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Council delays Ellendale project

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

The Dallas City Council decided to postpone planned intersection improvements on Ellendale Avenue before getting more feedback from homeowners that would lose parking on their side of the street during construction.

Michael Pierce, services supervisor for the Public Works Department, explained that As the Northwest part of Dallas continues to grow, city staff recognized the need for safety improvements in the area between Jasper and Levens streets along Ellendale Avenue.

Pierce explained these improvements were identified in a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) conducted by DKS Associates for the Tokola Properties proposed development on James Howe Road. He added based on the TIA, the recommended action is to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at Southwest Jasper Street and West Ellendale Avenue for pedestrian crossing safety, and to install east and west bound traffic turn lanes on West Ellendale Avenue.

"These improvements will enhance pedestrian safety and reduce traffic congestion," Pierce said.

City staff observed, during peak hours, the need for a center queuing lane on West Ellendale Avenue from Northwest Jasper Street to Southwest Levens Street for vehicular traffic entering and exiting the Jasper Crossing complex. The proposed design eliminates parking on the south side of W Ellendale Avenue to allow for a center queuing lane and bike lanes which are consistent with the E Ellendale Avenue pavement markings.

"People were darting out in very unsafe conditions, especially for those wishing to travel by foot or roll across the street," Pierce said. "So the proposed layout there shows a center queuing lane, which is consistent with East Allendale as you come into town for Main Street there. You'd have an east and west travel lane, bike lanes, and then a center queuing lane like the vehicles, whether you're going to the residence on the south side of the street or you're wishing to go into the Jasper Crossing Complex."

However, he added, in order to stay in the current footprint of West Allendale, the design would eliminate parking on the south side, which is the resident side of West Allendale

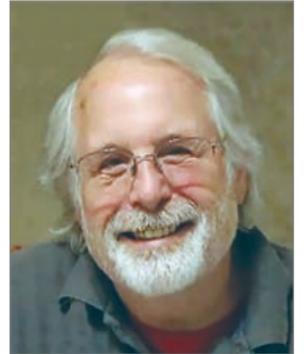
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Friendly fire demonstration



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Civil War reenactors of the 2nd U.S. Auxiliary Battalion C out of Fort Stevens fire off a dummy round from a 1216 Mountain Howitzer during the Polk County Museum's free family day March 21. For more photos from the event, see page A8.



Steve Milligan

Steve Milligan enters crowded county race

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Steve Milligan has quite the resume working in the public sector, from school board member to former mayor of Monmouth. As the current Polk County Treasurer, Milligan is seeking to add one more feather to his cap – county commissioner.

Milligan has thrown his hat into the already crowded race for incumbent Jeremy Gordon's Seat No. 3, where Dallas City Councilman Carlos Barrientos and West Salem Businessman Mark Adams declared their candidacy months ago.

Milligan said he's had a hand in getting some of today's successful programs their initial start. Take the fight against homelessness as fought by the Mid-Valley Homeless Alliance. Milligan said in the past, the county always saw the issue as a West Salem issue. He didn't want the problem to extend to forgotten areas of the county. So

"I was mayor at the time, and I talked with (Independence Mayor) John McCardle and I said, 'You know, if nobody in Polk County is paying attention to this, it's going to be a problem for both Monmouth and Independence.' Because they're going to solve the problem over there, it's only going to create a problem over here," Milligan said.

He said in an effort to be part of the solution here in the Mid-Valley, both Monmouth and Independence ponied up some money to participate and be on the board of that alliance.

"So that we would have a voice, and it eventually led to where Polk County stayed active in the homeless community, and now it's kind of been the platform that Jeremy's standing on," Milligan said.

He touted his leadership within the volunteer community, as well. As president of the Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center, he organized a campaign to contribute

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Jake Postlewait, of South Paw Taxidermy, gets his own photo with his popular full-sized stuffed black bear that drew a lot of attention to his booth at the expanded Polk County Gun and Outdoor Show over the weekend.

Fairgrounds debuts expanded gun and outdoor show

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Jake Postlewait admits he may have missed a golden opportunity over the weekend.

A taxidermist by trade, Postlewait was one of many outdoors sporting vendors making their debut at the Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center's expanded Gun and Outdoor Show. However, it was his companion that stole the show – a full, medium-sized stuffed black bear.

"Everyone wants a picture with it," Postlewait said. "It's my bear. I shot it years ago with my bow. Not because I wanted to. We were sharing the same trail. One of us had to move. But yeah, it's the center of attention. Might have to start charging for pictures."

Postlewait said the bottom line was his full display gave outdoor show attendees a good

chance to see what a medium-sized black bear looks like.

Postlewait said he also wished he'd brought more business cards for his business South Paw Taxidermy. He joined many other vendors making their debut at the event center's expanded spring gun show that now includes businesses that cater to outdoor activities.

Fairgrounds Manager Tina Andersen said while the spring gun show was one of their biggest draws throughout the year, they were looking to expand it to reflect a changing demographic.

"Well, things are changing. We're seeing more families come, so we want to cater to more families," Andersen said. "When I first started here in 1999, only men came in. And now you really see a lot of families coming in."

Andersen didn't have a full

breakdown of gun versus outdoors vendors, but did know there were 64 more tables this go-round versus last spring. She said day one of the expanded show drew in about 1,500 people, and day two by midday was at about 1,000.

Andersen said the show features vendors who sell fishing and tackle supplies as well as those who offer boating trips for those who do fishing. Then there were organizations who offered excursions for veterans, like Fallen Outdoors.

"They get veterans to hunt and fish again," Andersen said. "We were talking to him yesterday. The last raffle they did, it was a double purple heart veteran who won a hunting trip."

Manning the booth on day two was Dave Saylor, secretary for Fallen Outdoors. While

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FEBRUARY RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

Editor's Note: Polk County Health Department conducts a bi-annual, unannounced inspection of licensed restaurants. The establishments receive an overall grade on food temperatures, food preparation practices, worker hygiene, dish washing and sanitizing and equipment and facility cleanliness. The restaurants are scored on a 100-point scale. They receive a 5-point deduction for priority violation and a 3-point deduction for priority foundation violations. Deductions are doubled if recorded on consecutive inspections. Restaurants are compliant if they receive a score of 70 or higher. They must be reinspected within 30 days if they receive a score below 70 or face closure or other administrative action. Restaurants display a placard by the entrance that indicates passing or failing their most recent inspection.

- The Inferno - Taphouse**
915 N Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Feb. 27
Score: 100
- Starduster Cafe**
4705 Airport Road,
Independence
Inspection Date: Feb. 26
Score: 100
- Origin Story Coffee Co. Commissary**
576 Patterson St. NW #110,
West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 100
- Little Lois Cafe - Catering Kitchen**
576 Patterson St. NW # 110,
West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 100
- Dutch Bros Coffee**
525 NW Wallace Road, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 100
- Burger King**
1120 Wallace Road NW, West
Salem,
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 100
- Victorico's Mexican Food**
710 NW Wallace Road, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained

- at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically a large metal container of steak is hotholding on the grill at 117F. A pot of cooked meat on the stove is hotholding at 94F. Both items were cooked two hours prior.
- Alibi Inn Inc.**
590 Taggart Dr., #130, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 25
Score: 100
- Butter, Sugar, Coffee**
319 S 10th St., Independence
Inspection Date: Feb. 23
Score: 97 - Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the handwashing sink; specifically no paper towels at front handwashing sink or restroom handwashing sink.
- Simply Plated Catering**
4700 Hwy 22, West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 20
Score: 100
- Hawaiian Time**
545 Wallace Road NW, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 19
Score: 100
- Dairy Queen**
1141 Wallace Road NW, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 19
Score: 100
- Gather Food Park**
144 SW Washington St.,
Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 19
Score: 100
- Wingstop**
525 Taggart Dr., #120, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 19
Score: 100
- Dude Donut City**
525 Taggart Dr. Ste. 130
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 19
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination; specifically raw eggs are above raspberry filling in glass reach in the fridge.
- Domino's Pizza**
590 Taggart Drive NW, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 18
Score: 100
- Westside Pacific Family Restaurant**

- 160 S Pacific Hwy W.,
Rickreall
Inspection Date: Feb. 18
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically, a container of raw liquid egg is sitting out at room temp (51F). The operator states it has been out for a few minutes.
- Kellis Cafe**
1089 Edgewater Ave. NW,
West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 18
Score: 100
- Little Caesars**
1395 aEdgewater St. NW
#100, West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 18
Score: 100
- Coffee Cabana**
9750 Rickreall Rd, Rickreall,
OR, USA Rickreall
Inspection Date: Feb. 18
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically items in the fridge under counter are between 49-52F (milk, orange juice). The operator states the unit was unplugged by mistake during plumbing maintenance (2 hours prior).
- Walery's Premium Pizza**
1555 Edgewater St. NW, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 17
Score: 100
- Nancy Jo's Burgers & Fries**
1499 Edgewater St. NW, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 17
Score: 90
Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination; specifically raw burger patties are above raw bacon in the walk-in fridge. Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically the prep unit is holding food between 44-50F (pickles, tomatoes, relish, and cheese). The operator states temp has risen because the top is open during rush.
- Jamba Juice # 515**
Taggart Dr. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 13

- Score: 100
- Panda Express**
655 Taggart Dr. #150, West
Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 13
Score: 100
- Yang's Teriyaki**
140 N Monmouth Ave.,
Monmouth
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 100
- Little Caesar's Pizza**
405 W Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 97 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly; specifically an energy drink can is sitting in the handwashing sink.
- Urban Grange Coffee And Bakery Company**
1594 Edgewater St. #180,
West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 100
- Mcdonald's Dallas**
227 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 100
- Tater's Cafe**
683 SE Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 100
- Koyotes Tacos**
159 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 95 - Chemical sanitizers are not approved; specifically residual chlorine in three compartment sinks is at 200 ppm.
- Odd Moes Pizza**
1594 Edgewater St. #160,
West Salem
Inspection Date: Feb. 12
Score: 100
- Ugo's Pizza Parlor**
967 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 11
Score: 100
- Two Wolves Taproom**
171 SW Court St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 11
Score: 100
- Tony's Place**
127 Court St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 11
Score: 100
28405 Salmon River Hwy.,

- Grand Rond
Inspection Date: Feb. 10
Score: 92
Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically rice in warmer is at 119F.
Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked; specifically cooked chicken in prep unit and several food items in the reach-in fridge that were cooked 1-2 days prior are not datemarked (ground beef, cooked whole chicken)
- Domino's Pizza**
772 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 6
Score: 100
- Dutch Bros. Coffee**
515 Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 6
Score: 100
- Burger King**
434 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 3
Score: 100
- Indy Commons**
154 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Feb. 3
Score: 100
- Cam's Woodfired Pizza**
154 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Feb. 3
Score: 100
- The Corndog Company Salem**
138 W. Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 2
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically several items near the top of the fridge are not 41F or below (hot dogs - 46F, candy - 49F, batter - 53F). The operator states the hot dogs were 41F at opening (3 hours prior).
- Lonchera La Rosa**
520 S Pacific Hwy., Rickreall
Inspection Date: Feb. 1
Score: 100
- Rick's Place Coffee Pushcart**
Mobile, Dallas
Inspection Date: Feb. 1
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically cream cheese sitting on the counter at 57F.

RACE

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\$80,000 towards the center's new shuttle bus. Next, he'd like to see the fruits of all the fundraisers the organization does go toward an expansion

of the center itself. "We're trying to look at doing some senior affordable housing on the second and third floor of a remodeled senior center. Hopefully we're in construction 2027-28. That'd be cool," Milligan said.

However, it's another success on his resume that has split supporters from detractors – he's also a successful litigator against the county.

Milligan said one of the biggest reasons he's running for county commissioner is he feels there needs to be a significant change in accounting from the leadership.

