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Dallas woman found guilty in retrial of 2011 child abuse case

Staff REPORT

Tara Leeann Griffin (formerly Davies), of Dallas, has been convicted of assault in the first degree and criminal mistreatment in the first degree involving an infant child under her care. Griffin, 41, was found guilty by Polk County Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park after a four day trial to the court held in April.

Griffin was previously found guilty of these same charges in 2011 by a Polk County jury and sentenced to serve 10 years in prison. However, that conviction was overturned by recent Supreme Court decisions finding that non-unanimous jury verdicts are unconstitutional and granting her a new trial. In her first trial, Griffin was convicted by an 11-1 vote of the jury.

Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton said, the retrial was an important step in the process.

"It was important that the integrity and justice of the first trial outcome be maintained, while fully respecting the due process rights of the defendant as our appellate courts envision," Felton said in a press release.

Felton prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Dallas Police Department. The first prosecution was overseen by the Oregon Department of Justice.

Griffin will be sentenced on May 13 (after the I-O's deadline).

Third property tax payment due

The Polk County Tax Office reminds taxpayers who pay their property taxes in trimester payments that the third installment is due by Thursday (May 15). Payments may be mailed, paid online, by phone, or in person at the Polk County Tax Office. There is also a secure tax payment drop box in the parking lot on the Jefferson Street side of the Courthouse. It is located on the north end of the parking lot and is the first of two drop boxes.

Credit, debit card and e-Check payments may be made online or by phone. Call Toll free 1-866-215-1835 or visit www.co.polk.or.us There is a 2.49% convenience fee on Credit/Debit transactions, or payment by e-Check is \$2.00. Payments that are mailed MUST bear the May 15 postmark to avoid interest.

Touch-A-Truck



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The city of Independence's annual Touch a Truck event drew thousands to River View Park May 10 that gave youth a chance to get up close behind the wheel or controls of commercial vehicles, from construction behemoths to emergency service transports. Here's a look at the images captured during the event. Pictured is Salem toddler Alex Bucynski, 2, behind the controls of an R44 helicopter. See more Touch a Truck photos on page A8



Rick Dormer

Dormer named new Central High School principal

Staff REPORT

Rick Dormer has accepted the role as principal at Central High School. He will begin serving in the 2025-26 school year.

Dormer brings a sense of stability after a string of interim leaders. Dale Pedersen started last year on an interim basis, and decided to stay on for another year. However, he had to take leave this spring. Greg English stepped in as current interim principal.

Dormer said in a Central School District press release that he is excited to start building relationships with the staff and to get to know the students.

"I want to get involved in student leadership and check out all of the activities – athletics, band, drama, etc – see what the students put their extra energy into," Dormer said.

Dormer previously served as principal at Ketchikan High School in Ketchikan, Alaska. He also serves as the president of the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals.

"I believe Rick's knowledge of teaching and learning, along with his experience as a building leader, will give Central exactly what is needed," said Monmouth Elementary School Principal Kim Seidel, who facilitated the search process for the new high school principal.

"He understands what it's like to be a teacher, and is really dedicated to building a school that is focused on rigor, relevance, and relationships," Seidel said. "He is dedicated to Central, and plans to spend many years at CHS."

When applying for the position, Dormer said what stood out to him was the way students help each other.

"They already have a pantry and clothes closet. The students are finding out how to serve their own student population. That's so great, how they're thinking of others, Dormer said, adding he's also eager to help students achieve their next steps through the college and career center.

Dormer was raised in Philomath, Oregon, and coached soccer in the

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ODOT to block left turns on hazardous Highway 22/51

David HAYES
IO Editor

Representatives for ODOT gave an update for their progress on the Highway 22 and Highway 51 intersection project to improve safety along the corridor. While the estimated \$300 million project is still years from being funded, it has progressed through planning, design and environmental study phases. The biggest development, as per a suggestion by the County Commissioners last fall was to install barriers to prevent left hand turns along the corridor, the biggest contributor to the crashes.

According to ODOT, between Rickreall Road and just east of Doaks Ferry Road, there were 141 crashes reported from 2018 to 2022. Of those, several occurred in specific sections of the project area:

- 15% of the crashes occurred at the intersection of Highway 22 and 51.

- 43% were between Highway 51 and 50th Avenue, with four fatal or serious injury crashes.

- 12 % of the crashes were between Highway 22 and Doaks Ferry Road intersection
- 30% of the crashes occurred between Rickreall Road and Highway 51 turnoff, with fave fatal or serious injury crashes.

The current working design to improve safety and traffic through the area is installing roundabouts either side of Highway 22, one on northbound Oak Grove Road and one on southbound Oak Grove Road, with interchange exits leading to flyover lanes over Highway 22. Rethnasamy clarified to clear up rumors circulating the community that no roundabouts are planned on Highway 22 itself through the area.

"Previously we looked at a roundabout for 22 and 51 as opposed to an interchange. What we found was it would break down very quickly," said Kumar Rethnasamy, ODOT Project Manager. "Adding the dual

roundabout design projected out to a 20-year lifespan."

In addition, the project includes beefing up access roads north and south of Highway 22 to help locals bypass the busy thoroughfare.

ODOT estimates for the entire project is between \$280-\$300 million.

Anna Hansen, ODOT Area 3 Manager, admits that is a "chunk of change." The best way to fund the overall project will be in several phases.

"If we can phase these out in \$50 million increments, I know that's still a lot of money, those are numbers maybe we could apply for grants," Hanes said.

ODOT has studied since the last public open house in June 2023 four different interchange alternatives and different access roads layouts. During the studies, go through the "value engineering" ODOT goes through the engineering process, picking apart the project plans for oversites of obvious solutions, cost savings and phasings. ODOT has gone over the 22 value engineering team recommendations over the last nine months.

One of the top recommendations to surface was preventing dangerous left-hand turns.

"In order to get the safety benefit, a median barrier would need to be put down the entire length of 22/51 to address key safety problems," Rethnasamy said.

Initially, it was thought the barrier could only be installed at the end of the project. However, Rethnasamy explained ODOT has been looking into how to bring that phase forward sooner.

"There's a recognition we need to do some things sooner rather than later. At the suggestion of Commissioner Mordhorst (the suggestion was later attributed to Commission Chair Craig Pope) was to restrict some of the turns at 55 and 51," Rethnasamy said,

"specifically the left turnout as you're coming out of Highway 51 going west toward the coast."

He added this will look similar to the Doaks Ferry Road Northwest intersection.

ODOT will be rerouting traffic via South Oak Road and work with Polk County partners to make that happen.

Other safety improvements include:

- Install new signs where needed on Highways 51 and 22.

- Install a barricade restricting left turns toward the coast will also prevent crossing the highway north to 55th Avenue.

- Define the Highway 22 turn lane with tubular markers and shoulder rumble strips.
- Reapply striping and reflective markers.

The planning, NEPA environmental study and preliminary design phases have already been funded and completed. The next phases after 2025 that still need to be funded are right-of-way property acquisition and final design, followed by the final construction phase.

Rethnasamy said they're still working out the details, but the phases could be broken down into classifications.

- Clear the entire project under Environmental assessment that takes about one year, which allows ODOT to do environmental and design portions concurrently.

- Or potentially looking at different phases and clear them one at a time as they become funded.

Commissioner Kyle Mordhorst, the board liaison to ODOT, said he thinks this project is going to really help this region.

"At the same time, all these accidents we've been facing have been created by people making poor decisions. It's human error that are causing them," he said.

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Dallas Library hosts author Emma Pattee May 16

The Dallas Library welcomes author Emma Pattee at 7 p.m. May 16 to discuss her bestselling debut novel, "Tilt".

The novel is about Annie, who is nine months pregnant and shopping for a crib at IKEA, when a massive earthquake hits Portland, Oregon. With no way to reach her husband, no phone or money, and a city left in chaos, there's nothing to do but walk."

Kirkus review states, "Recounting Annie's precarious journey across the city and into her past, Pattee reveals that the quake has

upended more than the earth. A captivating novel."

Pattee is a journalist and fiction writer who lives in Portland, Oregon. Her journalistic writing about climate change has appeared in The Atlantic, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian and more.

This free event is made possible, in part, by funding from the Polk County Cultural Coalition and the Friends of the Dallas Library. You can contact the library for further information at (503)-623-2633 or check facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

Book now to ensure blood, platelets are on hand in May

The American Red Cross encourages the public to schedule their May donation appointment before summer gets into full swing. Year-end school ceremonies, sporting events and celebrations are expected to fill evenings and weekends, and patients are counting on donors to also make blood donation a priority. Make blood donation a priority in May and help accident victims and other patients in critical situations.

Those who come to give before May 18, will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.

Those who come to give later in the month, May 19-31, will receive an exclusive American Red Cross solar lantern, while supplies last. Plus, all who come to give in May will be automatically entered for a chance to win a U.S. trip of their choice for two. Full details can be found at www.RedCrossBlood.org/ May.

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time, without a moment's notice. By giving blood to the Red Cross, donors can help ensure blood is ready for patients in the most critical situations. Give blood or

platelets during Trauma Awareness Month this May to keep hospitals prepared for all transfusion needs, including emergencies. Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now:

- Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to any person, no matter their blood type. This makes it essential in the most dire situations.
- Type O positive blood is the most used blood type because it can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

- Platelets are often needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding.

The May events in Polk County include:

Monmouth - May 14: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N Monmouth Ave.

Dallas - May 19: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital, 525 SE Washington St.

Schedule a time to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Dallas Police Department honored for excellence in policy management and training

The Dallas Police Department received recognition for excellence in policy management and training by Lexipol, the leading provider of solutions that empower performance excellence in public safety.

The Lexipol Connect program tracks Dallas Police Department's performance on five metrics proven to measure success in policy management. Dallas achieved Gold, the highest level of recognition graded,

for consistent and effective policy dissemination to personnel, timely policy updates as laws change, and officer training on policies.

Tom Simpson, Chief of Police, explained the DPD's excellence in policy and policy training enhances community safety by ensuring consistent and effective response based on state and federal law and nationally recognized best practices.

"Our policies and procedures exist to guide members in the performance of their duties in conformity with the department mission," Simpson said. "That mission is to provide professional, effective and unbiased police services in a fair and ethical manner. Strong policies, consistent training and strong community partnerships are vital to the success of a law enforcement agency. Being recognized by Lexipol Connect highlights our focus on



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Dallas Police Chief Tom Simpson and Deputy Chief Jerry Mott, who takes over for the retiring Simpson July 1, hold the Lexipol Connect award for policy management and training.

continuous improvement, professionalism and public safety."

City Manager Brian Latta said the honor was well-earned.

"I'm very pleased with our highly professional police department, its leaders, officers and civilian staff. The

Lexipol's Gold recognition is well-earned and something for our community to celebrate," Latta said.

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Dallas Rotary Club targets food bank during Epic Day of Service May 17

The Dallas Rotary Club will be collecting food and funds for the Dallas Food Bank during its Epic Day of Service May 17.

Rotarians and Dallas Food Bank volunteers will be outside Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Walmart and the Dallas Les Schwab Tire Center to accept

donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most needed non-perishable foods include canned fish, meats, fruits and vegetables, soup, tomato sauce and peanut butter.

Monetary donations may also be made directly to the Dallas Food Bank, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit that

has served the greater Dallas community since 1983. Make tax-deductible donations online at www.dallasfoodbank.com or by check to 322 Main St., Ste. 180, Dallas, OR 97338 (write Epic Day on the memo line).

If interested in volunteering, sign up at <https://www.epicdayofservice.org/clubs/ united-states-5100-dallas/projects/collect-food-funds-for-dallas-food-bank-e70177fe9>.

