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Suspect arrested, being investigated for hate crime after crashing truck into Dallas market

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

A motorist was arrested Sunday after driving his pickup truck into the interior of Center Market on Fairview Avenue in Dallas and is being investigated as a potential hate crime.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Jan. 4, officers responded to a reported vehicle collision into the market. According to the Dallas Police Department, an officer, who was in the vicinity, arrived on the scene within moments to find a Ford truck inside the building, actively driving back and forth and causing extensive damage to the market's interior.

An initial investigation revealed that the truck had crashed through the front doors of the market at an estimated speed of 15-20 mph. The officer strategically positioned his patrol vehicle to block the truck's exit. In response, the suspect backed into the patrol car multiple times.

Additional officers and Polk County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived shortly thereafter. The driver, who was later identified as John Marlas, continued to drive recklessly, destroying merchandise and infrastructure within the market. Marlas reportedly stole merchandise from the market during this incident, according to the DPD.

The incident was de-escalated when Marlas exited the vehicle and voluntarily got on the ground of the market floor. He was taken into custody without further incident. Medics cleared Marlas at the scene before he was transported to Willamette Valley Hospital, where a driving under the influence of



Employees and owners assess the damage to the Center Market after suspect John Marlas drove his Ford pickup into the store on Saturday.

intoxicants (DUI) investigation was conducted.

Afterwards, Marlas was arrested and charged with nine counts of recklessly endangering, two counts of criminal mischief 1, reckless driving, robbery 1, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, theft 3, unlawful use of weapon, menacing and improper use of 911. He was lodged into Polk County Jail.

The Dallas Police Department is investigating this incident to determine if this was a biased crime or if race was a motivator.

"The Singh family stores and employees have been a valuable part of the Dallas community for many years," Police Chief Tom Simpson said. "We commend Dallas officers and all responding personnel for their swift and professional handling of this incident, which ensured no injuries to bystanders or officers."

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, welcomed a hate crime probe.

"We welcome the investigation of a possible bias motive for this disturbing incident and thank law enforcement authorities for their swift action in apprehending the suspect," CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper said in a press release. "In these types of cases, it is only prudent to investigate whether the alleged actions of the suspect were motivated by hate."

According to KATU News, the owners of the market reported the truck caused over \$200,000 in damage.



Indy schedules annual water flushing

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The city of Independence Public Works Crew will be performing their annual water distribution flushing program throughout the rest of January and February.

This program will target representative areas throughout the city of Independence's water system to "flush" the more than 300 miles of water main pipes. The purpose of this procedure is to maintain optimum water quality, all while ensuring water system valve and hydrant function.

According to city's Public Works Department, the flushing procedure removes loose sediment and other deposits that may slowly build up on the inside of water mains over time causing discolored water. Flushing at the appropriate velocities can remove these sediments and deposits and will improve taste, odor and color.

The flushing also maintains proper distribution system operation by opening and closing hydrants and valves to ensure that water moves through pipe segments for effective cleaning. This also allows personnel to identify broken or inoperable valves and hydrants, helping ensure they will work properly in an emergency.

The process improves the age of the water in the distribution system. Flushing can remove water from areas of the distribution system that have low water use. Older water may no longer have the desired chlorine residual.

Lastly, the flushing allows staff to assess the flow rate (gallons per minute) available for firefighting purposes in various locations throughout town.

Crews will gather their equipment and vehicles near a fire hydrant in the street. Cones and flaggers will be present, if necessary, to guide the public safely around the flushing area.

Independence communications director Emmanuel Goicochea said the city does not publish a detailed schedule for specific hydrants or mains. Rather, the flushing program "typically follows a systematic approach, starting with areas of higher water usage and moving through the city in sections."

County commissioners honor the man behind the fair's people mover trolley

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Last spring, with the Polk County Fair mere months away, manager Tina Anderson needed a people mover to get them from the parking lot to the main gate. Their previous one was no longer available, so she needed to act fast.

Anderson went to her go-to guy, David Rak, who has volunteered as an extra hand at the fair since he was 15. She approached Rak, now 35, with a request to spearhead the creation of a new mover that would stay permanently with the fair.

"You think you can get this done? Absolutely," Rak recalled the conversation going. "It took me almost three months, starting out with a bare trailer frame."

His efforts didn't go unnoticed. Fair Board Chairman Tim Ray told the County Commissioners at his presentation Oct. 8 that the people mover fit the bill perfectly.

"It's awesome. It saves people a ton of time, especially when they have to park out in the back 40 for

the rodeo," he said. "We're eternally grateful for his efforts."

Anderson told the commissioners Rak did all the footwork himself to get the supplies needed for the people mover.

"We did not go out for any donations. We were in the middle of getting ready for fair," she recalled. "He got the tires donated, a lot of the metal was donated. Wood was donated. Almost everything he got for that, was donated. He's the one who hit the pavement running."

Commissioner Chair Craig Pope suggested that sort of commitment needed to receive extraordinary recognition – a Commissioner's Coin.

Rak was presented a letter of commendation and the coin, which Pope said is rarely given out to honor acts of community service, on Dec. 17.

"Your three months of hard work and dedication demonstrates your commitment to your community and your love for the Polk County Fair," Pope read from the commendation.

For Rak, the recognition seemed almost unwarranted. To him, it was just another volunteer project, the



David Rak, 35, was recently honored for building the Polk County Fair's people mover on a shoestring budget.

sort of which he'd been doing for the fair for two decades.

"People don't do that anymore. I grew up that way. Somebody needs help and you're capable, then help," Rak said. "That's how what I look at what I did. The coin, the award, then the paper shows up, wow!"

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County organizations among recipients of \$2.9 million grant

Several Polk County organizations were among the recipients of Willamette Health Council’s 2024-25 Community Impact Grants, designed to address regional critical health and social needs. A total of \$2,972,000 has been awarded to support 34 transformative projects to strengthen Polk and Marion County community’s health and resilience throughout 2025 and beyond.

Grant recipients were selected through an inclusive, community-led process involving WHC’s Community Advisory Council (CAC) and Community Impact Committee (CIC). The funded projects span three impact areas:

- Behavioral Health Supports (including mental health and substance use)
- Children, Youth, & Families
- Housing & Homelessness

“This year, 16 of 34 awarded organizations had never received a Community Impact Grant from WHC. With funding going to both large and small agencies across our community and supporting a variety of programs and services, many new members of our community will benefit,” said Josie Silverman-Méndez, Deputy Director of WHC.

Projects were prioritized for their focus on equity, cultural and linguistic responsiveness, and alignment with the Marion-Polk Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Special consideration was given to new applicants and initiatives addressing multiple impact areas.

“As committees, it’s been important to us to make the Community Impact Grant program as low-barrier and easy to navigate as possible,” added Kiara Yoder, co-chair of the WHC’s Community Impact Committee (CIC) and a member of the CAC.

The Willamette Health Council provided grants to the following organizations:

- Acres of Hope, Mentoring and Social-Emotional Support Services for Trauma - \$100,000
- CASA of Polk County, Inc., Providing Court Appointed Special Advocates for Youth in the Polk County Foster System - \$48,803
- Central Youth Sports, Low-barrier Access to Youth Sports in Monmouth/Independence - \$44,000
- Ella Curran Community Food Bank Building Campaign - Reducing Food Insecurity in Our Region, \$100,000
- Polk County, Adulting 101 - \$47,000
- The Gate Youth Association, Mentoring For A Healthy Future - \$96,018.62

For a full list of winners, go to <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/funding-opportunities/past-grant-awards>.

Broccoli florets recalled from Dallas Walmart



Staff REPORT

Bags of broccoli florets sold at the Dallas Walmart were part of a national recall due to potential listeria contamination.

On Dec. 27, Braga Fresh of Soledad, California, issued a recall advisory about a single production lot of its Marketside Broccoli Florets with possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The company made the move after a positive result for listeria was found in a sample from a Texas store.

According to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration recall published on Dec. 31, the broccoli was shipped to Walmart stores in 20 states. The FDA reported there have been no illnesses reported yet in connection to any tainted broccoli.

According to Braga Fresh, the broccoli was sold in 12-ounce bags with a “Best if Used by Date” of Dec 10, 2024. Look for lot code “BFFG327A6” on the front of bag for the recalled broccoli.

Braga Fresh added that even though the bags of broccoli

florets are past their expiration date, some consumers may have stored them in the freezer. The company advises consumers not to consume the product and rather discard it even if stored in the freezer.

According to the CDC, listeria are bacteria (germs) that can contaminate many foods. People who eat those foods can get infected with the bacteria that can cause invasive illness and intestinal illness. This can lead to listeriosis, or listeria poisoning, an infection with symptoms such as fever,

muscle aches and gastrointestinal issues,

The CDC said that while most people infected with listeria rarely become seriously ill, some are especially susceptible to the infection, including pregnant women, newborns, adults aged 65 or older, and people with weakened immune systems.

Braga Fresh said that although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and

diarrhea, listeria monocytogenes infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Listeria infection is the third leading cause of death from food-borne illness in the United States, according to the CDC, and further estimates that 1,600 people are infected with listeria each year in the U.S. with 260 people dying from the infection.

Consumers with questions can contact Braga Fresh at (877) 456-7445 or WeCare@bragafresh.com.

Dallas man sentenced to 31 years for liquor store fire

Russell Allen Littleton, 55, has been sentenced to serve 380 months (31 years, eight months) in prison for starting a fire inside the Dallas Liquor Store that endangered the lives of numerous responding law enforcement officers and caused severe damage to the building and its contents.