"When the leadership picks and chooses what statutes they want to enforce and follow," he said. "To make a change, I couldn't do it from the sideline. I had to be treasurer. And now to make further changes, I need to be commissioner."

His issue with how the commissioners were selectively enforcing statutes goes back to 2016. Milligan alleges the County Administrator Greg Hansen took away the duties of the treasurer through a resolution, rather than an approved change in county ordinance. Milligan saw his chance to address the issue in 2020 when no one filed to run for county treasurer.

"I'm like, how can nobody file for treasurer? And I knew what the problem was. And I knew that the resolution was illegal. And I said, okay, so I'm going to jump in," Milligan said. "Because now I can fight it from within, but I couldn't fight it from outside."

He ended up winning unopposed. But

the county enforced the reduced duties of an elected treasurer, instead assigning them to a hired financial director.

When he could not affect change through discussions with leadership, Milligan filed suit against.

While Milligan won an initial favorable ruling in 2024, the case is pending appeal to higher circuit court.

Milligan feels the county is banking on draining the amount of money or patience he has to continue the appeals process.

"If they'd done any looking, they would have figured out that I had run two towns. So persistence is necessary," he said. "And I had done baseball officiating. So following the rules and holding people accountable for the rules is part of my DNA."

Milligan feels he doesn't need to get into the weeds of the lawsuit while he runs for county commissioners. He said the voters got it when they reelected him as county treasurer.

"There were a lot of people who started to understand, wait a minute. It's like, my vote got erased when the commissioners and the county administrator decided they couldn't control who got the job that we elected. And so I think a lot of that I don't really have to explain," he added.

With the lawsuit issue set aside, Milligan has other top issues he's concentrating on in his discussions with potential voters. First is fighting to keep the county fairgrounds open, starting with the fairgrounds. A five-year operations levy will be going to the voters in November to help offset the county's contributions keeping the event center operational.

"I'm going to be showing why we need that money, and why if we do it correctly, we will get the facility," Milligan said. "I'm not afraid to go out and ask a voter for help in making sure that their tax dollars are spent adequately and properly, and what they're actually going to get when they turn those tax dollars over to us."

Public transportation is another of his key issues, especially to forgotten rural communities like Falls City, which Milligan said has no public routes to their citizens.

"And so what I had talked with someone clear back in 2003 from the Transit District was, why don't you incorporate and make all of Polk County part of your tax district?" he asked. "And I said, when you spread it out over that many people, we're all paying, you know, a couple bucks a year instead of a hundred bucks a year to be in that Transit District. And yet you serve so many more

people. And now you create an economic development that rises everybody. You don't leave Falls City in the dust."

Milligan said there is a lot to like about Polk County that has kept him here over the decades, fighting for the people at so many levels of government.

"It's kind of like a family, you know? There's good parts of the family, bad parts of the family. But there's more good parts than there are bad parts. The opportunities that are here, we're close to the coast. We're close to Salem. We're close to Portland. We're rural enough that our communities matter," he said.

"We know more people than we don't know. Polk County still has a lot of stuff that still has a hometown feel to it."

Regardless how many projects Milligan has had a hand in launching or getting across the finish line over the years, at the end of the day, he doesn't care how much credit he gets.

"What I want to do is I want to make sure that the kids who are growing up 40 years from now have every opportunity to be successful, the quality of life that I've been able to have in my life," he said. "I mean, I've had an amazing quality of life. And I just want to make sure that the decisions I make offer the future to them the same thing that I have."

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The Gate Youth Community Center looks to expand its campus by three classrooms, office spaces and a cafe style eating area.

Gate Community Youth Center plans expansion

Grass roots. Local. Community Minded. These are not just buzz-words but a pretty good description of The Gate Community Youth Center in Independence. To meet this growing commitment, The Gate has announced plans to expand its base of operations.

Since constructing the youth center in 2020, this faith based non profit has grown the number of students they serve daily by over 300 percent.

“On average, over 130 teens come every afternoon,” said Program Director Mykaela Anderson. “Some come for the meal, others to hang out and play games but every one of them connects with one of our amazing staff in some way.”

With The Gate, located at 1501 Monmouth St., now offers mentoring, academic support and workforce development clubs. There is something for every teen who visits after school. For some it is the video games and crafts, for others it is the opportunity

to play volleyball and basketball. Bottom line, the teens are lined up outside the door everyday waiting to get in. These numbers have led to The Gate being at max capacity just five years after completing the initial youth center building project.

“Our location directly across from Central High and just up the block from TMS, the programs we offer and the teens desire for community and support has led to The Gate supporting over 600 families last year and 940 individual students,” said Executive Director Ben Bobeda. “We served 11,000 meals after school and 6,000 lunches in 2025.”

This growth led The Gate leadership to start dreaming about an expansion project in 2024. Since then, The Gate has received over \$1.9 million in donations towards what has become the Expanding The Hope building project which will add on three classrooms, office spaces and a cafe style eating area.

The staff are excited that the afternoon meal will no longer be served in the volleyball court and that there will be quieter spaces for mentoring, academic support, clubs and crafts.

“These new spaces should allow for us to serve more students, serve them more effectively and provide a space for students with sensory issues,” said Bobeda. “We are excited to be able to meet the needs of our students for many years to come.”

“It is exciting to be over half way to our goal of raising \$200,000 locally as we partner with businesses and community members who have a heart for teens,” Bobeda added. “If you are interested in hearing about the project, our Development Coordinator Travis Youngs would love to meet with you. Together, our community is showing the teens how much we care about them.”

Learn more about the ministries and expansion project at The Gate at www.thegateyouth.org.

Monmouth receives Community Development Block Grant

The city of Monmouth was one of 13 city and county projects statewide to recently receive a Business Oregon Community Development Block Grant.

The CDBG program supports the development of livable communities by expanding economic opportunities and providing suitable housing and living environments for persons of low and moderate income. These 13 grants total \$11,461,523 and assist rural communities with funding for important projects around

the state.

The city of Monmouth received in total a \$400,000 CDBG award. The city of Monmouth, Polk Regional Collaborative (PRC) partners, and Polk Community Development have worked together since 2006 to deliver PRC housing rehabilitation programs. There has been a significant increase in the number of low- to moderate-income, single-family, owner-occupied households in need of essential home repairs. There are approximately

30 eligible households on the waitlist for assistance with the essential repairs, and this funding will be used to complete home repairs for 10-15 households from this list.

Business Oregon administers the state of Oregon’s annual federal allocation of CDBG funds for non-metropolitan cities and counties. Tribes and urban cities and counties are not included in the state’s program as they receive CDBG funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Falls City receives \$700,000 in lottery revenue bonds

Falls City was recently the beneficiary of lottery revenue bonds distributed to Polk County for capital improvement projects.

Falls City received \$700,000 to facilitate maintenance of the Dayton Street Water-Wastewater Bridge. The funds will be used to address structural concerns identified by the city’s contract engineering team and bridge specialists, who found that the structure requires immediate replacement due to

failing wooden support beams.

“Falls City has been working hard to find a way to fund this project and the critical water line that is attached to it,” said Representative Anna Scharf (R-Amity). “This project will benefit Falls City for years to come, and I am happy it got the funding it deserves. That would not have been possible with the advocacy of City Manager AJ Foscoli and Mayor TJ Bailey. I am grateful for their

partnership.”

In addition, according to the House Republicans, they successfully removed the lottery cap on the County Fair Account this legislative session. In a party press release, they said the move ensures 1% of lottery net proceeds go to the County Fair Account to increase funding for county fairgrounds – a key part of the economy in rural Oregon and a central gathering place for emergencies.

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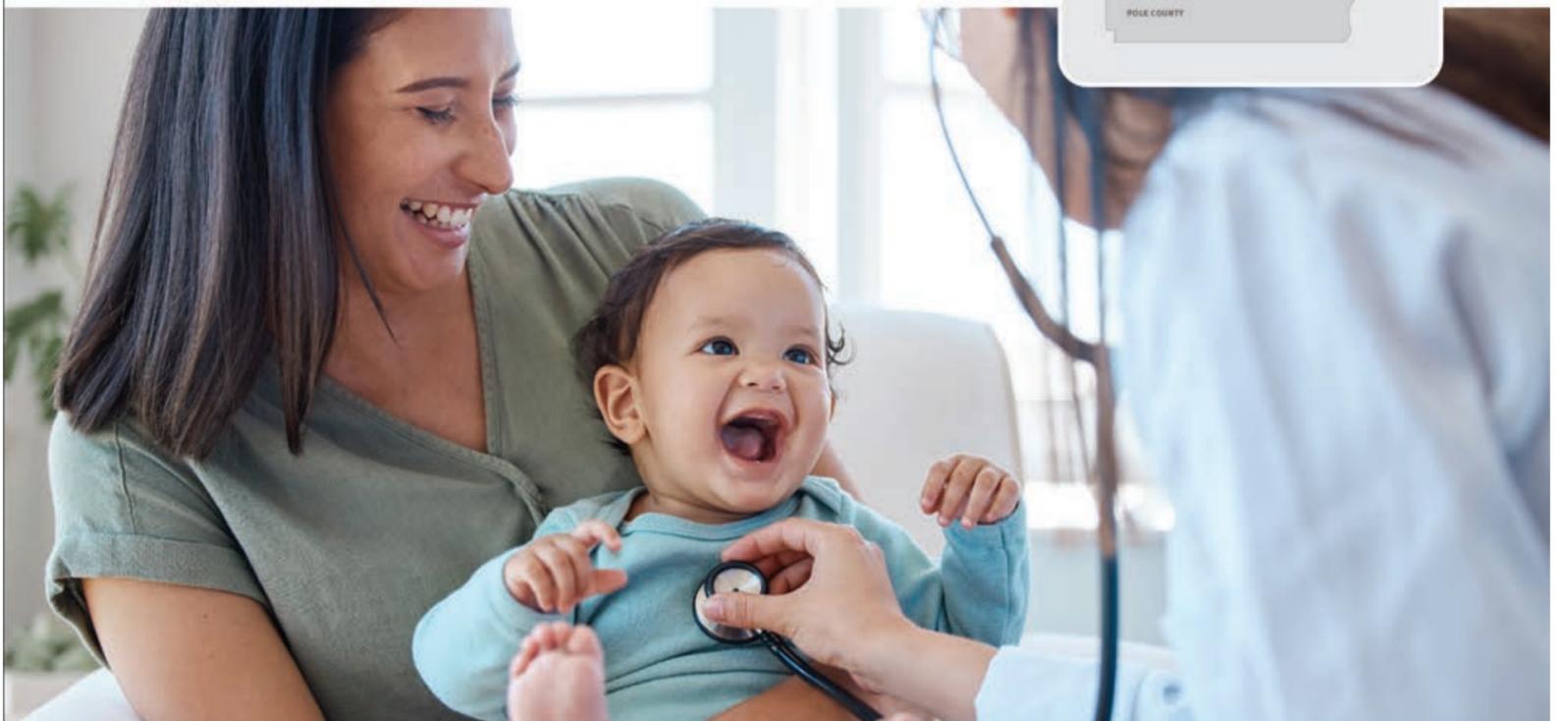
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SALEM HEALTH MEDICAL CLINIC

WOU to remove Cesar Chavez name from student leadership conference

Western Oregon University is removing Cesar Chavez's name from its annual student leadership conference in the wake of a New York Times report that the iconic farm workers union organizer sexually abused several women while at the height of his power. The university said in a press release the move was made

to protect the integrity of the event's mission to create a space where students can envision their future, and provide them with tools to empower them as leaders for social justice and civic responsibility. The conference has provided a space for students to engage in community and learn from various presenters and educators

with the intent to uplift high school students as they vision for the next step in their journeys. "Our priority is the safety, dignity and trust of the students and communities we serve," said Dominique Vargas, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. "The leadership conference exists to empower Oregon students and cultivate

leaders. Given the seriousness of the allegations, continuing to use Cesar Chavez's name would undermine that mission and the mission of our university. Removing the name and rebranding the conference ensures the event remains focused on student voices, building community, and leadership development." For this year's conference, the

theme *Estamos Aquí* (We Are Here): Asserting Our Presence and Protecting Our Stories will remain the central focus of the event. The University will thoughtfully engage community members in decision making around the leadership conference, and will share details about the conference name and rebrand in the coming weeks.

