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Championship heave



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Dallas High School sophomore Bertram Latta wins an OSAA 5A Track & Field State Championship with a discus throw of 169-feet and 6-inches on May 29. Latta had already reset the standard as an eighth grader, when he set an American record for 14-year-olds in discus with a 207-7 1/2 throw. He also placed seventh over the weekend with a 49-2 1/2 throw in the shot put. For more results of local athletes at the two-day event, see page B1.

Dallas eyes pilot program to track open burns

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The city of Dallas is eyeing creating a pilot program to track how many residents open burn debris on their property to determine if the practice needs to be regulated more outside of what's allowed by state law.

City Manager Brian Latta explained at the May 18 city council meeting it was a topic discussed at the Public Safety Committee level.

"We've been discussing in the past year, whether or not to regulate open burning. So this would be burning that's allowed under state laws," Latta explained.

He said state law already allows the burning of woody debris, grassy, bush or tree clippings during the burning

season.

"We don't regulate that in the city of Dallas outside of what state law allows. And so we talked about do we want to do that?" Latta asked. "Do we want to say you have to be so far away from your structures or from your neighbor's property? Well, Chief (April) Wallace thought we really don't know how many people actually do open burning."

Latta said city staff do follow up on complaints and go out and look to make sure they're burning debris properly and not burning things they shouldn't be burning.

"So she recommended doing a registration program so that we can collect data on how many people are actually open

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Salem prepares new water line into West Salem

I-O STAFF REPORT

Salem residents will soon see city crews and contractors on both banks of the Willamette River preparing for a new water line that will be able provide water for all of West Salem even following a major earthquake.

The city of Salem has partnered with the Oregon Department of Transportation to replace an existing water line attached to the Center Street Bridge during that department's upcoming seismic retrofit project. That project will prepare the bridge to better withstand earthquakes. The new water line is being funded

by City utility rate funds.

This new 36-inch water line will provide a seismically resilient crossing of the Willamette River.

To prepare for the new line, crews will install valves and connection points on existing 24-inch water lines on either side of the river near the bridge. This will be done in two phases:

June 1-5: Water line construction in Wallace Marine Park (under Center Street Bridge near the riverbank)

June 8-26: Water line construction along Front Street NE (in median under the Center

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Swing to the Rhythm of Son de Cuba at Dallas Nights

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Portland based quintet of musicians that comprise Son de Cuba have toured non-stop since forming in 2015 and have developed quite the reputation for their willingness to perform anywhere, for any audience.

"We've been to all kinds of fairs, small venues, and big ones," said founding member and percussionist Tony Gonzalez. "We're surprised sometimes. One time, we were asked to play at a Celebration of Life. I was wondering why? Because the person loved salsa. Okay, we'll do it, just for you. I told the organizer we are kind of an upbeat band. And he was 'Yeah, Yeah. Yeah. That's just what he wanted.'"

Son de Cuba brings their

repertoire for the first time Dallas June 5 for Dallas Nights, from 6-8 p.m. Gonzalez said the audience should love their extensive list of songs from many of the Latin rhythms, including jazz, funk, salsa, maringue, Cubia, cha cha and more.

"We've been all around Dallas, from Salem to Monmouth, and all the towns around. But it will be our first time there."

A native of Cuba, Gonzalez is joined in Son de Cuba by band regulars Nelson Morales on keyboard and bass, Omar Pons timba (like drums), Ramon Brizuela on flute and sax, and lead singer Geisy Almanza. Gonzalez said each of the band members have a

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COURTESY PHOTO

Portland based Son de Cuba debuts at Dallas Nights from 6-8 p.m. at the Academy Building Amphitheatre June 5.

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Donate blood, platelets in June get free \$15 e-gift card

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give lifesaving blood or platelets. Donors of all blood types are essential in keeping the blood supply strong enough to withstand summer challenges.

Scheduled donations, which account for 90% of all blood donations, have dropped sharply in recent weeks. As a result, the blood supply has fallen by several thousand units in just a week, raising concerns that the decline could worsen as we enter trauma season. This period between Memorial Day and Labor Day brings an increase in

severe injuries from car accidents, ATV crashes, sports-related injuries and other summer activities. In fact, AAA reports that fatal crashes involving teen drivers rise by 30% during this time, often called the “100 deadliest days.” A single person injured in a serious car accident can require up to 100 units of blood.

Securing appointments in the coming weeks is critical to maintaining a healthy blood supply for all patients depending on transfusions. Make an appointment to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who give through June 28 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/June for details.

POLK COUNTY DONATION DATES

June 8: 12-5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas,
 June 15: 12:30-6p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas
 June 18: 12-5 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S Main St., Independence

SUMMER CHALLENGES

A sharp drop in scheduled donations is especially troubling now, during a season when blood collection can be difficult due to end of the school-year activities, travel and school breaks, as well as severe weather and heat that can disrupt blood drives entirely. Large-scale sporting events in the coming months can also add pressure to the blood supply at a time when every donation is crucial. Now is the time to make and keep blood or platelet donation appointments to ensure blood products are readily available for people living with chronic illness, new

mothers, surgery patients and those facing traumatic injuries.

HOW TO DONATE BLOOD

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed

by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Forest Service announces additional Fee-Free Day on June 6

The U.S. Forest Service is offering an additional 2026 recreation fee-free day on June 6 in celebration of National Trails Day, providing no cost use of all standard amenity recreation sites on national forests and grasslands.

National Trails Day was established by the American Hiking Society in 1993 and

occurs annually on the first Saturday in June. It brings together federal land managers, partners, and volunteers to celebrate trails and accomplish trail stewardship projects to ensure they are safe, well-maintained, easy-to-follow and accessible.

“We are so excited to invite Americans to visit our national forests free

of charge on National Trails Day and view the beauty of our nation in person,” said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. “We hope families and friends can come together and celebrate this special day and reconnect with our nation's spirit in this positive setting and learn more about our amazing forest landscapes.”

Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz said for National Trails Day in 2025, Forest Service trail managers, partners, and volunteers hosted

80 events, including 54 stewardship projects, engaging with more than 3,100 volunteers who maintained 173 miles of trail.

“We hope those who love Forest Service trails will join us at the trailhead on June 6, whether it's volunteering to build new trails, pick up trash near a trailhead, participating in a nature walk, or taking advantage of the fee-free day benefits,” Schultz said.

Find a local National Trails Day event online at <https://bit.ly/3RbtXAD>

and join the nationwide movement. Consider hosting an event in cooperation with local Forest Service staff if one doesn't currently exist near you. The Forest Service is also encouraging all visitors to Take the #NationalTrailsDay Pledge (https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#pledge) and commit to leaving the trails better than you found them.

The Forest Service-managed trail system, at

more than 165,000 miles, is the largest public trails system in the U.S. with trailheads in nearly every state making recreation opportunities accessible to hike, bike, ATV, ride horseback, snowmobile, snowshoe, etc. In 2025, volunteers and partners accounted for more than 60 percent of all trail maintenance accomplishments, or nearly 26,000 miles.

For all 2026 fee free days on National Forest System lands, go to www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits.



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Jury finds Independence man guilty of rape, sodomy

Kayin Carillo, of Independence, was sentenced May 22 to serve 37 months (3 years, 1 month) in prison for rape and sodomy of a minor female victim in 2021.

Carillo, 26, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after a two-day jury trial concluded on May 21. The 12-person jury found Carillo guilty of rape in the third Degree and sodomy in the third degree. Caso ordered the sentences to be served consecutively to a prison sentence Carillo is currently serving. He will also be required to serve a two-year term of post-prison supervision upon his



release and register as a sex offender.

The case was investigated by the Independence Police Department and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

Independence begins Corvallis Road waterline work

Construction along Corvallis Road begins June 3 and continues over the next several weeks as part of the Corvallis Road Waterline Project. The work will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The project will replace undersized waterlines and extend service south to the new water treatment plant, helping improve long-term water reliability. Crews will begin with utility locating, erosion control, and site preparation before starting waterline installation.

During construction hours, traffic will shift to one lane with flaggers directing vehicles. Two


lanes will reopen outside of working hours. Temporary closures will be needed at River Oak Road for waterline crossings, with only one intersection closed at a time. Nearby residents will receive advance notice through door hangers. Work will pause after July 1 and resume the following Monday.

The city of Independence urges caution and allowing extra time when traveling through the area. The administration also appreciates the community's patience as these important infrastructure improvements move forward.


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Candidate filing period opens for Independence city council

The city of Independence will have the positions for mayor and three councilors on the ballot for the 2026 General Election on Nov. 3. The filing period for interested candidates begins June 3 and all filing requirements must be completed by 5 p.m. on Aug. 25.

The opening positions are a two-year term for mayor, currently held by Kate Schwarzler, and three four-year terms for councilor, currently held by Shannon Corr (Pos. No. 1), Marilyn Morton (Pos. No. 2) and Evan Sorce (Pos.

No. 4).

All positions are non-partisan.

Council positions are elected at large, meaning candidates may reside in any area within the city limits of Independence. All positions are volunteer/non-paid. Terms all begin Jan. 1, 2027. Swearing in will occur at the first meeting of the City Council on Jan. 12, 2027.

To qualify as a candidate for mayor or city councilor, applicants must be:

- A qualified elector under the laws and Constitution of the State

of Oregon, and a registered voter of the city of Independence.

· A resident of the city of Independence who has resided continuously within the city during the 12 months immediately preceding the election.

For more information, contact Mrya Russell, city recorder and elections officer, at (503) 837-1174 or at mrussell@ci.independence.or.us. Candidate packets are available at the Independence Civic Center or on the city's website, at www.ci.independence.or.us/cityrecorder.

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WOU names Malissa Larson VP of Student Affairs

By UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

After a national search, Western Oregon University named Malissa Larson as its next Vice President for Student Affairs. She replaces a retiring Tina Fuchs, who served in the role for four years and served a distinguished 35-year career at WOU.

Larson, a Western alumna, holds a Bachelor of Science in American Sign Language/English Interpretation and a Master of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling. She has worked at Western for the past 18 years, serving in a range of leadership roles, including director of the office of disability services, assistant vice president, dean of students, and associate vice president. Her broad experience and deep institutional knowledge will help guide the university's student success efforts in her new position.

"As a double alum and someone who has spent over 18 years serving WOU, being named the VPSA is incredibly meaningful to me," shares Larson. "I care deeply about supporting and celebrating students while also helping navigate the opportunities and challenges facing our university today."

In addition, Larson has contributed to the university community through numerous service and leadership roles, including staff representative on the Board of Trustees; co-chair of the CARE



team; member of the Bias Response Team; member of the Strategic Plan Development Team; and member of the University Council.

President Jesse Peters

was excited to have Larson join the senior leadership team, "especially as we begin important university projects next year and look forward to her partnership and vision."

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Four things to remember when babyproofing your home for your toddler

Babyproofing your home doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Here are just a few things to keep in mind when creating a safe space for your little one to explore with confidence.

- 1. Get down to your baby's level.** Look for hazards you might miss from above. Cover electrical outlets, secure heavy furniture to the wall and install safety gates at stairs. According to HealthyChildren.org, anchoring items like dressers and TVs is the best way to prevent tipping accidents.
- 2. Look around your kitchen.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises storing medications, chemicals and sharp objects out of reach and in

childproof containers. Keep those cleaning supplies locked away and use stove knob covers.

- 3. Don't forget the bathroom.** Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to avoid burns and use nonslip mats in the tub.
- 4. Small changes add up quickly.** Doorknob covers, cabinet locks and corner guards can make everyday spaces much safer.

You've got this. With a few smart adjustments, your home can become a safe, happy place for your baby to learn, play and thrive. Go to healthychildren.org and search parent checklist for more tips.

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ODFW offers free family-friendly fishing events statewide June 6-7

By ODFW

Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon June 6-7.

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags/validations are required on these days (meaning you do not need a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Ocean Endorsement or two-rod validation where two rods are allowed). Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free. Oregon State Parks also offers free parking on June 6.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, gear restrictions, bag limits, and size restrictions. Visit the Online

Regulations page (www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/resources/OR/26ORFW_LR_2025-12-01-160331_robo.pdf) before you head out and remember to check www.myodfw.com for any in season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing.