Littleton, of the Dallas area, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after a jury found him guilty of two counts of arson 1, burglary 1, five counts of assault 2, and criminal mischief 1. Littleton will

not be eligible for any form of early release or sentence reduction for at least 19 years of his sentence. Littleton will also be required to serve a three-year term of post-prison supervision upon his release.

The case was investigated by the Oregon State Police, Dallas Police Department, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Independence Police Department, Oregon State Fire Marshall and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorneys Caroline Floyd and Garrett Lewellen.



FILE PHOTO
Multiple fire agencies were needed to extinguish a fire on Aug. 8 set by Russell Littleton.

State regulators approve more electricity rate hikes for Oregonians in 2025

BY ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Editor’s note: The Capital Chronicle has launched a \$10,000 end-of-year fundraising campaign to help us continue our first-class coverage next year. A lot is at stake, and there’s a long legislative session in 2025. We’re completely dependent on donor dollars, which are tax deductible. Please contribute to us if you can.

Most Oregonians in 2025 will see residential electricity rates nearly 50% higher than they were just five years ago.

The state’s Public Utilities Commission — a three-person governor-appointed group charged with regulating the rates of privately owned utilities in Oregon — approved Thursday a nearly 10% increase in residential electricity rates for customers of Pacific Power and, on Friday, a 5.5% increase for residential customers of Portland General Electric, or PGE. Both rate increases will take effect Jan. 1 and bring overall rates for residential customers of both utilities up about 50% since 2020, more than twice the rate of inflation during that same period.

The rates are lower than the companies requested: Pacific Power in September petitioned to raise rates by nearly 11% in 2025 and PGE by 7.4%.

The two companies are investor owned and collectively serve more than 1.4 million customers in Oregon. Across every kind of customer, including small and medium-size businesses and industrial users, Pacific Power’s electricity rates will rise on average by about 8.5% and PGE’s rates will rise about 6% in 2025.

“We definitely understand the frustration customers feel, and I want to assure customers of how hard we have worked to scrutinize the issues and hold utilities accountable,” commission chair Megan Decker said.

The commission reviewed 60 different issues that both companies raised

to justify rate increases, according to Decker.

“We have severely reined in PGE expense growth, and we have cut something in the nature of 50% out of requests that they made,” Decker said.

Bob Jenks, director of the Citizens’ Utility Board, a watchdog group established by Oregon voters in 1984 to represent the interests of utility consumers, said the PUC is overdue for permanent changes to how and when rate increases are approved.

“Electricity is an essential service and there is no reason why we should be pricing it like it is a luxury,” Jenks said in a statement.

The Commission rejected a proposal by the citizens’ board to cap annual residential rate increases at 10% and to move rate case hearings to April, rather than January, so utilities aren’t raising prices in the dead of winter.

Rate increases in recent years, according to the companies, have been due to rising inflation, infrastructure build outs for more clean energy generation and storage, rising costs of buying power, higher insurance costs and meeting new customer demand. Demand for PGE’s industrial customers, including new data centers and semiconductor manufacturers like Intel, is up more than 34% in the last five years, while residential demand is up 5%.

Concerned that residential customers are subsidizing growing energy needs of data centers, Oregon’s U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden in November questioned PGE CEO Maria Pope over what was behind rising prices that are leading to record power disconnections for Oregonians struggling to keep up with bills.

Record shut offs

Both utilities set personal records in 2024 for disconnecting customers from power for nonpayment. From January to October, Pacific Power disconnected more than 20,000 households, up from 8,000 during the same period in 2023, according to the Citizens’ Utility Board. PGE disconnected about 32,000 customers at some



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Demand for electricity in the Northwest is expected to grow at its fastest pace in decades. Demand in Oregon is being driven by an influx of large data centers in the region.

point in 2024 — 4,800 more than in 2023. These record shut-offs occurred during a year when residential Pacific Power customer rates went up 11% and PGE residential rates went up 21%.

In response, the Public Utilities Commission will prohibit the companies from disconnecting low-income customers who are enrolled in bill discount programs between Jan. 1 and April 1 so people are not left without power during the coldest months of the year.

People in the lowest income level — meaning individuals making \$36,800 or less annually and a four-person household with annual income of about \$71,000 or less — will be eligible for up to an 80% bill discount each month, an increase from a 60% discount previously required by the commission.

The commission will also require new large industrial customers of the utilities — such as data centers — to forecast their energy needs for the year with 95% accuracy and pay a penalty for miscalculation.

When it comes to wildfire costs, the commission will allow Pacific Power to raise rates to cover \$25 million worth of restoration work following the 2020 Labor Day fires. The company had originally sought rate increases that would cover twice that amount.

The company was found liable for several of the 2020 Labor Day megafires that burned thousands of structures and took nine lives. The company has spent nearly \$2.7 billion on

lawsuits since, according to a recent report submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. On Thursday, the federal government was added to the list of plaintiffs. The U.S. Attorney General’s Office is seeking reimbursement for costs and damages federal agencies incurred fighting the Archie Creek Fire near Roseburg in 2020. The company has used wildfire costs as a reason it’s needed to raise rates in recent years.

Pacific Power is owned by PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Warren Buffet’s Berkshire Hathaway, a multinational conglomerate. PacifiCorp is worth \$10.7 billion, according to its attorneys, while the Oregon Department of Revenue and Oregon Tax Court calculate its worth more than \$19 billion.

Prior to the 2020 labor day fires, PacifiCorp sent anywhere from \$600 million to \$875 million in dividends — or earnings — annually to Berkshire shareholders, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2024/12/20/state-regulators-approve-more-electricity-rate-hikes-for-oregonians-in-2025/>

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State ends year with highest pertussis case count since 1950

Oregon swept past the 1,100 mark for the number of pertussis cases it's seen during 2024, beating its 2012 record of 910 cases in a single year and making the need for people to stay up to date with their vaccinations all the more urgent.

As of Dec. 30, Oregon Health Authority registered 1,105 cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, during 2024. There were 44 outbreaks, although the majority of cases were sporadic individual or household-related cases and not associated with outbreaks. The 2024 count represents the highest number of pertussis cases reported in Oregon in a single year since 1950, when 1,420 cases were reported.

Since 2003, eight Oregonians with pertussis have died. Five were younger than 4 months old, and there have been three deaths in adults, one in 2023 and two in 2024.

While Oregon didn't beat its 74-year record for most cases in a year, 1,105 is still an extremely high number for a vaccine-preventable disease, said Paul Cieslak, M.D., medical director for communicable diseases and immunizations at OHA's Public Health Division. It's also a stark reminder of how quickly the bacterial infection can spread and cause illness, particularly among people who are under- or unvaccinated.

"The pertussis vaccine is a public health success story in terms of its effectiveness in reducing severe illness and deaths from the disease, particularly among infants," Cieslak said.

According to data from the epidemiologists in Oregon Public Health Division's Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section, the median age of the 2024 cases is 12; 7.2% of cases are less than a year old, 80% are 18 or younger and 50% are female. About half of the cases are up to date with pertussis vaccines.

Lane County has reported the highest number of pertussis cases this year with 315. Rounding out the

top five counties are Multnomah, 235 cases; Clackamas, 135; Washington, 119; and Marion, 75.

Pertussis case counts vary considerably from year to year, routinely reaching triple digits. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions such as masking requirements and school closures were in effect, which kept annual case counts low, Cieslak said. Vaccination rates also slipped.

"People were less motivated to get vaccinated against pertussis when there was less concern they would be exposed to the infection in the first place," he said.

But with pertussis activity so high this year, there are more

opportunities for people to be exposed, Cieslak noted. Those who are unvaccinated or too young to be vaccinated, such as infants, are at the highest risk from infection, with babies most likely to be hospitalized with pertussis.

But there are ways to protect vulnerable individuals. Pregnant women can protect their young babies by getting the Tdap vaccine which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis at 27-36 weeks gestation. Mothers will make antibodies and pass them to their babies across the placenta, protecting them from the moment of birth. It is recommended during each pregnancy.

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However, Anderson told the commissioners it may not have been completed in such a short turnaround without Rak's tenacity in getting donations from location businesses.

Rak said he was told to construct it as cheaply as possible.

"I think we ended up \$2,500 out of pocket. Everything else was donated," Rak said.

A U.S. Army veteran, who had to be medically discharged due to a back injury, Rak is now medically retired and stay-at-home father of two. A resident of Jefferson now, Rak commuted as needed to Rickreall to get the trailer done in time. He managed to get big donations, he said that without, the price would have ballooned.

"If we would have bought that, it would have been probably \$2,500 to \$3,000," he said. "I'm going to talk to a company for donations ... it's all about how you talk to them and sway them in."

He got \$2,000 in steel from Fam Steelco. Hampton Lumber donated a full unit of 2 x 6 lumber, valued at \$1,300. Bonn Roof provided the roofing material. Rickreall's Point S Tires donated a new set of wheels and tires, and Jefferson Truck and Auto other parts. And to match a certain ascetic, Rickreall Farm Supply donated six cans of Kubota orange paint at about \$32 a pop.

"After we did it, and chose a stain color it works pretty well. And being Polk County, you think about it, how many

Beaver fans are there? It kind of works," Rak said.

The people mover can now comfortably hold 27 riders, has easy access for the elderly and disabled, as Rak installed a retractable ramp in the rear.

After its first run this summer, Rak heard "really good things from riders."

But he also heard it wasn't without design flaws, which he is addressing before the next fair season. That includes shortening the trailer tongue by three feet, because it was causing a rough ride while being towed, a transition flap for the wheelchair ramp for smoother entry and additional

cubby holes to store bags, water, and other supplies.

"I've got an aluminum guy and we're going to look at adding trashcans," he added.

As much as everyone has expressed their amazement over his finished project, Rak

is still unsure what all the fuss is about.

