

CASA foster kids are the winners in friendly holiday competition

By DAVID HAYES
Editor

CASA of Polk County is teaming with local businesses to ensure foster kids do not fall through the cracks and miss out on the Christmas spirit.

CASA is a nonprofit organization that supports abused and neglected children in the Polk County foster care system, providing them with trained volunteer advocates. Each year, the organization hosts a toy drive to bring joy and comfort to these vulnerable children during the holiday season.

“The toy drive aims to ensure that every child in foster care feels valued and cared for, even in the midst of challenging circumstances,” said Amber Calef, CASA volunteer manager. “By rallying community support, CASA of Polk County helps brighten the lives of children who might otherwise face a difficult holiday.”

Participating locations that have stepped in to host toy donation sites include the Dallas Barbershop, Monmouth Library, Henry and Me Boutique, Salt Creek Cider House, The Car Doctor and Dallas Fire & EMS.

“These businesses are inviting community members to drop off new, unwrapped gifts suitable for children and youth of all ages. Their involvement not only makes the toy drive accessible but also demonstrates the community’s commitment to uplifting children in foster care,” Calef said.

Along the way, a friendly competition has developed between the Dallas Barbershop, Henry and Me Boutique and Salt Creek Cider



Salt Creek Cider House manager Grace Beatty, Dallas Barber Shop owner Matt Croxford and Henry and Me owner Suzanne Sevigny hold a tribute photo to Lindy Rickert.

House. Matt Croxford, owner of the Dallas Barbershop, said getting their customers to participate has never been a problem.

“It’s always a big hit,” Croxford said, adding the competition aspect was never the emphasis. “Just talking (stuff) between us three.”

Croxford first got involved in

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Dallas, Central schools report lag behind state

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The state of Oregon releases its At-a-Glance school reports Nov. 21 and both the Central and Dallas school districts are crunching the numbers to assess how their students are measuring up to state expectations.

The annual At-A-Glance report shows a “snapshot” of districts and each school, including attendance, language arts, math, science, ninth-grade on-track to graduate, 4-year graduation and 5-year completer rates. The report also breaks down staff numbers and student and staff demographics.

Dallas has an enrollment at 2,977 and Central was at 3,030. Both administrations put an emphasis on improving student attendance as the baseline for achieving overall student success.

Overall, both Dallas and Central saw an increase in attendance of 5% over the previous year, Dallas at 65% and Central at 63% (the state average is 66%).

“Attendance was a pretty big increase for us this last year. So that was a really big success. We’re adding more schools into our support and coaching curriculum. Hopefully, we’ll continue to see improvements there,” Nick Ingles, Dallas director of teaching and learning, told the school board at their Oct. 29 meeting.

“It is so important for students to attend school each day so they know what is going on in their classes, have opportunities to build relationships with their peers and staff, and have a strong sense of belonging to their school community,” added Roseanna Larson, who helps coordinate support across Central School District for attendance. “When students miss school, even a day or two each month, they are missing out on key life skills including classroom engagement and self-management. Students who attend regularly are more likely to participate and tend to be emotionally invested in learning activities.”

English Language Arts roughly stayed the same (down 1%, or “flat” in administrative parlance) for both school districts. While math was also flat in Central scores, they were lower in Dallas, raising concerns. Scores were down 6% among eighth graders, with just 14% meeting state grade level expectations, well below the state average of 27%.

“Mathematics is the one we’re pretty concerned about, we’ll be working hard to improve. It had a fairly large drop,” Ingles said.

State numbers showed ninth graders on track to graduate was down just 1% at both districts (83% in Dallas and 77% in Central, both below the state average of 85%).

“However, last year, that had a 10% increase, so that one overall,

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Deadly 51/22 intersection safety project makes it way toward funding

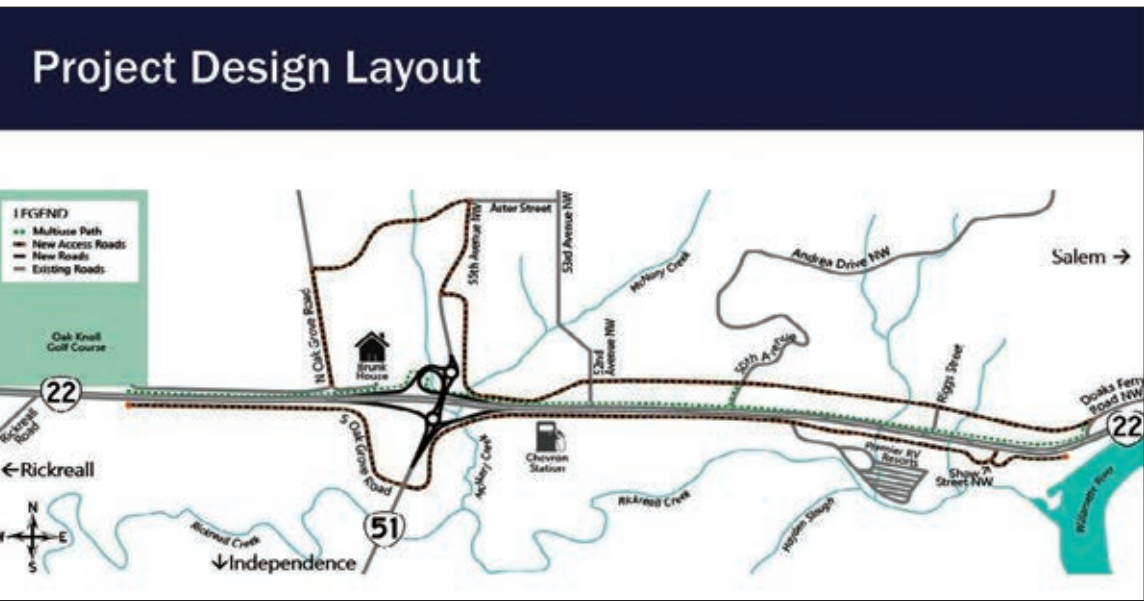
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The state of Oregon has known since 2010 the intersection of Highways 22 and 51 has been a deadly focal point for motorists.

Now that funding has been approved to move through a design phase for a massive overhaul of the location to safely move traffic through the area, ODOT officials are updating Polk County municipalities on its progress.

The roughly \$270 million project will install two flyover bridges to access Highway 51 going north and south from Highway 22, two roundabouts at the north/south access points, and new access roads north and south of Highway 22 to reroute local traffic away from the busy intersection.

Kumar Rethnasamy, ODOT Project Manager, led the presentation to the Dallas City Council earlier this month. The numbers in his presentation detailing the state’s Safety



ODOT project map of Hwy 52/22 intersection.

Priority Index System (SPIS) painted a bleak picture of the intersection of Highway 51 and 22. On Highway 22 in the last 25 years between Rickreall Road and just east of Doaks Ferry road there were 569 crashes reported. From 2018-22 alone there were 142

crashes with 11 fatalities or serious injuries.

“The main question we get is why aren’t you funded for construction?” Rethnasamy said. “The work we’ve been doing over the last four years is to arrive at a solution to determine what we need for

funding then go after and get that funding.”

So far, the state has funded planning, environmental study and a preliminary design. Rethnasamy said other preliminary parts of the project

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Independence Library sets up Giving Tree

A holiday giving tree to benefit the residents of Independence Health & Rehabilitation Center is at the Independence Public Library through Dec. 13. Descriptions of items needed are printed on the tags on the tree at the library. Visitors can select a tag or two, purchase the item(s) and return the unwrapped gifts to the library front desk. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to the center for their holiday celebrations. You can help make the holidays a little brighter for our seniors.

For more information, contact the library at (503) 838-1811.

Polk County Fire District 1 receives \$2.4 million grant

Polk County Fire District 1 has received a share of \$6 million of the U.S. Department’s Safe Routes to School program for the development of safety action plans to improve road safety. These plans will integrate equity and community engagement as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, which was created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Polk County Fire District 1 received \$2.4 million to develop a safety action plan and conduct planning and data collection focused on post-crash care. The project includes data analysis, vehicle notification and location, post-crash care delivery, a post-incident data system, an at-risk registry, and medical data share.

Also receiving funds were Wheeler County (\$2.4 million), Metro (\$1.1 million) and Wasco County (\$240,000).

Dallas teacher receives Creative Educator Grant

Teacher Ellen Lewing at Whitworth Elementary School received a portion of SELCO Community Credit Union’s nearly \$82,000 in funding to 44 educators representing schools from across Oregon as part

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Dallas college readiness event delivers for seniors

By DHS STAFF

Dallas High School hosted a College and Career Readiness program Nov. 13, drawing a crowd of more than 120 attendees to its Financial Aid, Scholarship, and Admissions Information Night.

Held in the school library, the event attracted families and students from six schools across three districts, underscoring the community’s interest in post-graduation planning. The evening aimed to provide senior students with valuable resources and guidance as they prepare for life after high school, covering a broad range of topics, from college admissions to career training opportunities.

The program’s panel of speakers included Rochelle Ferris, from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) of Oregon, Cady Campbell from Willamette University, Jorge Anaya of Chemeketa Community College, Ricardo Acevedo-Solis from Western Oregon University, and

Bill Masei, Dallas School District’s CTE and Careers Coordinator. Each speaker addressed key aspects of financial aid, scholarship applications, college and university admissions, trade schools, apprenticeships, and military career options. The breadth of information catered to the diverse interests and aspirations of the students in attendance.

Ferris highlighted the significance of the turnout. “I’ve done a lot of these events around the state, and this is the largest gathering I’ve seen for an info night like this,” Ferris said.

Dallas High School senior Polly Olliff echoed this sentiment, expressing gratitude for the insights shared during the event.

“The event offered useful information for planning or organizing your life after high school and clarified the steps to do for financial aid and applying for scholarship opportunities available to us,” she said.

For many, the evening served as a pivotal moment in



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More than 120 students from six local school districts attend Dallas High School’s College and Career Readiness program Nov. 13.

refining their post-graduation plans. Masei emphasized the importance of planning ahead. “You need to have a plan after high school, and we’re here to help refine one for you,” he told attendees. “Whether it’s college, trades, military, or employment, help is available.”

His words reinforced the program’s overarching goal: to ensure every student is equipped with the knowledge and resources they need to transition successfully into adulthood, regardless of their chosen path.

For those unable to attend, the event’s recording and materials are still accessible. Interested individuals can contact Masei at bill.masei@dsd2.org to receive the information.

The Gate readies new auto shop for ribbon cutting

On Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. the community is invited to a ribbon cutting event celebrating the completion of The Gate’s new Automotive Mechanics Shop. Throughout the summer, more than 30 teens from Monmouth and Independence worked four days a week to set up concrete forms, frame walls, complete exterior finishes and roof the new shop space.

“I had so much fun building the auto shop and learning about framing, roofing and siding,” said teen participant Zeke Cotton. “It was an awesome experience seeing all of these teens come together and work hard. I would definitely do it again.”

Auto Program Coordinator David Mohr thanked those who contributed to the shop’s completion.

“We really appreciate the support we got from Dave’s Mobile Repair, Robertson

Concrete, S&S Electric, and NAPA – Monmouth”, Mohr said. “We could not have done the project without the help of these local businesses, along with the grants received from AgWest Farm Credit & Developing Successful People Foundation.

This fall, The Gate began running both morning and after-school classes focused on vehicle recovery and maintenance and hopes to expand soon to diagnostic and repair classes.

Mohr is excited about the classes along with service projects that will teach the students how to repair not only their vehicles, but also help others out that are in need.

The Gate will continue to take vehicle donations which will help fund the program and are tax deductible. Email info@thegateyouth.org to learn more about classes or donations.



