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## Rickreall blacksmith shares his enthusiasm for the craft

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

Matt Crandall works for a semiconductor company crafting tools down to the exacting micron, within the confines of an ultra clean room, requiring the donning a "bunny suit". But a funny thing happened along the way – he enjoyed getting dirty.

"My son and I started doing blacksmithing about seven years ago after a father-son retreat in Silverton called Camp Canyonview. They did shotgun, archery, parachord, zip line and blacksmithing," Crandall recalled. "We did it the first time, it was fun. Then the second time it was still fun. Then when we did it a third time, I was like, 'Okay, now I gotta go buy stuff.'"

He so enjoyed what he learned, he now teaches others the craft of blacksmithing out of his own shop, Crandall Forge. His first attempt at a shop took a little trial and error at his Hillsborough home before moving to Rickreall.

"It's kinda funny. I had a post vice that was bolted to a wooden leg of an outdoor awning," Crandall said. "Every time I was hitting on stuff, it would shake the whole house. And my wife was like, 'You gotta do something different about that.'"

When they moved to Rickreall five years ago he set up a really small blacksmithing shop separate from another woodworking shop.

"It got along a little too well," Crandall said.

So they set up a car port on a concrete slab on the property where the goats were originally hanging out. He moved them out and recreated an old-time looking blacksmith shop to start hosting classes.

While many have been attracted to blacksmithing thanks to shows on television like Forged in Fire, Crandall steers his classes away from knifesmithing and more to the



**Matt Crandall gets a closer look to ensure a student is hammering a piece of metal correctly that will eventually be turned into a rose at his first beginning blacksmithing class of the year. Photos by David Hayes**

creative side. Crandall set up three forge work stations with the focus of getting kids interested in the forge. Ages 7-15 are free with an adult.

"We try to keep prices reasonable. We try to get people in to swing a hammer for the first time. That's really our focus. That's how I found out I enjoyed it," Crandall said.

The first class of 2026 was a beginners blacksmithing. It attracted back Falls City residents Jason Evans and his son Noah, 13, now in their fourth session with Crandall.

"He got into blacksmithing, it was something he wanted to do, so I started taking classes with him," Jason said.

Noah's interest in blacksmithing was simple.

"I get to hit things with heavy metal. I like to make cool looking things," Noah said.

So far in Crandall's classes they've forged a hook, a heart and a leaf. This week's project was more advanced - a metal rose.

"He's not drawn to the knife side of it like his older brother. He likes to make knives when he can," Jason said. "(Noah's) wanting to put in the effort to learn other things. He's wanting to do this to complement his woodworking artwork. That's the plan."

If any students express an interest in knifemaking, Crandall steers them toward other regional blacksmiths

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**A student gets focused on hot metal he crafted into the shape of a rose at Crandall Forge in Rickreall.**

By DAVID HAYES

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In its efforts to decommission 1940s era concrete cylinder pipes that carries drinking water, the city of Dallas has received a green light from the state to move forward with phase two.

"We certainly got our money's worth from this 1940s pipe, that was the main transmission line down to town," said Jake Dyer, assistant Public Works director.

On Dec. 30, in a press release from the state, the Oregon Health Authority - Drinking Water Services determined that the proposed drinking water project "Ash Street Water Transmission Pipeline" for the city of Dallas conforms to the criteria in statute and in environmental review process guidance.

Dyer said the city completed phase one of the pipeline replacement last year, using "in house" manpower from Public Works to replace 3,700 feet of 16-inch line from the finished water reservoir down the southwest end of Clay Street. The second phase looks to replace another 2,700 feet that will cross Ash and Fairview streets with the new standard of ductal iron pipes.

Dyer said the city will look to send this second phase out to contractor bids due to the complexity of the project crossing several intersections and utilities.

"The project is slated to go out to bid in the first part of the new year and break ground in the spring," Dyer said.

He added the project will not impact traffic as badly as phase one

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## Polk Flea Market thrives with new, legacy vendors



**A vendor at the Polk Flea Market offers a wide variety of pewter boxes, perfect as a gift for upcoming Valentine's Day. Photo by David Hayes**

By DAVID HAYES

I-O Editor

It was a new year for the Polk Flea Market, now in its 56th year on the first Sunday of every month at the Polk County Fairgrounds. But many of the vendors do their best to ensure shoppers are not limited to the same old stuff.

Rick and Chris Borchers have been coming to the Polk Flea Market out of Salem for over a decade.

"I like the venue. I've made it my own. I've started right here," Rick said, indicating the table in front of him. "And now I've got this whole end of the building (sweeping an arm around the side hallway of the main building). We're getting a better crowd every time here."

Anticipation keeps the Borchers and their regulars coming back now for a decade.

"We have regular customers who come back every month because we never have the same stuff two times

in a row," Chris said.

Rick, who was "born into it" after working for his folks' auction business for many years, added their inventory stays mainly in the vintage and collectible stuff.

"But we're not beyond bringing something else. Because it's an open market for the kind of stuff you can sell in here. Some places restrict you to just antiques or whatever. It's kind of a wide open space here," he said.

And that's one of the keys to Polk's success as a flea market, according to manager Deb Thomas. She's seen many established flea markets come and go in Oregon since she took over Polk County's in 2000. One of the reasons for their demise, she said, is they went away from what worked.

"Some of the other flea markets tried to specialize, like antiques only or radio shows only. I've never

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# Give blood or platelets in January, earn a chance to win Super Bowl tickets

## By AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross is teetering on a blood shortage this winter, which could lead to a disruption in lifesaving care. Donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now.

The Red Cross blood supply is under pressure following a busy holiday season when winter weather and packed schedules made it even tougher to ensure hospitals have the blood products needed for critical care. Without immediate

action, doctors may have to make difficult decisions about which patients receive blood transfusions and who will need to wait. Donors with types O, A negative and B negative blood are especially needed now.

For the seventh year, the Red Cross and the National Football League are partnering in January for National Blood Donor Month to urge individuals to kick off 2026 with a blood donation. As a thank-you to donors for helping

address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who donate in January will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LX giveaway.

The winner and guest will get to enjoy Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara, California, access to day-of in-stadium pregame activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 6-9), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details,

visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Don't wait – make an appointment to give blood or platelets now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

### Join a lifesaving team

The Red Cross and Pro Football Champion and blood donor Saquon Barkley are teaming up to remind donors that the best offense against a winter blood shortage is

making and keeping blood donation appointments. The blood supply can drop quickly – now's the time to get in the game and give blood or platelets.

"I gave blood once in college and that was the only time I had ever been asked to give, until the Red Cross reached out this fall," said Barkley. "It was a no-brainer for me to give again. It only takes about an hour and once you realize in that short amount of time how much help it can bring

– it's a beautiful thing."

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Polk County

- Jan. 15: 12-5 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S Main St., Independence
- Jan. 16: 12-5 p.m., Dallas Retirement Village, 225 NW Jasper St., Dallas
- Jan. 19: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas
- Jan. 23: 12-5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

# PUBLIC RECORDS

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 24

At 11:01 a.m., officers gave a community gift card to a Dallas resident on Court Street.

At 1 p.m., a report of a suspicious suitcase left outside a location on Main Street. It was empty.

At 8:19 p.m., a report of a minor single vehicle crash with no property damage on Oakdale Avenue. A juvenile motorist was cited for driving without a license.

At 10:06 p.m., Elias Davidson was arrested on Card Avenue and charged with assault 4, criminal mischief 1, and three counts of aggravated harassment.

#### Thursday, Dec. 25

At 8:21 a.m., a resident on Fairview Avenue reported the light in his garage was on and he believed he turned it off and locked the garage. Officers found nothing missing or out of place.

At 8:01 p.m., a noise complaint of loud music on Applegate Trail Drive. An officer talked to the property owner who advised he would turn the music down to a reasonable level.

At 8:24 p.m., a report of a male subject carrying a ladder and a knife on Ellendale Avenue. The suspect dropped the ladder behind a business and ran away.

At 11:27 p.m., a report of a barking dog on Fir Villa Road. An officer heard a dog barking but it stopped shortly after parking near the residence. The dog had access to a dog door to go in and out. No contact was made with the owner due to no answer at the door.

#### Friday, Dec. 26

At 8:32 a.m., a report that a juvenile motorist lost traction when making a turn on La Creole Drive, lost control, and unknowingly backed up into a mailbox. Damage was under \$2,500.

At 8:29 a.m., two subjects were trespassing from West Valley Housing Authority property.

At 5:57 p.m., owners were searching for a white fluffy dog, named "Bear" that was on the loose on Main Street in Dallas.

At 7:38 p.m., a family on Robin Hood Drive reported hearing what sounded like gunshots out in the county. Officers checked the area for a potential suspect. They located the address where the shots were said to have occurred. The house was clear with no suspects and no injuries.

#### Saturday, Dec. 27

At 1:30 p.m., a report of a two vehicle crash on La Creole Drive. One driver was transported to the hospital.

At 8:42 p.m., unknown subject(s) were calling McDonald's frequently and asking ridiculous questions. An officer made contact using the number and warned

for a subject for telephonic harassment.

At 9:32 p.m., a motorist on Church Street was cited for failure to carry/present a driver's license.

At 11:01 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was stopped for multiple violations. The driver showed indicators of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test. The driver performed well and was not arrested but was verbally warned for violations.

#### Sunday, Dec. 28

At 1:08 a.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to obey a traffic control device on Ellendale Avenue. The driver, Anna Jeffers of Dallas, was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 5:03 p.m., Whyatt Arnold was arrested on Eldenberry Lane on multiple outstanding warrants and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

#### Monday, Dec. 29

At 1:12 a.m., a motorist on Walnut Avenue was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 2:58 p.m., a report that two drivers both backing up at the same time on Polk Station Road collided with each other. There was only minor damage.

At 3:15 p.m., a report of a front door to a business on Main Street left unlocked on a non-open day. An officer found a wholesale food document inside with a phone number displayed.

At 4:23 p.m., a wallet was found on Davis Street and returned to the owner.

At 11:40 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was stopped for speeding and failure to drive within a lane. The driver showed indicators of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test but performed well enough not to be arrested for DUII. The driver was given a verbal warning for the violations.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 30

At 11:23 a.m., a resident on Davis Street reported someone had tagged a shed on her rental apartment property.

At 2:08 p.m., a report that an unknown suspect broke into a residence on Levens Street. Nothing was taken.

At 9:37 p.m., a report of a stolen RV found on Washington Street.