Dallas Food Bank serves hundreds of low-income families each month. About one-third of food recipients are children. Food bank hours are 1-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9-11 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

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Former Falls City librarian Mary Ann Hake releases debut novel

Mary Ann Hake released her debut novel April 29 "Just a Piece of Stone," a middle grade historical novel from Elk Lake Publishing. Hake still owns property in Falls City but spends most of her time with her husband in Crooked River Ranch in Central Oregon, said she spent years in research to pull together events and details not often included in history classes.

The story starts with a boy in modern-day America who receives a strange package from his elderly grandfather. The chapters then move backward in time. Each chapter focuses on the childhood of the grandfather in the preceding chapter and the special family heirloom being passed on, all the way back to Bible times.

This unique presentation also includes a hint of the supernatural and a bit of suspense as readers try to determine where the treasured rock originate. "Just a Piece of Stone" is available in softcover and ebook, including Kindle Unlimited. Hake, 70, has published hundreds of stories, articles, poems, puzzles, devotions, curricula, and more (for both children and adults) in

periodicals and books plus hundreds of book reviews online. "Just a Piece of Stone" is her first published novel. The first two picture books in her series about a blind girl, "The Smells of the Seasons," received the prestigious Mom's Choice Award and were featured on the Arkansas PBS summer literacy program, Rise and Shine. She has worked in

a bookstore and as a librarian and enjoyed reading to children at story times and conducting summer reading programs. She has also taught writing to children and at writers' conferences. She continues to work as a freelance editor along with her writing. Check out her website at <https://maryanhake.com>.

CSD names new leadership at Ash Creek

Staff REPORT

The Central School District has hired Jeremy St. Germain as the new assistant principal at Ash Creek Elementary School.

St. Germain will join the staff in the fall of 2025.

St. Germain said the collaborative spirit of the Ash Creek community was evident from his first interactions with the team.

"The focus on student success is something I deeply admire," St. Germain said in



Jeremy St. Germain

a CSD press release. "I look forward to building strong relationships and contributing to the district's vision for excellence in education."

St. Germain earned a Bachelor's in Mathematics Degree with an emphasis in Education from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. He earned his Master's in Educational Leadership from Arizona State University, further fueling his passion for shaping schools and fostering student success. He has been an 8th-grade math teacher, an instructional coach, a district mathematics specialist,

an assistant principal and a principal.

St. Germain said each role has been an opportunity to grow, lead, and contribute to the education community.

"I'm excited to bring my experience and passion for education to the Central School District, and specifically Ash Creek Elementary School. I look forward to working closely with staff, students, and families to create a positive and impactful learning

environment," St. Germain said.

The educators at Ash Creek are eager to welcome Mr. St. Germain.

"We feel confident that Mr. St. Germain's experience, skill set, and core values will be an excellent fit into our school community," said Ashcreek Elementary Principal Jennece Crocker. "We are looking forward to his arrival and contributions to ACES."

St. Germain said that every day brings something new and rewarding.

"What I cherish most is the joy of seeing students' smiling faces, collaborating with families, and being part of a vibrant community," he said. "There's nothing more fulfilling than when a current or former student stops to share their journey, a personal story, or their exciting plans for the future. It's those moments that make this work so meaningful."

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Mid Willamette Conference, the same as CHS. After working for 9 1/2 years as a teacher and teacher on special assignment, he moved into administration, where he's worked for 16 years. Dormer has worked in Sweet Home, Corvallis, Beaverton and Southeastern Alaska. He earned his bachelor's at Oregon State University, his

master's at Pacific University, and his administrative license at George Fox University.

Dormer said his best memories of high school include peer relationships that he built through activities, including soccer, track, and leadership.

"I tell kids one of the reasons I wanted to be a high school principal is because it was hard for me – not academically, but I struggled with my self-esteem," he said. "Looking back, I think a lot of kids struggle with their

self-esteem – it's a hard time for kids. I'm grateful I can build programs for students. I want them to grow, communicate and reach out."

Dormer added he's anticipating being able to speak with anyone who wants to share.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of your community," he said. "I want to share with them about their student's needs, because they're all unique, and they're all important."

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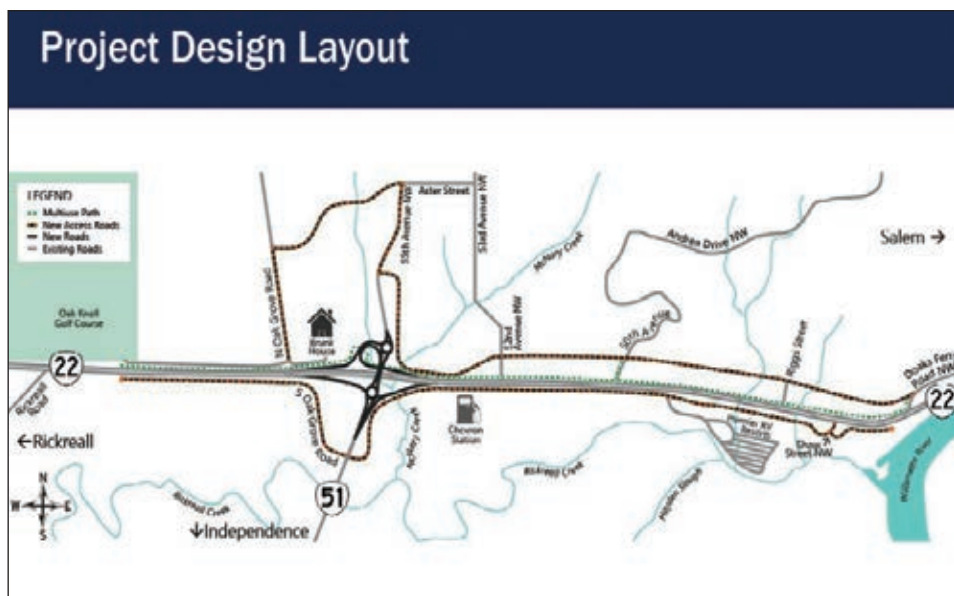
He added that over a third of these accidents had alcohol and marijuana related to them. He also recommended leaving for work up to 50 minutes earlier so as not to drive through this hazardous area worrying about being late. "If you are running into heavy traffic, wait for that

opening that is safe (to make a left-hand turn). Gambling, because you don't want to be late for work, may cause you 30 years of life," Mordhorst said.

He asked Hansen for an update on the roundabout project going in at Kings Valley Highway and Highway 22. Hansen said ODOT has designed the realignment of Perrydale Road and sits at 50% planned.

"We do not have any construction funding identified for that work," Hansen said, adding with environmental done, the best path may be through a federal grant. "ODOT would cover the cost of it. We would just need the partnership of the county to maybe be the applicant. Sometimes that works better with these grants."

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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OBITUARIES



Sheldon "Rod" Bice
Jan. 14, 1937 - April 17, 2025

Sheldon Bice was born in Hotchkiss, Colorado, the first child of Rosalee and Hollis Bice. They moved to Oregon shortly after his birth, living in Parkdale and Perrydale, before settling in Rickreall near his grandparent's farm around the age of 14. Sheldon spent his adolescence learning the day-to-day operations of their dairy farm until it closed in the late 1970s. At that time the focus became crops and raising pigs, which Sheldon also had a big part in until well into his 70s. Sheldon loved his family. He was everyone's favorite uncle, and cherished time spent with his brothers, sisters, and cousins that often came to visit. He also loved camping, riding ATVs, watching comedies and westerns, and "Manana milkshakes"! Sheldon was preceded in death by his parents, and all five of his siblings, with his baby sister Mary, passing away just three weeks prior to him. He is survived by several nieces and nephews that have many memories filled with laughter.



Katherine Alice Vevang
March 7, 1931 - April 24, 2025

Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. May 30, 2025, at Restlawn Cemetery.

Katherine Alice Vevang (Melick) passed away April 24, 2025, at 94. She was born to Earl and Carrie Melick (Westover) March 7, 1931, in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1949. She taught elementary school at Red Bird Mission in Southeast Kentucky from 1958-1968. She moved to Tampa, Florida, where she met Richard Vevang whom she married in 1970. She was an active member at Lake Magdalene UMC and a volunteer at the Salvation Army. Katherine moved to Minnesota in 2019 to be near her son and family. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. May 29 at Lake Magdalene Church in Tampa. Niche-side service will be at 10 a.m. May 30 at Coral Ridge cemetery in Cape Coral, Florida.



Marvin Morey
July 29, 1938 - April 30, 2025

With sadness, we announce the passing of Marvin Morey. He is survived by his wife, Marilan, of 66 years; two children, Kimberlee Uttecht (Gary) and Kraig Morey; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Marvin was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, moving to the Pacific Northwest with his parents as a young boy, where his father worked in the shipyards during WWII. Later, the family moved to Salem, Oregon, where Marvin attended school, graduating from North Salem High School in 1958. This is where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Marilan. Deciding to enroll in college, they moved to Eugene and along with school, Marvin worked in the lumber industry for several years. Their children were also born while living in Eugene. Later, they returned home to the Salem/Stayton area and Marvin was employed by Microflect, Inc., later moving into the position of shop foreman. After serving 26 years at Microflect, Marvin started his

business known as Morey Overhead Doors and worked until retirement in 2006. They settled into their country home in Dallas and shortly became members of Salt Creek Baptist Church where both served in various capacities. Marvin enjoyed RV traveling, boating, antiquing (military items especially), and taking care of their country home. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Mabel Morey, and brothers Milton Jr., and Maurice Morey. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. May 17, 2025, at Salt Creek Cemetery in Dallas, Oregon. Dessert and fellowship to follow at Salt Creek Baptist Church. Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family.

Ethel Kemmerer. In 1947 her family moved to Blachly, Oregon. Donna met her future husband that week and married Raymond Ogden in 1948. Donna and Ray spent all their time together. Their marriage was full of good times, hard times, and grieving times, they survived three house fires, the loss of Donna's arm in a logging accident and the death of their firstborn at 21 years, Dennis Ray Ogden. Their love of God and each other knit them tightly, peacefully together. Donna was the church treasurer for 21 years, organist for about 20 years, and also taught sabbath school lessons. She was also RC Ogden's bookkeeper and secretary for over 20 years. Donna was never one to quit and did more with one arm than most did with two. She loved snow skiing and horseback riding. They had 71 lovely years, five children, 18 grandkids and 26 great grandkids. Mourning our beloved mother are Vivian and Stephen Rabun, Audrey Ogden, Rusty Ogden, Bryan and Tana Ogden, 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Donna passed at home with family April 18, 2025. A Celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. May 30, 2025, at the Dallas Seventh Day Adventist Church.



Donna J Ogden
Oct. 13, 1930 - April 18, 2025

Donna J Ogden was born Oct. 13, 1930, in Ruby, Oklahoma, the first born of nine children to Donald and

Death Notices

Phillip Lee Pickering
Oct. 27, 1949 - April 30, 2025
Phillip Lee Pickering passed away on April 30, 2025.