OBITUARIES



Celia Gay
Dec. 28, 1941 - Feb. 18, 2026

A Journey to the Stars Celia Gay, 84, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2026, wrapped in days filled with family stories, laughter, and the soft chorus of "I love yous." Born in Columbus, Ohio, the youngest of seven girls, she lost her mother as an infant and was lovingly taken in by her aunt and paternal uncle. She grew up in Alameda, California, and later found her deepest sense of peace in Dallas, Oregon.

Celia was the steady center of her home, raising seven children through every season of joy and hardship. As they grew, she discovered her calling behind the wheel of a big yellow school bus. She became the driver everyone hoped for, always volunteering for long trips so she could be close to the kids and the open road she loved.

Her life came beautifully full circle when, in her seventies, she reunited with her first love, Lester Gay, finally saying "yes" to the proposal he'd made when he was a Navy teenager. They shared cherished years until his passing, and the memories they created stayed with her for a lifetime.

Celia was a master thrifter, a fiercely decorated cribbage player, and a naturally gifted musician and artist. She taught her family that resilience is choosing hope, even on the hardest days. She leaves behind her seven children, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who miss her beyond measure.

We'll be holding a celebration of life and spreading her ashes at a later date. Until then, in honor of our Mom Celia, go

Goodwill Hunting or win a game of cribbage.



Julie Ruth Springer (Kapple)
May 31, 1957 - May 31, 1957

Julie Ruth Springer (Kapple), 68, passed away on May 31, 1957, in Salem, Oregon. Born on May 31, 1957, in Dallas, Oregon, Julie lived a life filled with love and creativity that touched the hearts of many.

Julie was a devoted mother to her children Mackenzie, Drake, and Jeff and a cherished grandmother to her grandchildren Madalene, Clinton, and Addison. Her family was the center of her world, and she found immense joy in being both a mother and grandmother. Julie also shared a close bond with her devoted siblings—brothers Cliff, Les, and Dan, and sister Valerie.

Julie had a deep love for animals, especially dogs. Her compassion for them reflected her kind and nurturing spirit. She also had a remarkable talent for creating thoughtful gifts for those who were part of her life. Whether it was through handmade treasures or small tokens of appreciation, Julie's creativity and generosity left lasting impressions on everyone she knew.

She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Ruth. Julie's memory will live on in the hearts of her family and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

May Julie's legacy of love and kindness bring comfort to those who mourn her passing.

Jeanne M. Twenge
October 27, 1931
March 7, 2026

Jeanne Marie Twenge, 94, died peacefully



with family at her side Saturday March 7, 2026. Jeanne was born in Alexandria, Minnesota October 27, 1931, and was the fourth of four children of Charlotte Nelson and William Arfsten. They divorced and about 1936 Charlotte moved the family to Newberg, Oregon where she married Lyle Reiser. Lyle adopted Jeanne and the family lived on a farm between Gaston and Newberg.

Jeanne graduated from Newberg High School in 1949 and enrolled at Oregon State College. After freshman year she returned to Newberg where she met the love of her life, Carrol 'Mike' Twenge, at a dance hall in Gaston. The Korean War started and Mike was drafted into the army. After a brief courtship they were married on November 4, 1950. Jeanne stayed at Ft. Lewis, Washington before Mike was deployed to Germany. Mike and Jeanne enjoyed 64 years together until his death in 2014.

After Mike was discharged in 1952, they settled down to raise a family first in Newberg before moving to Monmouth in 1960. Jeanne focused on caring for her family as a homemaker but also occasionally worked as a bank teller, bank officer and administrative clerk at Oregon College of Education.

Jeanne loved to read and was an avid walker which she credited to keeping her mind and body healthy. She was a lifelong bridge player and enjoyed playing with friends and family and with the local bridge club. Her love of reading got her involved with the Monmouth Library Board. She enjoyed socializing in

the local Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She and Mike loved to spend time with friends and family at their cabin on the Alsea river where she occasionally landed a salmon. She was a faithful fan of the Oregon State Beavers, especially baseball.

Jeanne is survived by sons Michael (Debbie) of McMinnville, Dennis (Dawn) of Monmouth and David (Carmen) of Corvallis; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Jeanne's death was preceded by husband Mike, sisters Betty and Margaret 'Peggy' and brother William 'Bud'.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jeanne on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 1-4 p.m. at the Monmouth Senior Center located at 180 Warren Street S in Monmouth. All friends and family are invited. Arrangements by Farnstrom Mortuary. Please share your memories and condolences at FarnstromMortuary.com.



Gary Liddle Huxford
March 28th, 1931
March 7th, 2026



Gary Liddle Huxford, 94, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2026, at his Monmouth, Oregon, home.

Gary was born March 28, 1931, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ila Lucille Liddle and Peter Huxford. When he was eight, his parents moved briefly to Chico, California, then to Astoria, Oregon. They were living in Astoria in 1941 when WWII began. His Dad's new job working in the shipyards took

the family to Portland, Oregon, where Gary attended junior high and high school. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1949 and attended one school year at Brigham Young University before being called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Mission. Most of his two years of mission service was in Ireland, eventually serving as District President.

Gary was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1953 and served for two years as Communications Chief at a base in Detroit, Michigan. After being honorably discharged, he returned to BYU where he met his future wife, Catherine Davis. They were married December 14, 1956, in Logan, Utah. After Gary's graduation from BYU with a degree in history, the couple moved to Seattle, Washington, where Gary enrolled for graduate study at the University of Washington, receiving Masters and Doctorate degrees in history. By this time Gary and Catherine had the first two of their eight children, daughters Leslie and Lynne, born in Seattle.

In 1961, Gary accepted his first college teaching job and began teaching at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth, Oregon. From 1962 to 1966 Gary served as Branch President of the new little Monmouth Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Carol and Shaun were born while the family lived in Monmouth.

In 1966, Gary accepted an offer to teach history at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where he taught for three years. Two daughters were added to the family while in Utah, Janice and Alison. In 1969 Oregon College of Education lured Gary back to Monmouth, and the family moved to property on a hilltop west of town, finishing the partly-built house and planting Douglas fir trees. The final two Huxford children were born in 1971 and 1974, sons Tom and Dale.

Gary taught at OCE/Western Oregon University until his retirement in 1994. He took several opportunities to travel and do further study, and several of these trips took him back to Ireland and England. In 1975 Gary swapped jobs with a history professor at Springfield College in Massachusetts so the Huxford family could experience the bi-centennial year in New England, surrounded by history. In 1994-95 Gary was commissioned to write a history of the college, *Since 1856...Historical Views of the College at Monmouth*, and began service as bishop of a Latter-day Saint Ward.

Gary's activity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continued throughout his life. He served as a missionary locally several times, but in 1997 he and Catherine volunteered to serve a fulltime mission and were called to the Kenya Nairobi Mission. They served nine months in Kenya and nine months in neighboring Ethiopia. In 2000 they volunteered again, this time going to Haiti for another eighteen months where Gary was assistant to the mission president. Gary's teaching and leadership skills, kindness and generosity were always in demand. For ten years he also served as Stake Patriarch. In recent years, Gary cherished his time at home on the hill surrounded by music he loved, visiting with dear friends, rejoicing in Spring blooms, Summer vegetables, and the colors of leaves in Fall.

Gary is survived by his brother John, his sister Eileen Erickson, his wife Catherine, seven of his eight children, 21 of his 22 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for Friday, March 27, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel, 783 W. Church Street in Monmouth with an open house to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Gary's name to the WOU Foundation or the Oregon Symphony.



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NEWS & VIEWS

YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Climate Change is already hurting us

By damaging crops, reducing yields, and disrupting supply chains, climate change can affect and cascade across all stages of the food system, from farm to fork.

— Climate Central Special Report on Food Prices

By PHILIP S. WENZ

There's a great deal of reporting on the future impacts of climate change. But what about the effects that have already arrived? How is the relatively minor degree of climate change we've experienced so far affecting our lives?

If you've been a victim of some of the more obvious climate-shift impacts, such as one of the increasing number of extreme, often unseasonal weather events, the damage is obvious. Flooding caused by a severe rainstorm might have damaged your

house. A mid-winter tornado might have obliterated it. Perhaps a wildfire reduced not just your home, but your entire town to ashes.

But even if these or similar events haven't affected you directly, they have indirectly cost you money as home insurance rates have risen, the cleanup after natural disasters strains government resources and so on. It is these indirect, less dramatic and visible climate effects that hurt most people. While the more spectacular events get the headlines, the erosion of our personal finances,

the potential disruption of our lives and the psychological stress of worrying that the worst is yet to come incrementally diminish our well-being.

The continuously rising cost of food is perhaps the easiest of these effects to recognize. There are many reasons, from the price of fuel to foreign wars to market fluctuations, that the price of food rises — so it is hard to attribute the specific, and sometimes ambiguous effect of climate change on your grocery tab.

But warmer weather, which increases soil

evaporation, unseasonal and erratic rainfall, and premature snowmelt can certainly make it more expensive to irrigate crops. If a heavy storm occurs at just the wrong time, it can wash away newly applied fertilizer, necessitating more fertilizer application and perhaps retarding plant growth.

Then there is out-and-out crop damage. A sudden, intense hail storm can destroy crops over a wide area. Such storms have become more frequent in recent decades as the warming climate behaves more erratically.

A "heat dome," or high-pressure atmospheric system that causes a "heat wave," can wither seasonal crops and damage fruit trees. The number and intensity of heat domes has almost tripled since the 1950s, a problem directly linked to global warming's

effects on the polar and subtropical jet streams.

These problems and others cost farmers money through lost crops and higher crop insurance rates. That, in turn, costs you and me money.

Rising overall heat and periodic heat waves also hurt our pocketbooks in other ways. Added to the farmer's costs are the increased strains on food transportation and storage, especially when the food is moved in refrigerated trucks and stored in air-conditioned facilities. A dime here, a dollar there — pretty soon we're talking real money.

Speaking of air conditioning — unless you live in an exceptionally cool climate zone, the cost of cooling your house is likely to rise almost annually. (To be fair, and to show how complicated it is to make direct cost attributions to climate

change, your fuel usage for winter heating might decrease somewhat in a warming world.)

As mentioned above, climate impacts can also disrupt our plans and routines. Should your kid play in that Little League championship game you took the day off work to watch — when it's 105° out? Is it safe to fly across the country to visit your aging parent when an unseasonal snowstorm or hurricane is predicted?

These ongoing climate impacts are only some of the factors eroding our well-being at the moment. But their damage is real, and, unlike many other problems, cannot be quickly reversed with simple policy changes.

Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at [Firebird Journal \(firebirdjournal.com\)](http://Firebird Journal (firebirdjournal.com)).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE-ELECT JEREMY GORDON TO CONTINUE HIS WORK FOR POLK COUNTY

Partisan static and divisiveness have trickled down into local politics. Fortunately, there are some local leaders who can see beyond the extremes of issues and can work for the good of all who may be impacted by the actions of County Commissioners.

In our race for Polk County Commissioner, that person is current commissioner, Jeremy Gordon. I am impressed with Jeremy's ability to work on behalf of all constituents, even ones

he may disagree with. He uses his ability to assess and evaluate the ramifications of issues and policies, not on just one person or interest group, but on how these policies and actions can impact all of us in Polk County.

