Disturbance: A resident used a medical alert to contact police about a neighbor harassing her. The neighbor was formally trespassed from the unit after admitting to a confrontation over stolen pizza.

Ordinance Violation: More complaints were received about a recreational vehicle, and information was passed to an officer who had an open case.

Tuesday, Oct. 22
Check Welfare/Fire: A person who was a victim of an apartment fire and domestic violence in another city ended up in Monmouth with no place to stay. After receiving calls about her walking around barefoot and crying, she was placed in a local inn, and a relief organization was contacted for vouchers and resources.

Wednesday, Oct. 23
Noise: A report of people dancing in the street and being loud. Some people reportedly left in a vehicle, but no one was seen in the roadway, and no excessive noise was heard upon arrival.

Assault: A group home client was arrested and charged with assault and unlawful use of a weapon after hitting another group home client multiple times. The individual was lodged at a detention center.

Assist Other Agency: An officer covered an emotionally disturbed person case where an individual disclosed having a knife and planning self-harm. The individual was placed on a protective hold.

Disturbance: A neighbor called about a possible domestic disturbance with a female heard telling someone to leave. Officers contacted individuals who were trying to calm down an intoxicated female. The female expressed wanting to be with one person and was upset about another person being there, who she claimed wanted a threesome. No physical altercation occurred, and the female eventually agreed to go to sleep. The other individuals were advised to find a sober driver.

Disturbance: A person reported being assaulted by another individual who pushed her, causing her to fall. The assailant was cited and released for harassment.

Thursday, Oct. 24
Crash: A two-vehicle rear-end crash occurred with minor damage to one car. The drivers exchanged information and did not require police assistance, only confirming DMV reporting requirements.

Friday, Oct. 25
Disturbance: A resident used a medical alert to contact police about a neighbor harassing her. The neighbor was formally trespassed from the unit after admitting to a confrontation over stolen pizza.

Crash: An individual fell asleep and crashed into a parked vehicle, causing over \$2,500 in damage. An exchange form was given to the at-fault driver, and the owner of the parked car was contacted to receive the exchange form.

Assist Other Agency: An officer covered a case where an individual was arrested on a misdemeanor failure to appear warrant. No further action was taken.

Animal: A resident reported a neighbor's dog barking all day. An officer sat in the area but did not hear any dogs, and the caller did not answer a call back.

Aid Other Agency: Officers responded to a disturbance where a subject reportedly had a knife. Witnesses and victims were interviewed, and probable cause was gained for an individual for several charges. The individual was located and taken into custody, and another suspect was cited.

Animal: A tan-colored dog was reported at large, jumping on people and chasing other dogs. The owner was cited for a dog at large.

Missing Person: An individual was entered as a missing person after not returning home per group home rules. He was last seen at a fast-food restaurant and had mentioned going to another city.

Noise: Officers responded to a disturbance reported by an upstairs neighbor involving two females. Both denied any disturbance, but mentioned ongoing issues with the upstairs neighbor, including banging on ceilings. They were informed it was a landlord-tenant issue and had already contacted management, who advised them to contact the police.

Saturday, Oct. 26
Trespass: An individual was upset about an electronic benefits card not working and believed staff were intentionally causing issues. He was told to leave if asked and then skated away.

Assist Other Agency: An officer covered a case for an emotionally disturbed person who was convinced people were trying to break into her trailer, claiming to have video evidence that showed no people. She stated she was armed with a knife. Her sister picked up her two children.

Driving: A report of a possible driving under the influence driver going north. An officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

Theft: A person reported someone got into her unlocked vehicle over the weekend and stole her sister's handgun from the trunk, along with some change. No suspects were identified, and efforts were

being made to find the serial number for entry.
Citizen Contact: An individual claimed her house key was stolen by another person during an assault. When asked for proof, she became upset and hung up.

Follow-up: A missing person returned home, and the group home reported he had a massive seizure and was transported to a hospital. Staff could not confirm if the seizure was related to him leaving. Records would remove him as missing.

Suspicious Activity: Staff at a school reported two students arguing, with one claiming to have a gun and the other a knife. Backpacks were checked, and a pocket knife was found in one. The knife was seized and returned to parents, and both students were issued three-day suspensions.

Harassment: A person reported constant texting, calling, and uninvited visits from another individual. She wanted him trespassed and warned for telephonic harassment. An officer contacted the individual, who was understanding but claimed money was owed to him. He was advised to seek help at the courthouse.