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Celebrating the completion of The Gate’s Automotive Mechanics Shop are (from left) Casey Jones, Elijah Mohr, Liam Cooksey, Nathan Duluk and David Mohr.

Regional high school SnoBall dance returns Dec. 7

The 71st annual SnoBall is Dec. 7 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion in Salem. This year’s theme is “Masquerade Ball.”

Tickets are available online now through Dec. 7 and will also be sold at the door.

SnoBall started as a Sadie Hawkins dance and now is a dance for high school

students from all over the Willamette Valley with students now attending as singles, couples and groups. All high school-aged students are welcome, as SnoBall is the only dance where all six Salem-Keizer high schools’ students socialize along with other Valley and home-schooled students.

“I have been going to SnoBall with a group of my friends for the past few years, and it’s always a fun time,” said Henry

Baker, a senior and the ASB President at West Salem High School. “And it’s great to catch up with friends from other high schools. We have a great SnoBall Committee this year and since it is the last one for most of us... we are really excited to make it the best one yet!”

SnoBall planning starts in early September each year and important decisions, promotions and decorating for the dance are all made

by a student-led committee. This year’s committee is comprised of students from Dallas High School and all six Salem-Keizer high schools. The committee has been meeting regularly and chose Masquerade Ball as this year’s dance theme.

Oregon-owned Dutch Bros has been the SnoBall Presenting Sponsor for seven years and students can win Dutch Bros gift cards the night of the event,

in addition to other prizes donated by local businesses.

Students can purchase SnoBall tickets at their school the week of starting Dec. 3 during their lunch period. Ticket prices are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door the night of the dance. SnoBall details can be found at www.snoballsalem.com, Facebook and Instagram. For more information, email events@classact.net or call the Class Act Events office at (503) 371-8904.

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The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for its purchase of a 62-acre “Deer Path West” property near Dallas, Ore., in Polk County. When the transaction is complete, CTGR will own and manage the property for conservation purposes and the United States, through BPA, will hold a conservation easement to ensure the identified conservation values on the property, including habitat, is protected and conserved in perpetuity. Protecting this land will particularly benefit avian and amphibious wildlife.

BPA funds property acquisitions such as these to partially fulfill its obligations under the 2010 Willamette Wildlife Memorandum of Agreement and the Northwest Power Act to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat affected by the Federal Columbia River Power System.

A map of the location of the property and a fact sheet were mailed to local area landowners.

For more information, contact BPA project manager Matthew Schwartz at 503-230-4225 or mdschwartz@bpa.gov. You can also call BPA’s Communications Department toll-free at 800-622-4625. Please refer to the “Deer Path West” land acquisition.

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not funded yet include purchasing right of way from nearby private property and other land to make the improvements. He said the state will be performing environmental work through 2025.

Ed Chamberland, contractor David Evans Project Manager, said a proposed solution was first made in 2010 and remains the most viable option to this day.

“It called for access control through section, meaning removal of driveways of residences and businesses from Rickreall Road to Doaks Ferry Road,” Chamberland said. “It requires construction of access roads to the north

and to the south that funnel traffic to a new interchange at Highway 51. Which solves left turn conflict. With exit loop ramps going north and south.”

He added this will take a substantial investment to make this happen.

“I don’t know if they knew in 2010 when they identified this solution it would be such an investment. At this time, after going through the alternatives analysis process, this remains the recommended option,” Chamberland said.

Currently, the project is going through its “value engineering process” which is to evaluate any alternatives that engineers may not have considered yet.

“This fall we are working through, either accepting or rejecting

them with modified ideas,” Chamberlain said. “This is to confirm if we’re on the right track before we go into the environmental phase and lock us into the use of additional resources.”

There were 22 suggestions that came from the value engineering report which ODOT is currently working through.

Rethnasamy said some of the suggestions ODOT is looking at are two overpass bridges with pedestrian pathways.

“Could we save \$5 million to \$6 million without such a wide bridge structure? Those kind of optimizations,” he said. “Or bigger ideas of only one lane roads on either side of the interchange.”

The Environmental assessment process is expected to take about a year, according to Anna

Henson, ODOT Area 3 Manager.

“It would look at all the impacts to natural resources, including historic properties like the Brunk House, archaeological sites, and McNary Creek and other water ways in the project area

Includes a public comment period, why it takes a little bit longer,” Henson said. “If we end up with a smaller project, we may not have to do an EA. It just depends on how federal highways classifies the project.”

In the meantime, ODOT is looking at immediate safety improvements to implement including restricting left turns out of Highway 51 onto Highway 22.

“It can be quite perilous in peak hours, so we’re looking at closing that

out and rerouting people through South Oak Grove Road, where there is more site distance and less traffic turning from 22 onto South Oak Grove Road,” Rethnasamy said.

Other short term safety changes being considered include:

- Converting 55th to a Right in/Right out, similar to Doaks Ferry Road
- Improving signing and reducing clutter
- Renewed striping

Dallas City Councilor Carlos Barrientos, with years of law enforcement experience, asked with so many accidents occurring as a result of motorists turning across traffic in the opposite direction, is ODOT looking at any concrete or cable barriers or temporary traffic control device?

“We could probably save lives just by

installing Jersey barriers all the way through there preventing vehicles turning westbound from the eastbound lane and vice versa,” Barrientos said.

Rethnasamy conceded those barriers are one part of the overall solutions, but present other problems.

“What they (residents) do need is alternative access. Part of the solution is how do you put the barrier in and not move the problem up the road somewhere else, onto another intersection? Really, we need to look at the whole corridor wholistically without creating other unanticipated issues,” Rethnasamy said.

To kept up with project updates, go to the project webpage at <https://directo/i274>.

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we’re trending in the right direction,” Ingles said.

Both districts’ on-time graduation rates were down, according to state numbers (6% in Central and 4% in Dallas). Ingles takes exception with the state’s conclusion.

“When they sent us the data file, that did not match our internal tracking system at all,” he told the board members. “We went through and checked all the names. We’re really at 89% on time graduation rate. We found a number that weren’t included correctly including 20 at Morrison High

School that were not included at all. There was a disconnect between Powerschool internal data coded incorrectly, including homeschooled and moving districts.”

Central touted their gains in closing the gap for focal groups. Students who identify as homeless attended school regularly 50 percent of the time, up from 39 percent last year. Dallas School District’s homeless students’ attendance was also up to 47 percent.

For Ever English Learners, regular attendance jumped from 53 percent to 57 percent. Dallas Ever-English Learners was also up to 53 percent.

Central also touted their internal numbers in third-grade language arts, where students experiencing

disabilities went from 9 percent achieving proficiency to 20 percent this year. And in math, Latino students in eighth grade increased 4 percentage points in proficiency.

Dallas Superintendent Steve Spencer added that the DSD is seeing improvements in STAR testing, which do not necessarily correlate with state testing scores. He explained STAR testing are used more nationally while OSAT scores are used more in Oregon only.

State leaders themselves are pleased with overall direction schools are experiencing as indicated by the At a Glance reports, but more work needs to be done.

“A rise in 9th Grade On-Track and regular attendance are good signs, but we

still have a long way to go to meet the needs of Oregon’s scholars. We must continue our focus on maintaining high expectations, providing opportunities for our students to succeed, and supporting our schools and educators,” ODE Director Dr. Charlene Williams said. “Several targeted efforts are underway to support students including the statewide investment and commitment to early literacy best practices. As funding and supports from the Early Literacy Success Initiative become embedded in schools, we will begin to see a significant payoff for Oregon’s scholars.”

ODE consulted school districts where student focal groups experienced substantial

growth in the 9th Grade On-Track and attendance metrics. ODE uses this qualitative data to inform decision making and drive progress across the entire state, building from strengths and best practices within schools and districts. School districts shared several factors that may explain their success:

- Creating warm, welcoming environments for all students where they feel seen, heard, and that they belong; supporting student agency by leveraging opportunities to ask students about their needs and changing systems to meet those needs.
- Establishing educator teams who regularly review student performance and attendance data and support

individual students and families in real time. These teams include administrators, counselors, and certified and classified staff.

- Leveraging attendance monitors and family liaisons to check in on students in their homes, provide one-on-one support, and build more trusting, communicative relationships with families.
- Celebrating and incentivizing success with students and families for improved attendance and credits earned, as well as discussing these data with school boards more frequently (e.g., on a monthly basis).
- Expanding opportunities to learn, like after-school and summer programs and tutoring.
- Providing a variety of programs that are relevant to every student’s life. The effect is especially strong when schools provide robust Career and Technical Education programs and project based learning.
- Setting students up for success as early learners in Elementary and Middle School.

CASA

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CASA’s program. Then Suzanne Sevigny, who owns Henry and Me, tried to one up Croxford’s totals.

“I think we each did something separately then decided to have a competition to help build it up,” Sevigny said.

Participation rate was good at her boutique store and hair salon.

“I love it. It’s kids who don’t have a gift to at least have one,” Sevigny said. “I think it’s a great idea.”

Apparently, she didn’t get the memo that the competition is friendly.

“I really want to beat Matt this year because he thinks he wins every year,” she said. “So, it’s our turn to win this year.”

Croxford said gifts don’t usually start showing up until the second week in December.

“It’s always at the last minute. People starting to get in the spirit, you know?” he said.

One of the reasons Croxford seems to generate more donations from his

barbershop is he is unafraid to twist arms and tell his customers, point blank, “Hey, go grab a tag!”

“It’ll be busy in here. They’ll go pull a tag. And while they’re sitting there, they’ll get on their phone and, Bam!, have the Amazon package be there tomorrow.”

The way giving trees work is the Department of Human Services (DHS) teams with CASA to generate wish lists from the participating children. CASA fills out the tags and delivers them by the dozens to each location. Once hung, customers are free to choose a tag of their choice, which lists the child’s age, gender and their wish, from dinosaurs and bicycles to Barbies and laptops.

“People are generous,” Croxford said. “It’s pretty legit.”

The purchased gifts are returned with the corresponding tag to the participating business, unwrapped by Dec. 19. Then CASA and DHS wrap and deliver the toys to their final destinations.

Cider House manager Grace Beatty took over the “competition” for Salt Creek

co-owner Lindy Rickert after losing her battle with cancer in July.

“To keep her spirit alive, we took a picture with the three of us, with Lindy in the middle,” Croxford added.

Beatty said Salt Creek’s tree sports 54 tags and knows more is available if needed.

“It’s very cool. I remember last year, all of our customers were really excited about it. That we were competing, too. All of our club members brought in really cool gifts. It’s a really cool program to be involved in.”

For more information, contact CASA of Polk County, Inc., (503) 623-8473 or go to www.casaofpolk.com. The full list of drop-off locations is:

The Car Doctor, 201 Polk Station Road, Dallas
Dallas Fire & EMS, 915 SE Shelton St., Dallas
Downtown Barbershop, 194 SE Mill St., Dallas
Henry & Me Boutique, 861 Main St., Dallas
Monmouth Library, 168 Ecols St. S., Monmouth
Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas



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The Giving Tree in Henry and Me awaits shoppers to take tags off tree to purchase gifts for CASA children.

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Making Major Investments
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By SEN. JEFF MERKLEY

Transforming the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay into the first fully ship-to-rail port facility on the West Coast is a huge opportunity for Oregon and our coastal communities.

This project will create good-paying union jobs and permanent local jobs, increase West Coast port capacity by up to 10 percent, reduce climate emissions, and strengthen our national supply chains. I’m fighting for the resources needed to make this vision a reality.