He listens to what constituents have to say, does relevant and extensive research, and makes decisions regardless of an advocate's status or affiliations. We need people like Jeremy Gordon who can see beyond partisanship, who can work for the benefit of all of Polk County.

We need a commissioner who is selfless, not

self-interested. We need Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

Molly Mayhead,
Monmouth

FOCUS ON FACTS AND THE WORK AHEAD

I used to wonder if the county treasurer's grievance was serious. But recent statements have raised real questions for me as a voter.

In coverage by the Statesman Journal, it was noted that no court has found the county in violation of a court order, despite the treasurer making that claim publicly. That is a serious allegation, and one that should

be grounded in facts and the public record. According to the reporter, it isn't.

The treasurer's ongoing legal disputes and requests for more pay should be resolved through the appropriate processes, not through claims presented to the press as settled fact.

What concerns me most is the continued focus on conflict coming from the treasurer. Polk County faces real challenges in maintaining services, addressing the cost of living, investing in the fairgrounds, etc. These are the issues (and more) that deserve attention and

leadership.

Barbara and
Joe Wilson
Monmouth

JEREMY GORDON WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD FOR YOU

I am writing with a personal story, to encourage voters to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

Jeremy has worked hard to expand broadband internet throughout Polk County, fighting for investments and funding that have been particularly important to rural residents. This is deeply important to me because a change in my health made

work from home a necessity. Had broadband internet remained unavailable in my rural area, I would have been unable to keep my job. High-quality internet access provides economic, educational, and healthcare opportunities to people who otherwise could be left behind.

Jeremy Gordon will keep working hard to ensure that Polk County is livable for everyone. I hope that my neighbors will join me in voting to re-elect Jeremy for Polk County Commissioner this May.

Miriam Forney
Monmouth

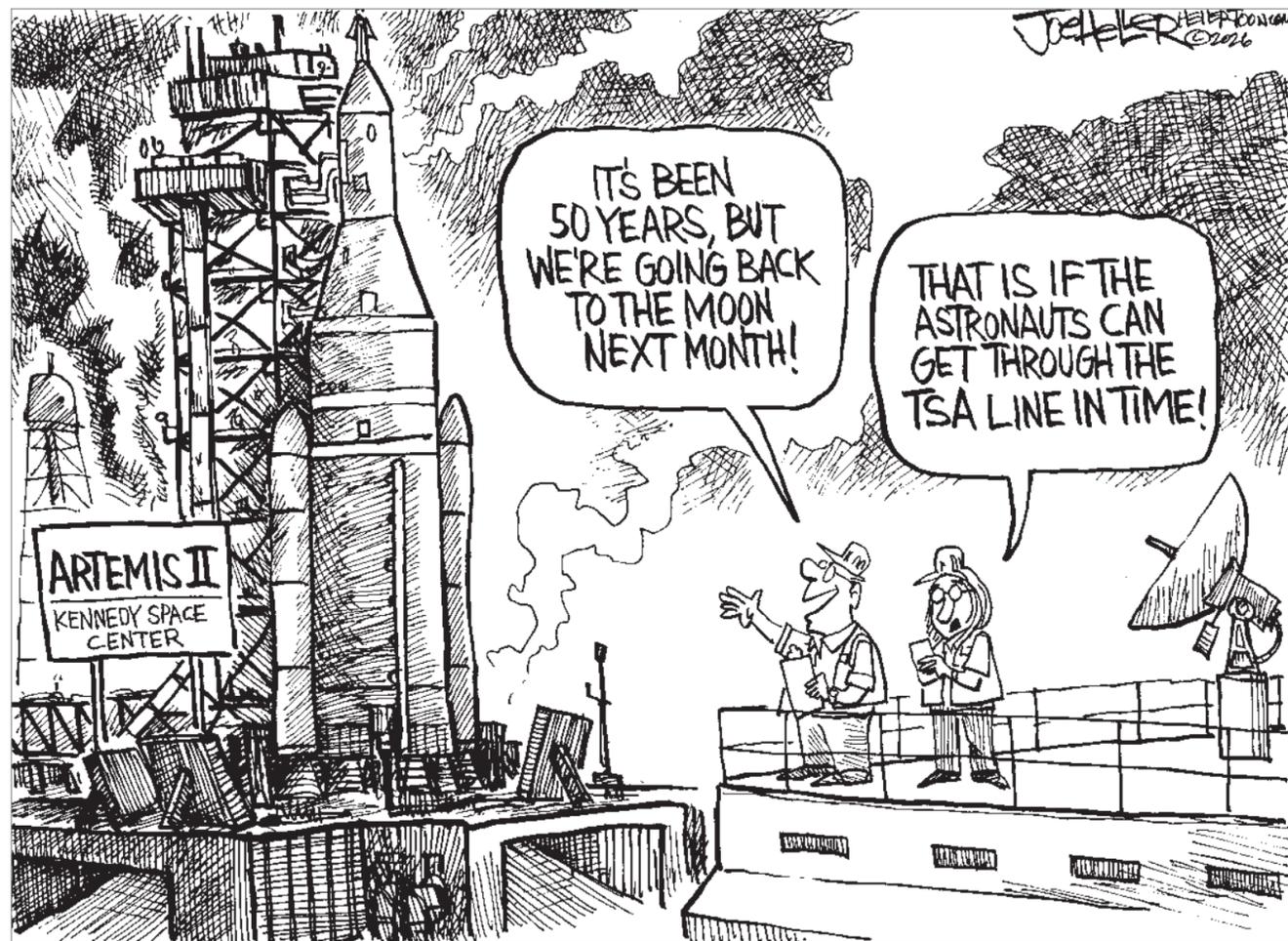
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Total March 16-22 - 0.08

Total through
March 22 - 2.82

Where are you going for spring break vacation?

Coast - 6.7%
Mountain retreat - 0%
Visit family - %
Theme park somewhere - 0%
Staying home - 93%



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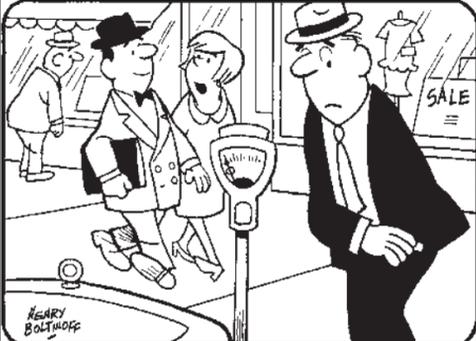
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: Long Spiked Hair in the Middle

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| Bandicoot | Crowed | Handover | Ravenous |
| Beagle | Demure | Lawrence | Stephen |
| Bolswana | Disrobing | Percheron | Stern |
| Clarksburg | Gulley | Prowl | |

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Aiming is not as wide.

Americanisms



"Champions keep playing until they get it right."
 — Billie Jean King

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Moments in time

• On April 6, 1930, James Dewar needed a good way to occupy the Continental Baking Company's shortcake-baking machinery while strawberries were out of season. Fortunately for generations of snackers to come, he tried shooting a cream filling into one of the shortcakes, and the iconic Twinkie (the name was inspired by a billboard ad for Twinkle Toe Shoes) was born.

• On April 7, 1940, Tuskegee Institute founder Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be honored with a postage stamp bearing his likeness. It would be almost another 40 years before an African American woman — human rights activist Harriet Tubman — would receive the same recognition.

• On April 8, 1993, astronaut Ellen Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman in space when the shuttle Discovery lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center. Later she also served as Director of the Johnson Space Center, the first Hispanic director and the second woman to hold that position, from 2013 to 2018.

• On April 9, 1945, Berlin University lecturer, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany, just days prior to its liberation by American soldiers. His final words were, "This is the end — for me, the beginning of life."

• On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was founded in New York City by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh. By the time of his death in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union had passed animal anti-cruelty laws.

• On April 11, 2004, Phil Mickelson won the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club, his first major championship in nearly 12 years as a professional golfer.

• On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and His Comets recorded "(We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock," which they'd been performing live for months, during the final 40 minutes of a three-hour recording session in New York City that had actually been set up for a song called "Thirteen Women (and Only One Man in Town)." After the tune was chosen to play over the opening credits of the film "Blackboard Jungle," it became a pop sensation, selling a million copies in one month in 1955.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Cotton's meaning in analogies	60 Firm critic Roger	107 Klutzy type	10 Egg-shaped	47 Occupy, as a table	84 Rain in the wash
5 Casino IOU	61 Propelled a bicycle	109 Riddle's answer	11 Assistant on iPhones	52 Morel or enoki, informally	85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
9 Hencho	63 Acting prize	120 Regain a conscious state	12 Pomeranian, e.g.	53 Narrate in health care	86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
13 Fruits to bob for	64 Made a run for it	121 Challenge	13 Accumulate, as interest	54 Comply with	87 Impose — on (illegalize)
19 Flow slowly	65 — extra cost	122 Fitness club machine	14 Modeling compound for kids	55 City that's home to Tufts University	90 Gear tooth
20 Jay of jest	66 The, in Paris	123 Consolidator	15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.	56 As far as	91 Owns
21 Sinful	67 Riddle, part 4	124 Iran's home	16 Oahu feast	57 Carnival shelter	93 Book of hymns
22 Artist Monet	73 Pool length	125 "Jeepers!"	17 Water whirl	62 End of a college's URL	98 From the distant past
23 Free	76 "Jeepers!"	126 Around	18 Biny body	28 Cry of Homer Simpson	99 High degree
25 avis quantity (unusual thing)	77 Margarine, e.g.	127 Go to bed	24 Sharp remark	64 Go very fast	100 Conquer
26 Ottawa's land	78 — salts	128 Comply with	25 Actor Byrnes or fielder	65 Earlier	101 That gal
27 Start of a riddle	82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits "Boo'd Up" and "Trip"	129 Lone	26 Actor Byrnes or fielder	68 Language of Bangkok	102 A-list groups
30 By means of	84 Lyric poets	130 Novelist Jennifer	27 Numbered musical work	69 Infamous ldi	103 Yummy
31 Response to a punch	86 Sweet wine of Portugal	DOWN	28 Civil rights figure Parks	70 Ye — name for a general?	108 Apt first
32 Clunker	88 Map out	1 Caesar's "vdi," translated	29 State family	71 Relaxation	109 Actress Skye
33 Slate whose cap, is Boise	89 Riddle, part 5	2 "Late Night" host Meyers	30 State family	72 Met offering	110 Leave off
35 Riddle, part 2	92 Gobbie down	3 Able to read minds	31 State family	73 Canton	111 — pot (congestion clearer)
46 Touch-me — (explosive plants)	94 Big Bnt. lexicon	4 Express a view	32 FedEx rival	74 Islamic God	112 Cain's father
48 Cellphone game, often	95 Tooth doctor's org.	5 Musical staff symbol	33 State family	75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)	113 Flower jar
49 — Trapp family	96 Auth. unknown	6 One who saves the day	34 Enklyways	76 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)	114 Lake abutting Ohio
50 Stable animal	97 End of the riddle	7 Wild about	35 Go very fast	77 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)	115 Thus
51 Riddle, part 3	104 British verb suffix	8 Pomeranian, e.g.	36 Go very fast	78 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)	116 Close lightly
58 Locality	105 Toward a boat's back	9 Deprived (of)	37 Numbered musical work	79 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)	117 Lose vibrancy
59 Squirms, as in pain	106 Wriggly fish		38 FedEx rival	80 Often-twisted cookies	118 Spanish pot

MEAGER MEAL

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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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals T

KR ROY GMHHTLXL' LKHMMC.
 MCY MD ROY GMLR FMFTHKE
 BMBXRKNHL ROYU MDDYE NL
 K ETLRU LCKNH.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which Canadian province lies to the north of Washington state?
- MOVIES:** In the "Star Wars" movies, which character wields a purple lightsaber?
- GAMES:** In Monopoly, how much money do players get when they pass "Go"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Which fast-food chain's 1970s jingle began, "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us"?
- TELEVISION:** What holiday did George's dad invent in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
- ANATOMY:** How many skin cells does the average human being shed in a minute?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
- ASTRONOMY:** How many moons does Mars have?
- LITERATURE:** What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl in the novel series?
- SCIENCE:** What is the boiling point of water in Celsius?