### Independence Police Department

#### Wednesday, Dec. 24

At 1:24 a.m., an officer investigated a driving complaint where a motorist reported another motorist almost sideswiped them twice. The officer stopped the suspect vehicle on Salem Dallas Highway but didn't see any indicators of impairment.

At 9:49 a.m., a report of someone breaking into a residence on Asmine Circle. An officer arrived and spoke to a painting crew who stated they accidentally tried to enter the wrong location.

At 10:33 a.m., a report of a suspicious person walking in an open lot on Walnut Street. An officer confirmed the lot belongs to the subject's family.

At 3:20 p.m., Monmouth Police passed along a driving complaint where a male motorist was possibly driving intoxicated. An IPD officer followed the vehicle into the Tractor Supply lot. The driver was female and showed no signs of impairment.

At 3:38 p.m., a report of a lost golden retriever puppy without a chip on Gun Club Road. No owners were found. The puppy was placed in the dog kennel with food and water.

#### Thursday, Dec. 25

At 7:19 a.m., officers responded to a late domestic disturbance on White Oak Circle. They developed a possible crime for violation of release agreement and harassment.

An upset caller hung up on an 911 call taker while screaming could be heard in the background. A responding officer to a residence in the 900 block of Morning Glory Drive also heard arguing but was met with uncooperative family members who would not share what was going on. After making contact with the original caller who would not elaborate on why 911 was called, officers left the scene only to receive another call at the location reporting a physical domestic disturbance.

Upon returning, the original caller now had a split lip and it was found that while everyone was drinking Alan Vasquez and the victim became combative. Vasquez was arrested on two outstanding warrants and was transported to the Polk County Jail.

#### Saturday, Dec. 27

At 8:46 a.m., a report of an intoxicated motorist on Pacific Highway. An officer stopped the vehicle in the Napa Parts parking lot. The driver failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

#### Monday, Dec. 29

A client at a group home, Fanica Bettoli, got upset over some canceled appointments and left the location. A caretaker pursued Bettoli to the 200 block of Grand Street.

Bettoli threw rocks at the caretaker, who was stopping traffic so that Bettoli did not get hit by passing vehicles.

Bettoli then picked up a six-inch Sawzall blade that was lying in the street and threatened to stab the caretaker.

Officers took Bettoli into custody and she was transported to the Polk County Jail where

she was charged with menacing, harassment, unlawful use/carry weapon, criminal trespass 1, and disorderly conduct 2.

At 8:06 a.m., a report of a dead deer on the side of C Street. The caller's husband wanted to harvest the deer.

At 8:48 a.m., Aspen Wheeler was arrested on Main Street in Dallas and charged with contempt of court.

An officer spotted Brandon Miller, who has a suspended license, driving on Monmouth Street. Miller was taken to jail without incident and charged with driving while suspended -misdemeanor.

At 8:50 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash on Clow

Corner Road. Responding deputies found the vehicle on its side and medics attended the driver. The driver was transported to Salem Hospital, accompanied by an IPD officer. Meanwhile, deputies searched the vehicle and found 40 pills in a bag that later presumably tested positive for ketamine.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 30

At 1:25 p.m., a resident on Log Cabin Street reported a neighbor's cat was killed by a dog.

### Monmouth Police Department

#### Thursday, Dec. 18

Noise: A report of loud music was investigated. Officers contacted an occupant in a nearby unit who turned the music down.

Disturbance: A report of a disturbance involving a juvenile and several family members in a vehicle.

The juvenile, who had run away earlier in the day and was located by an outside department, became physically combative with family members in the car. The juvenile was arrested and referred for runaway and multiple harassment offenses. After calming down on the scene, the juvenile was allowed to return home safely with family.

Crash: A two-vehicle collision occurred at an intersection while both drivers were making turns.

One driver complained of head pain but declined transport. Crash information was exchanged, and both drivers arranged for their vehicles to be towed.

Alarm: An interior motion alarm was reported at an address with no one authorized to be inside.

The building was checked and cleared, and it did not appear that anyone had entered.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person stated they intended to end their life and had wrapped a cord around their neck. The person was transported to a medical facility under a protective custody hold.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person was reported by a family member to be suicidal. Upon contact, the person confirmed suicidal ideations, was alone, had a knife, and showed a fresh self-inflicted injury, indicating they might hurt themselves if left alone.

Medical personnel evaluated the person and provided transport to a medical facility, with protective custody hold paperwork given to hospital staff.

#### Friday, Dec. 19

Follow Up: A follow-up call was received regarding a previous report of a sex offense, with the person now requesting to pursue criminal charges. The person was provided with a crisis line and national hotline resources.

Suspicious Person: Staff at a business reported a male acting strangely, including digging in the trash, making unusual comments, and taking photos. The male was contacted, attributed his behavior to severe lack of sleep, and was formally trespass from the business.

Ordinance Violation/

Tow: A four-door sedan was towed for a 7-Day Parking Violation. An inventory form

was submitted for records.

Ordinance Violation/Tow: A second sedan was towed for a 7-Day Parking Violation. An inventory form was submitted for records.

Suspicious Activity: A person called to document ongoing hostile social media posts and comments from a neighbor.

This was noted as part of ongoing minor neighbor disputes.

A case number was provided, and the person was advised to use it for all future documentation.

Found Property: A wallet containing identification was found and turned in to the station.

A relative of the owner was found through a database and provided a current phone number for the owner, who was contacted and came to the station to claim the wallet.

Overdose: Emergency services responded to a report of a male who had overdosed on an unknown substance.

The caller had administered counter-medication, but the male

appeared to have stopped breathing.

Responders arrived

concurrently with medical

personnel, finding the male

breathing but unconscious.

He was transported by the medical team.

Stolen Vehicle: A person

reported their car stolen after

allowing an acquaintance to

test drive it on a specified

date with the intent to pur-

chase, and the acquaintance

never returned or paid for the

vehicle and stopped respond-

ing to messages.

Further investigation found that the

vehicle had already been

towed by an outside agency

and was returned to the appropriate agency and

returned to their parents.

Driving: A person reported

a sedan driving erratically and

unable to maintain its lane on

the highway. Officers checked

the area but were unable to

locate the vehicle.

## Tickets on sale now for Pentacle Theatre's 'You Can't Take it with You'

Pentacle Theatre's next production "You Can't Take it with You" hits the stage Jan. 30 through Feb. 21 at 324 52nd Ave. NW.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart has been performed consistently since its Broadway debut in 1936 in professional theatres, colleges, community theatres, high schools, and multiple Broadway revivals — and yet it is, ironically, more timely today than ever! Most recently revived on Broadway in 2014-15 in a Tony Award-winning production with James Earl Jones, Rose Byrne and Annaleigh Ashford! A hilarious, beautifully written play about family, love and acceptance of people's quirks.

The story revolves around Grandpa, as Martin is more commonly known, the patriarch of a large and extended family of charming eccentrics. His granddaughter, Alice, is an attractive and loving young woman who is still

embarrassed by her family's idiosyncrasies. When Alice falls for Tony, a handsome scion of Wall Street, she fears that their two families — so unlike in manner, politics and finances — will never come together. But why be obsessed by money? After all, you can't take it with you.

You Can't Take It With You opened on Broadway at the Booth Theatre on December 14, 1936. A smash hit, the show ran for 838 performances and returned to Broadway five times, most recently in 2014. That production, directed by Scott Ellis, earned the Tony Award for Best Featured Actress for Annaleigh Ashford as Essie.

Written by George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart and directed at Pentacle Theatre's by Scott Ramp. the cast of "You Can't Take it with You" includes:

- Pamela Bilderbeck — Penny
- Wade Moran — Paul
- Jeffery R. Seeley — Grandpa
- Valerie Mozena — Essie
- Logan Mays — Ed
- Molly Hare — Alice
- Kevin Folgate — Tony
- Rob Sim — Mr. De
- Pinna Tisha Fenley — Rheba
- Ryan Snyder — Donald
- Bob Barnett — Mr. Kolenkhov
- Anthony Redelsperger — Mr. Kirby
- Cathy Willoughby — Mrs. Kirby
- Todd Logan — Mr. Henderson
- Barbara Blackwell Ramp — Gay Wellington
- Patti Hasbrouck — Grand Duchess Olga
- Katrina Todd Logan, Christian Hawley — FBI Agents

Buy tickets online at [www.tickets.pentacletheatre.org](http://www.tickets.pentacletheatre.org) or call (503) 485-4300.

Students and people who hold an Oregon Trail Card are eligible for a 50 percent discount in select seating areas when buying tickets in person at the Pentacle Theatre ticket office, 197 Liberty St. SE, in downtown Salem.



## Oregon updates online voter registration form

As of Dec. 30, all eligible Oregonians will be able to register to vote through a secure, online form by submitting the last four digits of their Social Security number and their valid signature — just like they would on a paper voter registration form.

Previously, only eligible Oregonians with a driver's license number could register to vote online. This update to Oregon's online voter registration form was required by House Bill 4133 (2022) with a deadline of Jan. 1, 2026.

"Everything in our modern society is evolving to be more convenient — our elections should do the same. Every citizen should get the same opportunity to hold their government accountable at the ballot box," said Oregon Secretary of State Tobias

Read. "This update will keep online voter registration secure and accurate while making it more available to eligible voters."

This online form for voter registration maintains the security of Oregon's voter

registration system while expanding access. As they would with paper voter registration forms, elections officials will carefully verify the Social Security numbers and signatures submitted before formally registering citizens to vote.

In Oregon, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state, and at least 16 years old to register to vote. Oregonians must be 18 years old by Election Day to cast a ballot.

For more information, go to [www.OregonVotes.gov](http://www.OregonVotes.gov).

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**RECORDS**

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Security verbally trespassed the male and was going to mail a formal notice.

Alarm: An alarm was reported at a residence. The property appeared secured. Contact with the person responsible for the property confirmed they were fine and believed they had accidentally set off the alarm when letting their pet out.

Crash: A person reported a crash that occurred two days prior in a parking lot, where another vehicle backed into the front corner of their vehicle, causing minor damage. The person was having trouble obtaining insurance information. An officer contacted the other driver who maintained they had exchanged information. The officer facilitated the exchange of a phone number to ensure both parties had the correct contact information.

Driving: A driving complaint was received about a vehicle unable to maintain its lane and traveling slowly. The vehicle was located at a fast-food restaurant. The driver was contacted and found to be elderly and in poor health, but not impaired. Another

department arrived and took over the incident.

Suspicious Person: A city employee reported an older female aggressively panhandling. By the time an officer checked the area, the female had left and was not located. An officer noted that the individual is often seen walking in a specific area and may reside locally.