Drought conditions make a difference this year. Some smaller lakes and ponds might already be warming up, so consider fishing early in the day or changing it up to warm water fish like bass, bluegill and crappie.

The Recreation Report is updated weekly and features the best bets for fishing for the

upcoming week. Check out the weekly Recreation Report (<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report>) for zone reports and opportunities near you. Expect lots of rainbow trout to be stocked in Oregon's ponds and lakes for the weekend; check out the trout stocking schedule for more information and stocking locations.

CRABBING AND CLAMMING

Free Fishing Weekend is also a great weekend to try clamming or crabbing. Visit www.ODFW.com for all the information you need to get started clamming or crabbing including maps of locations and how-to's.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat. As of today, razor clamming is open from the WA border to Cape Blanco and closed from Cape Blanco to the CA border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Crabbing is open coastwide.

Closures can happen quickly and may change before Free Fishing Weekend. Remember to call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check their shellfish ODA Food Safety page (www.oregon.gov/oda/food-safety/shellfish/pages/

shellfish-closures.aspx) before you go.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND EVENTS

ODFW staff, volunteers, and several partner organizations will host events throughout the state on Free Fishing Weekend, bringing all the gear anglers need to get started. Staff and volunteers will hand out fishing equipment and be available to teach how to rig up, bait, cast, land, and clean your catch. See the Free fishing days events schedule page (<https://myodfw.com/workshops-and-events/free-fishing-days-events-schedule>) for more information.

OBITUARIES

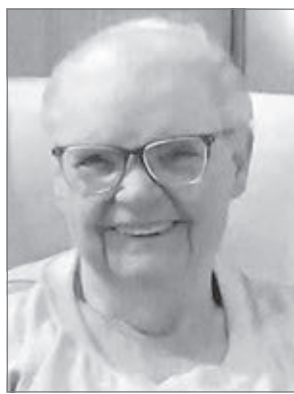


Betty McCaffrey
Nov. 16, 1941 - March 16, 2026

Betty died peacefully at home on March 16, 2026. She was resting in her favorite chair with her husband, Dennis, and her son, John, at her side. Betty Susan Mullen was born in Olympia, Washington, to John G. Mullen and Leona M. Peterson. Her family owned and operated the Mullen Resort on Pattison Lake in Lacey, Washington. Betty attended school in Lacey where she was an outstanding athlete, setting records in sprinting tat still stand. She was also an excellent baseball player. Betty graduated from Montana State University with a bachelors degree in nursing. She was working as an operating room nurse at Swedish Hospital in Seattle when she and her husband met. They were married in Seattle in 1970. Their son was born in

1971 and their daughter, Katherine, in 1974. The family moved to Polk County in 1975 where they purchased a small rural parcel that became their permanent home. There Betty enjoyed gardening and raising chickens, rabbits, and sheep. Betty had a lifelong passion for horses that came to fruition in 1997, when she purchased three thoroughbred brood mares and raised their foals, racing them at Portland Meadows. Betty is survived by her husband, her son, and two granddaughters, Isabella and Daphne. Her daughter preceded her in death.

Betty donated her remains to the OHSU body donation program.



Nellie Frances Carrillo
Nov. 29, 1932 - Feb. 20, 2026

Nellie was born to Lester & Hazel Waldron

in Roseau, Minnesota. The family moved to Oregon in the mid 1940's.

Nellie married Alvin Speten and had 4 children. They later divorced and she was remarried to Francisco (Frank) Carrillo. They had 3 children.

She worked in retirement facilities as an LPN, loved it very much. She also worked at Fairview Training Center. She loved children and was 'Mom/Grandma' to ALL she came into contact with. Over the years we had many friends live with us who needed a place to be. She never had a bad word about anyone. She was the kindest, sweetest lady you could ever meet. She had a lot of trauma and health issues over the years, but never dwelled or complained. She was the center and rock of our Family. To know her was to love her. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester & Hazel Waldron, Brothers Lester, Clark & Ted Waldron, Sisters, Gloria Davis, Florine Nordine, Kitty Hara. Sons, Richard & Wayne Speten, Daughter Toni Place, Granddaughter Christina Speten and her Husband Francisco (Frank) Carrillo.

She is survived by her son Andy Speten, Daughters, Sharon Gonzales, Tami Siegfried and Mary Carrillo. 12 Grandkids and 42 Great Grandkids and multiple G.G. Grandkids.

We are having a Celebration of Life for her and Toni on July 11, 2026, from 12-4 p.m. at the Gentle Woods Park in Monmouth, Oregon. Potluck and ALL are

Welcome.



Scott Everett Peters
Oct. 2, 1943 - May 17, 2026

Scott was born in Salem on October 2, 1943, and was a lifelong Dallas resident. He passed May 17, 2026, in the home where he lived for over 50 years.

Scott graduated from Dallas High School in 1961. He attended OSU to study forestry, but after one year chose to work in the woods.

Scott enlisted in the Army in 1964. He served one tour in Vietnam and one tour in South Korea. Scott was proud of his military service and if you asked him how he wanted to be remembered, he simply said, "I was a good soldier".

After his honorable discharge in 1970, he went to work with his Dad, O.C., at Peters Fuel Co. and purchased the company in 1973. Scott sold the company and officially retired on December 31, 2011.

Scott enjoyed golfing, fishing and daily "gatherings" to solve the "world's problems" over a cup of coffee or a cold beer.

Scott and Jill met in 1993 and were married for 32 years. They experienced many adventures together, most revolving around a beach, lake, or NASCAR track.

He will be so missed... Happy Trails Peters.

A private family ceremony will be held in July.



Gerald (Jerry) Ralph Girod
Oct. 21, 1939 - May 13, 2026

Gerald (Jerry) Ralph Girod was born on October 21, 1939, in Salem, Oregon to Theodore (Ted) Roosevelt Girod and Ruby June Girod (Orey). Jerry was an only child raised on a hop farm at Mission Bottom north of Keizer surrounded by cousins from numerous aunts and uncles. Ted Girod played professional baseball for the Salem Senators and passed his love of the game to his son who would ride his bicycle from Clear Lake School to the local country schools arranging baseball games against other rural communities. His prized childhood possession was a glove autographed by local legend, Bill Beard, that painfully slipped and disappeared from his handlebars on a backcountry ride.

Jerry met and married Linda Lee Hueller at Oregon College of Education (OCE) on March 16, 1962, and raised three sons including Jeff (Megan), Chris (Diedre) and Mark

(Tanna). Their home was a place of jovial dinners and endless competitions in made-up sports like blood basketball, knee football, foot races and high jumping in the backyard. Jerry played slow-pitch softball with a gang of locals for 30 years continuing to call these teammates friends and joyfully reminiscing about warm evenings racing around the bases. He was an avid fan and supporter of his kids' sport teams and coached many MIKI (Monmouth Independence Kids Incorporated) baseball teams. Jerry and Linda recently celebrated their 64th anniversary.

Jerry graduated from North Salem High School and served in the Army National Guard at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas before returning to enroll at OCE. He taught at Englewood Elementary School before earning a doctorate in education from Washington State University and joining the faculty at OCE in 1964 as a professor of elementary education. Jerry was a gifted teacher and rose through the faculty, ranks retiring as Dean of the College of Education in 1995. Many of his students went on to become lifelong educators, principals, and superintendents across the state.

Jerry leaves a legacy and loving family including his wife Linda, three sons, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Contributions in his name can be made to the Panther Club supporting Central High School activities at PO Box 84, Independence, OR 97351.

Funeral Arrangements, to be determined.

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara Lea Obrist
04/25/1942 - 05/25/2026

Funeral Arrangements, TBD

Tracy Arthur James

Tracy Arthur James, 65, of Portland, Oregon passed on May 2nd, 2026. A celebration of life will be held June 7th, 2026, at Greenway Mobile Park in Dallas, Oregon in their community center from 1pm to 3pm.

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SPECIAL MEMORIES

Alone: Based on a true story

By GARY DEROWITSCH

In my grade school years, I loved to explore the nearby woods. I had two favorite places: the line of trees bordering the river and the trees that grew along the north side of Ash Creek. It was along this north side of Ash Creek where my story begins.

One afternoon, I decided to explore the area by following a trail that began where the sidewalk ended. I loved moving through the trees and brush — remaining unseen and stealthy. On

this particular day, I had just begun following a tree-covered path on my way to the railroad trestle. Within a few minutes, I noticed a woman sitting on the ground, leaning against a tree.

She was an adult, and I knew she saw me because I stood there, dumbfounded, staring at her. She wasn't crying or reading; she just sat there as though she had a lot on her mind. No words were spoken by either of us. After a few minutes of uneasiness, I turned around and walked back to the sidewalk.

There is nothing more I can say about this random encounter, except that it has always stayed with me. Why was she there? Was she sad, or just enjoying the outdoors? I've thought of so many questions since, wondering who she was and why she was sitting there alone. I returned to that exact spot several times afterward, but I never saw her again.

I've often wondered — what was her story? My first impression was that she was sad, struggling with an event or events that had happened to

her. I'm not sure why I formed this opinion, but I did. Had she been through a divorce or lost a loved one? Did she live in the neighborhood? Was she watching me? I've never seen her since that day, and to be honest, I'm not sure I would recognize her.

Maybe she was a lot like me, just enjoying being in the forest, away from everyone, and resting in the moment. I regret not speaking to her. I might have been the one person she needed to talk to at that time. There are many

possibilities, but one thing is for sure: she was a woman sitting against a tree, alone.

Today many years later I wonder if she might still be alive. Would by some fate of destiny our paths meet again? Probably not, it has been over 50 years. The only thing I can say now is that I still think of her sitting alone in that small group of trees bordering Ash Creek. I can't help but believe she was sad and depressed. Maybe I had been sent to help her but failed to realize it.

While time and events

are often random, they can each carry meaning and purpose. Perhaps my encounter with that lonely lady in the forest was meant for me to help and befriend her. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. Still, she may be alive, and by some miracle, might read this story in print. If she does, it would be remarkable — and even more so if she reached out to tell her story.

Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BAN BACKYARD BURNING

There is no good reason to continue to allow backyard burning in the city of Dallas.

First and foremost, it is risky. This summer could be one of the hottest and driest on record. Fire danger will be high. It may be a record-breaking wildfire season. I hope not. Urban environments are not immune from catastrophic wildfires. Look no further than cities and towns in the Santiam Canyon. We will likely face water use restrictions, too.

Second, the smoke is rude to neighbors who have to endure it. Third, some people tend to burn materials other than yard debris. Trash, building materials, etc. That smoke is unhealthy at best. Meanwhile, there are plenty of reasons to ban backyard burning.

Weekly yard debris collection, cleaner air, less stress over fires getting out of control, less city water usage to extinguish fires, better air quality, better relations with our neighbors — these would be positive results of a backyard burn ban. How could a burn ban work? Through the city's code, ordinance and permit processes. Exceptions for religious fires, cooking and warming fires could be written into any ordinances. Other exceptions could be granted on a case-by-case basis, maybe requiring a fee or bond process to cover staff time and possible damages? I am not sure. I am sure that the city council could make it happen.

So, let's ban backyard burning in Dallas. It's time.

Joe Koubek, Dallas

TRUMP LEAVES TRAIL OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

The following is just a short list of things that makes you scratch your head in the era of Trump:

After a Fox news liberal mentioned Trump's approval rating is 35% in

most polls, he wrote he is "watching one of the least attractive and talented people on all of television." How can any one person be so cruel and heartless to so many people if they disagree with him? Insecurity, perhaps?

Does the United States need an arc in Washington D.C. that mimics the one in France, only bigger? What's the need?

It's interesting that the FCC is considering early license review of Disney broadcast licenses that could put pressure on the ABC owner due to late night dialogues. What happened to freedom of speech?

Is a radiologist qualified to be surgeon general? Does Trump pick female nominees because they're qualified or because they're pretty?

How can House Speaker Johnson say the U.S. is currently "not at war"? I think we've killed a lot of people for not being at war.

Trump recently stated he'd try to attend his son's wedding because "it's bad timing". Father of the Year candidate?

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert Kennedy, Jr. said,

Temp/Rainfall

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MAY 27 - 79 46 0.00
MAY 28 - 79 51 0.00
MAY 29 - 65 50 0.00
MAY 30 - 67 45 0.00
MAY 31 - 72 41 0.00
TOTAL MAY 25-31 - 0.26

TOTAL THROUGH MAY 31 - 0.65

Online poll results

What does your family do to celebrate a son/daughter's high school graduation?