"For just being willing to do it what it was for, and get the recognition I got, is what amazes me," he said.

WATER

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Residents will know when the process is taking place near them when city crews gather their equipment and vehicles near a fire hydrant in the street. Cones and flaggers will be present, if necessary, to guide the public safely around the flushing area.

During the flushing procedure, significant amounts of water will be released from water mains through a fire hydrant, which will eventually drain into the city's storm-water system. Public Works staff assure water service will not be disrupted, and you can continue to use water while flushing is in progress.

However, flushing may result in temporary water pressure fluctuations and sediment disturbance in the

pipeline, potentially causing discolored water at your taps. While the discoloration is not hazardous to your health, staff recommends that you:

- Wait until flushing is finished before using your washing machine or dishwasher.
- Flush all your taps for up to 10 minutes to clear the pipes after flushing procedures are finished.
- Clean sediment from faucet aerators, the small screens

attached to the base of faucet spouts.

Goicochea said residents experiencing prolonged water discoloration or low pressure after a nearby flushing process should run cold water taps for 5-10 minutes, particularly in sinks or bathtubs, to help clear their lines.

"If the issue persists beyond 24 hours, they can contact the city's Public Works Department at (503) 837-1181 for assistance," he added.

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OBITUARIES



Dottie Aebi
Aug. 19, 1933 - Dec. 12, 2024
Dottie Beth (Hevner) Aebi passed away on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024. She was a resident of Dallas Retirement Village Memory Care in Dallas, Oregon, for the past seven years.

Dottie was born in Franklin, Nebraska, to Clarence and Juanita Hevner in 1933. She was the second of six children. At a young age, Dottie moved with her family briefly to Colorado and then on to Oregon where they resided in the Salt Creek community of Dallas. Dottie graduated from Dallas High School.

In 1954 Dottie was married to Orval Norman Aebi, also of Dallas, at Salt Creek Baptist Church. They had two children, Steven and Jackie. Dottie was preceded in death by her son, Steven (1980), and her husband, Orval (2017). Jackie is married to Wayne Howden and they live in the Portland area with Dottie’s two grandchildren, Emily Joy Howden and Luda Grace Howden. Dottie loved her family dearly and made a significant impact on each of their lives.

In her early years, Dottie enjoyed employment with the JC Penney store and the Crider Department store, both in Dallas, Oregon. Later, she was a dental assistant for Dr. Thomas Starbuck of Dallas. Dottie stopped working to enjoy raising her children. After the passing of their son, Dottie returned to work briefly for Dr. Starbuck.

She then accepted the position of head receptionist/office manager for Dallas Rest Home (later known as Dallas Retirement Village). Dottie loved interacting with people and used her skills well to serve others. She worked for Dallas Rest Home for many years until her retirement.

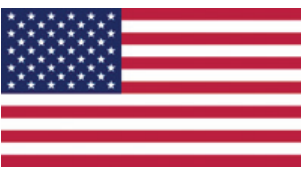
Dottie was an active member of Salt Creek Baptist Church. She was passionate about the educational ministries of the church and was a gifted Bible teacher. Over many years she served in roles such as VBS Director, Sunday school teacher, church clerk, leader of Women’s Ministries, women’s retreat speaker, planned and directed many additional programs, and a mentor to countless women.

Dottie was preceded in death not only by her husband and son, but also her brother Larry Hevner, her sisters Donna Hevner Cook and Dari Hevner Smith. Dottie is survived by her daughter Jacqueline Aebi Howden, her granddaughters Emily Joy Howden and Luda Grace Howden, her sister Dixie Hevner Katter, and her sister Dee Hevner Remington.

A memorial service is planned to honor Dottie on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. at Salt Creek Baptist Church. She will be laid to rest at the Salt Creek Cemetery.

Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family.
www.
BollmansTributeCenter.com

Jean Ellen Cabitto Steeper
Aug. 31, 1940 - Nov. 27, 2024



Jean Ellen Cabitto Steeper, 84, long time resident of Monmouth, Oregon, passed away Nov. 27, 2024, in Corvallis, Oregon. She was born in Redding, California, on Aug. 31, 1940. Jean was preceded in death by husband Russell E. Steeper in 1980, and her best friend, Linda Elaine Little Shinkle in 2020.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Rabe of McMinnville, Oregon; brother Richard Cabitto, of Palm Springs, California; nephew Daniel (Shelley) Rabe, and children, of Lincoln, California; and niece Susanne Waller, (Brian) and children, of Portola, California.

Jeanie was a lifelong faithful and active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Jeanie quietly served many people in many situations throughout her life.

Jeanie served four years in the US Navy, and was a seasoned world traveler.

Jeanie’s extended family includes the Shinkle families of Dallas and Monmouth, who affectionately knew her as “Gramma Jeanie.”

Jeanie was an educator for decades, and was well known for her love of teaching reading to all ages. Her favorite gift to children were books, which were well loved.

On Jan. 4, 2025, family and church congregation will gather privately for an open house at a family member’s home from 10-11 a.m., after which there will be the dedication of the grave at Fir Crest Cemetery in Monmouth, Oregon, at 11:30 a.m.



Ruby Irene McCool (Nelson)
Oct. 21, 1935 - Nov. 17, 2024

Ruby Irene McCool gained her angel wings on Nov. 17, 2024. She had just celebrated her 89th birthday! Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend touched so many people during her life.

Ruby attended Miller High School in South Dakota followed by Stewart School of Hairstyling in 1964-65 to become a beautician. In 1967 she married Neal McCool from South Dakota. They later divorced.

Among Ruby’s most significant accomplishments was raising her three daughters, whom she held as her pride and joy. She enjoyed swimming, dancing, listening to vinyl records, and creative arts. Her passion in the arts was instilled and passed onto her children.

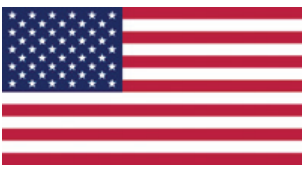
After devoting her time raising her children, Ruby’s love and compassion for others evolved into serving four years as a volunteer foster grandmother for families at the Dragonfly Preschool in Dallas, Oregon. Ruby’s love of giving extended to supporting children’s organizations, schools, hospitals, veterans and various ministries. Supporting others, even people she would never meet, meant a lot to her.

Ruby Irene McCool had a giant heart and a generous spirit. She will be forever remembered.

Ruby is survived by her daughters Keely McCool, Tammy McCool and Roxcella McCool; her grandchildren Tamera McCool-Bogue, Sarah Stephenson, Treven Headley, Delaney Hernandez, and Logan McCool-Lee; great grandchildren Madison McCool-Massingale and Sophia Stephenson. Ruby was preceded in joining the Lord by her parents, Andrew “Peter” Nelson and Margaret Nelson (Brown); her siblings Paul Boldt, Roland Boldt, Anna Wheelhouse, Margaret “Leona” Hansen, Harlan Boldt, August Boldt, Doris Boldt, Clifford Boldt, Everet Boldt, Ronald Boldt, and Alice Biggerstaff; and grandchild Zacharias Paoff.

A “Celebration of Life” service will be held at the American Lutheran Church in Huron, South Dakota. The

service will be on Aug. 16, 2025, at 2 p.m. All those wishing to pay their respects and celebrate her life are welcome. Ruby loved flowers. For anyone wanting to honor Ruby with flowers for her service, they would be greatly appreciated. More than flowers, she loved to be a blessing to others. In honor of our dear mother, take the time to help someone in need, to volunteer, or say a kind word. Ruby’s final resting place will be next to her beloved parents at GAR cemetery in Miller.



Ronald Milton Cooper
June 9, 1944 - Dec. 23, 2024

Ron Milton Cooper, of Independence, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Dec. 23, 2024, with his family by his side.

Ron grew up in St. Johns, Oregon. He picked berries starting at age six to pay for his school clothes, had a newspaper route, a pet duck and lots of play and shenanigans. A juvenile officer helped him turn around in middle school.

He played the trumpet, wrestled and played baseball early on, but had to work. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1962 with excellent grades and received a scholarship to Columbia University in New York City. Ron served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was top in his class in Mandarin Chinese at the Monterey Institute. His mission was to listen to, intercept and translate the chatter from Chinese ships. Ron proudly served on two submarine missions, flew on covert planes, and was stationed in South Korea and Japan at listening stations. When he returned home, he paid off his parents’ debt to Gilham’s Grocery store and attended the University of Oregon, then worked as a carpet cleaner and in construction for a while.

On Labor Day 1975, Ron and Ingrid met by chance at the Frontier Market in Eugene. Ron stopped and said, “I see you like Continental

Yogurt, too.” Six months later, after exchanging letters and a few visits, they were together. They married on Oct. 3, 1981, on the foot bridge we built. A testament to their love and teamwork.

Ron was grateful for 40-plus years clean and sober, one day at a time in AA.

Ron graduated from Oregon State University with a double major in horticulture and history in June 1979. Over two summers at OSU, he had a very meaningful internship at the gardens at Shore Acres. Ron retired in July of 2020, as a landscape supervisor at Western Oregon University. He was instrumental, with his crew, in advocating and creating a beautiful campus and planting 100s of trees and flowers. He knew the name of every tree and received two national awards for the Campus.

Ron loved being a father. Ron and Ingrid’s two sons, Tim (Nora) and Brian, are the joys of their lives. He was always there for them, coaching soccer and basketball, going to their games, camping, cooking, going for hikes, and telling stories.

He loved chopping wood, gardening, planting trees, listening to jazz and working on projects. Ron and Ingrid have lived in Independence for over 45 years. Their property is their sanctuary, where they have fields of camas flowers, deer, trees, orchard trees, wildlife, and great long-time neighbors. He knew everyone’s names and stories in the community. He stood up for human rights, conservation, the environment, and advocated for transparency and reasonable local policies. He always worked hard and strived for excellence.