Trespass: A person was seen walking onto private property, appearing to be looking for a bag of redeemable containers that the resident had just removed. The person was associated with a dark-colored vehicle containing several bags of containers.

Trespass: A formal trespass notice was served to an individual from a university campus, with a warning of arrest if they return.

Crime: A person came to the police department to report violations of a restraining order by a male. The person has recorded multiple instances of the male driving past a family member's house when they were present, showing up at their workplace, and attempting contact via phone and message. The person is forwarding supporting documentation.

Disturbance: A bartender reported a disturbance caused by a group of two males

and a female celebrating the female's birthday. The group left in an unknown vehicle. No crime occurred, but the business wants the individuals trespass if they are located. Officers searched for the vehicle for a possible impaired driving offense but were unable to find it.

Arrest: An individual was contacted at a park and cited and released on a municipal warrant from a nearby city.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23**

Driving: A person reported being followed by a white pickup truck while delivering newspapers. The person was advised to drive to the police department, and the truck followed. The truck driver, who identified as a medical professional and stated they had been threatened by patients in the past, explained they thought the delivery driver was acting suspiciously and was following to get the license plate. Once the situation was clarified, both parties departed.

**Domestic Disturbance:**

Neighbors reported a physical domestic incident involving a pregnant woman and a man. Authorities responded and contacted the woman away from the residence. She confirmed a physical domestic had occurred but declined to pursue criminal charges. The

man refused to speak with authorities. The incident was cross-reported to the appropriate child protective services.

Welfare Check: A check was requested for a resident due to packages accumulating outside their door for 1-2 weeks. Property management contacted the residents, who confirmed they were out of town and everything was fine.

**Traffic Hazard:**

A report was made about a manhole cover in the road. Authorities found the cover was correctly placed, but the surrounding concrete had come loose, creating a large chunk in the lane. The local public works department was already aware of the issue and coordinating with the state department of transportation.

Hit and Run: An individual reported a delayed hit and run involving damage to the rear lift gate of their vehicle. Due to a lack of suspect information, video evidence, or a confirmed location, the incident was documented for an insurance claim.

**Suspicious Person:**

A caller reported a male teenager possibly scouting her property, walking up the driveway, pausing for traffic, and making eye contact. The individual was seen walking toward the main highway. No criminal activity was observed.

Citizen Contact: An intoxicated individual called regarding a scam where they were being threatened with prosecution if they didn't send money. The scam was explained to the caller. No further action was taken.

Crash: A two-vehicle crash, caused by one vehicle rear-ending another, blocked the roadway. The at-fault vehicle sustained significant damage. Neither driver was injured, and the driver at fault arranged for their own tow.

**Arrest:**

An individual was arrested and lodged for violating a court-issued protective order. The violation involved driving past the protected person's residence, waiting for and driving in front of her, and making contact via social media. The protective order had been verified as served to the individual prior to release from custody.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24****Driving Under the Influence:**

A bar employee reported an intoxicated patron driving back to the establishment after being driven home. Authorities located the individual on the patio. The person refused field sobriety tests and was arrested. A search incident to arrest uncovered a concealed weapon. The person provided a breath sample above the legal limit and was

lodged for driving under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A report of a possible domestic disturbance was determined to be a mental health crisis upon arrival, with both parties denying physical contact. The person in crisis agreed to seek assistance from a crisis worker at a local behavioral health center and was transported there. No further action was taken.

Vehicle vs Pedestrian: A pedestrian was hit by a van and knocked down, sustaining a minor head injury. The pedestrian agreed to be checked by paramedics but refused to be transported to the hospital, stating they would go later with family if needed. The driver had stopped and exchanged information with the pedestrian.

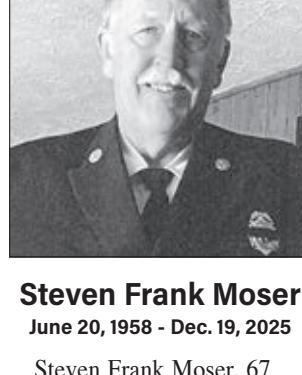
**Citizen Contact:**

A caller reported that a firearm

shipped to a person, reportedly from a relative, was flagged as possibly stolen

by a state agency. Due to the firearm lacking a serial number and the stolen report being non-specific, it was determined authorities could not confirm if it was the stolen weapon. The caller was advised to follow up with the

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**OBITUARIES****Steven Frank Moser**

June 20, 1958 - Dec. 19, 2025

Steven Frank Moser, 67, of Independence, Oregon, passed away on December 19, 2025. A lifelong resident of Polk County, Steve's legacy is defined by a deep commitment to public safety and selfless community service.

Steve was the son of David and Eileen Moser. He graduated from Dallas High School and attended Chemeketa Community College. There, he laid the foundation for a distinguished career as a firefighter-paramedic for the Portland Fire Bureau,

eventually retiring with honor. Even in retirement, his heart remained tied to service; he continued to volunteer with Polk County Fire District #1, retiring as a Division Chief.

On January 19, 1980, Steve married the love of his life, Liane Agena, in Independence. Their home became a sanctuary for volunteers who might describe them as big brother and big sister to many of the young firefighters. Together, Steve and Liane built a large, vibrant family. He is survived by Liane and his children, Janna, Kristie, Walter, Andrew (Justine), Sandy, and Joyce (Khristian).

Steve's varied roles in civic leadership were as expansive as the value he created for his community. He served as a Central School District Board member and was a longtime Scoutmaster for Troop 38. He was an active member of the Central Lions Club,

a past District Governor for Oregon Lions District 36R, and a Trustee of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. He was also a Trustee at Christ's Church and a Meals on Wheels volunteer. His dedication earned him the prestigious Lion's International President's Medal of Achievement and, with his family, the Monmouth-Independence First Citizen Award - First Family. Steve taught us that true leadership isn't about the medals you wear but the lives you touch. Outside of his leadership roles, Steven found joy in the simple pleasures of life: swimming, camping, and bowling.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Central Lions Club or Boy Scout Troop 38.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at Christ's Church in Monmouth, Oregon.

**Mary Ann Oziah (nee Wolf)**

July 9, 1932 - Dec. 16, 2025

We honor the life of Doris Anne (Henderson) Dyer, 89, who passed away on December 20, 2025. Born in Plentywood, Montana, on

January 14, 1936, to Leonard and Helen Henderson. Doris was raised in Myrtle Creek, Oregon where she graduated from Myrtle Creek High School. Her love of learning led her to become a proud alumna of Oregon State University (then Oregon State College) and then a professional educator where she dedicated herself to guiding young minds. She began her teaching career at South Salem High School and eventually retired from the counseling office at Central High School in Independence. She was known for her kind and gracious demeanor, balancing a practical organizational style with a witty, irreverent sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Doris' name to Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) or Marion Polk Food Share.

Doris was married to Roland Dyer for 38 years until his passing in 2000. Together, they raised two daughters, Amy and Donna. Her kindness extended beyond her family into her community, where she was a devoted supporter of Marion-Polk Food Share and Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). In her quieter moments, she found joy in gardening, quilting, reading, and music.

Memorial Service on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Bonaventure in Salem (3411 Boone Rd SE, Salem) 1-3pm

**Doris H. Dyer**

Jan. 14, 1936 - Dec. 20, 2025

Mary Ann Oziah, 93, of Dallas, Oregon passed away on December 16, 2025, from heart failure.

Mary was born July 9, 1932, to Jacob and Philomena

Wolf in Sioux County, North Dakota. She was one of eleven children. The entire family moved to Silverton, OR in 1944 after a tornado destroyed the family farm.

Mary graduated high school in 1950 from Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, OR. On December 26, 1958, she married Arvil Oziah and they moved to Dallas, OR.

Mary is survived by Deborah Scott (Billy), Valerie Pascal (Robert), Marcia Neudauer (Allen), Brian Oziah, Kevin Oziah.

Mary was happiest surrounded by her family. She enjoyed baking, gardening, crossword puzzles, game shows and being a mother.

She was active in her faith at St. Philip Catholic Church, Dallas, OR and was a member of the Women's Altar Society. After the children were raised she worked for Oregon Fruit and Willamette Hazelnut for 20 years.

Mary is survived by her children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, brother Leon Wolf and sister Irene Steinke.

The family would like to thank Serenity Hospice for their kind and loving care. Mary lived and passed peacefully without complaint.

No service, she will be laid to rest with her husband Arvil at Willamette National Cemetery.

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If you are one of the family members we have served, we'd like you to know you are still in our thoughts.

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**David Trowbridge**

June 23, 1962 - Dec. 11, 2025

David B. Trowbridge, a devoted father, loyal family member and lifelong resident of Dallas, Oregon, passed away on Thursday, December 11th in Salem at the age of 63.

David was born in Dallas, Oregon to Jim and Arlene Trowbridge. He was tough and always a hard worker. David worked for a custom home builder in Dallas and built many houses at Roads End. He could build or fix anything. He spent almost 30 years working as a Farm Manager for Singing Hills Stables in Oregon City where he was a loyal, hardworking, and dedicated manager. David was unable to continue his career since 2022 due to complications from Parkinson's disease.

David's life was defined by his generous spirit and

unwavering pride and devotion to his children and grandchildren. He was a dedicated father and loved to share his passion and knowledge of fishing and hunting and instill the love of the outdoors in others.

David's presence always brought warmth and stability. He created a beautiful legacy of love and commitment that will endure.

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**RECORDS**

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state agency.

Civil Matter/Stolen Vehicle: An individual reported their vehicle missing since they were arrested months prior. They believed an acquaintance had taken it but the acquaintance now claimed not to know its location. The vehicle has since been involved in a crash and received a parking ticket. The acquaintance, who is currently in a rehabilitation facility, needs to be interviewed to determine if the matter is criminal or civil.

Burglary: Authorities responded to a report of a male and female running from a vacant property and jumping fences. The property owner allowed a sweep of the residence, which showed signs of recent occupation, including trash, drug paraphernalia, and an active mobile heater. The male and female were located. The female admitted they were both staying there. She also disclosed three separate domestic violence incidents and two possible sex offenses involving the male over the previous week, showing consistent injuries. The female was ultimately cited and released for an outstanding warrant, burglary and littering. The male was lodged for burglary, littering, two counts of domestic assault and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

**Thursday, Dec. 25**

Assist Other Agency: Authorities assisted with a reported disturbance involving two individuals. Initially, neither party was cooperative. Following a second call reporting a physical fight, one of the individuals was lodged on an outstanding warrant, but there was no probable cause for a mandatory domestic arrest.

