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Reptopia slithers back into fairgrounds

County filling the gap in bridge projects

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

Veronica Owens developed a love for bearded dragons 26 years ago. That grew into an obsession rescuing and rehabilitating them.

“I’ve only known my husband (Troy) for 14 years. He kind of married into this. So, it’s been my passion for a very long time,” Veronica said.

Now, hundreds of reptile enthusiasts join the Owens annually at the Reptopia Reptile Expo at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Named after their store in Albany, Reptopia featured 48 vendors March 22 exhibiting all sorts of exotic reptiles, amphibians, free roaming tortoises, and even some axolotls, Veronica said.

“There was not an expo in this area. We just thought it was needed,” she added. “It’s a really good turnout. I think we have surpassed last year.”

Because Reptopia has consistently drawn fellow reptile lovers like the Owens, Veronica said next year they’re looking to expand to some rooms within the county fairground’s main building they didn’t use this year to feature some warm blooded exotics, like sugar gliders and sphinx cats.

“It makes me feel great that we’re reaching out to the community and the community just loves reptiles, the exotics. The plants! My goodness,” Veronica said.

While all the vendors have to be reptile related, not all are selling live animals. She said one vendor is selling earrings and they’re all reptile related.

“Everybody attends. From kids to seniors. We have some couple groups of disabled people come through here. It’s amazing. Just the look on their face. They’re just in awe,” Veronica said.

Her husband added he’s amazed at the following they have.



“I see a lot of people who are our customers. And I saw one gentleman we bought a lot of chameleons from out in Lincoln City,” Troy said. “Our network around the reptile community has grown tremendously. We’re going to keep doing this until no one wants us to do it anymore.”

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(Top) Courtney Fox takes a photo of the Franklyn family (from left) Jarrod, Zane, Kinsley and Sophia, getting familiar with a miniature alligator. (Bottom) Bliss Baxter asks visitors to the Reptopia reptile expo if they’d like to pet Candy, an albino Burmese python raised out of Oregon Reptile Views.



Dallas promotes Jerry Mott as next police chief

Following an extensive recruitment and selection process, the city of Dallas has promoted Jerry Mott from within the ranks of its police department to be the new chief of police.

Mott, the current deputy chief of police for Dallas, brings 26 years of law enforcement experience to the role. Mott will transition into the chief role as current Police Chief Tom Simpson plans to retire at the end of June. Mott will officially assume his new position on July 1.

Mott began his career in law enforcement as a cadet with the Oregon State Police and was a sheriff’s deputy before joining the Dallas Police Department in 2004. Over the years, he has risen through the ranks, earning a reputation as a dedicated leader committed to public safety and community engagement.

“Deputy Chief Mott has been a close and active partner in the leadership of the Dallas Police Department for a number of years,”

Simpson said. “He has demonstrated himself to be a dedicated leader who cares for his staff and the community he serves. Many of our successes as an agency are largely due to his contributions and efforts. I’m excited to watch Dallas PD evolve into the future with Chief Mott at the helm of a great team.”

City Manager Brian Latta expressed his confidence in Mott’s leadership.

“Jerry is a proven leader. I have full confidence in him and his ability to be an excellent Police Chief for our community,” Latta said. “I further wish to express my gratitude for each of the candidates who dedicated themselves to go through this selection process.”

Mott, too, was looking forward to serving in the new role.

“I am proud to be a member of a great city team as well as the broader law enforcement community in Polk County,” Mott said.

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

Todd Whitaker has bridges on his mind.

The director of public works for Polk County updated the county commissioners March 11 on the various projects his department has its eyes on for 2025.

During his discussion of culvert upkeep projects, Whitaker told the commissioners the state may be demanding too much of Polk County when it comes to a right of way through the Baskett Slough Wildlife Refuge.

Public Works already had its sites on the condition of a large diamond culvert on Davis Road that is collapsing and a deep culvert on Corvallis Road in dire need of attention.

“That is right at the boundary between the city and the county that is going to be a difficult one,” Whitaker said. “We’ll have to figure out what we’re going to do there.”

However, it was the culvert on Coville Road, which traverses east and west through Baskett Slough, that drew the longest discussion. He said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has asked the county to replace it. But not with another culvert - rather, they want a bridge.

“The culvert is in really bad shape so it needs to be replaced anyhow. But they would like us to replace that with a bridge. Because they’re doing a fish passage restoration project on the refuge,” Whitaker said. “So, what will become of that I don’t know. Mostly, if they want to do a bridge, they’ll have to come up with some money. It doesn’t sound like they have any or (that) they can. So, we’ll see where the negotiations lead us on that.”

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst asked if ODFW would allow the county to install a large, oblong-culvert.

“They don’t want to do culverts because it doesn’t look good enough,” Whitaker said.

Commissioner Jeremy Gordon then wondered how long the county

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# Polk County school districts to receive \$1.1 million in Common School Fund Distributions

In 2025, Oregon’s Common School Fund will send \$76.8 million to the state’s K-12 public school districts, including \$1.1 million to those in Polk County.

“Across the country, school districts are facing budget shortages caused by the expiration of federal pandemic relief dollars, declining enrollment, increasing costs due to inflation, and many other factors,” said Gov. Tina Kotek. “Here in Oregon, we are lucky to have the Common School Fund – a critical and reliable resource in our shared goal to give students the best shot to succeed.”

Every one of Oregon’s 197 school districts receives money from the Common School Fund, which has supported public education since

statehood, every year. How much each district receives depends on the number of students served.

For example, Portland Public Schools, the state’s largest district, will receive \$6.6 million in 2025. Meanwhile, Polk County School Districts will receive the following amounts:

Central - \$478,088  
Dallas - \$468,422  
Falls City - \$27,666  
Perrydale - \$45,059  
Willamina - \$128,370

Note: West Salem schools are a part of the Salem Keizer School District, which received in total \$5.4 million.

For a complete list of how much every Oregon school district will receive from the Common

School Fund in 2025, go to [www.oregon.gov/dsl/Documents/2025\\_CommonSchoolFund\\_DistrictDistributions.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Documents/2025_CommonSchoolFund_DistrictDistributions.pdf).

The Common School Fund has contributed to schools since Oregon became a state, when the federal government granted nearly 3.4 million acres “for the use of schools.” The State Land Board – Oregon’s Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer – was established to oversee these school lands dedicated to generating revenue for the Common School Fund.

Valued at \$2.38 billion as of February 2025, the Common School Fund is managed by the Oregon State Treasury, with oversight from the Oregon Investment Council. The

Fund achieved a 9.7 percent return in 2024.

Annually, 3.5 percent of the Fund is distributed to schools. The 2025 distribution of \$76.6 million is \$2.4 million more than the 2024 distribution of \$74.2 million and \$4.4 million more than the 2023 distribution of \$72.2 million.

“Schools are the foundation of healthy families and communities,” said State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner. “We’re committed to safeguarding the Common School Fund and ensuring that our responsible investment strategies continue to generate returns that put more educators, counselors and other staff in front of students across Oregon.”

Today, about 681,000 acres of school lands in all 36 Oregon

counties are managed by the Department of State Lands on behalf of the State Land Board. Ranchers and farmers, Tribal governments, businesses, and more work with DSL to lease and buy lands, plan for future community needs, and keep lands healthy. School lands generated \$7.2 million in revenue during fiscal year 2024.

“This is a historic investment and a smart one,” said Secretary of State Tobias Read. “Oregonians value education because we know our tomorrow depends on the students and teachers in classrooms today. We must continue to manage these lands wisely so Oregonians can keep benefiting from this valuable resource for generations to come.”

# Whale watch week returns to the coast for spring break

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week along the Oregon Coast Saturday, March 22-30.

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers and rangers will be stationed at 14 sites along the Oregon Coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon Coast. Cape Foulweather will not be included this year because it is closed due to construction.

“Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whales are usually closer to shore on their return trip, typically around a mile or so out, and they might have calves in tow,” said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

An estimated 19,260 gray whales are expected to swim past Oregon’s shores from late winter through June as part of their annual migration back to Alaska.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced an end

to an Unusual Mortality Event impacting gray whales in 2023. Since then, the estimated population has increased by roughly 30% from 14,530 in 2023 to 19,260 last year, according to NOAA. The numbers are on the rise overall, but the calf count is still low as the population continues to rebound.

Whale Watch Week provides an opportunity to see not only the gray whales but other coastal wildlife including birds and other marine mammals with help



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## A gray whale breaches off the Oregon coast.

from trained volunteers and rangers.

A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online on the official event webpage: [https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp\\_whaleWatching](https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching)

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22-30. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in

the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and keeping an eye

on the surf at all times. Go to <https://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/> for a list of safety tips.

For more information about coast parks and campgrounds, visit [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov).

Visitors are encouraged to share their photos and videos from Spring Whale Watch on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch.

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# Kotek introduces bill to boost student outcomes, support schools

**By JEREMY C. RUARK**  
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Gov. Tina Kotek is outlining the legislative Lynchpin of her 2025 Education Initiative, a plan to renew Oregon’s education accountability system and make sure state education investments translate into high-quality instruction for every student across the state.

The governor introduces this legislation as she proposes a historic \$11.36 billion State School Fund (SSF) investment and legislation to provide school districts with more financial predictability for future budget cycles.

In a release, Kotek said she believes the state has a

responsibility to make sure increased funding is used in ways that deliver the best education for every Oregon student.

“Getting public education right is one of the biggest promises we make to Oregonians. Students and families want a quality public education that works for them,” Kotek said. “When schools aren’t delivering for students, we all have to step up. It’s time to be clear-eyed about our numbers and change how the state and districts work together on improving student outcomes.”

“Pairing additional resources with strong accountability measures will help support our schools as we all work together to improve educational outcomes for our students,” Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) said. “To secure Oregon’s future economic strength, we must prioritize educating our students today.”

“We need to be clear-eyed about the challenges facing

Oregon’s K-12 system and treat the current situation with the urgency it demands,” House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene and Veneta) said. “Oregon students can’t wait for us to get this right down the road – they need genuine accountability and real results now.”

The Governor said her proposal to renew the accountability system:

Builds on existing metrics embedded in the Student Success Act (2019) and adds two new metrics to Oregon’s accountability system that research shows are strong predictors of student success.

Standardizes the use of “interim assessments,” which measure student performance growth over the course of the school year, allowing Oregon to better understand what is working as well as allow educators to make real-time adjustments.

Takes a more hands-on approach to supporting

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# Chemeketa Community Bond Measure to appear on May ballot

On May 20, voters in Polk, Marion, Yamhill, and Linn counties will be asked to pass a bond measure to fund the expansion and enhancement of Chemeketa Community College’s career and technical education (CTE) programs, upgrade campus safety, and improve critical infrastructure. If approved, this measure would replace the expiring 2008 bond previously approved by voters. If passed, the new bond rate will retain the 2008 bond rate of 27 cents

per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The proposed measure would fund:

- Expansion of career and technical education programs – 65% of bond funds will upgrade classrooms, labs, and hands-on learning spaces to support high-demand career fields.
- A new Trades Center – A facility providing specialized training and certification for the region’s growing skilled

workforce in construction and building trades.

- Facility improvements – Including essential repairs to parking lots, HVAC systems, roofs, and aging interiors to extend the life of Chemeketa’s buildings.
- Enhanced campus safety – Funding for improved outdoor lighting, additional security cameras, and safer parking areas.

“Chemeketa Community College has long been a vital part of our region’s

workforce development,” said Jessica Howard, Chemeketa’s President. “If passed, this bond measure ensures that we continue to offer high-quality education and training for in-demand careers while maintaining safe and modern facilities.” For more information about the bond measure, visit [go.chemeketa.edu/bond](http://go.chemeketa.edu/bond). Marie Hulett, executive director of institutional advancement, said a major focus of the bond is

modernizing all teaching and learning spaces, including those at the Polk County Campus, to ensure students have access to up-to-date technology, better preparing them for today’s workforce. “Additionally, we plan to implement universal design principles in classrooms and offices, making spaces more accessible and inclusive for everyone, including individuals with disabilities (ADA compliance),” Hulett said.

She added that the bond also addresses critical infrastructure improvements, including enhanced campus safety measures, upgraded lighting, and essential maintenance of HVAC systems that are reaching the end of their lifespan. “These updates were designed to create a safer, more effective learning environment for all students, including those in Polk County,” Hulett said.