Check Welfare: An individual wanted a welfare check on a friend whose last name was unknown. Information had circulated about the friend's possible involvement with a minor, and she had shut off her phone and deleted social media. An officer contacted the friend, who stated she was fine and did not need assistance.

Assist Other Agency: An officer assisted a state police agency with a rollover crash, with no injuries reported.

Protective Custody Hold (POH): An individual was placed on a protective hold after attempting self-harm with a knife and by choking herself. She was upset due to new management enforcing stricter medicine rules.

Noise: A caller reported a car alarm going off for several hours. An officer spoke with a female who said she told the owner to turn it off, which they did. She also reported a male with a dog was assaulted by someone in an older sedan on the street, but had limited information, and no other calls were received.

Tuesday, Oct. 27
Citizen Contact: A person wanted an investigation into trespass, cyber hacking, and harassment issues with their landlord, believing local law enforcement was not acting. They were informed that crimes on their property

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needed to be reported to the local police department.

Crime: Group home staff reported a person contacted them, asking to tell another individual to stop using an entertainment account, despite a no-contact order being in place. The reporting officer planned to follow up with the district attorney’s office.

Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP): A person called from a relative’s house, reporting harassment and believing their phone was hacked. They were advised this did not make sense and planned to contact their phone company.

Theft: Staff reported a person broke into a storage cabinet and stole money. The incident occurred while a staff member was in the bathroom. Follow-up was planned for the next week.

Runaway: A parent reported their daughter skipped school and had not returned home. The parent did not want her entered as a runaway yet and said they would call back if she returned.

Animal: A loose, mostly-black, mid-sized dog was reported on the loose. The dog, named Baloo, was found and returned to its owner.

Crash: Assistance was provided to a local police department for a two-vehicle crash, including taking photos and helping with traffic control due to heavy traffic.

Suspicious Activity: An employee called reporting apparent squatters in a backyard. The employee checked and found no one, no damage, and no stolen property. They said they would call back if they saw anyone.

Burn: A person called to report smelling burning garbage and difficulty breathing in the area. A voicemail was left explaining that the smoky conditions were likely due to a burn in the county.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Runaway: A parent reported their child ran away and was likely intoxicated. The child was later found intoxicated on a university campus, covered in vomit, and semi-responsive. Medics transported the child to a medical facility.

Driving: A driving complaint about a white van/SUV that cut off a caller and did not merge properly on a highway. The vehicle was ultimately not located.

Citizen Contact: A person obtained a restraining order against another individual that had not yet been served. The other individual had shown up at their residence. The reporting person was instructed to call back if the individual returned for service by local police, otherwise service would be done by another county’s sheriff’s office.

Citizen Contact: A parent reported their child had left the house again but had an idea where she was. The child was returning home on foot when the officer arrived. No further action was taken.

Follow-up: Followed up with parents who

allowed access to a garage to observe a significantly damaged truck. More footage was obtained from another location. The individual involved agreed to come to the police department the next morning.

Sex Offense: A person reported being sexually assaulted by a staff member. Investigation is ongoing.

Domestic Dispute: Assistance was requested for a local police department. An 18-year-old reported their 17-year-old brother punched them in the face before fleeing. The 18-year-old had a bloody nose. Charges for assault and coercion were referred to the juvenile department. Child protective services were notified.

Assist Other Agency (AOA): Assistance was provided to a local police department for a separated physical and verbal domestic incident. A witness was interviewed, and information was relayed to the local police.

Polk County Sheriff’s Office

Wednesday, Oct. 1

At 12:53 a.m., deputies covered Salem Police on a strangulation - domestic violence arrest on 8th Street in Salem.

At 1:28 a.m., a deputy contacted occupants of a vehicle in the fishing hole off Halls Ferry Road and warned them for trespassing.

At 3:21 a.m., a deputy on Wallace Road covered Salem Police while they attended a bicyclist laying on the ground with his eyes shut and unable to speak, but nodded yes when asked if he had used Fentanyl and was overdosing. The deputy administered a dose of Narcan and the subject became more alert but was still unable to communicate. Medics arrived and transported him.

At 8:25 a.m., deputies participated in Coffee with a Cop at Karama Coffee, helping staff with orders and bakery items and answering questions.

At 3:37 p.m., a resident on Corvallis Road reported a strange bicycle left outside her shed and was worried someone was trespassing inside. Deputies checked the shed and found no signs of anyone being in there. The bicycle was collected as found property.