In October, Rep. Val Hoyle, Sen. Ron Wyden and I successfully secured two major federal investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The first investment of more than \$25 million will kickstart the planning of the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Terminal Planning Project. This funding is

crucial to begin the design, permitting and engineering needed to connect wharfs and container yards to the port’s railways. Estimates are that, when completed, about 1.2 million containers could move through the Port of Coos Bay every year.

The second investment of more than \$29 million will upgrade the Coos Bay rail line that connects the port to Eugene and the rest of the country’s rail network. It would also cut climate-killing emissions since using rail results in 75 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than using trucks. And it would help ease supply chain bottlenecks, which we felt acutely during the pandemic.

These investments will immediately benefit communities on Oregon’s rural South Coast and boost the economy of the entire state by creating thousands of good-paying jobs in Coos, Douglas and Lane counties. And, long-term, these investments will increase Oregon’s shipping capacity to global markets, which is vital for our semiconductor industry, agricultural products, and other world-class goods. In fact, in March, the Port of Coos Bay signed an agreement with Taiwan’s port of Kaohsiung to collaborate and share best practices for our maritime industries.



These are exactly the kind of practical, forward-looking investments in our infrastructure, economy and climate that Congress envisioned when we passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021 – and we need these investments to continue, in Coos Bay and across the country.

We also need to make sure that continued investments in the Port of Coos Bay include our fishermen and seafood processors. More than 18 million tons of commercially caught seafood are landed at the Port of Coos Bay’s Charleston Marina, making it the third largest commercial fishing hub in Oregon. That’s why, in June, I led members of the Oregon delegation in a letter

encouraging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to partner with the West Coast seafood industry – and, in July, USDA announced \$22 million to purchase Pacific Northwest and West Coast seafood products. Fishermen and seafood processors are vital to the economies and culture of our coastal communities, and efforts to expand and upgrade the Port of Coos Bay should prioritize them, too.

These are just a few of the ways I’m working to bring federal dollars back to Oregon to transform the Port of Coos Bay – and I’ll keep fighting for the funding to make the intermodal container port a reality.

Letter to the Editor

Lions community unites to help food bank

We were thrilled to read the recent article about the Central Lions Club organizing the drive to raise \$100,000 dollars for the Monmouth-Independence food bank. The local and national cooperation they amassed is a credit to all the club members. As the food bank director stated in the article, “Because people are working together...” wonderful, ongoing help is happening in our communities.

Thank you to all,
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WOU receives \$2M to address shortage of Spanish-English behavioral, mental health professionals

Building upon Western Oregon University’s success in educating bilingual teachers to serve Oregon’s diverse communities, the university has been awarded a \$2 million Workforce Ready Grant by the Oregon Legislature, administered by The Higher Education Coordinating Commission to help train more counselors and behavioral and mental health professionals through June 2026.

Similar to the shortages of teachers and medical providers, there is a severe lack of counselors and behavioral health professionals who can work with clients in both Spanish and English. The program will recruit bilingual undergraduate students,

provide them with tuition assistance, and offer opportunities to work with Polk or Marion County in an earn-to-learn setting. Students placed with the counties will work part-time, gaining valuable experience and supervised clinical hours while addressing the acute shortage of counselors in the community.

The program will also support students in Chemeketa Community College’s Behavioral Health program, Western’s Master of Science in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program, and the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program. The community-based organization Interface Network will assist in recruiting students and

helping them overcome barriers that affect their ability to earn their degrees, such as lack of childcare, transportation, and technology.

“As a clinician for 25 years working alongside our Latino community members and other service providers, I know firsthand the benefit of working with clients in their preferred language,” said Carlos Texidor Maldonado, Ph.D., assistant professor in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling at Western. “It is thrilling that Oregon, particularly Western Oregon University, is purposefully training more bilingual counselors and behavioral health professionals to



meet the increasing needs of our communities.”

The program launches in early 2025 and is currently recruiting students. To learn more about the program, go to <https://wou.edu/bilingual-behavioral-health>.

E. coli Outbreak linked to organic carrots sold in Oregon, other states

JEREMY C. RUARK
Country Media, Inc.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and public health officials in several states, including Oregon, are investigating a multi-state outbreak of E. coli O121.

The CDC said the infections linked to multiple brands of recalled organic whole bagged carrots and baby carrots sold by Grimmway Farms. Carrots on store shelves right now are likely not affected but may be in people’s homes. If you have any recalled carrots in your home, throw them out or return them to the store.

On November 16, 2024, Grimmway Farms recalled multiples sizes and brands of bagged organic baby and whole carrots, according to the CDC. These products are likely no longer in stores for sale but may still be in your home.

BABY ORGANIC CARROTS

Best-if-used-by dates ranging from 9/11/2024 to 11/12/2024

Brands: 365, Bunny Luv, Cal-Organic, Compliments, Full Circle, Good & Gather, GreenWise, Grimmway

Farms, Marketside, Nature’s Promise, O-Organic, President’s Choice, Raley’s, Simple Truth, Sprouts, Trader Joe’s, Wegmans, Wholesome Pantry.

WHOLE ORGANIC CARROTS

Were available for purchase in stores approximately from Aug. 14, 2024 through Oct. 23, 2024.

No best-if-used-by-dates are on the bags of organic whole carrots.

Brands: 365, Bunny Luv, Cal-Organic, Compliments, Full Circle, Good & Gather, GreenWise, Marketside, Nature’s Promise, O-Organic, President’s Choice, Simple Truth, Trader Joe’s, Wegmans, Wholesome Pantry.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Do not eat any recalled bagged organic carrots. Check your refrigerators or freezers for recalled carrots and throw them away.

Wash items and surfaces that may have touched the recalled organic carrots using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.

Call your healthcare provider if you have severe E. coli symptoms:

- Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
- Diarrhea for more than 3 days that is not improving
- Bloody diarrhea
- So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down

SIGNS OF DEHYDRATION:

- Not peeing much
- Dry mouth and throat
- Feeling dizzy when standing up

SYMPTOMS OF E. COLI

- Most people infected with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli experience severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting.
- Symptoms usually start 3 to 4 days after swallowing the bacteria.
- Most people recover without treatment after 5 to 7 days.
- Some people may develop serious kidney problems (hemolytic uremic syndrome, also called HUS) and would need to be hospitalized.

For more information about E. coli, see the About Escherichia coli Infection page



Western Oregon University’s 123-foot sequoia tree lighting is Dec. 6.

WOU Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade set for Dec. 6

Western Oregon University, in collaboration with the Monmouth Business Association, hosts the 57th annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 6.

The lighting of the university’s 123-foot sequoia tree marks the beginning of the holiday season. Events kick off with the holiday parade, beginning at the Monmouth Public Library at 6 p.m. and concludes on Western’s campus in front of the sequoia tree for the lighting.

Following the tree lighting, activities will take place in the Werner University Center for all ages such as photos with Santa, cookie decorating, coloring, and the Monmouth Merry craft market (the market opens at 5 p.m.) with over 30 vendors.

Abby’s House is also hosting its annual silent auction that evening, where proceeds will support the services they provide to students.

BRIEFS

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of their expanded Creative Educator Grants program.

Creative Educator Grants are designed for K-12 educators with creative classroom ideas who need more funding to get those projects off the ground. Thanks to SELCO’s Steps Up initiative launched earlier this year, the grant program received a significant boost for 2024.

Formerly known as SPARK! Creative Learning Grants, Creative Educator Grants have increased in value from \$1,000 in 2023 to as much as \$2,500 per recipient, with the total amount of grant funding increasing from \$53,000 to \$81,691.

Lewing plans to use her share for “Jump Starting Our Day with Zumba” providing “Zumba Kids” training to incorporate more movement into Elementary Music and PE classrooms.

County seeks more support for Adopt a Family Program

The Polk County Holiday Adopt a Family Program is looking for more supporters this holiday season. The program provides children 18 and under with toys and gifts during the holiday season. Last year, they served more than 4,500 children and are currently on track to serve over 5,000 this year. So far

this year, donors have adopted and purchased toys for more than 580. However there are still more than 1,500 children who have not been matched yet with applications continuing to arrive for 2 more weeks.

Polk County Holiday Adopt a Family Program seeks individuals, organizations and businesses to help to ensure that all children in the community have access to toys and gifts this holiday season.

This can be done in a number of ways:

- Adopt a family: Indicate how many children you or your agency is able to support and you’ll receive a wish list of items to purchase for those specific children.
- Make a monetary donation: All funds donated go directly to the purchase of new toys and gifts to meet the needs of children that we are unable to pair with a donor. The biggest is for children over the age of 10.

Volunteer: This event requires many volunteers to make it possible, including shopping for children who are not matched with donors, setting up at the fairgrounds, assisting with the distribution event, cleaning up, and delivering to local families who miss our distribution event.

To get involved in any of these opportunities, fill out the online form at <https://polkoregonjotform.jotform.com/242007338508857>.

OBITUARY



Carolyn Mode
Aug. 23, 1940 - Oct.15, 2024
Carolyn Mode passed at the age of 84 on Oct. 15 in Salem due to heart failure.
Born on Aug. 23, 1940, in McMinnville to Thelma and Verne Booth, she grew up in

Sheridan. She married Floyd at 18 and worked as a cook for the Central School District for 24 years, from 1979 to 2003, affectionately known as the lunch lady.
After Floyd passed, she lived with her mother, and later her son, in Independence on the same road she raised her family, where she enjoyed vegetable, fruit and flower gardening. She loved the beach, nature, gathering with family and friends and cooking shows. Known for her dinner rolls, canned tuna and pickles, Carolyn was a beacon of love and compassion. Later in life, she enjoyed traveling to Spain, the Grand Canyon, Hawaii and Alaska.
She is preceded in death by her mother, father, and son Casey. She is survived by her children Brian, Kristina and Rebecca; grandchildren Carrie, Nick, Travis, Stephanie, Kyle, Zach, Sierra, Mikayla and Isha; and great-grandchildren Clayton, Jared, Brayden, Braxton and Brailyn.
A celebration of life and potluck is Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Grange, 2670 Oak Grove Road, in Salem. Watch after, read more at www.youtube.com/@CarolynMode_CelebrationofLife.

Giving Tree



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Jacob Rorem cuts a customer’s hair at the Dallas Barber Shop. In the shop you can select a tag off of the Giving Tree to purchase a Christmas gift for a CASA child. See story on page A1.

Red Cross offers steps to help you avoid a cooking fire on Thanksgiving

The two most common days for cooking fires in the United States are Thanksgiving and the day before. Cooking causes an average of 158,400 home fires per year, which is 44% of all home fires in the United States. The American Red Cross, Cascades Region, offers safety steps everyone can follow if they will be preparing their family’s Thanksgiving feast.
“Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, home fire injuries and the second leading cause of home fire deaths,” said Jonathan Seibert, Red Cross Regional Disaster Officer. “Most happen because people leave cooking food unattended. We want everyone to have a safe, enjoyable holiday, so please don’t leave the kitchen while you’re cooking.”
COOKING SAFETY TIPS
Follow these safety tips and visit www.redcross.org/fire for more information, including a fire escape plan to practice with your family.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Keep kids and pets at least three feet away from cooking areas.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire — potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains — away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance that generates heat.
- Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.
- Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.
- Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving home to make sure all stoves, ovens and small appliances are turned off.
- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year. If you cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or are physically unable to install one, the Red Cross may be able to help. Contact your local Red Cross for more information.
HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN SAVES LIVES
Since October 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, working with community partners, has saved at least 2,212 lives by educating families about fire safety, helping them create escape plans and installing free smoke alarms in high-risk areas across the country. To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit www.redcross.org/homefires.

