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Citizens seek clarity on civil unrest at Monmouth town hall

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

At the city of Monmouth’s quarterly town hall Jan. 29 where guest speakers gave their general perspectives in civics, it was a full 45 minutes before an audience member asked a direct question related to the unrest in Minnesota.

The city hosted the town hall in the wake of several officer-involved shootings in and around Minneapolis that also featured organized protests that exacerbated the situation. The evening’s lineup of guest speakers included state Rep. Paul Evans, Monmouth city attorney Justin Thorp, Police Chief Isaiah Haines and Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton. After their prepared remarks, in an audience of more than 30 in attendance, one asked the panel would the city say as a group that if somebody or something is impeding a police officer, that is a violation?

Haines asked him to clarify “impeding a police officer.”

The audience member got straight to his point.

“We’re dancing around Minneapolis right now, this whole place is,” he said. “I feel that there are people impeding officers’ jobs that are legally doing things and they’re (protestors) impeding them and the local police are not doing anything about it. What is the city’s position in the same, exact thing? Are you going to support other sworn officers, whether they’re state, county, or (federal)?”

Haines said there was a lot to unpack in his question.

“There are Oregon statutes



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Oregon State Rep. Paul Evans kicks off the Monmouth Quarterly Town Hall Jan. 29 with a history on civics.

that talk about interfering with a police officer. If they’re doing a lawful investigation, the interfering statute is state law,” Haines began. “What I think you’re talking about is immigration enforcement...”

The questioner interrupted by clarifying no, he was actually talking about selective enforcement of laws and whether there are some that the chief can choose to ignore.

“Be it tactics or discretion, it really depends upon the situation,” Haines replied. “When it comes to things, such as the statute I said on interfering, ... if an officer is making an arrest and someone is physically

interfering, they are likely to get arrested as well.

“When comparing Minneapolis, when it comes to state agencies versus federal agencies, What I would tell you about that specifically ... Oregon is a sanctuary state. There are prohibitions that local law enforcement have from assisting with immigration enforcement,” he added.

Thorp agreed that there was a lot to unpack with the question.

“A general issue with all law enforcement, is there’s also tactics and procedures in ways you’re going to enforce (the law). Are you going to

arrest somebody right now or are you going to wait until things are cooled down? That’s not a lawyer question, that’s a law enforcement professional question; those are things within their training,” Thorp explained.

He added that when an incident involves different agencies, that can get complicated.

“We’re not going to go around and violate federal law. But at the same time, the federal government doesn’t get to come and commandeer state and local governments either,” Thorp said. “Depending upon

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Indy sets food truck limit to 7

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

A new city ordinance will limit the number of food trucks to seven that can operate in downtown Independence.

The city council worked out the details of the new ordinance at a recent meeting. In addition to setting a limit, the ordinance also shifts a greater responsibility of food truck operations to the landowner renting out space to the truck operator.

City Planning Manager Fred Evander said the new ordinance would help the mobile vending process work better.

“Over the past six-plus years, the administration realized there are limitations as the city processes mobile vending licenses,” he said. “Right now, it requires a food truck owner to get all of the permits necessary to operate on a particular lot. The current process does not include the property owner at all.”

The new process, he explained, would require the property owner to get their site approved for a certain type of mobile vending use, making it easier for a food vendor to operate on those approved sites.

In the past, city inspector site visits to food truck vendors revealed they do not control the property or make improvements to the property.

So the new ordinance would break up the process into two separate permits – one that deals with the site and property owner and the second that is

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S.N. St. Clair

Local author debuts thriller ‘The Forgotten Girl’

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Most family and friends know her as Samantha St. Clair, or Sam for short. But she’s hoping more people get to know her by her pen name, S.N. St. Clair, after the release of her latest novel, “The Forgotten Girl.”

In her latest novel, “The Forgotten Girl”, St. Clair continues her transition from the romance genre into thriller territory. The story follows the lives of two girls – Abbie in 1988 who disappears at a camp for troubled kids, and Kate in 1995 who investigates the voices

and other weird discoveries that happen after she takes over the abandoned camp.

An accountant for the state by day and amateur novelist by night, St. Clair, 31, has technically written six novels now with “The Forgotten Girl.” That’s if you don’t count the two she wrote as a child and youth growing up in Dallas and Perrydale. She said has pretty much wanted to be an author since she was old enough to write.

“In pre-school I had a little book I was writing – “Coyote and Bear” about a bear and coyote, obviously,” she said.

“I published my first book when she was 14, but ended up taking it down. As you get older and you’re reading your stuff you go, ‘What was I thinking?’ I hope to one day rewrite that and republish it.”

Now living in West Salem with her husband Andrew, St. Clair published her first novel she considered a keeper in July 2024, “Deputy Wolf,” the first in a two-book series so far, where she explores if love is enough to break the cycle of past, destructive behavior.

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News Briefs

LEBANON MAN DIES IN HIGHWAY 22 CRASH
A motorist from Lebanon was killed in an accident on Jan. 24. According to the Oregon State Police, at 11:32 p.m., officers responded to a single vehicle crash on Highway 22, near milepost 16, in Polk County. The preliminary investigation indicated a west-bound Chrysler Town and Country van, operated by

Eduardo Jiminez, 42, left the roadway for unknown reasons in between the Highway 223 exit and Highway 22, before rolling and ejecting the operator. Jiminez was declared deceased at the scene. The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the investigation. Oregon State Police was assisted by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

SECOND TAX PAYMENT DUE
The Polk County Tax Office reminds taxpayers who pay their property taxes in trimester payments that the second installment is due by Feb. 17. Payments may be mailed, paid online, by phone, or in person at the Polk County Tax Office. There is also a secure tax payment drop box in the parking lot on the Jefferson Street side of the courthouse. It is located

on the north end of the parking lot and is the first of two drop boxes. Credit, debit card and e-Check payments may be made online or by phone. Call Toll free 1-866-215-1835 or go to www.polk-countyor.gov. There is a 2.49% convenience fee on Credit/Debit transactions, or payment by e-Check is \$2.00. Payments that are mailed MUST bear the Feb. 17 postmark to avoid interest.

SALEM DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS DEATH CASE IN WEST SALEM
Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit and Felony Crimes Unit are investigating two separate unrelated suspicious death cases in Salem. The first incident occurred on Jan. 30 at approximately 1:10 p.m., when officers responded to a residence in the 4600 block of Dark Forest Place Northeast and found

a woman deceased. The second incident took place later that day at approximately 6:31 p.m. near Wallace Marine Park, where a woman was found deceased under suspicious circumstances. Both investigations are ongoing. At this time, the incidents appear unrelated and there is no ongoing threat to the public.



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A garbage can sits extinguished in the Talmadge Middle School lot after a student ignited a fire in it Jan. 27.

Juvenile referred after fire at Talmadge Middle School

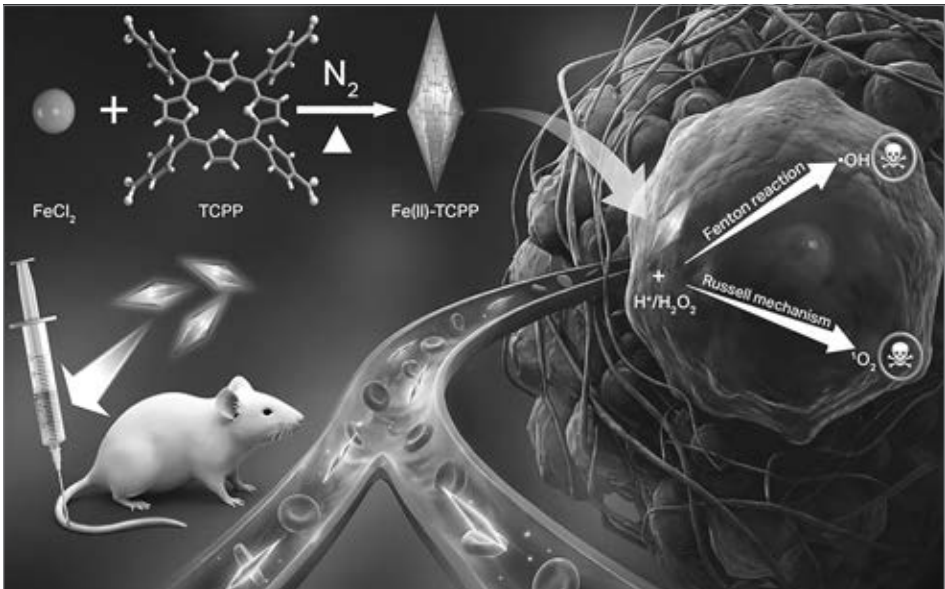
A student was arrested Jan. 27 for setting a fire at Talmadge Middle School. According to the Independence Police Department, at approximately 12:26 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fire at the school after a student ignited a trash can inside a lower-building restroom. A staff member quickly discovered the fire and extinguished it, while the fire alarm activated. School officials evacuated the building at approximately 12:30 p.m. when the fire alarm was

activated. Students and staff safely re-entered the building and resumed classes at approximately 12:50 p.m. No injuries were reported. Following the incident, an investigation by school resource officers resulted in a juvenile being referred to the Polk County Juvenile Department. In a press release, the Independence Police Department commended school staff for their quick response and decisive action, which helped ensure the safety of students and staff.

New cancer-killing material developed by OSU nanomedicine researchers

STEVE LUNDEBERG
Leader Guest Article

Scientists at Oregon State University have developed a new nanomaterial that triggers a pair of chemical reactions inside cancer cells, killing the cells via oxidative stress while leaving healthy tissues alone. The study led by Oleh and Olena Taratula and Chao Wang of the OSU College of Pharmacy was published this week in *Advanced Functional Materials*. The findings advance the field of chemodynamic therapy or CDT, an emerging treatment approach based on the distinctive biochemical environment found in cancer cells. Compared to healthy tissues, malignant tumors are more acidic and have elevated concentrations of hydrogen peroxide, the scientists explain. Conventional CDT works by using the tumor microenvironment to trigger the chemical production of hydroxyl radicals: molecules, made up oxygen and hydrogen, with an unpaired electron. These reactive oxygen species are able to damage cells through oxidation by stealing electrons from molecules like lipids, proteins and DNA. Recent chemodynamic



therapy designs have been able to use tumor conditions to catalyze production of another reactive oxygen species, singlet oxygen, so named because it has one electron spin state rather than the three states found in the more stable oxygen molecules in the air. “However, existing CDT agents are limited,” Oleh Taratula said. “They efficiently generate either radical hydroxyls or singlet oxygen but not both, and they often lack sufficient catalytic activity to sustain robust reactive oxygen species production. Consequently, preclinical studies often only show partial tumor regression and not a durable therapeutic benefit.” In this paper, the scientists present a novel CDT nanoagent, an iron-based

metal-organic framework or MOF, able to generate both compounds for more effective treatment, and with superior catalytic efficiency. The MOF showed potent toxicity in multiple cancer cell lines and negligible harm to noncancerous cells. “When we systemically administered our nanoagent in mice bearing human breast cancer cells, it efficiently accumulated in tumors, robustly generated reactive oxygen species and completely eradicated the cancer without adverse effects,” Olena Taratula said. “We saw total tumor regression and long-term prevention of recurrence, all without seeing any systemic toxicity.” Before this treatment can be tested in humans, the research team plans to evaluate its therapeutic

efficacy in various cancer types, including aggressive pancreatic cancer, to demonstrate its broad applicability across different malignancies. Oregon State’s Kongbrailatpam Shitaljit Sharma, Yoon Tae Goo, Vladislav Grigoriev, Constanze Raitmayr, Ana Paula Mesquita Souza and Manali Parag Phawde also contributed to the research, which was funded by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. *Steve Lundeborg is a news and research writer at Oregon State University. He may be reached at Steve.Lundeborg@oregonstate.edu*

Department of Revenue helps taxpayers to correct file kids credit amount

By OREGON DEPT. OF REVENUE
The Oregon Department of Revenue is offering new guidance for taxpayers claiming the Oregon Kids Credit, ensuring that taxpayers can claim the correct credit amount when they electronically file their tax year 2025 return. During preparation for the 2026 tax season, the department provided incorrect information on tax form instructions and to tax preparation software partners regarding calculations for claiming the Oregon Kids’ Credit. As a result, a small number of taxpayers who are not eligible for the Oregon Kids Credit calculated and claimed the Oregon Kids Credit on their returns. An

additional small number of taxpayers who are eligible to claim the Oregon Kids Credit claimed too large of a credit. The department identified the error among some of the earliest returns submitted when processing of e-filed returns opened Monday. Through Friday morning, the agency had processed about 135,000 tax year 2025 returns. The new federal deductions impacted Oregon Kids Credit eligibility on fewer than 500 of those returns. While the department expects that number to grow before all tax filing software vendors update to fix the calculation, it anticipates that the total number of affected returns will remain low. Taxpayers who have already filed returns and believe they may be

impacted do not have to take any action to correct their returns. DOR is automatically adjusting returns, and will notify taxpayers of any adjustments. Taxpayers will receive this notice in the mail, as well as in their Revenue Online account. “The Oregon Kids Credit benefits some of the lowest-income families in the state,” Department of Revenue Director David Gerstenfeld said. “We are notifying each affected taxpayer and letting them know they don’t need to take any action. We will make the correction to their return, but we also want to manage taxpayers’ expectations. Unfortunately, their refund may be less than they anticipated. We know that a difference of

even \$100 can be very impactful for low-income families with young children, and we sincerely apologize for the error.” The error centers on how the new federal income tax deductions for overtime wages, tips, and new car loan interest affects Oregon taxpayers’ modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) as it relates specifically to eligibility for the Oregon Kids Credit on their state return. The deductions were part of House Resolution 1, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill, passed by Congress and signed into law after the 2025 Oregon Legislative session ended. The federal legislation made major changes to tax law that were quickly incorporated into DOR forms, instructions, and


processes. The agency monitors each filing season closely and identifies the error and solution within days of the season start. The department is correcting the error in its online tax form instructions and Direct File Oregon, an interview-based tax preparation software option that allows taxpayers to file their Oregon personal income tax returns directly with the state for free. DOR is also contacting software providers so that they can do the same. The department recommends that taxpayers who plan to claim one or more of these new deductions and have not yet filed their returns wait to file until Direct File Oregon, or the tax filing software product they use, has

been updated. Answers to frequently asked questions are available on the department’s website along with agency contact information for affected taxpayers. The new webpage will be updated as software providers complete their updates. Taxpayers with questions can call (503) 947-0350 or email questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov. The Oregon Kids Credit is a refundable credit for low-income people with young dependent children. For those with MAGI of \$26,550 or less, the full credit is \$1,050 per child for up to five dependent children under the age of six at the end of the tax year. A partial credit is available for individuals and families with MAGI up to \$31,550.