Alarm: A residential burglar alarm was reported. The home was found to be secure with no signs of forced entry.

Suspicious Person: A report was made about a male yelling and arguing with himself near a church. Authorities found the person sitting inside the church. Church staff confirmed they were familiar with the person and did not require assistance. No further action was taken.

Citizen Contact: A person called to report possible probation violations by a female, including drug use and access to firearms at a residence. The caller was advised to report the information to the appropriate probation and parole and county sheriff's offices, as the location was outside of the local jurisdiction. No further action was taken.

Crash: A driver reported that the previous night they had accidentally driven over a center median, flattening all four tires on their vehicle. The driver was requesting a police report for their insurance company. A courtesy report was completed after checking the median for new damage, which was not found.

Follow-up: Authorities picked up a sexual assault evidence collection kit from a hospital and sealed it in an evidence envelope before placing it in the evidence locker.

Alarm: An officer located an alarm going off near a residence. Contact was made with a resident who confirmed the alarm was from their recreational vehicle on the property and went to shut it off.

**Friday, Dec. 26**

Domestic Disturbance: A report of a male trying to fight people at a restaurant. Upon officers arrival, a woman reported that her boyfriend was confronting her co-worker after an argument. The woman stated her boyfriend had slapped/pushed her neck to prevent her from re-entering the building, resulting in a visible red mark, but with a low pain

score. The boyfriend denied physical contact, claiming the woman was cheating with the co-worker. The boyfriend was arrested for harassment and lodged.

Be On the Look Out: Two officers observed a known individual with a history of carrying and discharging firearms walking with a bag and adjusting their waistband before getting on public transit. This was circulated as an officer safety alert, as the person is also on juvenile probation.

Found Property: A wallet belonging to an individual was found in a lending library. Attempts to contact the owner via a phone number in a police database led to a local mission, where staff agreed to pass on the information. The wallet was placed into evidence.

Assist Other Agency: Authorities were requested to assist with a report of a vehicle in a ditch with people trying to pull it out and blood visible on the ground. A search located the crash at a different address, where a young female at a Christmas party had missed a driveway and driven into a ditch. She was uninjured and fine.

Domestic Disturbance: A witness called about seeing two people arguing and a person being shoved into a white pickup. Authorities heard arguing upon arrival at the specified unit, but the occupant denied arguing or seeing anyone outside. No white pickups were in the lot and there were no additional calls.

Noise: A non-emergency report of loud music coming from a white truck was received, but the vehicle had left before authorities arrived. A check of the area confirmed no loud music was audible.

**Saturday, Dec. 27**

Driving Under the Influence: A report was made about an intoxicated driver at a business. An officer located and stopped the vehicle at a nearby auto parts store and observed signs of drug impairment. The driver consented to field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence. A controlled substance (methamphetamine) was found in the vehicle. The driver provided a breath sample but refused a urine sample, so a warrant was obtained. A urine sample was then obtained and the person was lodged and charged with driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance and a parole violation detainer.

Drug: Staff at a group home reported finding a baggie of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in a client's room. The client was not home, but staff provided the evidence. Authorities later followed up, and the client was cited and released for possession of a controlled substance.

Animal: A caller reported an injured raccoon and was advised to contact the state's fish and wildlife department.

Drug: A mail delivery person called to report finding a needle. Authorities were unable to reach the caller upon calling back.

**Sunday, Dec. 28**

Driving Under the Influence: An individual was arrested for driving under the influence after providing a breath sample with a high alcohol content following a signed search warrant.

Theft: A person reported a theft of personal items from their car. Upon searching the car again, all items were found accounted for, and the earlier tracking failure was due to a lost internet connection. No theft occurred.

Warrant: An individual was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant from another county for assault.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Information was forwarded from another police

department regarding an individual on a crisis line who threatened self-harm, citing specific judicial and police personnel. The person's location was unknown.

**Monday, Dec. 29**

Welfare Check: A welfare check was requested for a person with health history who missed a meeting and did not answer the phone. The person was contacted at home, was found to be okay, and reported falling asleep. The person who requested the check was an individual with an outstanding warrant from another county.

Citizen Contact: A person reported their spouse, who is experiencing early-stage dementia, was being targeted by a gift card scammer on a messaging app impersonating a famous singer. Authorities provided preventative solutions, and the person mentioned they were connecting the spouse with local social services.

Driving: A complaint about a vehicle unable to maintain a lane was forwarded from another county. Local authorities stopped the vehicle and found no impairment, attributing the issue to distracted driving. No further action was taken.

Trespass: Authorities responded to a possible squatter in a vacant apartment after a tenant reported lights being on. The apartment was cleared, and no one was found, but it was noted a transient person had been staying there previously. Authorities planned to monitor the unit.

Welfare Check: Authorities responded to a report of a frantic, elderly, Spanish-speaking female who was disoriented. Using a language line, she was identified as a person with dementia who had wandered from her home and was safely returned to the family who arrived at the scene.

Driving: A report was made about a black sedan illegally passing and speeding on a highway. Authorities were unable to locate the vehicle.

Driving: Authorities located a vehicle that was previously the subject of a complaint and initiated a traffic stop for operating without required lighting equipment. No impairment was observed, and the driver was warned.

Suspicious Activity: Authorities responded to a report of a male causing a disturbance at an apartment complex. The male was a non-resident visiting a resident with her permission to use the laundry facilities. Authorities explained the need for management permission for facility use. The male left without incident after being asked to collect his belongings. He was later trespass from the complex property at the request of the manager.

Assist Other Agency: An individual was taken into custody by another agency for a misdemeanor driving offense.

Alarm: Authorities responded to an audible residential alarm. A resident met them and initially didn't hear it, but the alarm sounded again and the resident turned it off. No further action was taken.

Information: Authorities followed up on a report about a commercial trailer parked in violation of a city ordinance. The trailer's owner was contacted and agreed to move it. An update confirmed the trailer was moved.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

Trespass: A resident out of town received an internal camera notification of someone in their residence. Video confirmed a person was inside, but no forced entry occurred, and exterior cameras did not capture the subject. The person of interest was identified as the resident's cousin, a juvenile who had access to the spare key and denied entry. A case was opened for follow-up.

Suspicious Person: A

female verbally harassing customers at a business was reported. The business manager requested she be trespass. Authorities located the person, identified her, and trespass her from the property.

Theft: A neighbor witnessed a male stealing bags of cans from a backyard. The male fell while running and then got into a dark sedan. Authorities checked nearby camera footage but found no matching vehicle, and there was no other suspect information.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Information was received from another police department's non-emergency line about an individual who called, threatening self-harm by the end of the day, mentioning a judge and threatening to commit suicide by cop if officers responded. The information was forwarded based on the person's address.

Crime: An individual, while at the police department to complete a required registration renewal, was found to be out of compliance with the grace period. They were subsequently arrested and lodged at a detention facility after completing the paperwork.

Arrangements were made for a family member to collect the individual's vehicle from the parking lot.

Citizen Contact: Authorities cleared an apartment unit to allow staff to change the locks. No occupants were found inside the residence. No further action was taken.

Driving: A caller, who wished to remain anonymous, reported multiple vehicles speeding on their street, with speeds estimated at 40-50 miles per hour, expressing concern for children in the area. The caller requested extra patrol to address the speeding.

Domestic Disturbance: A person reported being assaulted by their partner during a breakup argument, which involved their head being shoved into a carport structure. Medics evaluated the person for a minor head injury, noting a small lump, broken skin, and slight bleeding. The partner denied physical contact but was arrested for assault.

Domestic Disturbance: Authorities received a report from another agency about two people being threatened by an individual who was later identified as having picked up one of the threatened people. The victim reported that after arriving at the residence, the individual became physical during an argument, getting on top of them and putting a hand on their throat, causing their head to hit a nightstand and nearly resulting in unconsciousness.

The victim was offered a specialized interview and planned to go to a local shelter. Probable cause was established for assault and strangulation.

**Polk County Sheriff's Office****Wednesday, Dec. 24**

At 1:24 a.m., a motorist reported another motorist almost sideswiped them a couple of times. A deputy caught up to the suspect vehicle at Riverview Park. The deputy did not see any concerning driving behavior, nor any signs of impairment, except the driver was speeding while entering the 20-mph zone at 4:01 a.m.

At 4:01 a.m., deputies responded to a possible burglary on Salmon River Highway. The male suspect matched the description of the suspect in a theft at the same location on Dec. 12.

The victim was able to set off an alarm and deter the suspect from getting onto the property. After reviewing the security footage, no crime was found to have occurred.

At 7:45 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55-mph zone and was warned for failure to register the vehicle.

At 7:54 p.m., deputies responded to a driving complaint on Grand Ronde Road.

At 11:47 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Church Street for traffic violations. The deputy saw methamphetamines in open view. The driver, Krista Moore, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:19 p.m., a report of a minor single vehicle crash on Oakdale Avenue with no property damage. The juvenile driver was cited for driving without an operator's license (JUV).

At 10:08 p.m., Dallas Police requested deputies check on an alarm triggered on Monmouth Cutoff Road.

They found no obvious signs of forced entry.

**Thursday, Dec. 25**

At 2:28 p.m., deputies investigated a burglary alarm on Elkins Road and found an open door on the back side. They were advised it was a false alarm from an improperly shut door.

At 4:34 p.m., a report of two loud explosions west of Oakdale Road. Deputies were unable to locate a disturbance.

At 4:51 p.m., a two-vehicle accident on Coville Road.

Vehicle one had significant driver side damage to front and rear doors. Vehicle two had minimal front end damage. Both parties had help on the way. Deputies emailed exchange of information forms to both drivers.

At 6:11 p.m., a report of a possible DUII motorist on Kings Valley Highway.

Deputies developed no potential crime upon contact.

At 7:33 p.m., a deputy contacted Jessie McCormick at Wallace Marine Park. She came back with an active warrant for theft out of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. McCormick was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail.

**Friday, Dec. 26**

At 11:16 a.m., a motorist on Highway 18 was cited for speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:34 p.m., a report of the alarm going off at the S&R building at the Polk County Shops. A deputy checked the building and disarmed and armed all the alarms.

At 7:25 p.m., a resident on Pleasant Hill Road reported hearing gunshots in the area.

A deputy checked the area but found nothing out of the ordinary.

At 8:07 p.m., Oregon State Police requested deputies check out a vehicle blocking the road on Highway 22. A deputy pushed the vehicle off the road with permission from the driver. The driver called for a tow.