Answers

- British Columbia.
 - Mace Windu.
 - \$200.
 - Burger King.
 - Festus.
 - 30,000 to 40,000.
 - Four: Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.
 - Two: Phobos and Deimos.
 - Hedwig.
 - 100 degrees C.
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GO FIGURE!

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

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+	÷	=	9					
÷	x	x						
+	-	=	5					
=	=	=						
2	112	48						
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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Out on a Limb

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Scrutiny on the Bounty

SCRUTINY ON THE BOUNTY.

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Amber Waves

HERE IT COMES! SLOWLY THE GREEN MONSTER APPROACHES, EATING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.

THE VILLAGERS UNSUSPECTING THAT THEY'RE IN THE PATH OF ITS COMPLETE DESTRUCTION!

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Answers

RRRRRR!

CRR AKLR!

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SHOW

From Page A1

traffic was a little slow, he said the 501c3 organization was happy to be offering their services at the outdoor show.

“We try and get veterans, active duty, Gold Star family members, reserve, national guard members, outdoors, out of house,” Saylor said. “It helps begin the healing process.”

He said the national organization was established in 2008. This year Fallen Outdoors is planning a trip for female veterans.

“We have this year a female veteran trip to hunt a cow elk tag, the governor’s tag, we’ll be taking them out to Eastern Oregon and setting up a camp for a week. We’ll have everything taken care of.”

Saylor said the Polk County Fairgrounds Event Center is a great place to get the word out about Fallen Outdoors.

“It’s a nice place to meet and greet individuals. I met an individual today, one of his best friends does forging



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

A new sight at the spring gun show were vendors attracting other outdoors enthusiasts, including fishermen seeking lures at the Crabby Lift Crab Pot Pullers booth.

knives. So, we’ve already collaborated on that and have some of our veterans go out and learn how to build knives,” Saylor said.

Other vendors offer the chance for regular outdoors enthusiasts to sign up to go fishing up (or down) river, like Mike Ferris of Fisherman Mike’s Guide Service.

“So fishing normally, salmon, steelhead fishing, is mostly what we talk about because they’re interrelated. And then when the other stuff’s in season, we’ll talk about that too. A little bit of

trout, a little bit of sturgeon, a little bit of halibut, a little bit of rockfish,” Ferris said. “Our favorite thing to do in a is to go way down low and put the crab pots up. Let them soak for a while, then go fish for salmon. Hardly ever catch a salmon, but we always get a limit of crab.”

Then if an outdoorsman needed to add supplies to their rucksack while on an excursion, Robert Reyes of Smokey Bag Jerky had a huge table of inventory to choose from. He’s been offering his home made



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Robert Reyes drew a lot of repeat customers over the weekend to his Smokey Bag Jerky booth.

jerky for 12 years, but it was his first in Polk County.

“I have a lot of vendor friends. I know most of the people at this show because they do the gun show circuit. I got the opportunity to join this gun show and it’s been good,” Reyes said.

His booth has proven to be very popular offering edibles in the midst of outdoor gear vendors.

“I’ve had people come back three times this weekend, the same customers, as well as new ones,” he said. “I do have

a lot of repeat business.”

As successful as Polk County has been attracting new vendors to its expanded outdoor show, Andersen said they’re not done. More is planned for their winter show in December where they’ll be expanding to two buildings. She said Northwest Steelheaders was going to get a fishing pond for the kids this go around but just couldn’t quit pull it off on short notice. But they’ll be back to set up their fishing pond in December.

“We’ll have that for

the kids to be able to win prizes,” Andersen said.

“Rugged Wear should be here in December. We’ll also have Pacific Crest Archery from Salem.”

She added regardless how the public votes in November on a fairgrounds and event center five-year operations levy, they have booked events throughout the rest of this year and into next.

“We’re hanging in there. None of us are giving up yet,” Andersen said. “And it doesn’t matter. Even if this doesn’t go for us, we’re going to go out with a bang. We’re still going to have a huge convention and a huge event show.”

Postlewait said it’s important that counties are able to keep their fairgrounds open.

“Gun and outdoor events like this are extremely important to the hunting, fishing, and wildlife community,” he said. “There’s a need to continue. The fact that Polk County Fairgrounds will go forth with people as well as they have done. This is the kind of thing that makes it fun to be in this industry and in this environment.”

PROJECTS

From Page A1

between 11th Street and Jasper Street.

Councilor Robert Spivy, who said he drives several times a day past the intended work zone, admitted the improvements would probably improve his commute. However, he worried about the level of conversation had with the residents along that section of Ellendale.

“We delivered door hangers last week, informing them of the proposal and of this meeting and provided the opportunity for them to speak,” Pierce

said.

Spivy sympathized with the residents, as he parks his car in front of his own residence.

“I think it would be a big impact to me if somebody came along and said you can’t use that spot anymore, but I didn’t hear any public comment tonight on it, but we didn’t let them know,” he said.

City Manager Brian Latta interjected, agreeing the city did not give them a ton of advance notice as they were notified just last week.

“If this is a topic that the Council feels maybe we need to really do more to the neighbors and really hear from them, I would recommend not making



PLANS COURTESY CITY OF DALLAS

Plans show proposed improvements to Ellendale Avenue at the intersection of Jasper Street that would also include new yellow paint stripings and new white paint stripings.

a decision on this and maybe referring it to the Public Works Committee, which meets next month and that would give us

ample time to really engage them better if you feel that’s a concern,” Latta suggested.

The council agreed

Latta’s suggestion was a good idea, as there hasn’t been much time allotted to the public to respond.

Since the issue was

going back to the Public Works Committee, councilor Carlos Barrientos wanted to see additional data provided by the police department.

“If there’s been crashes there, have there been anything, speeders through there, a failure to stop, or pedestrians, or anything like that, just something more to back it up,” he asked.

Pierce said those issues were mentioned in the TIA and could be readdressed at the committee level.

In the meantime before the April 27 meeting, Latta said in addition to the door hangers city staff will send a letter to the neighbors that are being impacted.

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 County Historical Society volunteer Jennifer Cabbage demonstrates how yard is created from colored wool while Sandra Pinks and Zoe Wagner, both of Dallas, look on.



Kathy Horn creates a handcrafted plastic rug by hand on her family's 50-year-old loom.



Daren Kulman, 7, tries to wield an authentic, and heavy, 1860 foot officer's saber, issued to 2nd Lt. Randy Fletcher, mom Makayla Kuhlman and grandmother Jodi Forsberg look on.



Cailin Alexander and Dawn Broadwater, of Dallas, look at an old map "Prune City Dallas" map looking for the location their family owned prune drier would have been located.

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PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY
Central senior Maeci Brown circles the bases after hitting a solo home run, providing the only run for the Panthers in the 6-1 loss to Beaverton March 20. Central has started non-league play 0-2, having lost to Tualatin 18-2 on March 17.



WOU falls in extras at #9 Monterey Bay on Sunday



PHOTO BY EDDIE BRUNING/WOU ATHLETICS

Western's Chris Arce hit a game tying three-run homer to help force extra innings against Cal State Monterey Bay March 22. The Wolves lost in 11 innings 10-9.

By WOU ATHLETICS

The Western Oregon baseball team closed its four-game series at No. 9 Cal State Monterey Bay with a 10-9 loss in 11 innings on March 22 after Chris Arce's game-tying, three-run homer in the eighth helped force extra innings.

WOU led 5-0 after two innings, fell behind by three in the seventh, then answered when Arce launched a three-run shot to left in the eighth to tie the game at 9-9. The Wolves put the tying and go-ahead push together after Zane Garvey singled and Benny Nazario was hit by a pitch, but could not push across another run after that.

Cal State Monterey Bay won the game on a walk-off solo homer in the bottom of the 11th.

Western Oregon (9-16)

got two hits and two RBI from Garvey, while Arce finished 2 for 6 with four RBI and two runs scored. Robby Shepherd added three hits, and Collin Irwin added an RBI and a run scored.

Shane Bailey started for WOU and allowed three earned runs on six hits over 4.2 innings with two strikeouts and one walk. Logan Larrance was strong in relief, but took the loss after allowing one earned run on two hits over 3.1 innings.

SATURDAY - GAME 1: NO. 9 CAL STATE MONTEREY BAY 12, WESTERN OREGON 2

The Wolves dropped Saturday's opener after Monterey Bay built a 6-0 lead through two innings and added four more in the fourth.

Arce went 2 for 5 with a double, while Tyler Mohler had a hit and

an RBI. Benny Nazario added a hit and two walks for WOU, and Irwin scored once and walked.

SATURDAY - GAME 2: NO. 9 CAL STATE MONTEREY BAY 7, WESTERN OREGON 2

Western Oregon stayed within striking distance into the middle innings of Saturday's second game before a five-run fourth gave the Otters control.

Jayger Baldwin provided the biggest offensive spark for WOU, going 2 for 3 with a solo homer and two RBI. Nazario doubled, Alex Harden doubled and scored, and Gunnar Shiotani added a hit.

The Wolves return to home and to GNAC action Saturday when they host Saint Martin's. First pitch for the doubleheader is scheduled for 1 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY WOU ATHLETICS

Western sophomore Reghann Fairbairn makes a defensive play in the Wolves 8-6 loss to Central Washington March 20.

Wolves sweeps Wildcats in weekend doubleheader

By WOU ATHLETICS

The Western Oregon softball team swept a GNAC doubleheader at Central Washington on March 21, rolling to an 11-3 win in five innings in the opener before erupting for an 18-10 victory in game two.

The 18 runs in game two were WOU's most in a game since a 19-18, eight-inning win over Montana State Billings on March 19, 2017, and the most in a non-extra-inning game since the Wolves scored 21 in a win over Simon Fraser on April 12, 2015. The Wolves' 22 hits in game two is tied for the most in WOU's NCAA era history (the Wolves joined the NCAA in 2001) with the same win over Simon Fraser on April 12, 2015.

WOU improved to 17-12 overall and 3-1 in GNAC play, while Central Washington fell to 7-19 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

GAME 1: WOU 11, CWU 3 (5 INNINGS)

The Wolves wasted little time taking control, scoring three runs in the first inning and six more in the second to build a 9-2 lead.

Western Oregon added another run in the third on Mauer's sacrifice fly and pushed its final run across in the fourth when Hommel singled home Jocelyn Rush. Brooklyn Schneidt paced the offense, going 3 for 3 with three RBI and a walk. Lauren Mauer finished 2 for 3 with two RBI and two runs scored, while Braeli Martin went 2 for 4 with two RBI. Madelynne Hommel scored three times

and added an RBI, and Sydney Conklin drove in two runs.

Braeli Martin entered in the first in relief, settled things in the circle and earned the win. Martin went 4.2 innings, allowing three hits and one run while striking out seven and walking three.

GAME 2: WOU 18, CWU 10

Western Oregon broke out the bats in a big way in the second game, piling up 22 hits and scoring in every inning but one.

The Wolves scored one in the first, one in the second, one in the third and one in the fourth before breaking the game open with six runs in the fifth, four in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

Hope Bodak went 3 for 4 and scored four runs, while Brooklyn Schneidt finished 3 for 5 with three RBI, including a double and a triple. Reghann Fairbairn was 3 for 3 with two RBI and a walk, Haley Homan went 3 for 3 with three RBI, and Braeli Martin added two hits and two RBI.