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WOU early learning center receives \$1.12 million federal grant

By WOU MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The Center on Early Learning Support and Innovation at The Research Institute at Western Oregon University is set to receive \$1.12 million through the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care’s (DEL) Preschool Development Grant (PDG). This funding will be awarded as an amendment to the current \$8.1 million Spark contract.

In late November of 2025, the federal government announced a new opportunity for states to apply for a 12-month Preschool Development Grant focused on early childhood system-building. Despite having only seven working days to prepare a proposal during the Thanksgiving holiday, Oregon submitted its application on Dec. 1. After several weeks of uncertainty, DELC received an award of approximately \$7.3 million in federal funding.

This competitive grant aims to augment and align existing early

childhood education (ECE) infrastructure, with a specific focus on unifying fragmented systems. The award supports the ongoing development of a shared, comprehensive vision for early childhood education and maximizes parental choice as families navigate the ECE landscape.

The PDG funds will provide 12 months of financial support aimed at enhancing community engagement, piloting multiple programs, testing databases and improving user experiences. Additionally, the grant will facilitate the creation of a digital clearinghouse of culturally appropriate materials for early educators while providing further resources for educator goal-setting within the Spark system.

“The grant will help strengthen the Spark system in ways that matter most to early educators and the families they serve,” said Lauren Petersen, director for the Center on Early Learning Support and Innovation.

She added that over the next 12 months, they will

work closely with communities across Oregon to gather feedback, pilot new ideas, test improvements to the database, and make the system easier and more intuitive to use.

Early educators will see added financial support for setting and working toward professional goals, along with access to a new digital clearinghouse of culturally responsive materials designed to reflect the diverse children, families, and communities in Oregon.

For children and families, these improvements mean stronger programs, better-supported educators, and early learning environments that are more responsive, inclusive, and high quality. This investment helps ensure Spark continues to grow as a practical, meaningful tool that supports educators, and in turn, the children and families they care for.

Get more information about the Center on Early Learning Support and Innovation and its initiatives online at <https://wou.edu/tri/centers>.



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Fewer immigrants are seeking Oregon health care benefits under Trump

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Thousands fewer people are receiving health care through a Medicaid-like Oregon program that’s open to income-eligible people regardless of immigration status than were six months ago, state data shows.

Two years after its launch, the Healthier Oregon program reached peak enrollment of 107,000 people in June, according to data from the Oregon Health Authority. That includes people who have refugee status, lawful permanent residents, those enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, work or student visa holders and others who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid if it weren’t for their immigration status.

Enrollment dropped to 97,000 people in January, according to state health officials, who attributed the change to concerns about data privacy and increasing immigration enforcement under the Trump administration.

“We’re seeing a real drop in enrollment in Healthier Oregon, likely due to all the federal changes and people being



very concerned about signing up for Healthier Oregon,” OHA Deputy Director for Policy and Programs Dave Baden told lawmakers earlier this month. “And we’re also seeing less utilization, so even someone that is in Healthier Oregon is not coming to the doctor.”

Federal health officials in June began sharing Medicaid data with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to track non-citizens in states where eligibility for the low-income health program does not depend on immigration status.

Oregon is one of five states in the U.S. that offers health care coverage for all income-eligible adults regardless of

their immigration status, according to the health policy nonprofit KFF. Several other states offer similar programs to specific groups such as pregnant women, children and elderly adults.

State dollars cover most Healthier Oregon services, except for emergency health care visits, which are paid for with federal dollars.

Under federal law, hospitals must stabilize anyone needing emergency care — no matter their immigration status — and Medicaid must reimburse hospitals for this legally required care. This means that when a Healthier Oregon recipient uses an emergency service, their information is included

in files shared with the federal government, OHA spokesperson Amy Bacher told the Capital Chronicle.

The data exchange prompted Oregon and 21 other states and the District of Columbia to file a lawsuit, asking a judge to block the Trump administration from sharing Medicaid data with deportation officials. A federal judge in December ruled that ICE can pull Medicaid data including addresses, phone numbers, birth dates and citizenship to use in its deportation proceedings.

“From the state’s perspective, we will do everything we can to only share the data that we need to share,” Gov. Tina Kotek

told reporters at a Saturday press conference.

Federal immigration efforts impeding immigrants from seeking care

Nearly half of likely undocumented immigrant adults say they have avoided seeking medical care since January 2025 because of immigration-related concerns, according to a survey from the New York Times and KFF.

The Trump administration in January rescinded a policy that previously protected hospitals, schools and places of worship against immigration enforcement.

ICE agents may access public spaces such as lobbies and waiting rooms without a warrant, but under the Constitution no law enforcement can enter places where a person has a “reasonable expectation of privacy” without a warrant — such as examination rooms, staff offices and patient rooms. Despite this protection, health care providers have reported cases of ICE agents entering medical exam rooms without a warrant.

Federal immigration agents have also appeared near hospitals in Oregon. On Jan. 8, a Border Patrol agent shot two Venezuelan immigrants near Adventist

Health Portland. Then on Jan. 16, Border Patrol agents detained a 7-year-old girl and her parents in the same hospital’s parking lot before the family, who came to the U.S. in late 2024 from Venezuela, could seek health care for the child.

Kotek urged health care providers to communicate with Oregonians about providing safe health care for people.

“Because of the fear and the chaos that is being created by the Trump administration and the lawful immigration enforcement, people are scared,” Kotek said. “They’re not seeking the medical care that they need, and that is hurting our communities.”

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OBITUARIES



Grace Scatterday
Oct. 8, 1929 - Jan. 18, 2026
Grace (Genevieve)

Cook Scatterday, 96 and long-time resident of Dallas, Oregon, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2026, at the Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca, SC. Grace moved to Seneca in 2023 to be closed to her daughter, Janis.

Grace was born October 8, 1929, in Seattle, WA alongside her identical twin, Leila. She grew up in Bellevue and attended college at Central Washington State where she received a BS in Education. After

returning to Bellevue, she taught elementary school and eventually met and married her husband of 70 years, Glen Alden Scatterday.

Glen and Grace left the Seattle area in 1963 and moved their family numerous times as career advancements came along. Grace had teaching certificates in Washington, Arizona, Colorado, and Texas. Once she stopped teaching, she went to work in hospital administration until her retirement in 1984.

Retirement brought them back to the Pacific Northwest, and discovering Dallas, Oregon brought them home. Grace, a life-long reader, found her way to the Dallas Public Library where she was

a volunteer and board member for many years. You could also find her walking along the river and in the Delbert Hunter Arboretum as she was always on the go. She was the original ‘Energizer Bunny’.

Grace is survived by her daughters, Janis Scatterday Sutter of Seneca, SC and Judith Ann Slade of Mexico. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Glen and two sons, Keith Allen Scatterday and Bruce Alden Scatterday.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Dallas, Oregon in Spring, 2026.

Donations in her honor can be made to the Dallas, Oregon Public Library.

Cremation in Seneca, ashes will return to Oregon

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Haraldsen
07/27/1923 - 01/10/2026

Passed away peacefully at home
Funeral Arrangements, No date set yet

Judy Kay Frank
01/16/1941 - 01/22/2026

Judy Kay Frank passed away Jan. 10, 2026.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Everyone needs a positive influence like Officer Johnson

By CARLOS BARRIENTOS

As a Dallas City Councilor, I will always support our first responders in law enforcement.

My first lasting impression of law enforcement came in 1995 at the Boston Police Academy. One instructor, Officer Johnson, made an impact on me that has stayed with me my entire life. In his police history class, he recited a phrase we were required to memorize verbatim as recruits in Boston Police Academy Class 30-95:

“There is no quality more indispensable to an officer than a perfect command of temper.”

Officer Johnson was an imposing presence — an impressive 6’5” man with a quiet, steady demeanor that immediately commanded respect. He wore a dark blue uniform with razor-sharp creases, a silver Boston Police patrolman’s badge, department patches stretched across his broad shoulders, and polished black leather shoes that reflected the room. Topping it all off

was the dark blue eight-point cap bearing the Boston Police badge.

Despite his stature, what stood out most was his calm, disciplined temperament. He taught us the foundational principles of policing rooted in the work of Sir Robert Peel, founder of the London Metropolitan Police — the officers who would come to be known as “Bobbies.” Those lessons went beyond tactics and law — they were about character, restraint, and service in a democratic society.

At the conclusion of the 26-week academy, Officer Johnson gave us one final, unforgettable moment. At our Class 30-95 graduation, he sang the National Anthem. His powerful baritone voice filled the room and energized a packed audience. It remains one of the most meaningful moments of my career.

I went on to serve several years with the Boston Police Department and later became a trooper with the Oregon State Police. Throughout my career,

that lesson stayed with me. In moments of stress, danger, and uncertainty, I often returned to those words:

There is no quality more indispensable to an officer than a perfect command of temper.

Because of mentors like Officer Johnson, I was able to persevere through a long career in law enforcement. I only wish everyone could experience leadership and mentorship like that — grounded in professionalism, discipline, and respect for the communities we serve.

A Word, Please

By JUNE CASAGRANDE

Do you cringe when you hear “amongst” or “amidst”? Well, you probably will after reading this column. Sorry about that.

“Amongst” and “amidst” aren’t wrong, but once you start to notice them, they grate.

“He is amongst the best executives in our company’s history.”

“You are amongst friends.”

“We’ll keep working hard amidst all the chaos.”

Me, I have a knee-jerk reaction to these words. That reaction is chop, chop, chop. It’s an editor thing. I just delete the “st.” Always. I don’t think about it.

Of course, that’s only possible when I’m editing. When I come across these words in the wild, I don’t have the same power. I can’t change text someone else published, and I can’t edit the voices coming out of my TV or live human beings. Yet the reaction is pretty ingrained, so I cringe a little and silently delete the “st” in my mind. “Amongst” and “amidst” just sound wrong to me, and for good reason.

The editing style I use most in my work, Associated Press style,

says that “amid” should be used instead of “amidst” and “among” should be used instead of “amongst.” AP doesn’t give a reason. But their longtime preference for plain language as well as shorter spellings (space on the page was at a premium in AP’s formative days) probably explain it.

Rounding out the top two most influential guides in publishing, the Chicago Manual of Style feels the same way: In its entry covering “amid” and “among,” the guide is clear: “Avoid ‘amidst’ and ‘amongst,’ especially in American English.”

Does that mean “amongst” and “amidst” are wrong? No. They’re only wrong for writers and editors aiming to adhere to one of those two editing styles. Everyone else can use them if they choose, though maybe they should think twice about it.

Dictionaries list “amongst” as a variant form of “among,” noting that it’s less common in American English than British. “Amidst,” too, is considered a variant form, though Merriam-Webster’s doesn’t say this one is more popular in British English.

By “variant form,” the

dictionary means these words are correct, but nonstandard. In other words, “among” and “amid” are more natural for speakers here in the U.S. When you’re trying to communicate, simple language is often better because it doesn’t distract from the message the way frilly words do.

“Amongst” strikes many people, including Bryan Garner, author of Garner’s Modern English Usage, as pretentious.

Merriam-Webster’s disagrees with Garner:

“Our evidence doesn’t confirm that view.” They cite examples of nonpretentious “amongst” uses like this one from an old TV Guide: “Amongst the evidence were verbal slams from such network luminaries ...” and this one from *Cruising World*: “Pelican is a wild town where one year before there had been a shootout of sorts amongst some fishermen.”