First case of bird flu in pig discovered on small Oregon farm

LYNNE TERRY
Oregon Capital Chronicle
State officials announced Wednesday that a severe form of bird flu has been detected for the first time in a pig on a small farm in Crook County in central Oregon.
The farm, which was not identified, is a noncommercial operation that had an outbreak of bird flu last week in its flock of poultry, including ducks, geese and guinea fowl. Three pigs on the property that roamed with the poultry initially tested positive for bird flu in pooled oral swabs. Officials euthanized the pigs and tested tissue samples from the animals in the state veterinarian lab. Those showed that one of the pigs had the virus throughout its body.
Two other pigs — both teacups housed in a separate area of the farm with chickens — were also tested with oral swabs and one was positive for the virus. The chickens later showed signs of illness as well.
State officials have humanely euthanized the animals — including dozens of ducks, geese and guinea fowl — and their bodies have been incinerated to prevent spread of the virus. State officials quarantined the farm and provided protective gear to the owners, and they’re continuing to monitor the situation.
This is the latest instance of bird flu in the Northwest, with health officials in Washington state confirming last week that two people working in a commercial egg farm in Franklin County in south-central Washington were infected, Washington State Standard reported.
There have been 36 cases of bird flu in humans in the U.S. — and all but one was associated with contact with infected animals, Dean Sidelinger, state epidemiologist, said during a news conference.
Sidelinger said there is no sign of bird flu in the owners. He would not say how many people might have come into contact with the infected animals.
“There is no evidence of infection in humans,” Sidelinger said. “There are no pending tests.”
To date, there have been 40 outbreaks in backyard flocks in Oregon, Sidelinger said, with nearly 130 people exposed. None has been infected, he said.
“The risk of avian influenza to the general public remains low,” Sidelinger said.
Those who do become infected often develop mild respiratory symptoms, including a runny nose, sore throat and cough. People can also get conjunctivitis, commonly known as “pink eye.” Some people who’ve been infected have become severely ill and have required hospitalization, according to the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.
The outbreak is the second in two weeks in Oregon, with birds in a Clackamas County commercial poultry operation also becoming infected last week. That outbreak led to 150 birds being euthanized.
<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2024/10/30/first-case-of-bird-flu-in-pig-discovered-on-small-oregon-farm/>
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Seven ways to enjoy a healthy holiday

Certain words are synonymous with the holiday season, and “festive,” “family,” “friends,” and “food” are certainly among them. Celebrants focus on being a little more indulgent with their time and habits as the year comes to a close, and health and fitness may be set to simmer on the back burner.

According to a research review published in the journal *Obesity*, the average person gains between 0.8 and 2 pounds during the holiday season. Food represents more than just nutrition this time of year, as family gatherings around the dinner table are about tradition and fellowship. While no one wants to feel deprived when holiday celebrations arrive, it is important to make smart choices and continue to prioritize health as much as possible. These seven tips can help.

1. Plan your daily eating. Scale back meals accordingly if a large family feast is on the docket at dinnertime. While you shouldn’t skip meals altogether, a light breakfast or lunch may enable you to save more calories for dinner and treats to come later in the evening.

2. Aim for mostly healthy foods. Buttery rolls, fatty roasts, candied yams, and pies come out in full force during the holidays. Try to make the majority of your plate full of lean protein, low-fat dairy and plenty of vegetables and whole grains. Then you can splurge on one or two foods like pumpkin pie.

3. Remain physically active. It may be tempting to hibernate inside watching heartfelt holiday movies on television, but resist the urge to be sedentary. Keep up normal fitness routines, aiming for the recommended 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise. Take the stairs at malls and park further away from stores when shopping for the holidays to add a little extra movement to your day.

4. Get enough sleep. It may seem your schedule is packed with everything from parties to holiday preparation, but it is important to get adequate rest. Without enough sleep, you may feel sluggish and



your immune system may not be as strong.

5. Lay off the alcohol. Holiday toasts are replete with delicious cocktails. However, moderation is key whenever alcohol is being served. Popular drinks often are calorie-dense, and health experts warn that consuming too much alcohol is linked to a higher risk of developing certain conditions, like liver issues, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, says WebMD. Opt for non-alcoholic beverages. Water and unsweetened drinks are healthy options.

6. Position yourself away from the buffet. When you are close to food, you might engage in mindless nibbling. Find a seat away from the dinner table or buffet during holiday gatherings.

7. Slow down and be aware. The holiday season is a busy time of year, and that means people may be racing around distracted or in a rush. Take special care to be alert while driving to avoid accidents that can lead to injuries or even fatalities.

Although nutrition often isn’t top of mind during the holiday season, healthy behaviors shouldn’t be completely forgotten during this festive time of year.

Eight ways to avoid holiday weight gain

A popular, familiar holiday song insists the period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day is “the most wonderful time of the year.” But for people who are mindful of eating and trying to maintain a healthy weight, the holiday season can very well turn into the “most compromising time of the year.”

Weight gain during the holiday season is quite common, although the amount gained can vary and it may not be as high as people think. According to research published in the *Journal of Obesity*, the average weight gain during the holidays is anywhere from 0.8 pounds to just under 2 pounds. Although that doesn’t sound like a lot, that extra weight stays on, says Dr. Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic physician specializing in nutrition. Cumulative holiday weight gain can add up over the years. Dr. Hensrud says studies also show that people who weigh more to begin with may also gain more weight during the holiday season.

Though the holiday season can be food-centric, it is possible to avoid gaining weight between late November and the start of a new year.

1. Eat protein in the morning. A high-protein breakfast can keep blood sugar more stable throughout the day and help control appetite. This can curb snacking as well as over-indulgence later in the day during holiday meals.

2. Keep a consistent schedule. Just because it’s the holiday season doesn’t mean schedules should go out the window. Stick to structured meal-times and your usual exercise routine even amid all the celebrating.

3. Use smaller plates. It’s possible to fool yourself into thinking you ate more if you fill up a small plate rather than a large one. This can keep your portion sizes more within reason.

4. Curtail the cocktails. Many people enjoy more alcoholic drinks during the holiday season than they do at other times of the year. But alcoholic beverages can be high in calories, especially mixed drinks and traditional egg nog. If you choose to drink, Columbia University Irvington Medical Center suggests sticking to clear liquors with club soda in moderation, and limiting consumption of beer, wine and mixed drinks.

5. Load up on a protein-laden snack. An hour before heading out for a holiday party or meal, enjoy a protein-rich shake or yogurt to allow for more self-control later on.

6. Eat strategically. Fill up on vegetables, whole grains and other less calorie-dense foods. Go sparingly with the foods you know are historically less healthy, including fried offerings or cream-based dishes.

7. Manage stress effectively. Although the holiday season is a festive time of year, it also can be stressful. Many people cope with stress by eating comfort foods, which can contribute to weight gain. Alleviate stress through exercise, meditation, talking with friends or a therapist, or taking other measures that do not involve food or drinks.

8. Take the focus off food. Whenever possible, build holiday-related activities around something other than food. For example, replace family baking sessions with some homemade wreath-making.

Weight gain doesn’t have to be a part of the holiday season. By being mindful of behaviors, it’s possible to enjoy the season and still maintain health.

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Consider these 13 gratifying Thanksgiving facts

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one’s blessings. In 2024, Canadian Thanksgiving takes place on October 14, while Americans celebrate on November 28. In anticipation of these holidays, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.

3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).

4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.

5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine, and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy

contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn’t become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on October 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves as “pilgrims.” They used the word “separatists” as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president “pardons” a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln’s son was upset that his family’s turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the U.S. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.



Give thanks for good health

As the holidays approach, many of us are mixing up a batch of joy — with a heaping helping of stress on the side. Here are some tips to feel your best during the busy times ahead:

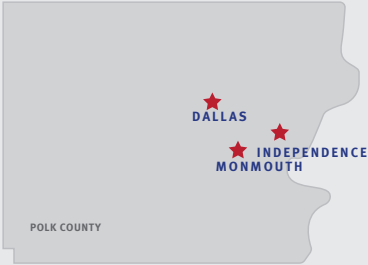
- **Stay hydrated.** Treat yourself to seasonal favorites like spiced tea or cider.
- **Get enough rest.** Make a point of going to sleep and getting up at the same time every day.
- **Avoid winter bugs.** Get your flu shot, wash your hands and consider wearing a mask in crowded areas.

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Dallas has makings of a wrestling dynasty

By DAVID HAYES
Editor

Last season, Austin Markee had a large pair of shoes to step into as the new head coach for the Dallas High School boys wrestling program. The Tony Olliff era ended with 13 conference championships and two state titles since 2009.

The Markee era couldn't have gotten off to a better start. The boys won a state title and the girls came in second in the first year the state hosted a tournament for the ladies.

On the back of the Dragons' wrestling t-shirts last year, the team had printed, "Building a Dynasty."

First step, mission accomplished. Second step, reload with new talent after a large class of seniors graduated buoyed by a strong group of returning from last year's title run.

"We're just going to keep doing that. We're going to be tough. Our girls will be tough. I'm excited," Markee said.

The high school program has a feeder system with a seemingly endless supply of wrestlers, with about 130 in the recreational matt club and a middle school program that continues to draw over 100 participants each year.

And, with the football season over their run in the post season ended against West Albany, the Dragons have their full complement of wrestlers at practice now, numbering in the mid 70s, boys and girls combined.

Seniors returning from last year's state championship squad include individual



The Dallas Dragons Head Coach Austin Markee (center) directs practice last week. The Dragons hope to get back to the state championships and defend their state title.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

title holders Polly Olliff and Joseph Johnson. Markee singled out some other standouts to keep an eye on this season.

"Ah Pymm McDaniel, she's super tough, Jenna Rogers, super tough, I think we have 20 to 21 girls out right now. So, we're really excited about our girls' team. I think we're going to fill every weight class, which we've never done before," Markee said. "That's a really good first step towards scoring lots of points at state. Having 21 girls is one of the biggest teams across the state right now, and it just keeps getting bigger."

Among a deep and talented boys' squad, wrestlers Markee singled out to keep an eye on this season are Jay Spencer and the Maxfield boys.

"A lot of tough dudes in a lot of weight classes. We're

deep. It's nice having multiple guys in the same weight class," he said.

Markee said the freshman class is not as big as it has been, but it will be anchored by Carson Langford who comes to Dallas having won at 187 pounds a national championship in Greco-Roman wrestling and two golds at the PanAmerican Championships this year.

"He'll be a role player, a lot of fun. ... It's fun having him up in the (practice) room. He's going to do well. He's tough. Excited to get him finally on a platform where he can compete against some high school level kids," Markee said.

The last step in building a dynasty is ensuring all the wrestlers in the large program get experience wrestling at tournaments.

"We put a really, really tough schedule together. The idea is to just go and compete and do the thing we do and get better. Work on the things we need to improve upon," Markee said.

A wrestling schedule is usually designed for 28 wrestlers, two in each weight class. Dallas has 58 boys.

"So, we're a lot of weekends going to two different places. To do this, coaching staff is so awesome and big," Markee said. "So, first thing we'll do is go and compete at Lebanon, and that weekend we're going to three different tournaments three different parts of the state."

For example, one weekend, varsity goes to Cascade, a JV team goes down to Glide and the girls go over to Scappoose.

Speaking of girls wrestling, Dallas again hosts the biggest tournament in the state, the Lady Dragon, which returns Jan. 10 (duals) and Jan. 11 (invitational).

"The invitations went out and the schedule has been full already more than a month," Markee said, expecting a huge turnout.

The top four in Mid Willamette Conference go to state. To get there, Dallas will have to get past West Albany and Lebanon.

"A lot of these teams have really tough individuals in certain weight classes, and because of that their team will be super tough," Markee said.