Ron is dearly loved and treasured by Ingrid, sons Tim (Nora) and Brian, his extended family members on both sides, his neighbors, and his good friends. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Belle (McFadgen) Cooper. He loved each of their five kitties and Reggie, their golden retriever who was there to meet him across the rainbow bridge.

Thanks to Dr. Buckley, First Light, Battle Creek Memory Care in Salem, and BrightOn Hospice for their compassionate care for Ron and their family.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Historic Gentle House, 855 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth, OR 97338, on the WOU Campus, with free parking. Welcome any time between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, with a service at 10:30 a.m. and time to share stories, a lite lunch and Ron’s favorite sweet treats afterwards.

Consider a donation to any of the following local organizations: Lord and Schryver Conservancy; Luckiamute Watershed Council, or The Inspiration Garden in Independence, or plant a tree, or go for walks in honor of Ron.



Susan Kathleen Bucy Farnworth
July 2, 1953 - Dec. 13, 2024

Kathy passed away Dec. 13, 2024, in Salem. She was born in 1953 in Lebanon, Oregon, to David and Marilyn Bucy, the first of seven children.

She grew up in Corvallis, Oregon, and graduated from Corvallis High School; from Oregon State University in civil engineering and history; from UC Davis with a master’s in engineering; and gained both professional and structural engineering certifications.

She worked as an engineer and manager on roads, bridges, buildings, rail cars, nuclear submarines and containment buildings in California, Maryland, Washington, Oregon and Russia.

She also took time to marry Dan Farnworth in 1980.

What made Kathy so amazing was her love of practically everything. Her mom’s ducks and rabbits. Her own cats and rabbits. The peacocks in the neighborhood. Pansies and lilacs. Her brothers and sisters, work friends, friends she met out in the world and in the groups she joined: ASCE, SEAW, Rotary, her fishing club, her folk dancing club, her cancer support group, her Italian group, and her breakfast club.

She loved games; bridge, mah-jongg, solitaire if necessary, table games, golf, jigsaw puzzles. She loved to play with her nieces and nephews. She loved writing letters and paper and cards. She loved hiking and walks; to travel, whether to Chicago or Texas, India or Italy or England; sewing, knitting and quilts; reading and books with a good cup of tea. She loved being married and loved her husband. She loved taking care of others and helped her parents in their last years, even when she herself was sick.

She is survived by her husband, Dan; her siblings David, Jeanne, Chris, Tim, Emilie and Melinda; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and by her cats Annie and Chloe and her rabbit, Lambkin.

A memorial service will be held in the spring when the world bursts anew into color under the sun.



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Cindy Lou Mejia
Aug. 30, 1962 - Jan. 1, 2025
Cindy Lou Mejia passed away Jan. 1, 2025.



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OPINION

Guest Column

Seven steps to managing your persistent fears and anxieties

By STAN POPOVICH

Are you looking for all of the answers on how to reduce your persistent fears and anxieties? Fear and anxiety can ruin your life if you do not know how to overcome it. As a result, here is a brief list of techniques that a person can use to help manage their everyday anxieties, stresses, and fears.

1. Take your fears apart: When facing a current or upcoming task that overwhelms you with a lot of anxiety, divide the task into a series of smaller steps and then complete each of the smaller tasks one step at a time. Completing these smaller activities will make the stress more manageable and increases your chances of success.

2. Take a break: Sometimes we get stressed out when everything happens all at once. When this happens, take a deep breath and try to find something to do for a few minutes to get your mind off of the problem. A person can get some fresh air, listen to some music, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things.

3. Get all of the facts of the situation: Gathering the facts of a certain event can prevent us from relying on exaggerated and fearful assumptions. By focusing on the facts, a person can rely on what is reality and what is not. This is a great way to take control of your mental health.

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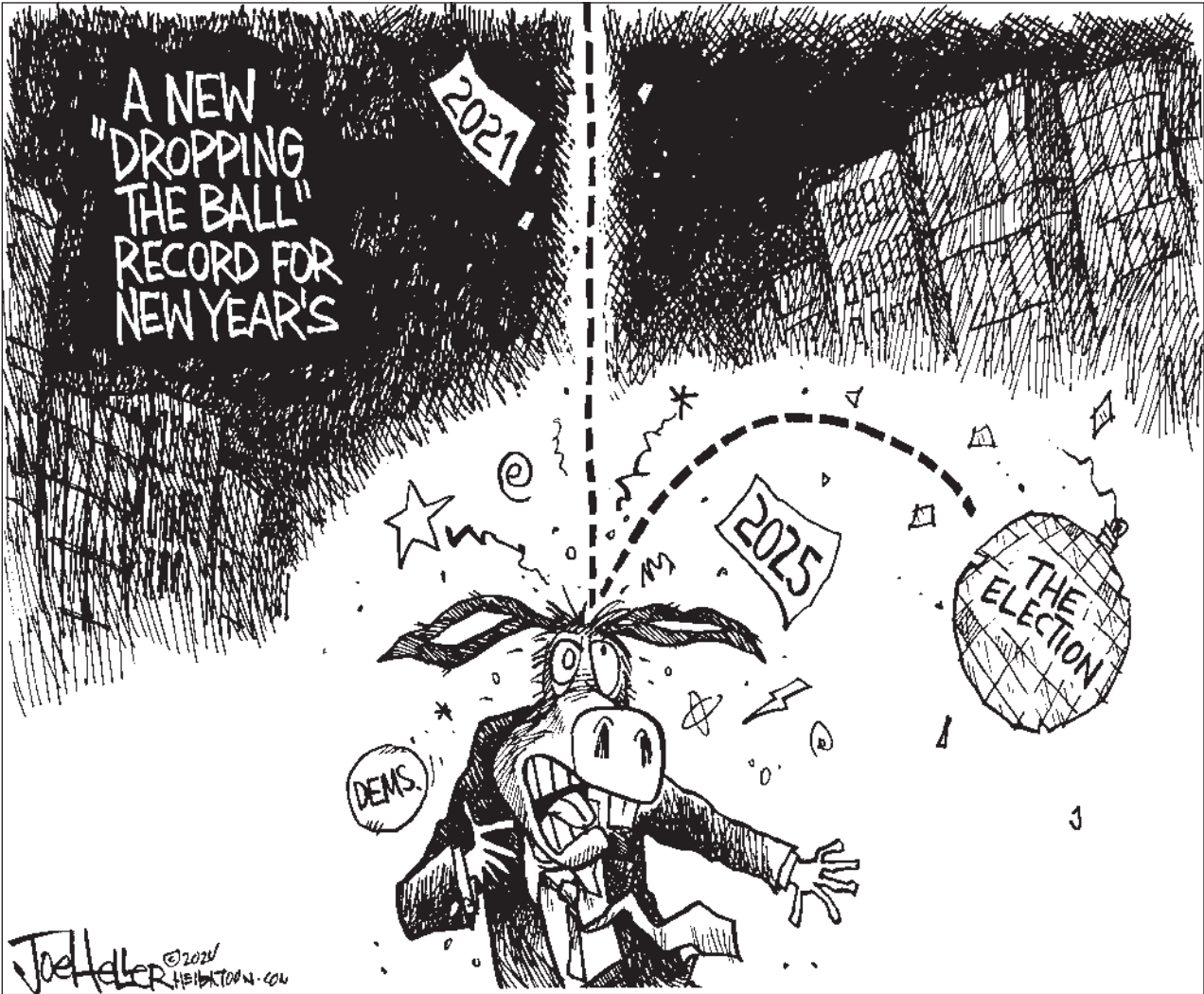
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Jan. 4.....51	47	0.46
Jan. 5.....56	50	0.30

Rainfall during Dec. 23-Jan. 1 1.99 in.
Rain through Dec. 32 7.69 in.

4. Use Self-Visualization: Sometimes, we can get anxious over a task that we will have to perform in the near future. When this happens, visualize yourself doing the task in your mind. For instance, you have to play in the championship volleyball game in front of a large group of people in the next few days. Before the big day comes, imagine yourself playing the game in your mind. By doing this, you will be better prepared when the time comes.
5. You can't predict the future: While the consequences of a particular fear may seem real, there are usually other factors that cannot be anticipated and can affect the results of any situation. We may be ninety-nine percent correct in predicting the future, but all it takes is for that one percent to make a world of difference.
6. Think of a red stop sign: At times, a person might encounter a fearful thought that may be difficult to manage. When this happens, visualize a red stop sign, which can serve as a reminder to stop thinking about that thought. Regardless of how scary the thought may be, do not dwell on it. This technique is great in dealing with your negative thinking and will help reduce your fears.
7. Get some help: Sometimes, it helps to be able to talk to someone about your stressful situations. Talking to a trusted friend, counselor, or clergyman can give you additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. Overcoming fear and anxiety takes practice. In time, you will become better able to deal with your stressful problems.

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



Letters to the Editor

Drivers in Dallas need refresher course

As a concerned walking/biking resident of Dallas, I am dumbfounded about people's driving. Fact is people in Dallas need to go back to reading up on Oregon's driver's manual about crosswalks, intersections, striped or not, You're supposed to stop and wait for pedestrians, 90 percent of Dallas-ites/travelers don't. Read up. It's the law. **Shayne B. Handsaker Dallas**

those wonderful people who donated to our 39th annual Warm & Fuzzy clothing drive. What a difference you have made. Also, another huge thank you to the staff at Starlite Lanes Bowling Center for allowing us to have our drop site at their business. We could not have done it without your support. And lastly, thank you to the staff of our local paper, the I-O, for publishing our request. Our best wishes. **The Darrs Dallas**

Thanks to all who made clothing drive a success

We would like to once again give our thanks to all of

Thanks to all who made Christmas Cheer a success

On behalf of the Dallas Christmas Cheer team, we

want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who came together early Christmas Eve morning to help make this year's event a true success. Your generous time, energy, and spirit of giving ensured that nearly 500 families in our community received much-needed support during this holiday season. We are deeply thankful to everyone who made private donations — your contributions directly impacted families in need and helped us provide a week's worth of groceries to those who may have otherwise gone without. To the local businesses who partnered with us, your generosity is truly appreciated. Your support not only helps fulfill the immediate needs of our neighbors but also strengthens the bonds within our community.