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districts when their metrics are not improving over time, including required coaching and support, and eventually state directed spending of up to 25% of State School Fund (SSF) and Student Investment

Account (SIA) dollars if necessary. Allows schools more time to focus on students by requiring the Oregon Department of Education to identify and streamline duplicative reporting, programs, and processes. Kotek also said she believes the Oregon Department of Education must deliver for students, be responsive, and

operate with best practices. In tandem with legislative action, the Governor has directed the agency to take action to consolidate grants to ease the workload for school districts, strengthen data collection and public transparency, improve internal operations, and elevate existing best practices and responsive support for school districts across Oregon.

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and the state had to figure out funding?

“Or, how long will the current culvert last?” he asked. “I haven’t got my eyes on it. I heard it was totally rusted out. So it may go another year, it may fail tomorrow. It’s hard to tell on those. How long until they get funding? I don’t know,” Whitaker said. He said a possible solution may come in the form of repurposing the old steel bridge at Black Rock the county recently replaced just outside Falls City.

“We’ve got an engineer currently looking at that to see what that would cost. But obviously, it would need to be widened in order to do that. Because I don’t think the farm equipment out there, the combines, can get through that narrow of a bridge,” Whitaker said.

Board Chair Craig Pope wanted clarification of whose jurisdiction Coville Road fell under and how wide was the passing. Whitaker confirmed the 30-foot wide passing belonged to Polk County and currently crosses over a 2-foot culvert.

After Pope suggested maybe it could be dug out to three-feet to satisfy the fish passage requirement, Whitaker said he’d have to look into the requirements.

Pope intimated he didn’t like the state backing the county into making a tough decision.

“We’re either approaching the choice here of closing the road because it’s going to be unsafe, somebody is going to collapse or crush it, or we’re going to dig it up and put in what we would normally

deem for any county gravel road,” Craig said. Whitaker suggested the choice wasn’t that binary. “Not necessarily. If we’re replacing a culvert now and it’s on a stream that has been designated a fish bearing stream, then we have to satisfy fish passage. But we could satisfy that with a box culvert,” he explained. “But not a corrugated culvert?” Pope clarified. Whitaker said a corrugated culvert would create a lot of “back and forth” between the county and ODFW.

“I won’t be bullied by these people,” Pope said. He added when Whitaker said they are asking at this point, “Good for them. We realize this is a farm department road we need to maintain and we have tools in the toolbox we’d use on any other project. That would be my position, to use those tools. Don’t tell us what you’re going to accept.”

Whitaker explained the challenge is the requirement says the passage width has to be 1.5 times the width of the channel upstream and downstream. And there’s not a well-defined channel there. “So, I don’t know what width we’d need to be providing there to satisfy fish passage,” he said.

He added that if it’s possible to repurpose the Black Rock bridge, and widen it out to 24 feet, “and we can put it in there for the same price, we can use a box culvert or less, then we can talk about that. Expect to have the engineer’s report in a week or so.”

In other bridge projects, Whitaker pointed to the Helmet rehab project which he hasn’t heard any movement on in a while.

“Marion County is going to deliver that project for us,” he said.

However, Polk County initially received a bridge rehab grant through the local bridge program. ODOT was going to originally hire that out for design, put out RFPs (request for proposals) for it, but decided to pull it back in and do it internally.

“That’s because they’re short on state funds and don’t have enough for their staff to do. And Marion County would deliver it for us. But if there is any overage, we owe 100 percent of it,” he said.

Also for 2025, Whitaker said Public Works is going to hire a consultant to do the three R’s for its bridges - repair, rehab, replace.

“They’d look at all the bridges in our system, assess their condition and lifespan, and give us recommendations whether to continue to repair and maintain or do rehabs and replacements,” Whitaker said. “We’d prioritize those and get the county a list of where they’re going to go moving forward. Same as we’ve done with our roads.”

He added the county has never created that kind of priority list for its bridges.

“That’d be good because county roads are in good shape, the county has adequate funds and the availability of bridge grants has been there,” Whitaker said, adding it’s been about 10-15 years since the county got a bridge replacement grant.

County Administrator Greg Hansen added the goal of the consultant’s bridge list is to get ahead of the chaos when funding becomes available and everyone is clamoring for a piece of it.

“Our asphalt roads are in good shape, but depending on funding, we may set up programs for both, continue with quality roads and improvement in our bridges. That’s the goal,”



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OBITUARIES



**Claudia Mae Annis**  
Feb. 17, 1934 - Feb. 19, 2025  
The family of Claudia Mae Annis of Corvallis, Oregon, is saddened to announce her passing at the age of

91. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 72 years, Clarence; son Brian K. Annis (Lorena Elliott); grandchildren Joshua Annis, Jonathan Hannis (Melinda), Marcus Annis, Aaron Garten (Kristy), Kyle Garten (Alyssa), and Joel Garten (Riquel); 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and extended family.  
Born in Chehalis, Washington, Claudia graduated from Chehalis High School in 1952 and married her high school sweetheart, Clarence. She moved to Corvallis in 1960 and worked for 32 years at Oregon State University as an administrative assistant in the Agricultural Research Services Department.  
Claudia loved traveling, hiking, skiing and tending to her apple trees,

rhododendrons and fishpond. A strong advocate for women’s rights, she was passionate about equal pay and lifelong learning.  
For the past 14 years, dementia limited her ability to enjoy many of her favorite activities. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Visiting Angels, grandson Marcus Annis, and the supportive neighbors who helped care for Claudia.  
At her request, no service will be held. The family appreciates your kind thoughts and asks that you honor her memory in your own way.  
For the full version of the obituary please visit [www.farnstrommortuary.com](http://www.farnstrommortuary.com).

**Allen Rodney Hall**  
March 31, 1945 - March 13, 2025  
  
Al was born in Albany, Oregon, on March 31, 1945. His family moved to Salem when he was six. His family had a farm with orchards and a marionberry field.  
He graduated from South Salem High School and Chemeketa Community College. He worked as a draftsman and surveyor for the Bureau of Land Management. After that he worked for land title companies until his retirement.  
He served in the U.S. Marines Reserves for six years.

Over the years he enjoyed watching his sons’ activities, fishing and camping and watching car racing and sports. He loved visiting with people including being a greeter at his church, First Baptist of Independence.  
He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sharon; his sons Kyle and Scott and Scott’s girlfriend Kathy; and his sister Arlene Shaw.  
A big Thank You goes to the staff and administration at Blue Haven Memory Care for the love and care these past three years.

**Death Notice**  
**Donald Hinzpeter**  
Feb. 22, 1955 - March 12, 2025  
Donald Hinzpeter passed away on March 12, 2025.

Third book’s a charm for tales of the married life

**By DAVID HAYES**  
I-O Editor  
Many aspiring authors successfully find inspiration for their tales from their own experiences. Few have done it so successfully as Petra Cole. Her family knows what a great storyteller she is, and three times they’ve pleaded with her to share her own experiences with others in the written format.  
In 2016, Cole, a Dallas resident, published the book, “Lessons in Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness: Adopting a Drug Baby,” recounting her experiences raising a drug-affected child and the challenges she faced.  
“The first one was a drug baby. We knew nothing about that at that time of life. It was a heartbreaking, but wonderful story,” Cole recalled. “My sister said, ‘You need to tell it.’ Because in this day and age, it’s happening all the time. Babies are being adopted. And they’re finding out they’re drug babies.”  
In 2023, Cole wrote about her experience giving up her baby as a teen only to be reunited 15 years later in her follow up book, “Ripples: 3 Women, 1 Story, From Regrets to Blessings.”  
“My oldest daughter said, ‘Mom, you have got to write our story.’ Because I had her in high school and gave her up for adoption,” Cole recalled.. “And I met her when she

was 15 years old. We are so close. It has been wonderful. I have two grandsons through her. It has been an incredible journey.”  
Finally, the latest inspirational plea came to recount the longest phase of her life from none other than her husband, Paul.  
“One of my gifts (he once gave me) for Christmas was a letter. In it he describes our marriage,” Petra recalled. “He said ‘Petra, you need to write a book about marriage because you are so easy to be married to.’”  
The result is “Mountain or Molehill, Your Choice: Change your marriage outlook with forgiveness and humor!” a humorous look and lessons learned from her 38 years of up and down and up again marriage to Paul.  
Petra, initially skeptical that there were already a million books on marriage in the marketplace, was convinced to write it when Paul said to concentrate on their own marriage.  
“Like most marriages, we came to a place where we were butting heads and things were not going well and wondering if we’d done the right thing,” Petra admitted.  
They ended up in marriage counseling with a “wonderful” therapist who heard the real problems in their marriage between what they were actually saying.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES  
**Petra Cole's third book “Mountain or Molehill, Your Choice: Change your marriage outlook with forgiveness and humor!” was published last week.**

school teacher, met him at his place of work, the firestation.  
“And when he came upstairs, he had this big grease (mark) on down his face but didn’t know it. I tried not to look at it because I knew I’d laugh. So that’s how we met,” Petra said.  
The deciding factor that proved he was the one was how Paul hit it off with Petra’s “hands off” 11-year-old daughter Sally.  
Both strong willed individuals, they found ways to give in to the other when needed.  
“Our marriage went really, really up, and then really, really down, but ever since then it’s been fun,” Petra said.  
The hardest part of writing “Mountain or Molehill” was choosing which stories along the way to share that best illustrated what makes a marriage work.  
At some point, she had to force herself to cut off the spigot before the book became flooded with too many tales. Then she saved the last tale for Paul to write to close the book.  
“Every single story I tell, I have questions I ask myself. For instance, does my husband see me as a nag, and if so, how am I going to change?” Petra said. “I wrote it as a woman mainly, to show we always, always have a choice how to take something and we can make it a big thing, or a little thing. If we choose to make it a big thing, there are consequences to making an issue bigger than it is.”  
She added Paul only objected to one of her tales, feeling he got thrown under the bus. She convinced him the tale was necessary because it showed how she was the one who needed to improve.  
“What I have done is be real about who you are and real about who I needed to become to be the best wife for the kind of man you are,” Petra said.  
“Mountain or Molehill” is now available wherever you buy your books. Petra has yet to schedule any book signings or reading appearances.



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“He got us to look at our marriage as the gift that it was. That was many years ago. And we’ve had the most fun being married the last 15 years and have been absolutely wonderful,” Petra said.  
The book recounts some fun stories and how they handled the fun times and got through the hard times to make the marriage they’ve got today.  
Paul and Petra’s courtship even started cute, as they met on the phone.  
His sister was a very good friend of Petra’s, whom she used to visit back in Minnesota. She’d been divorced for five years, he for two.  
“I happened to call her one day, and she goes, ‘Wait! I’ve got somebody I want you to meet.’” Petra said.  
They talked for a while, but Petra had to cut the conversation short because she couldn’t at the time afford to talk very long over long distance.  
When he got back here, her friend Susan made Paul promise to at least take Petra on a date. To be safe, she, a

2,400 jobs gained in January, still highest jobless rate since 2021

**By JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Country Media, Inc.  
Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.4% in January and 4.3%, as revised, in December, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in January 2024, according to the Oregon Employment Department.  
Oregon’s 4.4% unemployment rate was the highest since September 2021, when the rate was also 4.4%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in December 2024 and 4.0% in January 2025.

**JOB GAINS**  
In January, Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,400 jobs, following a revised decline of 2,000 jobs in December.  
January’s gains were largest in professional and business services (+1,400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,200); retail trade (+900); and private educational services (+900).  
Oregon’s private sector added 12,700 jobs, or 0.8%, between January 2024 and January 2025. Job gains during 2024 were less than previously indicated, as annual data revisions resulted in an average



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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Trump ‘patriots’ are being duped

I found your highlighted printing of the opinion piece by Mr. Garus to be inappropriate, in that we don’t need to fill the public paper with such provocative propaganda. Uprising indeed! Unlike his “patriot” kind, I believe in free speech, but I have to call it what is was. A pile of hogwash! He calls his “patriots” to action with self-created enemies, false and narrow purposes, based on misconceptions, repeated propaganda, perceived slights, all based on lies, projections and lawlessness of his fearless leader. Patriots should believe in and support the Constitution, adhere to the rule of law. They dismiss that. Freedom of speech is protected, just not for those who disagree with them. Once Trump and followers got rid of truth, they all now delight in their false justifications and blame game and enemy retribution.