Once at state, he plans to face the same perennial powerhouses Redmond, Thurston and Crater.

"It's going to be a big dog fight," Markee said.

He added the key to the program's success, to continue on to a legitimate dynasty, is this to him is "such a we thing."

We have a huge coaching staff, Tony Olliff, Rick Jordon, Josh Christenson, Andy Jackson, we brought in a couple new coaches, also. If it was just me, we'd be screwed. Bringing in that many to help, especially if our girls stay good, it's definitely a school community thing," Markee said.

The Dragons' have launched their own wrestling website to track their season www.dallaswrestling.org.

"We've registered our entire youth through high school on that website. It's been a game changer for us," he added.

Drew Richman lands dream job coaching in Dallas

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Drew Richman's coaching career began before the ink on his high school diploma from Cascade High School was dry.

He graduated in June and was back at courtside several months later.

"I started coaching with (Cascade) boys coach Ray Williams as a young man at 18. I started as his assistant," Richman said.

Williams knew Richman well. The future assistant was a three-year starter under Williams, and was player of the year in 2003. Richman has been near a basketball court ever since.

"Ray really, really got me loving coaching basketball. I'm a better coach than I was a basketball player," he explained. "I fell in love with giving advice that maybe I never got, or, you know, discussing opportunities they have in front of them. Help them explore their options. I love being able to do that."

Williams continues to influence proteges and players 21 years later. He is head coach of the Dragons' varsity boys basketball team. He also gets an assist in bringing Richman to campus.

"I got a phone call from Ray telling me there's a lot of potential in the Dallas program, and that the coach

had just vacated. Ray knew I was seeking a head basketball job," Richman said. "I also have some family that lives out here, and I thought, you know, why don't I talk to the AD."

His initial conversation with Athletic Director Ron Snively went well.

"I thought this position would be a good fit," Richman said. "I ended up interviewing and the school was gracious enough to offer me the job."

This marks Richman's first opportunity as head coach. For 20-plus years, he's been

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Drew Richman

DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jozie Peirce

Jozie is the unsung hero of the week, playing a key role in helping the Girls Cross Country team secure a 6th seed finish at the State Championships!

After running Cross Country last year, she decided to join the cross-country team late in the season, she jumped back, pushed herself in just a short time, the fitness she gained from soccer showed, shaving nearly 2 minutes off her personal best and setting a new PR of 22:39 at State!

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Falls City High School Students of the Month October 2024

The Following students were chosen for being determined. Determination means the student is demonstrating ambitious, eager, and purposeful behavior. These individuals show resolution academically, socially, and with their extra-curriculars.

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Christian Iker, 11th grade
Hayden Pellissier, 10th grade
Araydia Jones, 9th grade

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Nov. 27, 1974

Clothing store hit by burglar

A burglar with an apparent liking for blue jeans and flannel shirts, broke into Finseth's Men's Wear store on Main Street sometime overnight between Monday evening and Tuesday morning of this week. The culprit reportedly gained entry to the store by breaking out the back door with the bumper of his car. In addition to two pairs of jeans and five or six shirts, nearly \$200 in Canadian and American currency and coins were removed. The majority of the coins were Kennedy half dollars.

Church is completed as steeple is placed

The people of the Valley Baptist Church of Perrydale have topped off all the hours of long hard work they have put in on improving the appearance of the church. The touch was a steeple to replace the one which was damaged many years ago. Pilot Joe Anderson of Pacific Helicopters of Salem sat

the new steeple atop the church on Nov. 19. The new steeple built by Gene Fischer and Gary Gilchrist is covered by metal to give it more durability.

DHS honors athletes at annual dessert

Tuesday evening over two hundred parents and friends gathered in the Dallas High School cafeteria to watch the athletes who participated in fall sports receive awards and trophies. The Annual Fall Awards Dessert waws emceed by Activities Director Ken Jacobson. Certificates of award and special honors were presented to the athletes by their respective coaches.

40 years ago

Nov. 28, 1984

Library adopts dress code

Shirts and shoes are now required apparel at the Dallas Library. The library board adopted the dress code at its meeting last week. Librarian Norm Sams said the policy was adopted for reasons of safety and hygiene. A circulation analysis comparing October 1980 and October

FLASHBACK



FILE PHOTO

This week's flashback is from Nov. 28, 1984: Shock and outrage greet friends of Mrs. Savage (Nancy Formhals, center) in the play "The Curious Savage," which opened last night in Dallas High School Little Theater. The other cast members are (left to right) Tom Parsons, Christy Smith, Vicky Geissinger and Lisa Comstock.

1984 indicated that while adult fiction was down 16 percent, circulation of best sellers rose 147 percent, from 361 volumes in 1980 to 892 volumes this year.

Petitioners seek to keep FC doctor

A total of 730 persons have signed a petition requesting that Dr. Patrick

Huff be allowed to remain at his Falls City clinic.

Nancy Buckingham of Falls City, who spearheaded the petition effort over a five-day time period, said the petition cites reasons why the community needs Huff, as well as apparent inequities in the health manpower shortage designation criteria. Huff faces displacement

from his six-year practice at Falls City's Luckiamute Clinic because of Federal requirements.

Osborn wins MVP award After a season that included a Willamette Valley League title and a fourth-straight state AAA playoff appearance, the Dallas High School team honored its best at the

annual awards night Nov. 20 at Dallas High School. Senior Kellie Osborn was named the team's most valuable player by the vote of her teammates. Osborn, the team captain, was the Dragons' most consistent player all year long, according to Dallas coach Barb McIntosh.

Oregon gains 1,700 jobs, stronger growth than expected

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Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment gained 1,700 jobs in October, following a revised increase of 900 jobs in September, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

The department's monthly unemployment report is a key indicator of Oregon's economic strength.

GAINS AND LOSSES

October's gains were largest in health care and social assistance (+2,400 jobs); government (+1,700); and financial activities (+1,200). Declines were largest in professional and business services (-2,400 jobs); manufacturing (-1,200); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-1,000).

In the past 12 months, health care and social assistance (+16,900 jobs, or 5.8%) grew rapidly, while government (+7,000 jobs, or 2.3%) added the second most jobs. In that time,



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The Oregon Employment Department reports 85,899 unemployed and 2,115,563 employed in October.

only three major industries declined by 1,000 jobs or more: retail trade (-3,700 jobs, or -1.8%); construction (-2,000 jobs, or -1.7%); and manufacturing (-1,000 jobs, or -0.5%).

JOB GROWTH

Quarterly revisions indicate stronger job growth during the first half of 2024 than previously estimated. This put nonfarm payroll

employment levels nearly 10,000 above previous estimates for June and subsequent months.

Upward revisions during these months were largest in professional and business services (revised upward by 6,400 jobs); retail trade (+2,000 jobs); and private educational services (+1,600). The largest downward revision was in real estate and rental and leasing,

which came in 800 jobs lower than previously estimated during June through August.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.0% in both September and October and has consistently remained between 4.0% and 4.2% since October 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in both September and October.

CryptoQuip answer

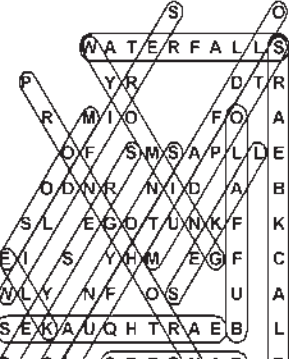
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Go Figure!

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Super Crossword

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either an assistant or junior varsity coach. Mostly these years were spent coaching boys.

"It's something I think I said in my interview, I wasn't being hired to coach boys or girls, I'm hired to coach athletes," Richman said about his philosophy. "So, my mentality coming into the gym is that I'm coaching the same way."

At least one Dragon has noticed a difference in expectations.

"I felt basketball wasn't taken seriously enough (last season), and that the culture of it was a little bit lazy," senior wing Kaiya Woolsey said. "This year's program is a lot more like work. We're more conditioned already

than last year, and it seems like a better culture is being made."

Any upgrade in culture is purely intentional.

"My goal is to set a tone and a culture. To create non-negotiable that our players hold each other accountable, to create a culture of hard work," Richman said. "So, for us, right now, we're creating a foundation of who we are."

Transformation is a step-by-step process.

"We want to get at least 1 percent better every time we come into the gym," he said, adding, "I tell the girls that wins or losses will take care of themselves. That we have to learn who we are and how we're going to compete. So that's the team's goal right now, to create an identity."

To build a culture, set a tone and create an identity, it starts at the top.

"It begins with the coaching staff being prepared, being confident. It starts with our practices being competitive, every time we come in here. I hope our practices get to a point where they're harder than any game we play. So that prepares us to win the game," he said. "I think it starts with coaches making sure the girls are prepared with what we're implementing in practice, and knowing what we want to do going into games."

Senior Ava Woods agrees that hard work and success on the hardcourt aren't exclusive.

"Working hard, hustling and never giving up helps us win as much as skills," Woods said. "Like, you might not have the greatest skills off the bat, but if we hustle really hard and work really hard, we will build on our success."

There are five games on the Dragons' preseason

schedule. The first is at home at 7 p.m. Dec. 4, against Gresham.

"I'm hoping our preseason prepares us for going into our league. I'm hoping these games are a good start to get us playing the style that we want to play. Kind of fine tune us going into the league, and give us some lessons to learn and some aspects to grow in as we enter conference play," Richman said.

It's into the fire as far as the Mid-Willamette Conference opener Jan. 3 is concerned. Dallas travels to Silverton to take on the defending state champion.

The girls return home Jan. 7 to host Corvallis, at 7 p.m.

Richman has ties to another Polk County coach. He was Tyler Allen's assistant at South Salem High School. Allen coaches the varsity boys team at Central High School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCT. 23-29

Wednesday, Nov. 27

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
- 11 a.m. - Mah-Jong, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 11 a.m. - Trip to Central High School for Senior Luncheon, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 4 p.m. - Connecting With Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 28

- Public Libraries and Senior Centers Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, Nov. 29

- Public Libraries and Monmouth Senior Community Center closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9 a.m. - Polk County Craft Festival, Main Building and Building B, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway West
- 10 a.m. - Listening Ear, Dallas Area Senior 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
- 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
- 7:30 p.m. - Pentacle Theatre presents "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley", 324 52nd Ave. NW, (Salem-Dallas Highway 22), purchase tickets at <https://pentacletheatre.org>

Saturday, Nov. 30

- 9 a.m. - Polk County Craft Festival, Main Building and Building B, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway West

Monday, Dec. 2

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage/caregiver support, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels/Card Making with Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, for grades 5-8, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
- 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Dec. 3

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9 a.m. - Wii Bowling/Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Wednesday, Dec. 4

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
- 11 a.m. - Mah-Jong, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 4 p.m. - Connecting With Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Monday, Dec. 2

- 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Veterans Chat, Heron Point, 504 Gwinn St, Monmouth
- 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 Ecals St. S
- 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St.
- 1:30 p.m. - Book Club, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 3 p.m. - Kid's Tuesday Crafternoon, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
- 5 p.m. - Friends of the Dallas Public Library Meeting, Grace Scatterday Room at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

Two Wolves Tap Room presents Drunksgiving Comedy Nov. 27

Soul of Wit presents Drunksgiving Comedy Nov. 27 at 8:30 p.m. at Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. Come enjoy a night of laughter at Two Wolves!! Great food and drink specials. For more information, go to www.twowolvestaproom.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church hosts free Thanksgiving meal Nov. 27

The Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas presents its 37th annual free Community Thanksgiving Diner Nov. 27 from 5:30-7 p.m. followed by worship service at 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 320 SE Fir Villa Road.