The weeks' worth of groceries provided will make a significant difference for these families, not just during the holidays, but in the weeks that follow. Knowing that these families can enjoy a meal and have their essential needs met allows them to focus on what truly matters during this season — family, community and hope. Once again, thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Your kindness, generosity and sense of community spirit have had a lasting impact, and we look forward to working together to continue making a difference in the future. **Dallas Christmas Cheer Board of Directors**



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

Contouring
Cut crease
Draping
Face beat

Fallout
Fan brush
Foiling
Halo eye

Highlighting
Hitting pan
Overlining
Setting

Stippling
Strobing
Waterline

Super Crossword ADDED WEIGHT

ACROSS
1 Posh parties
6 Lumberyard tool
12 Rd. crossers
15 Quick bite
19 Japanese film genre
20 Mob code of silence
21 — au vin (chicken dish)
22 Qualified
23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
25 Volcanic event
27 Bible book after Genesis
28 Strike zones. 10 pitcher
29 Kershaw?
30 Hefty slice
32 White-coated Scottish learner, for short
33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
45 Studio alert
46 Off-course
47 Dalai —
50 Brian of electronica

51 Play spiritedly
52 People evaluating a central California city?
53 Wedding vow
56 Seder bread
57 Makes public asked "Who dislikes me?"
58 Suffix with million
59 Has a feeling
61 Shepherd of (cocktails)
64 Conjunction with a slash
65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
70 "A Bell for — (novel)
72 Cashew (up)
73 "24" actress
76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
77 T. Rex, e.g.
78 — (fatuus (delusion)
81 Longtime "Conan" airer
82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
87 Flapjack chain, in brief

88 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
89 Sty beasts
90 Beachgoer's headwear
91 Phase
92 Occur next
94 Tactful reply when Churchill asked "Who dislikes me?"
96 Glorify
100 Mai —
101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
109 Pressure felt at liftoff
113 "Sounds right to me"
114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
116 See 75-Down
117 — Father
118 Songlike
119 Cleo of song
120 U. of Maryland athlete
121 Born in Lyon
122 Gave lip to
123 Actor Murphy

3 "— & Stitch"
4 In the center of a vessel
5 Not religious
6 Mythical bird
7 Apple line
8 Alternative to JavaScript
9 Madrid Mlie.
10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
11 Desire
12 Act segment
13 Legal wrongs
14 Crouch down
15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
16 NYC theater award
17 ATM hole
18 Egg sources
24 Actor
25 Morales
26 Fundamental
29 Have title to
31 Film director
32 Ratner
33 Johnson of Britain
34 Battery pole
35 "Mo' Money" star
36 Health expert on TV
37 Former BP gas chain
38 Shaggy ox
39 Blowup stuff
40 Ear-related prefix
42 Else
43 Opening lines
44 Aesop's hare, notably
47 Actress Dern
48 Playful trick
49 Mothers
52 An obi is one
53 Standard
54 One-named New Agor
56 Prefix with -dental or -American
60 Wall St.'s "500" index
61 Big name in fuel additives
62 Weeding tool
63 Bring to a halt
64 Brings pain to
66 Cake
67 Figure skater
68 Mess up
69 Prince, e.g.
70 First five of 26 letters
71 Gold-medal swimmer
74 Cable streaming app until 2020
75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
77 Scooby- —

78 With a sharp image, briefly
79 Aussie "Hi"
80 Abbr. on a food package
83 "— the rub!"
84 "General" on Chinese menus
85 Core
86 Half of dos
87 "Such a pity"
91 Sound from a cold sufferer
93 Maintenance
94 Natal lead-in
95 "Othello" foe
97 Illegal burning
98 Edition
99 Make a goal
101 Figure skater
102 Horrid giant
103 Regretful person
104 CEOs' degs.
105 Law firm aide, for short
106 Baseballer
107 Siouan people
108 Schnozzola
110 Doping juice
111 Tot's plea
112 Sword
115 Silent assent

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

George Pot
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Jake Pot
Jason Pot
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OKAY, I KNOW WE'VE BEEN AT IT AWHILE BUT IT'S IMPORTANT. ONE MORE TIME, WHAT'S A GOOD NAME FOR WHEN SOMEBODY WINS A REALLY BIG CASH PRIZE?

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

AH, NICE JOB SHOVELING ALL THAT SNOW, YOUNG LAD. THAT BUILDS CHARACTER. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WITHOUT A SNOWBLOWER SAY.

Americanisms

"Life is not so much what you accomplish as what you overcome."
— Robin Roberts

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals B

HPCY YOCZ-XWZWTOE MCTTDOT
VDBPY JWVO QWZDXO MO
HTCQQDAB CTWLAE C XTDVO
JXOAO? XWTEWA MZLO.

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GO FIGURE!

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Briefcase is missing. 2. Bush is missing. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Car bumper is missing. 5. Label is missing. 6. Windows in door are smaller.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

DAVIS, HONEY, WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? YOU'RE A TOTAL MESS!

GO GET CLEANED UP. THE DUNCANSONS HAVE INVITED US FOR DINNER TONIGHT.

WHATEVER WOULD THEY THINK IF WE SHOWED UP WITH FILTHY CHILDREN?

HURRY UP. THEY RESERVED THE FANCY PIGPEN SPOT WITH THE GOOD MUD.



• On Jan. 20, 1973, Jerry Lee Lewis, aka "The Killer," made an appearance at the Grand Ole Opry, declaring, "I am a rock-and-rollin', country-and-western, rhythm-and-blues singing [expletive deleted]!" before launching into his set, which notably included all the rock-and-roll classics he'd promised Opry officials not to play. Shunned by the pop music world following his controversial second marriage to his teenage cousin Myra Gale Brown, Lewis had staged a successful comeback with country music.

• On Jan. 21, 1959, Carl Switzer, aka the cowllick-sporting, warbly-voiced Alfalfa of the beloved "Our Gang" film series, was fatally shot by Moses Stiltz during an altercation over a debt Switzer believed he was owed by Stiltz.

• On Jan. 22, 1981, Annie Leibovitz's final portrait of John Lennon and Yoko Ono, for the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, hit newsstands, a month and a half after Lennon's assassination by Mark David Chapman.

• On Jan. 23, 1984, Hulk Hogan defeated World Wrestling Federation champion Iron Sheik and earned his first WWF title at New York City's Madison Square Garden when he also became the first wrestler to escape Sheik's signature move, the "camel clutch."

• On Jan. 24, 1956, Look magazine published the confessions of J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant, who were acquitted in the previous year's abduction and murder of Emmett Till, a Black teen from Chicago. The men were reportedly paid \$4,000 for their participation in the article.

• On Jan. 25, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the first national Revolutionary War memorial, honoring Brigadier General Richard Montgomery, who died during an assault in Quebec nearly a month earlier. The monument was crafted by King Louis XV's personal sculptor, Jean-Jacques Caffieri, after he was hired for the job by Benjamin Franklin.

• On Jan. 26, 1961, about a week after his inauguration, President John F. Kennedy appointed orthopedist Janet Travell as his personal physician, making her the first woman in history to hold that post. Following Kennedy's assassination, she retained her position and became President Lyndon B. Johnson's personal doctor.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular spinoff series originated with the drama "Breaking Bad"?
- HOLIDAYS: What is another name for Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Babe," what kind of animal is the title character?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a kilogram?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which strait separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
- SCIENCE: What are the three layers that make up the Earth?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which breakfast food is associated with the retro series "Stranger Things"?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for muscae volitantes?
- LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Abraham Lincoln?

Answers

- "Better Call Saul."
- Epiphany.
- "Good faith."
- Pig.
- 1,000.
- Bab-el-Mandeb.
- Crust, mantle and core.
- Eggo waffles.
- Eye floaters.
- Carl Sandburg.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

SPORT BRIEF



Prep Sports Scoreboard

Boys Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 2

Valor Christian 47, Perrydale 39

Friday, Jan. 3

South Albany 57, Central 47

Silverton 70, Dallas 32

Girls Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 2

Perrydale 45, Valor Christian 8

Friday, Jan. 3

South Albany 61, Central 20

Silverton 60, Dallas 10

Prep Sports Calendar

Boys Basketball

Jan. 10

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

Dallas at Lebanon, 5:30 p.m.

UVC vs. Falls City, 7 p.m.

Jan. 11

St. Stephen's vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Jan. 13

Sheridan vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Falls City at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

Jan. 14

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

LAA vs. Falls City, 7 p.m.

Jan. 15

UVC vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

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Jan. 14

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Jan. 15

UVC vs. Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

Swimming

Jan. 14

Dallas at Lebanon

Jan. 15

Central at Lebanon, 4 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 10

Lady Dragon Dual Tournament, 3 p.m.

Jan. 11

Lady Dragon Dual Tournament, 9 a.m.

Jan. 14

Crescent Valley at Dallas, 6 p.m.

Jan. 15

Central at Lebanon, 6 p.m.

South Albany wins battle of the boards in victory over Central

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

This game was lost in the trenches.