Those excerpts are held up as proof that “amongst” is not pretentious. But I’m not sure

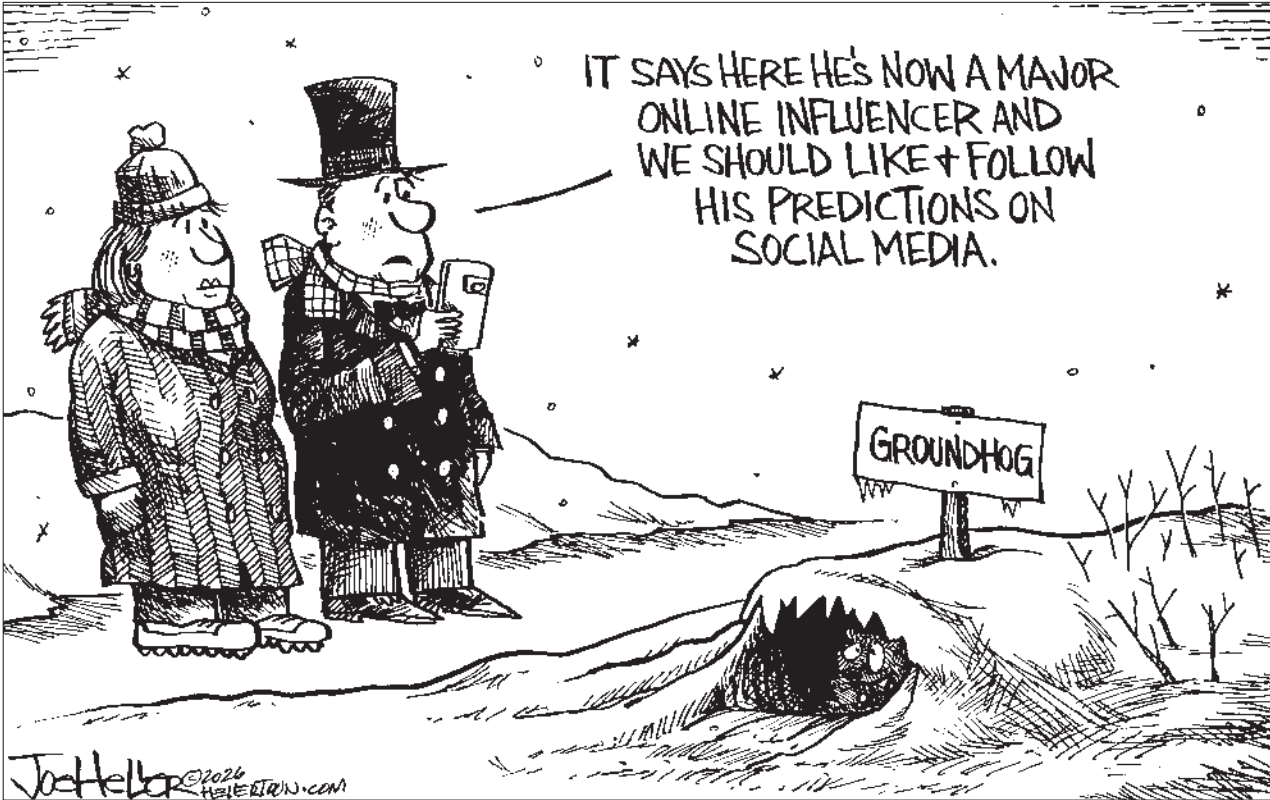
they prove Merriam’s point. They both sound kind of fussy to me.

“Amidst” doesn’t draw as much criticism, perhaps because it seems less deliberately fancy-pants than “amongst” does. In fact, I’d argue that “amidst” sometimes seems like the most natural choice. To me, “amidst all the chaos” sounds better than “amid all the chaos,” but you may disagree.

The worst thing about “amongst” and “amidst” isn’t the risk of sounding highbrow. It’s the risk of

sounding lowbrow — like someone using big words to try to sound smart and, as a result, sounding not smart. Plain language conveying good information and ideas is always better than fancy, fussy words masking a lack of substance. So “amongst” and “amidst” can work against effective communication.

— June Casagrande is the author of “The Joy of Syntax: A Simple Guide to All the Grammar You Know You Should Know.” She can be reached at JuneTCN@aol.com.



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

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Auger
Babylon
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Fig
Frog
Helmet
Limpet

Melongina
Nautilus
Umbonium

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Side mirror is moved. 2. Cattle is different. 3. Sign is taller. 4. Door handle is different. 5. Fence is different. 6. Headrest is added.

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Americanisms

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”
— Edith Wharton

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Super Crossword

FILLED FOOD

ACROSS

1 Thank U, Next singer Grande
7 Yachts, e.g.
12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation
20 Right-rear bowling target
21 Like Viking script
22 Call to have food delivered
23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist
25 Runaway
26 Fruity drink
27 Reclined
28 Actress Russo
30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
31 Makeovers
33 Application to improve blood flow
39 Slew legume
41 Glazer of "Broad City"
42 Gold in Italy
43 Person not getting deserved acclaim

48 Chilly tourist lodge
53 New Mexico arid mesquite
54 Old New York theater
55 Whirled
58 To a greater extent
59 Phased-out cartoon storekeeper
60 Greek cheese
61 Easels, e.g.
63 Susa's ancient land
64 Take care of
66 Bikers' association
70 Tunes for two
72 Permissible
73 Tiny bits
74 Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second
78 Wine vessel
81 Wrinkly King of pop tangelo
82 Joan of Arc actress
83 Acorn trees
85 Grassy tract
86 Wrecked
89 Santa — (some winds)
90 Agra dress

91 Feels ill
92 Hip-hop band
94 Thaw after winter
96 Roadhouse
97 Writer Wilde
100 "Fancy that!"
101 Pilot's heading indicator
108 Newton who was knighted
112 Met solo
113 Fishing rod
114 \$5 bills, slangily
116 H.S. lab class
117 "The Velvet Fog"
121 Its menu might include the ends of seven answers in this puzzle
125 Web pop-up, e.g.
126 Be of help to
127 King of pop
128 Salted-away sums of money
129 Mails in, e.g.
130 Isis' brother

DOWN

1 In combat
2 Novelist Charles
3 Way to mark losses
4 Fourth mo.
5 TV ratings name
6 Chlumsky of "Veep"
7 Musical Mars
8 "Gang"
9 Filmmaker Lee
10 — del Fuego
11 TV part
12 Center points
13 Previous to
14 NFL goals
15 OK grade
16 Bow go-with
17 Turbine part
18 — Vista, Mexico
19 Purse piece
24 Pen brand
29 U.S. intel org.
32 Musical work
34 Lake swamps
35 Gp. in the Arab League
36 Quadrennial games org.
37 City near Provo
38 NYC area near the Village
40 Go along with
43 37-Down's state
44 Wine valley of California
45 Brief audio file
46 All the rage
47 Midterm, e.g.
48 "500" race
49 Mine vehicle
50 Prevaricates
51 Genesis
52 Bausch & Lomb
55 Cheap cigars
56 St. Patrick's Day event
57 "I give up!"
60 Absconded
61 — Artois
62 — fi flick (lighting)
65 — it out
67 Mary-Kate of "Beastly"
68 Latching, e.g.
69 LGA into
71 Fa-la linkup
74 Aaron in "Hamilton"
75 Water in Chihuahua
76 Get in return
77 Mimic a lion
79 Descended
80 Toward dawn
84 Actress Nicole — Parker
87 Funny idle
88 Fail to
90 Agile
91 City in Iowa
93 Half of bi-
94 Sink down
95 Hired Japanese hostesses
97 Yoko of "Two Virgins"
98 Taco toppers
99 Split with an ax, say
101 Actor Matt
102 Actress Ryan
103 Small brooks
104 Absorb the loss, in slang
105 Opinion pieces
106 Lou who won three Grammys
107 Japanese sash
109 Hat
110 Garlic mayo
111 Makes do
115 Danish shoe brand
118 Undivided
119 Rule, informally
120 Zine
122 Delhi bread
123 Carried out
124 Lanka

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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: K equals L

VTTFAVX L YEHI KGVXTO
EBTVPK BG HEB L KLOXT
IEVC GS YTLB, L YLV FTHKLOTF
"CVAST'P BGG PIGOB."

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GO FIGURE!

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS ADDICTION TO YOUR PHONE IS NUTS! I WAS IN THE KITCHEN AND YOU TEXTED MEWAIT, ARE YOU NOW SENDING ME AN APOLOGY ON FACETIME?

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Out on a Limb

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, SON, JUST PICK OUT YOUR FAVORITE LURE AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET A BITE TODAY.

ALRIGHT, HERE WE GO. DROP IT DOWN THE HOLE.

NOW WE WAIT. THOSE FISH SHOULD COME ALONG AND SNATCH IT UP!

SERIOUSLY? PAINTED PLASTIC, FULL OF HOOKS, AND YOUR ISSUE IS IF IT HAS GLUTEN?

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GAMES: What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?
3. MOVIES: What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for pneumothorax?
5. HISTORY: By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?
6. TELEVISION: What is Hawk-eye Pierce's real first name in the "M*A*S*H" series?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of larks called?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the currency of Japan?

Answers

1. Blue.
2. The Danish West Indies.
3. Red and green.
4. Collapsed lung.
5. Calamity Jane, a sharpshooter in Western history.
6. Benjamin.
7. An exaltation.
8. Fiat Automobiles.
9. A jackal.
10. The yen.

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Investigating the Bible: Attack With Love

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

There’s an old church joke, which can be retold variously depending on which religious group is favored. Fictitious denomination names are used here.

A remote rural village had one church, the First Church of My People. A new family moved into town from a city where they had faithfully attended the Fellowship of Those People. They did not attend the My People Church. One day the grandfather of the new family died, and not having a minister of their own, they asked the My People’s minister to conduct the funeral. The minister sought advice from his regional director: “Should I officiate at the funeral for someone from the Fellowship of Those People?” The director responded: “Bury as many of Those People as you can.”

The Bible offers better responses when believers in God encounter those who believe differently or not at all.

RELY ON GOD’S WORD.
The apostle Paul

mentored Timothy, who he called his “true child in the faith.” Later, Timothy ministered in a local church and false teachers threatened his congregation. Paul counseled him to, “...continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:14-17, English Standard Version used throughout).

DISAGREE WITH RESPECT.

Paul taught Timothy to respond with grace to those who strayed from truth.

“Do not rebuke an older man, but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.” (1 Timothy 5:1).

For those outside the church, Paul urged: “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” (Colossians 4:5-6).

LOVE THOSE WITH DIFFERENT BELIEFS.

Mark Hatfield, born and raised in Dallas, Oregon, was a man of Christian faith and a long-time Republican senator for Oregon. During the Vietnam War, he advocated for America’s departure and publicly opposed fellow republican President Nixon’s actions. After Nixon’s resignation in disgrace, he was shunned by politicians who didn’t want to risk being seen with him. Few visitors came to see Nixon in San Clemente, California. One of them was Senator Mark Hatfield. Chuck Colson, a Nixon legal counselor who became a believer after Watergate and prison, asked Hatfield why he made frequent trips. Hatfield said, “To let Mr. Nixon know that someone loved

him.”

LOVE YOUR ENEMY.

In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, he said, “You have heard that it was said ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.’” (Matthew 5:43-44)

A friend of author Philip Yancey works at a pregnancy center in Michigan. She is a


committed Catholic, who counsels her clients to choose against abortion and helps them find adoptive parents. The center is close to a major university and pro-choice demonstrators often walk in front with pickets.

One cold, snowy day she ordered out for doughnuts and coffee. When they arrived, she carried them outside, offering them to her “enemies.”

She said, “I know we disagree on this issue, but I still respect you as

people. I know it must be cold standing out here all day. I thought you might want some nourishment.”


The picketers were shocked, mumbled thanks, and stared at the coffee. They refused to drink any at first, perhaps fearing she had laced it with poison.
[Brief bio: Mr. Pastor (yes, that is his last name, not his profession) lives in Oregon and is a graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div., M.Th.).]



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Rise up, my love, my fair one,
and come away!
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret places of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

— Song of Solomon 2: 13,14 —



“Blue Nude 2” by Henri Matisse (1952)

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Worship Directory

DALLAS

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

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

Dallas Evangelical Church — A Place of Hope and Healing: 783 SW Church Street, Dallas Oregon, across from the Post Office. Find us on Facebook: on page DallasEC, MyDallasEC Friends and www.dallasec.org. Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom for weekly Bible Study and Worship Service. We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:00 AM; Worship Service 10:00 AM, zoom room 228-034-850. Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) is also on Sundays and starts with Dinner 5:00 PM; Large Group (Worship) 6:00 PM, and small groups at 7PM. We have a Community Clothing Closet: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat 9 AM - Noon; Thurs Nights 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Step Studies are often starting or ending all year and meeting at various times. Message phone 503-623-3778. Find us on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email pastor Dave at pastor.dave@dallasec.org

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

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

Live Stream our 10:45am service at www.graceindallas.online.church
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House of His Presence — House of His Presence, located at 177 SW Oak St. in Dallas, welcomes all who are seeking to know God intimately and live life abundantly. We believe God transforms us into the image of Jesus Christ as we encounter His Holiness, Righteousness and Truth through His manifested presence, worship and the Word of God. Sunday morning service at 10:30 am, visit the website for ongoing ministries during the week. For more information call 503-420-4612 Website www.houseofhispresence.net

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

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

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

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Welcome! Our church is located at 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Our phone number is 503-623-5822 . Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays for the 10 a.m. service or find us live on Facebook and updates. Join us for coffee after our service. Our services are as follows: 1st and 3rd Sundays are Morning Prayer. 2nd and 4th Sundays are Holy Eucharist. Blessings!