These “patriots” seem to be just self-interested, self-righteous, gun packing, misled folks wrapped up in an American flag. They follow a malignant narcissist, psychological compulsive liar, convicted felon, grifter, psychotic, sociopath. Why I don’t know. They have been duped. But Trump has given them a way to behave, to create their enemies and prepare to fight, while hypocritically proclaiming for god, country and freedom (theirs only).

That buffalo analogy is funny because we all know what happened to the buffalo, who charged forward, head held high. They were wiped out. But Mr.

Garus seem to see no flaw in it, likely because he knows his buffalo have guns this time.  
God bless the truth.  
*Charles Krogman  
Dallas*

Garus supports chaotic president

As a former aide to a US Senate Republican leader (before the party devolved into a personality cult), I find Mr. Garus’ op ed piece uninformed to the point of absurdity.

In less than two months time, his president has turned the very healthy economy he inherited into a recession with his ill-conceived on-again/off-again tariffs. He has turned America’s back on our friends and allies in favor of murderous dictators and thugs. He has given an unelected, unaccountable, billionaire supporter free reign over every aspect of our government, resulting in literal chaos. He has halted domestic and foreign aide programs that, on balance, save hundreds of thousands of lives across the globe. He has thumbed his nose at the rule of law. And he has attempted to silence the free press and any who dare question him.

But then, his mindless “third term, Canada becoming a state, invasion of Greenland and re-taking the Panama Canal” gibberish would be good for a laugh (if he wasn’t serious)!

God help President Trump. God help the fired workers and God help the United States of America.

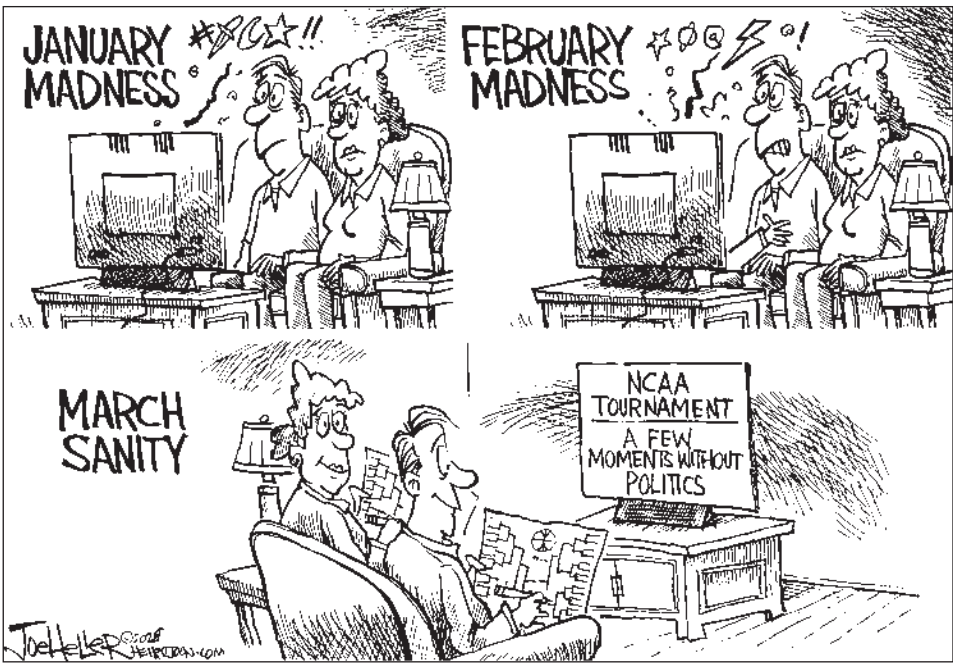
*David Spear  
Independence*

Trump, Musk taking country off the rails

Less than two months in office and Trump has done quite a job in destroying our government and country. Along with Musk.

Trump complained about federal workers not coming to work but he was gone 13 of the first 48. He states he was a bit “sarcastic” when he said he could end the Ukrainian-Russian war in one day. How can a co-founder of wrestling entertainment be qualified to be secretary of education? I didn’t realize the White House was also a car dealership. Was any due diligence done before Trump and Musk went crazy terminating people? Does he really think Canada will become a state? He has no concern of global warming as he rolled back EPA rules on climate control.

One of his issues is transgender people; however Musk has a transgender daughter who he says is dead. (Let’s give him the father of the year award). Is it Trump or Musk who is afraid of transgender people? Musk now wants judges impeached after his massive firings were overturned. Why does Musk have access to hundreds of millions of personal information. Why? He was not elected!



Vance was booed while entering the Kennedy Center for a concert. Does it give him a clue how people feel about him? Trump and Vance’s treatment of President Zelenskyy was disgusting and an embarrassment for the country.

Trump and Musk embody insecure men. Picking on people is a sign of weakness, not masculinity.  
*Cliff Brown  
Dallas*

Too many protests cross into terrorism

It is sad, so sad that in this country with all it’s freedoms, including the right to vote, that some people must resort to violence and terrorism against their fellow citizens. If you like and support terrorists, violent criminals, human and drug traffickers, cartels, gangs, and thousands of pounds of deadly fentanyl coming across our borders; if you support lawlessness in our large cities, you can vote for like minded candidates in the next election.

It is horrible to think that there are people in our society, who with premeditation, seek to destroy other people’s lives and property. When you destroy businesses and cars, you also destroy their livelihood. Stop this nonsense! We all want to live in this country with peaceful law and order.

*Eugene Henshaw  
Dallas*

JOB

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reduction of 15,600 jobs per month during the second half of 2024.

During the past three years, health care and social assistance was by far the fastest growing sector of Oregon’s economy, adding 15,100 jobs, or 5.2%, in the 12 months through January. However, a large strike at a major health care provider contributed to the one-month drop of 1,300 jobs in this industry during January.

Industries that grew moderately during the most recent 12 months included other services (+2,100 jobs, or 3.2%); private educational services (+1,100 jobs, or 3.0%); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs, or 1.1%); and construction (+900 jobs, or 0.8%).

JOB DECLINES

Declines were largest in manufacturing (-2,200) and health care and social assistance (-1,300).

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<b>Novocaine</b>	1:40	4:15	6:50	
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CryptoQuip

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Clue: H equals M

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PL HPDKV LZPH HK, TY YFK  
HV BKIGPZ-TD-XOR?

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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# Checking out the Library Con



Comic book fans and collectors alike descended upon the Dallas Library March 14 for its first ever Library Con, featuring regional artists, illustrators and creators. Here's some images captured during the event.

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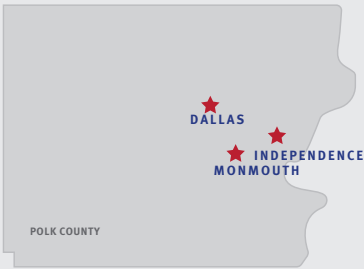
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March 19

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Track and Field

March 19

Central at Johnny Sundstrum Invitation  
Mapleton Track, 4 p.m.  
Dallas at Sprague, 4 p.m.

March 20

Perrydale at Jim Barks Grizzly Bear Open  
Wortman Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

March 21

Falls City at Elmira Relays  
Don Schmidt Field, 11 a.m.

Softball

March 20

Gaston vs. Perrydale, at McMinnville HS, 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

March 21

Central at McNary, 5 p.m.

March 24-25

Central at Best of the West Softball Tournament  
Glencoe High School, 4 p.m.  
Dallas at North Medford Tournament, U.S. Cellular Field

March 24

West Salem vs. Dallas, 4 p.m.  
Bend vs. Dallas, 6 p.m.

March 25

Dallas vs. Caldera, 6 p.m.

Boys tennis

March 20

Dallas at Cascade, 4 p.m.

Girls Tennis

March 20

Cascade at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Baseball

March 20

Dallas at Franklin, 5 p.m.

March 24

Oregon Coast Baseball Invitational  
Frank Wade Field, Newport  
Dallas vs Molalla, 9 a.m.  
Dallas vs Marshfield, 11:30 a.m.

Prep Scoreboard

All-Conference honors

Girls Basketball

Central

Honorable Mention: Kamryn Winkler, senior; Bella Names, sophomore; Emery Lushenko, freshman.

Dallas

Honorable Mention: Ava Woods, senior; Kaiya Woolsey, senior; Harlow Nelson, freshman.

Falls City

First team: Molly King Groh. Second team: Sofie Gonzalez. Honorable Mention: Seniors Elyssa Burgess, Nadia McKeen and Serenity Roberts.

# Young referee is shooting for the NBA

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Like many boys, Graham Kahl dreams of making it to the National Basketball Association. Though there is a noticeable twist to what he'll do once he gets there. For this 13-year-old does not dream of sinking game-winning treys, nor does he care to play before arenas packed with screaming fans. No, Kahl imagines wearing the whistle and uniform of an NBA referee.

"(Graham) is really into the rules of things, and not just basketball, because he used to also umpire baseball. So we've seen this as a sort of theme with him," his father Stephen Kahl said. "But he's really taken to basketball more seriously than anything else."

It's good Graham is serious about this pursuit, because he's seeking entry into a very exclusive club. There are less NBA referees than there are U.S. Senators, 74 versus 100. The club is so small, he knows each ref by name and face.

"I do have a couple of refs that I really like - Natalie Sago and James Williams. But I know every NBA ref ... I know them all," Graham said. "Clearly, to be an NBA ref, you have to put in a bunch of work. So I respect them all because they really did work hard to get where they are."

Graham is mindful that the odds of achieving his goal are small. But that hasn't dampened his enthusiasm.

"It's kind of scary knowing that there's a possibility that I won't be able to do it, but I've got to just focus,

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

**Graham Kahl (right) and Jon Wiles teamed up to referee a recent Dallas Basketball Association game.**

and if I can do this well, and if I keep going, I think I'll have a good chance," he said. "Because you don't know very many officials at my age who want to become an NBA ref, right?"

Jon Wiles, a veteran referee for Salem Basketball Association, agrees that there's no time like the present if the NBA is your aspiration.

"Graham is starting at the right time. You gotta get going when you're young, because it's just like anywhere else: You've got to work your way through the ranks," Wiles said.

Graham's first step en route to the NBA came three years ago when he refereed his initial game for the Dallas Basketball Association. On the court were seventh and eighth graders. Graham was 10 at the time, and in fourth grade.

"The first couple games I did, it was hard for me to blow the whistle. Because I never wanted anyone to get mad at me," he said.

But feelings of intimidation were short-lived.

"I was kind of scared the first game. Then it got a lot better. But it took a couple of games," he said.

There have been games where Graham's whistle proved crucial.

"I had one where there was a kid who got fouled at, like, the last second, like when the buzzer went off, and I called it," he said.

The player made one of his free throws to tie the game. His team then won in overtime. Despite the importance of the call, Graham said he didn't face criticism from the other team or its fans.

"It was a pretty obvious call," he said, noting a

slight hesitation on his part. "Sometimes you've got to see the play, and then wait a second to actually call it. Sometimes you've got to think ... and that's what happened. I thought about the play and blew the whistle."

Parents are more likely than coaches to confront Graham after a game. But he puts these gripes in perspective.

"I've had parents yell at me, and you just kind of ignore them. Because some parents don't really know what they're talking about," he said. "You've got to know the rules. You don't have to listen to them when you're confident that you know the rules."

Graham is proactive in his determination to reach elite status, having already mapped out his career trajectory. He's intent on rising through the ranks, as Wiles suggested.

"First, I want to start out at high school, because you can start doing high school games when you're 18. So I start out doing high school, and then move up to community college," he said.

From there it's on to Division II and Division I college games, and then the big leap, the NBA.

The downside to all this is that watching the NBA is less enjoyable. As he's now watching with a more critical eye.

"It's kind of hard for me to watch basketball games because I just tear up refs," he admitted.

But he also studies them in hopes of upping his own skills.

"I watch the refs and try to learn from them," Graham said. "I look at (the refs), and if they make a certain call, then I would probably call it because now I know, oh, that's something. I watch what they call and bring that here and use it in my game."

One lesson learned is that communication is key.

"If a player disagrees with one of your calls, you've got to talk them through why you called it. You've got to give good explanations to coaches when they want to talk. One word explanations don't cut it," Graham said. "So you've got to be strong. You've got to be loud. And you've got to be confident in your calls."

Generally, fans, coaches and players have been supportive of his efforts.