At 8:46 p.m., a report of a motorist driving erratically. A deputy stopped the motorist in the Napa Auto Parts parking lot.

The driver failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

**Saturday, Dec. 27**

At 10:15 a.m., a male subject on Edgewater Street was cited for a failure to appear warrant out of Marion County Circuit Court.

At 10:30 a.m., a resident on Palmer Road was cited for dogs as a public nuisance after her two dogs got out and killed some neighbor's chickens.

At 11:06 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on 34th Avenue. A male subject was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with menacing, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief.

At 5:22 p.m., deputies assisted Dallas Police with an arrest on Washington Street. Colton Paxton was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with two counts of assault 4, resisting arrest and attempted assault on a public safety officer.

At 7:54 p.m., deputies responded to a driving complaint on Grand Ronde Road.

The driver, Kathy Cawley, was arrested and charged with reckless driving then lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:46 p.m., deputies arrived on scene of a fully engulfed house fire on Brown Road. The resident was safe outside, but was upset because his dogs were inside the home, and most likely deceased. SW Polk Fire took scene command.

**Sunday, Dec. 28**

At 10:38 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone and for reckless driving.

At 12:48 p.m., deputies responded to a physical assault on Prospect Street in Falls City. After confirming the attack on nearby security footage, they developed probable cause but were unable to find the suspect.

At 5:03 p.m., deputies covered the Dallas Police Department on a barricaded male on Elderberry Lane. The suspect, Wyatt Arnold, had multiple warrants. He was eventually taken into custody and lodged at Polk County Jail.

**Monday, Dec. 29**

At 4:22 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:08 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a burglary on Perrydale Road.

The last property owner died in October and the home has been vacant since. A subject tasked with watching the property let the deputies in who took photos of disturbed items and checked for any finger prints and evidence on scene, including a pry bar.

At 3:02 p.m., deputies investigated a report of suspicious activity at a property on Oak Grove Road. They found two minors in one of the houses on the property and marijuana in their car. They were cited for minor in possession.

At 8:50 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash on Clow Corner Road. Deputies arrived after medics and saw the vehicle turned over on its side, with the driver being attended by medics. While the driver was at Salem Hospital, deputies found in his car about 40 pills in a bag in the glove box of the vehicle that later presumptively tested positive for ketamine. The driver consented to a blood test draw at the hospital.

**Tuesday, Dec. 20**

At 1:03 a.m., deputies responded to a report of disorderly conduct by two male subjects at the 7-Star Station in Falls City. One subject was cited and released for an outstanding Salem Municipal warrant. He drove the other, loud subject, who had been screaming, back to Falls City.

At 7:12 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a burglary on Perrydale Road. The suspect, Aaron Kuehn, had accessed a shop building without permission. He was later arrested for driving while criminal suspended.

The burglary ended up being a civil matter.

At 8:57 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone and for expired registration.

At 11 a.m., Laren Garner was arrested on Highland Road and charged with violating a restraining order. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:05 p.m., a motorist driving the wrong way on Jefferson Street in Dallas was cited for failure to obey a one-way designator.

At 9:43 p.m., a motorist on Spring Valley Road was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and warned for the speeding.

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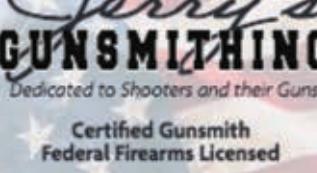


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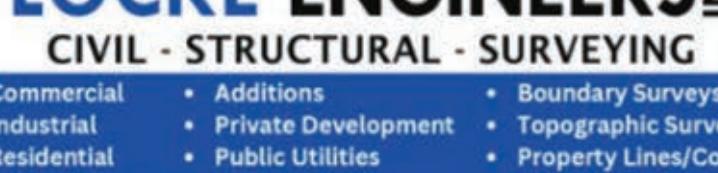
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PCIO26-105 Notice of Self Storage Sale** Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy Grand Ronde OR 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagegettreasures.com](http://www.storagegettreasures.com) on 1/28/2026 at 3:00PM. Stefanie Fitch unit #15; Mattie Finlay unit #21; Jason Findley unit #33. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**PCIO26-104 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF COLLATERAL THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OF OREGON** Polk County Storage 590 Hoffman Rd. Independence, OR 97351 NAME UNIT SIZE ANA STEIFER 1-9 10x10 DEREK RARDIN 2-16 10x10 JANET GODWIN 3-12 5x10 LUKE DONHOFF 3-13 5x10 Eileen Herrera 3-19 5x10 AMANDA RODINO 3-23 5x10 JAMES COLE 5-3, P20 10x30 KATIE RIMER 6-22 5x12 JAMIE FRANCOM 9-39 5x12 Leonardo Maciel 13-15 10x10 JENNIFER GOODMAN 14-1 10x35 MELONDY GIBBONEY 14-25 10x20 Eric Kelsey 16-18, P65 5x10 TIMOTHY WICKERSHAM 18-8 10x25 Juan Ramos 18-32 10x20 LINDA WOODBURY SV-11 6x8 Notice is hereby given that at the hour of 1:00 pm on January 18, 2026 the undersigned will sell at Public Sale the personal property of the above-named debtors which is now stored at the above-referenced storage complex and is being sold for past due rent. The said goods are held by the above-referenced storage complex as collateral securing obligations of the above-named debtors to the above-named storage complex and are to be sold pursuant to The Uniform Commercial Code of Oregon which provides for the sale of collateral by a secured party following default by a debtor. Goods will be sold at 590 Hoffman Rd. Independence, OR where they are now located. The sale will be conducted as a verbal auction where the highest bidder gets the entire unit. Each unit will be open for viewing for 10 minutes before bidding begins. The auction will begin at 1:00 pm. The goods will be offered as a unit and the right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

**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 Kezvia 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**

**PCIO26-102 Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council** Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:00 - 3:00 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/more-meetings-events/>. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to [ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org](mailto:ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org)

**PCIO26-101 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Monmouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to consider amendments to the Monmouth Comprehensive Plan Map related to an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) land exchange. The Map designations on the properties added to the Monmouth UGB would change from Agriculture to Medium Density Residential for property located in the 10700 Block of Mistletoe Rd; and from Agriculture to Low Density Residential for property located at 6685 Talmadge Rd. Properties

proposed for removal from the UGB, are currently located outside city limits in the 500-700 blocks of Falls City Highway, and would revert to the County Comprehensive Plan Map designation that existed prior to their inclusion inside the Monmouth UGB. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Monmouth City Council regarding the adoption. The City Council then makes the final decision. A second public hearing will be scheduled before the Monmouth City Council to consider this request. That public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The relevant criteria for the proposed Comprehensive Plan Map amendments may be found in Monmouth City Code (MCC) Section 18.15.060. The UGB land exchange will be reviewed with House Bill 2647 adopted in the 2025 Regular Session. Individuals may attend the meeting virtually or in person. Additional information regarding how to attend the meeting will be posted with the agenda on the City's website at: [www.ci.monmouth.or.us](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us). The public hearings will be conducted in a manner that permits testimony from interested parties. Any person desiring to speak either for or against the proposal may do so in person or by authorized representative at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Written comments must be received by the City 48 hours in advance of the meeting and may be submitted by mail (151 Main St. W., Monmouth, OR 97361), or email to: [sdufner@ci.monmouth.or.us](mailto:sdufner@ci.monmouth.or.us). A copy of the amendment is available for inspection at City Hall. For more information, contact Suzanne Dufner at (503) 751-0147.

**PCIO26-100 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. NUMBER: 2025-00091-OR** Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by DONOVAN JACKSON as grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE as trustee, in favor of HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK INC.), AS LENDER MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MERS IS A SEPARATE CORPORATION THAT IS ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS' SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as beneficiary, dated 05/18/2007 recorded on 05/24/2007, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book --- at page --- and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2007-008277, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 568485 MAP NO.: 07329-BB-07300 LOT 143, EAGLES VIEW NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY OREGON Commonly Known As: 350 FLYING EAGLE STREET NORTHWEST, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-QS8 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 10/10/2025: \$16,301.76 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 10/10/2025: \$416,962.05 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: Instalment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 05/01/2025 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 02/24/2026 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, to 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 Trustee, 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 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 methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential properties should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 Dated: September 23, 2025 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On September 23, 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

**PCIO25-1450 DALLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOTICE OF CHARITABLE FUND DISTRIBUTION ANTHONY AND PEARL PROAL FUND AND GENERAL CHARITABLE GRANTS** Dallas Community Foundation, an Oregon non-profit corporation (Foundation), intends to make a distribution from the Anthony and Pearl Proal Fund (Proal Fund), together with an additional distribution of unrestricted funds. The total amount available to be distributed from

the Proal Fund is \$30,000.00, with additional funds to be distributed from other unrestricted charitable funds of the Foundation of \$16,000.00, for a total distribution of \$46,000, in amounts up to a maximum of \$5000, each. Pursuant to the terms of the Proal Fund, the net income of the Proal Fund is to be used for general charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Foundation, with preference given to eligible services benefitting senior citizens. The Foundation supports services and programs that primarily benefit residents within the Dallas School District boundaries. Notice is hereby given that charitable organizations that provide services to senior citizens may apply for a distribution from the Proal Fund. Other charitable organizations may also apply for grants from both the Proal Fund and the unrestricted charitable fund. Further information and a grant application may be obtained at [www.dallascommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dallascommunityfoundation.com). Applications will be accepted until January 30, 2026. Awards will be announced March, 2026. Dallas Community Foundation PO Box 1001 Dallas, OR 97338 This notice is published for three successive weeks on December 31, 2025, January 7, and 14, 2026.