Family barbecue - 55.6%

Family vacation - 22.2%

Something quiet - 11.1%

No time to celebrate - off to college - 11.1%

"children who are circumcised early have double the rate of autism". I'm trying to figure this one out.

Clifford Brown, Dallas

WHITHER AN IRANIAN ACCORD?

The longer this process goes on the more uneasy I become. Trump's repeated announcements, often denied by Iran, seem the counsel of a spinmeister more concerned with influencing polls, than

providing substance to meaningful negotiations. Presidents are always counseled to sign any document offered and declare victory in an election year.

I am sure the Iranian "experts" at the State Department concluded the regime was in a desperate situation and needed to negotiate a responsible agreement to abandon nuclear aspirations and the terrorism that would jeopardize economic activity in the Persian Gulf and,

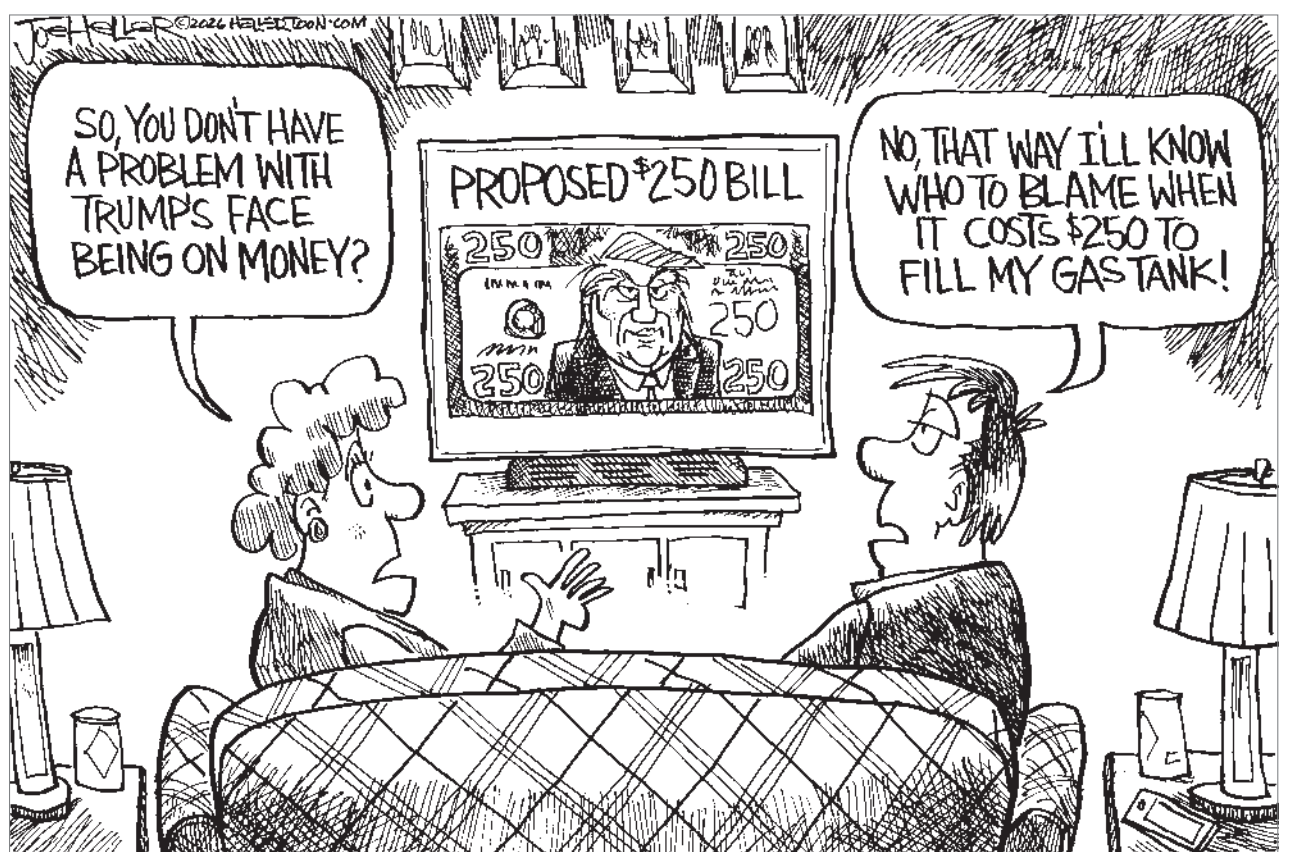
at the margin, could direct economic activity worldwide.

The problem is these creatures have diminished human characteristics. The negotiators should have been required to spend a month in prison interacting with the criminally insane. Iranian leaders are not only ideologues but also meet the definition of sociopaths by exhibiting patterns of antisocial behaviors and attitudes, including manipulation,

deceit, aggression and a lack of empathy for others.

With these vertebrates, you can begin negotiations only after you have removed their ability to project terrorism beyond their physical borders. Asking for a ceasefire only indicated you were beginning to get their attention. That was the time to increase the violence.

Nolan Nelson, Redmond



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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: SOUND FROM A PATROL CAR

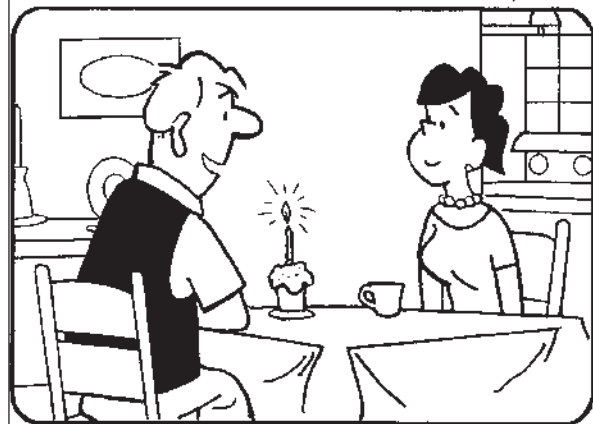
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| Fire alarm | Labels | Pain | Whistle |
| Flares | Lighthouse | Red flag | |

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Candle is taller. 2. Arm is resting on table. 3. Back of chair is different. 4. Dial on stove is moved. 5. Light is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

Americanisms

“What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? ... Or does it explode?”
 — Langston Hughes

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Moments in time

• On **June 15, 1667**, French physician Jean-Baptiste Denis performed the first blood transfusion, on a feverish boy, but with lamb rather than human blood. While the boy survived and recovered, two more patients died following the same procedure, leading to a centuries-long ban on transfusions.

• On **June 16, 1943**, Oona O'Neill, the 18-year-old daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, married 54-year-old Hollywood legend Charlie Chaplin. It was his fourth marriage (and his third to a teenage girl). Oona's father, who was Chaplin's age, disapproved of the union so strongly that he disinherited his daughter, but the marriage, which produced eight children, was successful and only ended with Chaplin's death more than three decades later.

• On **June 17, 1976**, the National Basketball Association announced a merger with its rival, the American Basketball Association, and acquired the latter's four most successful franchises: the Denver Nuggets, the Indiana Pacers, the New York (later Brooklyn) Nets and the San Antonio Spurs.

• On **June 18, 1979**, at a summit meeting in Vienna, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the SALT-II agreement dealing with limitations and guidelines for nuclear weapons. Roundly criticized in America as a sellout to the Soviets, the treaty never formally went into effect and did little, if anything at all, to slow the arms race.

• On **June 19, 1865**, on what is now known as Juneteenth, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with the news that the Civil War had ended and slavery in the United States had been abolished. Despite the fact that President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had been issued on Jan. 1, 1863, a lack of Union troops in the rebel state of Texas had made the order difficult to enforce.

• On **June 20, 2003**, the Wikimedia Foundation, an American nonprofit organization best known for being the host of Wikipedia, one of the world's most-visited websites, was founded in St. Petersburg, Florida.

• On **June 21, 2001**, one of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo's iconic self-portraits was featured on an American postage stamp, making her the first Hispanic woman to be honored in that manner.

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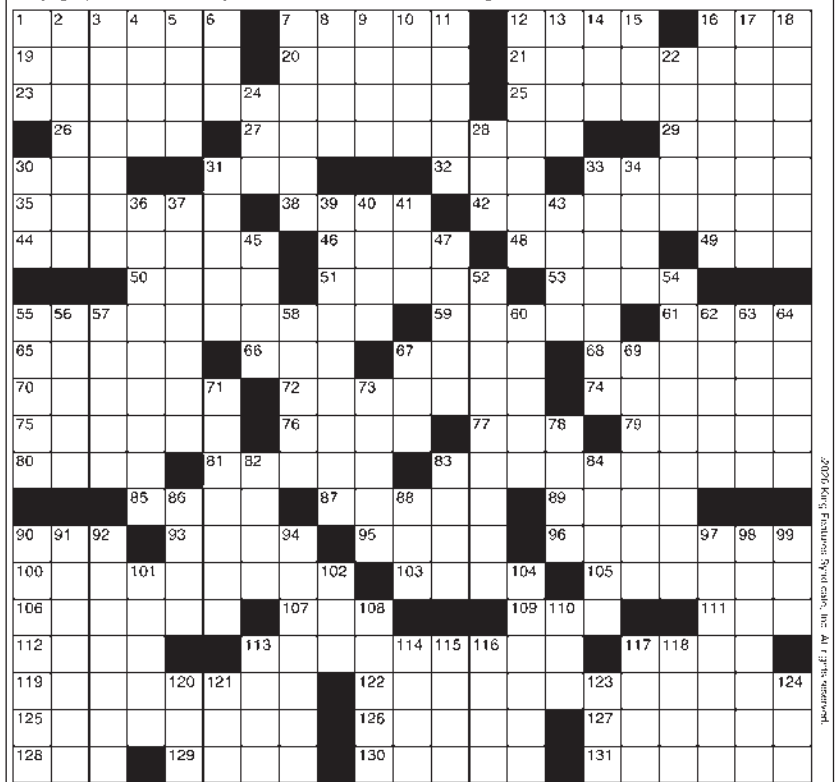
Super Crossword PUZZLING PERJURY

ACROSS
 1 Illuminated like quaint old streets
 7 Taxi mechanic
 12 Shut noisily
 16 If I ask me ...
 19 Full of mischief
 20 Dam on the Nile
 21 Very angry
 23 What you may feel after doing something very bad
 25 In a messy way
 26 Be worthy of
 27 Feudal sovereign
 29 Big name in car rental
 30 Back-mouth
 31 Currency in 60-Down
 32 Hosp. zones
 33 James of "Gunsmoke"
 35 Sly plan
 38 Somewhat
 42 Shed for watercrafts
 44 In — terms (not using technical jargon)

DOWN
 1 They may be AWOL
 2 Old Glory's home
 3 Very eye-catching
 4 Pick-me-up
 5 Allot part
 6 E'en if
 7 Señora, say
 8 Court great Arthur
 9 Little branch
 10 "Citizen" of film
 11 Trig measure
 12 Cousin of a custard apple
 13 "Casablanca" character
 14 ABA mem.
 15 Med. scan
 16 "Uncle"
 17 Address
 18 Homeric epic
 22 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel)
 24 Hoppy brew
 28 Sky sphere
 30 Broadband
 31 Gossipy sort
 33 Up for debate
 34 Emu's cousin
 36 Full of feeling

ACROSS
 46 "Fernando" group
 48 Ballet bend
 49 Settle the bill
 50 Bi-x four
 51 Top 40 DJ
 53 "My life open book"
 55 Clothing supporter
 59 Smidgens
 61 Wild West's Wyatt
 65 North of Iran-
 66 Decks in a boxing ring
 67 Med. care
 68 Loan shark
 70 New York Giants
 72 Certain legend
 74 In a macabre manner
 75 Down East dweller
 76 "Night" writer
 77 PE place
 79 Allied
 80 Wintour of fashion
 81 Thus far
 83 Major leaguer, e.g.
 85 Endure
 87 Fossil rock
 89 Debt security