"What I hear most is people come out of ... their way to say, hey, I think you did a really great job," Stephen said. "A lot of that is probably because of his age. They see a young man doing what he's doing. But then you get people that say you're the best ref we've had this year. So he'll get comments like that."

With three years of refereeing experience under his belt, Graham is more tolerant of other ref's calls, even ones he disagrees with as a player.

"As an official, it's hard to see everything. You're not going to see everything," he said. "So if I get fouled, but it doesn't get called, I'm just going to guess that they didn't see it. I know refereeing is much harder than it looks."

# Dragons' rebuild begins with finding new coach

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas High School is tasked with hiring a new coach for its varsity boys basketball team, after former coach Ray Williams' departure with a few games left in the season.

"We can confirm that Ray Williams has stepped down as head coach of the Dallas High School boys basketball team," Athletic Director Ron Snively said in a statement. "We appreciate his contributions to the program and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Assistant coach Cameron Rowland took over for the final five games. But the search for Williams' replacement is in its beginning stages.

"The district and athletic department will evaluate the program's leadership moving forward and determine the best path for the team's future," Snively said.

As for moving forward, there is room for improvement. The new coach, and Rowland expressed interest in the position, will inherit a team that went 0-18 in Mid-Willamette Conference play and 1-24 overall.

In addition, the Dragons lose seniors Diego Miranda, Sean Ward and Derrick Johnson from its active roster. Each player was all-conference honorable mention.

"Our seniors brought a lot of leadership, just with everything we've been through. Them sticking with it, and being able to guide and mentor the freshmen through things off and on the basketball court," Rowland said. "Skills-wise, they were our three leading scorers. They produced on the court at a higher level."

A fourth senior, Talon Krieger, left the program after Williams' departure.

It's hoped that the off-court distractions could pay some dividends moving forward.

"We went through a lot of adverse situations, going on with the change of coaches and people coming in and out," Rowland said. "So I think for anyone that stuck with it throughout the season, it was a good ... learning lesson. Off court and for how life works, not so much wins and losses," Rowland said. "A lot of character building that we can build in the next few years."

Despite an experienced core, the varsity roster included many young players who were often on court at crunch time. The team's record, in part, reflects its youth, given there were opportunities for Dallas to pull out wins. Two examples: the team lost to Lebanon 64-59 on Feb. 11, and 61-57 to Central on Feb. 1

"We were very close in a few of those games. It's just,

we were a very young team. So that comes with the growing pains of the youth within our program," Rowland said. "So I think they got a lot of good experience to build on for the next year."

The team's roster of 10 players included four freshmen - Lukas Lawless, Griffin Brown, Peter Nicol and Tristan Porter.

"The freshmen we're going to lean on, and then more internal growth from the younger teams, juniors and sophomores, that were on junior varsity," Rowland said of program direction.

Nathan Cunningham is varsity's lone sophomore, while

its juniors are Alexander Hammill and Chase Eriksen.

The rebuild was accelerated during the season's waning weeks as more players got chances to play at the varsity level.

"We started swinging a lot of the JV players that could potentially be playing varsity, just so they'd have a little time on the court, so they'd be ready for next year," Rowland said.

He elected to focus on the team when asked if there are any players he's especially excited to see develop during the coming years.

"I don't want to throw any specific names out there.


I'm just excited for this young group, and this young core of freshmen to stick together," Rowland said. "And then juniors and sophomores to keep growing and building from this year's JV basketball."

Rowland has been assistant coach with the program for more than two years, having joined the staff after the pandemic.

He also coached Western Oregon University club teams and Salem Hoops. He played high school basketball through his freshman year at Lake Oswego High School.


DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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# PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago  
March 19, 1975

Commissioners abolish mental health board

The 13-member Polk County Mental Health Administrative Board was officially abolished Tuesday as county commissioners passed Order No. 9 dissolving that group and creating a five-member advisory committee in its place.

The action came following a lengthy statement opposed to the plan by Administrative Board head James H. Beaird of Monmouth.

Beaird spoke in favor of maintaining the administrative body, stating that the functions of that group included providing a series of safeguards “not possible with an advisory board.”

Dallas FFA members earn State Farmer awards

Members of the Dallas Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) recently attended the FFA State Convention held at Roseburg. Paul Thorp and Scott Zeigler,

local members, both received the state farmer degree, with Zeigler also receiving a proficiency award at the state level for his swine project.

Zeigler’s project consists primarily of a swine breeding and finishing operation including 14 breeding sows, 200 finished hogs (which he has now sold), a 24x60-foot finishing barn, and an 18x60-foot farrowing barn.

Dragons complete great season, Cantonwine resigns

Bob Cantonwine made it official Monday, March 17, 1975. The 11-year veteran submitted his resignation as high school varsity basketball coach at Dallas.

Cantonwine is expected to continue teaching and administrative duties at the school. He attributed his decision to call it quits to the year-round demands of the sport.

40 Years Ago  
March 20, 1985

FLASHBACK

This week’s Flashback is from March 19, 1975: To See on TV - Local performers and those who worked as extras last summer in the filming of the movie, “Toby’s Gorilla” (now renamed as “A Summer to Remember”), can see themselves in the movies when the film is aired Wednesday, March 27 at 8 p.m. On channel 6 as a CBS “Movie of the Week.” Circus performers are (from left) Suzy Simpson, Donna Johnson, Ingo Johnson and Gayleen Dover, all of Salem. (Photo by Julie Strong).

Doctors cooperative opens large clinic in West Salem

West Salem Medical Arts Center is a unique idea that was conceived Jan. 15 and born 45 days later as a medical cooperative providing full-time health care in a multi-specialty clinic.

To help introduce the new center, an open house and health fair is scheduled at the site Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free blood pressure, diabetes, lung function, and E.K.G. tests are planned, as well as refreshments for kids.

The center was the brain-storming of three people at Valley Community Hospital - Steve Huleki, physician, Daryl Pohl, radiologist, and Ed Zintgraff, hospital administrator, who came up with the thought of a physicians collective for West Salem, offering a whole sweep of specialties “from cradle to grave.”

Jail issues examined by Polk officials, judges

More than 400,000 people populate the nation’s prisons. Over 30 regularly populate the Polk County Jail.

What connects those two figures is one problem: overcrowding.

Federal lawsuits against prisons and jails have started to spring up as the facilities fill up and prison standards aren’t met.

Polk County is surrounded by counties which have been hit by lawsuits, one of the main reasons the county has started looking at ways to avoid the same fate.

Dallas tracksters aim to surprise again

Both the Dallas boys and girls track teams exceeded

coach Jim Chaney’s expectations a season ago. This year, he hopes he’ll see the same again.

The Dragons return a host of standouts, in the field and on the track, from boys and girls teams that went 5-1 and 4-2 in Willamette Valley League dual meets in 1984.

The Dallas boys took second at the district meet, while the girls placed third. Each team sent five members to state, an all-time high for the Dragons.

Community Achievement

## Sgt. Gregg Caudill retires after 20 years at PCSO



On Feb. 28, 2025, Sgt. Gregg Caudill retired from the Polk County Sheriff’s Office after more than two decades in law enforcement. Caudill began his career as a reserve officer with the Dallas Police Department in 1999. He then contracted with the PCSO as a woods deputy in 2004 before being hired as a full-time patrol deputy in 2005. Caudill has also had the additional positions of K9 handler, school resource deputy, detective with the Polk Interagency Narcotics Team (POINT) and finally as patrol sergeant.

## CryptoQuip answer

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 19-26

**Wednesday, March 19**  
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  
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1:30 p.m. - Winter Wildlife Field Days, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth  
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
4 p.m. - Independence Town Hall: City Budget Interactive Discussion, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence  
6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
6 p.m. - Independence Traffic Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

**Thursday, March 20**  
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
9 a.m. - Launch Mid Valley presents Dallas Coffee Club for Startups & Entrepreneurs, 611 Main St.  
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community 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, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
11 a.m. - Creatively Expressing Grief, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
11 a.m. - Soup & Pie Sale, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center  
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: "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.  
6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
6 p.m. - Artistic Chaos Paint Night, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St, Dallas  
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.  
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

**Friday, March 21**  
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW  
10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/Listening Ear/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop/Drawing for

Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center  
1 p.m. - Winter Wildlife Field Day Station at Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge, 10995 Highway 22, Dallas  
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Ice Cream & Bingo Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
5 p.m. - Teen Anime Movie: "Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland", Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.  
7 p.m. - Northgate Revival at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas

**Saturday, March 22**  
9 a.m. - 42nd Annual Spring Doll Show & Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West  
9 a.m.- PNW National Collegiate Rugby CRCs Qualifying Tournament, WOU Turf Field, 560 Stadium Dr. N., Monmouth  
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW  
12 p.m. Spectrum ArtWorx presents PanPastell Mindfulness Class, 140 Main St., Monmouth  
6 p.m. - Live Music: Bush Pilots Band, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence  
7 p.m. - Live Music: Leland Hallahan, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence

**Sunday, March 23**  
2 p.m. - Live Music: Kevin, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence  
6 p.m. - Free Seminar: Reversing Disease, Depression & Damaged Relationships, with Dr. Sandoval, President of New Paradigm Ministry, Dallas Seventh-day Adventist Church Oregon, 589 SW Birch St, Dallas

**Monday, March 24**  
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, 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. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
12 p.m. - Musical Monday Matinee: "Once", Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
4 p.m. - Kids STEAM Event, for ages 7-12, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
4 p.m. - Dallas Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.  
4 p.m. - Dallas Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.  
5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.  
5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
6 p.m. - Serendipities by Dena presents Public Paint Party, North Dallas Bar & Grill, 170 E. Ellendale Ave.  
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

**Tuesday, March 25**  
Hatching Dragon Scavenger Hunt, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
11 a.m. - Creatively Expressing Grief, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center  
1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S Warren St.  
4 p.m. - Kids Galaxy Jars-Craft Event, for ages 6-12, craft your own shimmering galaxy sensory jar, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
6:30 p.m. - Dance: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
7:30 p.m. - Dance: Latin, Monmouth Senior Community Center

**Wednesday, March 26**  
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  
12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
3:30 p.m. - Kids Origami Craft, Dallas Public Library  
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
2 p.m. - Dragon Crafting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
5 p.m. - MINET Board of Directors meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, Monmouth  
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

Dallas High School CTE Student of the Month February 2025

BEN ROWLEY

AG Foods and Natural Resources CTE PathwayAg teacher Danielle Bull-

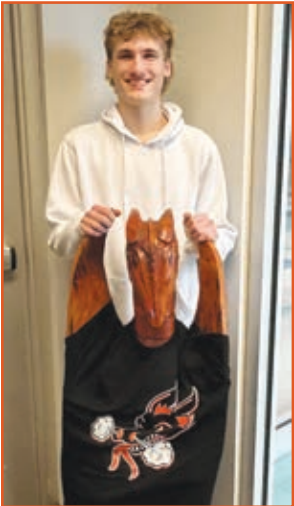
"Ben is a senior in high school and is currently taking Veterinary Science, and Culinary Arts 2. He has taken almost every Agricultural Science and Technology Class we have offered at Dallas High School. He continues to want to better his knowledge about Agriculture and Natural Resources. He always is willing to help when needed and help others in class understand the materials they are being taught."

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10th- Wynter Wyatt  
11th- Evan Patterson  
12th- Scarlett Iker



Left to Right: Rayder Jones, Wynter Wyatt, Evan Patterson, Scarlett Iker

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PCIO25-1078 Public Meeting Notice**The West Valley Housing Authority holds its monthly Board Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 12:00 p.m., at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session, pursuant to ORS 192.660, will be held immediately following the regular meeting if required. If there are any changes to the regularly scheduled meeting, an updated notice will be posted and available on our website. The agenda for the meeting is also posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The meeting location is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting or if you wish to attend via Zoom. For more information, please call 503-623-8387 or VRS (877) 326-3877.

**PCIO25-1085 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Case No. 24PB06790 In the Matter of the Estate of Tony William Dedecker, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sarah Shipley has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Tony William Dedecker. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at: Bevans Law Office, 1250 E Main St, Ste C Monmouth, OR 97361, (503)910-9107, 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 March 14, 2025. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Sarah Shipley (March. 19, 26, April 2, 2025)

**PCIO25-1081 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No. 25PB02070 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** In the Matter of the ESTATE OF ROBERT LEROY THORNBURG, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that KAYLA MIETT has been appointed as Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for Personal Representative at 5200 Meadows Rd, Ste. 150, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, Personal Representative or the attorney for Personal Representative. KAYLA MIETT Personal Representative Michael J. Rose, OSB #144194 Rose Elder Law, LLC Attorney for Personal Representative 5200 Meadows Rd, Ste. 150 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 DATED and published: March 19, 2025.