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FALLS CITY

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

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

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MONMOUTH

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

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TOWN HALL

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the issue, there may be different types and levels of cooperation.”

The next questioner said she supports law enforcement, be it from her small town all the way up to the federal level. She worried for the safety of federal officers while executing their duties.

“It pains me that I live in a town where some of the federal law enforcement people I know personally and have served with, were to come here on an operation, supporting federal laws that our U.S. Congress has passed, and if they were in trouble, correct me if I’m wrong, they cannot call on you to help them?” she asked, before adding, “That’s what we see happening in Minneapolis and seeing by the crowd we have here tonight, is that what we can expect here in little ol’ Monmouth?” Haines was succinct.



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Monmouth Police Chief Isaiah Haines (center) answers a question of how involved his officers are allowed to be, should ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) conduct an operation locally.

“Yes. We are always going to respond, whether there is a loss of life or a safety issue, be it an officer or a citizen,” he said. He added that while his police officers cannot help in an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) operation, they can help ensure the

scene is safe. Evans, who is co-chair for public safety in the Oregon legislature, jumped in, saying in the state’s perspective, “ICE has their operations. They do what they do. If they are in danger, there is an expectation local police will respond. It was talked

about that a law enforcement brother will not back another. That’s not going to happen,” he said. Another question from the audience posed a what-if scenario from the opposite side of the equation – “Would police respond if a resident called 911 describing

someone breaking into their home and they feared for their life?” Haines correctly assumed that would be from the perspective at the other end of an ICE operation. “Yes, police would respond, but with the knowledge of an ICE operation in the area affecting getting involved,” he said. “(However), there are a lot of what ifs and variables I can’t speak to.” Felton clarified this is an unfortunate situation county law enforcement face regularly locally. “What she’s describing happens all the time, not just with ICE,” Felton said, pointing specifically to domestic disturbance calls, or traffic stops in the middle of the night. “In that dark car, you have no idea what you’ve just pulled over. (Deputies) make split second decisions to ascertain what’s going on. They use discretion, their training, and hope to God they make

the right decision. “To your question, they’re watching the feed, deciding ‘do we go or not go.’ They’re making discrete decisions based on all these balanced things,” Felton said. He added that he, too, has seen what has been happening in Minnesota, and what they’re used to from his office appears to be turned on its head. “It’s disturbing. It’s turning it on its head in a lot of ways,” Felton said. Examining the way officials are investigating the officer involved shooting there, “it makes me troubled. That’s a nice way of putting it for all parties involved.” Felton said he has conversations with the state’s U.S. attorney wanting to coordinate so we know and expect in these scenarios. “We don’t want a Monmouth police officer calling me up at 3 a.m. and from the DA’s perspective not have the answer for them,” he said.

TRUCK

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specifically for a food truck operator to operate on the site. At a public hearing the previous month, the one question that drew a lot of focus was whether to establish a limit on the total number of food trucks that could operate downtown. Prior language in the ordinance set the limit at eight. Previous comments brought up the unfair competition food trucks bring to brick-and-mortar restaurants. Some worried that food truck operators can start up and operate at a lower cost than a brick-and-mortar business. Evander said if the council wanted to set a limit, it would be easy to add to the draft language of the ordinance. Currently, the city has permitted five food vending trucks that are

operational in downtown. The owner of The Tap Station has one in operation (which moved there from across the street at 7Star) with intentions of bringing a second online. Evander clarified that Parallel 45 Brewing submitted their plans to be a vendor hub, unit by unit, until they reached their total of five - one in the front and four others that wrap around the back. He also confirmed that the ordinance does not require the food trucks to provide specific parking spaces. He pointed to Parallel 45 which will contain all five of its food trucks within the property, which already comes with parking space. Eric Chase, co-owner of Golden Hop Saloon, was for setting limits, reducing the impact to other brick and mortar businesses. “I recommended the city set the limit at six - that way Parallel 45 still gets their five leaving just

one to impact the other businesses,” Chase said. “You put too many more, it’s just going to shove the rest of us out.” Ryan Booth of Parallel 45 Brewing, who also spoke at the council meeting, said he was okay with a limit of six. He sought clarity under the new ordinance, if the limit would include already approved vendors or to include more or less over time. Evander said this would have to be a practicality for the council to consider. “Cross the bridge when they get to it if Parallel 45 drops below its five capacity and another business elsewhere is ready to open a space in the interim,” he explained. “If someone at that point was to come into town, we would tell them we do not have an additional space vending unit.” Councilor Dawn Roden said she was sympathetic to the struggle of



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Parallel 45 Brewing has plans to operate five food trucks at its downtown Independence location.

downtown brick and mortar businesses that fail to make it past the “make it or break it 18 months window of opportunity.” “I think we need to put a fair limit on how many food carts we have in our downtown while honoring what we’ve committed

to Parallel 45,” Roden said, adding she was for setting a limit now with the ability to re-examine in the future to maintain a balance in the present. The council eventually settled on a limit of seven. The ordinance also provides an exception for

allowing additional carts to temporarily set up in association with a specific event, such as the farmers market or 4th of July. The first reading of the new ordinance received yes votes by all except one nay from councilor Martin Willis.

AUTHOR

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St. Clair started first writing romance novellas before transitioning into other genres. “Lately, I’ve been into thrillers, mystery, crime, supernatural, psychological, all of ‘em lately. I have been enjoying writing that a lot more,” she said. “I think I’m going to still do both, but might lean more toward thrillers.” She added there wasn’t one thing that “threw” her into the romance genre, except her mom may have played a big role developing her tastes. Growing up the youngest sibling, she said her brothers naturally gravitated toward their dad doing guy things. “So, it was just me and my mom for a lot of the time,” St. Clair recalled. “We used to always watch Hallmark movies, romance movies and tv shows. I just always liked them.” Working with numbers in her profession as an accountant for the past eight years, St. Clair said writing gives her an outlet for both her creative side and her perfectionist nature. “In reality, a perfectionist is not realistic. When I’m writing books, I can make it perfect. I can make it exactly as I want, put everything where it needs to be,” St. Clair



said. “That kind of takes me away from the reality portion of it. I get pretty OCD and overwhelmed with life. So, when I get to write, that aspect of it gets to be perfect and I get to be in control of how it all works out.” While being an accountant helps pays the bills now, St. Clair would love to some day transition to full-time author. “I just really like it. It gives me something to be passionate about,” she said. “I would definitely pick being a full time author one day over being an accountant, but that would be a very long time

I think.” St. Clair said of all the authors she enjoys, she is definitely most inspired by Tyler Brown. They went to school together at Perrydale School. “I never knew or saw him as a guy who would write. He reached out to me a few years ago, ‘I’m publishing this book,’” St. Clair recalled. It turned out to be his award winning “Tribal Honor.” Brown has gone on to publish four other novels and novellas. “I read it. I was like, Wow. Tyler is awesome. I went to his book signing. He’s been super helpful.

His wife has been super helpful. They’re a big inspiration for me. They want other authors to be successful,” St. Clair said. “This eerie tale will suck you in from page one!!!!” Brown wrote in a review of “The Forgotten Girl” on Amazon. “Loved the setting of this story and the plot was intriguing. When the book introduces a supernatural component, I was even more hooked!” Another author St. Clair has built a kinship with Stephen King, who she shares a birthday with, Sept. 21. “I always thought that was a cool thing to have with another author. So I’m always like it just

means it’s fate,” she said. Other authors she’s into vary from the new, Jennette McCurdy, and the older like Deen Koontz. Switching over to the new genre has helped St. Clair expand her fan base. “The Forgotten Girl,” published Dec. 5, has already sold 15 copies. “To most people, that isn’t a lot. But to me, that is. Because in the beginning I was only selling one or two here and there. I feel like a lot of people prefer thrillers. Although research says they prefer romance,” St. Clair said. “Marketing thrillers will be easier, being more catchy. I mean, with romance, there is only so

much you can do.” So far, she’s enjoying her little side gig. “It’s not necessarily something I’m doing with the aim of getting money. ... One day I might get there. But for now, it’s a passion and a hobby that I really enjoy doing,” St. Clair said. Her book is available for print on demand at Amazon and Barnes and Noble and through her website <https://snstclair.com>. Her first book signing is Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the New Morning Bakery, 788 Main St., Dallas. Books for purchase at the event are limited, so it will be first come, first served.

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Panthers Kids' season ends with high hopes for next year

Panther Kids Wrestling sent 15 kids in six different age groups to the Oregon Kids State Championships in Redmond over the week-end. Of those, three came home top three finishes. “We had a couple kids that had great tournaments the past few weeks,” said head coach Vidal Peña. “I very confident of success coming

in. Unfortunately, others were peaking in performance as well. It just happens. We have to be ready for anything, all the time. I am still proud of every one of our kids that came out this week-end, a couple even finished one match outside of placing rounds.” The Panthers had 54

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Eli Vidal stops his opponent's shot attempt.



Vienna Diehm pins her opponent in a head and arm.

Panthers rally behind fallen leader in 52-50 win

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

Down and out. That's the way it appeared for the Panthers boys varsity basketball team Friday. The home team was down four points and senior leader Jack Holestine was out. He was assisted off the court after he injured himself diving for a loose ball. Loss of the senior catalyst came with 6:50 left in the contest and a tough Crescent Valley team up 43-39. Central proved up to the challenge, however. The local lads netted 13 of the game's final 20 points to eke out the

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Tyler Olafson (33) slips the defense on the way to the hoop in Friday's thrilling 52-50 win against Crescent Valley.

Offensive woes continue to haunt Panthers

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

Offensive struggles continued in the Lady Panthers' 58-33 loss to Crescent Valley in varsity hoops from Friday. The girls got to the basket frequently, took open shots, but too often missed them. Central was 11-of-44 on field goal attempts, including 0-for-8 on their three-pointers. “The girls are playing hard and, for whatever reason, the ball just doesn't drop for us like it does for other teams,” said Marc Burleson, the Panthers' coach. “We get wide-open looks, our offense works, we move the ball really well, and ... it's not falling for us at this point.”

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Panthers (from left) Natalie Ball, Bella Names and Kennedy Reynolds fight for the ball in Friday's loss against Crescent Valley, 58-33.

Holestine honored, injured in win against Raiders

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

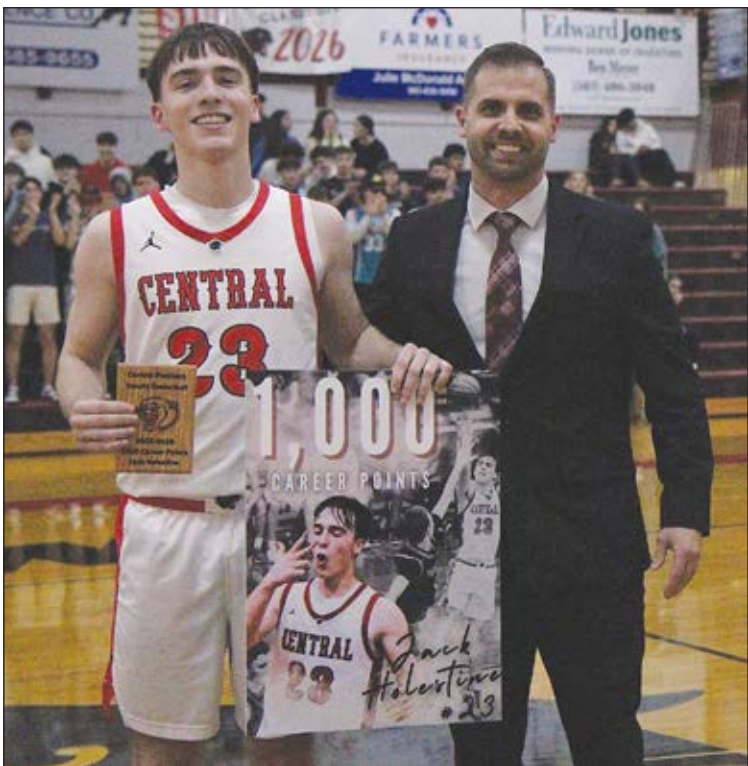
Jack Holestine experienced the highs and lows of varsity basketball during the Panthers' win against Crescent Valley on Friday. Following his first basket of the night – a three-pointer early in the first quarter – the senior guard was honored for having scored 1,000 points as a Panther. The low came in the fourth quarter when Holestine dove for a loose ball and appeared to injure his arm or shoulder. He was escorted off the court and did not return. “All I can really say about my injury is that it's not

looking to be season ending,” he said later. “I'm expecting to return before the playoffs.” Holestine went down with 6:50 left in the fourth quarter and the Panthers down, 43-39. His teammates rallied late for a 52-50 win. The injury comes with Central battling for playoff position. The Panthers are 8-1 in conference, one game behind league-leading West Albany. Holestine credited his achievement – one that was four years in the making – to dedication and team support. “Joining the 1,000-point club is really cool, and it's a testament to all the work I put

in,” he said. “It's also a reflection of my teammates and how they made (it) easy to get open shots via their hard screens (and) perfect passes.” This achievement, coach Tyler Allen added, is a reflection of Holestine's total commitment to the sport. “This is a product of endless

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Panther boys basketball coach Tyler Allen helps honor Jack Holestine after scoring the 1,000th point of his prep career for Central High School.



SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

JAN. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

West Albany 66, Central 50

Woodburn 65, Dallas 34,

Livingstone Academy 43

St. Paul 72, Falls City 21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

West Albany 71, Central 22

Dallas 39, Woodburn 28

Falls City 18, St. Paul 73

JAN. 29

BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Stephen's 67, Perrydale 37

JAN. 30

BOYS BASKETBALL

Central 52, Crescent Valley 50

West Albany 85, Dallas 52

Willamette Valley Christian 59,

Perrydal 50

Chemawa 67, Falls City 30

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Crescent Valley 58, Central 33

West Albany 74, Dallas 36

Perrydal 56, Willamette Valley

Christian 16

Chemawa 59, Falls City 18

SPORTS CALENDAR

FEB. 4

WRESTLING

Woodburn vs. Central, 6 p.m.

McKay vs. Dallas, TBD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Perrydal at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Perrydal at Falls City, 7 p.m.

FEB. 5

BOYS BASKETBALL

Livingstone Academy vs. Falls

City, 7 p.m.

FEB. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

Central at McKay, 5:30 p.m.

Corvallis vs. Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Central at McKay, 7 p.m.

Corvallis vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.

St. Paul vs. Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

FEB. 9

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grand View Christian Academy

vs. Falls City, 6 p.m.

FEB. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Woodburn vs. Central, 5:30 p.m.

Lebanon vs. Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Falls City at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Woodburn vs. Central, 7 p.m.

Lebanon vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.

Falls City at C.S. Lewis, 5:30

p.m.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1986

Arson cause of house fire Saturday
An “aggressive” investigation by Independence police is underway to locate the arsonist(s) responsible for a blaze set Saturday morning that razed a vacant Independence house.
The house is owned by Lee Breyer, who along with her husband, Tom, owns Mom and Pop’s Donut Shop. The Independence shop was recently linked to the outbreak of hepatitis in Polk County.

Board gives OK to AIDS policy
Monday night the Dallas School Board adopted policies dealing with students with AIDS or type B hepatitis and approved an agreement to use Praegitzer Industries property for growing Christmas trees.
Upon urging of board member Bob Berends, the board invoked an emergency clause to approve immediately policies which follow state Health Division guidelines and suggestions of the state Department of Health.

Dallas boys up league mark to 5-0
A “fortunate” Dallas High boys basketball squad is right where it wants to be – at the top of the Willamette Valley League.
The Dragons improved their league mark to 5-0 last week with victories over Molalla on Jan 21, 79-63, and against Silverton on Friday, 47-45.
Dallas, 7-8 overall, plays at Newberg on Friday.

50 YEARS AGO
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4, 1976

Polk Hospital visits reduced
Due to a possible influenza epidemic visiting hours at Polk Community Hospital have been restricted, according to administrator Tony Branson. Branson said both



This week’s Flashback is from Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1986: **TENDER, LOVING CARE** – Oakdale Elementary students are giving time and attention to residents at Birch Street Manor in the new Candy Striper program developed by Peggy Bail. They read books, write letters, tell stories, and play games with the older people. Joining in a game are (from left) Stephanie Wynia, Teresa Pope, Emily Sams, Jennifer Flammang, Vern Barlow, Jacob Stauffer, Donna Manner, Cathy Carroll, Ryan Porath, Erin Needham and Erika Scholz. (File I-O photo.)

patients and hospital employees have been affected by flu-like symptoms.
Banson estimates that one-quarter of the patients in the hospital have flu-like symptoms and one quarter of the staff is absent due to the flu.

Council determines HUD priorities
In council business priorities were established for the application to community development act. After hearing testimony from a group of senior representatives of the Dallas Referral Center, the council recommended the purchase of a Community Services Center as its first priority. The center would cost \$35,000.
The second project for consideration as approved by the council was the acquisition and development of the Stum St. Park project.

Dallas and Molalla win first half titles
Molalla posted a 67-41 win over Canby Friday night to win the first half on the Eastern side of the Coast Valley League. They completed first-half play with a perfect 8-0 record. Sandy finished second a game behind.
The real interest Friday, though, centered around the contest at Newberg...The Dragons defeated Newberg relatively easily, 62-46, and ended the first half with a 7-1 record, two full games in front of the second-place Tigers.

Community Achievement

RONAN DOUGHERTY NAMED TO ACU DEAN'S HONOR ROLL
Ronan Dougherty of Salem has been named to the Fall 2025 Dean’s Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University. Dougherty is a senior majoring in Biology.
To qualify for the Dean’s Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE EOU DEAN'S LIST
Eastern Oregon University named

606 students to the dean’s list for the 2026 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the term.

THE POLK COUNTY STUDENTS HONORED WERE:

DALLAS
Joshua Biery, Arts, Humanities & Soc Science, Interdisciplinary

Studies IP
Cody Green, STM and Health Science, Cyber Security
Owen Jones, STM and Health Science, Health and Human Performance

INDEPENDENCE
Savannah Roblin, Business, Agriculture Entrepreneurship

WEST SALEM
Anna Alsop, Business, Business Administration

Kids

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wrestlers, ages 5 through 15, sign up this season. Next season promises to add even more.
“Every match is a stepping stone.

As we look forward to the next season of wrestling, the sweat and determination of today, fuels the victories of tomorrow,” added club president Jessica Vidal.
If you are interested in signing your child up, follow Panther Kids Wrestling on Facebook or www.

pantherkidswrestling.com for more information.
Placing second in the state at 12U 102 pounds was Vienna Diehm, for the second year in a row.
Placing third 6U 56lbs was Logan Caraballo and Coleman Brantner third at 12U 175lbs.



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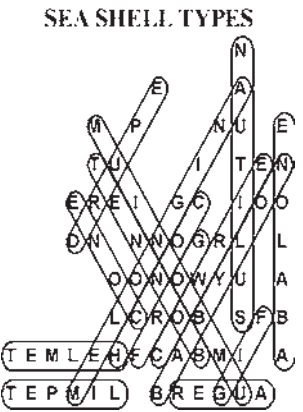


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Community Calendar Jan. 21-28

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Tiny Painting, for ages 5-18 to design and create a tiny painting on a mini canvas, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Yoga and Wine, Eola Hills Wine Cellar, 501 Highway 99 W., Rickreall
6 p.m. - Live Theater: “You Can’t Take it With You”, Pentacle Theatre benefit performance, 324 52nd Ave. NW, West Salem, purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/3Z803OI>
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior

Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
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
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Free Movie: “Abominable”, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/ Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/ Birthday party, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Rowdy Rumbler, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard,

8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: JT & The West Way, Marlene’s, 904 Main St., Dallas
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Live Music: McKayla Marie, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas
3 p.m. - Public Painting Party, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence, to purchase tickets go to <https://bit.ly/4tbNT4W>
6 p.m. - Live Music: Caught Dead (Grateful Dead tribute band) \$5 cover charge , 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
9 a.m. - Anti Prom Drag Show, 21 and up, \$10 cover, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

2 p.m. - Live Music: Can’t Never Could, 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, FEB. 9

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise,

Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/ Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/ 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
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Free Computer Class: Gmail, Monmouth Public

Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. - Teen 3D Print Club, for students in 5th through 12th grade, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
6 p.m. - DDA Bingo, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

PENTACLE THEATRE HOSTS BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF FEB. 4

Pentacle Theatre is hosting a benefit performance of “You Can’t Take It With You,” with proceeds supporting the work of Isaac’s Room, on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at 324 52nd Ave., West Salem. To purchase tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/45rKnJk>.

DALLAS MOSAIC CHURCH HOSTS BUNKO NIGHT FEB. 5

The Dallas Mosaic Ladies hosts a Ladies Bunko Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Dallas Mosaic Church, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. It’s \$5 to play, which goes toward prizes. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYMPHONY PERFORMS FEB. 7-8

The Willamette Valley Symphony, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion Counties, presents Brahms’ Double Concerto and a Reflection on Nature at 7 p.m., Feb. 7 at the Albany Performing Arts Center at West Albany High School and at 4 p.m. Feb. 8 at Ashbrook Private School in Corvallis. Tickets are \$22 for adults ages 18-65, \$20 for seniors 65 and older and free for youth 17 and under. To purchase tickets, go to www.ticketleap.events/events/wvsymphony.

DDA HOSTS BINGO FEB. 10

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a February

Bingo event at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St. Buy in for ages 21 and older is \$15; extra black out cards are available in exchange for non-perishable food donations.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS EARLY BLACK WOMEN OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY FEB. 12

Celebrate Black History month by learning more about Early Black Women of the Willamette Valley at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. Funding is provided by Friends of the Monmouth Library.

POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS MEET VIA ZOOM FEB. 12

The Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Sign in for an informative and educational meeting. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on our email announcements list for future events, go to www.polkdems.org, scroll down to step 2, and click on the link to the newsletter.

DAA HOSTS ART EXHIBIT OPEN HOUSE FEB. 12

The Dallas Arts Association hosts an open house for an art exhibit at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 at Willamette Valley fiber 988 Southeast Jefferson St. featuring residents from Dallas Retirement Village, including Ellie Kendall, Ann Rolfe, Jim Scott, Patt Taber, Janis Thiessen and Shirley

Oakley. It includes watercol-ors, acrylics, photography and fiber art. Stop in to visit with the artists and enjoy homemade cookies.

ISN HOSTS PAL-ENTINES DANCE FEB. 13

Integrated Services Network hosts a Pal-entines Dance from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 13 at 238 Jackson St. E., in Monmouth. Members of the IDD (intellectual and developmental disability) community are invited to enjoy an afternoon of “speed friending”, making crafts and dancing. Snacks and treats will be offered.

MOONFALL THEATRE HOSTS VALENTINE’S EVENT FEB. 14

Moonfall Theatre presents Moonfall and Roses, an evening of romantic song and comedy, at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 per person and includes a no host bar and dessert at intermission. Tickets are available at bit.ly/moonfall97371. For more information, call (503) 917-9243.

4-H POLK COUNTY HOSTS CRITTER CAMPUS FEB. 14

Oregon 4-H Polk County’s annual Critter Campus is at 9 a.m. Feb. 14 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Learn about rabbits, cavies, poultry, and cats from a broad range of presenters from veterinarians, judges, 4-H

leaders, local industry experts, and more. This event is geared towards youth ages 5-18 and has over 30 sessions to choose from. Register ahead of time or the day of. It is \$10 to participate, scholarships available. To register, go to <https://beav.es/wjy>.

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA PRESENTS ‘PASTORAL TAPESTRIES’ CONCERTS FEB. 14-15

Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion Counties, presents “Pastoral Tapestries” themed concerts at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director Jonathan DeBruyn, programming includes Louise Farrenc’s “Overture No. 1”, Anatol Liadov’s “Eight Russian Folk Songs”, George Butterworth’s “A Shropshire Lad”, and Antonín Dvořák’s “Symphony No. 7”. Admission is \$25 for ages 18-64, \$20 for students and seniors 65 and older, and free for youth 17 and under. Tickets may be purchased online at www.salemphil.org/buy-tickets/, or at the door on concert day. Contact information@ salemphil.org with questions.

MONMOUTH SENIOR CENTER HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION FEB. 18

The Monmouth Senior Center hosts “Evening of Abundance”, celebrating Black History Month,

from 6-7:30 p.m., at 180 Warren St. S. Enjoy a warm bowl of free gumbo and cornbread as they honor the culinary legacy and the women who brought it to life. Create your own plate to take home courtesy local chef Sovereignty Bites.

BRANDON HEATH TO PERFORM BAMBINOS BENEFIT CONCERT FEB. 20

Bambinos Oregon is hosting a benefit concert featuring Christian recording artist Brandon Heath, with opening guest John August, on Feb. 20 at Valley Life Center, located at 1795 SE Miller Ave., in Dallas. Proceeds from the event will support Bambinos Oregon’s mission of helping families with young children in rural Oregon communities by providing essential baby supplies and support. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for VIP guests and 6:30 p.m. for General Admission. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$45 for VIPs and are available for purchase online at www.bambinosoregon.org.