Guest Column

Return to the Jungle? Cutting the FDA's Food Safety Inspections

"They use everything about the hog except the squeal."
—Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*

By SKIP WENZ

Most Americans have at least a general idea of what the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is, and of its role in guarding consumer safety. But because we have lived under the watchdog's protections for more than a century, few know how and why it came into existence, and what our lives could be like without it. In the early 1900s, America had a big problem. People were getting sick, and frequently dying, from eating products sold by the nation's meat-packing industry, which was centered in Chicago. The problem had grown to the point where some attempts to impose federal regulations were made, but that legislation

was defeated in Congress, largely due to lobbying by meat cartels guarding their profits. But at that time, which historians now call the "Progressive Era," certain American journalists, known as "muckrackers," worked to expose the malfeasance of corporate monopolies and corruption in government. One such journalist was Upton Sinclair who in 1906 published a novel, *The Jungle*, that changed the course of American history. The story's protagonist was a Lithuanian immigrant who was lured to America with the promise of getting rich, but instead was exploited, Sinclair wrote, "as a wage slave of the Beef Trust," and lost his home, family and health, while being forced to work in filthy, unheated and unsafe conditions, while being forced to work in filthy, unheated and unsafe conditions. To research *The Jungle*, Sinclair infiltrated the slaughterhouses and

meat-packing plants of Chicago's vast "Packingtown" complex. There, according to Christopher Klein, writing for *History* magazine, he witnessed "walls painted with animal blood and plastered with flesh, rotten beef doctored with chemicals and dead rats and sawdust swept into sausage meat. Workers infected with tuberculosis coughed and spat blood onto floors and used open latrines next to processed meat." The results were predictable. During the Spanish-American War, more American soldiers died from eating tainted beef than from combat. Related conditions in other food industries had similar outcomes. By one estimate, food and milk contaminated with formaldehyde killed 400,000 American infants each year. So when *The Jungle*, which documented the industry's abuses, was published in early 1906 and became an instant bestseller, millions

of Americans were revolted...and afraid of losing their lives or those of loved ones. Meat sales dropped, many American meat exports were banned in Europe, public pressure on Congress grew exponentially and industry resistance melted away. In June of that year, Theodore Roosevelt's administration created the FDA which, using science-based rules and targeted inspections of processing plants, has effectively protected Americans against everything from tainted meat to adulterated drugs ever since. Until now, that is. On March 30, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services, headed by Robert F. Kennedy Jr, cut 3,500 FDA jobs, thus ending most of the Agency's routine food inspection programs — as a "cost saving" measure. Faced with a public outcry, a new FDA spokesperson reassured the

public that there's no need to worry — the states can conduct their own inspections. The problem with that, however, is that approximately 70% of all food is shipped across state lines, and safety standards can vary considerably from state to state. An inadequately inspected plant in, say, Missouri, could ship unsafe food to the East Coast, only to be discovered after that food made people sick. Additionally, about 17% of our food is imported, and inspections at points of entry are under federal control — which is soon to be loosened. The FDA spokesperson also said that we shouldn't worry because the government can hire private contractors to replace the ousted federal inspectors, although it's unclear how much money this would save. Thanks to the FDA, news of food-poisoning outbreaks is now rare. But that could soon change.

Letters to the Editor

Food Bank experiencing shortfall in wake of federal cuts

The need for food assistance in our community is increasing; however, the food supply is not. Due to

the elimination of US Department of Agriculture programs that directed surplus foods to the nation's food banks, the donated food supply has diminished. In Dallas, that's a loss of about 35,000 pounds of food including meat, eggs, milk and cheese, with a value of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Dallas Food Bank is averaging 509 visits per month so far this year. Community support is needed to help close the gap between the need and the supply. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at Dallas Food Bank or at Les Schwab Tire Center

during the May 17 Community Food Drive. Tax-deductible donations may be made directly to Dallas Food Bank, 322 Main St., Ste. 180, Dallas, OR 97338. If everyone does what they can to help their neighbors in need, we

can make sure that families have the food they need to thrive.
Eileen DiCicco
Dallas

Vote Yes to build a new police station

It's time to step up and cast your YES vote for a new Dallas police facility. This facility will provide a much-needed safe working environment, room to house our police and staff, and privacy for victims so they can share their story. There will be no more shared locker rooms, which will provide added privacy for our officers and staff. We will also have an evidence room that can protect items for pending and ongoing cases. A huge plus will be having our police and staff in one facility, providing better

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LETTERS
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communication and safety protection. A YES vote sends a positive message to our citizens and police officers that we care and appreciate their willingness to put their lives on the line to protect us.

Your YES vote for a new police facility is long overdue and it's time for all of us to step up and vote YES!

*Nancy J. Adams
Dallas*

Vote yes on Chemeketa Bond

While voting for the new police station, vote for the

Chemeketa Community College Bond Measure too. Supporting public education at all levels indirectly helps the police as well.

More educational opportunities for young people mean more stable and safe communities.

*Jerry Nathan
Dallas*

Weekly Online Poll

In the wake of the latest Point in Time homelessness count, is Polk County doing enough to address the issue?

- 10.5 % Yes
- 42.1 % No
- 47.4 % There will always be homeless regardless of efforts

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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:

- Arviat
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- Kinngait
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- Whitehorse
- Yellowknife

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CryptoQuip

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

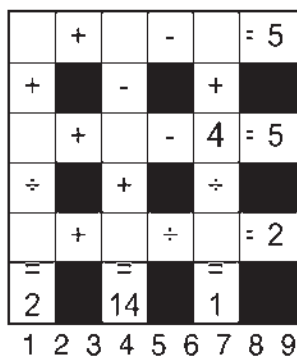
Clue: F equals B

SLWY IXCYS AT L BYKKQJTSY
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 KTBLAYG XS FXOWXSIJLW'U
 UALAY: WTFXY LKFLWL.

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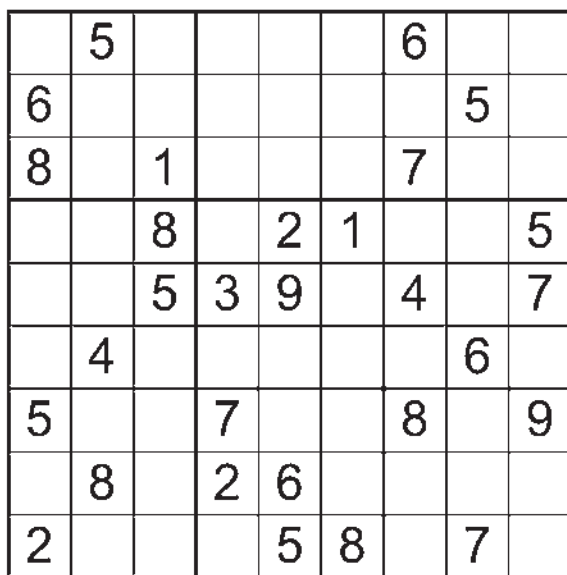
GO FIGURE!

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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Weekly SUDOKU



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword ROUGH JOURNEY AHEAD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Croatia
 - 7 Pakistan's largest city
 - 14 Rajiv or Indra
 - 20 For only the price of production
 - 21 Rarely used golf club
 - 22 Alev rival
 - 23 Spectators' loud cheers
 - 25 Szabie sofas
 - 26 Angled
 - 27 Southeast Kansas city
 - 28 River islet
 - 30 Beginner's painting class
 - 31 Soudanese, e.g.
 - 33 Local flavored with a certain fragrant herb
 - 39 Incorporates gradually
 - 43 Hitter Griffey
 - 44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic
 - 45 "The Wild West" actor
 - 47 São (largest of the Cape Verde)
 - 48 Actress Jessica
 - 49 Parmigiana
 - 50 Hi — image
 - 51 Goller's peg
 - 54 Vote in favor
 - 55 Clarinetist Shaw
 - 58 Wander
 - 62 Temporary, as a committee
 - 63 Creator of Oz
 - 65 Neighbor of Croatia
 - 66 Acquiesce, figuratively
 - 71 Virgil epic
 - 72 Noted Deco master
 - 73 Paper opinion pieces
 - 74 Many a song by Journey or Chicago
 - 77 Eight x live
 - 78 Knight's title
 - 81 Suffix with journal
 - 82 Alley —
 - 83 Flatware item
 - 85 Ho-hum thing
 - 86 Huff
 - 89 Site-to-site transfer of data
 - 93 "Glass half full" attitude
 - 96 JFK posting
 - 97 Deprived of parental care
 - 98 It's east of Croatia
 - 101 "The devil — the details"
 - 102 Cure — (panacea)
 - 103 Alabama-Illinois dir.
 - 104 Per unit
 - 105 Pound pen
 - 110 Popular video-sharing service
 - 113 Apt thing to do on while pondering this puzzle's theme?
 - 118 Villa
 - 119 Fine-food fan by Journey or Chicago
 - 121 "Get —"
 - 122 Chooses
 - 123 Hurled
- DOWN**
- 1 Fishhook
 - 2 Sicuan tribe member
 - 3 Read hastily
 - 4 The Rhine flows into it
 - 5 Thermal or lateral lead-in
 - 6 Internationally
 - 7 Germany's Helmut
 - 8 Lend — (pay attention)
 - 9 — center (community facility)
 - 10 Make public
 - 11 — Magnon supposed to know?"
 - 13 Dajpeeling or pekoe
 - 14 Gallivant
 - 15 Darth Vader, in boyhood
 - 16 CNN political commentator
 - 17 U.S. capital's vicinity
 - 18 Allude to
 - 19 Not affresco
 - 24 Drink mixer
 - 29 Fact
 - 32 Alop. to poets
 - 34 Gumbo vegetable
 - 35 Fasten shut
 - 36 Teminus
 - 37 Vocalist
 - 38 Ask earnestly
 - 39 Ask earnestly
 - 40 Golf target
 - 41 "SOS" band
 - 42 Tyro
 - 46 Born, on a society page
 - 50 Lively Ironic
 - 51 Soudanese, e.g.
 - 52 Oklahoma city
 - 53 Self-help writer LeShan
 - 55 Go off script
 - 56 Old Valene Harper role
 - 57 "Mazel —"
 - 58 Ill-mannered
 - 59 Up until now
 - 60 I Am "Woman" singer Helen
 - 61 Mined metals
 - 62 Supermodel
 - 63 Minstrel poet
 - 64 Social insect
 - 66 Some antique autos
 - 67 In time past
 - 68 Gather in
 - 69 Depend on
 - 71 Exist
 - 75 Unlace, e.g.
 - 76 Having vulgar interests
 - 77 To and —
 - 78 Imminently
 - 79 "Dies —" (hymn)
 - 80 Comic Fox
 - 83 Sally Greek choice
 - 84 Neighbor of Yemen
 - 85 Boils a little
 - 86 Wild West sheriff's badge
 - 87 Med. plan
 - 88 Comic actor Mayall
 - 89 Minister's study: Abbr.
 - 90 "Love Story" novelist Segal
 - 91 Switch to second gear, maybe
 - 92 Chi precursor
 - 93 Speechless
 - 94 Bull up
 - 95 Chat with
 - 99 Steal
 - 100 John of lawn tractors
 - 105 Fruit drinks
 - 107 Wows
 - 108 Stare
 - 109 Stared at
 - 111 Ex-Giant Mel
 - 112 Lock go-with
 - 114 Crooner
 - 115 Hare in Arles
 - 116 Fizzling thing
 - 117 Miracle —

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Moments in time

• On May 26, 1897, Bram Stoker's now iconic horror novel "Dracula" went on sale in London. Stoker's editors had deleted the first 101 pages from his manuscript and altered the text to seem less "real," since there just so happened to be a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper on the loose in the city at that time.

• On May 27, 1949, the unemployed, 22-year-old model-actress Marilyn Monroe earned \$50 for posing nude for a Los Angeles photographer against a red velvet backdrop. Though it became the most famous calendar photo in history, she never earned another cent from the picture, as she had signed away all her rights to it in a release form.

• On May 28, 2005, Carl Edward Roland, who was wanted by police in connection with the murder of his ex-girlfriend Jennifer Gonzalez, was removed from a crane perched 18 stories above a construction site in Atlanta, where he'd spent three days. After his capture, he was eventually found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

• On May 29, 2014, transgender actor and advocate Laverne Cox appeared on the cover of TIME for its story "The Transgender Tipping Point," following a public backlash over the magazine's exclusion of Cox from its 100 most influential people reader's poll the previous month.

• On May 30, 1993, after being stalled for four days by a blizzard 4,000 feet below the summit, Joni Phelps became the first blind climber to reach the top of Denali, North America's tallest mountain. She was guided by her twin sons.