South Albany defeated Central's varsity boys' basketball team, 57-47, in large part because of a better than 2-to-1 advantage in rebounds.

The Redhawks were up 18 to 4 in offensive rebounds and 18 to 11 in defensive rebounds, for a combined 36-15 margin. These were numbers foremost on the mind of Panthers' coach Tyler Allen, minutes after Friday's game ended.

"Games that are won or lost come down to the small things, and tonight the small thing was a big thing with rebounding," Allen said. "We gave them extra possession after extra possession. We just can't do that on the defensive side."

Lack of rebounding threw a wrench into a strategy that otherwise showed potential.

"Our game plan was to speed up their possessions. Show full court pressure," Allen said. "We got every shot-look we wanted, and then we didn't rebound."

Steps to correct this will be immediate, though time was not on the Panthers' side. Their next game was Jan. 7 at McKay (results were not available before the I-O's deadline).

"We have a choice to get back on the court and practice and improve on it or have it be (a weakness), and

we can't have that happen," Allen said.

Jack Holestine, a junior, continued his strong play with a team-high 19 points for the Panthers (0-1, 2-5 overall), who also got 11 points from freshman Lucas Haines.

Allen also praised junior Branden Ball for his work on defense.

The Redhawks pulled away with 21 points in the fourth quarter. They were led by a 28-point effort from senior Colin Cordle, 12 of which came over the final eight minutes.

South Albany was up 11-7 after the first quarter, 19-17 at half, and 36-32 after three quarters.

"Our hats are off to South Albany. They fought hard. They exposed our weaknesses, and we've got to get better," Allen added.

Damage from this game could extend into the season, unless adjustments are made, as the loss to South Albany provided other teams with a blueprint on how to beat the Panthers.

"Teams that watch this film, teams that do their scouting, are going to see we struggled on rebounding," Allen said.

This was the Mid-Willamette Conference opener for both teams.

"With the loss we're at the bottom, and we (entered Friday's game with) the mindset of wanting to prove people wrong," Allen said.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Panthers Ryan Burgett (left) and Lucas Haines position themselves for a rebound in the 57-47 loss to South Albany Jan. 3.

"But when you don't focus on the importance of finishing possessions, things like this happen."

The Panthers are at home versus Woodburn (0-0, 2-5) Jan. 10, and versus Dallas

(0-1, 0-7) on Jan. 13. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m.

RedHawks dominate Panthers in conference opener

Photo by Lance Masterson
Applying defensive pressure for the Panthers are (from left) Emery Lushenko, Lily McCormick and Kamryn Winkler.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Nothing could slow down the eighth-ranked RedHawks during Friday's varsity girls' basketball game against the host Panthers (0-1, 1-6 overall).

South Albany's defensive pressure allowed just 2 points in the second and fourth quarters combined, en route to their 61-20 win over host Central.

The RedHawks (1-0, 5-3) started fast, scoring 11 straight in the opening minutes. The Panthers fought back, however, to close the gap to four, 11-7.

"(South Albany) came out really tough in the first quarter. I thought we fought really well, did what we needed to do and then we just kind of relaxed a little bit, and we can't relax," coach Marc Burelson said. "Not this year. Especially against a good team like that."

Sophomore Bella Names provided Central with an offensive spark, scoring a team-high 14 points, nine of which came via free throws, the team's most potent weapon. Central was 11 of 18 on freebies.

More points were available, but the connections weren't there.

"We're not necessarily looking for our shot. There are times when we are wide open. We have girls that can shoot. We have girls that can make baskets. I think we're just thinking too much at this point," Burelson said. "If we can

get some shots down, I think we'll see better results."

Emma Martinez and Kyleah Medel added five rebounds each for the Panthers.

The taller and more physical RedHawks held a 45 to 23 advantage in rebounds. Taylor Donaldson posted a game high 18 points while teammates Phara Dickson, Taelyn Bentley and Kaylee Cordle also reached double-figures.

Seven players scored for South Albany.

The game was the Mid-Willamette Conference opener for both teams.

"It's our first league game. So, we've got a long way to go, still," Burelson said.

Central was at McKay on Jan. 7. But returns home to host Woodburn (0-1, 5-2) on Jan. 10 and Dallas (0-1, 2-4) on Jan. 14. Tipoff for both games is 7 p.m.

No surprise to those who follow Class 5A basketball, but early returns suggest the conference is stacked again this year. According to the OSAA website, Silverton is ranked second, Corvallis third, South Albany eighth, Crescent Valley ninth, and Lebanon 10th. That's five teams in the state's top 10.

Central has no choice but to improve if it wants to contend for a playoff spot.

"We're still fighting and doing what we can to get better every day," Burelson said. "I know the team will continue fighting. That's just who they are this year."

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Jan. 8, 1975

Dallas police solves series of burglaries
Investigations conducted by the Dallas Police Department this week cleared up a series of burglaries in the city and county area which included break-ins at four local schools. Two male juveniles, ages 16 and 17, both of Dallas, have been referred to the Polk Juvenile Department and an estimated \$4,000 in property has been recovered. Items recovered included tape decks and recorders, sports equipment, toys, candy and cigarettes, and a stereo and speakers.

Polk dairy princess in state competition
Edith Wuerch, 19, of Rickreall, is one of 12 finalists in the annual Oregon Dairy Princess competition scheduled Jan. 11-13 at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird. Miss Wuerch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wuerch who, until retiring in 1971, operated a 98-acre dairy farm milking 80 cows. She is the current Polk County Dairy Princess.

Inflation 'sting' is felt in street improvements

Inflation hit the 1974 construction projects of the city of Dallas especially hard this past year, bringing about cost increases as much as 34 percent above similar project costs in 1973. Because of the cost increases in the street, sidewalk and sewer improvement projects, assessments to property owners will be higher than previous estimates.

Dallas edges Corvallis

The Lady Dragons on home court Monday night edged the Corvallis Spartans, 41-36. The first quarter saw Jeanette Balsbaugh, Cathy Hughes and JV player Deb Wall with a basket each. Dallas led, 6-4. Dallas picked up in the second quarter, leading at the half with 18 over the Spartan's 5. Karen Brateng with 5 points led the Dragons in an easy lead over the Spartans, 30-15. Gloria Eggers of Corvallis gave strong defense leading her team with 13 points. At the fourth quarter Eggers again gave competition with 13 points, but couldn't quite fill the gap. Dallas is now 20-0 for the season.

FLASHBACK



This week's flashback is from Jan. 9, 1985: Tree-mendously busy -- About 300 Christmas trees were picked up Saturday by the Lyle Elementary School Rope Busters jump rope team and their parents. Some of the trees were also left at the school parking lot where the group stacked and hauled them away. Helping teacher Jim Dent in the effort was (from left) Dena Galleno, Wendy Day, April Hanson and Becky Moses.

40 years ago

Jan. 9, 1985

Dallas school taxes may drop with offset

Dallas School District residents may be paying less taxes next year despite a proposed \$668,000 - or 8.7 percent - increase in the district's operating budget. A detailed look into what the district may be spending its money on for 1985-86 was presented to the district budget committee by Superintendent Gary Burton on Monday night. The district

will probably not have to ask for as much money from district residents, mainly because of an anticipated jump in Western Oregon Severance Tax from \$236,000 in 1984-85 to \$325,000 in 1985-86.

Mayor outlines city goals

Dallas Mayor Gwen VanDenBosch welcomed two new members to the Dallas City Council on Monday night and outlined goals for the coming year. VanDenBosch listed leading the state

legislature to an acceptable property tax plan, completing the North Dallas intersection and Fir Villasewer projects and implementing the city's computer system as goals for 1985. Other goals included completing an update of the Comprehensive Plan and continuing efforts in economic development, traditional services and street, storm and water system improvements.

Dragons cage Tigers for fifth straight win

If basketball is a game of momentum, then Dallas High School boys team must have it. The Dragons, who didn't look like world-beaters when they lost two of their first three contests, will take a five-game winning streak into Friday's non-league game at Columbia River, Washington. Dallas knocked off Newberg on Friday, 57-47. The Dragons sport a 6-2 record, best in the Willamette Valley League, as well as a 1-0 mark in league.

Community Briefs

Luckiamute Watershed Council hosts Sips and Science Jan. 8

The Luckiamute Watershed Council presents Sips and Science, with Dr. Hannah Gosnell and Angie Thompson, discussing Beavers, Unsung Climate Heroes on Rangelands Across the U.S., West, from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 8 at Divine Distillers, at 915 N. Main St., Independence. For more information, go to www.luckiamutewc.org/beavers-and-rangelands.

Polk County Democrats meet Jan. 9

The Polk County Democrats now meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join them this month on Jan. 9. The agenda includes a representative from the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to speak about "Sanctuary Law: What to know, when to report" and also welcomes Lisa Hamish, candidate for the Salem-Keizer School Board District 1. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on their email reminders list for future events, go to www.polkdems.org. Scroll down to sign up under "Newsletter."

Dallas Library hosts Voyager 1 presentation Jan. 11

Join the Dallas Public Library or another fascinating space talk presented by Donn Anderson: Voyager 1's Perspective Changing Photos: "The Family Portrait" on Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. There are currently five spacecraft either on their way out of our solar system, or that have already left the influence of our sun. Voyager 1 was the very first to do so. On its way out, Voyager 1 took a series of photos of six of the planets, pictures that have impacted our awareness of our place in space. Come learn about the amazing mission of Voyager 1, see these

wonderful pictures, and get an update on the huge challenges Voyager 1 has faced this year, still sending data back to Earth for 47 years.

The Dallas Library is located at 950 Main St.