DOWN
 90 Biceps
 93 Spiced tea
 95 Dueling tool
 96 Close enough to touch
 100 People tending butting beasts
 103 Hunger sign
 105 Et — (and others)
 106 Banked (on)
 107 Diner bill
 108 Gallery stuff
 111 Gat decayed
 112 Tense confession
 113 "Hold on just a minute!"
 117 Planted "pet"
 119 Nutty holiday dessert
 122 Commit perjury ... or what literally can be found eight times in this puzzle
 125 Unsticks, as a stoker
 126 Fifth wheel?
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 128 Letters before essses
 129 Doing the job
 130 1941 Oscar winner
 131 Park board



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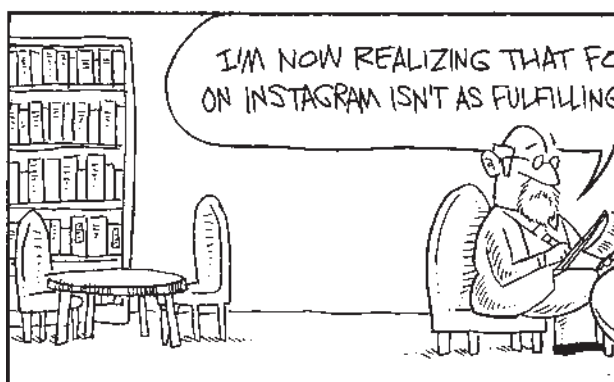
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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

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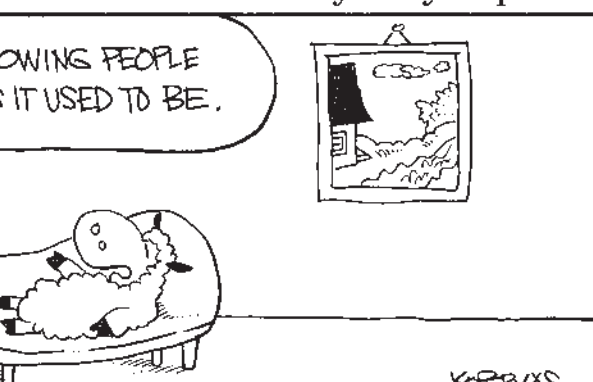
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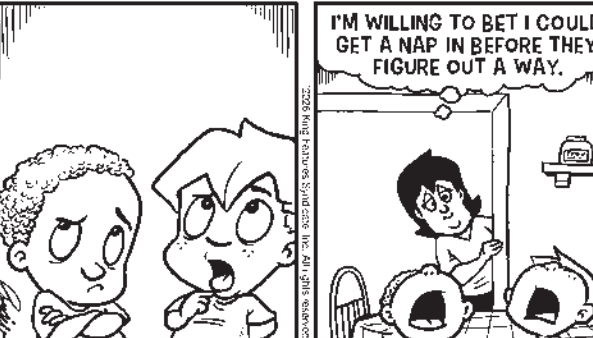
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

CQD'N YUUR ZNJAVC VY MQJ
 CQD'N RVLV STON UBUXMQDU
 URZU AXUNUDCZ NQ RQBU.
 — UHHO SONZQD

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What are the names of the three girls in the animated series "Powerpuff Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean lies between Australia and Africa?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMXXVI?
- MUSIC: Who won Best New Artist at the 2026 Grammys?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is an archipelago?
- MOVIES: Which classic movie has the tagline, "From the moment they met it was murder"?
- GAMES: How many basketball players can be on the court at the same time?
- SCIENCE: What is the heliosphere?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is vexillology?
- HISTORY: Who was the only English king to be executed for treason?

Answers

- Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles.
- Indian Ocean.
- 2,026.
- Olivia Dean.
- Hawaii.
- "Double Indemnity."
- 10, five from each team.
- The Sun's solar winds and magnetic fields create a protective bubble around our solar system.
- The study of flags.
- Charles I in 1649.

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Pentacle Theatre hosts Acting Workshop with Jo Dodge

Pentacle Theatre's popular Acting Workshop with Jo Dodge returns June 13.

Since founding the class in 1981, Dodge has trained and inspired over 2,000 students, leaving an indelible mark on our community's creative spirit and stagecraft. Dodge's class is more than an acting workshop — it's a journey. For over four decades, Dodge has helped students discover their

voices, develop their craft, and most importantly, understand the power of human connection. Her unique approach focuses on truth over technique, collaboration over competition, and vulnerability over performance.

"Jo's most important gift lies in the intangibles," said a Pentacle Theatre spokesperson. "She helps us expand our sense of our collective humanity and the variety of the human condition.

Her direction is insightful and deeply human, guiding students to find truth in every line, every scene, and ultimately within themselves."

Students will learn to:

- Interpret scripts with precision — word for word, with no paraphrasing
- Find emotional truth in performance
- Collaborate in a safe, supportive, and non-competitive environment
- Develop a deeper understanding of

character, subtext, and story

Whether you're an experienced actor or a curious beginner, this class offers an opportunity to grow as an artist and as a person. Many of Jo's former students have gone on to perform and direct at Pentacle Theatre and beyond — but all have left with a greater sense of confidence and connection.

To register or learn more, go to www.PentacleTheatre.org.

Community Briefs

DALLAS MOSAIC LADIES HOST WOMEN'S BUNKO JUNE 4

Dallas Mosaic Ladies host Women's Bunco Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 4 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. It's \$5 to play. Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share if you want. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

MONMOUTH HAS PRIDE RETURNS JUNE 6

The annual Monmouth Has Pride event returns from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 6 at Main Street Park, 120 Main Street E. There will be live entertainment at the amphitheater by Hannah Wood, Hell on Heels, Richard Rider, Luke N Good, and Rock N Bliss. The event also includes a free hotdog picnic, free crafts and games, more than 60 vendors, a free tie dye station with the purchase of a shirt and an attendee foot parade. For more information, go to <https://monmouthpride.com>. The Polk County Democrats return as sponsors. Stop by their booth for voter info, pins, bumper stickers, or just to say hello.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER JUNE 6

Mid-Valley Parenting, Bambinos Oregon and Monmouth Public Library present a Polk County Community Baby Shower, on June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S. Drop in to the Monmouth Public Library for a free community baby shower! All expecting parents and families with babies will get a baby gate, books, raffle entries, light refreshments, and more.

ACRES OF HOPE YOUTH RANCH HOSTS BARN PARTY FUNDRAISER JUNE 6

Acres of Hope Youth

Ranch hosts 2026 Barn Party Fundraiser — Throw Open the Windows, is June 6 from 5-8 p.m. at 6665 Rickreall Road, in Independence. During the evening, youth and families will share powerful stories of transformation alongside the equine mentors who have walked with them on their journeys from hurt to hope. Guests will enjoy live music, authentic BBQ, and silent auctions. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, go to <https://bit.ly/4dk6IRD>.

RICKREALL EVENT HALL HOSTS CREATIVE VENDORS & COLLECTIBLES MARKET

The Rickreall Event Hall hosts their biannual Creative Vendors & Collectibles market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6-7 at 305 Nesmith Road, in Rickreall. There will be vendors selling creative creations and collectibles, indoors and outdoors. Admission is free. Food will be available to purchase.

SYMPHONY PRESENTS HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA PERFORMANCE JUNE 6-7

The Willamette Valley Symphony, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents their Happy 250th Birthday, America performance June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Albany Performing Arts Center, and June 7 at 4 p.m., at the Ashbrook Independent School. These concerts feature selections by renowned American composers, including Copland, Bernstein, Ellington and more. Come 45 minutes early to enjoy a pre-concert talk with our artistic director, Lance Inouye. Tickets are free for ages 17 and under, \$22 for adults, and \$20 for seniors 65 and older. Tickets are available online at <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/>

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FARMERS MARKET HOSTS INDY DAYS INFO DAY JUNE 14

Get information and tickets for the Indy Days at the Cultural Harvest Farmer Market from 1-6 p.m. at Main Street Park, 120 Main St E, in Monmouth. At this event you can buy tickets and learn the schedule for Independence Days 2026, register for the Duck Derby, sign-up for the Independence Days Talent Show, learn about volunteer opportunities, buy merchandise, and learn about Friends of Community Parks, the nonprofit organizer of this year's event.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS RICKREALL AUTO SWAP MEET JUNE 13

The 27th annual Rickreall Auto Swap Meet returns to the Polk County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 520 S Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. Festivities include 160+ Auto Swap Meet Vendors, Show 'n Shine Car Show, food, and music. Free parking. General admission is \$10 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are free.

TWO WOLVES TAPROOM HOSTS DRAG THROUGH THE DECADES JUNE 13

Two Wolves Taproom presents Drag Through the Decades, at 8 p.m. June 13 at 71 SW Court St. in Dallas. Get ready for a night of glam, performances, music, and unforgettable entertainment. Get tickets at <https://bit.ly/4db8LBO>.

MASTER GARDENERS HOST DESTINATION INSPIRATION JUNE 13

Master Gardeners OSU/Polk County present Destination Inspiration, a guided tour, individual stroll, through more than 20 distinct themed gardens within Polk County Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden, the Inspiration Garden

at Mt. Fir Park at 10 a.m. June 13. There will be activities for all ages, with passports and prizes, and OSU Master Gardener volunteers will be onsite to share about the plants in the garden and answer all your gardening questions. Meet at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas.

SCOUT TROOP 38 PLANS REUNION JUNE 14

Scout Troop 38, and Troop 27, are celebrating 83 years of Scouting in Monmouth and Independence with a reunion barbecue from 3-5 p.m. June 14 at Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United, 412 Clay St. W., in Monmouth. Reconnect with former Scouts, supporters and volunteers that have ever been a part of Troop 38 or Troop 27 and share memories and good food. The current Scouts will be sharing some of the fun activities that they completed at Camporee this year. Bring photos or mementos of your own to share.

INDY COMMONS HOSTS SIDE HUSTLE SUMMER CAMP JUNE 18

Indy Commons hosts Side Hustle Summer Camp from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 18 at 154 S Main St, in Independence. This is a three-part, hands-on workshop series designed to

help you turn your ideas into something real—and actually take action. Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/43jZDX4>.

MONMOUTH PRAYER ROOM HOSTS 24 HOUR BURN JUNE 19

The Monmouth Prayer Room hosts a 24 Hour Burn, starting at 6 p.m. June 19 at 119 Main St E, Monmouth. A citywide worship and prayer event — 24 hours of declaring Jesus to be the one thing we love, need, and burn for.

PCL PRESENTS SUMMER SOLSTICE BENEFIT AUCTION JUNE 20

Partnership in Community Living presents Summer Solstice Benefit Auction at 5 p.m. June 20 at Eola Hills Wine Cellar, at 501 Highway 99, in Rickreall. Enjoy an evening of food and wine, silent and live auctions, and a string quartet, supporting people in shaping homes, lives, and family in all its forms. For tickets, go to <https://ssba2026.auctria.events>.

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SALEM HEALTH MEDICAL CLINIC — **MONMOUTH** is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., 512 Main St., Suite 300, 503-814-5227.

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Independence — Central Health and Wellness Center —

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Monmouth goes country on Memorial Day



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A nice-sized crowd gathered at Monmouth's Main Street Park for the inaugural Memorial May Country Music Festival despite the threat of rain. The event featured performances by Lee Wanner and Counter Country, The Shinkle Band, and The Schown Slade Band. Wanner, who plays guitar in all three groups, organized the event. Wanner owns Northwest Music Studio in Dallas, and is pictured wearing the stars and stripes shirt.

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full time job outside the music industry – from law to real estate.

"Even though we've been playing non stop, we call this our 'mental health' break. It helps keep us under control," Gonzalez said. "It got a little tough for us last year, intense. Some days we'd play three gigs in one day. We keep that under control these days."

Exploring the videos of them performing they've posted on their Facebook page shows the band comfortably performing, whether it's squeezed into the corner of a bar's outdoor patio or center stage in front of a packed indoor community center. Gonzalez said their busy schedule frequently takes them outdoors, especially wineries outside

Portland to down past the Willamette Valley. Weather is never an issue.

"I love the weather in Oregon," he said. "It's warmer and drier in Cuba. But humidity can be the main factor here. But I got used to the weather up here. We play in open venues in summer, which is an ideal setting to do our best."

The biggest adjustment he's had to make is switching between two sets of conga heads for his percussion setup. The plastic heads are more conducive to Oregon's setting and don't need to be adjusted all year. His other set, which feature natural skin surfaces, do need adjusting should the weather get more inclement.