• On May 31, 1977, the song "God Save the Queen" by the British punk band the Sex Pistols was banned from the radio by the BBC. Three decades after its release, lead singer Johnny Rotten aptly remarked, "There are not many songs written over baked beans at the breakfast table that went on to divide a nation and force a change in popular culture."

• On June 1, 1494, Friar John Cor distilled Scotland's first whisky at Lindores Abbey, under a commission from King James IV to turn eight bolls of malt into "aqua vitae," or "water of life."

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of Han Solo's ship in the "Star Wars" series?
- TELEVISION: What is Ray Barone's job on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond"?
- U.S. STATES: The Baltimore Ravens' name is a nod to which past famous resident?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "allumophobia"?
- LITERATURE: Who created the fictional detective Lord Peter Wimsey?
- GAMES: Which chess piece can't move in a straight line?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby mouse called?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym RNA stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to wear contact lenses?
- ASTRONOMY: Which constellation contains Polaris, the North Star?

Answers

- Millennium Falcon.
- Sportswriter.
- Edgar Allan Poe, who wrote the poem "The Raven."
- Fear of garlic.
- Dorothy L. Sayers.
- Knight.
- A pinky or pup.
- Ribonucleic Acid.
- Lyndon Johnson.
- Ursa Minor (The Little Dipper).

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Puzzle answers on page B2

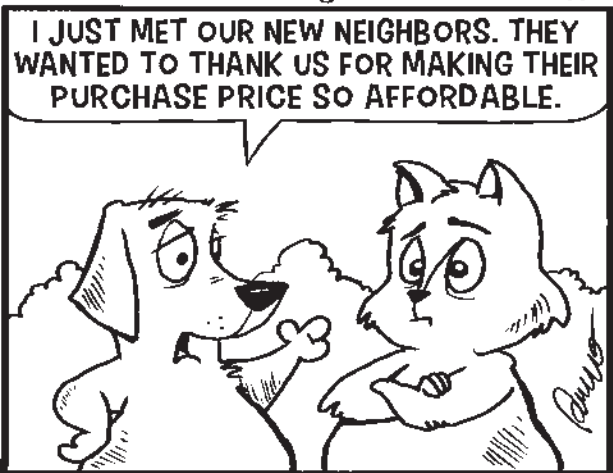
Out on a Limb

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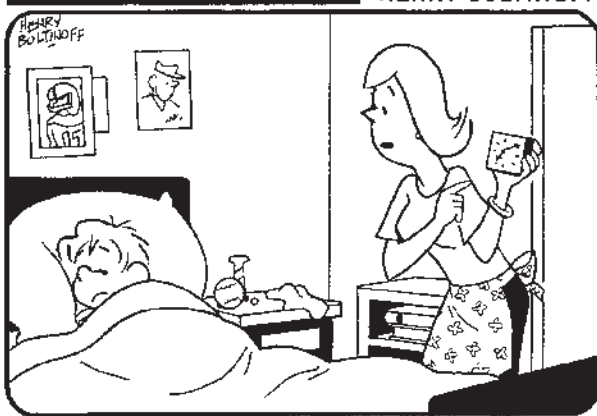
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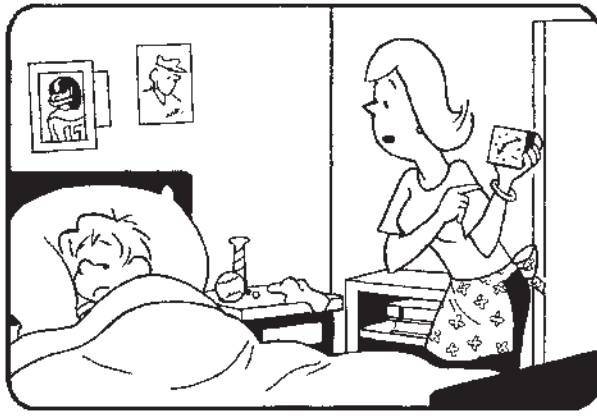
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



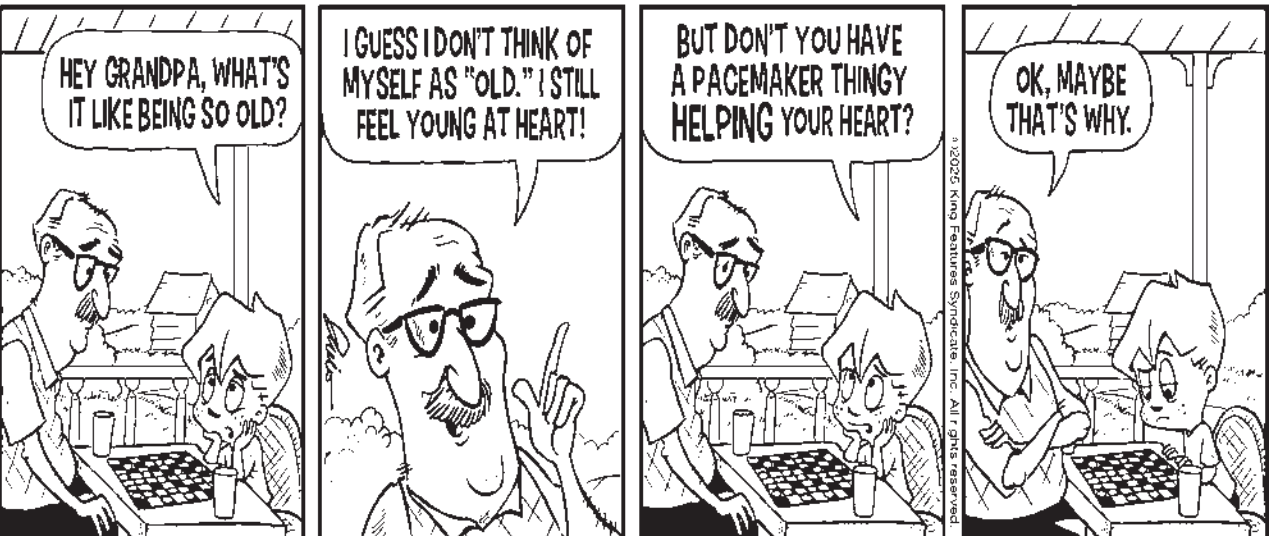
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Apron is shorter. 2. Hat is longer. 3. Bookcase is wider. 4. Picture is different. 5. Hand is shorter. 6. Bracket is moved.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



WOU showcases undergraduate research May 29

The Western Oregon University Program for Undergraduate Research Experiences (PURE) 19th annual Academic Excellence Showcase is May 29. The showcase is an opportunity for Western undergraduate

students to share their research with university faculty, staff, students, and the general public.

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to present at the event. Each student identifies and works with a

faculty mentor who helps them prepare their research for public presentation. Much of the research is done under the direct supervision of Western faculty members, and the event is a chance for all community members to

learn about the exciting, leading-edge research at Western.

"I'm thrilled to welcome local community members and businesses to experience the impressive range of student achievements and creativity displayed at WOU's Academic

Excellence Showcase," said Maren Anderson, director of PURE and AES Coordinator.

The event features student panels, poster presentations, fine arts performances, a presentation of awards, and plenary speakers. It is free for

all members of the university community and the general public. To learn more about the event, go to <https://wou.edu/pure/academicexcellenceshowcase/faq> or contact pure@wou.edu.

Governor details forecast for Oregon's 2025 wildfire season

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Gov. Tina Kotek and agency leaders who manage wildfires and conflagration declarations have outlined a briefing as the 2025 wildfire season approaches, including the steps Oregonians should take to prepare.

During a media briefing Wednesday, May 7, Kotek also signed a proclamation declaring May 2025 as Wildfire Awareness Month.

"Record-setting wildfire seasons across the west are getting longer and more devastating. What we know to be an 'average fire season' has long passed," Governor Kotek said. "Last summer's devastating wildfires called for sacrifice, courage, and cooperation from everyone involved"

Kotek said the state has spent the off-season preparing to take on "what we know

will be another dangerous summer."

"So here's my challenge to all Oregonians: support first responders and frontline workers by doing your part. Know the fire danger level where you are, get your home's defensible space prepared and please follow all local fire restrictions. Let's do everything we can to keep Oregonians' lives, land, and property safe while enjoying the beautiful outdoors this summer."

The 2025 wildfire briefing was held at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Fire Cache. The ODF Fire Cache houses the critical equipment and supplies the agency's teams and firefighters rely on when fighting a wildfire.

Kotek was joined by ODF Deputy Director of Fire Operations Kyle Williams, Oregon State Fire

Marshal (OSFM) Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) Director Erin McMahon, The Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard Alan Gronewold, Public Utility Commission (PUC) Executive Director Nolan Moser, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Department of Human Services (ODHS) Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM) Director Ed Flick.

Kotek briefed members of the press on what subject matter experts anticipate in the 2025 fire season. Though it is still too early to have insight into how the peak of the fire season will affect Oregon this year, forecasters are increasingly confident that the first half of the season will have hotter and drier weather conditions than what

is normal for the western United States, according to a release from Kotek's office.

In Oregon's 2024 fire season, regardless of jurisdiction, the state had a record-breaking year with 1,956 fires that burned more than 1.9 million acres.

Early detection and aggressive initial attack are the cornerstones to effective response and protection of Oregonians and our state's natural resources, the release states.

The state's fire protection system is administered through two primary agencies, ODF and OSFM, who coordinate closely with federal partners, sovereign Tribal nations, state and local partners, landowners and the contract firefighting community.

ODF is charged with the wildfire protection of 16 million acres across Oregon and is responsible for the

state's complete and coordinated wildfire protection system. With early detection systems like the Multi-Mission Aircraft and Wildfire Detection Camera Program, ODF responds quickly and efficiently to new fire starts. Using these early detection tools and aggressive initial attack tactics, ODF kept 93 percent of ODF fires at fewer than 10 acres in 2024.

ODF relies on more than 700 permanent and seasonal firefighters to staff over 300 engines, operate heavy equipment and serve on fire crews. Through call-when-needed contracts, the agency provides firefighting aviation assets to wildfires. Additionally, ODF works with the Oregon Military Department and out-of-state partners for additional firefighting resources.

OSFM is charged with supporting statewide community

and structure protection against wildfire, through the partnerships with over 300 local fire departments. OSFM oversees the state's Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) which mobilized to a record 17 urban wildfire conflagrations last year.

Through OSFM's Response Ready Oregon program, 76 new structural protection fire engines have been deployed to local fire departments across the state and "up-staffing grants" have once again been deployed this year to support the staffing of an additional 1,000 firefighters.

To rise to the challenge of the wildfire crisis in Oregon, OSFM is working diligently to prepare communities to be more resilient, the release states. Projects are underway across Oregon through community wildfire risk reduction grant funding.

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Independence hosts Touch a Truck event

Photos by David Hayes



Maverick Walton, 5, of Independence gets to extend the bucket high in the air from a boom truck.



A Polk County Fire District No. 1 firefighter waves to the crowd atop a fully extended aerial fire truck ladder as it demonstrates its fire fighting capabilities spraying water out over the Willamette River.



Reid Anderson, 6, gets a turn behind the wheel of the Capital blown alcohol dragster.



Dallas pilot Aria Runyan, 3, imagines steering down the Willamette River in Polk Count Sheriff's Search and Rescue boat.

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Central at South Albany, 5 p.m.
Corvallis at Dallas, 5 p.m.
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- Track & Field**
May 16
Track MWC JV Districts
Dallas, 2:30 p.m.
- Tennis**
Thursday-Saturday
MWC District Finals
Boys, Girls Tennis
Timberhill Tennis Club
(Corvallis)

- Golf**
May 19-20
Boys Golf
State Finals
OGA Golf Course
(Woodburn)
Girls Golf
State Finals
Emerald Valley Golf and Resort
(Creswell)

- Prep Scoreboard**
Baseball
May 5
Central 4, West Albany 3
Dallas 5, Crescent Valley 4
May 6
West Albany 9, Central 7
May 7
Crescent Valley 13, Dallas 12

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Green sisters taking it one step, leap at a time

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Cold rain couldn't keep hurdler Tanya Green away from the Dallas High School track this past winter.