At 7:52 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of an accident on Buena Vista Road. It turned out to be a resident who was trying to tow a vehicle out of his property while it was parked but was unable to fully move it. It caused both lanes to be blocked. They waited for a third party to tow it off to the shoulder.

At 11:56 p.m., deputies covered a Benton County Sheriff’s Office deputy for an elude incident on Highway 22. The BCSO deputy had the suspect in custody by the time backup arrived. The subject was transported by the BCSO deputy to Polk County Jail and was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Thursday, Oct. 2

At 6:40 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash

into a power pole on Red Prairie Road. The driver thought he may have dozed off and missed the corner at Blanchard Road and struck a power pole. PGE responded to evaluate the pole and did not believe it was damaged.

At 8:32 a.m., deputies arrested Bulmaro Cruz Velsaco in the 1200 block of 3rd Street, in Lafayette, Oregon. He was transported back to Polk County Jail and charged with rape 1, unlawful sex penetration 1 and sex abuse 1.

At 8:38 a.m., a deputy responded to an alarm call on 50th Avenue and found two employees working. They had forgotten their keys for the front door and entered through the rear door which sounded the alarm immediately and they did not have the passcode.

At 9:37 a.m., deputies participated in a school lock down drill and familiarization of codes and access points on Prospect Street.

At 3:10 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle that had been parked for a couple of weeks on the side of 34th Avenue. The driver said it broke down and now had a deflated tire. He was working on getting it moved by the following day. The deputy placed a tow sticker on it to keep the owner motivated to move it.

At 5:36 p.m., a male subject reported his mother’s fence on Sequoia Street had been struck by a vehicle. About 100-feet of fence was destroyed, causing about \$250-\$300.

At 7:15 p.m., a report of a tree that fell across the entrance to Spring Valley Willamette Greenway Park, off Wallace Road, blocking the path of two vehicles trying to get out. While ODOT was contacted, one vehicle managed to move enough of the tree to get out of the park.

Friday, Oct. 3

At 1:41 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for driving slowly, swerving into oncoming traffic and almost going into the ditch. The driver performed poorly on a field sobriety test and produced a .19% BAC. He was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 11:46 a.m., a male subject on 53rd Avenue was cited and released for contempt of court.

At 12:05 p.m., a motorist on Riddle Road was stopped for speeding then cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 12:19 p.m., a deputy contacted a male in a silver Chevy Silverado parked in front of the no parking sign where trash was dumped on Doaks Ferry Road. He was loading an office chair that appeared to have been discarded previously. He explained that the chair looked nice, and he didn’t mind cleaning the area up a bit.

At 2:57 p.m., a female subject was reported to be yelling and on drugs on Andy Riggs Road. A deputy arrested her and booked her into Polk County Jail.

At 3:01 p.m., a deputy spoke to two target shooters on Simpson BLM Road. The deputy had them move one of their targets so it was

positioned in front of a berm.

At 6:54 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance with a child struck by a vehicle on Wallace Road. It turned out to be a parent with her child meeting with medics at the Circle K in West Salem. The child was clipped by a pickup truck driven by his father backing up in the driveway and knocked onto his back. The mother was taking the child to the hospital when dispatch told her to meet medics at the Circle K. The child only suffered a superficial injury to his back similar to a rug burn. There was no domestic disturbance.

At 11 p.m., a caller reported hearing a “blood curdling scream” from an AirBnB located just south of the caller on Alvord Alley Road. A deputy knocked on the door and it happened to be a bachelorette party with about 10 females. One female did scream but it was because they were playing a prank on her. All play, nothing suspicious.

Saturday, Oct. 4

At 1:53 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 2:34 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 91 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 4:42 a.m. deputies provided backup to Oregon State Patrol at the scene of an accident on Highway 22. The driver failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 5:11 a.m., Jeremy Wright was causing a disturbance at the American Market on Grand Ronde Road, harassing customers, yelling, punching windows, and pushing the store manager. Wright was taken into custody and transported to Polk County Jail where he was charged with harassment, trespass 2 and disorderly conduct 2.

At 5:34 a.m., a motorist on Valsetz Road was cited for operating a vehicle in violation of the travel management area (the driver and passengers were hunting too early in the area).

At 5:57 a.m., a motorist on Valsetz Road was cited for operating a vehicle in violation of the travel management area.

At 8:50 a.m., a deputy nearly struck a black / white pitbull while driving on Kings Valley Highway. The dog returned home in the 5800 block of Kings Valley Highway. The deputy contacted and admonished the owner for a loose dog. He apologized and said he would do better.