Monmouth Library hosts Tiny Clay Creations class Jan. 14

The Monmouth Public Library hosts a Tiny Clay Creations crafting event, for all ages, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 14. Drop in at 168 S. Ecols St. in Monmouth to make a tiny sculpture! Model Magic air dry clay, tools, and tips will be provided. For more information, call (503) 838-1932.

Monmouth hosts EOA open house Jan. 14

The city of Monmouth hosts a public open house, in person and virtually, at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at City Hall, 151 Main St. W., to review economic trends and analysis, discuss the community's economic opportunities, and to provide feedback on a draft copy of the Economic Opportunities Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory. This document will be considered for incorporation into the City's comprehensive plan, which guides the City over the next 20 years. This work will focus on determining how the City should plan the areas of the city that are zoned for commercial and industrial activities. Come and hear about the work that the advisory committee, city staff, and consultants have been doing.

Dallas Library hosts free showing of "Young Frankenstein" Jan. 14

The Dallas Library hosts a free movie night for adults Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. with a showing of Mel Brooks's classic comedy, "Young Frankenstein." The film stars Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle as "the monster", Teri Garr,

Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn and Gene Hackman. The American Film Institute named it number 13 on their list of the 100 funniest American movies. One audience member will win the library's unique movie themed prize. Free popcorn will be provided. Learn more about the event at www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

Indy Coffee Club for Business Owners returns Jan. 16

The monthly Indy Coffee Club for Business Owners returns Jan. 16 from 9-10 a.m. at Indy Commons, 154 S Main St. Hosted by Launch Mid Valley, in collaboration with Indy Idea Hub, offers a setting to start your morning with networking, collaboration and resource sharing designed to support Independence-area entrepreneurs and foster community connections.

Book club discusses 'Thursday Murder Club' Jan. 16

The Thursday Book Club meets to discuss the novel "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman, on Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 S. Ecols St., Monmouth. Join the Third Thursday Book Club to follow the Thursday Murder Club of septuagenarians is learn if they can solve their first real live case and catch the killer before it's too late.

River Gallery hosts Sunday drawing workshop Jan. 19

River Gallery hosts "Sunday Drawing at the Gallery" on the third Sunday of January and February 2025. Bring your pencil or pen or crayon and paper or sketchbook and join in. The next two drawing sessions are from 1-2 p.m. Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. Join us for some fun. River Gallery is

located at 184 S Main St., in Independence.

Volunteers needed for MLK Day of Service Jan. 20

Help make a difference with the city of Monmouth during the MLK Day of Service Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S. Volunteers will help do basic yard work and cleaning for community members who need assistance. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/4a4Up4k>. For more information, contact Suzanne Dufner at (503) 751-0147 or sdufner@ci.monmouth.or.us.

Deadline to sign up for annual Brockway Memorial Golf Tournament is Jan. 24

The 22nd Annual Brockway Memorial (Open) Golf Tournament is Feb. 1 at Cross Creek Golf Course. This is a two-person scramble format over 18 holes with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Signups are \$75 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.

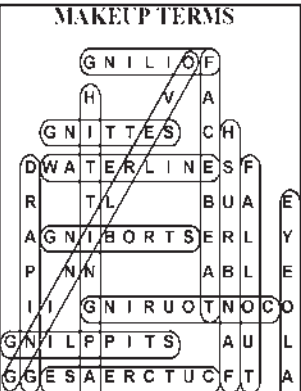
The deadline for sign up is Jan. 24 and is limited to the first 120 paid players. For further information and/or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666. Information is also available on the Cross Creek Facebook page as well as the Cross Creek web site www.cross-creekgc.com.

CryptoQuip answer

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Swim team offers something for everybody

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

There’s a lot to like about the Panthers swim team. Just ask Liberty Gonsalves.

“I like that my friends are in it, and that you build a really good community,” the junior said. “I like that swimming is kind of individual, so if I mess up something in a race it’s not going to mess up my entire team.”

Gonsalves listed other benefits, as well.

“I like that (swimming) is a really good workout. That I don’t have to be outside in the heat or in the rain. No matter the weather, you can always swim,” she added. “It’s just really fun.”

Gonsalves is not a club swimmer. She didn’t join her first swim team until her freshman year. Growing up, she swam recreationally.

“No summer leagues,” she said. “I just love being in the water.”

Her specialty is the grueling 200-meter individual medley, consisting of the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

“One of my goals is to be able to swim a hundred butterfly straight through, because I’ve seen that my butterfly has been getting better,” she said. “And to drop my

times. Get faster in the 200 IM and any other event I do.”

There are some 16 swimmers on the Panthers’ roster. But only a few compete year-round. Senior Cash Hagedorn is one such swimmer.

“My goal is to break some school records,” he said. “The 200 IM. Maybe the 200 freestyle.”

He also wants to qualify for a few district finals, both as an individual and as part of a relay. In the meantime, Hagedorn focuses on bettering his own marks.

“PRs are really important,” he said. “That means you’re putting in the work.”

Assistant coach Tracy Swansborough said head coach David Morelli knows about putting in the work. He’s coached swimmers for more than a half century.

“I don’t know if you’ve seen him coach,” Swansborough said. “He’s got a photographic memory. Years of knowledge. He can see a stroke and know exactly what needs to be tweaked and come up with a drill and kind of solve the problem.”

Swansborough’s ties to swimming are local. She was six when she started and is a veteran of the Blue Dolphins and first-ever Dallas High swim teams. In addition, she served as a lifeguard

and rowed competitively in college.

Rowing “is a completely different kind of sport,” she said. “But it does bring the whole concept of athletics to the team ... learning the work ethic and how to overcome what you think are your physical barriers and push past that. You know, push yourself harder than you think you can.”

Efforts by the coaches and swimmers appear to be paying dividends.

“The team is looking good after a few meets.... We’re placing pretty well,” Swansborough said. “What’s most fun is to see those who are novices, never swam or been on a swim team before, and they’re out there racing. They’re getting their turns nailed and winning some races.”

Swimming doesn’t have to end at graduation.

“It’s a nice way to work out. Swimming can be a lifelong thing to enjoy, a lifelong form of exercise,” she added. “There’s also peace that comes with swimming.”

The Panthers are at Lebanon on Tuesday. They then travel to traditional powerhouse Silverton on Jan. 21. They return to the Dallas Aquatic Center on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. Meets begin at 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Tracy Swansborough, a former member of the Blue Dolphins and first-ever Dallas High School swim teams, is in her first year with the Panthers as assistant coach.

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PCIO25-1005 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-07-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at No Situs - Yamhill River Road, Map/ Tax Lot: 06716A000600 & 06716A000700 Willamina, OR. 97396. The court case number is 22CV40624, where SHELLY PEACOCK is plaintiff, and GARTH TALLMAN; JOSEPH H. KRIZ AND JOHN E. LOONEY, DBA WLK APT; AND ESTATE OF ODIS MCCLELLAN 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/>

PCIO25-1006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 129390-OR Loan No.: *****8012 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MATTHEW HALLEMAN, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2021, recorded 3/17/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-004764, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 14, LA CREOLE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 4, PAGE 4). APN: 137599 / 07532-BD-02600 Commonly known as: 890 SW WASHINGTON ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3416 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 11/1/2023 - 12/1/2024 Total:\$16,523.47 Late Charges: \$90.78 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,108.69 Total Required to Reinststate: \$17,722.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$197,020.84 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$184,969.76 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.25 % per annum, from 10/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 5/6/2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by

payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/18/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1012 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Kenneth Roy Kleinsmith, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 24PB11292. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 1020 Liberty Street SE, Salem, Oregon 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and first published: January 8, 2025. Andrea L. Kleinsmith Personal Representative Jacob V. Sinclair, OSB No. 204467 Attorneys for Personal Representative 1020 Liberty Street SE Salem, OR 97302 Phone: (503) 485-7224

PCIO25-1009 TS No. OR09000034-24-1 APN 141901 To No DEF-649170 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JESSE J. EVANS AND SAMIRA EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of July 12, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-007545 and beneficial interest was assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING and recorded May 30, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-004048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 141901 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the Oaks Add. To Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County; thence North 68°24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66° 10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast

corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as: 1075 SW FAIRVIEW AVE, DALLAS, OR 97338-2117 Both the Beneficiary, NewRez LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 9 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2024 to 11/01/2024 at \$1,084.80 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$143,920.81 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from February 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 8, 2025 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 11/21/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468428 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1010 TS No. OR07000160-24-1 APN 246206 To No 3226692 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF

SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, LINDA SWANSON, NOT MARRIED as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NE CORP, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of January 22, 2020 and recorded on January 28, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-001221 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded July 8, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-005065 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 246206 LOT NUMBER (12) GRIER ADDITION, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 650 DIAN AVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7(A) (i) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 7(A) i of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$88,148.06 together with interest thereon from April 30, 2024 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 23, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest

to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/05/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468647 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1011 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Kenneth W. Scantlin, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 24PB11211. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 1020 Liberty Street SE, Salem, Oregon 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and first published January 8, 2025 Edward K. Wood Personal Representative Jacob V. Sinclair, OSB No. 204467 Attorneys for Personal Representative 1020 Liberty Street SE Salem, OR 97302 Phone: (503) 485-7224

PCIO25-1004 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 1/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Stacy Sinon unit #166; Lisa J Corner unit #304. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1003 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 1/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Christopher Slyh units #053 & #603; Colin Thompson unit #3018 . This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1002 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice US Storage Centers Salem Glen Creek located at 350 Glen Creek Rd NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 1/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Jenna Grace Kephart unit #A010; Carla Ann McKee unit #E022; Mia Juarez units #F001 & #1005; Carlee Pearl Reitzer unit #J041; John Thomas Lakey unit #M047. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.