"When I came out here in December and January, Tanya was out in the rain, hurdling. It shows. She's our number one hurdler," coach Bill Masei said from a Dragons practice.

In addition, Green is the Mid-Willamette Conference's number one in the 300m hurdles, and its number three in the 100m hurdles.

In addition to hurdling in the rain, Green was on the school's swim team. The extra work paid dividends, it appears, as she ended last season as the conference's 10th fastest in the 300m hurdles, and is now its fastest.

"Just a combination of a few things. Lots of practice, conditioning ... getting my steps in-between hurdles, rhythm. Working on my sprinting techniques," she said of her improvement. As for the weather, "I mean, it's Oregon. So sometimes it rains."

It's rare for a high school athlete to show so much improvement in such a short time. It happens, but not without determination.

"It just shows (the effect of what) Tanya did in the off-season, because her time is down ... she's gotten really fast. Her endurance is a lot higher than what it was. She's more mature as a hurdler, and she's a lot stronger," Masei said. "So kudos to all the work she put in at Christmas time, because she was out here in the rain and sleet."

Amber Green is Tanya's younger sister. The sophomore is putting together a memorable season of her



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Tanya (left) and Amber Green are having stellar seasons for the Dragons' track team this season. With one week before district finals, Tanya is seeded first in the 300-meter hurdles while Amber is seeded first in the 1500 meters.

own, though she's not following in her sister's footsteps. Amber prefers the exchange rate of long distance running.

"I did try hurdles for a little bit in middle school, and I quickly realized I did not like it as much as distance," Amber said. "The thing I love about distance running is what you put into it is what you'll get out of it. So the more consistent I am with my running and my mileage, the more progress I will see."

Amber's progress is highly visible, as she set school records in the 800 and 1500 meters. She's also the district's top seed in the latter distance.

Such success at a young age is of no surprise to her coaches, who saw it coming

meets before. They'll be prepared. They'll be fine."

Sean Ward and Elizabeth Walker are also having stellar seasons for the Dragons' track squad. Ward and Camren Thompson of South Albany are tied for Class 5A's top mark in the high jump (6'8"). Ward is second in the 300m hurdles in Class 5A.

"At 5-8, it's not that (Ward's) jumping high is based on his height," Masei said. "It's his explosive ability. He just jumps. He can elevate."

According to the district rankings, Walker, a junior, is first in the high jump, fifth in the long jump and eighth in the 200 meters.

Ward's mark in the high jump is a new school record, as is freshman Harlow Nelson's 25.31 in the 200 meters. Throw in Amber's records, and three athletes established four new school records.

Nelson plays for the varsity softball team and splits her time between the two sports.

The future appears bright for the Dallas program.

"(Ward) is a graduating senior, and he's going to be a big scorer for us this year," Masei said. "But I think every single girl that's ranked top 10 in our league ... all come back. So next year's team could really be dynamite."

The Mid-Willamette Conference Championships in track and field is Wednesday-Friday, May 21-23, at McGinnis Stadium in Silverton.

State finals are the following weekend at Hayward Field in Eugene (University of Oregon).

Top Dragons

The following Dragons are in the MWC's top eight in their individual events

heading into next week's Mid-Willamette Conference track and field finals, May 12-13, McGinnis Stadium, Silverton:

DHS Boys
First: Sean Ward, High Jump

Second: Sean Ward, 300m Hurdles

Third: Bertram Latta, Discus

Fourth: Sean Ward, 110m Hurdles; Jordan Braziel, Shot Put

Fifth: Zander Hammill, Eric Cowart, Sean Ward, Nicholas Walker, 4X400

Sixth: Nicholas Walker, 400m; Aidan Galusha, Sean Ward, Zander Hammill, Nicholas Walker, 4X100; Logan Carey, Shot Put; Jordan Braziel, Discus

Seventh: Nathan Cunningham, Discus; Jordan Maxfield, Pole Vault

DHS Girls
First: Tanya Green, 300m Hurdles; Elizabeth Walker, High Jump; Amber Green, 1500m

Second: Amber Green, 800m

Third: Harlow Nelson, 100m, 200m; Kelsey Rodli, 3000m; Tanya Green, 100m Hurdles; Merced Ward, 300m Hurdles; Elizabeth Walker, Amber Green, Tanya Green, Merced Ward, 4X400; Eva Casey, High Jump; Jana Deming, Pole Vault

Fourth: Savannah Dezotell, Shot Put; Merced Ward, High Jump

Fifth: Jana Deming, 300m Hurdles; Elizabeth Walker, Long Jump

Sixth: Elizabeth Walker, Tanya Green, Merced Ward, Harlow Nelson, 4X100

Seventh: Amber Green, 3000m

Eighth: Elizabeth Walker, 200m; Amber Green, 400m; Merced Ward, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump; Tanya Green, Pole Vault

Misstep costs Falls City athlete his senior finale

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Chris Sickles' track season ended with a misstep at the Perrydale Invitational, held April 19th.

"Well, I was doing the hurdles ... and when I landed over the last hurdle, I landed a bit wrong, and I fully tore my ACL," he said.

Seriousness of the injury to his left knee surprised Sickles. The Mountaineers senior thought all he needed was rest.

"I didn't have any pain. Which is why I didn't think it was my ACL," he said. "At the time of the injury ... I couldn't walk on it. But within a week I was walking pain free."

But then Sickles consulted with his specialist.

"At first, like most young men are going to be, Chris was like, it will get better. Because he had some minor injuries that, with time, did get better," coach Dean Munkers said of his athlete's initial reaction. "But then, as he got the MRI results and met with the orthopedic surgeon, the reality of it set in."

This reality check includes surgery in a few weeks, along with an estimated nine months of rest and rehabilitation. It also means Sickles will not compete at a Eugene decathlon in June. There's a sense of deja vu at play here, since he missed last year's decathlon for a similar reason.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Chris Sickles saw a banner year in track end abruptly when he tore his ACL last month. The Mountaineers senior still wants to compete in college athletics once he's fully recovered.

"In the state track meet, I injured my hip," he said of last year's mishap. "I'm pretty unlucky with track."

His recent ACL rupture couldn't have come at a worse time. The Falls City athlete is enjoying a banner season. Sickles hasn't competed in weeks, yet he's still ranked third in the 110m hurdles, sixth in the shot put and javelin, and seventh in the 300m hurdles in District 1.

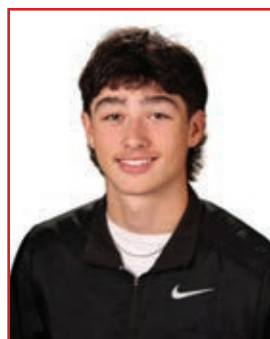
He was primed for a big finish. Instead, there's no district or state finals in his future, nor will he compete at any other meet any time soon.

"Chris had aspirations of breaking our school record

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CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jackson Barba



Central Baseball
Jackson Barba is a sophomore on Central's Baseball Team, he is hitting .667 this week going 6/9 including 3 doubles and scored 3 runs. He was the starting pitcher in the win over West Albany on Monday.

Congratulations Jackson!



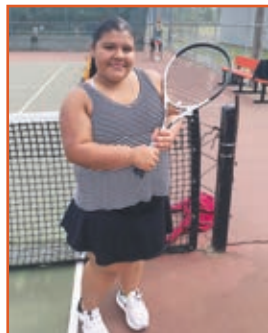
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DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sofia Lozano Venegas



Sofia Lozano Venegas is on the Girls Tennis Team at Dallas High School. Coach Rogers says that she's a leader, consistent, smart, and has a fantastic attitude!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 14 - MAY 21

Wednesday, May 14
 7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
 5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Monmouth Parks & Recreation Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 Hogan Road
 6 p.m. - Dallas Downtown Association's Free Community Movie Night: "Jurassic World", Dallas Cinema, 773 SE Jefferson St.
 6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget Committee meeting, Heritage Room, Event Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Thursday, May 15
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes, ages 2 and under, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Monmouth Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Stay and Play with building blocks, cars, trucks, Play Dough and more, for ages 5 and under, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing/Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 2 p.m. - 3rd Thursday Book Club reads "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecka Skaloot, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Senior Center
 6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7 p.m. - Dallas Library hosts local author and journalist Emma Pattee to discuss her debut novel "Tilt"

Friday, May 16
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Polk County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
 10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop/Drawing for

Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Midnight Express, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, May 17
 9 a.m. - Dallas Farmers Market, County Courthouse Square
 9 a.m. - Mid Valley Quilt Guild "The Art of Quilting" Quilt Show, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umqua Bank parking lot
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
 10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - WOU Block Party, free event for WOU alumni, students, faculty, staff, community members and friends (basically everybody), Church Street and The Grove
 12 p.m. - AAPI Vendor Market, Monmouth Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Myrtle Brown & Executive Groove, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 8 p.m. - Extravaganza Comedy Show, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

Sunday, May 18
 9 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, preview at 9 a.m., sale at 10 a.m., Building C, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
 10 a.m. - Oregon Vintage Motorcycle Club's 4th Annual Ride, Show & Swap Meet, Main Building, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West, for more information go to <https://oregonvintage.org/events/ovm-annual-ride-swap-and-show-at-salem-or/>
 10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market,

Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Kevin Hansen, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence


Monday, May 19
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Trip to Schreiner's Iris Gardens, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall
 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 Court. St.

Tuesday, May 20
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Little Builders Touch-a-Truck, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4:30 p.m. - Dallas Library hosts Teen/Tween Junk Journal activity, sign-ups required at the library, 950 Main St.
 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 5:30 p.m. - Polk County Coin Club monthly meeting, Main Building, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Wednesday, May 21
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

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 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
 6 p.m. - Ukulele jam night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Independence/URA Budget Committees meetings, Heritage Room, Event Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
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PCIO25-1188 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 - 517.180 Name of Holder: Frederick Edward Gath and Vernice Gath, husband and wife ("Holder") Holder's Last Known Addresses: 225 20th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 And to: 5717 Karen Lynn Loop S, Salem OR 97306 And to: 5669 Montevallo St SE, Salem OR 97306 Name of Party Giving Notice: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Owner") Address of Party Giving Notice: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC c/o Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins PC PO Box 480 McMinnville, OR 97128 Attn: Allison L. A. Rude PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's oil and mineral rights. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Deed recorded on June 22, 1960, at Book 174 Page 405 in Polk County Deed Records, reserving a one-half interest in the oil and mineral rights of the Property in favor of Frederick Edward Gath and Vernice Gath. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on May 14, 2025. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Polk County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on May 28, 2025. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AFFECTED Beginning at an iron pipe set 2409 feet North 00°03' West from the Southeast of the corner William S. Morgan Donation Land Claim No. 56, Township 7 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; running thence North 00°08' East 2644.0 feet to an anchor post at the Northwest corner of the Richard McMahan Donation Land Claim No. 40 in said Township and Range; thence East 132.0 feet to an anchor post; thence North 00°08' East 958.0 feet to the center of Section 4, Township 7 South, Range 4 West in said Township and Range; thence South 89°55' West along the one-quarter Section line extending East and West through said Section 4, a distance of 2076.87 feet to a point marking the Northeast corner of that certain tract of land conveyed to Ivan B. Arnold, et ux, by deed recorded October 27, 1958, in Volume 168, Page 303, Deed Records for Polk County, Oregon; thence South 01°20' West 1953.55 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 00°05' East 604.0 feet to iron pipe; thence North 88°38' East 168.70 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 03°30' East 371.53 feet to iron pipe; thence South 43°49' East 70.25 feet to a point in the center of the County Road; thence along the center of said County Road as follows: North 82°45' East 585.60 feet; North 89°02' East 784.5 feet; South 12°07' East 426.5 feet; South 44°09' East 411.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described premises lying within the boundaries of public roads and highways. BY OWNER: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC An Oregon limited liability company By: Allison L. A. Rude, Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins PC Title: Attorney at Law Publish May 14, May 21, May 28, 2025 DATED: May 9, 2025

PCIO25-1184 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, OR 97338 on May 27th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Jaime Givens-B0007, Kimberly NicosiaH10074, McCary McCutchen-B0401, Eric Nash-A0045, Kira Jones-H10026, Bill Grumling-A0036.