At 9:42 a.m., a deputy assisted at the scene of a single-vehicle accident on Ellendale Avenue. A fire department captain witnessed the car spinning eastbound on Eastbound Ellendale, hit a power pole on the north side of the road and come to rest in the ditch facing west. He helped the driver from the car. She was very unsteady on her feet and he had her lean against the vehicle. Oregon State Police arrived

and took over the crash scene, where they investigated possible DUII.

At 11:31 a.m., two subjects performing a welfare check found a resident on Perrydale Road deceased. A deputy arrived and observed no signs of suspicious injury. The homeowner’s various firearms throughout the home were collected, along with his wallet, some coins from a coin collection, some personal paperwork with identifying information and the keys to the car. After the resident was transported by the funeral home, the deputy secured the house.

At 3:40 p.m., a deputy performed a welfare check on a home on Main Street in Falls City with four juveniles inside where one used a knife to scare her siblings. Their mom asked the deputy to speak to the child about knife safety. The deputy spoke with the four kiddos about fighting with siblings being ok, but scaring each other with knives is not. All kiddos seemed to understand and were happy getting stickers.

At 4:01 p.m., a resident on Gooseneck Road reported shots fired in the area and “bullets whizzing by my head.” A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anyone shooting or hunting. The property was heavily wooded and the deputy was unsure how bullets whizzed by the resident’s head.

At 4:53 p.m., a resident on Belvedere Street reported being the victim of an armed robbery on Oct 1. The resident reported being jumped by two males wearing orange and black masks. He was put in a head-lock for about 45 minutes. He stated he was tased about four times and tied up with dog leashes. About \$50,000 dollars worth of jewelry, watches and purses were taken. The resident stated he was shell shocked and didn’t know what to do, as his phone was also taken. Multiple purchases were made on the stolen credit cards. Detectives are still investigating.

At 7:30 p.m., a report of a minor crash with a deer near Corvallis and Parker Road. The driver complained of soreness and was transported to Corvallis hospital at her request due to being on blood thinners.

Sunday, Oct. 5

At 12:53 a.m., a caller stated she saw a body in a ditch on Highway 22 near milepost 18. A deputy located a male subject who was walking off the roadway and appeared to be collecting cans. Nobody was located in a ditch.

At 12:48 p.m., a female subject requested a welfare check on her mother-in-law on Wells Landing Road whom she hadn’t heard from in two weeks. The deputies found the resident was fine, just could not hear her phone due to hearing issues.

Monday, Oct. 6

At 1:31 a.m., a juvenile on Crowley Road reported taking two mushrooms that he’d bought from an unknown person. Medics transported the juvenile to Salem Hospital at the mothers request. The juvenile was very

apologetic and stated it was not smart.

At 2:58 a.m., a motorist on Yamhill River Road was stopped for an unreadable license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 7:13 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:15 a.m. Fall City Fire requested PCSO to respond to a trash pile being burned on West Boulevard in Falls City. A resident was burning some trash and in violation of a city ordinance. Fall City Fire put out the burn pile and deputies educated the resident on the ordinances and gave him information on where to find what he can and cannot burn.

At 11:28 a.m., staff at Kings Valley Charter School reported that a 12-year-old female student was a victim of sexual crime stemming from photos/videos being sent. Deputies met with the victim, the victim’s mother and a school counselor. The victim was being extorted to send videos/photos. They found sufficient evidence to apply for search warrants for Tiktok and Snapchat.

At 11:46 a.m., a report of debris dumped in the 24700 block of Salmon River Highway. A deputy located the pile, which appeared to be yard debris, roofing material and other items; but was unable to locate any identifying items.

At 6:07 p.m., a couple from out of state reported following their GPS to the Valley of the Giants and got locked behind the Blackrock gate. They got a ride to Falls City but otherwise had no resources to solve their problem. A deputy gave them a ride back to the gate and freed their car.

At 11:32 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 21-30 mph over the speed limit and for driving while suspended - violation.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

At 8:08 a.m., a juvenile motorist in her first car was cited for speeding. She stated she is doing her best.

At 12:17 p.m., staff at Straub Middle School called for a welfare check in on a student on Gibson Road who hadn’t been in for several days and they couldn’t reach him or his parents. A deputy talked to the mom who said her son has been having a tooth problem that’s been really painful so he hasn’t gone to school in a few days because of that.