**PCIO25-1090 TS No. OR08000088-24-1 APN 261706 I 3201 TO No 2 4 0 3 3 6 0 0 2 - O R - M S I AMENDED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** Pursuant to O.R.S. 86.705, et seq., O.R.S. 79-5010, et seq., O.R.S. 86.764, et seq. and O.R.S. 86.774(1) Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by ROBERT S BUNCH AND ACACIA D BUNCH as Grantor, to FNTIC., A CA CORP, C/O FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE CO OF OR as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for MUTUAL OF OMAHA MORTGAGE, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, which is organized and existing under the laws of Oregon, as Beneficiary, dated as of December 13, 2021 and recorded on December 17, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-019729 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION. Said Trust Deed encumbers the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit: APN: 261706 I 3201 LOT 9, BLOCK 1, KINGWOOD VISTA, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as 515 KINGWOOD DR NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the above street address or other common designation. Both the Beneficiary, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes Section 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is Grantor's Failed to pay

payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2023 to 06/01/2023 at \$2,353.39 19 Monthly Payment(s) from 07/01/2023 to 01/01/2025 at \$2,494.36 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2025 at \$2,429.47 i) the installment of principal and/or interest, which became due on June 1, 2023, plus all subsequent installments of principal and/or interest; (ii) all unpaid installments of Mortgage Insurance Premium, if applicable, plus all subsequent installments of or prorate of Mortgage Insurance Premium that become due; (iii) all unpaid impound installments for taxes and/or hazard insurance, if applicable, plus all subsequent impound installments for taxes and/or hazard insurance; (iv) unpaid late charges, plus all subsequent late charges; (iii) any advances made by the Beneficiary, plus interest thereon from the dates made; (iv) attorneys' fees and other expenses and costs of collection, plus subsequent attorneys' fees and other expenses and costs of collection, which may become due and payable; and (v) Trustee's fees and expenses, plus subsequent Trustee's fees and expenses which may become due and payable. Nothing in this Notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees or other amounts owing to the Beneficiary pursuant to the subject loan documents. Also, if you have failed to pay taxes on the property, provide insurance on the property or pay other senior liens or encumbrances as required in the Note and Trust Deed, the Beneficiary may insist that you do so in order to reinstate your account in good standing. The Beneficiary may require as a condition to reinstatement that you provide reliable written evidence that you have paid all senior liens or encumbrances, property taxes, and hazard insurance premiums. These requirements for reinstatement should be confirmed by contacting the undersigned Trustee. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following to wit: \$407,020.80 with interest thereon at the rate of 3.12500% from May 1, 2023, plus late charges of \$0.00 each month, beginning with the late charge accruing for the payment that became due June 1, 2023, together with all subsequent late charges and all late charges that accrued prior to default; together with title expenses, costs, Trustee's fees and attorney fees' incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein. \*\*If the obligation(s) secured by the Trust Deed described herein bears a variable interest rate, the rate hereinabove set forth, accrues from the date as reflected and may increase and/or decrease in accordance with the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The Notice of Default and original Notice of Sale given pursuant thereto stated that this property would be sold on January 14, 2025 as established by Section 187.110 Oregon Revised Statutes, at Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338. However, subsequent to the recording of said Notice of Default, the original sale proceedings were stayed by order of the Court or by proceedings under the National Bankruptcy Act or for other lawful reason. The Beneficiary did not participate in obtaining such stay. Said stay was terminated on January 22, 2025. Pursuant to and in accordance with ORS 86.782(6), the Trustee Sale is being re-scheduled to sell at public auction on May 6, 2025 at the hour of 09:00 AM in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110 Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338, County of Polk, State of Oregon, to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the

obligation and Trust Deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 02/20/25 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0471526 TO: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 03/19/2025

**PCIO2501089 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, Probate Department** In the Matter of the Estate of: TIMOTHY RAYMOND GUNTHER, Deceased. Case No. 25PB00899 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned individual has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, to the personal representative in care of Penna & James, LLC, 1206 Main Street East, Monmouth, OR 97361; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first publishes this day of March, 2025. Jonathan Charles Gunther Personal Representative

**PCIO25-1088 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT** In the Matter of the Estate of: JOAN MARIE LADD, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB01492 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Paul F. Garmon and Paula M. Garmon as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Joan Marie Ladd, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Co-Personal Representatives, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Co-Personal Representatives, or the Attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives. Date published March 19, 2025. Paul F. Garmon & Paula M. Garmon, Co-Personal Representatives c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

**PCIO25-1087 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT** The Polk County Hearings Officer will conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony on the following application: APPLICATION FOR: The applicant is proposing to establish a youth camp on the subject property, which is approximately 100.7 acres in size and is located within the Timber Conservation (TC) Zoning District. The subject property is also located almost entirely within the inventoried Black-Tailed Deer and Roosevelt Elk Winter Habitat area, according to the Polk County Significant Resource Area (SRA) map. The youth camp proposal includes developing private roads within this habitat area. Pursuant to Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) 182.070, "Roads" are listed as a conflicting use and require a Significant Resource Management Plan. The applicant has provided a Significant Resource Management Plan to be reviewed as part of this application. APPLICANT/ OWNER: Sulamita Recreation Center APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP: Matthew Sturzen FILE NUMBER: CU 24-09 LOCATION: 7425 Gold Creek Road, Willamina, OR 97396 (T6S, R7W, Section 21, Tax Lot 100) REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: 1. Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 177.040(X),

177.050, 182.040(B) and (E), 182.050, 182.070, and 111.010; and PCZO Chapter 119 2. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.457 3. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-006-0031 HEARING DATE & TIME: April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Hearing / Conference Room, First Floor, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Sidney Mulder. Phone: (503) 623-9237; Email Address: mulder.sidney@co.polk.or.us Please include File Number CU 24-09 in all correspondences related to this application. The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237, in as far in advance of the meeting as possible, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. Any person may submit written testimony, prior to or at the public hearing, to the Polk County Community Development Department. Oral and written testimony may be presented at the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in a manner, which allows testimony in favor of the application, testimony in opposition to the application, general testimony, and rebuttal by the applicant. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the hearings body an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and applicable criteria, are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. In addition, a copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing, and will be provided at a reasonable cost, at the Polk County Community Development Department, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338; (503) 623-9237. PLEASE RETURN TO: Polk County Community Development, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Written comments received by the Polk County Community Development Department by 5:00 PM on March 28, 2025, will be included in the staff report and recommendation to the Hearings Officer. Comments received after that time, but prior to the hearing, will be provided to the Hearings Officer at the hearing. NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR OR SELLER: ORS Chapter 215 requires that if you receive this Notice, it must promptly be forwarded to the purchaser.

**PCIO25-1084 Public Sale** Rickreall Mini Store 10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 04/26/2025 At [www.storageauctions.co](http://www.storageauctions.co) Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Melissa /Kirk Saxman A-44

**PCIO25-1082 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CHANGE TO INDEPENDENCE ZONING MAP LA I 2025-02** The city of Independence Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 7, 2025 (7:00 pm) to consider a potential change to the Independence Zoning Map. The change would switch the zoning of 19.39 acres of the Medium-Density Residential (RM) Zone along Gun Club Road, including the existing Legacy Oaks Apartments, to the High-Density Residential (RH) Zone. Further details about the changes are available at [www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects). No ordinance number has been given for the draft changes at this point. Staff Contact: If you have questions, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or [fevander@ci.independence.or.us](mailto:fevander@ci.independence.or.us). Process: If the Planning Commission votes to forward the changes to the City Council following the Public Hearing, the Independence City Council will consider the recommendation during a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The City Council hearing will start shortly after 6:30 pm. Public Hearing Locations: Both Public Hearings will be held at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the proposed zoning map change is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearings (per Independence Development Code Section 11.025(A) (7)). Physical copies of the documents may be obtained

from the City for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit the testimony prior to and at the public hearings. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearings. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns related to the changes, by the close of the public hearings. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Independence City Council or before the Land Use Board of Appeals).

**PCIO25-1080 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK** In the Matter of the Trust of: LORRAINE H. VICKERY, deceased. Probate Department No. 25PB01891 NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Trustee of the LORRAINE H. VICKERY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST dated August 17, 1995, and LORRAINE H. VICKERY was the Settlor. All persons having claims against the Settlor or the trust estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned Trustee at: PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. Attn: Sara Everetts, Trust Officer P.O. Box 2305 Salem, OR 97308 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or claims may be barred. Dated and first published March 19, 2025. PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. By: SARA EVERETTS, Trust Officer TRUSTEE: PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. Sara Everetts, Trust Officer P.O. Box 2305 Salem, OR 97308 (503) 363-3136 ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE: Russell L. Getchell, OSB No. 103904 Evans Batlan Getchell LLC Attorneys at Law 969 - 13th Street S.E. Salem, OR 97302-2504 (503) 588-5670 (503) 588-5673 - Fax russ@kevanslaw.com

**PCIO25-1079 OTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Loan No: \*\*\*20/West Coast Home Solutions LLC T.S. No.; 25-00036-2FNT Reference is made to that certain DEED OF TRUST made by West Coast Home Solutions LLC, as the original grantor (the "Grantor"), to TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as the original trustee, in favor of Construction Loan Services II, LLC, as the original beneficiary, dated as of December 16, 2021, and recorded on December 22, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021-019966, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state, (the "Deed of Trust"): TAX ID: 267203/ Map 07308-00-00600 As more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part (the "Land") hereof Exhibit "A" Lot 60, BRUSH COLLEGE HILLS NO. 2, as recorded March 5, 2018, in Volume 15, Page 28, Polk County Book of Town Plats, City of Salem, Polk County, Oregon. The current beneficiary is: Builders Capital Finance, LLC, the ("Beneficiary"). Beneficiary has elected and hereby elects to proceed as to both the personal property and the Real Property in accordance with the rights with respect to the Real Property, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 79.0604 UCC 9-604(1 )(b) and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the estate described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale all of the personal property and fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, and attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Exhibit "B" The term Borrower used below shall mean the Grantor as defined in the attached notice. 1.1 All estate, right, title and interest that Borrower has or may later acquire in and to the following property (all or any part of such property, or any interest in all or any part of it, as the context may require, the "Collateral"), which Collateral is not used principally or primarily for agricultural or farming purposes: 1.1.1 Land, Appurtenances, Easements. That certain real property and all interests therein located in Polk County, Oregon, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, together with all existing and future easements, access rights, appurtenances, privileges, licenses, hereditaments, franchises and tenements, including all water stock and water rights owned by Borrower and all minerals, oil, gas, and other commercially valuable substances that may be in, under or produced from any part of it (collectively, the "Land"); 1.1.2 Improvements. All buildings, structures, and improvements located or later to be constructed on the Land (the "Improvements"); 1.1.3 Related Real Property and Improvements. All real property and improvements on it, and all appurtenances, permits, plans, licenses, subdivision rights, contracts, contract rights, and other property and interests of any kind or character, including