PCIO25-1173 Polk County Public Works Rock Purchase Quotes Due: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Polk County is requesting quotes for aggregate material purchases in fiscal year 2025-2026. Quotes will be received by Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 until the end of business on Wednesday, June 4. The County estimates approximately 75,000 tons of aggregate material will be purchased during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). There will not be a contract awarded for County aggregate purchases; quotes will be used to establish a scheduled price agreement for purchases from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338, (503) 623-9287. Polk County reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, waive formalities, and postpone establishing an Aggregate Material Price Schedule if it is in the best interest of the County. DATED this 14th day of May 2025 Polk County Public Works By: Heather Chase, Administrative

Services Manager

PCIO25-1175 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE GRAND RONDE SANITARY DISTRICT A public meeting of the Budget Committee for the Grand Ronde Sanitary District will be held in the Main Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 11 :00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and to receive the budget message and document. Time is reserved for public comment at 11 :05 a.m. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 16, 2025, at the Polk County Public Works Office, 820 SW Ash St., Dallas, OR 97338 during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Dated: May 14, 2025

PCIO25-1176 Notice of Self Storage Sale Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on June 7th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Heather Snow unit A002, Robert Carroll unit 177, Don Bacon unit 256, Logan Keys unit 196, Daniel Day unit A016, Ashley Gumms A011, Azucena Ceja unit 356, Heather Moen unit 117, Anthony Smith unit 206, Greg Warnock unit 354, Lesa Craig unit 139, Sadie Ryan unit 308, Maria Durham unit 107,

PCIO25-1183 Aviso Público y Noticia de Audiencia Pública La Ciudad de Monmouth es elegible para aplicar a un Subsidio en 2025 del Community Development Block Grant que a su vez viene del Business Oregon. Los Subsidios del Community Development Block Grant (Bloque Subsidiario para el Desarrollo Comunitario) vienen desde el U.S. Departamento o Housing and Urban Development (Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos). Los subsidios pueden ser usados para instalaciones públicas y remodelación de casas, principalmente por personas con ingresos moderados o bajos Aproximadamente \$12 millones serán otorgados en 2025 a ciudades y condados no-metropolitanos de Oregon. El máximo de subsidios que la ciudad o el condado puede recibir es \$500,000 por el programa para remodelación de casas. La Ciudad de Monmouth está preparando una aplicación en 2025 para el subsidio del Community Development Block Grant que viene del Business Oregon para PRC remodelación de casas un programa para la gente en las ciudades de Monmouth, Independence, Dallas, Falls City y el condado de Polk fuera de West Salem. Está estimado que el proyecto propuesto beneficiará a por lo menos a 30 personas, de los cuales 100% serán de ingresos moderados o bajos. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo por el Consejo Municipal de Monmouth a las 6:30 pm 03 de junio, 2025. Se llevará a cabo en la Sala del Consejo en el Ayuntamiento de Monmouth, ubicado en 151 Main Street West. El propósito de esta audiencia es para que el Consejo Municipal de Monmouth obtenga puntos de vista de los ciudadanos y para responder preguntas acerca de: Desarrollo comunitario y necesidades de vivienda, especialmente las necesidades de personas con ingresos moderados y bajos, así como también otras necesidades en la comunidad que podrían ser asistidas con un subsidio del proyecto Community Development Block Grant; and el proyecto propuesto. Los comentarios escritos son también bienvenidos y deben ser recibidos el 02 de junio, 2025 en la Ayuntamiento, 151 Main Street West, Monmouth antes de las 4:00 p.m. Ambos comentarios, escritos y orales serán considerados por el Consejo Municipal de Monmouth en decidir si aplican. La ubicación de la audiencia es accesible para personas con incapacidades. Por favor dejar, Pam Dornbusch, técnico de cuentas al 503-751-0137 para saber si usted necesitará cualquier tipo de acomodaciones especiales para asistir o participar en la reunión o si desea asistir vía teléfono u otros medios electrónicos. Más información sobre el Oregon Community Development Block Grants, el proyecto propuesto y los pasados registros sobre la Ciudad de Monmouth en el uso de los subsidios del Community Development Block Grant están disponibles para la revisión pública en la Ayuntamiento, 151 Main Street West, durante las horas regulares de oficina. Se requiere del aviso anticipado. Si las acomodaciones especiales son necesitadas, por favor notifiquelo Pam Dornbusch, al 503-751-0137 de modo que la asistencia apropiada pueda proveerse. El desalojamiento involuntario permanente de personas o negocios no es esperado como un resultado del proyecto propuesto. Si el desalojamiento llegara a ser

necesaria, serán examinadas alternativas para minimizar el desalojamiento y proveer beneficios requeridos/razonables para aquellos removidos. Cualquier casa de ingreso moderado y bajo la cual sea demolida o convertida en otro uso será reemplazada.

PCIO25-1177 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk Case No. 25PB03102 In the Matter of the Estate of Patricia E. Vandegraaf, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Patricia E. Vandegraaf died November 12, 2024, and that by order of the above-entitled Court, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or said claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Marco Paul Dimitri Vandegraaf Personal Representative Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP Attorneys for the Personal Representative 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247 Date of publication: May 14, 2025

PCIO25-1179 Notice of Central School District 13J Budget Meetings for FY 2025-26 May 19, 2025 Public meetings of the Budget Committee of Central School District 13J, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, are held in April, May, and June in Henry Hill Education Center Board Room, 750 S. 5 th Street, Independence, Oregon and can be viewed streaming on the "Info Central 13J" YouTube channel. The SECOND public meeting of the 2025-26 Budget Committee, is May 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is to receive budget documents and take public comments. To present comments at the meeting, submit in writing to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us or to the District office: your name, topic of comment, how you would like to present comment (in person or digital) by 2:00 pm, May 19, 2025. OR submit a Goggle form at: https://forms.gle/TDSQGBhdymqzmzVQp8. Those wishing to apply will be called on by name during the meeting. (If you wish to present a comment via video, please provide your email and a link will be sent.) A budget hearing for fiscal 2025-26 budget will be held at a later date to be determined. Information will be available on the Central School District 13J website. Budget documents may be inspected on or after May 16, 2025 at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:45 pm or via email request to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us. Information and links available at http://www.central.k12.or.us/ > Departments> Financial Services Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent Central School District 13J

PCIO25-1180 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF POLK, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN HELEN KELLER, DECEASED, CASE NO. 25PB00217, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Date of first publication: May 14, 2025. Patricia Lynn Keller, Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn Helen Keller, Deceased. Gregory V. Goebel, OSB #194952, Sherman, Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt, PC., Attorneys for the Personal Representative, 189 SW Academy St, PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, (503) 364-2281.

PCIO25-1181 NOTICE OF MINET BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the MINET Budget Committee, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss and approve the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The meeting will take place on May 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the budget by the Budget Committee will take place and comments from the public on the budget will be received.

Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed program with the Budget Committee in person at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Rd in Monmouth, or by going to the following video link or conference phone number: VIDEO - https://meet.google.com/bhs-kiey-ktl AUDIO --(US) +1 413-529-4883 PIN: 327 097 916# A copy of the preliminary budget document may be inspected or obtained on the MINET website at www.minetfiber.com or by request to budget@minetfiber.net on or after May 15, 2025.

PCIO25-1182 Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing The City of Monmouth is eligible to apply for a 2025 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate income. Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2025. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$500,000 for a Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City of Monmouth is preparing an application for a 2025 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for the PRC Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program that will provide grants to owner-occupied homes in non-entitlement areas of Polk County for the purpose of housing rehabilitation. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 30 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income. A public hearing will be held by the Monmouth City Council at 6:30 pm on June 03, 2025, and will take place in the Council Chambers in Monmouth City Hall located at 151 Main Street West. These meetings are open to the public. The purpose of this hearing is for the Monmouth City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 02, 2025, at City Hall located at 151 Main Street West, Monmouth, OR 97361. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Monmouth City Council in deciding whether to apply will be called on by name during the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Pam Dornbusch, Account Technician, at 503-751-0137 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting or if you wish to attend via telephone or other electronic means. More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City of Monmouth's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall, 151 Main Street West, during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Pam Dornbusch at 503-751-0137 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide

required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

PCIO25-1169 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING Oregon Department of Revenue Form OR-LB-NBC A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Fir Crest Cemetery Maintenance District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held in the conference room at 401 N. Hogan Rd., Monmouth, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 20, 2025, by calling (503)485-2446, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

PCIO25-1162 Public Auction, being sold to highest bidder to help satisfy a towing and storage debt. Auction commences at 8AM on 04/26/25. Closes 05/21/2025 at 8AM. Minimum reserve.1999 Peterbilt 385 Dump Truck, opening bid \$20,000.00. 2000 Talbert Heavy Equipment trailer opening bid \$5,000.00. Asphalt Spreader opening bid \$4,000.00. Asphalt Roller opening bid \$4,000.00. Items will be available to view at 12815 Westview DR, Dallas, OR 97338 upon request. 503-269-6619

PCIO25-1171 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held on May 21st, 2025 at 6:00 pm. To access and participate in the meeting please use Zoom through a web browser at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595162235?pwd=JVxLU6f4w5zY08av4kuYjlc8ABED0x.1 Webinar ID: 815 9516 2235 Passcode: 327498 For participation by telephone, dial 1 669 444 9171 You can also attend and participate by coming to the Community Center, 320 Main St. Falls City, OR, where the meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the proposed budget, the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A public hearing will also be held on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds at this meeting. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 16th, 2025, in the City Hall foyer. This is a meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Additional Budget Committee meeting (as needed) on: Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 at 6:00 pm https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595162235?pwd=JVxLU6f4w5zY08av4kuYjlc8ABED0x.1 Webinar ID: 815 9516 2235 Passcode: 327498 For participation by telephone, dial 1 669 444 9171 This notice was also published on the City of Falls City website: www.fallscityoregon.gov

PCIO25-1167 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 25PB03786 In the Matter of the Estate of ANTHONY TODISCO, Deceased. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PAUL

Todisco has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony Todisco. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at: PO Box 12814, Salem OR 97309, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: May 7, 2025. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer Andrew W. Sprauer Attorney for Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Paul Todisco 2350 Gibsonwoods Ct NW Salem OR 97304 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB No. 081245 Andrew Sprauer Law PO Box 12814; Salem OR 97309 Telephone: (503) 910-2050 Email: andrew@awslawyer.com

PCIO25-1163 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 25PB03723 In the Matter of the Estate of SUSAN M. NUETZMAN, Deceased. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LOGAN SCHOMUS has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Susan M. Nuetzman. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at: PO Box 12814, Salem OR 97309, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or from the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: April 30, 2025. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB #081245 Attorney for Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Logan Schomus 708 NW Douglas St., Dallas OR 97338 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB No. 081245 Andrew Sprauer Law PO Box 12814; Salem OR 97309 Telephone: (503) 910-2050 Email: andrew@awslawyer.com

PCIO25-1141 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 05-23-25, 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 850 PIEDMONT AVE. NW SALEM, OR, 97304. The court case number is 22CV36435, where JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is plaintiff, and MARTIN GUIJOSA; THE ESTATE OF JUVENTINO GUIJOSA; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVICES OF JUVENTINO GUIJOSA; ALAN JUVENTINO GUIJOSA-CONTRERAS; OSBELIA CONTRERAS; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 850 PIEDMONT AVE NW SALEM, OR 97304 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/

FORM OR-LB-SBH		Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing	
Oregon Department of Revenue			
• Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.			
A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for _____ City of Independence, Oregon _____, for the current fiscal year, will be held at _____ (District name)			
held at _____ 555 S Main Street, Independence, OR _____ (Location)			
The hearing will take place on _____ June 10, 2025 _____ at _____ 6:30 _____ (Date) (Time)		<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m., The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.	
A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after _____ June 4, 2025 _____ at _____ (Date)			
_____ 555 S Main St. Independence, OR _____ (Location)		between the hours of _____ 8:00 _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. and _____ 5:00 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED			
FUND: Grants Fund			
Resource	Amount	Expenditure-Indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. State Grants	\$ 2,000,000	1. Materials & Services	\$ 2,000,000
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
Revised Total Fund Resources		Revised Total Fund Requirements	
\$ 4,141,052		\$ 4,141,052	
Explanation of changes: Received State grant for street and road work.			
FUND: Facilities, Vehicle, and Equipment Replacement Fund			
Resource	Amount	Expenditure-Indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. Transfers In	\$ 82,600	1. Materials & Services	\$ 70,000
2.		2. Capital Outlay	\$ 12,600
3.		3.	
Revised Total Fund Resources		Revised Total Fund Requirements	
\$ 1,455,100		\$ 525,100	
Explanation of changes: Transfer to fund emergency repairs to facilities and unanticipated expenses related to police vehicle.			