**PCIO25-1448 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.storagegettreasures.com](http://www.storagegettreasures.com) on 01/21/2026 at 10:00AM. Tonya Dusa Unit #081. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**PCIO25-1447 Notice of Self Storage Sale** Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagegettreasures.com](http://www.storagegettreasures.com) on 01/21/2026 at 10:00AM. Traci Holm Unit #121; John Hoffman Unit #181; Alissa Terrill Unit #3018; Nicole Smotherman Unit #5006; Adam Wilson Unit #5025. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**PCIO25-1451 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Diana K. Schweitzer has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF DEBORAH K. GABRIEL, deceased, by judgment of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate Case No. 25PB10277. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Susan P. Cook, Attorney at Law, 790 State Street, PO Box 5943, Salem, OR 97304, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of this court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: December 31, 2025. Diana K. Schweitzer Personal Representative Susan P. Cook, OSB #962492 Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 5943 Salem, OR 97304 (503)910-0900 e-mail: [spcook@willamette.edu](mailto:spcook@willamette.edu)

**PCIO25-1452 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE** - On 01-30-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 915 N. MAIN ST. INDEPENDENCE, OR. 97351. The court case number is 25CV17027, where PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. is plaintiff, and DIVINE HOLDINGS LLC, an inactive Oregon limited liability company; DIVINE DISTILLERS INC., an Oregon corporation; INDEPENDENCE BEVERAGES LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; JASON A. GREENWOOD AND JENNELL C. IVES, individually and as trustees of the IVES-GREENWOOD JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, DONALD G. EDIGER AND PATRICIA K. EDIGER, doing business as D.E.B. ENTERPRISE, an inactive Oregon assumed business name; CBS OUTDOOR GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as VIACOM OUTDOOR, INC. is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org>

**PCIO25-1454 PUBLIC SALE** Public Sale at Godsey Secure Storage, LLC, 1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 97338 Saturday, JANUARY 17, 2026. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units will be sold as a whole. Call (503) 831-0234 for details. Tenant Unit(s) Bentley, Chris F354 Blanchard, Jacob F334 Blanton, Mike B100 Daniel, Mailei C111 Davis, Mitch B062 Dixon, John F335 Halverson, Matt F370 Fowler, Josh E255 Miller, William C153,C161 Pointer, Natasha A020 Sickles, Sherie D176 Vallez, Cynthia F380 Villarreal, Rusty C166

**PCIO25-1455 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE** at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east off Godsey Road) 10 AM Saturday, January 17, 2026 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. William Bolinger L355 Mike Desrey B033 Sherri Holley L417 Shawna Lagow L391 Richard Maxfield I288 Alan Murphy I310 Sandra Page I300, L440 Shannon Patterson M485 Cassidy Plueard E108 Robert Poole J227 Neal Read I205 Russell Whittlinger I278, I307, L358, L434, L411 Bruce Yoder H196

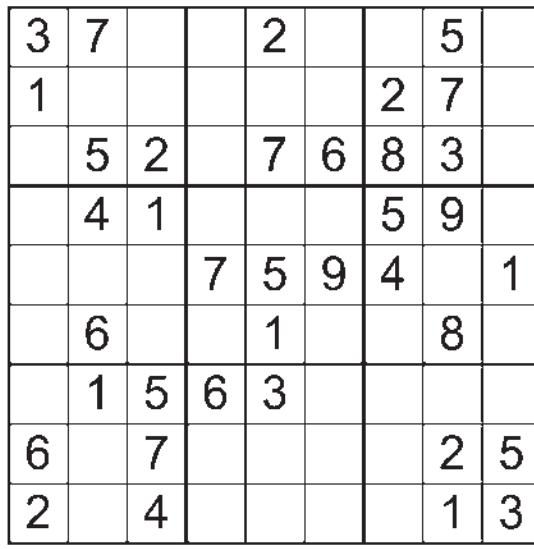
**PCIO25-1442 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK** No. 25PB10765 Probate In the Matter of the Kenneth N. Doughton Revocable Living Trust Agreement, Kenneth N. Doughton, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A. is serving as Trustee of the Kenneth N. Doughton Revocable Living Trust, dated October 11, 2011 (Trust), and as Trustee has filed a Petition to Determine the Claims of Creditors of the Trust and Trustor/Settlor Kenneth N. Doughton, who is now deceased, in the Circuit Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, Circuit Court No. 25PB10765. The Trustor/Settlor of the Trust is Kenneth N. Doughton. All claims are required to be presented to Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee, P.O. Box 2305, Salem, Oregon 97308. Claims against the Trust estate may be barred unless presented to the Trustee at the address herein specified within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Trustee, from the records of the Court, or from the attorney for the trustee Dated and first published December 24, 2025. Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301

**PCIO25-1437 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-72886** Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by MICHAEL EVANS AND JULIE EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for LEADERONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 8/18/2023, recorded 8/18/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-006270, re-recorded on 7/21/2025 as instrument no. 2025-005463, re-recorded again on 9/22/2025 as instrument no. 2025-007247, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT 31 FEET EAST AND 9 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 23 IN E.A. THORP'S TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON; thence south 51. FEET IN A DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 1; thence west 31.0 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1; thence north along the westery line of lot 1; thence west 31.0 FEET ALONG THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2; thence east 57.16 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 2; thence south 40.5 FEET IN A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 2; thence southwest approximately 38.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 57.16 FEET EAST AND 40.5 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, BLOCK 23, E.A. THORP'S TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON; thence southwesterly approximately 38.5 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 31.0 FEET EAST AND 9.0 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT 1 IN SAID BLOCK 23; thence south 51.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID LOT 1; thence east 10.0 FEET; thence north 51.0 FEET; thence northeasterly to a point 10.0 FEET east of the point of beginning; thence west 10.0 FEET. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 240

**GRAND ST INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351** The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 375843 / 08421-CA-04901 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, 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 7/1/2024, 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: 7/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$37,820.50 Late Charges: \$874.80 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,107.25 Suspense: (\$862.85) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,338.50 Total necessary to cure: \$41,278.20 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

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Weekly SUDOKU



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## Commentary

### How to use mindfulness in your daily living

#### By STAN POPOVICH

Mindfulness is the practice of becoming more fully aware of the present moment rather than dwelling in the past, projecting into the future, or what's going on around us. It involves a heightened awareness of sensory stimuli such as our breathing and being "in the now."

Practicing mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind.

#### Find a comfortable place

You'll want to find a comfortable seat in a relaxed and stress-free environment. Sit on a couch or chair with your feet on the ground. Allow your head and shoulders to rest comfortably; place your hands on the tops of your legs with upper arms at your side. Put your upper arms parallel to your upper body. Rest the palms of your hands on your legs.

#### Focus on your breathing

Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and relax. Keep your attention on the sensation of the inhale and exhale of your breath. Focus on the air moving through your nose or the rising and falling of your stomach and chest.

Reduce wandering thoughts: It's normal to have wandering thoughts or distractions, so don't judge yourself if

you start becoming distracted. Instead of wrestling with your thoughts, let them pass by, without focusing on any thought. Thoughts will try to pull your attention away from your breathing. Notice them, but don't pass judgment. Gently return your focus to your breath.

#### Tune into your senses

Sometimes, when we are stressed, focusing on what's happening right in front of us can be a challenge in and of itself. Our minds are drawn to thinking about the future and all the bad things that are or could happen.

#### Live in the present

Focus your attention on what is happening right now, actively engaging with the current moment instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future.

#### Focus on one thing at a time

Multitasking can leave you feeling distracted, so concentrate on one task with your full attention.

#### Pay attention

It's hard to slow down and notice things in a busy world. Take the time to experience your environment with all your senses including touch, sound, sight, smell, and taste. For example, when you eat a favorite food, take the

time to smell, taste, and enjoy it.

#### Enjoy the small moments

Small moments in our lives include those that we do not typically notice and those we take for granted. A small moment may be having a cup of coffee or a cool glass of water, spending a moment with a child or pet, or performing any everyday activity that goes by without our attention. Enjoyment, peace, and serenity in life happen in the small moments.

#### Create a safe place

Similar to guided imagery, create a place that is safe and comfortable. It may be your favorite room or a cabin in the woods. Use your senses to fully enter the safe place. Stay in this place for a while and go there whenever you need to soothe and calm yourself.

#### Go outside

Spending time outdoors is a great way to live in the moment and observe the sights, sounds, and sensations around you.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers 200+ techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>

## LETTERS

### Central High School's roofs need improving

As students of Central High School, we put heavy emphasis on our education, safety, and happiness. Many students have brought concerns forward regarding the state of our school roofs.

The school contains several areas in which leaks are now visible, and buckets are placed in school halls to contain falling rain water. These leaks are also becoming increasingly problematic, especially in classrooms, our mat room, and our newly built auditorium. In our auditorium, which cost several million dollars to construct, these leaks jeopardize electrical systems and wiring, and are likely to lead to far

greater costs in the future.

Many students are frustrated with the worsening condition of this critical feature of our school, especially in contrast to other priorities at the moment. Staff and students alike have expressed sentiment that this problem, unresolved, hurts our school environment, damages property, and damages school spirit. Given that Bond Measure #27-143 failed to pass in 2024, we take it that a specific focus on the structure of Central from our district, and a greater acknowledgement of the problem would be prudent in finding a solution.

We envision a more positive learning and educational environment within Central, and see this course of action as best for not only the future of our school, but also in the best interest of our community and its resources in the long-term. For students, the functionality of our school, and the priorities of our community, we ask that our district again pays more attention to this matter.

We believe the current state of priorities is unsustainable, and will lead to mounting costs in coming years if not addressed now.

#### Central Student Advocacy

#### Trump policies bad for climate change

As a retired meteorologist, I remain interested in climate change and routinely check climate data to

see how global warming is progressing.

The latest data confirms that serious global warming began in the mid-1970s, rose steadily at about 0.3 degrees Fahrenheit per decade for 40 years, and then accelerated to about 0.6 degrees Fahrenheit per decade in the mid-2010s.

Note that the time at which global warming accelerated correlates well with the time Donald Trump became President and changed America's global warming policies. Now that he is President again and has double-downed on his policies,

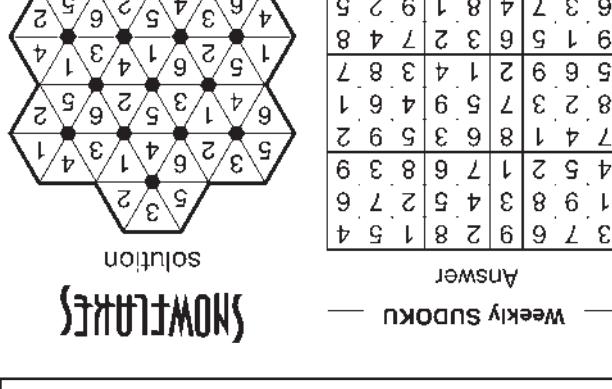
will the rate of global warming double again? The risk is real.

Don Ellingson  
Dallas

## Weekly Online Poll

### How are you feeling about the upcoming year?

- Confident and positive - 14.8%
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## Lady Dragons' offense extinguished in league opener

By LANCE MASTERTON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas had no answer for Silverton on Friday, falling 65-28 in the Mid-Willamette Conference opener for both teams.