Boondocks hosts wreath making class Nov. 27

Join The Boondocks staff for a fun day with family and friends at their wreath making workshop, Nov. 27 from 1-4 p.m. Located at 280 N Main St., in Falls City, The Boondocks will supply everything you need to create your own holiday wreath. Registration fee includes all materials, a beverage of your choice and a yummy snack. Come make a memory that will last a lifetime. Call (503) 787-2700 for more information.

CHS hosts Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens Nov. 27

The Central High School ASBEC hosts a senior

citizen luncheon, featuring a traditional Thanksgiving meal, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nov. 27 at the CHS cafeteria, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. There will also be bingo and a raffle.

County Fairgrounds hosts Craft Festival Nov. 29-30

The Polk County Craft Festival comes to the Polk County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 29 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 30. There will be two buildings full of hand-made items, including wreaths, ornaments, jewelry, cowboy art, books, cards, holiday bread and cookies, and much more. Admission is by donation. Parking is free. Food will be available on site. The fairgrounds are located at 520 S. Pacific Highway W. in Rickreall.

Wetzel Estate hosts holiday market Nov. 29-30

The Holiday Market at Wetzel Estate returns from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 at 17485 Highway 22, Dallas. Get some holiday shopping done while supporting local small businesses, artisans, crafters, and creators. There will also be complimentary warm Gluhwein to sip on while you shop.

Santa's Giving Project returns to Polk County Nov. 29

Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas while helping others this holiday season. Santa's Giving Project is sponsoring 18 children in five families this year. All

donations collected are turned into special gifts for the kids and also go to help the families out where needed most. Santa's Giving Project (with Mrs. Claus) will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Santa's Giving Project takes over the Independence Grocery Outlet Dec. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. And finally appears at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant & Saloon, located at 670 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, Dec. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon for breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Monmouth Garden Club hosts Holiday Greens Sale Dec. 4-5

The Monmouth Garden Club Greens Sale is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 4-5 and 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 6 at Christ's Church, 412 W. Clay St., in Monmouth. There will be holiday wreaths, table arrangements, yule logs and holiday decor. Proceed go toward community beautification projects.

Falls City hosts award winning Celebrating Christmas Dec. 7

The Falls City Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is Dec. 7 at Mountain Gospel Fellowship Church, 257 N. Main St. The event features performances by the Guthrie Musicians - Phoenix and Wayne Graberat 5:30 p.m., a reading of The Christmas Story and caroling at 6:45 p.m.

Polk County organizations spotlighted at Holiday Village

Two local organizations will be spotlighted charities at the Holiday Village the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center through Dec. 22. While enjoying the market's music and treats, and photos with Santa, be sure to stop by on the weekends to learn more about local charities. On Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, the Marion Polk Food Share will accept canned food donations. And on Dec. 19-22, Marion and Polk County YMCA will put up a tree allowing people to sponsor kids' sports and donate money for activities.

See 'Moana' 2 free Dec. 7

Looking for something fun and free to do with your family? Join Independence Cinema on Dec. 7 for a free screening of "Moana 2." Doors open at 8 a.m. and the movie starts at 9:30 a.m. Located at 450 S. 2nd St., families are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the Polk County Holiday Project.

Polk County Democrats host Talk About it Tuesdays

Talk About It Tuesdays", a discussion group for everyone, led by Professor Don Ellingson, meets Tuesdays, from 10-11 a.m. at the Polk County Democrats office in West Salem. For more information about topics, or to be put on our email-reminders list for future events, go to www.polkdems.org. Scroll down to sign up under "Newsletter."

Windermere annual drive provides winter necessities

Windermere Real Estate brokers are teaming up for "Share the Warmth," providing essential winter items for those in need. As part of the annual campaign, the Windermere office in Monmouth will be collecting donations from through Dec. 20 to benefit the Polk County Warming Centers and Ella Curran Food Bank. This year, the organizations are asking for all sizes of coats, sweaters, heavy sweatshirts, gloves, hats, beanies and new socks, as well as blankets and handwarmers.

Meals on Wheels need volunteers in Monmouth

Northwest Senior & Disability Services is looking for volunteers for its Meals on Wheels program in Monmouth. Dedicated people are needed to package and deliver meals to homebound seniors in need of nutritious food. A driver is needed Mondays and Wednesdays out of the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S. For more information or to apply, contact Clifford Simmons at (503) 838-2084. You can also fill out a volunteer interest form on line at <https://nwsds.org/index.php/home/volunteer>.

Dallas School District seeks music instrument donations

The Dallas School District is hosting a Musical Instrument Drive through Nov. 27. Donate new or gently used musical instruments to help schools grow their music programs. Instruments needed include trumpets, trombones, French horns, tubas, flutes, clarinets and saxophones. Drop-off locations are Citizens Bank (583 SE Jefferson St.) and Umpqua Bank (150 W Ellendale Ave.). Donations are tax deductible. For more information, contact Lu Ann Meyer at (503) 871-8989.

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PCIO24-3135 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD COY SCHOFIELD, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB09821 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Corie Lynne Schofield and Niki AnRae Hollstein as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Ronald Coy Schofield, 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. Dated published November 27, 2024. Corie Lynne Schofield & Niki AnRae Hollstein, 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

PCIO24-3136 Notice of Storage Sale Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361. Units to be auctioned off verbally Dec 14. at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Kenia Gonzalez Alpha Chi Omega unit 148, Banesa Hernandez unit 173, Sadie Ryan unit 308

PCIO24-3137 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearings will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, December 12, 2024 on the following: Site Design Review #24-04 an application to construct a mixed-use building with 44 apartments, retail, and fuel station at 430 Main Street, with variance to the upper story setback. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.2.060 Variance #VAR-24-08 an application to construct a six-foot fence

in the front yard of 915 SE Shelton. Approval Criteria: DDC.5.1.040 Subdivision - Modification #SUB21-07 an application to reduce reserved open space for Creekside 3 subdivision at SW Oregon Falls Drive from 30% of the gross site area to 19%. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.6.030.B Rent Burden The city of Dallas has been identified as a severely rent burdened community; the Planning Commission will discuss the causes of rent burden, potential solutions, and barriers to those solutions. This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call Chase Ballew, City Planner (503) 831-3570

PCIO24-3142 PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties in the 2022 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Polk County, Oregon on December 20, 2022, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, case number 22CV29985, and included in the General Judgment: Foreclosure entered therein on December 20, 2022, will expire on December 20, 2024. All properties ordered sold under the General Judgment: Foreclosure, unless redeemed on or before December 20, 2024, will be deeded to Polk County, Oregon, immediately on expiration of the period of redemption, and every right and interest

of any person in such properties will be forfeited forever to Polk County, Oregon. Katlyn DaGostini, Tax Collector POLK COUNTY

PCIO24-3143 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Polk Case No. 24PB10413 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Mason Stokes Special Needs Trust dtd March 7, 2014, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that InTRUSTment Northwest, Trustee of the above-named Trust has filed a Petition to Determine Creditor Claims pursuant to ORS 130. 355. All persons having claims against the Trust are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the Trustee at 111 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 3800, Portland, OR 97204 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred, All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on November 27 , 2024. InTRUSTment Northwest, Trustee c/o Eric J. Wieland OSB # 066014 Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP Attorneys for Personal Representative 111 SW 5th Ave. Suite 3800, Portland, OR 97204-3642 Telephone (503)226-2966 EWieland@SamuelsLaw.com Published November 27, December 4, and December 11, 2024

PCIO24-3144 Notice of Regular Meeting Board of Directors Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:00 - 4:00 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Health Council's Board of Directors serves as the Marion-Polk CCO's governing board. The board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (205 Chemeketa St NE, Salem, OR, 97301) as well as via zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting

information, visit https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/about/board-of-directors/. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to jbennett@willamettehealthcouncil.org. Dr. Olivia Galvez, Chair Willamette Health Council Board of Directors 503-584-1303

PCIO24-3145 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of RACHEL PEREZ SAMOJLUK, Deceased. Case No. 24PB09972 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EVELYN SUZANNE FOWLER has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative at the address shown below within four months after the date of publication of this Notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by the probate proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED this 27th day of November, 2024. Ryan E. Gibb, OSB #972693 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE EVELYN SUZANNE FOWLER 1326 Orchardview Avenue NW Salem, OR 97304 (951) 316-3413 ATTORNEY Ryan E. Gibb, OSB #972693 DOUGLAS, CONROYD, GIBB & PACHECO, P.C. 528 Cottage Street NE, Suite 400 PO Box 469 Salem, OR 97308-0469 Telephone: (503) 364-7000 Facsimile: (503) 585-0699 Email: Ryan@dcm-law.com

PCIO24-3147 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF POLK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE: DARLYNDA JEAN GRIMEAU, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB10060 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Darlynda Jean Grimeau. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at c/o The Law Office of David Johnson; 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may? obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyers for the Personal Representative, David Johnson, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301. Dated and first published on November 27, 2024. Christopher Bennett Personal Representative

PCIO24-3129 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of, RAYMOND TERRANCE ULVEN, Deceased Case No.: 24PB09642 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TYLER J. ULVEN has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 841 Saginaw Street S., PO Box 741, Salem, OR 97308, 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 proceeding in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. DATED this 11th day of November, 2024. Con P. Lynch, OSB #832779 Attorney for the Personal Representative Date first published November 20, 2024

PCIO24-3121 TS No. OR01000014-24-1 APN 08428-BC-06000 II 306085 TO No 240449840-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, NORTHWEST FAMILY INVESTMENTS LLC as Grantor to MATTHEW M. CHAKOIAN as Trustee, in favor of RAIN CITY CAPITAL OF OREGON, LLC as Beneficiary dated as of October 6, 2022 and recorded on October 12, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-011172 and the beneficial interest was assigned FIDELIS RESIDENTIAL BRIDGE LOAN VENTURE VI LP and recorded March 9, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-001579 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 08428-BC-06000 II 306085 BEGINNING AT A POINT 191.73 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHEAST COMER OF BLOCK 5 OF F.A. PATTERSONS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON, AND RUNNING THENCE WEST 130.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 140.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF "F" STREET; THENCE EAST 130.00 FEET TO 7TH STREET; THENCE NORTH 140.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SAVE AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH 70.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY. Commonly known as: 558 S. 7TH ST., INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 Both the Beneficiary, FIDELIS RESIDENTIAL BRIDGE LOAN VENTURE VI LP, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: The secured loan obligation has matured April 9, 2024. Therefore, the unpaid principal, along with all remaining interest, fees,

expenses and charges are all due and payable. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$166,175.00 together with interest thereon from May 1, 2024 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 26, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, in the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 09/19/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o Special Default Services, Inc. 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 (949) 225-5945 NPP0465851 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024

FORM
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Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing
Oregon Department of Revenue

• For supplemental budgets proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Central School District 13J, for the (District name) current fiscal year, will be held at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, OR 97351. (Location) The hearing will take place on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 a.m. (Time) The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Monday, December 2, 2024 at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, OR 97351, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Location)

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND: 402			
Resource	Amount	Expenditure-indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1.		1. Support Services	\$ 75,000
2.		2. Capital Improvement	\$ 1,750,000
3.		3. Operating Contingencies	\$ 0
Revised Total Fund Resources	\$ 1,825,000	Revised Total Fund Requirements	\$ 1,825,000
Explanation of change(s): Appropriate contingency funds to Board-approved project			

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

- Black bears
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- Elk
Geysers
Lakes
Moose
- Mud pots
Old Faithful
Pronghorn
Rangers
- Waterfalls
Wildfires
Wyoming

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: K equals L

PIJZMB KBSDRBL DRSD RSW
PBBM WIXBERSD XZABO EZDR
XBDSK DI FZJB ZD XILB
WDLBMFDR: ZLIM IARZOB.