At 1:11 p.m., a deputy, while enroute to another call, observed a male subject walking his bike along Highway 22. The male was vertical and not rolling around.

At 4:31 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 reported another motorist pointed an unknown object at the driver. Deputies were unable to locate the other vehicle.

At 7:25 p.m., the complainant’s wife called and said her husband was stuck behind a locked gate on Mill Creek Road. A deputy got the gate unlocked and the subject drove out. The deputy advised him he might receive a call from PCSO woods patrol deputy for follow up.

BRIEFS

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Fairgrounds Friends hosts benefit dinner auction Oct. 25

The Polk County Friends of the Fair presents Apple Pies & Family Ties benefit and dinner auction at 5 p.m. Oct. 25 at the fairgrounds. The event’s goal is to raise funds to bring in brand-new bleachers for the rodeo and show arenas (and some other much-needed improvements to the fairgrounds). Tickets are \$30 before Oct. 25 or \$40 at the door. Purchase a table for six at \$175. There will be a silent and live auction. RSVP in the office or by calling (503) 623-3048.

Independence hosts Civic Leadership Workshop Oct. 25

Rural Development Initiatives invites the community for a comprehensive day of civic engagement and community connection at a

City Government 101 Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Independence Event Center, 555 S Main St. Discover how local government works and explore your role as an active citizen in this free hands-on, full-day workshop designed for emerging and aspiring community leaders. Registration is required online at <https://bit.ly/4mWMzyg>.

MICC hosts community Halloween party Oct. 25

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce hosts a Community Halloween Party, from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 25 at 355 Pacific Ave. N., Monmouth. This party for adults 21 and older features dinner, dancing, costume contests and more. Tickets are \$20. To purchase, go to <https://bit.ly/4nwXOyJ>.

4-H Polk County hosts Self Defence Workshop Oct. 25

The Oregon 4-H Polk County offers a Self Defence Workshop from 2-3 p.m. Oct. 25 at the West Salem Shao-Lin Kempo, 735 Edgewater St. NW. It is for youth ages 5-14 who would like to gain confidence in their self defense skills. Pre-registration is requested. Sign up online at <https://beav.es/DEFENSE>.

DDA Fall Clean up is Oct. 25

The Downtown Dallas Association’s Fall Clean up is from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 25. Meet at 184 SE Oak St. to help rake, do some trash pickup and freshen up some scarecrows.

Synergize Auto hosts a Trunk or Treat Oct. 26

Synergize Auto hosts a Trunk or Treat from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 26 at 201 NE Polk Station Road, in Dallas. There will be rows of vehicles set up with

candy and goodies for the kids, coffee and hot chocolate, a photo backdrop and some fun surprises.

Rickreall Grange hosts Spooky Halloween Bingo Oct. 29

The Rickreall Grange presents Spooky Halloween Bingo at 5 p.m. Oct. 29 at 280 Pacific Highway in Rickreall. There will be a Costume Contest, Halloween edition bingo, Halloween themed snacks/drinks for purchase and prizes for Best Costume.

Mid-Valley Community Arts hosts kids Halloween party Oct. 30

GLOW-A-WEEN Kid Party, hosted by Mid-Valley Community Arts and Valerie Robyn Keith, is 6-8 p.m. Oct. 30 at 939 S Main St., in Dallas. Drop off the kids for a night of fun and glowing creativity. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/4nCYySt>.

The Dallas Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

The Dallas LDS church is hosting a Trunk or Treat Party Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. at 1401 SW 13th St. Entry is free as are all the activities, food, and candy. Cars wishing to participate in the actual Trunk or Treat need to be parked no later than 5:50pm, and will not be able to move until 8 p.m. Please RSVP to <https://bit.ly/47IRZyf>.

DDA hosts Halloween Around Downtown Oct. 31

The Dallas Downtown Association presents Halloween Around Downtown at 3 p.m. Oct. 31. Visit participating downtown businesses on Halloween for no tricks, just free treats.

Sign up for Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament by Oct. 31

Cross Creek Golf Course is now accepting applications for their 27th Annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament Nov. 9. For

further information and/or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666, or go to the Cross Creek Facebook page or website www.crosscreekgc.com.

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.

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WOU

From Page B1

After two weeks in the hospital, he dedicated four

months to recovery and physical therapy, working hard to relearn how to walk, regain his balance and get back into shape.

In early August, Villalobos rejoined the men’s soccer team for preseason training

and made an impressive comeback by scoring in his first game of the season.