Regardless of the weather, Gonzalez said Son de Cuba has garnered quite the following of regulars that follow them to performances

around the state. He added as the group's manager, he's also received some odd booking requests from outside the U.S.

"They didn't realize we weren't actually based in Cuba," Gonzalez said, pointing to the offers of gigs from Miami to Alaska, and even one in Russia.

Wherever they set up, Gonzalez enjoys speaking to the audience first, to explain their music and invite them to the dance floor.

"It's a way for us to show Oregon our culture and why we play the way we play. Maybe teach them a salsa lesson beforehand. People like it, explaining why we move the way we move," Gonzalez said.

Follow Son de Cuba on their extensive tour of Oregon from their Facebook and Instagram pages.

PROGRAM

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burning, what they're burning, how big it is, things like that," he said.

So the city will over the next two years implement a pilot program to evaluate how many people are actually open burning, how often, and where, gather that data and then bring that data back to the Public Safety Committee to decide whether or not the administration needs to implement any regulations.

Latta explained some cities, like Monmouth, have an actual open burning ban. He doesn't envision Dallas going that route after implementing the pilot tracking program. "We don't think that we need to go there, right? But are there instances or things that we do want to require with open burning. Like it'd be so far away from any structures to limit, reduce the impact that that open burn might have on burning down something that shouldn't be burned," he said.

He added residents registering their open burn has no costs and no enforcement fines during the program pilot phase.

"So how this would

practically work is if we get a call for an open burn that's going on and it's not registered, we would respond. So one of our fire staff would go out and say, 'Hey, did you know there's a registration?' We're just gathering data on open burns. You have a QR code on a piece of paper, on a clipboard and say, can you scan this and just register, right?" Latta explained. "So then that gets registered and we know, hey, this open burn took place on this day and we got somebody who's going to do more open burning and then we can kind of track that throughout the year. So it's really just gathering data on how much open burning is actually occurring in the city of Dallas, because we just don't know."

Wallace jumped into the discussion saying the pilot program presents a good educational opportunity for the community and offers a positive interaction between them and her staff.

"We've had several people who have burned their weeds who've caused their houses to catch on fire," Wallace said. "So I think most importantly, we wanna make sure that people are, if they're going to

burn, they're gonna do it responsibly. We would like to collect that data to see how that's working."

Councilmember Carlos Barrientos was hesitant to implement a new registration program that could go awry down the road.

"Yeah, you have to look long term, I think. We have to assume best intentions from the fire department. But I could see a slippery slope here where, okay, it's a voluntary registration," Barrientos said. "And then it's gonna be a forced registration. And this registration is gonna be, there's gonna be a fee assessed to it. So I think it's incumbent on everybody to ask a lot of questions."

However, Councilmember David Shein was all for implementing the pilot program.

"I don't see a downside here. Nobody's gonna be enforced against or penalized," he said. "We're just gonna create a database that we can use to make or not make a decision. And that to me is a better way of doing it than throwing darts at a board. I don't see a downside."

No action was taken as it was the first reading of the new pilot program ordinance.

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Street Bridge). This work will be done at night between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. to minimize traffic impacts

Currently, three lines supply drinking water from the Geren Island Water Treatment Facility near Stayton to West Salem. None of these water lines were designed

to survive a large earthquake. However, the new water line on the retrofitted Center Street Bridge will be designed to survive a major earthquake and will be large enough to serve all of West Salem.

City staff expect no traffic impact for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians from the work in West Salem. Overnight construction near Front Street Northeast will disrupt

traffic between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Staff urge caution for pedestrians and motorists should expect some delays and follow traffic control signs. Work will require traffic control, including shifting travel lanes and rerouting pedestrians and cyclists around the work area.

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Dallas's playoff run ends with loss to Canby

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For The Itemizer-Observer

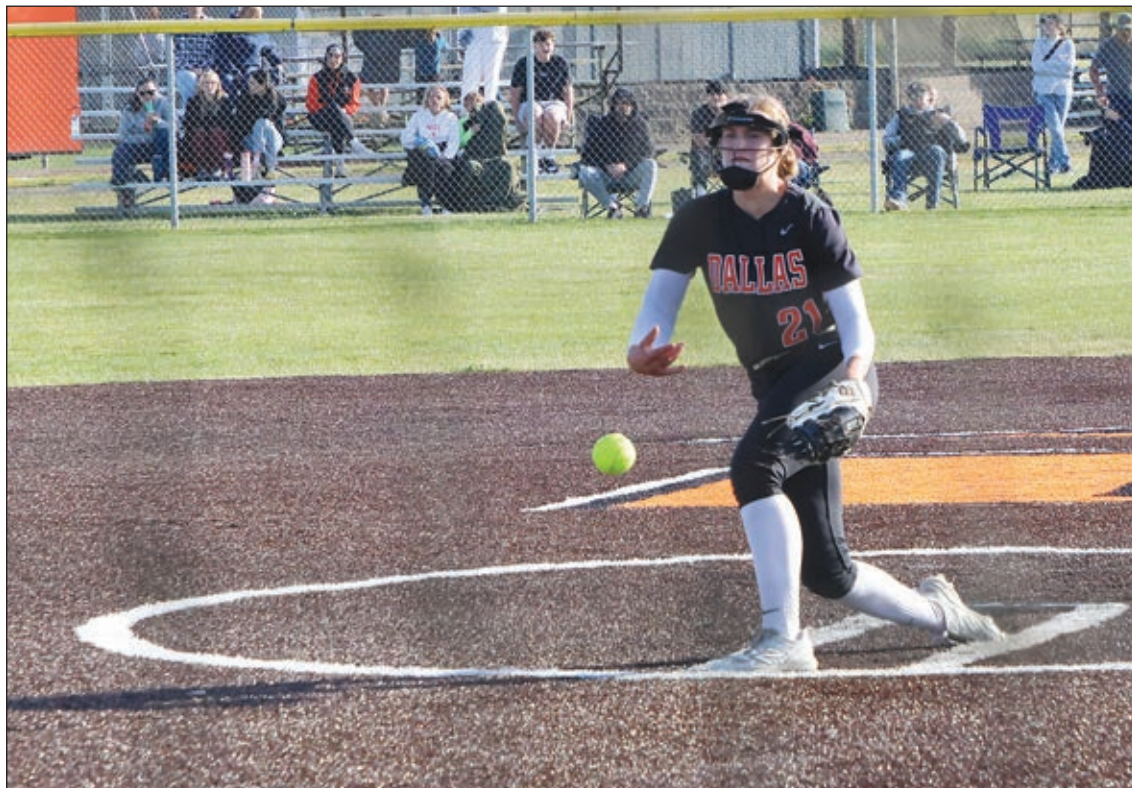


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Dallas junior Maddi Jones pitches Friday against the Canby, only giving up three runs. However, the Dragon offense was equally shut down in the 3-2 loss during the state quarterfinals matchup.

Dallas ran out of runs. One game after scoring 21, they rolled a deuce in a 3-2 loss to Canby in the OSAA softball state quarterfinals.

Canby wasn't overpowering at the plate, but the Cougars capitalized on their opportunities and did just enough to eke out the victory.

The loss ended the Dragons' season at 23-6 overall. They also finished second in the OSAA ranking and went undefeated in Mid-Willamette Conference play at 14-0.

With the win, the seventh-ranked Cougars improved to 22-7 overall after winning the Northwest Oregon Conference with a 15-1 record.

Scoring runs was not a problem May 26 in the Dragons' playoff opener where Dallas scored early and often in a 21-2 route.

"This was a great team effort. I thought we came out focused, played clean defensively, and did a good job staying disciplined at the plate," said Dallas coach Brandi

Jackson. "In playoff games, regardless of the opponent or score, our goal is always to play our game and stay sharp." Dallas came out on fire, as

the team scored seven runs in its first at-bat.

The onslaught continued, with the game called after five innings due to the mercy rule.

The Dragons cleared their bench in this one.

"We were able to get all 16 players in the game, which was great to see," Jackson added. "It

was truly a total team effort."

With only three seniors on the roster, and with the score leaning heavily in the Dragons' favor, younger players gained valuable playoff experience.

"One of the best parts of a game like that is seeing athletes stay engaged and ready for when their number is called," Jackson said. "Those opportunities help build confidence, and I thought our players did a great job taking advantage of their moments and contributing to the team's success."

The Dragons collected 17 hits from 10 different players. Maddi Jones, Kadence Tullock and Kyleigh Cram, a freshman, each had 4 RBIs, while Harlow Nelson and Lilli Rodriguez each collected three hits.

On the mound were Jones and Rachel Hansen. They combined on a two-hitter through five innings.

"They pitched a good game," Jackson said. "Also, defensively, I thought we played very clear softball."

Ruby Halligan, Riley Rozar and Hansen are the team's seniors.

Mercy! Panthers punch ticket to semifinals

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Central varsity baseball team continued its impressive postseason run with back-to-back playoff victories against Silverton and Wilsonville.

With the wins, the Panthers moved on to face Ridgeview June 2 in the Class 5A semifinals (Results were unavailable before the I-O deadline).

Timely hitting and strong pitching powered Central past the Foxes, 16-6, in a Friday game called after six innings by the mercy rule.

Joe Mendazona started for the Panthers. The junior pitcher kept Silverton's potent offense off-balance through the first four innings by consistently locating multiple pitches in the strike zone. He allowed just three hits.

Max Ferris and Jackson Barba closed out the victory in relief.

"Jackson coming in at the

end of the fifth and getting it done in the sixth was big for us," Panthers' coach Ben Kramer said.

Central's offense got rolling early when Santi Alarcon launched a three-run homer in the first inning. He finished with five RBIs.

Central also got three RBIs from Cooper Larson and three hits from JT Girod.

The Panthers erupted for nine runs in the fourth and led 12-1.

In the fifth, the Foxes rallied for five runs, thereby cutting its deficit to six and prolonging the game.

"Silverton is a very good team and battled offensively, so their rally was a good test for us to respond," Kramer said.

The Panthers added one run in their half of the fifth and three more in the sixth. Girod's single in that fateful frame provided Central with the run it needed to end the



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

JT Girod (left) is chased down by Aiden Dunigan (14) and the rest of the Panthers after his walk-off single sent Central into the semifinals of the state playoffs.

game early on the mercy rule.

Central defenders committed four errors that led to six unearned runs.

But, as they say, a dominant win is a dominant win. The Panthers are now 22-7 on the season.

Ridgeview entered Tuesday's game with a mark

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Pirates' improvement noted after season ends

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Despite a season-ending playoff loss, the Pirates showed they can hold their own against the best.

"Friday showed we can compete with anyone," said Jeremy Gunther, the team's coach.

In this case, the competition was provided by second-ranked Weston-McEwen. The result was a 10-6 win for the TigerScots, now 16-6 overall. But the final score could have been closer.

"A couple mistakes in the outfield cost us four runs, and not taking advantage of bases-loaded opportunities in the third, sixth and seventh innings hurt us," Gunther explained.

Senior pitcher Isabelle Arthur turned in a strong performance for Perrydale, striking out eight over six innings. She allowed eight hits and four

earned runs.

"Isabelle pitched her best game and did a great job hitting her spots," Gunther said.

Brooklyn Barcroft provided an offensive highlight with a three-run home run, while Madison Barcroft added her own spark, going 2-for-4 with three runs scored. Madison reached safely on all four bunt attempts, including two that resulted in throwing errors.

"She was responsible for getting us going and creating momentum and energy in multiple innings because of her well-placed bunts," Gunther said of Madison.

The two teams also met last year. Perrydale was no-hit 8-0 by Weston-McEwen in that contest.

"This year's stat line shows how hard we worked all season and that we can do damage offensively against anyone," Gunther said.

The Pirates graduate Arthur



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Perrydale's Madison Gunther is safe at home during the Pirates' 11-10 playoff win over defending state champion Grant Union on May 27.

and catcher Lily Eichler, but otherwise return a strong core.

"With players turning their attention to summer basketball and jobs, the team will regroup during winter workouts and build on a season that demonstrates the program's continued growth," Gunther said.

Reaching the second round of the playoffs and hosting a postseason game are two signs that the team is headed in the right direction, the coach added.