"Silverton's a tough opponent," said Drew Richman, the Dragon's head coach. "They play great defense, and we struggled to find shots tonight. When we did get some perimeter looks, we passed up shots that I want us to start taking in the future... We have great shooters that have to get their confidence up and stop passing up open looks."

Alivia Webster provided the Dragons with an offensive spark in the fourth quarter.

Webster "is a talented sophomore that provides a scoring and

ball-handling punch off the bench for us," Richman said. "Her two threes were awesome, and she has more in her."

Harlow Nelson continued her strong start to the season, with Richman ranking her as one of the top guards in the state. In addition to her defensive work, Nelson finished with eight points, eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks.

The coach praised his team's defensive effort and composure, noting consistency on that end of the court, along with an ability to make adjustments.

Still, there's work to do.

"We've got to limit transition scores better," Richman said.

Dallas gave up 18 transition points in the first half, but only two in the

second half.

Finishing defensive possessions is another priority, Richman noted.

"We did a great job Friday getting an initial miss, but allowed offensive rebounds that led to second chance scores too often."

Two of Silverton's big guns, Allie Mansur and Karlee Martirano, were held to five and 12 points, respectively. Only two of Martirano's points came in the second half.

For now, focus will remain on continued growth.

"I'm proud of how hard they play," Richman said after the game. "This isn't going to break us. We're learning how to play through physicality, and we're getting better."

Next for the Dragons (2-5 overall, 0-1 in league) are Lebanon on Friday and visiting Central on Tuesday.

Both games begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Dragons were at Corvallis on Jan. 6. Results were unavailable before press time.

### SILVERTON TRIPS DALLAS BOYS IN LEAGUE OPENER, 62-51

Silverton overcame the Dragons' defensive pressure to win the boys Mid-Willamette conference opener Friday, 62-51.

Dallas head coach Alex King credited his defense with keeping the Foxes within striking distance most of the game. Silverton would go on a run only to have Dallas reel them.

The home team played according to script, at least defensively.

"I think just coming out and trying to make it ugly and uncomfortable for them," King said of his team's strategy. "Teams hate playing here. I

want it not to be a fun place to play when you're the away team."

Even after Silverton (1-0 in league, 3-3 overall) gained control, the Dragons' defensive effort didn't waiver.

"I'm just trying not to get the kids to quit," King said. And on Friday, "they didn't stop."

Especially under the basket, where Dallas defenders provided their fans with a blocking clinic.

Lukas Lawless led Dallas with 25 points. Nate Cunningham added 11.

The Dragons (2-4, 0-1) are at Lebanon on Friday and host Central on Tuesday. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

Dallas was at Corvallis on Jan. 6. Results from this game were unavailable at deadline.

## Mountaineers are 'exactly where we need to be'

By LANCE MASTERTON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Youth, patience and consistency are the buzzwords this season for a very young Falls City varsity boys basketball team.

Tanner Stilligan is the only senior on the Mountaineers' roster. So focus is on developing something sustainable for the future. And this something begins at the top.

"When I took over, there was no consistency," coach Ken Graham said. "Coaches were turning over every year, and kids didn't know what to expect. They needed stability."

They have it now. In Graham, players have someone with ties to the school. His father and sons attended

Falls City and he coached middle school hoops before moving up to the high school team two years ago.

FCHS has two non-league victories this season, with both wins coming against Siletz. Their win total already exceeds last year's.

"We didn't win a game last year. Getting those first wins this year was huge for confidence," the coach added.

"(They) mark a turning point. Players believe their improvement is real and attainable."

Avery Burgess agrees.

"It's a relief," the junior said of the wins. "We've had a lot more close games this year, and a couple more wins, so it's been nice."

In addition to Stilligan, the

Mountaineers' roster includes six freshmen, one sophomore and four juniors. That's 11 of 12 players who could return next season. Many freshmen and sophomores were coached by Graham in middle school. Though young, they know their coach and his philosophy.

"We're not changing offenses every year. We're not changing defenses," Graham added. "The kids understand what we're doing. They're learning the game, not just memorizing plays."

Still, the learning curve is steep when making the jump from middle school to varsity basketball. With no JV program, younger players are thrown into the varsity

baptismal immediately.

"Speed is the biggest adjustment" they face, Graham said.

"Middle school doesn't prepare you for how fast varsity basketball is."

To help ease that transition, Graham's goal is to start a junior varsity program. A large freshmen class is expected next year. So the school could have the numbers to field a JV squad fairly soon.

For now, the youth movement brings with it energy and optimism. Freshmen Trent Waterman, the team's primary ball handler, Brayden Graham, Karsen Stamy, David Fournier and Jack Evans are already getting key minutes.

Leading the team is Stilligan, who serves as both

captain and vocal leader despite being a relative newcomer to varsity basketball himself.

"He's learning right along with everyone else," the coach said. "But Tanner is doing a great job keeping the guys pointed in the right direction."

Graham added playing time is earned through effort, ability and academic responsibility.

"If they're going to be student-athletes, the student part comes first," he said.

As league play approaches, expectations remain realistic. Playoff talk is premature, Graham said, but noted there is reason for optimism.

"I think they're capable. I just don't know if they know it yet," Graham said. "We're building,

and given how young this group is, we're exactly where we need to be."

With a young core gaining much needed experience, a foundation is being set that could shape the program's direction for years to come. Burgess wants his teammates to not lose sight of this bigger picture.

"Just a few more wins," Burgess said of his goals for the season. "And making sure everyone stays focused and understands we're building toward something.... Our goal is to get better, to become the best we can."

Falls City opened league play against St. Paul on Jan. 6. They're at Chemawa on Thursday, 7 p.m.

## Pirates ready to mimic last year's postseason run

By LANCE MASTERTON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Perrydale varsity boys basketball team finds itself in a spot that looks a lot like last year – young, battle-tested and still searching for the rhythm that will carry them through league play – and hopefully into the post-season, again.

"We work hard, and that's a very good trait to have," Pirates coach Brian Domes said. "I thought we might be a little further along, but we've played a tougher pre-season schedule, and that's going to help us as we get to league play."

Perrydale's roster is heavy on juniors, along with a handful of sophomores and freshmen seeing varsity minutes. Malakai Stephen is the only returning senior who logged significant varsity minutes last season. The team's other senior, Sam Stalnaker, continues to work back from injury.

Given its inexperience, this is a squad that is still learning how to close out games. It's a learning curve that mirrors last season, when a sophomore-heavy roster found its footing late, pushed through the district tournament, and earned a ticket to the state playoffs.

"That's the goal every year," Domes said. "We made it last year, and that's our goal again this year. It's going to be a challenge. But these kids are ready to step up."

Defense remains the program's strength. While scoring efficiency has proven elusive, Perrydale has remained competitive by protecting its basket.

"My philosophy is that we have to be tough defensively. Because defense keeps you in games," the coach said. "We've been focusing on fundamentals. Now, we'll start putting in more of the X's and O's to see where we can exploit other teams."

The Pirates also benefit from a deeper rotation. After leaning on just six players last season, Perrydale now plays eight regularly, with talented younger players knocking on the door.

Junior Braydon Leslie, a returnee from last year's playoff team, sees growth and potential.

"We're more aggressive than we were last year. We used to be really three-point heavy, and now we're moving the ball better," Leslie said. "We're not really an offensive team, so defense is what we need to step up."

The junior credits last season's late surge to chemistry and belief – qualities he thinks are building in this year's edition.

"We wanted to get our only senior (Holden Williams) farther than we thought we could last year," he said. "We worked hard, and it paid off. I definitely see that same thing happening again."

League play figures to be balanced, giving Perrydale

opportunities to compete nightly.

"I think on any given night we can compete, and win, if we play the right way," Domes said. "That's exciting."

Lewis cited St. Paul and C.S. Lewis – the team Perrydale beat last year to make state – as league champion favorites.

Continued success for the program looks promising. Perrydale has strong participation at every grade level, with full teams from elementary school up through high school. It's a pipeline the coaching staff believes will pay dividends.

"It's going to get pretty good here in a few years," the coach said. "You can see it coming."

For now, the focus is simple. Trust the process. Defend. Let the season unfold. Just as it did a year ago.

"We didn't start the way we wanted then either," Leslie said. "By the end of this season, I think we'll catch fire."

Perrydale is 2-6 overall. The league opener was Jan. 6 at Livingstone Adventist Academy. Results were unavailable before press time.

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Cohen Fugate tries to escape his opponent. (by Tristin Thoma)

Dominic Graham looks for a half nelson. (Photo by Vidal Peña)

## Panthers gear up for Oregon Classic Qualifier

The Panther Kids team sent 17 wrestlers to Turner at the Landyn Adams memorial tournament on Jan. 3. It is one of the toughest tournaments this season so far.

"Some teams come from the Tacoma, Washington, area for this tournament, along with others that we have not faced yet," said head coach Vidal Peña. "That's great because today we start the path to the Oregon Classic (regional championships) and the state championship

happening this month in Redmond."

"The more tough competition we face now, only helps us get better for that," Coach Nic Granum added.

"I think we have about 9-10 kids that could place high at state. They just really need to just 'show up' (wrestle with purpose)."

The Panthers have a week to make that happen when they travel to North Bend for the Classic qualifier. The top three in each weight class and

age group will then travel the following week to Redmond for the Oregon Wrestling Classic.

Placing first in Turner was Logan Caraballo.

Second places went to Isaac Vidal and Dominic Graham.

Third place finishers were Wesley Butler, Matthew Mesdag, Brody Bauer, JoSiah Evans, and Cohen & Easton Fugate.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 7-14, 2026

## Wednesday, Jan. 7

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. - Stretch Exercise/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.  
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.  
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
11 a.m. - Ma-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. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Walking Group/ Ice Cream Social, Dallas Area Senior Center  
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
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, Jan. 8

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

3 p.m. - Travel Committee meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

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

7 p.m. - Climate Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior

Center  
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social & Bingo Special, 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.

5 p.m. - Bingo Dinner, Dallas Area Senior Center

6 p.m. - Live Music: The Edge Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center

6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas

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. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Public Library

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. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

3 p.m. - Movie Matinee, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. - Youth Coding

Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

## Sunday, Jan. 11

10 a.m. - Public Consignment Auction by Paul Thompson Auctions, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway

1 p.m. - Live Music: Jon Franke, 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, Jan. 12

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. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

3 p.m. - Movie Matinee, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. - Kids Spy Camp, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

6 p.m. - Winter Bingo, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Independence

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, Jan. 13

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. - Computer Basics, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

2 p.m. - Nonagenarians Club, for ages 90-99, Monmouth Senior Community Center

3:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.