“It’s honestly a blessing to be here,” Villalobos said.

He remembers tears of joy streaming down his face after scoring his first goal. He

said WOU head men’s soccer coach Michael Behonick has been there for him since day one and he owes him a lot. He added his teammates have been a huge support in his return and help him stay motivated.

PREP

From Page B1

Football
Central at South Albany, 7 p.m.
Dallas vs Willamette (homecoming), 7 p.m.

Falls City vs Alsea, 7 p.m.
Perrydale vs. Country Christian, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20

Volleyball
Falls City vs. Livingston Adventist, 6 p.m.
Perrydale at WVC, 6 p.m.

Oct. 21

Volleyball
Central at Corvallis, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas vs McKay, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Central vs Corvallis, 7 p.m.

Dallas at South Albany, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

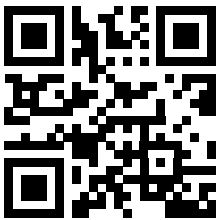
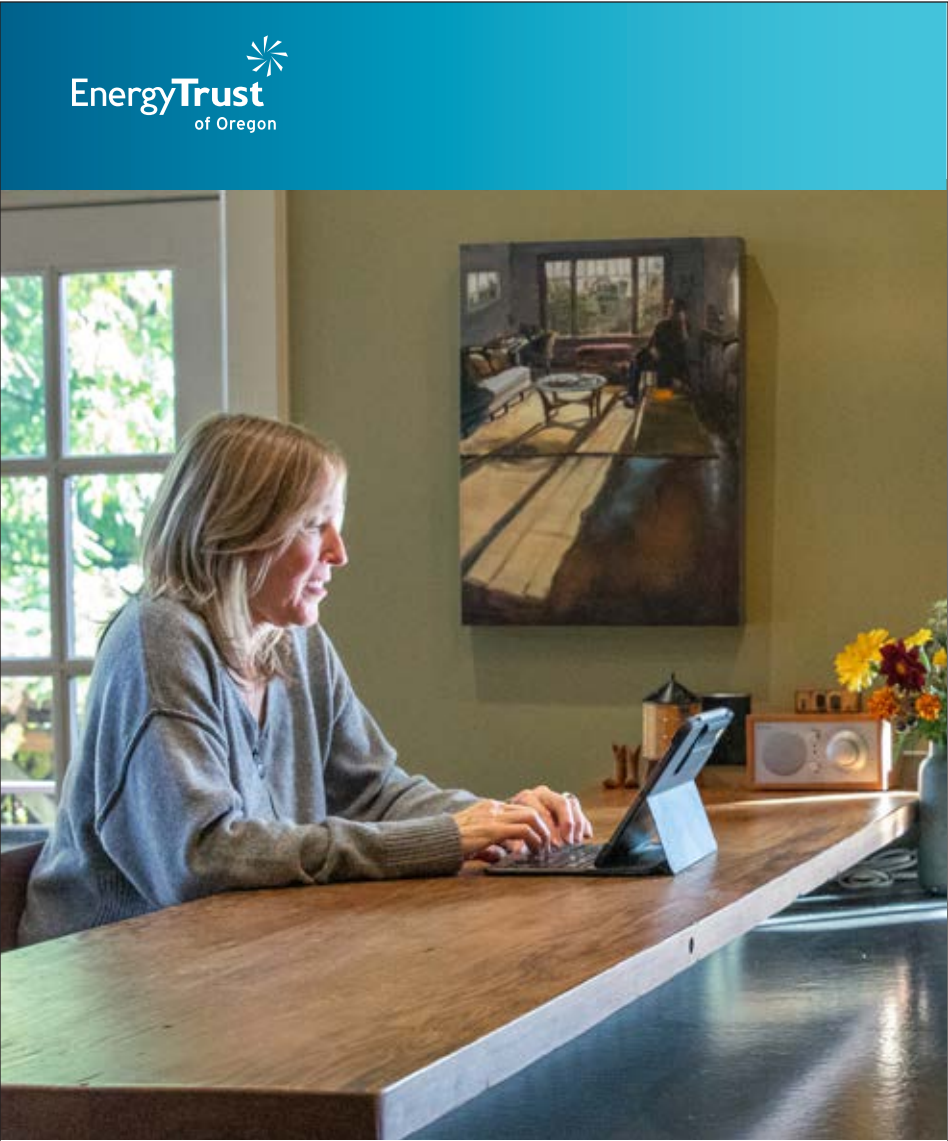
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