all water and sewer taps belonging to or in any way related to or appurtenant to the Land or Improvements, whether described in Exhibit "A" or not, that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to promote the present and any reasonable future beneficial use and enjoyment of the Land and Improvements; 1.1.4 Leases and Licenses. Subject to the terms of Section 5 of the Deed of Trust, all existing and future leases, subleases, sub-tenancies, licenses, occupancy agreements, and concessions relating to the use and enjoyment of all or any part of the Project (defined below), written or oral, in existence or hereafter arising, and extensions or renewals thereof, together with the right, power, and authority of Borrower to alter, modify or change the terms thereof or surrender, cancel or terminate the same, and any and all deposits, guaranties and other agreements relating to or made in connection with any of the foregoing (the "Leases"); 1.1.5 Goods, Materials, Fixtures, etc. All goods, materials, supplies, chattels, furniture, appliances, furnishings, fixtures, equipment and machinery or later to be attached to, placed in or on, or used in connection with the use, enjoyment, occupancy or operation of all or any part of the Project (defined below), whether stored on the Land or elsewhere, all of which shall be considered to the fullest extent of the law to be real property for purposes of the Deed of Trust; 1.1.6 Construction Materials and Equipment. All building materials, equipment, work in process or other personal property of any kind, whether stored on the Land or elsewhere, that have been or later will be acquired for the purpose of being delivered to, incorporated into, or installed in or about the Land or Improvements; 1.1.7 Borrower Funds. All of Borrower's interest in and to the proceeds of the Secured Obligations (defined in the Deed of Trust), whether disbursed or not; all present and future monetary deposits given by Borrower to any public or private utility with respect to utility services furnished to the Land or Improvements; and any accounts established in connection with the Secured Obligations; 1.1.8 Rent, Issues, and Profits. Subject to the rights of Lender under Section 5 of the Deed of Trust, all income, rents, security or similar deposits, revenues, issues, royalties, profits, leases, earnings, products and proceeds of the Land or Improvements, including, without limitation, all rights to the payment of money, accounts, accounts receivable, reserves, deferred payments, refunds, cost savings, insurance or condemnation proceeds, payments and deposits, and any proceeds from the sale of any lots comprising the Land and any residences constructed thereon, and any deposits on account thereof (collectively, the "Rents, Issues and Profits"); 1.1.9 Contracts and Plans. All contracts of every kind relating to development, construction, marketing, and sale of the Project, including, without limitation, any construction contracts and subcontracts, contracts with architects, engineers, and other service providers, supply contracts, consulting agreements, financing commitments and agreements, joint development agreements, service and maintenance agreements, marketing and listing agreements, lot reservation agreements, and purchase and sale agreements, and any other existing and future contracts of any kind relating to the Project, together with all deposits, escrows, payments, or other proceeds thereunder, as well as all existing and future amendments, modifications, and supplements thereof (collectively, the "Contracts"); and all designs, drawings, plans, specifications, trademarks, logos, and other work product prepared or to be prepared in connection with the development, construction, marketing, and sale of the Project (as defined below), together with all existing and future amendments, modifications, and supplements thereof (collectively, the "Plans"); 1.1.10 Insurance. All insurance policies pertaining to the Collateral or Borrower's operations thereon; together with all proceeds thereof and rights thereto, including: all unearned premiums returnable upon cancellation; all claims to and demands for them, of the voluntary or involuntary conversion of any of the Land, Improvements or the other Collateral described above into cash or liquidated claims, including proceeds of all present and future fire, hazard or casualty insurance policies and all condemnation awards or payments made or later to be made by any public body or decree by any court of competent jurisdiction for any taking or in connection with any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding, and all causes of action and their proceeds for any damage or injury to the Land, Improvements or the other Collateral described herein or any part of that Collateral,



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or breach of warranty in connection with the construction of the Improvements, including causes of action arising in tort, contract, fraud or concealment of a material; 1.1.11 Miscellaneous Personal Property. Any and all personal property of any kind whatsoever, whether tangible or intangible, that is used or will be used in construction of, or is or will be placed upon or is derived from or used in any connection with the use, occupancy or enjoyment of, the Land or Improvements; 1.1.12 Books and Records. All books and records pertaining to any and all of the property described above, including records stored on computer readable media,, and a limited sublicense to use the computer hardware or software necessary to access such records ("Books and Records"); 1.1.13 Additional Property. Any additional personal property otherwise set forth in the Deed of Trust or listed on any UCC-1 financing statement filed to perfect Lender's security interest; 1.1.14 Rights of Declarant. All of Borrower's right, title and interest in and to any and all units, declarant rights, and any other rights relating to the Land or the Improvements, whether existing or subsequently arising, under any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, development agreements, laws or other agreements existing or later enacted relating to the Land and Improvements, including, without limitation, those relating to condominiums; and 1.1.15 Proceeds. All proceeds of, supporting obligations for, additions and accretions to, substitutions and replacements for, and changes in any of the property described above. The Land, Improvements, related real property, and all personal property installed or hereafter installed on or used in connection with the Land and/or Improvements are collectively referred to herein as the "Project." The Project constitutes the bulk of, but not the entirety of, the Collateral. CAPITALIZED TERMS NOT DEFINED HEREIN SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS THOSE IN THE NOTE, THE DEED OF TRUST AND ANY/OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS. Beneficiary reserves the right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to

time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. Commonly known as: 2825 Brush College Road NW, Salem, OR Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default(s) for which the foreclosure is made is that the Grantor(s): failed to pay the balance of the principal sum which became due upon maturity; together with interest due thereon; together with late charges due; failed to pay attorneys' fees and expenses; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; and which defaulted amounts total: \$18,783,517.59 as of February 26, 2025. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: The sum of \$18,530,257.02 together with interest thereon at the rate of 18.000% per annum from February 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the Beneficiary for the protection of the above described Real Property and its interest therein. NOTICE is hereby given that FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the "Trustee") under the Deed of Trust will on July 15, 2025 at the hour of 11:00 AM, in accordance with the standard of time, as established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the Grantor or Grantor's successor(s) in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any request for reinstatement or payoff

quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with ORS 86.786 addressed to the Trustee by personal delivery to the Trustee or certified mail, return receipt requested. Due to the potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's bid. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default described herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or deed of trust, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and deed of trust, together with trustee's and attorney's fees. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 FOR SALE INFORMATION CALL: 1.866.684.2727 Website for Trustee's Sale Information: www.servicelinkasap.com In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Deed of Trust, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be a otential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. Dated: March 3, 2025

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee Jenny Taylor, Authorized Signor A-4837366 03/19/2025, 03/26/2025, 04/02/2025, 04/09/2025

PCIO25-1077 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirley V. Hill has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of John Michael Hill, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB01822. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months from the date of publication of this Notice to the Personal Representative at Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Urness & Wilkinson, P.C., 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or they may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or from the Personal Representative's attorneys. DATED and published: March 19, 2025

PCIO25-1076 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to ORS 477.250, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the West Oregon District office conference room in Philomath, Oregon, on Friday, April 3, 2025, at 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, to receive oral and written comments from any interested persons with suggestions, advice, objections, or remonstrance's to the proposed budget for the forest protection district. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or submitted via USPS mail (Oregon Department of Forestry, 24533 Alsea Hwy, Philomath, OR, 97370 or email (Kristi.Freeman@odf.oregon.gov) no later than 5:00 pm on April 1, 2025. A copy of the tentative budget for the Forest Protection District may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact Kris Freeman, at 541-929-9153 at least two working days in advance of the scheduled hearing. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY KATE SKINNER, INTERIM STATE FORESTER PCIO25-1086 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JEFFERY ALAN WOOSLEY, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB01613 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Stan Butterfield as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jeffery Alan Woosley, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published March 19, 2025. Stan Butterfield, Personal Representative Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1070 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY FILE NO. AX I 2025-01 Proposed Project: The Independence City Council will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2025 (6:30 pm) to consider a request to annex portions of Hoffman Road and Corvallis Road that are within the unincorporated Urban Growth Boundary of Independence, but that are not yet within the City Limits. The proposal would also annex a piece of the old 6th Street (portions of which have been vacated) that has never been annexed. The purpose of the annexation is to ensure that all roadways within the Urban Growth Boundary are managed and built to City of Independence standards (and not a lesser requirement) as the nearby lands are annexed and developed. For more information, please visit this website: https://www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects/ Project Location: Portions of Hoffman Road, Corvallis Road, and the old 6th Street. Application Criteria: The decision on the application will be based on the approval criteria in the Independence Comprehensive Plan and Independence Development Code (IDC) Subchapter 10 (General Provisions), Subchapter 11 (Administrative Provisions), and Subchapter 14 (Annexation). The approval criteria are available for review at the Independence Civic Center or online at: https://www.ci.independence.or.us/codes-plans-maps/. Time and Place of Public Hearing:

April 8th, 2025 (6:30 pm) at the Independence Civic Center (555 S. Main Street, Independence). The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Any requests for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: The above noted file is available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the application will be available at least seven days prior to the hearing. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the city for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit testimony prior to and at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be provided at the public hearing. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns related to the application, by the close of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to allow the decision-maker to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal before the Land Use Board of Appeals. Any appeal of the decision must be filed with the Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days of the final decision date. Staff Contact: For further information, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, 503-837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us.

P C I O 2 5 - 1 0 7 4 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADWAYS TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE. NOTICE IS GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING before the Polk County Board of Commissioners on April 9th, 2025 at 9:00 am, Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon to hear testimony and receive evidence with regard to the proposed jurisdictional transfer of various roadways to the City of Independence, Polk County, Oregon as more particularly described as follows: All those portions of 13th Street, E Street, Gun Club Road, Talmadge Road and Stryker Road as described in the exhibits contained in the City of Independence Ordinance No. 1619 dated October 22, 2024. This notice is provided under ORS 373.270. A Public Hearing before the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be held on April 9th, 2025 at 9:00 am. The hearing will be held in the Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon. Any person desiring to speak may do so in person or by attorney at the public hearing. Written comments may be filed with the Board of Commissioners, Room 102, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, 97338. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM April 8th, 2025. POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS If you have questions or would like a copy of Ordinance No. 1619 as noted above please call Polk County Surveyors Office at 503-623-9287.

PCIO25-1053 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 24-71581 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by BARRY T. HENSON AND JESSICA N. HENSON as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for GSF MORTGAGE CORPORATION, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/1/2021, recorded 4/1/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-005794, modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 2022-002972 and recorded on 3/8/2022 and recorded as Instrument 2022-004826 and recorded on 4/19/2022 in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: PARCEL 2 OF PARTITION PLAT 2014-0005, RECORDED MAY 16, 2014, IN BOOK OF PARTITION PLATS AND IN BOOK 2014, PAGE 05, DEED RECORDS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: TBD KING ROAD NOW KNOWN AS 8445 KING ROADGRAND RONDE, OREGON 97347 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 575930 / 06814-A0-00109 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed

and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 6/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 6/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$19,791.03 Late Charges: \$678.54 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$535.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$3,364.00 Total necessary to cure: \$24,368.57 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$509,815.52 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 5/16/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/31/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4832141 02/26/2025, 03/05/2025, 0 3 / 1 2 / 2 0 2 5 ,

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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, March 6**  
At 12:10 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Main Street. Two individuals were dumpster diving and found a pallet.  
At 8:49 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding and driving while suspended.  
At 11:18 a.m., a report of a suspicious person on Schmidt Drive. The subject had rung the doorbell then stepped back. There were no crimes reported.  
At 12:56 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Ellendale Avenue. A person from Gresham was panhandling at Safeway. The subject left the scene to return to Gresham.  
At 3:23 p.m., a report of fraud/theft by deception on Fern Avenue.  
At 9:45 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving uninsured. The driver was given a written warning for failure to obey a traffic control device and failure to renew registration.  
**Friday, March 7**  
At 2:58 a.m., an officer contacted an individual in the park on La Creole Drive and advised of park hours. The subject reported stopping to make a phone call and was on the way to work.  
At 11:07 a.m., an officer responded to an alarm on Ash Street. The employee was having trouble with the alarm.  
At 11:06 a.m., an officer responded to a silent alarm at a business on Ellendale Avenue. It had been hit accidentally and all was fine at the location.  
At 11:21 a.m., a report of harassment on Ash Street. A neighbor had yelled at and threatened the complainant while taking out their trash. No crimes were reported.  
At 11:54 a.m., a report of shots fired on Applegate Trail Drive. It was found to be a motorcycle backfiring.  
At 12:45 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Wyatt Street. The subject was taking a walk in the park, enjoying the weather.  
At 3:05 p.m., a report of a theft from Walmart. Jason Quintero was arrested and charged with theft and criminal mischief. He had been released from Polk County Jail roughly two hours before and was returned there.  
At 4:27 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Academy Street. There was no one in the vehicle and it appeared to have been there several days. The officer contacted code services.  
At 7:16 p.m., a report of a prowler on Juniper Avenue. There was no one in the backyard when the officer searched.  
At 11:23 p.m., a report of a hit and run with damage to a side mirror on Shetterly Drive.  
At 11:26 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to obey two traffic control devices. The driver was given a written warning for failure to yield.  
**Saturday, March 8**  
At 3:32 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Brandvold Drive. The subject was taking a nap and was warned of park hours.  
At 8:50 a.m., a report of a theft from Walmart.  
At 9:18 a.m., a noise complaint of dogs barking on Holman Avenue. An officer spoke to the owners about the need to address the barking issue due to ongoing complaints.