LOCAL AUTHOR HOSTS BOOK SIGNING FEB. 21

Author S.N. St Clair hosts a book signing for her new thriller, “The Forgotten Girl” from 2-4 p.m. at the New Morning Bakery, 788 Main St., Dallas. Books for purchase at the event are limited, so it will be first come, first served.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE
OF SALE TS NO.:
25-74518

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by CRISTIAN J ORTIZ as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/4/2022, recorded 4/6/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-004258, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 34, BRANDY MEADOWS, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (RECORDED AUGUST 23, 2019 AS PLAT VOLUME 15, PAGE 41) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1369 S 10TH ST (AKA 1369 S TENTH ST) INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351-1550 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 579726 / 08429-DC-03400 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$66,760.76 Late Charges: \$604.50 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,317.19 Trustee's Fees and

Costs: \$953.50 Total necessary to cure: \$71,635.95 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$579,615.27 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 4/24/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/11/2025 , ZBS Law, LLP, By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on

behalf of the trustee
EPP 46130 Pub
Dates 02/04, 02/11,
02/18, 02/25/2026

PCIO26-128
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE
OF SALE T.S.
NUMBER: 2024-
00102-OR

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Paula J. Selvidge, also known as Paula Jane Selvidge, an estate in fee simple as grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company of Oregon as trustee, in favor of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as beneficiary, dated 03/09/2006 recorded on 03/20/2006, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book --- at page --and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2006-004294, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 361600 MAP NO.: 07319AC04700 Lot 16, Block 31, CHATNICK A HEIGHTS NO. 9, Polk County Oregon Commonly Known As: 3405 FRONTIER DRIVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT4 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 11/21/2025: \$28,332.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 11/21/2025: \$58,388.62 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 11/01/2024 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 03/24/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 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, A N D 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 Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant Dated: October 24, 2025 Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 OR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On October 24, 2025 before me, Yosemite Lopez Campos, Notary Public, Personally appeared Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Yosemite Lopez Campos Notary Name (Seal) FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you

are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 03/24/2026. The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you in you own this property of if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 1 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE: OR 1 AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you

have fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: 1 Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; 1 Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and 1 Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT - YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that sale took place and giving you the

PUBLIC NOTICE

PCIO26-135

MONMOUTH URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

As per ORS 457.460, the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency published the FY 2024-25 annual report, which is on file and available to all interested persons at Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, OR 97361, and the City's website at <https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us>. Please note, this is a notice only and not part of the official annual report.

In FY 2024-25, the Agency received \$912,669 in revenue from tax increments. Expenditures totaled \$461,241. The estimated tax revenues for FY 2025-26 are \$1,044,197. The FY 2025-26 adopted budget includes \$6,753,236 in resources and requirements. The estimated impact of carrying out the urban renewal plan on the tax collections for the preceding year for all taxing districts is shown in the table below:

Monmouth Urban Renewal Plan Area	2024-25 Tax Year
Taxing District	Impact
Polk County	\$127,295
Chemeketa Community College	46,400
Chemeketa Regional Library	6,055
Willamette Education Service District	21,976
City of Monmouth	267,925
Polk County Fire District #1	111,579
Fir Crest CD	3,470
Polk Soil/Water CD	3,674
Ash Creek WCD	2,232
Central School District 13J	362,427
4-H/M Garden/AG/Forest Ext District	5,511
Grand Total	\$958,543

Posted: 01/28/2026 (City website)

Public Date: 2/4/2026 & 2/11/2026 (Itemizer-Observer)

2 consecutive weeks within the filing year before March 1st

(Feb 4, and 11, 2026)

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, JAN. 22
At 1:28 a.m., a resident on Fairhaven Lane reported someone pounding on the front door. Officers were unable to locate anyone after checking around the neighborhood and backyard of the resident.
At 7:56 a.m., a Dallas motorist was cited on Maple Street for driving uninsured and received a written warning for operating a vehicle without required lighting equipment.
At 1:54 p.m., a resident on Uglow Avenue reported his truck mirror was hit last night between 6-9 p.m., causing minor damage.
At 2 p.m., Kyle Casey was arrested on Church Street on an outstanding warrant out of

Dallas Municipal Court.
At 3:26 p.m., Michael Lee, of Dallas, was arrested and lodged at PCJ on an outstanding warrant out of Clackamas County Circuit Court. He was also cited and released on a Salem Muni Warrant and cited for failure to carry operator’s license.
At 4:39 p.m., an Independence motorist was cited on Washington Street for failure to register a vehicle.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23
At 1:17 a.m., a motorist was cited for failure to obey a stop sign on Levens Street.
At 5:46 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 9:29 a.m., a Salem motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25-mph zone.
At 10:31 a.m., a report of male subject climbing through a window into a residence on Southwest Levens Street. Officers spoke to the owner of the residence who confirmed it was her son.
At 2:22 p.m., a subject was trespassed from Oregon State Credit Union.

At 3:04 p.m., a report of a t-bone accident with minor injuries on Lyle Street.
At 3:22 p.m., a report of a hit and run on a parked car on Washington Street, causing minimal damage when another vehicle backed into it.
At 5:56 p.m., a motorist reported a road rage incident where the driver of a pickup followed her through town yelling and tailgating. She was okay at the PCSO parking lot. Officers were unable to locate the other driver.
At 11:21 p.m., a motorist on Polk Station Road was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35-mph zone.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24
At 12:15 a.m., officers made contact with male who entered his vehicle on Main Street. He was told not to drive due his intoxication level. He advised he planned to sleep in his vehicle.
At 4:09 a.m., a report of two male subjects on a property on Miller Avenue wearing ski masks and backpacks. One possibly had a crowbar. An officer was unable to locate them.
At 10:02 a.m., investigating a report of a subject sleeping

behind a church on Mill Street turned up a subject with a non-serviceable warrant out of Albany Municipal.
At 5:54 p.m., a subject was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with trespassing.
At 8:25 p.m., a very minor crash on Church Street with under \$2,500 damage. The involved parties exchanged information prior to an officer’s arrival.
At 9:45 p.m., a motorist on Levens Street was cited for operating an unsafe vehicle, failure to renew registration and failure to display a license plate.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25
At 1:07 a.m., Christopher Stewart was arrested on Dimick Street on an outstanding Clackamas County warrant and was also charged with possession of methamphetamine.
At 11:38 a.m., a subject who was previously trespassed from the West Valley Housing Authority property located on Walnut Avenue was observed returning to the property. An officer was unable to locate the subject.
At 11:50 a.m., Christopher Smith was cited for trespassing

on Walnut Avenue.
At 12:58 p.m., Morgan Laster was arrested on Miller Avenue on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.
MONDAY, JAN. 26
At 4:54 a.m., American Asset Recovery repossessed a 2016 Subaru WRX on Sheila Street.
At 1:17 p.m., a report of several rapid gunshots heard in the area of La Creole Drive. An officer was unable to locate the source of the noise.
At 2:24 p.m., a motorist on Reed Lane was cited for failing to carry/present an operator’s license.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27
At 5:14 a.m., an officer investigated a noise complaint of loud music coming from an apartment on Jefferson Street. The officer stood outside for a bit but was unable to hear anything that resembled music or base.
At 8:02 a.m., a vehicle’s transmission lost forward gears on East Ellendale Avenue, partially blocking traffic in the westbound lane. An officer

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new owner’s name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: l You do not owe rent; l The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and l You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak to a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. Oregon State Bar: (503) 684-3763; (800) 452-7636 Legal assistance: http://oregonlawhelp.org/

PCIO26-130 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK NO. 26PB00423
Probate In the Matter of the Estate of Wesley R. Howe, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate No. 26PB00423, Sharran L. Howe has been appointed Personal

Representative of the ESTATE OF WESLEY R. HOWE, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present such claims to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301, 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 these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Personal Representative, the attorney for the Personal Representative, or from the records of the court. Dated and first published February 04, 2026. Personal Representative Sharran L. Howe c/o Sarah K. Rinehart 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Personal Representative Sarah K. Rinehart, OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301

PCIO26-137 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT
The Polk County Hearings Officer will conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony on the following applications: TYPE OF APPLICATIONS: 1. Comprehensive Plan Map amendment to change the Comprehensive Plan Map designation of an approximately 8.4 acre parcel from Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to Farm Forest (FF) OWNER/APPLICANT: Benjamin Smith APPLICANT’S REPRESENTATIVE: Frank Walker and Associates PROPERTY LOCATION: One property south of 19100 Bridgeport Road, Dallas, Oregon 97338 (Polk County Assessor’s Map: T8S, R6W, Section 21, Tax Lot 602) FILE NUMBERS: PA 25-01 & ZC 25-01 REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 111.275 and 115.050 HEARING DATE & TIME: February 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Hearing / Conference Room, First Floor, Polk County Courthouse,

850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Eric Knudson. Email: knudson.eric@polkcountyor.gov; Phone: (503) 623-9237 The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting. The applicable criteria and files are available for inspection at no cost and copies may be obtained at a reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at least seven days prior to the hearing. Any person desiring to speak for or against this proposal may do so either in person or by representative at the public hearing. The Hearings Officer will receive testimony and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will hold a separate public hearing to consider the Hearings Officer’s recommendation, receive testimony, and make a final local decision on this matter. Written comments may be directed to the Planning Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main Street, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338-1922. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing. Please include reference to file numbers PA 25-01 & ZC 25-01 in all correspondence. Written comments received by the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing will be provided to the Hearings Officer. Oral or written testimony may be rendered at the public hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue. A decision may be appealed to LUBA within 21 days after the mailing of the decision. Contact LUBA or the Polk County Planning Division for LUBA appeal procedures.

PCIO26-136 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF

POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of EVELYN L. GOODING Deceased. Case No. 26PB00731 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Judith A. Kirkham and Dianna L. Gooding Hewett have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Evelyn L. Gooding. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Co-Personal Representatives at: PO Box 12814, Salem OR 97309, within four (4) months after the date of 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 Co-Personal Representatives, or from the Attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives. Dated and published: February 04, 2026. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB #081245 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Judith A. Kirkham 9225 Steel Bridge Rd Sheridan OR 97378 Dianna L. Gooding Hewett 7570 Davidson Rd Independence OR 97351 ATTORNEY FOR CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB No. 081245 Andrew Sprauer Law PO Box 12814; Salem OR 97309 Telephone: (503) 910-2050 Email: andrew@awslawyer.com

PCIO26-134 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK
In the Matter of the Marriage of: PHILIP JON PADILLA, Petitioner, and GLORIA JEAN PADILLA, Respondent. Case No. 25DR17538 NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING GLORIA JEAN PADILLA, you are hereby required to appear and defend Petitioner’s PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE filed against you in the above-entitled case within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication, and in case of your failure to do so, Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petitioner’s PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE. The PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION

OF MARRIAGE alleges dissolution of your marriage on the grounds of irreconcilable differences, property and debt division, and Petitioner’s costs and attorney fees. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY THE RESPONDENT HEREIN SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT IF IT IS YOUR INTENT TO CONTEST THE MATTERS INVOLVED HEREIN, A WRITTEN RESPONSE SPECIFYING THE MATTERS TO BE CONTESTED MUST BE FILED BY YOU WITH THE OREGON POLK COUNTY TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH PROOF OF SERVICE OF A COPY THEREOF ON PETITIONER’S ATTORNEY NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION February 04, 2026, along with the required filing fee. The response must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Petitioner’s attorney. ABSENT GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, NO CONTEST TO THE PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SHALL BE PERMITTED UNLESS THE CONTESTANT HAS FILED A WRITTEN RESPONSE DOCUMENT. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503)684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800)452-7636. Anthony B. James, OSB #052924 Attorney for Petitioner 1206 Main Street East Monmouth, OR 97361 (503) 838-4996 / Fax (503) 837-0575 Email: anthony@pjattorneys.com

PCIO26-133 POLK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT’S ANNUAL MEETING will be held on: Friday, February 27th, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Monmouth City Hall 151 Main St W, Monmouth, OR 97361. The 2024-2025 Audit and Annual Report will be presented.

PCIO26-132 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT No. 25PB1255 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen Souza DelRio, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Sara VanGilder has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 1865 NW 169th Pl Ste 202 Beaverton, OR 97006, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such 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, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date published February 04, 2026. Sara VanGilder Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative Lindsey A Hagmaier (OSB 224149) NW Estate Law, LLC 1865 NW 169th Pl Ste 202 Beaverton, OR 97006.

PCIO26-131 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL J. BONSANTI, Deceased Case No. 25PB10551 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stephanie Bonsanti has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Michael J. Bonsanti in the above proceeding. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative at c/o Heather O. Gilmore, P.C. PO Box 21043, Keizer, Oregon 97307, 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 attorney for the personal representative. Stephanie Bonsanti By and through her attorney, Heather O. Gilmore

PCIO26-122 MONMOUTH MINI STORAGE (503)838-

0803
555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on Feb 21st at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Trina Perault Unit 330, 24, 36. Dennis Dixon Unit 148. Robert Carroll Unit 177. Norma Lechuga Unit 329.
PCIO26-123 PUBLIC SALE RICKREALL MINI STORAGE
10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 3/14/2026 At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Rodney Biery B54

PCIO26-126 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ADVISORY QUESTION
Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Oregon, on the following dates, locations and times: Date Location Time February 11, , 2026 , Polk County Courthouse Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street, 9:00 am , , Dallas, OR 97338 , February 11, , 2026 , Polk County Courthouse , 6:00 pm , , Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338, Regarding the submission of the following Advisory Question to the electors of the County at the election to be held May 19, 2026: CAPTION: (10 words) ADVISORY QUESTION CONCERNING FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS? QUESTION: (20 words) Are voters willing to support an Operating Levy to continue operation of the Polk County Fairgrounds/PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE: (175 words) The Polk County Board of Commissioners has placed this Advisory Question on the ballot to determine the support level of the voters on continuing the operation of the Polk County Fairgrounds/Event Center through a local option tax (operating levy). A “yes” vote would mean you would be willing to support a local option tax (operating levy) on the November election. The local option tax would be in the range of \$0.13/\$1,000 to \$0.10/\$1,000 for a period of five (5) years. The local option tax would cover operations and necessary upgrades

PCIO26-103 IN THE MATTER OF: K.B. MINOR CHILD IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO: JU-2024-7.02 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO: Christel Barber You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights to K.B., born January 4, 2024, to Christel Barber, at DCH Northport Medical Center, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, be terminated. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an answer with the Clerk of this Court and the Petitioner’s attorney, Amye Jefferson, P. O. Box 70100, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35407, within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice or a default judgment will be entered against you. A hearing has been set in this Court for the 24th day of March 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Court, at which time you may appear and contest the same if you so choose. Magaria Bobo Clerk of Juvenile Court

(electrical, parking, interior walkways and building improvement) to existing facilities at the Polk County Fairgrounds/Event Center. A “no” vote would mean you do not support a local option tax (operating levy) on the November election. The result of which would result in discontinuing the Polk County Fair and the closing of the facility. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, OREGON Lyle Mordhorst, Chair

PCIO26-127 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 2/18/2026 at 10:00AM. Morgan Wyckoff Unit #007; Jean Butler Unit #062; Darryl Larson Unit #116; Jacob C Ward Unit #249. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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helped push the vehicle out of the roadway into Dutch Bro’s plot. The owner called his own tow.