FINALE

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in the decathlon last year, and then got injured at the state meet and wasn't able to compete," Munkers said. "Unfortunately, he's not going to be able to compete

this year, either. I think he had a legitimate chance (at setting a new school record in the decathlon)."

Not that the three-sport star won't leave his mark. Sickles is the Mountaineers' record holder in the pole vault and 110m intermediate hurdles. Additionally, he set an Oregon record when he

rushed for 553 yards in a 6-man football game against Gilchrist.

All three records were set last year. New records were possible.

"Chris was just starting to get into really good form" when he was injured, Munkers said. "We were starting to figure it out.

That's where, you know, looking at the district rankings, we're like (he's) really good in this event, and this event. He'll make the podium, and he's got his chances for state."

Sickles is a four-year member of the track team. He started his prep career mainly as a sprinter.

"My junior year is when I started to realize I could do a lot of different events, a lot better," he said. "That's when I started experimenting."

It's also when he started coaching himself. "I would mainly go off feeling. If I felt good, I would try to replicate it. But if I wasn't sure what to do, I would look up what they did on YouTube and stuff," he explained.

For now, his goal is to come back stronger than ever.

"I've talked to him from the week after (rupturing the ACL), that this is something you can come back from. He still has aspirations to be a college athlete. But

he's going to have to work really hard to rehab. I know a lot of athletes that have had ACL injuries that have made comebacks, and are just as good as they ever were," Munkers said. "I believe Chris could compete in track. I believe he could be a good small college decathlete."

Sickles was the engine of a Falls City track team that lists only three boys on its active roster. There are three girls on the team.

Alyssa Webb, a junior, is sixth in the high jump. She is the only other Mountaineer to crack the district's top 10 heading into next week's finals.

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PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, May 1

At 8:56 a.m., a subject was trespassed from Walmart.

At 9:01 a.m., Desha Madkins was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant and was also charged with two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

At 9:42 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile electronic device, second offense. The driver was warned a third offense would result in a criminal offense if within a 10 year period.

At 9:45 a.m., someone turned into the Dallas Police Department six boxes (100 total shells) of .410 gauge shotgun ammo for destruction.

At 9:58 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to renew registration.

At 10:27 a.m., a resident on Church Street reported receiving a threatening scam text asking for money.

At 1:55 p.m., a subject trespassing at a location on Kings Valley Highway was told to leave the location by 3 p.m. or face going to jail.

At 2:10 p.m., a resident on Barbary Avenue reported being the target of a Geek Squad scam.

At 3:51 p.m., a report of loud music at river rock apartments on Ellendale Avenue. It was quiet by the time an officer arrived.

At 7:41 p.m., an officer checked on a report of animals locked in a vehicle on Oregon Avenue. They appeared to be fine.

At 10:35 p.m., an officer investigated a report of juveniles pointing a laser at motorists on Uglow Avenue. The officer contacted the two youth and warned them for reckless endangering.

Friday, May 2

At 2:51 a.m., a resident on Levens Street reported that another subject's girlfriend called her and threatened to shoot her. The resident was advised to block her number and call emergency services if she showed up at her location.

At 10:38 a.m., an officer helped a motorist push their broken down vehicle off Ellendale Avenue and into Les Schwab.

At 12:48 p.m., officers investigated a report of a male subject on Ellendale Avenue asking for money. The subject said he was trying to get back to California. No crimes were committed.

At 2:02 p.m., Sheila Smith was cited and released on Kings Valley Highway for theft 3.

At 2:35 p.m., an employee at Grocery Outlet reported receiving a counterfeit \$100 bill.

At 5:25 p.m., a report of a theft at Walmart.

At 8:30 p.m., a resident on Brandvold Drive reported her iPad was stolen. When an officer contacted her, she said she'd paid \$50 to get it back.

Saturday, May 3

At 12:46 a.m., an officer investigated an alarm triggered on Evergreen Avenue. The officer found an unlocked door but nothing wrong inside.

At 12:47 a.m., Jordan Evans was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged

with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and resisting arrest.

At 1:51 a.m., an officer investigated a report of an intoxicated female subject who appeared to be fleeing a male subject following her. The officer was unable to locate either subject.

At 8:27 a.m., a resident on Gregory Drive was concerned about construction vehicles parking in front of her residence restricting access to her front door. An officer found all construction vehicles were legally parked.

At 3:01 p.m., Andrew Bissonette was arrested on Ash Street and charged with disorderly conduct after he had a drunken dispute with his ex over their child.

Sunday, May 4

At 10:42 a.m., an officer pulled over a motorist on Miller Avenue suspected of using an electronic mobile device while driving. It turned out to be a popsicle. However, the driver was warned for not wearing a seatbelt.

At 6:50 p.m. a report of two bottles of alcohol stolen from Safeway.

Monday, May 5

At 5:23 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving uninsured.

At 8:34 a.m., a report of the theft of more than \$100 in merchandise from Walmart.

At 9:32 a.m., a male subject on Orchard Drive was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order.

At 11:21 a.m., Brian Treutle was arrested on Denton Avenue and charged with contempt of court and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 12:14 p.m., a report that an unknown suspect damaged the old weigh station building in front of the bus barn on Main Street over the weekend.

At 2:07 p.m., Randy Forlines, senior, was arrested on Kings Valley Highway and charged with harassment - domestic violence and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:43 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for driving uninsured.

Tuesday, May 6

At 4:20 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and was given a written warning for speeding and not having a valid driver's license.

At 8:16 a.m., Glenda Kimery was arrested on Bryson Street and charged with assault 4 after she punched her sister in the face causing injury.

At 8:29 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale was cited for driving while using an electronic device, first offense.

At 8:48 a.m., a male subject was arrested on Main Street and charged with failure to report as a sex offender. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:54 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale was cited for driving while using an electronic device, first offense.

At 9:44 a.m., a report of counterfeit \$100 bills used at Dollar Tree.

At 2:26 p.m., John Rice was arrested on church street on two outstanding failure to appear warrants.

At 3:20 p.m., Jerry Carmickle was arrested on Levens Street on two outstanding warrants and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:08 p.m., an officer made contact with juveniles playing basketball at Brandvold Drive. The officer advised them of park hours and told them to finish their game then leave.

Independence Police Department

Thursday, May 1

At 1 a.m., Gabriel Seaphan was arrested on Main Street in Monmouth after being out past his court mandated curfew and was taken to jail.

An officer investigated multiple calls about an RV illegally parked in the 300 block of G Street. One of the occupants, Jordan Hoover, had a warrant out of Marion County. He was cited and released.

Friday, May 2

While covering Monmouth Police Department on an assault investigation in the 400 block of Main Street, Alan Vasquez was recognized at the scene. Vasquez attempted to leave but was detained and cited for a failure to appear warrant out of Marion County.

An officer was refueling his patrol vehicle when he noticed the driver at the gas pump next to him, Ronald Webb III, who the officer had arrested for driving under the Influence recently. The officer ran Webb's driver's license and saw that he was suspended. Webb was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and taken to jail.

Micha. Murray, 18, started a fight with another student by running up behind the victim in the cafeteria then proceeding to repeatedly "hay-maker" punch the victim's head. Murray was arrested and charged with assault 3 and taken to jail.

An erratic driver, Carissa Cheever, 18, was seen circling the Central Plaza parking lot, yelling out, "I'm on so many drugs" to a pedestrian. Arriving officers noticed Cheever exhibiting very strange behaviors and showing signs of narcotic intoxication. She was taken into custody, charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and eventually transported to jail.

Angela Corey was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 10:52 a.m., an officer responded to a report of cows loose on Stryker Road. By the time the officer arrived, the cows had been wrangled.

Sunday, May 4

Tyler James Kirkland was stopped for a traffic violation on South 7th Street near Monmouth Street. He was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant and driving while suspended.

At 4:02 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was stopped for failure to maintain a lane. The driver, who said she was on her way to work, showed no signs of intoxication.

Monday, May 5

At 10 a.m., an officer responded to a driving complaint on Gun Club Road. The officer was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

Tuesday, May 6

A motorist was stopped in the 4000 block of Independence Highway and charged with driving while suspended. A friend picked him up and took him home.

Samuel Fitts was in a vehicle at a park on Deann Drive early in the morning in violation of park hours with a female companion. He was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant and transported to Polk County Jail.

At 8:54 a.m., two Talmadge Middle School students were found on 16th Street with alcohol. They were charged with minors in possession - alcohol.

At 4:20 p.m., a motorist was stopped at a fruit farm on 16th Street for being involved in an earlier hit and run incident in the Talmadge area. The driver, Isaac Trejo, was driving while suspended. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Wednesday, May 7

At 9:43 a.m., officers received a report of an unusual amount of toilet paper missing from the men's restroom in the park on C Street.

At 9:22 p.m., a resident on Gun Club Road reported a hit and run where someone knocked over their mailboxes with a vehicle and left the scene.

Monmouth Police Department

Wednesday April 30

An individual was arrested on a municipal warrant for trespassing.

A report was made of two males going through a dumpster. It was clarified property management would need to handle any trespassing claims, and the area was checked with no subjects located.

A male was reported yelling and acting erratically outside a market. The individual was contacted, and it was noted he is partially deaf and has emotional issues. He left without further issues.

A complaint was made about someone asleep in a driver's seat who then appeared dazed and potentially intoxicated. The vehicle left before officers could make contact.

A report was made regarding messages sent by an individual who has a restraining order against them.

A report was made about bones found in a planter box at a bank. The bones appeared to be from a small animal.

Complaints of suspected drug use and high foot traffic at a residence were reported. A vehicle associated with the location was later identified, and extra patrol was requested.

A report was made of a female acting suspiciously at a residence. The resident was contacted, and the area was checked with no one matching the description found.

A report was made of two teens jumping in and out of traffic. The area was checked, but they were not located.

Thursday May 1

Jordan Hoover, 30, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Kyle Layman, 21, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

A report was made regarding a potential scam involving the purchase of a pet online. Advice was provided to document interactions and the reporting individual was advised to call the police department back for follow-up.

A report was made of a younger male acting suspiciously near a residence. Camera footage was provided.