At 12:09 p.m., a report of a theft from Walmart.  
At 3:41 p.m., a report of two individual passing a pipe in a garage. They reported it was marijuana and there was no evidence to suggest otherwise.  
At 8:43 p.m., a report of a suspicious person going door-to-door promoting steam cleaners on Oregon Avenue.  
**Sunday, March 9**  
At 12 a.m., a motorist was cited for failure to carry and present a license, driving while suspended, failure to register the vehicle and driving uninsured.  
At 12:28 a.m., a report of a person walking around the location on Jefferson Street.  
At 3:45 a.m., a report of three mailboxes damaged on Orchard Drive.  
At 4:14 a.m., a report of a mailbox knocked off the post on Polk Station Road.  
At 4:15 p.m., a report of assault on Church Street. Multiple juveniles were fighting and throwing rocks.  
At 11:59 p.m., Charlotte Roberts was lodged at Polk County Jail on an outstanding warrant.  
**Monday, March 10**  
At 10:22 a.m., a report of a theft from Walmart.  
At 12:57 p.m., a report of a possible restraining order violation on Hawthorne Avenue.  
At 1:17 p.m., a report of a fight between two juveniles on La Creole Drive.  
At 2:19 p.m., a report of theft on Main Street. Kristoffer Norheim was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine and was lodged at Polk County Jail.  
At 3:17 p.m., a report of theft on Brookside Avenue.  
At 3:40 p.m., a report of a theft of a bike on La Creole Drive.  
At 5:19 p.m., four subjects were trespassed from the 7Star on Main Street.  
At 11:22 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Academy Street. A county owned vehicle was in the parking lot with its lights on.  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
At 3:56 a.m. a report of a suspicious vehicle on La Creole Drive. Two subjects were warned for trespassing.  
At 5:31 a.m., an officer recovered a stolen vehicle on Ellendale Avenue.  
At 8:54 a.m., a report of harassment on View Street. It was a civil matter.  
At 10:14 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Jefferson Street. Three bags of cans were stolen from a secure area at Dutch Bros.  
At 10:30 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Ellendale Avenue. Someone threw nacho cheese on the complainant's car.  
At 11:54 a.m., a report of fraud on Washington Street. Someone had filed taxes using the complainant's social security number.  
At 1:20 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile device. The driver was given a written warning for expired tags and a verbal warning for failure to carry proof of insurance.  
At 4:15 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Kings Valley Highway. It was a civil issue.  
At 5:12 p.m., a report of a hit and run in the Safeway parking lot.  
At 6:57 p.m., Corey Jones was arrested on Kings Valley Highway and charged with theft, possession of methamphetamine and a concealed weapon.  
At 8:41 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Brandvold Drive. The driver was advised of park hours.  
At 9:48 p.m., a juvenile motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for careless driving, speeding and driving without an operator's license.

At 10:46 p.m., Corey Jones was cited for an additional count of theft.  
**Wednesday, March 12**  
At 2:50 a.m., Charlotte Roberts was arrested and charged with criminal trespass after sleeping in Roger Jordan Park.  
**Independence Police Department**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
A homeowner reported multiple incidents of his recycle cans being stolen out of his yard in November 2024. The victim had surveillance footage and Kierre Sebastian McCutcheon was identified. Salem Police Department stopped a vehicle on March 6 where McCutcheon was a passenger, and an Independence Officer took him into custody, charging him with two counts of theft and two counts of trespassing.  
An officer was called to a disturbance and arrived to find two men tussling on the ground. After an investigation it was found that the combat was mutual. Sergio Jimenez and Scott Alexander Brown Jr. were both cited for disorderly conduct.  
**Friday, March 7**  
At 12:35 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Gun Club Road. The complainant thought the mailbox was tampered with, but on investigation it was found it had been left open. There was also graffiti.  
At 3:37 p.m., a report of theft on Monmouth Street. The suspect had not scanned \$60 worth of products. They were regular customers, and the manager requested they be trespassed from the location.  
At 4:42 p.m., a report of graffiti on a garage on Albert Street.  
**Saturday, March 8**  
At 12:59 p.m., a report of a vehicle break-in with items stolen on White Oak Circle.  
**Sunday, March 9**  
At 1:28 a.m., an officer came in contact with a person on post-prison supervision. The officer forwarded the parole violation report to the parole officer.  
At 1:50 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on 4th Street. One person had shoved another, which did not qualify for a mandatory arrest.  
At 5:59 a.m., a motorist on Walnut Street was cited for driving while suspended. The driver had been stopped earlier in Salem and cited for driving while suspended so the vehicle was towed.  
At 11:54 p.m., an officer contacted several people at the park after hours and they were warned for park hours.  
**Monday, March 10**  
At 6:26 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Log Cabin Road that happened previously. The caller wanted it to be documented.  
At 9:08 a.m., a report of a person using power from the church on 9th Street without permission. The subject was trespassed from the property.  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
At 12:13 a.m., a report of a possible DUII on G Street. There was no probable cause for arrest.  
At 3:42 a.m., officers responded to a report of a man screaming and found Ezequiel Orlando Arredondo under the influence of drugs shouting gibberish statements. Arredondo was taken into custody on a probation violation warrant without incident and transported to Polk County Jail.  
**Monmouth Police Department**  
**March 5**  
Disturbance: Reported fight at a location. Two individuals had an argument. No injuries were reported and both individuals were calm. No one wanted to press charges or provide ID.  
Domestic Dispute: Argument in the street between two individuals. No physical altercation

reported. One individual left in a vehicle. An officer attempted to contact the individual who left.  
Fraud: Reported Social Security Number theft, account access and change of direct deposit information. The complainant said money was lost. They contacted Social Security and their bank. Identity theft paperwork to be completed.  
Theft: Reported stolen items by individuals who moved out. Officers were told there is possible video footage. A neighbor reported seeing a vehicle at the residence. The victim wishes to pursue charges.  
Arrest: An individual was cited and released on a municipal warrant.  
Arrest: An subject was arrested on a municipal warrant, cited then released.  
Crash: An officer responded to a crash. No damage or injury was found and no arrest made.  
Assist Other Agency: Officers covered another agency on a fight call.  
**March 6**  
Citizen Contact: A parent called because their child did not want to go to school. An officer advised the parent to utilize school resources. No further action was taken.  
Hit and Run: Reported vehicle was hit by a neighbor. An officer spoke with witnesses. Residents of the suspect vehicle were not home, follow-up planned. Later spoke with residents who showed camera footage. No collision occurred.  
Citizen Contact: Complaint of someone almost being hit by cars. Unable to make contact with the caller. No further action taken.  
Arrest: Individual cited and released on a warrant.  
Fraud: Individual reported a phone call from unemployment department regarding a check they did not receive. Recent report made about the incident. Concerned it may be a continuation of a scam.  
Follow Up: Individual came in to sign identity theft paperwork and set their password.  
Citizen Contact: Grandparent called about a custody exchange. An officer advised that without court orders, custody cannot be enforced. Trespass could be complicated for custody exchanges.  
Mental Health: Individual reported men in the house and wanted them to leave. They were barricaded in room and mentioned suicide. An officer responded and the individual unlocked the door and denied medical assistance. Caregiver returned home and assumed care of individual.  
Assist Other Agency: An officer was flagged down and informed about a dumpster fire. The cause was unknown. The officer ensured it was not threatening anything else while the fire department responded.  
Noise Complaint: A complaint of a party. An officer warned individuals for noise ordinance.  
**March 7**  
Theft: Reported stolen items by an ex. Individual admitted to having an item. The individual was supposed to be brought to the police department by the victim but asked to go to Salem first. When they got to Salem the individual fled. Follow-up planned.  
Driving Under the Influence (DUII): An officer stopped a motorist for speeding. The driver showed signs of impairment, performed poorly on field sobriety tests, and was arrested and charged with DUII. After providing a high BAC, the individual was lodged at Polk County Jail.  
Fraud: Reported a scam letter from an attorney regarding a life insurance policy. No money lost but the victim wanted it documented.  
Criminal Mischief: A rock or object was thrown at a business window, causing damage. No cameras were located.

Follow-up with another business planned.  
Attempt to Locate: Report of a possibly intoxicated male leaving a location and driving. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.  
Trespass: Individuals found trespassing on property. All three were referred for trespass.  
Mental Health: Individual called medics, reported alcohol consumption and not feeling well. The subject was uncooperative with medics and locked the door. Medical personnel requested police response. Individual was walking to the gurney upon officer arrival.  
Warrant: A motorist was stopped for driving with no license plates. The driver was arrested on felony warrants and lodged at Polk County Jail.  
**March 8**  
Driving Under the Influence (DUII): A motorist was stopped for driving after previously being warned not to drive. The driver showed signs of impairment, performed poorly on field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested and charged with DUII then lodged at Polk County Jail.  
Harassment: Reported threatening and demeaning messages. Individual advised to block the sender and consider getting a restraining order. Attempted to contact the sender.  
Theft: Reported stolen phone and wallet. Location tracking indicated a possible location. Later, the individual called back and said the wallet was found and no longer wanted a report.  
Citizen Contact: Individual called about a past arrest and wanted to know if they could carry concealed again. Advised to check with the courts. No further action taken.  
Arrest: Individual cited and released for driving with a suspended license.  
Animal Complaint: Tenants complained about dogs barking constantly. An officer spoke with the owner, who cooperated and will work on a solution.  
Mental Health: An individual reported a neighbor yelling at them. An officer suggested ignoring the neighbor. The individual called again about the same issue. Staff said the individual calmed down.  
Animal Complaint: Report of a dog in a vehicle for several hours. Officers found the dog was fine but were unable to find contact information for the owner.  
Crime: Observed two individuals together which was a violation of their probation. One individual admitted to alcohol and drug use, also a probation violation. Report to be sent to the probation officer.  
Trespass: Individual arrested and charged with trespassing then lodged at Polk County jail.  
**March 9**  
Disturbance: Security called due to a verbal dispute. Incident was broken up before arrival. Security and another individual believe someone is dealing drugs in the parking lot.  
Trespass: Tenant reported someone possibly sleeping in the basement laundry room. The landlord was updated and no further action taken.  
Mental Health: Individual reported neighbors using microwave weapons causing blistering in their mouth. The subject was advised to seek medical attention.  
Harassment: Individual reported another group home client harassing them. Suggested talking to staff. No further action taken.  
Suspicious Activity: Individual reported someone may have keyed a car. Advised the car owner would need to call in a report. No further action taken.  
Crime: Individual came to the police department to report their car was keyed during an altercation. The victim did not

want to pursue charges, just the incident documented.  
Assist Other Agency: Assisted another agency attempting to contact an individual. Passed along a new phone number.  
Shots Fired: Received a shots fired call. Unable to locate any evidence of shots. No 911 calls received.  
Hang Up: Received a 911 hang-up call on a 911-only phone. Unable to locate the source.  
Alarm: Church members set off the alarm by accident. They notified the reporting party.  
**March 10**  
Mental Health: Individual reported neighbor using energy weapons causing physical sensations. Advised to seek medical attention. Individual called back multiple times.  
Animal Complaint: Three found dogs were returned to their owner.  
Menacing: Reported individuals pushed others and threatened to stab one of them. Attempted to follow up with one individual at their house but they were not home. Contact with parents were made.  
Welfare Check: An individual was reported as being high on drugs. Officers contacted the subject, who stated they were just resting. No further action taken.  
**March 11**  
Arrest: Individual arrested for a warrant, cited and released.  
Assist Other Agency: Report of an individual screaming. With the assistance of other agencies, the subject was taken into custody without issue.  
Suspicious Person: Handled a suspicious person call. Report of an individual on a bike looking into cars. Located individual who denied looking into vehicles. Individual provided an alias and was unable to be identified.  
Suspicious Vehicle: A silver Honda Accord was reported at a location at 3:30 a.m. with the driver exiting, and the passenger remaining until 7:30 a.m. The situation was resolved after contact with an individual who explained they were sleeping in the car.  
Unlock: Assistance was requested to unlock a 2002 Silverado after two young grandchildren locked themselves inside. The vehicle was unlocked with no suspicious activity.  
Suspicious Person: A staff member at the library reported a non-verbal male becoming frustrated and animated. The individual was recognized and assisted, then asked to leave for the day, which they did without issue.  
Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP): Multiple calls were made regarding issues involving electromagnetic energy weapons. The individual was offered resources, which were denied, and was advised not to cause a disturbance.  
Welfare Check: Two additional calls were made regarding the same individual from the suspicious person event. No contact was made as there were no crimes and no probable cause.  
Citizen Contact: A complaint was made about threats between individuals. One party was accusing another of threats, and both were considering restraining orders. No crimes were identified.  
Civil/Stolen Vehicle: A late stolen vehicle call from 2011 was forwarded. An ATV was reported to be in someone's possession, but the ATV came back clear in the system. The investigation is ongoing.  
Citizen Contact: A message was received from an individual saying they were told to call the department and leave their name. They did not know who made the demand.