On May 27, Perrydale got an impressive Round 1 win over defending state champions Grant Union/Prairie City, 11-10, by taking control early, and then holding on for dear life.

The Pirates scored seven runs in the first inning and four more in the third for an 11-0 advantage against the Prospectors.

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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.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 21

At 12:47 p.m., a resident on 17th Street reported being the target of a potential scam. She did not fall for it, but wanted law enforcement to document it.

Officers responding to a disturbance involving men fighting with a knife arrived on E Street and South 4th Street to find no knives but a significant scratch on a vehicle. Sean Mathers had been driving erratically up and down the block where his ex-girlfriend lived yelling insults at people outside. At one point Mathers exited his vehicle and was told to leave by Jeffrey Mills. As Mathers left Mills used a multi-tool to create a foot long scratch on Mathers' truck. Mathers was cited for

disorderly conduct 2 and Mills was cited for criminal mischief 2.

At 3:14 p.m., officers investigated a report of children left in a car on Monmouth Street. The vehicle was gone upon their arrival.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

At 10:38 p.m., during a domestic dispute Zachariah Tinder drove recklessly in the 1300 block of F Street and endangered his victim by continuing to drive as she was attempting to exit the vehicle. He was arrested and charged with reckless driving and reckless endangering.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

At 4:01 a.m., an officer investigated a report of an electric bicycle lying down on Hoffman Road between James Street and Airport Road. The bike was found and it appeared it had been there several hours. As no one was around to claim the Hi Keep electric bike, valued at \$1,500, the IPD took custody of the bike.

An officer on traffic grant patrol noticed a vehicle abruptly pull out onto the roadway in front of a pedestrian on the sidewalk in the 1000 block of Monmouth

Street. Upon conducting the traffic stop the officer noticed a moderate odor of alcohol and the driver was displaying signs of intoxication as he spoke. Florencio Ramirez failed a field sobriety test and was transported to the police station where he blew a BAC of .26%. Ramirez was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant at the misdemeanor level and transported to Polk County Jail.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

At 5:32 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a reckless driver on Monmouth Street but was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

At 9:46 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance on E Street. A juvenile subject was arrested.

MONDAY, MAY 25

At 10:27 a.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, no insurance and for child passenger not wearing a seat belt. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

Robert Majors was stopped in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street for

having expired registration on his vehicle and was found to not have a valid license. Majors was arrested for failure to present an operator's license and also cited for driving while suspended and warned for expired registration and un-signalized turns.

Leonardo Maciel Tolento Jr. was cited and released on Independence-Monmouth Street at E Street for failure to return a suspended license due to failing to appear in traffic court for unresolved citations.

At 3:13 p.m., a loose dog was found on Hoffman Road and returned to its owner.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Estrella Bradley was arrested and charged with assault 4 at the felony level after an investigation concluded that she had recklessly caused physical injury to a family member in the 1400 block of E Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

At 11:12 a.m., officers investigated a report of a stolen firearm on Aeronca Street.

At 4:33 p.m., officers helped Public Works remove a large fallen tree branch from the road on

Gun Club Road.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Domestic Dispute - A verbal domestic dispute occurred over past relationship and life issues. Nothing physical occurred. The man did not want to speak and left while officers were on scene. The argument occurred in front of their 18-month-old daughter. The report will be forwarded to the Department of Human Services for information only. The woman advised she was ending the relationship and planned to leave with her daughter.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - An individual was stopped for failure to display a license plate and failure to renew registration. The individual exhibited indicators of impairment and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. The person was arrested. The individual was lodged at a local facility for driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person, and also cited for the listed violations and driving uninsured.

Alarm - An officer responded to a commercial burglary alarm at a store. The store manager advised that cables connected to the riding mowers had tripped the alarm. No further assistance was needed.

Found Property - A wallet found in the street near a restaurant was turned in to the station. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The wallet was placed into evidence for safekeeping.

Suspicious Person - A woman called after a female solicitor came to her door. She wanted the female to be warned for soliciting. An officer drove through the area but was unable to locate the person.

Suspicious Person - A woman called after having two different males lingering around the front of her property over two days (one with a tool belt, one in cultural clothing). The males did not speak to her and were not there long. No crimes were reported. She was advised to call back if there was a safety concern or suspicious activity.

Fraud - A person filed an online fraud report claiming to be scammed

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Dallas Nights Farmers Market, Academy Building
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Hit Machine, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Dallas Nights - Son De Cuba, Academy Building Amphitheater
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
 10 a.m. - Monmouth Has Pride, Main Street Park Amphitheater, 120 Main Street E.
 10 a.m. - Polk County Community Baby Shower, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Dug Cox & Smokewagen, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:45 p.m. - Moonfall Theatre Goes to the Country, 11140 Orrs Corner Rd, Rickreall, purchase tickets at
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9 a.m. - Polk Flea Market, All 3 buildings at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
 1 p.m. - Live Music: Timothy Patrick, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, JUNE 8

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Spring Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact

Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center
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 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

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PCIO26-275 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Updates to Independence Development Code LA 2026-03 On Monday, June 15, 2026 (7:00 pm), the Independence Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a series of code changes that would implement recommendations from the Independence Housing Production Strategy. The changes would expand the allowed housing types that are permitted in residential zones; slightly reduce the minimum lot size for single-unit homes and duplexes; add standards for cottage clusters; and add standards for Middle Housing Land Divisions, among other items. Details about the proposed changes are available at www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects/. If the Planning Commission votes to recommend that the City Council approve of the document, the Independence City Council will consider the proposal during a public hearing on July 14, 2026. The Council hearing will start shortly after 6:30 pm. Hearing

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Locations: The public hearings will occur at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the proposed changes is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearings. Physical copies of the documents may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit the testimony up to and at the public hearings. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearings. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns, by the close of the hearings. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Independence City Council or the Land Use Board of Appeals). Staff Contact: Individuals with questions about the update should contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us. 06/03/26

PCIO26-277 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 146272-OR Loan No.: ***8528** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by STANLEY STEEVES AND

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COLLEEN D. STEEVES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, FKA QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/18/2022, recorded 2/23/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-002422, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 5, GENTRY ESTATES PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. APN: 562295 / 07534-CA-09900 Commonly known as: 1642 SE CORTLAND AVE DALLAS, OR 97338-9225 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 9/1/2025 - 5/1/2026 Total: \$13,358.71 Late Charges: \$162.87 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,688.24 Total Required to Reinstatement: \$15,209.82 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$240,167.03 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$231,257.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.25 % per annum, from 8/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is

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3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 9/22/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 5/13/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 06/03/26, 06/10/26, 06/17/26, 06/24/26

PCIO26-279 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please

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take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/23/2026 at 12:00PM. Jacob Lacroix unit #16. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/03/26, 06/10/26

PCIO26-280 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87
Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 6/17/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by HKS Auto Company 8990 Dejong Rd, Amity, OR 2014 Toyota Tacoma VIN = 3TMLU4EN0EM142544 Amount due on lien \$9440.00 Reputed owner(s) GALLOWAY, JEREMY, RIVERMARK COMM CU, LEACH, CHRIS 06-03-26 06-10-26

PCIO26-274 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-25-1029794-RM
Reference is made to that certain deed made by, SHERRI JOE'LYNN SULLIVAN AND KENNY DEWAYNE SULLIVAN, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to AMERITITLE, LLC, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/28/2021, recorded 9/28/2021, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2021-015327 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 572073 07528-DC-06400 LOT 10, ELLENDALE ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 14, PAGE 16) Commonly known as: 478 SE PINE ST, DALLAS, OR 97338-3032 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which

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the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$18,745.81 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$331,157.15 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 8/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 9/22/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Front Entrance to the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850

FORM OR-LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-284

A public meeting of the City of Independence City Council will be held on June 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the City of Independence Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or online at www.ci.independence.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Amanda Carey, Finance Director Telephone: 503-870-1170 Email: acarey@ci.independence.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	17,080,699	13,461,343	18,287,370
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	9,417,412	12,845,965	12,378,730
3. Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations, & Donations	5,733,034	3,749,000	3,548,600
4. Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	500,000	3,000,000	10,210,000
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements	914,974	1,763,513	1,133,262
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	3,306,477	2,205,345	2,887,143
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	2,088,223	3,172,000	3,270,000
8. Total Resources - add lines 1 through 7	40,222,838	40,287,194	51,715,358

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
8. Personnel Services	7,579,010	8,415,000	9,472,000
9. Materials and Services	3,914,339	5,815,684	5,263,733
10. Capital Outlay	4,151,484	13,302,041	20,481,974
11. Debt Service	2,118,345	1,782,046	2,799,000
12. Interfund Transfers	1,128,026	2,188,613	1,575,252
13. Contingencies	5,261,799	6,094,795	10,289,845
14. Special Payments	0	0	0
15. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,663,299	1,668,613	1,853,251
17. Total Requirements - add lines 8 through 15	25,807,313	40,287,194	51,715,358

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
Administration	437,271	299,600	401,750
Administration FTE	1.39	0.87	0.87
Finance	155,801	205,500	233,890
Finance FTE	1.65	1.73	0.85
Human Resources	128,789	143,402	176,395
Human Resources FTE	0.42	0.42	0.52
Building Inspection	229,713	247,500	383,540
Building Inspection FTE	1.00	1.00	1.52
Information Technology	188,580	282,600	327,960
Information Technology FTE	0.80	0.85	1.21
Intarior	73,758	73,526	96,300
Intarior FTE	0.72	0.72	1.07
Police	3,302,288	4,156,216	4,321,100
Police FTE	19.60	21.08	19.10
Municipal Court	47,381	62,500	89,785
Municipal Court FTE	0.25	0.25	0.35
Economic Development	81,178	101,500	94,285
Economic Development FTE	0.25	0.10	0.15
Community Development	196,017	297,750	357,300
Community Development FTE	0.90	1.13	1.53
Community Services	0	616,300	893,350
Community Services FTE	0.00	4.35	5.72
Parks	341,279	417,300	514,380
Parks FTE	1.15	1.15	1.38
Facilities/Vehicle Repair & Replacement	364,824	1,204,500	1,315,450
Facilities/Vehicle Repair & Replacement FTE	0.73	0.96	0.99
Transportation	1,003,228	1,633,549	1,378,281
Transportation FTE	5.30	5.33	4.19
Economic Development Loan Fund	0	963,784	56,489
Economic Development Loan Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tourism & Events	568,655	408,110	365,543
Tourism & Events FTE	3.58	2.89	0.89
Grants Fund	447,354	4,082,874	7,890,066
Grants Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Obligation Bond Fund	77,195	469,500	410,200
General Obligation Bond Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Assessment Loan Fund	0	30,004	0
Special Assessment Loan Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
MINET Debt Fund	796,505	955,600	790,000
MINET Debt Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation SOC	287,222	1,863,486	1,413,855
Transportation SOC FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks Capital Reserve	148,256	66,344	97,134
Parks Capital Reserve FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks SOC	313,363	740,413	770,949
Parks SOC FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Projects Fund	0	820,152	902,129
Capital Projects Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sewer Fund	3,508,485	8,667,554	13,830,714
Sewer Fund FTE	4.75	4.97	6.16
Sewer SOC	729,894	1,372,653	567,691
Sewer SOC FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Fund	3,143,995	6,148,835	8,613,972
Water Fund FTE	4.75	4.97	6.40
Water SOC	109,844	1,613,373	1,905,017
Water SOC FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Drain Fund	658,018	1,088,225	1,096,428
Storm Drain Fund FTE	2.45	2.43	3.26
Storm Drain SOC	70,770	388,354	293,481
Storm Drain SOC FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	556,451	0	0
Library FTE	3.65	0.00	0.00
Museum	163,988	0	0
Museum FTE	1.70	0.00	0.00
Pest	5,283	0	0
Pest FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
IS Equipment Fund	4,182	0	0
IS Equipment Fund FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non Departmental	405,121	1,220,290	1,818,421
Non Departmental FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	7,245,703	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	25,807,313	40,287,194	51,715,358
Total FTE	83	93	86.76

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2025-2026	Rate or Amount Imposed Next Year 2026-2027
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.9897 Per \$1000)	\$4.9897	\$4.9897	\$4.9897
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds (rate limit 0.81 per \$1,000)	0	\$0.81	\$0.81

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$2,370,000	\$0
Other Bonds	\$6,120,000	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$7,071,803	\$0
Total	\$15,561,803	\$0

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26 290

A public meeting of the SW Polk Fire District will be held on June 11, 2026 at 8:15 pm at 15456 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the SW Polk Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget as approved by the District's Budget Committee may be inspected or obtained by visiting the District's website at swpolkfd.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the preceding year.