An individual was arrested on a municipal warrant for shoplifting.

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Friday May 2

A trespass call turned into a fight call at a pub. An individual was found unconscious and bleeding heavily. They were determined to be the instigator of the altercation.

A report was made of individuals being belligerent during a meeting at an elementary school regarding a special needs child. The

school said they would handle it internally.

A report was made of two loose dogs. The dogs were located and the owner was identified.

A minor vehicle collision occurred in a parking lot. An accident exchange form was provided.

A welfare check was requested. The individual was contacted and determined to be safe.

A report was made of a loud party, and a warning was issued.

Saturday May 3

Amber Horne, 50, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

A hangup call was received where an argument was heard. It was determined a child had called about sharing toys at a birthday party.

A report was made of a drone hovering over a backyard.

A report was made of an individual potentially driving under the influence and making suicidal comments. The individual was later arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

A report was made of an individual threatening self-harm. The individual was transported for mental health assistance.

A report was made of a vehicle driving erratically, but it was not located.

Sunday May 4

A complaint was made about homeless individuals drinking in a parking lot. An individual was cited for an open container violation.

Several complaints were made about an RV. Information was provided to the owner.

A report was made about a dog left in a vehicle. The dog appeared to be fine.

A report was made about fake social media accounts and harassment.

A report was made regarding a no-contact order violation and damage to property.

A report was made regarding physical abuse of juveniles. DHS was contacted.

A report was made of an RV blocking an intersection. The owner moved the vehicle.

Monday May 5

John Hoy, 34, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

An individual was arrested on a failure to appear - traffic offense warrant.

Someone keyed the front window of a business. The complaint came through email, and the complainant did not answer. No suspect information was available.

A report was made of hearing a child being hurt. Contact was made with the reporting individual's mother, who stated the reporting individual was delusional. Another individual found children playing upstairs.

A theft report was made for a purse stolen last Saturday. The purse contained a credit card and possibly a social security card.

Neighbors heard arguing and things being thrown around. A wheelchair individual got mad because the kitchen chairs were in the way. The subject threw stuff around, and another individual decided to leave. It was reported no one was physically harmed, and no crimes were committed.

A resident reported that a neighbor was assaulted and was lying on the porch with blood on the back of the head. Contact was made with the injured individual, who was not cooperative with information. The subject said the injury was the result of tripping, falling and hitting

their head on a cement block. The subject also denied anything physical happened with another individual. The neighbor/complainant reported that a female was on top of the injured individual. The injured individual's friend also stated they fell and hit their head. There were no cameras nearby, and the injured individual denied medics multiple times.

An individual called with questions regarding a letter they received from City Hall advising going to a court date or there could be a warrant. The subject's questions were answered and was strongly advised to go to the court date.

An individual reported that an ex of a guy she was talking to has been harassing her via social media and recently driving by her residence, flipping her off/calling her names. She wanted the incident documented. She was advised to call if the harassing individual returns and makes her feel unsafe.

An individual reported that they have not been able to get a hold of their sister. The sister did not pick up her five-year-old child from school, so the child's other parent had to. The complainant has attempted to make contact but has been unsuccessful. The sister overdosed recently.

An individual called to complain that a business's music was too loud. The individual called about 30 minutes before the business closed and when the responding individual got there, the music was done.

A report was made about a female looking around an apartment building and avoiding a caller. The individual was contacted and given a ride home after denying intent to enter any buildings or cars.

An individual had been escalating behavior, including making threats, using offensive language, and behaving inappropriately in public. A report was filed, and mental health services attempted contact.

Another call was received regarding adults sleeping in a driveway. One individual was reported to be homeless and have custody of a child. Resources and care packages were provided.

Tuesday May 6

A report was made about a male and a juvenile sleeping in a driveway. An adult male was contacted and reported being locked out by the resident. The identity of the adult was investigated.

A caller reported their dogs barking and thought someone might be in the backyard. An officer drove by, saw nothing. The caller said no further action was needed.

A report was made regarding a metal fire pit near a wooden fence. The caller was concerned about the proximity and potential fire hazard. The issue was to be discussed with a community service officer.

A report was made about a truck hitting a motorcycle and leaving the scene. The truck was later located and stopped. The driver was arrested.

A caller reported someone saying "I'm going to kill you" and then disconnecting. The caller later stated she may have had a bad dream and was experiencing medication issues. No further assistance was needed.

A caller had questions about a tow sticker on their vehicle and was advised of parking ordinances.

A caller reported possible scamming and was trying to determine the source. Multiple attempts were made

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to call back, and a voicemail was left.

A caller reported an individual trying to open a sliding glass door at their residence. Extra patrols were requested.

A child's bike that had been run over was found. It was determined it could be disposed of.

A business owner expressed concerns about people loitering in their business.

A report was made about a loud party, but there was a delayed response due to priority calls. Nothing was heard upon arrival.

A caller reported a wallet stolen and debit card being used afterwards.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, April 30

At 2:50 a.m., a deputy contacted occupants of vehicle at a park on Halls Ferry Road. The deputy advised them there

was no overnight parking and instructed the occupants to move along.

At 7:27 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near Greenwood Road was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:18 a.m., an alarm was triggered at Pentacle Theater on 52nd Avenue. The alarm was cancelled by the alarm company as a deputy arrived on site. The theater representative advised that the septic system alarm was going off and had advised the alarm company not to call law enforcement when that occurs.

At 9:37 a.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Bethel Heights Road. Apparently, one vehicle was traveling west on Spring Valley Road Northwest at pulling a trailer with pigs. The second vehicle ran the stop sign at Bethel Heights Road. The first vehicle was unable to stop and struck the second vehicle. The second vehicle rolled off the roadway and into the ditch. The driver of the second vehicle was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device. Vehicle one, with its pigs, was able to drive away from the scene.

At 9:51 a.m., a motorist on Main Street in Falls City was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.

At 2:52 p.m., a deputy checked the welfare of a motorist on Bridgeport Road after a 911 hang-up call. The motorist had broken down and was feeling dizzy from the heat. The deputy checked on him and found his vitals were doing alright. After being brought gas, his vehicle still wouldn't start. His mom was called to come pick him up.

At 4:34 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Brown Road. Upon arrival, they found the subject deceased, confirmed by medics. After the initial investigation, the body was released to Bollman's.

Thursday, May 1

At 3:10 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a dog in the area of Yamhill River Road and Fort Hill Road. The deputy located the dog near the intersection, but it ran off into a field.

At 7:22 a.m. a motorist on Highway 22 near Oak Grove Road was cited for speeding 68 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:51 a.m., a deputy stopped to check two motorists on the side of Highway 22 with a flat tire. They said they had a jack but no wrench and that a truck was coming to help them.

At 11:43 a.m., a male subject reported losing his phone, possibly at the 7 Star in Falls City, but was told by employees it was not there.

At 7:41 p.m., deputies received a tip a wanted subject was at a Falls City residence on Central Boulevard. The resident at the address reported the suspect was not there, but wanted him arrested and would report to law enforcement if he ever showed up.

Friday, May 2

At 2:21 a.m., a deputy contacted five subjects in two vehicles at the Eagle Crest overlook. They were warned for trespassing. All subjects moved along.

At 3:56 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 18, with the driver locked inside seizing. Medics arrived and were able to get the driver to unlock the door so they could get her into the ambulance and was transported to the hospital in McMinnville.

At 7:42 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near Milepost 19 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:33 a.m., Tanya Norred was arrested on Jefferson Street on an outstanding parole violation warrant out of Columbia County Circuit Court. She was booked into Polk County Jail.

At 10:12 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near Highway 99 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 12:27 p.m., a resident on Zena Road reported unknown suspects had used his deceased uncle's bank account after his death. The caller wanted to start a fraud report to make

sure the suspect was held accountable.

At 1:19 p.m., someone tried, but was unable, to break into Zenith Winery on Zena Road sometime overnight, causing \$250 in damage.

At 7:13 p.m., a motorist on Highway 18, reportedly unable to maintain its lane, was stopped for having license plate in the windshield. The driver showed no signs of impairment, but was cited for driving while suspended and for no insurance.

At 7:57 p.m., Salem Police asked for assistance locating a suspect. The subject was found on Clow Corner Road. The deputy stood by with the suspect until Salem Police arrived. They cited and released the subject for hit and run.

Saturday, May 3

At 12:47 a.m., Jordan Evans, of Dallas, was arrested on Evergreen Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and resisting arrest.

At 1:20 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving uninsured.

At 1:37 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a pickup in the ditch on Airlie Road. The truck was empty and engine cold when the deputy arrived. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 8:10 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a couple living in an RV on Fire Hill Road with no running water or sewer in the trailer they were living in. While they were not in, the deputy spoke with a parent of one of the subjects. The trailer was hooked up to his house with water and electrical and the duo had access to plenty of food if needed.

At 12:21 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported while walking her dog, a neighbor's dog broke loose and darted across the lawn towards her. She said she fell to the ground in a panic in order to protect her little dog. She is

traumatized due to the black labs past behavior. Past incidents were not reported. The deputy suggested the neighbors stay away from each other while walking their dogs and that the animal deputy might be following up on the case.

At 12:21 p.m., a resident on Hebo Road reported two of her neighbor's cows were loose on her property. She wanted to know what she could do to get them off. The PCSO recommended talking to the neighbor and posting a picture on social media as there was nothing the PSCO could do with the cows.

At 1:21 p.m., a resident on Bursell Road reported a male subject was trespassing on his property and wanted to press charges. Deputies cleared the property and were unable to locate the suspect.

At 2:44 p.m., a caller requested more patrols on Whitaker Road during night hours due to vehicles driving slowly past their neighbor's house around 11 p.m. The deputy promised to advise the night shift.

At 3:02 p.m., a report of a single vehicle roll over crash into a ditch on West Perrydale Road. The driver and only occupant sustained minor injuries and were transported to Salem Hospital. The vehicle was towed due to damage.

At 8:09 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at a location on Bowersville Road for more than 30 minutes. The vehicle owner lives in the car and is frequently contacted by law enforcement because of where she parks. She was not sure how long she'd be here but did not plan on spending the night.

At 9:15 a.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported finding a message written on her window with a silver Sharpie that said "ACAB" and contained a pentagram. She doesn't have a suspect but believes it may be related to youths who have been bullying her son.

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Central 15, Woodburn (JV) 0,
Dallas 9, Corvallis 3
Yamhill-Carlton 11, Perrydale 0

May 9

Central 12, South Albany 2
Dallas 10, West Albany 3
Kennedy 13, Perrydale 6



Four tips for healthy eating during pregnancy

Pregnancy is a time when your body needs extra nutrients to support both you and your growing baby. But as a busy parent-to-be, finding time to prepare healthy meals can feel like a challenge.

Here are a few ways to create quick, nutrient-packed dishes that fuel your pregnancy. No complicated recipes needed!

- 1. Focus on key nutrients for mom and baby:** This includes folic acid, iron, calcium and protein. Stick to whole grains, lean proteins, dairy and colorful vegetables. Try incorporating a variety of easy-to-make meals like overnight oats with chia seeds and fruit for breakfast, or a simple veggie-packed stir fry with quinoa and grilled chicken for lunch.
- 2. Be prepared with healthy snacks:** Reach for options like Greek yogurt with nuts and berries, or hummus with carrot and cucumber sticks. These options are quick to prep, packed with protein and keep you feeling satisfied throughout the day.
- 3. Meal prepping is your friend:** Batch-cooking healthy meals on the weekend or using a slow cooker during the week can save you time and ensure you always have something nutritious ready. The key is balancing convenience with wholesome choices.
- 4. Be kind to your body:** If you're feeling nauseous, stick to bland foods like bananas, rice, applesauce and toast. Instead of eating big meals, snack often, and make sure to get plenty of fluids.

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