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Attempts to call back were unsuccessful.
Emotionally Disturbed Person: The crisis team reported an individual threatening self-harm. The individual denied wanting to harm themselves when asked directly. They had consumed a Sativa drink. Staff was notified.
Trespass: An intoxicated individual was trespassed from a pub.
Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual wrapped a belt around their neck, Officers removed it and Medics transported the individual to the hospital under a police officer custody.
Citizen Contact: A report was made about an Airtag notification received on a phone, but the individual did not own one. It was determined that a neighbor likely owned the Airtag, and the phone was just detecting it.
David M Torres, 20, was arrested March 25 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and two counts of reckless endangering a person.
Jordan Hoover, 30, was arrested March 6 on an outstanding warrant.
Kathleen Helbling, 74, was arrested March 2 and charged with failure to perform duties of a driver.
Jason Brown, 38, was arrested March 9 and charged with criminal trespass 2.
Juan Pantoja, 27, was arrested March 8 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.
Jason Brown, 38, was arrested on March 11 on an outstanding warrant.
Jamie Stevenson, 34, was arrested March 11 on an outstanding warrant.
Kiana E Ramie, 23, was arrested March 12 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless endangering a person.

Polk County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday, March 5
At 2:56 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped for no front license plate. The back license plate did not match the vehicle. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and failure to install an ignition

interlock device. The license plate was seized to return to DMV.
At 5:37 a.m., a caller on Dayton Street requested a welfare check on their neighbor, who was honking their car horn. The individual sat on their key fob and had trouble turning off the alarm.
At 11:15 a.m., a report of harassment on Church Street. The caller had called the police after arguments several times and the deputy recommended blocking the phone numbers of the people involved.
At 1:38 p.m., a report of a theft of a trash bin in the 4000 block of Mistletoe Road. The victim had already contacted Republic Services.
At 4:08 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road. One complainant reported an ax head being thrown at him, the other reported the car had been driving towards him without showing signs of stopping. There was no probable cause for an arrest.
At 5:51 p.m., a report of suspicious activity in the 4000 block of Cooper Hollow Road. The complainant reported a drone flying over his property without permission. The drone operator provided his license and said he was recording the property next door for a real estate agent.
At 6:01 p.m., a report of verbal harassment in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road. It was a civil matter regarding retrieving personal property.
At 6:35 p.m., a report of juveniles climbing an old steel bridge north of Montgomery Street and Parry Road intersection. There was no one there when a deputy arrived.
At 7:10 p.m., a report of a theft of a vehicle in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road. The individual reported he had purchased the vehicle. The deputy let the complainant know that it was a civil matter.
Thursday, March 6
At 4:45 a.m., a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Godsey Road.
At 7:29 a.m., a report of a vehicle blocking a driveway in the 3800 block of South Pacific Highway. A deputy contacted the vehicle owner, who reported the vehicle had broken down this morning and he was working on getting it moved.
At 9:35 a.m., a report of an abandoned vehicle, possibly the

stolen vehicle in the 100 block of Ford Street. Security cameras did not show any activity. A deputy swabbed the vehicle and picked up the owner to bring them to the scene.
At 10:15 a.m., a request for a welfare check on Church Street after an individual made concerning comments on Facebook. A deputy spoke with the individual who said she was okay. The deputy provided a Polk County Resources card.
At 5:05 p.m., a report of a vehicle with two elderly occupants broken down on Doaks Ferry Road. The deputy, a Salem police officer and some citizens got the vehicle pushed to a wayside. The couple was having difficulty getting a tow truck due to other priority calls. The vehicle was gone by 7 p.m.
At 7:15 p.m., a report of a vacant van on Doaks Ferry Road. A deputy contacted the owner, who reported a flat tire. The owner was planning to go to Les Schwab the following day.
At 7:30 p.m., a deputy received a crash alert from an iPhone in the 17000 block of Rob Mill Road. The deputy was unable to locate a vehicle in the area and got no answer when attempting to call the number.
At 8:08 p.m., a report of a vehicle spinning its tires in front of the complainant's house in the 8000 block of Sawtell Road. The complainant did not answer the deputy's call.
At 8:14 p.m., a report of a non-injury roll-over crash at Oak Hill and Corvallis Road. The driver was following Google Maps and attempted to make a sharp right turn when she lost control.
At 10:33 p.m., a report of a vehicle stopped in the exit from Highway 18 to Highway 22. The driver of the vehicle seemed confused and told the complainant they had been punched in the face by the passenger and lost her glasses. The driver denied being drunk and eventually left. The deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.
Friday, March 7
At 1:05 a.m., a report of a crash in the 14000 block of Airlie Road. The driver hit an elk, which was left deceased 30-50 feet from the vehicle in a ditch. The vehicle was totaled but the driver was unhurt.
At 1:10 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance in the area of Barnhart Road and Oakdale Road. A deputy was unable to reach the victim by phone.
At 7:47 a.m., a report of trespassing in the 2800 block of Independence Highway. The subject reported he had returned to the property to retrieve her chickens. She was admonished for trespassing and said she had no reason to return to the property now that she had the chickens.
At 9:04 a.m., a report of tenants cutting firewood not on their property in the 4900 block of Zena Road.
At 5:20 p.m., a report of a dog running on the complainants' property in the 13000 block of Salt Creek Road. The

dog was returned to its owner who was warned he would be given a citation if the dog was loose again.
At 9:47 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance in the 8800 block of Crowley Road. The victim called back and reported it was a prank. When deputies arrived the victim had a split lip and blood on them. Michael Meads and David Leroy Meads were arrested and charged with assault in the third degree and transported to Polk County Jail.
Saturday, March 8
At 10:08 a.m., a caller asked where he could legally shoot in the local area. The deputy let him know there were areas the people could shoot as long as they had a backstop and they picked up used brass and made sure to stay off private property.
At 1:28 p.m., a citizen asked how she could retrieve property from a location she had lived previously when the entrance was locked and she could not get ahold of the owners. The deputy recommended she obtain a writ of assistance from the court.
At 2:32 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Falls City and Barnhart roads. The suspect had tailgated him from the 7Star and attempted to pass him, but was unable to overcome traffic. The victim had slowed down to enter his driveway and the suspect hit their car twice. The deputies were unable to locate the vehicle. They will contact the 7Star for video footage on Monday. There is probable cause for reckless driving, reckless endangering and failure to perform the duties of a driver.
At 3:08 p.m., a report of trespassing in the 13000 block of Highway 22. The suspect had trespassed and stolen golf balls. The complainant followed the suspect's vehicle to the casino. Grand Ronde police contacted the suspect and he was officially trespassed from the golf course property and warned for theft.
At 4:50 p.m., a welfare check was requested in the 152000 block of Ellendale Road. The space heater and television were on, but no one was home at the address.
At 9:15 p.m., Salem Police requested a deputy put down a deer in the 1900 block of Salem Dallas Highway.
Sunday, March 9
At 5:35 a.m., a caller requested a ride home for an intoxicated friend. The deputy suggested a taxi service or calling another friend for a ride as this is not a service deputies provide.
At 7:17 a.m., report of a violent outburst by an emotionally distressed person on Bridgeport Road. No one was injured and the subject was calm when the deputy arrived and amenable to talking to a mental health professional.
At 12:40 p.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash in the 6400 block of Wallace Road. Both drivers were transported to Salem Health Emergency Department and the deputy held the scene until Oregon

State Police took over the investigation.
At 1:11 p.m., a call by a Spanish-speaking individual on Highway 223. They hung up and did not want to answer any questions when they were called back.
At 1:28 p.m., a report of a fight in the jail. It was determined that the victim had been defending himself and the aggressor was charged with harassment.
At 4:23 p.m., a deputy attempted to locate a vehicle involved in a hit and run in Corvallis. The vehicle was located on Stellers Eagle Street Northwest.
At 6:16 p.m., a report of a runaway on Church Street.
At 6:22 p.m., a report of trespassing in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road. The subjects left, but did not take the 5th wheel they owned. The deputy let the new owner know it would be their responsibility to remove the vehicle.
At 9:11 p.m., a report of juveniles dancing on the steel bridge on Parry Road and Montgomery Street. The complainant called back to report the suspects had left the area.
At 11:10 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Parry Road. The subject was no longer at the location when a deputy called.
At 11:30 p.m., a report of an aggressive dog in the 2000 block of Laura Lane. The dog was gone when a deputy arrived. The deputy recommended documenting incidents of aggression and reporting them.
At 11:36 a report of a domestic disturbance in the 22000 block of Highway 18. It was a verbal disturbance with too much alcohol contributing. Both parties agreed to stay apart for the night.

Monday, March 10
At 2:19 a.m., a report of an intoxicated individual driving out of the casino. The Grand Ronde Police were unable to arrive in time. A deputy contacted the suspect on Highway 22 by Salt Creek Road. He showed signs of intoxication and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. He was arrested for driving under the influence and blew 0.16 % BAC.
At 6:22 a.m., a driver attempted to pass a Republic Services truck on Ellendale Avenue. The vehicles collided when the Republic Service truck returned to the lane of traffic. There were no injuries and the drivers exchanged information.
At 10:03 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on 5th Street that happened the day before. The victim had a bruise from a cannister being thrown at her. Jeffrey Hanson was arrested and charged with assault in the fourth degree.
At 12:20 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance that was physical in the 1200 block of 31st Court Northwest. Heather Marcus was arrested and charged with physical harassment. DHS was contacted as there was a child present.
At 2:59 p.m., a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Fairview Street. A deputy left a voicemail with the

subject, telling him to not return to the location.
At 7:56 p.m., a report of a verbal domestic disturbance on 31st Court Northwest. The individual had their windows open and was being loud with their kids. No crimes.
At 7:58 p.m., a small baggie of drugs was found in the laundry at the jail. The laundry had come from multiple inmates so there were no charges. The drugs were seized for destruction.
At 8:39 p.m., a report of a vehicle crashed into a house in the 2300 block of Ellendale Avenue. The vehicle crashed through the yard and stopped next to the house. The driver had fallen asleep at the wheel.
Tuesday, March 11
At 2:58 a.m., a report of three subjects with flashlights around the complainant's house in the 200 block of North Main Street. There was a delayed response due to priority calls. A deputy checked the area but did not find anyone.
At 3:02 a.m., a report of a physical domestic disturbance in the 5700 block of North Main Street. The suspect was arrested and charged with assault in the fourth degree and menacing.
At 4:09 a.m., deputies provided cover for the Independence Police Department to arrest a wanted subject with a history of fleeing. The suspect surrendered without incident.
At 7:50 a.m., a report of a truck in the road on Spring Valley Road and Zena Road right after a curve in the road. The sprayer truck was spraying in a field and partially in the road. The sprayer had about ½ hour to go so the deputy put out flares to draw attention.
At 1:29 p.m., a report of trash dumped near Liberty and Bridgeport roads. The pile was yard waste and the deputy recommended Polk County Public Works pick it up.
At 1:44 p.m., a report of a Tesla speeding at 100 mph on Highway 99. The deputy was out of position to intercept and passed the information on to Monmouth Police Department and Oregon State Police.
At 2:09 p.m., a report of a vehicle tailgating and almost hitting the complainant on Highway 99. The deputy was out of position to intercept and passed the information on to Monmouth Police Department and Oregon State Police.
At 6:59 p.m., a report of a loose dog mauling a chicken in the 6000 block of South 13th Street. The homeowner bribed the dog with food to keep it away from the chickens until an officer arrived. The dog's owner was located and was cited for dog as a public nuisance.
At 9:15 p.m., a report of a crash on Valsetz Road. The driver was attempting to "drift" and hit a stump. The vehicle ended up on its roof. Two of the occupants were transported to Salem Health Emergency Department. The third person was not injured.

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