Lauren Mauer went 2 for 4 with an RBI and homered in the seventh, while Jocelyn Rush came off the bench and delivered a two-run double in the sixth. Victoria Zimmerman scored three times and had two hits, and Bodak also tripled as part of Western Oregon's relentless attack.

Kennedy Abbas earned the win, going 5.2 innings and allowing nine hits, 10 runs - eight earned - with four strikeouts and eight walks. Abby Stansbury picked up the save, tossing the final 1.1 innings without allowing a hit or a run.

SPORTS
SCOREBOARD

MARCH 18
Roseburg 2, Dallas 0

Perrydale 9, Clatskanie 6
Clatskanie 17, Perrydale 7

MARCH 20
Beaverton 6, Central 1
Dallas 13, Grant 1

CALENDAR
MARCH 30
GOLF
Dallas, Central Girls at Diamond Woods Golf Course, 11 a.m.
Central, Dallas Boys at Cross Creek Golf Course, 11:30 a.m.

BASEBALL
Central at Brighton (CO), Coach Bob

Nelson Invitational, Waddell, Ariz., 9 a.m.

SOFTBALL
Colton vs. Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

MARCH 31
TENNIS
Central Boys at North Salem, 4 p.m.
North Salem vs. Central Girls, 5 p.m.

BASEBALL
Central at Century, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Aloha, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
North Eugene at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Gaston vs. Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1986

Hook pleads guilty, given life sentence

One of two suspects in the death of a West Salem man was sentenced to life imprisonment March 12 in Polk County Superior Court.

James E. Hook pleaded guilty to a charge of murder and was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Donald Blensly. Blensly ordered that Hook serve a minimum of 10 years before becoming eligible for parole, work release or other programs.

Hook and Daniel R. Myers were arrested last November after police found the body of Archie Browning dead in the living room of his home.

WOSC granted police academy site

Officials at Western Oregon University are still smiling this week after receiving word March 12 that the campus had been selected as the site of a new police training facility.

"This is a great decision and the best decision he (Gov. Vic Atiyeh) could have made," said WOSC President Richard Meyers. "Everything is absolutely right for having the academy here."

Meyers said the decision to locate in Monmouth represented a

"vote of confidence for Western and the kind of service it's been providing the academy for 12 years."

Dallas makes final AAA hoop showing

They were gone before half the field had even started. But they took something with them.

Dallas High's Dragons were eliminated with two quick losses in the state Class AAA basketball tournament last week at Memorial Coliseum. But Dragon Coach Ken Lathen figures the experience can only help the squad when it drops to Class AA next season.

"Perhaps it will give us a little more motivation to repeat," Lathen said. "We have no idea what it'll be like, but I think for the most part it will be tough."

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1976

Board advises D.A. reprimand

A three-attorney trial board recommended that Polk County District Attorney John Snyder be given a public reprimand by the Oregon State Supreme Court. The trial board made its recommendation after holding two days of hearings in February on Snyder's allegedly mishandling the estate case of W.W.

Weygandt.

The Supreme Court is not bound by the recommendation and can dismiss the complaint, put Snyder on probation or suspend, disbar or issue a public reprimand.

Commission denies Buell zone change

After a previous well attended public hearing at its Tuesday meeting, the Board of Commissioners moved to deny a requested zone change that would permit the old Buell School house to be turned into a restaurant. The request was made to change the area owned by the Buell Grange from Exclusive Farm Use to Commercial.

The Polk County Planning Commission had previously denied the request by a 6-1 vote.

The Board of Commissioners felt that the proposed restaurant would not be compatible with rural growth and that it does not fit the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Blue Dolphin swim team closes season

The Dallas Blue Dolphins finished their winter season by finishing 10th in the Columbia Basin Swim League White Conference Championships, March 13-14 at Parkrose in Portland. Over 600 swimmers, representing 16

teams, competed. Supporters of the swim team would like to say a special word of thanks to the kids and coach Nancy Lathers for all their hard work this season. They've done a fine job of representing our community and we should all be proud of them.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, March 19, 1986: FULL SPEED AHEAD - Randy Burnett and friend Janis, a boxer, speed along Washington Street in Dallas Friday. Burnett, of Dallas, said he takes her out for a four-mile run every day. "Or she takes me," he said. (File I-O photo.)

CryptoQuip answer

At the mollusks' saloon, one of the most popular cocktails they offer is a rusty snail.

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answers

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Community Achievement

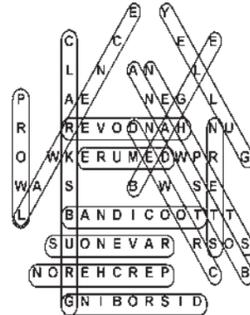
Polk County firefighters climb for charity



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Twenty members of the Polk Fire District No. 1 team recently traveled to Seattle to take part in the Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb, one of the largest firefighter fundraising climbs in the world. Wearing full gear and breathing through air packs, the firefighters climbed 69 floors inside the Columbia Center, tackling 1,356 steps and nearly 800 feet of vertical elevation. Firefighters from across the country take on the challenge each year to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and support those battling blood cancers.

WORDS WITH BIRDS



Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

Answers

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LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE UW-OSHKOSH DEAN'S LIST

Kimberly Bucher, of Dallas, and Greta Emang, of Grand Ronde, were recently named to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Dean's List for the fall 2025 term.

The term GPA requirement for the Dean's List is 3.75. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

WOU ALUM NOMINATED FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Sonali Salgado Soto, a Western Oregon University alum of the FLEX Program (Flexible Licensure Educator Pathways), and Master's of Education Scholar programs, has been nominated for the 2026-27 Oregon Teacher of the Year.

Salgado Soto teaches Spanish at Salem-Keizer Public Schools and provides support for multilingual students and families. She began her educational career as a parent assistant working with migrant

families, helping parents access essential resources and educational opportunities for their children. This valuable experience motivated her to return to college as a non-traditional student, where she pursued a career in education and leadership.

Now completing her graduate studies in Organizational Leadership, Salgado Soto is passionate about advocating for migrant and Spanish-speaking families to ensure they have access to higher education and community resources.

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Community Calendar Jan. 21-28

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior 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
 3 p.m. - Spring Break Special Craft Paper Luminaries, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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: Winter 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
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board of Meeting
 3:30 p.m. - Spring Break Freeze Dance, Dallas Public Library
 5 p.m. - The city of Monmouth and the Monmouth Arts and Culture Commission host an Artist's Reception for Bill Caldwell: A Beautiful Sky, at City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall 555 South Main St.
 6 p.m. - Mayor Kate Pub Talk, Parallel 45 Brewing, 240 Monmouth St., Independence
 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
 7 p.m. - Delta Waterfowl Banquet, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall, for more information, go to <https://deltawaterfowl.org/events/events-folder/mid-willamette-valley-chapter>

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Spring Break Free Movie: "Zootopia 2", Dallas Public Library
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2 p.m. - Free Movie: "Zootopia 2", Monmouth Public Library
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 5 p.m. - Bingo Dinner, Dallas Area Senior Center
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Wild Hog in the Woods, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center
 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, MARCH 28

6 p.m. - Live Music: Catherine Loyer & Strawberry Roan, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

2 p.m. - Live Music: Jim Baldwin, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 4 p.m. - Live Music: Sora Schutt, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran

Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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 Winter 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
 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board Meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior 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
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER MARCH 25

Forest Pass Brewing hosts a bingo fundraiser for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. March 25 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Buy in is \$15 for 10 cards in 10 rounds including a black out round.

INDEPENDENCE MAYOR PRESENTS PUB TALKS MARCH 26

Independence Mayor Kate Schwarzler presents Pub Talks: Understanding City Expenses, 6-7 p.m. March 26 at Parallel 45 Brewing, 240 Monmouth St. In advance of this year's budget process, this session will explain major spending categories, clarify fixed versus discretionary costs, break down what's mandated by law, and explore thoughtful ideas for efficiency and cost savings.

GATHER HOSTS 80S NYTE DANCE PARTY MARCH 28

The Gather Food Park presents 80s Nyte Dance Party with live music by the Nytebirds, from 6-9 p.m., March 28 at the Gather Lounge, 995 Main St., Dallas. There will be a photo station, prizes and

more. The food trucks will be open. Tickets are \$15. For more information, email info@gatherfoodpark.com.

COSMOS TABLETOP GAMES HOSTS SPRING VENDORS MARKET MARCH 29

Cosmos Tabletop Games hosts a Spring Vendors Market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29 at 135 SW Mill St. in Dallas. Craft Vendors will be in the back of the store, showing their wares.

CIDER HOUSE HOSTS EASTER BOUQUET CLASS MARCH 29

The Salt Creek Cider House hosts Bevys and Blooms by Honeysuckle Flower Co., from 1-4 p.m. March 29 at 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas. Sami will guide you every step of the way to create your own flower arrangement. Tickets, which include one glass of cider and a snack paddle, are available online at <https://bit.ly/4bmvc7H>.

GATHER FOOD PARK HOSTS MOMS & MIMOSAS MARCH 29

Gather Food Park presents Moms & Mimosas Crafty Day and Soft Play from 12-5 p.m. March 29 at 995 Main St., Dallas.

There will be a bounce house and ball pit (\$10 per kid) and discounted drinks for adults. This is a timeslot event, so email info@gatherfoodpark.com to reserve yours.

CHURCHES HOST GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 3

The Monmouth Community Church and Cultivate Community Church present a Community Wide Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. April 3 at 959 Church St. W, in Monmouth. Join in this year to welcome a member of the Jews for Jesus Ministry. He will be sharing about the profound foreshadowing of Jesus found in the passover. Can't make it in person? Join live online at <https://migoodfriday.online.church>.

DDA HOSTS HOP AROUND DOWNTOWN APRIL 4

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts Hop Around Downtown from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4. Youth are invited to enjoy an egg hunt, story walk and Easter Bunny Visit. Start at Realty One WV at 764 Main St. and end at the Visitor's Center, 184 Oak St.

WOU GIVING DAY RETURNS APRIL 7

Western Oregon University's Annual Giving Day: Howl from the Heart, is from midnight to 11:45 p.m. April 7. This 24-hour giving day unites Wolves across Oregon and beyond to celebrate WOU, connect with each other, and support dozens of programs, causes and

student-centered organizations. Choose the areas you want to support, and your gift can unlock challenge funds for an even greater impact.

ADULTS INVITED TO PROM FUNDRAISER APRIL 11

Sign up for an unforgettable night, Adult Prom: A Night Through Time, a fundraiser for Dallas High School All Night Party, at 7 p.m. April 11 at 685 Oak Villa Road. Music by DJ Audiotogo. Dress for your favorite era. Single tickets are \$30, couples are \$50. For more information, DM Jessica Holbrook on Facebook.

DDA HOSTS BEAUTIFICATION DAY APRIL 11

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a downtown beautification day from 8-11 a.m. April 11.

Meet at the Chamber/Visitor Center's office at 184 Oak St. Volunteers needed to help with trash pick up, weeding and sidewalk sweeping.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS ROCK & GEM SHOW APRIL 17-19

The Polk County Fairgrounds presents the Wams River of Gems Rock & Gem Show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-18 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. This event includes over 25 vendors, club display cases, a fluorescent exhibit, guest speakers, demonstrations, plus games for the kids. Silent auctions take place daily, and on Sunday, there will be an oral auction which benefits a scholarship fund.