6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday

Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

## Wednesday, Jan. 14

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

11:45 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

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Merkley hosts Polk County Town Hall

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley is hosting his Polk County Town Hall at 1 p.m., Jan. 9 at Western Oregon University, WOU Athletics Center (formerly known as New PE), 510 Church St. W. Monmouth.

### Signups open for annual Brockway Memorial Golf Tourney

The 23rd Annual Brockway Memorial (Open) Golf Tournament is Feb. 7 at Cross Creek Golf Course. The event will be a two-person scramble format over 18 holes with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$80 and includes green fees, hole prizes, gross/net prizes and snacks. A player does not need a handicap in order to compete in this tournament and the field is open to both men and women and mixed teams.

The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Marius "Brock" Brockway who passed away in 2013. A portion of the entry fees and pay ball will be donated to an organization or foundation that is researching cures and cares for cancer patients.

The deadline for sign up is Jan. 30 and is limited to the first 120 paid players. For more information and/or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666, go to the Cross Creek Facebook or website www.crosscreekgc.com.

### Polk County Democrats hosts meeting Jan. 8

Join the Polk County Democrats at their regular meeting by Zoom on Jan. 8 and in-person for Talk About it Tuesday on Jan. 20.

### Heritage Museum hosts Winter Speaker Series Jan. 8

The Heritage Museum presents its Winter Speaker Series: Andante Vineyard, at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 S. Main St., Independence. Join an evening with Andante owners Joe Allen and Karen Saul to hear the vineyard's origins and its place in the history of the Willamette Valley wine making. While the event is free, donations will be accepted at the door to go toward supporting the Heritage Museum Society.

### Senior center hosts senior housing event Jan. 9

The Dallas Area Senior Center hosts an informative event on senior housing at 1 p.m. Jan. 9 at 817 SW Church St. Learn more about what to expect when moving to a senior living community and the financial resources available for seniors presented to you by Cari Buchholz and team from The Springs Living of Salem followed by a Q&A session. You can also learn about what the Dallas Area Senior Center has to offer. Admission is free

for members of the center and all others \$1.

### 4-H hosts Arts & Sciences Discovery Day Jan. 10

Oregon 4-H Polk County presents Arts & Sciences Discovery Day from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Youth can explore workshops in needle felting, LEGO builds, succulent gardens, glassworking, squishy circuits, foam sword combat, soldering, crocheting, painting ceramics, watercolor, calligraphy, song-writing, and more. Admission is \$20 per participant and \$10 for enrolled Polk County 4-H youth. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/3XMHqhp>.

### Flourish hosts networking event Jan. 13

Flourish Marketing hosts Networking events Tuesdays, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Westside Pacific Family Restaurant & Saloon at 670 S. Pacific Highway, in Rickreall. Local professionals come together to build genuine relationships, exchange high-quality referrals, and grow their businesses in a supportive, category-exclusive community. The first two meetings are free.

### DDA hosts Winter Bingo Jan. 13

The Dallas Downtown Association presents Winter Bingo, from 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Two Wolves Taproom at 171 SW Court St., Dallas.

Registration is \$15. Bring a pair of socks to support the Community Clothing Closet and The Kindness Club and get an extra blackout bingo card. Must be 21 or older to purchase bingo cards and claim prizes.

### Monmouth Library hosts free computer class Jan. 13

Goodwill presents a free computer class "Computer Basics" from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library at 168 Ecols St. S. Learn how to Log in, personalize computer settings, navigate applications, and manage files & folders. Includes hands-on practice. Build a strong foundation by learning the basics of computer use.

### Book club meets Jan. 14

The Get Lit! Book Club meets at 6



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who specialize in them.

"I don't have any interests competing in that market. Our focus is decorative. Getting people in swinging a hammer for the first time, especially kids," he said.

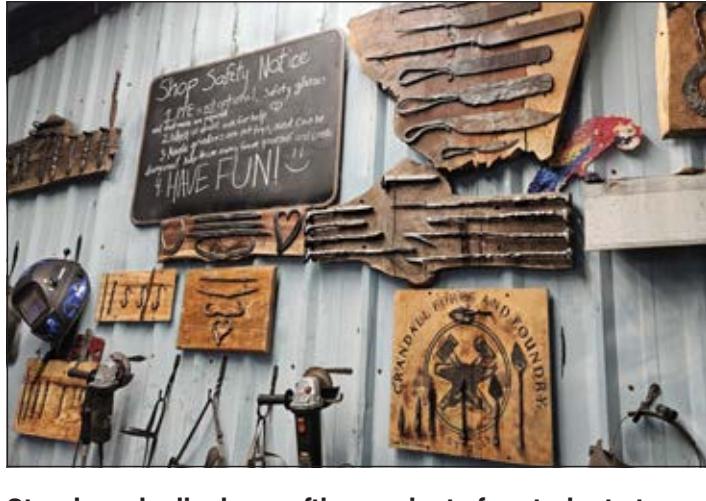
Since his first class in August, Crandall Forge has had 148 students with another 12 at their first class of the new year.

"I only offer classes on Thursdays and Fridays. To get 150 people to come out on a Friday, middle of the day or evening, is a great response," Crandall said.

Hanging from the shop's walls are some of the first items that Crandall himself forged, from swords to antlers and many axes.

"I like making axes. I make something to the point I'm proficient at it then I move on. Always something new," he added.

Such as including new classes with organizations like Polk County



**Storyboards display crafting projects for students to easily reference on the walls of Crandall Forge.**

4-H, which has their second session with Crandall Forge in February.

"We did horseshoe hearts class for 4-H. I like 4-H. That was good," he said. "It is a little different working with all kids. That's where I rely on 4-H helpers to kind of keep an eye on things."

Crandall also decided to keep all propane gas forges for the sake of easing the learning experience.

"I like the coal forge, but it gets

really, really hot in one specific location. What happens is if you forget about it, it will melt your steel," Crandall explained. "You have to maintain it, keep up on it. Tend it. Keep air flowing and keep fresh coal on it. So there's a lot of work there. Propane is nice because it heats up the whole piece at once. Especially for a beginning trying to manage a coal forge and a project like this is really difficult."

So far he's only had one student burn her finger she moved to flip a hot piece of metal back up that was slipping off the anvil.

"After getting over the initial shock, everyone else was encouraging, 'You got this. Don't do that again.' It's really fun to see the families come together. The grandmas and grandkids. Fathers and sons. We get all ages. As young as 7 and we had an 85 year old lady who came out and did a fire poker. I'm shocked how diverse the groups are," he said.

Of his 1,200 followers on Facebook, Crandall said 75% are women.

"That shocked me. 'Cause like, you would think blacksmithing is this hands-on, manly activity. It was women who are incredibly thoughtful. They're looking for gifts for their men. Things to do as a family. I'm just shocked," Crandall added.

He tries to offer classes weekly and is open to feedback to add structure and continue to grow.

Sign up at [www.crandallforge.com](http://www.crandallforge.com).

**WATER**

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which closed one lane of travel on Ellendale for several months.

"It will be pretty localized closures, one or two blocks at a time. This permit that we've got through ODOT has the biggest impact crossing the highway at Fairview and Ash," he said.

Dyer said the city received a loan from the Business Oregon Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to help pay for phase two, thus the express environmental impact scrutiny.

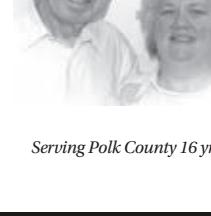
"The environmental impact will be very low, with open cut trenching like in the previously disturbed areas along the street," he said.

He added the project path crosses the "county's yard" and requires teaming with the county administration to help plan and execute phase two.

Dyer expects phase two to last three to six months.

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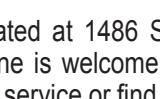
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**Dallas Church** — PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 9am & 10:30am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families and children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant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

**Dallas Foursquare Church** — Located at 976 SW Hayter St., on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Senior Pastor: Darrin Hausler. Worship Gatherings: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Youth Home Groups: Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. Please call for locations. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at [dallasfour.com](http://dallasfour.com).

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

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

Live Stream our 10:45am service at [www.graceindallas.online.church](http://www.graceindallas.online.church)

Visit our Website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org) for office hours, sermon downloads, event information, and more!

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

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

**St. Philip Catholic Church** — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor Pastor Email: [mpjinpdx@yahoo.com](mailto:mpjinpdx@yahoo.com) | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Phone: (503) 623.2440 - [www.stphilorg.org](http://www.stphilorg.org).

Liturgical Schedule

Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. ( No Mass on Friday)

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church** — 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas. All are welcome! Pastor Jody Becker and Pastor Johathan Thompson, Adult Sunday Bible Study 8:45, Sunday

Worship Service 10 am coffee hour with treats after service. Wednesday Worship Service noon. Nursery available for parents to use. Play area for small children in

sanctuary during worship service. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 am Sundays. Weekly

Bible Studies. Contact us at 503-623-2233 or at [questionsdallastic@gmail.com](mailto:questionsdallastic@gmail.com).

Online at [dallatlc.org](http://dallatlc.org). Check it out! Office open Mon.-Thur. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fri. 9:00 am to Noon.Because God first loved us, we celebrate the gifts of Christ through

worship, service, and community.

**United Methodist Church** — a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors, 565 SE LaCreole Dr, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Pastor Rev. Ruth Marsh. In-person

Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Go to the website at: [dallasoregonumc.org](http://dallasoregonumc.org) for additional information.

**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** — 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Youth: Jeff Anderson; Children: Crystal Barker; Worship/Media: Jesse

Ceballos. Sunday Service is at 10:00 am and online streaming at 10:00 am ([www.valleylife.love](http://www.valleylife.love))

On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, there is Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible

Study, Ignite Youth, Rangers Boys Club, Mpact Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery

care. For more information, contact us at [www.valleylife.love](http://www.valleylife.love), [info@valleylifecenter.com](mailto:info@valleylifecenter.com) or 503-623-4116.

**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.

**INDEPENDENCE**

**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 [ctkindependence.com](http://ctkindependence.com).

**Cornerstone Church of God** — 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children's Church 9:30am Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30pm. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30pm

**First Baptist Church** — A warm friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11am Wednesdays: AWANA 7pm (during the school year). Thursdays: Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at [www.independencefirstbaptist.com](http://www.independencefirstbaptist.com)

**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](http://WWW.MYMCC.CCSt)

Hilda's Episcopal Church — 245 Main St. West, Monmouth. Contact Information: [sthildaschurch1@gmail.com](mailto: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

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