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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	+		÷	=	12			
+	■	+	■	+	■			
	+		×	=	30			
×	■	-	■	×	■			
	+		+	=	21			
=	■	=	■	=	■			
56	1	28						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7				6			8
	3		1		4		
		8		7		6	
	1			6			7
		4			2		
9			5			8	
8					1	3	
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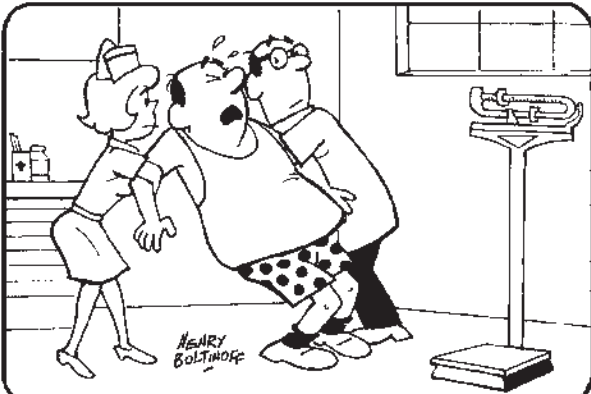
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

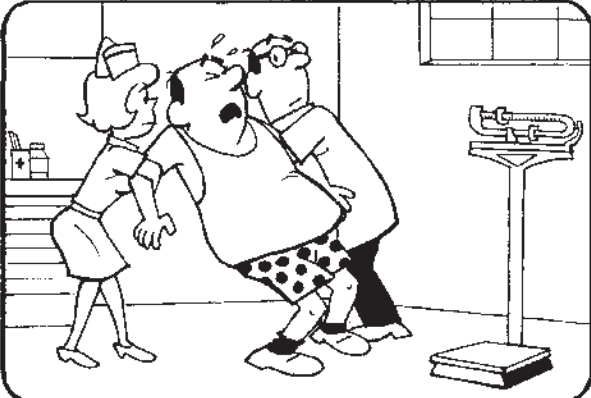
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Log is moved. 2. Scale is moved. 3. Window is shorter. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sink is shorter.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Super Crossword

NOT A SINGLE SPOT

- ACROSS
1 Hoover, e.g.
7 Hertz rival
12 Military vehicle for recon
20 Roma's place
21 Go into a major lezzy
22 Worth of a security at its face
23 Rare musical gift
25 Being filmed
26 Aug. follower
27 Feel awful
28 Tree's anchor
30 Sandbox toy
31 Elicitor of a rave review
39 Newton and Asimov
41 Beals of life
42 Klutzy sorts
43 Nard or dried
44 Plant swelling
46 Ben of "Zoolander"
49 Mint quality
54 "13th" director
55 DuVernay
57 Styne of song
58 TV spots
59 Vaper's item
60 How-to unit
- DOWN
1 Big cheeses
2 Sued to —
3 Goldfish and minnows are members of it
4 Samuelsson who got the winning goal in the 1991 Stanley Cup
5 Driver's 180
6 Large parrots
- ACROSS
59 Catch sight of
60 Ostrich's kin
61 Big name in cosmetics
64 Big bees
66 Rainforests and such
69 Round one of the corners in Monopoly
72 Mela' div.
73 Vast span
74 Awful review
77 First-aid plant
78 Purplish berry
79 Derby, e.g.
80 Buffalo's county
81 Aladdin's monkey pal
82 Excellent etiquette
88 Wasn't penned up
90 Levi's, e.g.
91 Start
92 Singer Celine
93 Green sushi condiment
96 "M*A*S*H" actor David Ogden —
97 Famed Steelers play of 1972
102 Cole Porter's "— Love"
- DOWN
103 "I got — in Kalamazoo"
104 Toothpaste tube inits.
105 — kwon do
108 O.J. Simpson trial judge
111 Activity that will be unsuccessful when applied to this puzzle's theme?
117 Hans Christian —
118 JFK Library architect
119 The Beach Boys' "Help Me, —"
120 People giving rubdowns
121 Printer brand
122 Motto
- DOWN
7 Cider fruit
8 Chou En- —
9 Picnic pest
10 Emceeing aid
11 Earthy hues.
12 Brits
13 Satirizes
14 Division of a long poem
15 Tolkien brute
16 Coll. in the Old Dominion State
17 Home of the NFL's Bucs
18 Symbol of a fresh start
19 Gold-related
20 Royal, in "20-Cross"
24 Up to, in brief
29 Metal in rocks
32 Small error
33 German for "eight"
34 Design detail
35 — wrestling
36 Strategy
37 Quaint newspaper section
38 Primary
39 Dressed for night-night
40 IHOP topping
44 Result
45 — Moines
46 Autograph: Abbr.
- DOWN
47 All tied up
48 Sharp knocks
50 "You are not!" retort
51 Noble acts
52 "All booked up, sorry"
53 Model
54 Tequila
58 Catch sight of
60 Liverpool loc.
61 Purple flower
62 — acid (fat substance)
63 Irish actor Stephen
64 Allowance
65 Sizable vase
66 Put to work
67 A single time
68 Sports sides
69 Early TV host Jack
70 "Dark Angel" star Jessica
71 Healthy intellects
74 Introducing
75 Broadcaster
76 Aeries, e.g.
78 Big primate
79 Clutch sitter
80 Film scorer
Morricone
82 — Z (old Camaro)
83 List of options
- DOWN
84 Partly open
85 Newwirth of "Cheers"
86 Nonclerical
87 "Me? Never!"
89 Husbands-to-be
93 Tots' haulers
94 — discount
95 Smartphone
96 Railing sites
97 Sunn's faith
98 Animated
2016 Disney film
99 Alter a time
100 Sup at home
101 Adobe Acrobat file
106 Forever — day
107 "Manhattan Beach" novelist Jennifer
109 Sooner than, poetically
110 Sch. in Terre Haute
112 Gig hookup
113 FedEx rival
114 Zodiac lion
115 Dallas Stars' org.
116 "Yabba dabba —!"

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

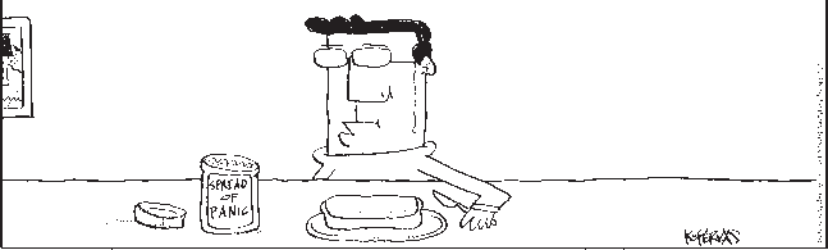


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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

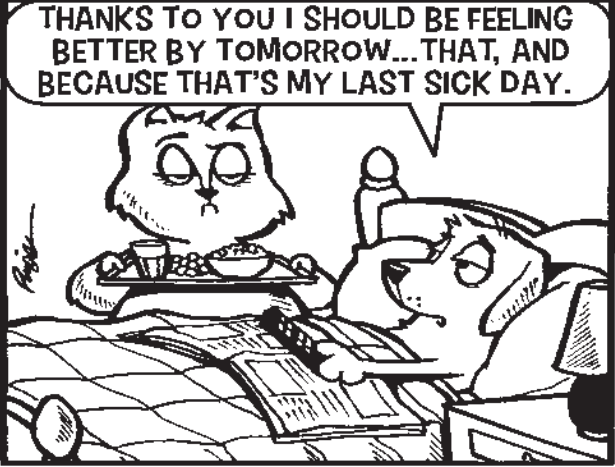


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Americanisms



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Moments in time

• On Dec. 9, 1990, Lech Walesa, founder of the Solidarity trade union, won a landslide election victory, becoming the first directly elected Polish leader.

• On Dec. 10, 1690, a failed attack on Quebec and subsequent near-mutiny forced the Massachusetts Bay Colony to issue the first paper currency in the Western Hemisphere's history. It was initially unpopular for anything except paying taxes and was phased out, but reappeared in Massachusetts just a few years later.

• On Dec. 11, 1946, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), an organization designed to help provide relief and support to children living in countries that had been devastated by World War II.

• On Dec. 12, 1970, "Tears of a Clown," penned by William "Smokey" Robinson, became the first No. 1 hit for Robinson and his band the Miracles after more than a decade of hits that had failed to reach that coveted position. Bob Dylan would later call Robinson America's "greatest living poet" in recognition of his skill as a composer and lyricist.

• On Dec. 13, 2000, seven convicts (the "Texas Seven") overpowered civilian employees and prison guards in the maintenance shop where they worked at a maximum-security prison in South Texas and made off with clothing, guns and a pickup truck, triggering a six-week manhunt. The men left a note saying, "You haven't heard the last of us yet," which proved true the following year when six of them were recaptured (one committed suicide).

• On Dec. 14, 1982, actor Woody Harrelson's father, Charles Harrelson, was convicted of murdering Judge John Wood outside his home in San Antonio, Texas, as he bent down to look at a flat tire on his car. Wood was the first federal judge assassinated in the 20th century, and the FBI's three-year investigation into his murder was one of the most extensive since John F. Kennedy's assassination.

• On Dec. 15, 1974, the Oakland A's Jim "Catfish" Hunter was ruled a free agent by arbitrator Peter Seitz, becoming the first free agent in modern baseball history, after the team's owner,



- MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
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- LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
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- FOOD & DRINK: What is challah?

Answers

- Heart of the Ocean.
- Tunisia.
- Fox Mulder and Dana Scully.
- O. Henry.
- 1945.
- Nicotine.
- Benjamin Harrison.
- Lithium.
- Minotaur.
- A special bread in Jewish cuisine.

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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, Nov. 14

At 12:16 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Levens Street. It was a verbal only disturbance.

At 1:43 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Bridlewood Drive. The complainant had seen two males pushing a commercial dumpster down the street. An officer was unable to locate the subjects.

At 2:38 a.m., a report of trespassing on Uglow Avenue. The individual agreed to leave for the night.

At 3:53 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Levens Street. The complainant reported an individual throwing items at their window. The subject denied it and there was no damage.

At 4:17 a.m., a report of theft on Ellendale Avenue. Joseph Durant was arrested and charged with theft and resisting arrest and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:37 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Brandvold Drive. Someone had entered a bathroom storage area and left the water running and messed with the sprinkler system. There was no damage.

At 8:56 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25-mph zone on Ellendale Avenue.

At 4:22 p.m., Jacob Tunget was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with strangulation and assault 4.

At 5:52 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Washington Street. A vehicle had been entered while the complainant was in the hospital, but nothing had been stolen.

Friday, Nov. 15

At 2:01 a.m., David Tracy was arrested on Miller Avenue on an outstanding Salem Municipal Court warrant and also charged with assault 4.

At 7:29 a.m., a false alarm on Uglow Avenue. Nothing suspicious was seen and the owner was notified.

At 12 :28 p.m., a report of a suspicious person trying to enter through the back door of a residence on Ellendale Avenue. There was no damage to the door and no suspects were located.

At 4:28 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Miller Avenue. There was minor damage to a vehicle but it was unclear when it had happened.

At 4:46 p.m., a report of a truck stolen on Miller Avenue by a known suspect.

At 5:32 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance between two homeless people on Academy Street. They were gone when the officers arrived.

At 10:18 p.m., Jacob Yonker was cited for theft on Kings Valley Highway.

Saturday, Nov. 16

At 8:15 p.m., Brittina Judd was arrested on Brentwood Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant..

At 11:34 p.m., Francisco Cortez-Ortiz was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and lodged at Polk County Jail.