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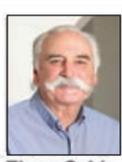


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conference room in
Philomath, Oregon,
on Friday, April 7,
2025, at 3:00 PM to
3:30 PM, to receive
oral and written
comments from any
interested persons
with suggestions,
advice, objections,
or remonstrance's
to the proposed
budget for the forest
protection district.
Written comments
may be submitted
at the public hearing
or submitted via
USPS mail (Oregon
Department of
Forestry, 24533 Alsea
Hwy, Philomath,
OR, 97370 or email
(Kristi.Freeman@
odf.oregon.gov) no
later than 5:00 pm
on April 3, 2025. A
copy of the tentative
budget for the Forest
Protection District
may be inspected
during normal
working hours. To
ensure the broadest
range of services to
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disabilities, persons
with disabilities
requiring special
arrangements should
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OF SELF STORAGE
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property stored at the
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OF SELF STORAGE
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NW Salem OR 97304
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to sell the property
stored at the Facility
by the below list of
Occupants whom
are in default at an
Auction. The sale will
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OF THE STATE OF
OREGON

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DEPARTMENT In
the Matter of: JANET
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tive of the Estate of
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to the Personal Repre-
sentative, c/o Stan
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months from the date
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this notice as stated
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the Attorney for the
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Stan Butterfield, P.C.
Attorney at Law 605
SW Church St, Dallas,
OR 97338 Telephone:
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PCIO26-182
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING ON A
LAND USE ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR
COMMENT

The Polk County
Hearings Officer will
conduct a public
hearing to receive
public testimony on
the following applica-
tion: APPLICATION
FOR: The applicant
is proposing to
establish a youth
camp on the subject
property, which is
approximately 100.7
acres in size and is
located within the
Timber Conservation
(TC) Zoning District.
According to the Polk
County Significant
Resource Area (SRA)
map, the subject
property is also
located almost en-
tirely within the
inventoried Black-
Tailed Deer and
Roosevelt Elk Winter
Habitat area. The
youth camp pro-
posal includes
developing private
roads within this
habitat area. Pursuant
to Polk County Zoning
Ordinance (PCZO)
182.070, "Roads" are
listed as a conflicting
use and require a
Significant Resource
Management Plan.
The applicant has
provided a Significant
Resource Management
Plan to be reviewed
as part of this applica-
tion. A P P L I C A N T /

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REPRESENTATIVE:
AKS Engineering
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97396 (T6S, R7W,
Section 21), Tax
Lot 101) REVIEW
AND DECISION
CRITERIA: 1. Polk
County Zoning
Ordinance (PCZO)
Sections 177.040(X),
177.050, 182.040(B)
and (E), 182.050,
and 182.070; and
PCZO Chapter 119
2. Oregon Revised
Statute (ORS)
215.457 3. Oregon
Administrative Rule
(OAR) 660-006-0031
HEARING DATE
& TIME: April 21, 2026
at 6:00 PM HEARING
LOCATION: Hearing /
Conference Room,
First Floor, Polk
County Courthouse,
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Dallas, Oregon 97338
STAFF CONTACT:
Sidney Shorter.
Phone: (503) 623-
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Officer. Oral and
written testimony
may be presented
at the hearing. The
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which allows testi-
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application, testimony
in opposition to the
application, general
testimony, and rebuttal
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9, 2026 on the
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Amendment LA25-05
(Continuance) Amend
Dallas Development
Code Article 2
(Land Use Districts)
to create a new
"Mixed-Use" zoning
district classification.
Approval Criteria:
DDC.4.7 Conditional
Use Permit CUP26-01
West Valley Hospital.
Addition of emergency
department, ambulance
drop off, North entry,
and redesign of exist-
ing parking lot at 525
SE Washington Street,
Dallas, OR 97338.
Approval Criteria:
DDC.4.4 This meeting
is being held at Dallas
City Hall, 187 SE
Court St. You may
also participate via
phone by dialing 1
253 215 8782 and
entering code: 213
855 0622. The City
will consider testi-
mony which addresses
the applicable criteria.
Testimony may be
submitted orally at
the public hearing or
writing the Planning
Department, 187
SE Court St, Dallas,
OR 97338. The staff
report, the submitted
application materials,
and the approval
criteria will be avail-
able online at least
seven days prior to
the hearing, at www.
dallasor.gov/meet-
ings. Copies will be
provided at reason-
able cost on request.
Failure of an issue to
be raised in a hearing,
in person or by letter,
or failure to provide
statements or evidence
sufficient for the
decision maker to
respond to the issue
precludes appeal to
the Land Use Board
of Appeals. For fur-
ther information call
(503) 831-3570 or email
planning@dallasor.
gov

PCIO26-183
NOTICE
OF BUDGET
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

Four public meetings
with the Budget
Committee of
Perrydale School
District, Polk County,
State of Oregon, will

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be held to discuss the
budget for the fiscal
year July 1, 2026 to
June 30, 2027 in the
months of April and
May, 2025. These
meetings will be held
at Perrydale School
District in High School
wing, 7445 Perrydale
Road, Amity, OR. The
first meeting will be
held April 20, 2026
at 6:00 p.m. The
purpose of the first
meeting is to receive
the budget message
and public comment.
All meetings will be
open for public
comment. The second
meeting is scheduled
for May 11, 2026 at
6:00 p.m. The third
meeting is scheduled
for May 18, 2026 at
6:00 p.m. The fourth
meeting is scheduled
for May 26, 2026,
at 6:00 p.m and will
take place on an as
needed basis. Public
comment will be taken
in person, written
or in a phoned in
format. Written and
phoned in comments
received by 1:00 p.m.
on April 20, 2026
will be read during
the public comment
section of the meeting
on April 20, 2026.
Comments in person,
written, or phoned
in, will be subject to
a three-minute limit
per community mem-
ber. To schedule public
comment, please provide
your name, phone num-
ber, and address to the
District via phone
message at 503-835-
7575, or email to
cindy.cruickshank@
perrydale.k12.or.us
Public comment must
be scheduled no later
than 1:00 p.m. on April
20, 2026. A copy of
the budget document
may be inspected
online at https://www.
perrydaleschool.com/
, obtained by mail
after April 3, 2026,
via email request to
cindy.cruickshank@
perrydale.k12.or.us
or phone request
message to 503-
835-7575. These are
public meetings where
deliberation of the
budget committee
will take place. Any
person may provide
comment at the
meetings.

PCIO26-184
CITY OF DALLAS
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

Public hearings will
be held at 6:00
pm Thursday, April
9, 2026 on the
following: Legislative
Amendment LA25-05
(Continuance) Amend
Dallas Development
Code Article 2
(Land Use Districts)
to create a new
"Mixed-Use" zoning
district classification.
Approval Criteria:
DDC.4.7 Conditional
Use Permit CUP26-01
West Valley Hospital.
Addition of emergency
department, ambulance
drop off, North entry,
and redesign of exist-
ing parking lot at 525
SE Washington Street,
Dallas, OR 97338.
Approval Criteria:
DDC.4.4 This meeting
is being held at Dallas
City Hall, 187 SE
Court St. You may
also participate via
phone by dialing 1
253 215 8782 and
entering code: 213
855 0622. The City
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mony which addresses
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Testimony may be
submitted orally at
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SE Court St, Dallas,
OR 97338. The staff
report, the submitted
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respond to the issue
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ther information call
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planning@dallasor.
gov

PCIO26-187
IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF POLK

Probate Department
In the Matter of the
Estate of GARY

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KENT FRIZELLE,
Deceased. No.
26PB02219 NOTICE
TO INTERESTED
PERSONS NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Erik P. Frizelle
has been appointed
and has qualified as
the Personal Repre-
sentative of the above
Estate. All persons
having claims against
the Estate are hereby
required to present
these claims, with
proper vouchers,
within four months
after the date of
publication of this
notice, as stated
below, to the Personal
Representative in
care of Lawrence W.
Andrews PC, Lawyer,
494? State Street,
Suite #230, Salem,
Oregon 97301-3654,
or they may be
barred. All persons
whose rights may be
affected by the pro-
ceedings in this
Estate may obtain
additional information
from the records of
the Court, the Personal
Representative or
the lawyer for the
Personal Representa-
tive. DATED AND
PUBLISHED: March
25, 2026. LAWRENCE
W. ANDREWS PC,
OSB #871520
Lawyer for Personal
Representative

PCIO26-189
THE TOWERS, LLC
PROPOSES TO
BUILD A 154-FOOT-
TALL MONOPOLE
COMMUNICATIONS
TOWER

at the approx. vicinity
of 1321 Southwest
Clay Street, Dallas,
Polk County, Oregon
97338. Lat: 44-55-
1.71, Long: -123-
20-13.24. Public
comments regarding
potential effects from
this site on historic
properties may be
submitted within 30
days from the date
of this publication to:
Trileaf Corp, Taylor
Sims, t.sims@trileaf.com,
2121 West Chandler
Boulevard, Suite 108,
Chandler, Arizona
85224, (480)447-
8495. 3/25/26 CNS-
4025001# POLK
COUNTY ITEMIZER

PCIO26-190
SECOND NOTICE
OF BUDGET
COMMITTEE
MEETING

A public meeting of
the Budget Committee
for Polk County will
be held in the Main
Conference Room,
Polk County Cour-
thouse, 9:00 a.m.,
on Wednesday, April
8, 2026. The purpose
of the meeting is to
discuss the budget for
fiscal year July 1,
2026 to June 30,
2027 and to receive
the budget message
and document. The
public meeting will
continue on Thursday,
April 9, 2026. Addi-
tional time is reserved
for public comment at
10:30 a.m. Thursday,
April 9, 2026. A copy
of the budget docu-
ment may be inspec-
ted or obtained on
or after April 1,
2026 at the Board
of Commissioners' Office,
Polk County Cour-
thouse, during regu-
lar business hours.
This is a public meet-
ing where deliberation
of the Budget Commit-
tee will take place.
Any person may
appear at the meeting
and discuss the pro-
posed budget with
the Budget Committee.
Please advise the Board
of Commissioners (503-
623-9237) at least
24 hours in advance
if you need special
accommodations to
attend or participate
in the meeting virtually.
Dated: March 19,
2026

PCIO26-175
NOTICE
OF PROPOSED
FINAL ORDER FOR
WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER

T-14478 T-14478
filed by Princess
Properties LLC, Attn:
Lee Bischoff, 4038
Tennyson Street,
Houston, TX 77005,
proposes a change
in the character of
use under Certificate
41895. The right
allows the storage
of 1.2 Acre-Feet
from an unnamed
drainage for irriga-
tion and domestic
use in Sec. 14, T6S,
R6W, WM. The
applicant proposes
to change the char-
acter of use to

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irrigation, agricultural,
nursery, livestock,
and fire protection.
The Water Resources
Department proposes
to approve the
transfer, based on the
requirements of ORS
Chapter 540 and OAR
690-380-5000. Any
person may file,
jointly or severally,
a protest or a request
for party status.
Protests must be
received by the
Department on or
before 4/16/2026.
Call (503) 986-0935
to obtain additional
information. If no
protests are filed,
the proposed final
order will become a
final order 33 days
after the protest
period ends, with-
out any further
action by the
Department.