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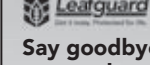
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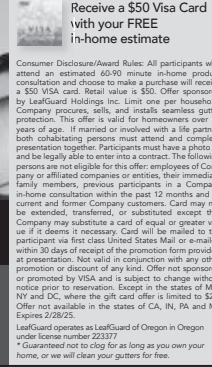
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AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/1/2019, recorded 11/4/2019, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/ volume No. and/or as fee/ file/instrument/microfilm/ reception number 2019-012899 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to PHH Mortgage Corporation covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 272683 073190000501 BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, POLK COUNTY, OREGON WHICH IS 1047.50 FEET NORTH 00° 08' WEST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19; AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 00° 08' WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 938.05 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 33' EAST 232.37 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00° 08' EAST 936.56 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89° 55' WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 232.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 3985 BELVEDERE ST NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described

real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$78,645.90 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$159,592.42 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 the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal

and interest which became due on 9/1/2022, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 3/1/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Front Entrance to the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 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 him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy

the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest RODNEY VOLBEDA 3985 BELVEDERE ST NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 1-800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, 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 has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state

in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. 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 THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT 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. TS No: OR-23-954150-SW Dated: 11/19/2024 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0225476 12/25/2024 1/1/2025 1/8/2025 1/15/2025

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Thursday, Dec. 26

At 10:38 a.m., a motorist on Barberry Avenue was cited for failure to renew their registration and driving uninsured. At 1:54 p.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. At 5:54 p.m., a report of a prowler on Donald Street. A neighbor was having company. At 10:16 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Uglow Avenue. An officer requested the semi-truck driver move to an industrial area. Friday, Dec. 27 At 12:19 p.m., a report of a stolen vehicle on Main Street. The vehicle was found. The complainant had forgotten where they parked.

At 1:04 p.m., a report of a hit and run in a parking lot on Jefferson Street. Saturday, Dec. 28 At 2:36 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Washington Street. An officer was unable to locate the disturbance. At 10:08 a.m., a report of an open door on Walnut Avenue. Officers cleared the building and secured the door. At 11:33 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Orchard Drive. There was a report of damage to an ATM machine; however, responding officers found no damage. At 12:07 p.m., a report of a theft on Oakdale Avenue. There was not enough evidence for an arrest. At 5:20 p.m., a report of a theft of a bike on Bryson Street. At 6:21 p.m., a report of an open garage door on Hillcrest Drive. There were no vehicles present so the officer cleared the building and secured the door. At 7:59 p.m., a report of a theft on Washington Street. A juvenile took

a buzzball but later returned it. At 10:41 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Church Street. The individual was working on their car and was advised the parking lot was closed at night. Sunday, Dec. 29 At 2:09 a.m., a motorist on Church Street was cited for obstructed windows and warned for failure to stop for a pedestrian. At 6:54 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Eve Drive. The vehicle was leaving as the officer arrived and there was no probable cause to stop the driver. At 12:03 p.m., a report of an alarm on Jefferson Street. An employee was working on their vehicle because their tools were there. Monday, Dec. 30 At 8:19 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Mill Street where unknown suspect(s) damaged a vehicle. At 10:28 a.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was given a written warning for driving uninsured, failure to register the vehicle and driving without a license. At 1:39 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 25-mph zone on Miller Avenue.

Independence Police Department Friday, Dec. 27

At 5:21 p.m., a report of a driving complaint on Independence Highway. A motorist did not show signs

of intoxication, but an officer determined the driver should be re-tested by DMV for fitness to drive. At 9:27 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Osprey Lane. The suspect crashed their vehicle into an apartment complex staircase, then left the scene. Polk County deputies initiated a traffic stop on Highway 22 and Stephen Munsil was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and failure to perform duties of a driver in an accident with property damage. Saturday, Dec. 28 At 9:42 p.m., a motorist was stopped for very expired tags. They were cited for failure to register the vehicle and given a fix-it ticket for failure to carry proof of insurance. At 10:20 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding on Main Street. Sunday, Dec. 29 At 5:41 p.m., a report of a home invasion on Washington Street. It was a false alarm. Monday, Dec. 30 At 12:31 p.m., a report of a burglary on Deann Drive. A riding jacket, riding pants and keys to a motorcycle were stolen. Luis Andrade Nunez was arrested and charged with luring a minor - pornography/obscene material. Thursday, Jan. 2

At 9:57 a.m., a report of fraud on White Oak Circle. There were fraudulent charges through Apple Cash.

Monmouth Police Department

Melissa Macias, 33, was arrested Dec. 16 on an outstanding warrant and was also charged with possession of methamphetamine. Donald F. Molina, 42, was arrested Jan. 1 on an outstanding warrant. Daniel C. West, 30, was arrested Dec. 22 and charged with strangulation. Patricia Ferrel-Redmon, 78, was arrested Jan. 3 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Drake Donn Albers was arrested Jan. 4 and charged with three counts of contempt of court. Luis Alberto Andrade-Nunez was arrested Dec. 30 and charged with luring a minor. Dustin Wayne Brodigan was arrested Dec. 27 and placed on hold for Baker County (parole violation). Jerry Dean Carmickle Jr. was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with unlawful possess methamphetamine and failure to report as sex offender. Kristopher Anthony Dixon was arrested Jan. 2 and placed on hold for Marion County (aggravated harassment, resisting arrest). Levi Alan Dumont was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with criminal trespass 2. Stephanie Grace Early was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with post prison supervision violation (burglary 2). Jeremiah William Henneberry was arrested Jan. 5 and charged with criminal trespass 2. Scott David Scott David was arrested Jan. 3 and charged with improper use of 911. Ashley Jean Gandolfi was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with failure to appear (assault 4 – domestic violence). Jacey Anthony Hoppert was arrested

Dec. 29 and charged with criminal trespass 2, resisting arrest, interfering with a peace officer and contempt of court. Kenneth Allen Ketchem was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with post prison violation (burglary 1), disorderly conduct 2, criminal mischief 2 and harassment. John Louis Marlas was arrested Jan. 5 and charged with nine counts of recklessly endangering, two counts of criminal mischief 1, reckless driving, robbery 1, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, theft 3, unlawful use of weapon, menacing and improper use of 911. Jerry Bruce Mitchell was arrested Jan. 2 and placed on hold for Benton County (murder, assault 1).

Donald Frank Molina was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with failure to appear (driving under the influence of an intoxicant). Quinnin Leah Qual was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with five counts of parole violation (robbery 1, unlawful use of weapon, attempted class C felony, menacing, theft 2). Peter James Reddekopp was arrested Jan. 5 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and failure to appear (disorderly conduct) and was placed on hold for Marion County (failure to appear – unlawful use of a motor vehicle). John Dale Sears was arrested Dec. 30 and charged with criminal conspiracy, unlawful delivery of methamphetamine, supplying contraband and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. Juilyan Andrew Swift was arrested Dec. 27 and charged with aggravated animal abuse 1. Aaron Charles Woods was arrested Dec. 30 and charged with supplying contraband, two counts of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine, post-prison violation (assault 4) and criminal conspiracy and was placed on hold for Marion County (probation violation (assault 4).



“Wicked” (PG) — Universal Pictures’ investment in adapting the Broadway musical “Wicked” paid off big time, with the first part of their two-part saga garnering \$586.3 million at the box office at the time of this writing. Director Jon M. Chu (“Crazy Rich Asians”) assembled the perfect cast to bring the musical to life, including Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, Ariana Grande as Galinda/Glinda, and Jonathan Bailey as Fiyero. Now viewers at home can get whisked away to the magical Land of Oz through the film’s beautiful visual effects and iconic songs like “The Wizard and I” and “Dancing Through Life.” Keep a close eye out for Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth, both of the actresses who originated the roles of Elphaba and Glinda in the original production. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl” (PG) — Those of us who were kids during the 2000s remember the comical shenanigans of Wallace and his dog, Gromit, in the film “The Curse of the Were-Rabbit” (2005). Almost 20 years later, the stop-motion animation studio Aardman Animations decided to develop a second feature-length film about their much-beloved characters. In “Vengeance Most Fowl,” Wallace is still hard at work with his inventions, much to Gromit’s dismay, and creates a robotic gnome that can take care of gardens. However, the imprisoned penguin criminal Feathers McGraw, who was once captured by Wallace and Gromit, chooses this robotic gnome as his opportunity to exact revenge on his foes. Check it out now. (Netflix)

“The Front Room” (R) — Singer/actress Brandy Norwood (“Descen-

dants: The Rise of Red”) is making her return to movies, and this psychological horror film directed by the Eggers Brothers was a solid attempt to get her feet wet again. Norwood plays pregnant anthropology professor Belinda, whose emotional baggage is only further weighed down by her and her husband Norman’s (Andrew Burnap) financial woes. So, when Norman’s estranged stepmother, Solange (Kathryn Hunter), offers them an inheritance in exchange for taking care of her during her final days, the couple jumps at the chance to get their lives back on track. But Solange has a deeply rooted history of religious abuse and racism that comes bubbling to the surface as Belinda gets closer to giving birth. Out now. (Max)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

Andrew Burnap, left, and Brandy Norwood star in “The Front Room.”

“The Golden Globe Awards” (TV-PG) — Comedian Nikki Glaser hosts this year’s Golden Globe Award ceremony, which is out now to stream after airing live on Jan. 5. The musical “Emilia Perez” starring Zoe Saldana leads the film nominations, followed by “The Brutalist” with Adrien Brody and “Conclave” with Ralph Fiennes. For the television nominations, the hit Hulu series “The Bear” continues to reign, followed by “Shogun” and “Only Murders in the Building.” Viola Davis will be recognized with the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and Ted Danson will receive the Carol Burnett Award, although neither will be presented during the official ceremony. (Paramount+)

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