Contact: Fred Herbel Telephone: 503-925-4275 Email: therbel@swpolkfd.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	\$ 1,265,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	\$ 827,763.00	\$ 785,000.00	\$ 850,000.00
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	\$ 670,000.00	\$ 2,143,000.00	\$ 1,025,000.00
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	\$ 1,850,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 900,000.00
Total Resources	\$ 2,612,763.00	\$ 5,387,000.00	\$ 4,215,000.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Personnel Services	\$ 2,355,000.00	\$ 2,405,000.00	\$ 1,995,000.00
Materials and Services	\$ 827,763.00	\$ 834,000.00	\$ 670,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Debt Service	\$ 930,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Contingencies	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 100,000.00</	

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Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the

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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

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said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has

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any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest SHERRI SULLIVAN 478 SE PINE ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3032 Original Borrower KENNY SULLIVAN 478 SE PINE ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3032 For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been

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issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill

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the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-283

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk County Fire District No. 1 will be held on June 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, OR 97351. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Polk County Fire District No. 1 Budget Committee. A summary of the Budget is presented below. A copy of the Budget may be inspected or obtained at the Central Station, 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, Oregon between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. This Budget is for an Annual biennial budget period. This Budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as different than used the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are: (None)

Contact: Fire Chief Ben Stange Telephone: 503-838-1510 Email: stange.ben@polkfire.gov

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,785,811	2,918,593	3,891,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,803,952	1,482,300	1,555,000
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	115,606	205,513	3,012,193
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	151,425	115,000	150,000
All Other Resources Except Property Taxes	224,417	137,500	225,500
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	3,901,306	3,971,712	4,089,383
TOTAL RESOURCES	9,064,317	8,878,121	12,111,026

FORM OR-LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-286

A public meeting of the Hiltop Cemetery Maintenance District will be held on June 9, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Buena Vista Fire Station #40, 11350 Church Street, Buena Vista, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as approved by the Hiltop Cemetery Maintenance District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 4275 Commercial St SE, Suite 100, Salem, Oregon, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by calling (503)485-2448, or online at www.hiltop.org. This Budget is for an Annual biennial budget period. This Budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as different than used the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are: (None)

Contact: Michael L. Powers, CHAIRPERSON Telephone: (503)428-1466 Email: ---

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	18,302	19,743	19,945
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	0	0	0
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	0	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	100	100	100
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	24,794	37,412	37,512
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	75,781	87,357	90,157
Total Resources -- add lines 1 through 7	118,977	144,612	147,714

FORM OR-ED-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-282

Oregon Department of Revenue

A public meeting of the Falls City School District #57 will be held on June 15th 2026 at 6:30PM a.m. at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR 97344, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Falls City School District #57 Budget Committee.

A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 111 N Main St Falls City, OR 97344 between the hours of 8 a.m., and 3 p.m., or online at fallscityschools.org

This budget is for an annual; biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is: the same as; different than the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

Contact: Cory Ellis Telephone number: 503.787.3521 E-mail: cory.ellis@fallscityschools.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY -- RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Budget 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
1. Beginning Fund Balance	69,988	-272,000	75,000
2. Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	472,653	457,327	475,000
3. Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	130,274	133,250	142,000
4. Other Revenue from Local Sources	95,093	317,890	436,944
5. Revenue from Intermediate Sources	30	30,000	0
6. Revenue from State Sources	5,179,938	5,481,291	4,659,607
7. Revenue from Federal Sources	598,767	629,459	570,151
8. Interfund Transfers	22,240	298,958	481,653
9. All Other Budget Resources	0	0	0
10. Total Resources	6,568,983	7,076,177	6,840,354

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	22,933	23,955	25,255
Materials and Services	75,413	83,130	84,997
Capital Outlay	0	24,928	25,028
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	100	100	100
Contingencies	0	0	0
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	20,531	12,499	12,734
Total Requirements -- add lines 9 through 16	118,977	144,612	147,714

FINANCIAL SUMMARY -- REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
11. Salaries	3,234,361	2,539,720	1,697,434
12. Other Associated Payroll Costs	1,887,753	2,043,706	1,580,324
13. Purchased Services	2,414,532	1,247,672	1,375,944
14. Supplies & Materials	293,141	374,071	496,564
15. Capital Outlay	130,416	0	118,913
16. Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	698,972	127,250	998,419
17. Debt Service	0	444,799	0
18. Interfund Transfers	22,121	298,958	572,856
19. Operating Contingency	0	0	0
20. Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	-2,112,314	0	0
21. Total Requirements	6,568,983	7,076,177	6,840,354

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL OPTION TAX POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS/EVENT CENTER PC O26-770

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Oregon, on the following dates, locations and times:

Date	Location	Time
June 10, 2026	Polk County Courthouse Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	9:00 am
June 10, 2026	Polk County Courthouse Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	6:00 pm

Regarding the submission of the following Local Option Tax to the electors of the County at the election to be held November 3, 2026:

CAPTION: (10 words)

POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: (20 words)

Shall Polk County authorize a five-year Fairgrounds/Event Center local option tax of up to \$0.12/\$1,000 assessed value beginning 2027-28?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: (175 words)

This measure authorizes Polk County to levy a five (5) year local option tax of up to \$0.12/\$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2027 for the purpose of providing funding to the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center for operations, maintenance and improvements.

Monies generated from the local option tax will be used for the operations and maintenance of the facility (approximately 35% annually), and the remaining monies will be utilized to make improvements to the electrical system, the resurfacing of the parking areas, replacing interior walkways and paths, interior/exterior improvements to the main building, HVAC upgrades for multiple buildings, replacement of main building roof and technological upgrades to the facility.

The authorization of this measure will impact a property with an Assessed Value of \$300,000 (not Real Market Value) by increasing your current property taxes by \$36.00 in year one of the measure.

The \$0.12/\$1,000 local option tax will generate \$1,020,000 in 2027, \$1,055,700 in 2028, \$1,092,650 in 2029, \$1,130,900 in 2030, and \$1,170,500 in 2031 for a total of \$5,469,750.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

* Not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING FROM LAST YEAR**

Function	FTE for Function	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
1000 Instruction	4,486,641	2,860,661	2,860,661	
FTE	37.24	17.19	15.14	
2000 Support Services	3,830,957	3,186,161	2,442,466	
FTE	21.78	13.68	8.25	
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	256,005	230,598	436,939	
FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0	
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	107,694	55,000	100,000	
FTE				
5000 Other Uses				
5100 Debt Service*		444,799		
5200 Interfund Transfers*	0	298,958	984,861	
6000 Contingency				
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance				
Total Requirements		7,076,177	6,840,354	
Total FTE	61.02	32.87	25.39	

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.2052 Per \$1000)	4.2052	4.2052	4.2052
Local Option Levy	1.25	1.25	1.25
Levy for General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds	345,000	
Other Borrowings	929,871	
Total	1,274,871	

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THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-25-1029794-RM Dated: 4/29/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0314680 6/3/2026 6/10/2026 6/17/2026 6/24/2026

PCIO26-287 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: KATHRYN VANCE ROSS, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB04730 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Gregory Allan Tackett as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kathryn Vance Ross, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published June 03,2026. Gregory Allan Tackett, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com 06/03/26

PCIO26-288 Notice of Self Storage Sale Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on June 27th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Angela Trinidad unit 190 unit 142, Wyatt & Jazzmyn Davis unit 184, James Brown unit 136, Anthony Smith unit 206, Kaydra McCargar unit 371, Aaron Bassett unit A002 06/03/26, 06/10/26

PCIO26-289 PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT Contracting Agency: Polk County Fire District No. 1 Notice is hereby given that Polk County Fire District No. 1 intends to enter into a sole-source procurement contract pursuant to the requirements of ORS 279B.055(4) and OAR 137-047-0300. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES TO BE ACQUIRED - Agency desires to obtain professional services to develop and draft a Safety Action Plan as required by the federal Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant, and/or to procure assistance in managing the SS4A grant. The District intends to acquire proprietary, integrated software systems designed to interoperate with external health information exchanges (HIEs) and registries. This technology stack supports federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) roadway safety and post-crash response objectives by converting EMS field data, providing real-time pre-arrival clinical awareness (HALCYON Post-Crash Intelligence), and interfacing directly with Oregon's statewide registries (such as the Oregon POLST Registry). The services include NEMESIS-to-HL7 data transformation infrastructure to enable real-time hospital, EHR, and public health data interoperability. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR - Beyond Lucid Technologies, 27 Woodranch Circle. Danville, CA 94506. PUBLIC PROTEST AND DEADLINE - An affected person may protest the determination that the goods or services are available from only one source. All protests must be submitted in writing and include a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest. Protests must be received no later than Thursday, June 11, 2026, 5:00 PM at Polk County Fire District No.1 Central Station 1800 Monmouth St. Independence, OR 97351. 06/03/26

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PCIO26-269 NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING AND BUDGET CONSIDERATION A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ash Creek Water Control District, Polk County, State of Oregon, will be held at Indy Commons, 164 S Main Street, Independence. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the biennial budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, as approved by the Ash Creek Water Control District Budget Committee. To appear by telephone or other electronic means, contact Marilyn Morton at DistSec@AshCreekWCD.com no later than Noon, June 4, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Board of Directors will take place. A copy of the budget may be inspected on or after June 5, 2026, on the District's website. 05/27/26, 06/03/26

PCIO26-263 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/17/2026 at 10:00AM. Nichole Christoffersenn Unit #191; Chris Christensen Unit #196. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 05/27/26, 06/03/26

PCIO26-261 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No: 0691254528 T.S. No.: 25-16106 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, RAUL MACIAS ARANDA, AND MARIA TRINIDAD MACIAS ARANDA as Grantor to LUCY E KIVEL, ATTORNEY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/4/2003, recorded 4/17/2003, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2003-006998 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 07316-AB-01300 LOT 3, BLOCK 1, WESTRIDGE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Properly Commonly known as: 1044 HEMLOCK STREET NW, SALEM, Oregon 97304 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 4/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$51,281.73 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.25 % per annum from 5/1/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 10/6/2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time

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of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his succes-sors 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 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation 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 poten-tial danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (800) 793-6107 website: www.auction.com For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 5/6/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-005109 5/27/2026, 06/03/2026, 06/10/2026, 06/17/2026

PCIO26-257 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-77443 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by RICHARD BUCK as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 9/21/2024, recorded 9/27/2024, as Instrument No. 2024-007208, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 176, PARK PLACE-PHASE 5, IN THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1635 MADRONA ST E, MONMOUTH OREGON 97361 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 08429-CB-16400 / 566073 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly

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installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$35,745.56 Late Charges: \$502.08 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$4,918.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$589.00 Total necessary to cure: \$41,755.14 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$533,269.89 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 8/21/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 8/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 8/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$25,413.54 Late Charges: \$448.38 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,130.50 Unapplied Balance: (\$1,318.75) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,069.00 Total necessary to cure: \$28,742.67 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to

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subpart-C/section-1031.320)? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative.? If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury.? If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/9/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47523 Pub Dates 05/27, 06/03, 06/10, 06/17/2026

PCIO26-256 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-77786 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by GUADALUPE GONZALEZ III AND CHRYSTAL GONZALEZ, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to AMERITITLE LLC, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for WILLAMETTE VALLEY BANK, A CORPORATION, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 8/15/2022, recorded 8/19/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-009578, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 51, EOLA VIEW SUBDIVISION, in the City of Salem, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume 14, Page 8) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 808 CROUCHEN ST NW, SALEM, OREGON 97304 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 570427 / 07319-DA-08200 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 8/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 8/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$25,413.54 Late Charges: \$448.38 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,130.50 Unapplied Balance: (\$1,318.75) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,069.00 Total necessary to cure: \$28,742.67 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to

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confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$362,802.84 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 8/11/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.? See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320)? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative.? If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury.? If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/2/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47430 Pub Dates 05/20, 05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2026

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POLICE

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out of \$11,350 for an event that never happened, with transactions through an online payment service. An officer attempted contact but left a voicemail. The case was later determined to be handled by another police department.