At 8:52 a.m., a subject was formally trespassed from a location on Church Street.

At 3:52 p.m., an Acura ILX was repossessed on Ellendale Avenue.

At 5:42 p.m., officers covered Oregon State Police on a crash on Ellendale Avenue where the driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 7:07 p.m., a subject was trespassed from New Morning Bakery.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

At 5:23 a.m., Michael Stroud was arrested on Rainbow Avenue and charged with trespass 2.

At 8:22 a.m., a Dallas motorist was cited on Miller Avenue for speeding 32 mph in a 20-mph school zone and for driving uninsured.

At 8:46 a.m., a Dallas motorist was cited on Walnut Avenue for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph zone and also received a written warning for failing to renew registration.

At 9:04 a.m., Aaron Hill, of Dallas, was cited and released on a Dallas Muni failure to appear warrant.

At 6:07 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to return a suspended license.

At 10:51 p.m., a late report of a theft at Walmart.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

At 12:56 a.m., a motorist with expired registration was stopped in the 1200 block of B Street. The driver, Russell Davidson, had a suspended license for driving uninsured. Davidson insisted that he had insurance; however when the officer called the insurance company they informed him that the account had been canceled. Davidson was criminally cited for giving false information regarding liability insurance. He was also cited for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance. His vehicle was towed.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

At 12:40 a.m., an officer recognized a vehicle associated with Brennon Loveid who was known to have a warrant out of Salem Municipal Court. A traffic stop was conducted in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street and Loveid was given a criminal citation with a new court date.

At 3:17 p.m., a report of a catalytic converter stolen on Deann Drive.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

An officer reached out to Ashley Gumms to make her aware that she had a failure to appear warrant from Polk County Circuit Court. Gumms met with the officer in the 300 block of Evergreen Street and was issued a court date.

At 12:14 p.m., John Hoy was arrested on Ecols Street on two outstanding warrants. He was cited and released for the Marion County warrant and was lodged at Polk County Jail on the Dallas warrant.

At 6:08 p.m., a subject was arrested on Evergreen Drive on an outstanding warrant.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

At 12:37 a.m., Alaina Jezza was pulled over for expired vehicle registration on Monmouth Street at 8th Street. She was arrested for knowingly driving with an invalid license. Jezza’s passenger, Dennis McCorkendale, was found to be an out of compliance sex offender and was arrested and charged with failure to report as a sex offender. McCorkendale was transported to the Polk County Jail.

A motorist was stopped for failing to come to a complete stop on Monmouth Street at

South 3rd Street. The driver Isaiah Draper’s license was suspended at the misdemeanor level. The passenger had a valid operator’s license and agreed to drive the vehicle from the scene.

At 12:52 p.m., a resident on Stryker Road reported a neighbor had some sort of pipe sticking out of a window and suspected the neighbor of cooking methamphetamine. Officers located the pipe, but had no reasonable suspicion of drug activity at this time.

At 6:32 p.m., officers contacted occupants in two vehicles in the park off C Street there after hours. The vehicles left.

At 7:13 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Monmouth Street. The driver was arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

MONDAY, JAN. 26

Alan Vasquez was cited and released in the 900 block of Morning Glory Drive on two outstanding failure to appear warrants for harassment out of Marion County.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

At 5:30 p.m., a report of a male subject who overdosed on Monmouth Street. The subject was transported to the hospital.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

DUII: Contact was made with a vehicle from an earlier driving complaint. The driver showed signs of impairment after driving. The driver agreed to field sobriety tests and performed poorly. The driver was arrested and later provided a BAC 0.21%. The driver was lodged at a county jail and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Arrest: A motorist was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor. The individual was lodged at a county jail.

Check Welfare: A request was made for a welfare check on an individual who didn’t answer their door the previous night and missed a meeting this morning. The residence was checked; lights were on, a candle lit, a fireplace going, but no one seemed to be home. Officers were able to identify the person driving a vehicle on Main Street just moments earlier.

Fraud: An individual reported that she scheduled a contract job with what she thought was a local overhead garage door company. She met with an employee yesterday, paid half the amount due, and the employee was supposed to return today to finish the work but no-showed. When she called the company, they said they didn’t have a work order with her and that it is common for people to use their company to spoof victims and steal money. Another company the individual had called was legitimate, and they worked things out civilly.

Animal: A resident reported her neighbor’s dog attacked her dog, but confirmed there was no injury. The caller requested the officer talk to the neighbor about the situation. The dog owner was contacted. No injuries were sustained by either dog, and the incident was over very quickly. The owner said their front door must not have been closed all the way. Records checked, and the dog is up to date on its licensing and vaccinations. The owner was warned against the Loose Dog ordinance, but no other action was taken.

Disturbance: Received a disturbance call/hangup which was possibly physical. Upon arrival, nothing was heard from the address given. Officers spoke to both units and neighbors, and they did not hear anything. Called the number from the caller, and there was no answer. Unable to locate.

Assist Other Agency: Report of an 18-year-old student actively seizing, bleeding from the mouth, and vomiting. Officers arrived and remained with the patient who continued seizing until medics arrived. Medics transported the patient.

Suspicious Activity: An individual observed a male with a bike, who he believed was a known subject, give a package to a younger looking male in a vehicle. The observer thought it was suspicious because he recently saw a mom approach the known subject and get mad at him for giving a 12-year-old alcohol. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the known subject and the vehicle.

DUII: A motorist was stopped on the highway for speeding, failing to drive within a lane, and suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants. Due to driving behavior and roadside observations, the driver was asked to perform field sobriety tests. The driver then became uncooperative and was arrested and charged with DUII and lodged at Polk County Jail. The driver was also cited for the refusal and driving uninsured.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

Assist Other Agency: Another city’s police department received an Attempt-to-Locate for a reportedly suicidal subject that had left in a grey vehicle with an Oregon plate. The County Sheriff’s Office located and stopped the vehicle. An officer covered the stop. The driver was released with no police officer contact.

Assist Other Agency: Medics were dispatched to an 11-month-old who was possibly choking on a marker cap. An officer arrived, and the baby was doing just fine. It sounds like the child was playing with a marker, and the cap disappeared, which worried the mother. Nothing indicated the child was actually choking. Medics continued their evaluation.

Driving Complaint: A report of a motorist speeding, unable to maintain a lane and headed northbound on a highway from an area road. Officers staged at a church but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Harassment: An individual reported that another person threatened to assault and kill him while at a business looking for cans. The first individual claimed the other had assaulted him (with a stick) in the past. Today’s incident was only verbal.

Hit and Run: Reported non-injury sideswipe style hit and run. A parked vehicle was sideswiped, damaging its mirror and leaving behind plastic covering from the suspect vehicle’s right sideview mirror. Witnesses provided the license plate, and the suspect vehicle was located just as it got back home. The elderly female driver admitted she had been driving when the crash happened but said she thought her tire hit something, not her mirror. The victim was not willing to pursue charges under the circumstances. Information exchange was given to both parties.

Miscellaneous Problem: An individual reported that after looking at another person’s vehicle to trade, she discovered issues and canceled the deal. The other person got verbally aggressive and eventually gave her back the title to her vehicle. The individual reported that she lost the key to her car and believes the other person has it. Officers spoke with the other person’s girlfriend who claimed he was gone and they didn’t have the key.

Crash: An individual caused an accident by failing to yield at the stop sign and hitting another person’s car. Both vehicles were towed, and the responsible individual was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

Citizen Contact: An individual currently resides in another city but is looking to move to Monmouth and had questions about crime rates, demographics, and other related topics.

Citizen Contact: An individual called in to find out the legalities of allowing a teenager under the age of 15 to learn how to drive in places like parking lots. The officer explained the best option was to find private property to do that on as premises open to the public or highways could potentially result in

citations. He was understanding.

Arrest: An subject was arrested on two outstanding warrants from other cities. The individual was lodged at a county jail on one warrant and cited and released on the other.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

Citizen Contact: A resident reported a bike had been sitting out in front of their house for around 40 hours and they thought it might be stolen. This was the same bike an officer checked out a couple of days ago, and it was confirmed not stolen nor did it meet the found property policy to take in. The resident will hold on to the bike and is available to call if someone reported it stolen. The bicycle was a blue and black multi-speed bicycle.

Noise: A report of a loud house party with music and people inside. A resident was contacted and warned for the noise violation, with a warning that a citation would be issued if officers returned.

Domestic Disturbance/Dispute: A report of a disturbance involving an adult yelling at an 11-year-old child. The caller had a video of the incident where the two could be heard yelling at each other with the sound of a slap. The child claimed he was pushed, and the adult claimed nothing physical occurred. The child’s mother also explained nothing physical occurred. No new marks were found on the child.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

Suspicious Activity: An individual called to report stalking by a former partner. The suspect had been driving past the complainant’s apartment, revving the engine, and swerving into the caller while driving. The suspect is also creating fake social media accounts and posting videos about the caller online. The caller also explained that the former partner had held a fire-arm to their back at one point while they were cooking when they were dating. The caller seemed to be an emotionally disturbed person with some of the explanations but said they have proof they are able to get. An officer will follow up.

Suspicious Activity: A report of four juveniles in a park. The caller did not know if anything had been damaged or if they were vandalizing anything. The caller also explained a car had its running lights on. The car was unoccupied, and officers were unable to locate the owner to let them know about the lights being left on. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the park or nearby.

Domestic Disturbance/Dispute: An individual reported waking up to their partner choking them. The individual reported the partner was upset with them due to what time they went to sleep and proceeded to hit them at different times during the night and choke them. The individual had marks on them that matched their story. The partner denied hitting or choking the individual. The partner was arrested and charged with strangulation and harassment, both with a domestic violence component. The partner was lodged at a county jail.

Emotionally Disturbed Person/Suspicious Activity: A WOU officer reported a student slumped over in a car. Upon arrival, the student was outside talking with the university officer. No signs of impairment were observed. The student had been sleeping in the car after getting food and had been off medications and was feeling down. The student was okay and would go back on medications tonight. The student was advised to always reach out for help if assistance was needed.

Assist Other Agency: An officer provided coverage for an independent police department on a possible disturbance in a vehicle located outside a residence. During the incident, both people refused to identify themselves, and there were no signs of an active disturbance. Later, an individual was found to be involved who was listed as a Failure to Appear out of another

county.

MONDAY, JAN. 26

Motor Vehicle Crash/Accident: A report of a fender bender in a post office parking lot. Two drivers were both reversing out of parking spots when the rear of their vehicles hit, causing minimal damage and scratches to one vehicle and some scuffs to the other’s truck. A quick exchange form was completed for damage under the limit.

Domestic Disturbance/Dispute: A subject reported their father was saying mean things to them and that if he did not stop, things would escalate. An officer arrived, and the father answered the door. The father admitted to drinking some beers and arguing with his child, claiming the child attacked him verbally about the drinking. The child said the father was intoxicated and saying mean things and wanted to be left alone. The child agreed to walk their dog. The father was told to leave the child alone. No physical element or crimes were present.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

Fraud: A report of fraud over a social media platform. The reporting party is out about \$500 and will be sending documents.

Animal: Officers responded to a report of a loose dog. The dog had a collar with a license which came back to the owner. The owner was contacted at his residence. The back gate was wide open, which was likely how the dog escaped. Due to the dog’s history of escaping, the owner was cited for an ordinance violation.

Arrest: Another city’s police department stopped and detained an individual. An officer responded, interviewed and arrested the individual for several felony and misdemeanor crimes. The individual was lodged at a county jail.

Hit and Run: An individual reported someone had hit his car overnight, causing damage to his front driver-side bumper and leaving white/light colored paint transfer. The officer is working on camera footage from the previous day into the current day. A report is to follow.