Monday, Nov. 18

At 8:35 a.m., a report of a stolen vehicle on Hayter Street. Police determined any possible crimes associated with the theft were not committed in Dallas.

At 4:44 p.m., a report of a suspicious couple “scooping out” properties on Ivy Avenue. An officer searched the area but could not find any suspects.

At 5:44 p.m., a homeless person was trespassed from the Rite Aid property for having a warning fire behind the building.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

At 10:33 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Uglow Avenue. The complainant reported a red substance on their door that appeared to be blood. It did not fizz when peroxide was applied. It was possibly fake blood from Halloween.

At 2:33 p.m., a report of a theft of Air Pods on Holman Avenue. A suspect was arrested.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

At 12:46 a.m., a report of a hit and run of a light pole on Court Street.

At 8:31 a.m., a report of a theft of gas on River Drive. It ended up being a gas leak.

At 2:27 p.m., a motorist on Barberry Avenue was cited for driving uninsured.

At 11:28 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. It was a verbal disturbance.

Independence Police Department Thursday, Nov. 14

At 12:09 a.m., a motorist was stopped for rolling through a stop sign on Hoffman Road. They were cited for expired tags, no driver’s license and no insurance and was warned for expired temporary permit in their window and failing to display license plates. The vehicle was towed and the motorist was given a courtesy ride home.

At 5:37 a.m., a report of a vehicle in the middle of the road on 3rd Street. The father of the registered owner reported the car had popped out of gear and the vehicle had rolled.

At 6:23 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Jasmine Cir. It was a verbal disturbance and one party left.

At 6:45 a.m., a report of shots fired on 7th Street. An officer determined the shots were outside the city limits and appeared to be bird hunters.

At 6:09 p.m., a motorist was stopped for rolling through a stop sign on 6th Street. They were cited for expired tags and warned for rolling the stop sign.

At 7:39 p.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags on Main Street. They were cited for driving while suspended and warned for expired tags, no registration card in the vehicle, and not updating their address with DMV.

At 8:03 p.m., a motorist was stopped for not driving on the right side of the road on Spruce Avenue. They were cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 11:12 p.m., on Main Street, a motorist was stopped for driving without headlights on. They were cited for driving uninsured.

At 11:39 a.m., a motorist was stopped for no taillights on E Street. They were cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

Friday, Nov. 15

At 2:59 p.m., officers were notified Jesus Trujillo, who had a warrant, was seen near the dog park. Officers responded and saw the subject riding his bike. He would not stop for the officer who was following in his patrol car with lights and siren activated. Eventually, an officer was able to get Trujillo to stop and he was arrested for the warrant. While searching him, officers located methamphetamines. He was arrested for the warrant and also charged

with unlawful possession of methamphetamines.

At 8:31 p.m., a report of trespassing on Monmouth Street. The subject was refusing to leave a bar. They eventually agreed to leave and were given transport home.

Saturday, Nov. 16

At 1:50 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Monmouth Street. They were cited for driving uninsured and speeding and warned for not updating their address with DMV.

At 6:53 p.m., a motorist was stopped for failing to yield for pedestrians. They were cited for driving uninsured.

An officer saw Summer Dawn Ludvigson walking along Main Street and knew that she had a warrant. The officer contacted her and advised her of the warrant. She was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail on the warrant.

At 10:38 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Arbor Court. The homeowner had not notified the neighbor that there was a pet sitter coming to take care of the animals.

Sunday, Nov. 17

At 1:48 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags. They were cited for driving while suspended, not having an ignition interlock device and expired tags and warned for not having fender flares with tires that stuck out past the wheel wells.

An officer saw Ezequiel Orlando Arrendondo walking a dog along C Street. The officer was aware that Arrendondo had an outstanding warrant. The officer contacted Arrendondo and informed him of the warrant. The officer allowed him to walk his dog to a friend’s house and then arrested him for the warrant.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

At 5:25 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on E Street. Carlos M. Zuniga Rodriguez was arrested for felony assault 4 and harassment.

At 9:55 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Osprey Lane. Jonathan William Atwell was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon, strangulation – felony, coercion, escape 3 and harassment. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Officers responded to an angry female at the Dollar General. Katie Gale Verley was cussing and screaming. She was angry because the

store would not allow her to return cans because they were dirty. Officers investigated and she was cited and released for trespass 2 and disorderly conduct.

At 11:46 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Scott Court. Though witnesses saw slapping and punching, the victim declined to speak to police.

Monmouth Police Department

Jenny Damewood, 34, was arrested Nov. 17 on an outstanding warrant.

Sonya Wraithhouse, 35, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with trespass. She was arrested again on Nov. 20 and charged with five counts of trespass and offensive littering.

John Hoy, 33, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with five counts of trespass and offensive littering.

Polk County Sheriff’s Office Thursday, Nov. 14

At 12:22 a.m., a motorist was stopped for no rear lighting. They were cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended and the vehicle was towed.

At 7:30 a.m., multiple reports of dogs at large on Mistletoe Road. The deputy issued two citations as there have been multiple warnings to these owners since September.

At 12:40 p.m., a report of an assault on Main Street in Falls City. One juvenile had punched another unprovoked. The deputy will follow up with the store for video surveillance.

At 12:44 p.m., a report of theft on Salem Dallas Highway. Jenny Hummer was arrested and charged with theft two.

At 4:34 p.m., a report of harassment by phone on Alder Street.

At 7:55 p.m., a report of a theft of a trail cam on Smith Road. The owner received a photo of the post the camera had been mounted on and will follow up.

At 11:04 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Yamhill River Road. A neighbor had been seen tapping on the complainant’s windows, likely to rile the dogs and cause problems. The deputy discussed getting cameras and applying for a stalking order.

Friday, Nov. 15

At 2:08 a.m., a deputy assisted Dallas Police

Department on a disturbance call involving a weapon on Main Street.

At 6:58 a.m., a report of a two-car crash on Zena Road. Five people were transported to hospitals. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

A report of threatening calls and texts from different numbers. The suspect was warned for telephonic harassment.

At 4:20 p.m., a report of an RV parked in Ray Wilson Memorial Park for three nights. The deputy tagged the RV for tow.

At 10:52 p.m., a deputy responded to an attempted burglary on Mill Street in Dallas. An unknown suspect had tried to force their way into the home.

Saturday, Nov. 16

At 12:05 p.m., a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Stapleton Road. The driver showed no signs of impairment and a tow was on the way.

At 7:31 a.m., a report of a single vehicle rollover accident on Independence Highway. The vehicle had been called on for reckless driving before the crash. The driver attempted to flee the scene but was stopped by a bystander. The driver was intoxicated and the crash was handled by Oregon State Police.

At 9:42 a.m., a report of a head-on crash on Highway 18. Both drivers were extracted from their vehicles and Oregon State Police took over the scene.

At 12:05 p.m., a report of a transient camp on the complainant’s property on Wallace Road. The tent was vacant and the deputy left a card stating that they were trespassing and needed to leave or they would be arrested.

At 12:33 p.m., a report of an accidental gunshot wound on Black Rock Road. The wound was reportedly self-inflicted while hunting but officers are investigating.

At 3:37 p.m., a report of six to eight dogs running on Mistletoe Road. The owner was contacted to collect their dogs and cited for dogs running at large.

Sunday, Nov. 17

At 12:49 p.m., a report of harassment on Mitchell Street. An argument had become very escalated but nothing criminal occurred.

At 4:10 p.m., a report of automatic gunfire on Gooseneck Road. The complainant wanted it documented.

At 8:01 p.m., a fight between two inmates in the jail where there are no cameras. Neither chose to make a report.

Monday, Nov. 18

At 3:15 a.m., a report of ongoing harassment by phone on Alder Street. The suspect continues to hang up when deputies attempt to contact them.

At 10 a.m., a report of cows in the road on Harmony Road. The owner was contacted and informed they would be cited for livestock at large if the problem continued.

At 11:25 a.m., a report of fraud on Oak Grove Road Northwest. A loan had been taken out in the complainant’s name and they were in contact with the loan company.

At 1:16 p.m., a report of an assault on Helmick Road. Connor Rowe was arrested for assault, menacing and unlawful use of a weapon and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:46 p.m., a report of an attempted theft of fuel on Airlie Road. The suspect left before PCSO arrived but was later found out of gas in the road. Oliver David was arrested and charged with attempted theft and criminal trespass.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

At 1:36 p.m., a deputy contacted the driver and passenger of a suspicious vehicle on Highway 22. Both occupants had active warrants and were transported to and booked at Polk County Jail.

At 7:29 p.m., a report of a crash on Helmick Road. One motorist was cited for driving without an operator’s license and the other was cited for unsafe passing.

At 11:58 p.m., Monmouth Police Department requested PCSO respond to a fight in a bar on Main Street East. One of the individuals had left and the other had injuries but declined to press charges.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

At 4 a.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to obey a traffic control device on Tucker Road. They were arrested and charged with driving while suspended and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:31 a.m., a report of fraud on Riddell Road. A fraudulent check had been withdrawn from the victim’s account.

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Traditions factor heavily into the holiday season

Many adjectives can be used to describe the holiday season, including festive, jolly and religious. Another word that may come to mind is tradition. Traditions factor heavily into holiday celebrations of faith and family.

According to The Public Religion Research Institute’s “2020 Census of American Religion,” 70 percent of Americans identify as Christian. Data from the Pew Research Center indicates that 55 percent of Canadians identified as Christians in 2018. Millions of Christians will be celebrating Christmas this year, and many of those celebrations will feature cherished traditions. Here are some popular Christian traditions during the holiday season.

Advent calendars and wreaths

The word “Advent” is derived from Latin and means “coming forward.” Advent is the four-week period preceding the Christmas celebration. Advent wreaths and calendars typically are part of Christmas in Christian households. Advent calendars are sold in stores or can be made as craft projects. Most of them contain small prizes like chocolate treats or other trinkets behind each date on the calendar. Advent wreaths have four candles (three purple and one pink). One is lit each Sunday of Advent. The evergreen wreath signifies continuous life.

Nativity scene

Another popular religious tradition is setting up a nativity scene. A nativity scene places the focus on Jesus Christ. One tradition involves moving nativity figurines closer to the manger leading up to Christmas, and placing the infant Jesus in the manger on Christmas Day.

Some churches and towns also put on living nativity scenes, in which adults and children



dress up, and together with live animals, depict the manger scene.

Christmas caroling

Caroling has a long history and was originally tied to winter solstice celebrations. Christians started singing carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many of the songs carolers sing are traditional religious hymns. During Advent, carols will herald the coming of Jesus.

After Christmas, carols are even more joyous in nature.

The three masses

Midnight Mass is a special celebration that takes place in the late hours of the evening on Christmas Eve. It is the first liturgy of Christmas that begins at midnight. It originated in 430 AD under Pope Sixtus III in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The popularity of Midnight

Mass grew by the 12th century, when the celebration of three Masses on Christmas day was granted to all priests. Midnight Mass is treated as a solemn High Mass, which involves singing and praying by the light of candles. A Mass at dawn is the second Christmas mass, followed by Mass of the Day, which is the midmorning Mass of the Christmas celebration.



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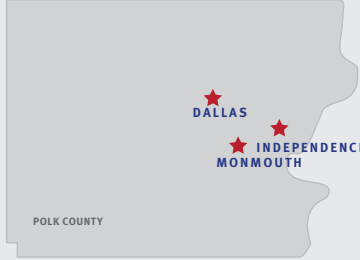
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Holiday Market

5 - 6 p.m.
Parade

6 p.m.
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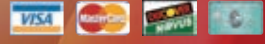
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