Follow Up - An individual who purchased a firearm was located by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. They served him a protective order against a relative and seized his firearm per the order.

Overdose - An overdose was reported for an 81-year-old man who the caller believed took too many pills. The man was complaining of pain and vomiting, but denied taking the prescription medication next to him. Medics arrived and cleared the scene.

Fraud - A woman called on the non-emergency line to report her husband possibly falling for a scam. An officer called back and left a voicemail. The woman did not return the call, and the case was cleared pending a return call.

Trespass - Staff at a store requested a man be trespassed, as he had previously caused a disturbance a few days prior. He returned today and was not causing issues, but was gone before an officer arrived. The man was later officially trespassed.

Traffic Assist - A trolley driver called and reported too many vehicles were parked in the lot, blocking the gate and preventing the trolley from parking. When an officer arrived, the vehicle owners were starting to move on their own, and the trolley was able to park. The driver was advised to contact Public Works about potential cones or no-parking signs.

Assist Other Agency - An officer responded to a report of a potential vehicle fire and melting. The person contacted said she believed a burning cigarette had caught the door panel on fire. The officer did not observe any signs of impairment or drug paraphernalia. The person's probation officer was contacted and advised the person to check in the next day per their conditions.

Animal Complaint - A woman called to report a dog got loose from a nearby address, entered her backyard, and she fell and injured her knee while trying to chase it out. She was informed about the dog at large ordinance, and an officer was asked to follow up with the dog owners regarding the recurring issue.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Disturbance - Officers investigated a domestic

disturbance report of a man who punched a kitchen window. The man was very intoxicated and ran away from officers. He was detained after a short foot pursuit and lodged at a local facility for criminal mischief in the second degree and disorderly conduct in the second degree.

Arrest - A motorist was stopped for operation without required lighting equipment. The driver gave a false identity that was unable to be located but returned a near hit for his correct information. After confirming his true identity, he was lodged at a local facility for giving false information and failing to carry and present a license, and cited for several violations.

Trespass - Staff called after a male was seen attempting to set up a tent in the grass on their property along Highway 99. Staff asked him to leave, and he was cooperative, moving his tent to the sidewalk. Staff did not want the man officially trespassed. The man agreed to stay off the property and would move along from the sidewalk soon.

Illegal Parking - An officer investigated an anonymous complaint about a vehicle with an expired temporary tag parked in front of mailboxes. The vehicle was parked appropriately and not blocking access to the mailboxes. No further action was taken.

Animal Complaint - A person called after hearing what sounded like their neighbor hitting and beating their dog. Officers contacted the residents, who advised they are training the dog not to urinate in the apartment using a shock collar. The dog appeared happy, healthy, and uninjured, showing no evidence of a crime.

Citizen Contact - An officer performed a vehicle unlock for a person at a location.

Citizen Contact - An officer spoke with a person regarding their questions about placing a storage pod on the street. The person was advised to contact the city administration for any potential permit options.

Criminal Mischief - A man reported damage to his metal screen door, which he believed was kicked around 1 a.m. He requested documentation for his property management but did not want to pursue charges.

Citizen Contact - A woman came to the police department office again to complain about a previous crash, insisting the other driver lied and was at fault. She was advised there was nothing else the department could do for her and suggested consulting an attorney.

Domestic Dispute - A

verbal argument with shoving occurred between two women at home, escalating after one had been drinking. The woman who was shoved had no injuries and did not want any further action, stating the other woman was calming down.

Citizen Contact - A person complained that a man was blocking the sidewalk with his tent, preventing access with a wheelchair. An officer contacted the man, who started cleaning up his property to move along.

Update - Officers received more calls from staff regarding the man being on the sidewalk and grass along Highway 99. The director agreed with how the situation was handled since the man left when requested and did not want anything else done. It was decided that if the man returns and goes onto the property again, he should be officially trespassed.

Suspicious Activity - A person called after finding a dead cat on their porch with blood coming from its mouth and face. The cat was disposed of, but a video was provided. The caller wanted officers to know in case someone called about a missing cat.

Sex Offense - A woman reported that a man made an excuse to go to her apartment, and after they had drinks, he forcefully held her down in front of her 2-year-old child while attempting a sexual act. She was able to escape after biting him. She was at a hospital receiving a forensic exam kit. The man is currently wanted on a warrant from another county. Extra patrol was requested due to fear of the man returning.

Vehicle Versus Pedestrian - A woman called and said her 15-year-old son was hit by a vehicle while riding his bike in a crosswalk.

The driver stopped and checked on the son, who said he was fine, and they shook hands and left. The mother requested the driver's information, and an officer advised they would attempt to locate it.

Citizen Contact - A person called and reported an unknown male on a bicycle yelling racial slurs and trying to challenge them to a fight. The caller did not engage. An officer checked the area but was unable to locate the male, who was likely the same person from a previous trespass call.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Suspicious Activity - A person reported attempted prying on a deposit box at a bank. An officer observed damage, but an employee stated the damage was old and they were planning repairs, agreeing to have security review the camera footage.

Citizen Contact - An

intoxicated male yelled homophobic slurs at a person walking by a restaurant. An officer contacted the male, who apologized after being advised to be mindful of his language. No further action was taken.

Found Property - A passerby contacted an officer and advised they located an abandoned red and black electric bicycle, worth approximately \$1,500, lying down on a road. Another police department responded and took custody of the found property.

Citizen Contact - A man came home and found one of his roommates asleep in his bed, even though each party has their own bedroom. When woken, the roommate was nonsensical but eventually got up and walked out. The interaction was recorded by the caller, who did not want the officer to speak with the roommate.

Citizen Contact - A resident complained that the upstairs neighbor was dumping dirty water onto her porch through the deck slats, which appeared to be caused by watering plants. An officer filed a courtesy report and advised the resident that management was responsible for enforcing the issue. The upstairs neighbor was unaware of the problem.

Suspicious Activity - A person reported an inappropriate drawing made with chalk on the sidewalk near the north end of a park's playground. Public Works was notified of the drawing.

Driving - A road rage incident began in a nearby town after one driver showed an aggressive gesture to another for littering. The elderly driver of the other vehicle followed the man, pulled up, and wanted him to get out to fight. The man did not wish to pursue charges.

Follow Up - An officer followed up with a woman regarding a previous case. Photos were taken of her potential injuries and residence, and multiple items were collected for evidence.

Suspicious Activity - A report of a man attempting to enter a group home. He was contacted down the street and explained that his girlfriend, a former employee, had given him the wrong address.

Arrest - A man was arrested after assaulting and strangling his girlfriend during an argument as she was packing to leave. He was lodged at a local facility and charged with assault in the fourth degree, strangulation (felony), and harassment. The woman went to a hospital for a forensic exam.

Suspicious Person - Two women reported that an intoxicated male had tried chasing them on a street and was verbally

harassing them. They yelled at him, causing him to stop chasing them, and he walked away. An officer checked the area but was unable to locate him.

Fight - A woman found her son at the university's intramural fields, where he was visibly intoxicated and admitted to drinking and smoking marijuana with other juveniles who all fled when the woman arrived. The son was detained, trespassed indefinitely from the university, and referred to juvenile services. Campus security requested that the other juveniles be trespassed as well when they are contacted.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Stolen Vehicle - Another police department located and stopped a vehicle previously stolen in the city. The stolen status was confirmed, and victim information was passed along to their dispatch for follow up on evidence collection.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - A man was stopped for operation without required lighting equipment and failure to display license plates. He exhibited indicators of impairment and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. He was arrested after registering a BAC of 0.14%. He was lodged at a local facility and charged with Driving under the influence of intoxicants, recklessly endangering another person, and criminal mischief in the third degree (for urinating in the holding cell). His passenger was issued a citation for an open container violation.

Theft - An assistant manager at a store reported a female shoplifter who stole two items totaling about \$12. The store does not wish to pursue charges but wants the person to be trespassed if identified.

Citizen Contact - The mother of a juvenile, whose son left the house upset after his phone was taken, called as required by his probation officer. The mother had since located him and was bringing him home. An officer left a voicemail for the probation officer regarding the incident.

Suspicious Activity - A caretaker at a group home followed up on a previous incident, stating a client believed the male was watching the house. The officer reassured the caretaker that the male seemed honest and genuine about having the wrong address the day before. The caretaker felt better after the conversation.

Check Welfare - A caller heard her upstairs neighbor yelling at her children and expressing suicidal ideations, including threats to throw the children out the window. The neighbor ignored

the officer's attempts at contact. An officer did not hear anything concerning while on scene. The Department of Human Services was notified.

Assist Other Agency - An officer responded to a report of a small fire in a garage where cardboard, oil cans, and an aerosol can caught fire. The fire was stomped out but kept reigniting until the local fire department arrived. A resident's boyfriend explained he forgot to turn off a soldering iron when he had to leave suddenly. No serious damage occurred.

Domestic Dispute - A verbal domestic dispute occurred between a man and a woman who were arguing. The woman wanted the man to leave, which he eventually did while agitated, claiming he had items inside, which the woman denied.

Alarm - Officers responded to a silent holdup alarm at a restaurant and spoke with employees who were okay and unaware the alarm had been tripped.

Domestic Dispute - A mother called officers after an argument with her adult daughter. The daughter texted saying she took medication and needed an ambulance. The mother came over to monitor her. The daughter later said she was fine and had not taken medication, and asked her mother to leave. The mother returned after the daughter texted again saying she needed an ambulance. The daughter, apparently asleep, awoke and complained of chest pain and an inability to feel her heart beat, still denying taking medication. Medics transported her to a hospital.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Theft - A person reported their black electric scooter (\$800) was stolen from a library several days prior. There is no suspect information.

Citizen Contact - A man who identified himself as an independent journalist called with questions about the process for obtaining police reports. He was advised of the process and told to contact records staff the next day for further questions.

Follow Up - An officer coordinated with a local police department who took follow-up photos of a woman's injuries from a domestic dispute. The photos will be added to a supplemental report.

Citizen Contact - A woman called to ask about legal repercussions for receiving online threats where someone messaged her saying she should "fall down the stairs" and "should die too". She was advised that blocking the person was the best course of action, as he did not have any of her information.

SEMIFINALS

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of 20-8.

It was a tighter affair in the team's first-round battle against Wilsonville May 26 that saw the Panthers come out on top, Central 5-3.

Girod, the team's

starting pitcher, delivered a complete-game performance. He allowed three runs on seven hits while striking out 12 over seven innings. The junior ace repeatedly escaped difficult situations and never allowed the Wildcats to gain momentum.

Wilsonville scored its final two runs on a

homer in the seventh.

"We didn't think about bringing in a reliever unless the pitch count forced us to," Kramer said. "JT has been our most consistent pitcher all year, and we feel really confident with the ball in his hand."

Mendazona starred at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a home run on the

first pitch of the game. He then added two doubles, two runs scored and an RBI.

Owen Petrone drove in two runs while Josh Fitts drove in a run, and Larson added a home run.

The Panthers' confidence has been a key ingredient during their late season surge.

"The message before the game was to be confident in ourselves, each other and us as coaches," Kramer said. "I reminded the players how much I enjoy watching them compete."

With at least one more game on tap - the state semifinal against Ridgeview - Kramer believes the Panthers still

have room to improve.

"We get to go back to work in practice and focus on winning the next pitch," he said. "We've earned another few practices and a game together, which is special."

The state final is on Saturday.

Owen Baker is Central's lone senior.

PIRATES

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Mallory Gunther paced the Pirates' attack with

four RBIs, two runs and two hits. The team finished with nine hits with no strike outs.

Pitcher Isabelle Arthur dominated early for Perrydale, throwing

four scoreless innings before the Prospectors' playoff-tested lineup responded.

"We knew they were a really good team. They played a difficult

schedule and stayed competitive in most of their games," Gunther said. "They have championship experience, so we expected a counterpunch, and they definitely gave

us one. But we executed our game plan and got the win."

The visitors fought back, inning by inning by inning. With two outs in the final frame, Grant

Union had the tying run on second base. But Arthur notched the strike-out she needed to preserve the victory.

The Pirates ended the season 18-7 overall.