Noise: A resident reported a party with loud music and underage drinking. The caller explained they were living over by the university and only knew about the party through a social media platform. The officer checked the area, and there was no active party. An officer spoke with a resident who explained she had not heard of a party or any noise.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant and lodged at a county jail.

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Crash: Report of a late crash in an intersection from the previous day. The caller reported exchanging information with the other driver on the scene. The caller also reported already having his car in the shop and calling both his insurance and the other driver’s insurance about the crash. The caller and their passenger wanted to check if they needed a police report. Based on what they reported, the officer did not believe this crash needed to be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and both parties had already exchanged insurance/information, which was explained to them.

Citizen Contact: An individual reported finding an item belonging to his daughter and wanted police to talk to her about this. The parent ultimately did not want the daughter referred for minor in possession but wanted options/resources. The officer spoke with the minor, who was not very receptive but said she understood why her parents were concerned and understood

the potential consequences. The parent advised he planned on speaking with the high school resource officer next week about how the minor was likely getting these items from friends at school but won’t tell him who.

Polk County Sheriff’s Office

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

At 7:53 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for expired tags. The vehicle was the driver’s mother’s. But the driver was cited for no valid driver’s license.

At 8:13 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and no insurance and was warned for speeding and no registration. His truck was towed to OK Towing in Dallas.

At 8:31 a.m., a report that a bird hit the windshield of a motorist on Pacific Highway. The windshield was damaged and the driver was ok. There was no word on the bird’s condition.

At 8:50 a.m., deputies participated in a lockdown drill with Independence and Monmouth police departments.

At 10:09 a.m., a report forwarded from the Falls City manager of possible gang related graffiti. “Surreno 13” was tagged on a high school bathroom stall as well as a crosswalk sign. The high school principal and reporting party both believe the graffiti to be caused by male juvenile. The incidents are being investigated.

At 11:22 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway 99 after turning without making a proper signal. The driver was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 12:04 p.m., a resident on Yamhill River Road reported someone possibly tried to break into her home through her garage. She heard something in the garage the night before last, and found a wooden box/drawer knocked over and two crowbars on the ramp leading from the garage into her home.

At 2:01 p.m., Monmouth Elementary School staff called about a male without shoes in his underwear wandering around the parking lot. A developmentally disabled male subject who was non verbal was wandering the school when a deputy

arrived. Once contacted, he stood with officers until his sister arrived. She said her brother got out while she may have left a door open while out walking the dog. The school was briefly in lock down.

At 3:37 p.m., a resident on Wells Landing Road reported her grandson was trespassing on her property. Deputies contacted the grandson, who was arrested on an outstanding warrant and was also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

At 5:32 p.m., a male subject was arrested on Jefferson Street and charged with burglary 2, theft 1 and felon in possession of a weapon (firearm).

At 9:15 p.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was stopped for reasonable suspicion of driving impaired. The driver was not impaired, but was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for not carrying her license.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

At 8:39 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:25 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale reported seeing a elderly male subject having a hard time walking. A deputy drove from the Fairgrounds to Dutch Bros., but was unable to locate the subject.

At 11:12 a.m., a resident on Pioneer Road reported fraudulent activity on his deceased wife’s account, including \$2,000 on a cash ap and other smaller transactions on Amazon. A fraud investigation was opened.

At 11:46 a.m., a report that a golfer at Dallas Golf Club found an arrow sticking up out of the ground on fairway 5. An employee did not know where it came from. It was a Victory Jr 1000 arrow with a practice head attached. A deputy drove around the area and couldn’t locate any archery setups.

At 4:07 p.m., Debbie Gagatko was arrested at Spirit Mountain Casino on an outstanding Polk County Warrant. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

At 12:26 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the speed limit.

At 3:48 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for swerving in a lane. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 7:15 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for

speeding 72 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for speeding.

At 7:51 a.m., a motorist on Hebo Road was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for failure to provide proof of responsibility and was warned for failure to renew registration.

At 8:55 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 2:49 p.m., a resident on Church Street reported a hit and run accident where a motorist sideswiped his vehicle while he was parked, damaging his side mirror. Witnesses got the suspect’s vehicle. Deputies tracked the driver down to the driver’s residence on Fishback Road. The elderly female driver admitted she had been driving when the crash happened but said she thought her tire hit something; not her mirror. The victim was not willing to pursue charges under the circumstances.

At 11:06 p.m., a deputy contacted two subjects at the Basket Slough lookout off of Highway 22. They said they were looking at the stars. The deputy explained to them the park was closed and warned them for trespassing. They both understood.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

At 1:42 a.m., a deputy provided cover while an Oregon State Police officer conducted a field sobriety test on a motorist on Wallace Road. The driver was eventually arrested and taken into custody.

At 7:58 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Clow Corner Road. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 1:04 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 6:40 p.m., deputies came across a vehicle that was engulfed in flames at the intersection of Glen Creek and Wallace Road. Both occupants had no injuries. Deputies assisted Salem police with traffic control until no longer needed. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 9:09 p.m., a deputy stopped to investigate a suspicious vehicle parked outside an abandoned shed/barn on Airrie Road and Highway 99. The driver said he stopped and pulled over to watch the UFC fight on his phone.

At 11:26 p.m., deputies

responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on Dallas Cutoff Road with a possible ejected passenger. A deputy checked the periphery of the crash scene for additional occupants but was unable to locate any. Oregon State Police took over the scene.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

At 6:56 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 31+ mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 2:42 p.m., a Dewalt table saw was found sitting on the side of the road in the 12800 block Kings Valley Highway. The saw was undamaged and appeared like it was placed there rather than having fallen out of a moving vehicle. A nearby resident said it was not his. At this time it is unknown if the saw is involved in a theft or burglary and will be placed into safekeeping.

At 4:17 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:52 p.m., Dallas Police requested deputies supply cover on a disturbance on Court Street. One juvenile was detained after a possible firearm was discovered on a neighboring roof. The group he was with could be seen throwing something on the roof on a security camera. Four juveniles were referred to juvenile detention for disorderly conduct 2, and were released to their parents on the scene.

At 8:32 p.m., a motorist on Fir Villa Road who made an illegal turn on to Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

MONDAY, JAN. 26

At 12:10 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 12:39 a.m., a motorist on Salmon River Highway was cited for driving uninsured, failure to register the vehicle and for an illegal amount of window tint.

At 6:53 a.m., deputies responded to a three vehicle, blocking, non-injury, crash at Fir Villa Road and Ellendale Avenue. They held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived and assisted with traffic control.

At 8:17 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 100 mph in a 55-mph zone and for illegal tint.

At 8:59 a.m., a deputy was waved down by a vehicle that

was pulled over on Monmouth Highway at Kings Valley Highway. He stated his brakes went out. He attempted to go back to Monmouth and the deputy saw his front brakes start to smoke. He pulled over and stated his female passenger needed to go back to WOU as her class started at 10 a.m. The deputy gave her a courtesy ride back as he worked on getting the vehicle a tow.

At 4:50 p.m., a motorist reported a possible crash in the 16000 block of Airrie Road involving a moped in a ditch. A deputy located the moped that had registration that expired by two years. The deputy was unable to contact the last registered owner.

At 5:29 p.m., a report of a single-vehicle rollover crash on Fort Hill Road. The driver had failed to negotiate the curve, hit the gravel which caused the truck to swerve and roll over, landing on its roof. The driver and occupants self extracted with no injuries. The driver and his brother brought a trailer and removed the vehicle from the roadway.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

At 12:52 a.m., a deputy contacted two subjects in a U-Hall truck, trespassing at Wallace Marine Park after hours. The male subject, Gerald Davidson was cited and released on an outstanding warrant out of Salem.

At 7:19 a.m., a motorist on Broadmead Road was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 8:11 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for failure to signal a turn. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, no insurance and failure to renew registration. The car was not towed due to the occupants currently living out of it and it being cold out.

At 8:33 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a non-blocking injury crash on Highway 22. The involved parties were already out of the vehicle. Deputies waiting on scene until medics arrived and Oregon State Police took over the scene.

At 7:26 p.m., a deputy reported giving a male subject on main street “16 minutes of my life i will never get back.”

At 9:15 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

GIRLS

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They had more success at the free-throw line, where the girls were 11-of-18 on their attempts.

The Panthers were led by Bella Names with 14 points and six steals. Anna Cole chipped in seven rebounds; Natalie Ball and Alondra Garcia Saavedra combined for another 12 boards.

Emma Yenchik, 15 points, Emily Tunisila, 11, and Abby Dobson, 10, powered the Raiders offense. Yenchik added six rebounds and four steals while Dobson had a team-high seven rebounds.

The Panthers led 9-8 after one quarter but the Raiders dominated the

second quarter, outscoring the home team 20-0.

With postseason play out of reach, a new challenge awaits Central. As an upset here and there against higher ranked teams could alter the play-off picture.

“We’ve still got another half a season to go,” Burleson added. “We could be a spoiler at this point, so that’s what we’re looking forward to.”

Central, at 2-6 in league, 3-12 overall, remains engaged and enthusiastic.

“(The girls) are still fighting and battling. They know we can win these games,” Burleson said. “It’s just disheartening because we play really well and play really good defense.”

Central’s defense held Crescent Valley to a shooting percentage of 41 percent, on 21-of-51 shooting. The Raiders big advantage came from beyond the arc, where they made eight treys.

The Panthers tallied more assists, blocks and deflections than the visitors.

Next up are the three teams Central has beaten this season: at McKay Feb 6, Woodburn at home Feb. 10 and Dallas at home on Feb. 13. All three games begin at 7 p.m.

The team’s earlier win against McKay doesn’t count in the Mid-Willamette Conference standings, as the Royal Scots are not fielding a varsity squad this season.

HONOR

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hours working on his game. I’ve never met a kid who’s put in more work than Jack,” Allen said.

This behind-the-scenes effort includes individual workouts with skilled trainers, time in the gym and following his routine routinely.

“(Holestine) didn’t accidentally get to 1,000 points,” Allen said. “It’s hours and hours of hard work ... when no one is watching that got him to this point.”

Free time, such as before school and during the offseason, is dedicated to shooting. That

work has paid off, as he can score from anywhere on the court. Just ask his defenders, who have learned to respect his range.

But Holestine is not just a shooter. He prides himself on controlling tempo, creating shots for his teammates and serving as floor leader.

This year’s success, which has been years in the making, will not be forgotten.

“My favorite memory as a Panther is just this whole season,” Holestine said. “We are playing the best basketball this school has seen in a decade, and winning has just been really fun.”

He started Friday’s game with 999 points,

then added 14 more before being sidelined.

It’s not known when Holestine will return. So it’s up to each teammate to step up their game in his absence.

“Our goals have not changed in the absence of Jack with his injury, only our roles,” Allen said. “I look forward to seeing how this team responds.”

As for Holestine, he is confident his teammates will meet the challenge.

“I’m really happy our guys pulled out the win” against Crescent Valley, he said. “It really shows we have implemented a next-man-up mentality and shows our toughness as a team and our ability to rally together.”

Boys

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victory, 52-50.

Key baskets down the stretch came from sophomores Tyler Olafson, Lucas Haines and Cooper Larson.

This one, though, was for the senior.

“They definitely wanted to rally together and get this win for Jack,” Panthers coach Tyler Allen said later. “Watching the team respond the way it did ... was very encouraging.”

Central didn’t lose

confidence in itself in part because it has faced tough times without Holestine in the past.

“Yeah, it was tough. But we’ve been in those situations before, like against Thurston when he fouled out,” senior Brandon Ball said. “We learned from those. Just play our roles. Know our roles. Find our scorers.”

This was a must win for the Panthers, who are battling for a league title and a home playoff game (or two). Central is in second place in the Mid-Willamette Conference standings, one game

behind front-runner West Albany.

“This was a huge win, especially with Jack being out,” Ball said. “It was big for us to come back like that.”

The task now is to keep on winning.

“Our goals have not changed in the absence of Jack,” Allen said. “I look forward to seeing how this team responds.”

The Raiders were the better team most of the game. They led 17-10 after one quarter, 29-20 at half. But things changed in the second half. The Panthers took control by

amping up their defensive pressure and clogging lanes to the basket.

“In the second half it was definitely our defense that got us back in the game,” Allen said. “We still gave up some easy looks, but our defensive pressure definitely stepped up.”

Ball agreed.

“It was just a halftime adjustment,” he added. “We didn’t play a great first half, but we came back better in the second half.”

Holestine appeared to injure his shoulder and/or arm. As of Sunday,

it was not known when he would suit up again. But the Panthers have the talent to survive his absence, their coach said.

“I look forward to the next two to three weeks of the season and how our team responds,” Allen said. “I think our team is going to improve substantially by having to fill a major role. The team is committed to stepping up and raising their level of play to make up the difference (created by) Jack’s absence.”

The schedule certainly favors the Panthers these next few weeks, as

three of four games are at home: Feb. 3 versus South Albany, Feb. 6 at McKay, Feb. 10 versus Woodburn, and Feb. 13 versus Dallas.

Each game begins at 5:30 p.m. All are against teams in the bottom tier of the standings.

The Panthers are 8-1 in league, 14-4 overall and sixth in the RPI rankings.

Holestine entered Friday’s game with 999 points scored as a Panther. The game was stopped and he was honored after he made his first basket, a trey, fittingly enough.