PCIO26-164
TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE
OF SALE TS NO.:
143549 OR LOAN
NO.: ***1915**

Reference is made to
that certain trust deed
(the "Deed of Trust")
executed by WILLIAM
J. AVANZOLINI SURVIV-
ING SPOUSE, as Grantor,
to QUALITY LOAN SER-
VICE, CORP OF WA, as
Trustee, in favor of
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., AS DESIGNATED
NOMINEE FOR NATION-
STAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A MR. COOPER,
BENEFICIARY OF THE
SECURITY INSTRUMENT,
ITS SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary,
dated 1/28/2021,
recorded 2/11/2021,
as Instrument No.
2021-002656, in the
Official Records of
Polk County, Oregon,
which covers the fol-
lowing described real
property situated in
Polk County, Oregon:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF
LAND IN POLK COUNTY,
STATE OF OREGON,
AS MORE FULLY
DESCRIBED IN DEED
DOC #318944, ID#
0228-453701, BEING
KNOWN AND DESIGNATED
AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN-
NING 1065.3 FEET
WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST
CORNER OF J.S. TURNEY
DONATION LAND CLAIM
IN SECTION 21 OF TOWNSHIP
7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST
OF THE WILLIAMETTE
MERIDIAN IN POLK
COUNTY, OREGON,
WHICH BEGINNING
POINT IS ALSO THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER
OF LAND DEEDED TO
DONALD W WATSON
AND AUDREY E
WATSON, HUSBAND
AND WIFE, BY DEED
RECORDED IN VOLUME
118, PAGE 55, DEED
RECORDS OF POLK
COUNTY, OREGON;
THENCE NORTH 225.00
FEET TO A POINT WHICH
THE NORTHWEST CORNER
OF SAID WATSON TRACT;
THENCE WEST 72.00
FEET TO AN IRON PIPE;
THENCE SOUTH 19 DEG.
45' WEST 239.00 FEET
TO THE CENTER LINE
OF GLEN CREEK ROD;
THENCE EAST ALONG
THE CENTER OF GLEN
CREEK ROAD 152.8
FEET TO THE PLACE OF
BEGINNING. APN:
247133 / 07321-AB-00700
Commonly known as:
1245 GLEN CREEK
RD NW SALEM, OR
97304 The current
beneficiary is: Rocket
Mortgage, LLC s/b/m
Nationstar Mortgage
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:
8/1/2025 - 2/1/2026
Total: \$5,428.43 Late
Charges: \$124.08
Beneficiary Advances:
\$6,122.85 Total
Required to Reinstale:
\$11,675.36 TOTAL
REQUIRED TO PAYOFF:
\$182,616.82 By reason
of the default, the
beneficiary has declared
all

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obligations secured
by the Deed of Trust
immediately due and
payable, including:
the principal sum of
\$175,745.34 together
with interest thereon
at the rate of 2.5 %
per annum, from
7/1/2025 until paid,
plus all accrued
late charges, and all
trustee's fees, fore-
closure costs, and any
sums advanced by
the beneficiary pursuant
to the terms and
conditions of the
Deed of Trust Whereof,
notice hereby is given
that the undersigned
trustee, CLEAR RECON
CORP, whose address
is 1915 NE Stucki
Avenue, Suite 400,
Hillsboro, OR 97006,
will on 7/2/2026, at
the hour of 11:00
AM, standard time,
as established by
ORS 187.110, At the
front entrance of the
Courthouse, 850 Main
Street, Dallas, OR
97338, sell at public
auction to the highest
bidder in the form of
cash equivalent (certi-
fied 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 success-
ors 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 fore-
closure proceeding
dismissed and the Deed
of Trust reinstated by
payment to the benefi-
ciary 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 re-
quired 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 representa-
tions or warranties,
Oregon law requires the
trustee to state in this
notice that some resi-
dential property sold
at a trustee's sale may
have been used in man-
ufacturing methamph-
etamines, 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 con-
struing this notice, the
masculine gender in-
cludes 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 per-
formance of which is
secured by the Deed of
Trust, the words "trustee"
and "beneficiary" include
their respective success-
ors in interest, if any.
Dated: 2/18/2026 CLEAR
RECON CORP 1915
NE Stucki Avenue,
Suite 400 Hillsboro,
OR 97006 Phone:
858-750-7777 866-
931-0036 Jessica Lopez,
Authorized Signatory
of Trustee

PCIO26-168
IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF POLK.

Case No: 25DR19086.
SUMMONS FOR
FAMILY LAW CASE,
Unmarried & Unregis-
tered. Petitioner: Michaela
Louise Ruark and Respon-
dent: Matthew Dale Bunn.
To: Matthew Dale Bunn,
Home Address: Unknown.
Work Address: Unknown.
Your spouse, partner,
or child's parent has
filed a Petition asking
for: Child Support,

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custody, or parenting
time. NOTICE TO
RESPONDENT: READ
THESE P A P E R S
CAREFULLY! You
must "appear" in
this case, or the
other side will win
automatically. To
"appear," you must
file a legal paper
called a "Response"
or a motion. Res-
ponse forms are
available through
the court above or
online at www.courts.
oregon.gov. Talk to
a lawyer for infor-
mation about appear-
ing by motion. Your
Response must be
filed with the court
clerk at the court
named above within
30 days of the day
you received this
Summons, along with
the required filing
fee (go to www.courts.
oregon.gov for fee
information). It must
be in proper form,
and you must show
that the Petitioner's
lawyer (or Petitioner
if he or she does not
have a lawyer) was
formally served with
a copy of the Res-
ponse according to
the service rules.
Service rules are
included in Instruc-
tions for Respondents,
available at www.courts.
oregon.gov. If you
have questions, see
a lawyer immediately.
If you need help
finding a lawyer, you
can call the Oregon
State Bar's Lawyer
Referral Service at
503.684.3763 or toll
free in Oregon at
800.452.7636 or go to
www.oregonstatebar.
org. Date: 03/03/2026,
Petitioner Signature:
Michaela Ruark, Name
(printed) Michaela L.
Ruark, contact address:
542 NE Fern Ave. City
State, ZIP: Dallas,
Oregon 97338. Contact
Phone: 503-400-0486.
Appendix D - Statutory
Restraining Order. {
Attach to Summons per
ORS 109.103(5)}. NOTICE
OF STATUTORY RESTRAIN-
ING ORDER PREVENTING
THE DISSIPATION OF
ASSETS IN DOMESTIC
RELATIONS ACTIONS
BETWEEN UNMARRIED
PARTNERS. REVIEW
THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.
BOTH PARTIES MUST
OBEY EACH PROVISION
OF THIS ORDER TO
AVOID VIOLATING THE
LAW. SEE INFORMATION
ON YOUR RIGHT TO A
HEARING BELOW. TO
THE PETITIONER AND
RESPONDENT: Under
ORS 109.103(5) and
UTCER 8.080, neither
Petitioner nor Respon-
dent may: Insurance
Policies (1) Cancel,
modify, terminate, or
allow to lapse for
nonpayment of pre-
miums, any policy of
health insurance that
one party maintains
to provide coverage
for the other party
or a minor child of
the parties, or any
life insurance policy
that names either of
the parties or a minor
child of the parties as
a beneficiary. Insurance
Beneficiaries (2)
Change beneficiaries
or covered parties
under any policy of
health insurance that
one party maintains
to provide coverage
for a minor child of
the parties, or any
life insurance policy.
EFFECTIVE DATE:
The above provisions
are in effect immedi-
ately upon service of
the Petition and Sum-
mons on the respon-
dent. They remain in
effect until a final
judgment is issued,
until the petition is
dismissed, or until
further order of the
court. RIGHT TO
REQUEST A HEARING
Either Petitioner or
Respondent may
request a hearing to
modify or revoke
one of more terms of
this restraining order
by filing with the
court the Request for
Hearing re: Statutory
Restraining Order
form specified in Form
8.080.3 in the UTCER
Appendix of Forms.

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

At 1:25 a.m., on Ellendale Avenue, Wyatt Arnold was cited and released on an outstanding warrant.

At 1:56 a.m., a motorist on Walnut Avenue was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device, driving while suspended - violation and for failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 2:07 a.m., a Subaru XVC was repossessed on Robb Street.

At 5:44 a.m., a late report of a theft at Walmart.

At 9:10 a.m., a resident on Brookside Avenue reported someone kicked and damaged various items on his property.

At 9:40 a.m., an officer hung out with the kids at the DRV Little Sprouts on Lange Street.

At 10:07 a.m., a motorist from Portland was cited on Ellendale Avenue for speeding 36 mph in a 20-mph school zone and for failure to register the vehicle.

At 4:32 p.m., a resident on Loganberry Street reported their social security number was used to create an account with a credit card company.

At 5:50 p.m., a Chevy Silverado was repossessed on Alameda Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

At 2:38 a.m., officers investigated a report of two males and two females in the park on Fern Avenue possibly using drugs. They were unable to locate anyone.

At 11:48 a.m., Jordan Jessie was arrested on Main Street on an outstanding statewide felony warrant for parole absconding. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 1:18 p.m., Sean Burris was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on outstanding warrants out of Marion County and Bonneville County, Idaho. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

At 8:27 p.m., a subject was given a formal trespass warning from the Aquatic Center due to unusual behavior in the pool area.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

At 2:12 a.m., a driving complaint of a Dodge 2500 swerving on Ellendale Avenue. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

At 1:17 a.m., Lisa Jones, a homeless person from Salem, was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Lake County.

At 8:35 a.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Ellendale Avenue.

At 9:20 a.m., Jasper Duncan was arrested on Maple Street on an outstanding Marion County failure to appear warrant and was also charged with assault 4 and

failure to register as a sex offender.

At 12:39 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a Ford pickup partially blocking the lane on Hankel Street. The vehicle was already tagged by code services.

At 8:34 p.m., Derek Ostrom was cited and released on Court Street for last week's DUII and other related drug crimes.

At 10:16 p.m., an officer responded to a noise complaint at an apartment on Levens Street. All was quiet upon his arrival.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

At 8:11 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a red work truck parked blocking the road on Foxglove Street. The truck was legally parked as the officer arrived.

At 9:38 a.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 11:31 a.m., a McDonald's employee reported a driver for coming through the drive-thru with an open (beer) can in a cup holder. An officer contacted the driver. The can was empty and the driver advised it was a friend's vehicle and it was already in the car. There were no odors of alcoholic beverages from the driver's breath or inside the car nor any indications of impairment. The driver was warned for an open container and tossed the can.

At 1:16 p.m., a female subject was cited on Elmwood Drive on an outstanding warrant from Salem Muni.

At 3:49 p.m., an officer investigated a road rage incident stemming in Salem. The suspect vehicle followed the complainant from Salem to McMinnville to Dallas. The juvenile suspect was upset because he felt he was brake checked. The officer had a conversation with the juvenile about road rage and dangers. He was warned for following too closely.

At 4:15 p.m., a report of a hit and run that occurred around 3 p.m. on Maple Street, damaging a parked VW Golf. There was moderate damage to the driver's side. There is no known suspect vehicle.

At 4:48 p.m., a report of a found cat with fleas on Godsey Road.

At 8:16 p.m. an officer cited and released Gracie Jensen on Clay Street for theft 2.

At 8:29 p.m., a report of a possible gunshot/ firework heard west of a location on Ellendale Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

At 2:40 a.m., a report of an intoxicated driver failing to maintain a lane on Court Street. Officers were unable to locate.

At 8:03 a.m., a motorist on 10th Street was cited for expired registration.

At 9:14 a.m., Dennis Slayter was cited and released on Godsey Road for failing to return his suspended license.

At 9:15 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for expired registration.

At 9:16 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street received a written warning for illegally tinted windshield and for failing to display license plates.

At 9:37 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for expired registration.

At 9:51 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was

cited for speeding 50 mph in a 20-mph school zone and for careless driving.

At 9:52 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speeding 34 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 11:59 a.m., two juvenile subjects on Lyle Street were cited for criminal mischief 2.

At 12:51 p.m., officers participated in a lockdown drill at the high school.

At 7:51 p.m., a late report of trespassing on Kings Valley Highway.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

At 10:40 a.m., an officer making a traffic stop on Monmouth Street at South 5th Street for a vehicle failing to make a complete stop at a traffic control device recognized Cynthia Paris from previous contacts operating a motor vehicle, which she is suspended from doing. Paris was issued a criminal citation for failing to carry and present an operator's license.

At 1 p.m., a resident on C Street reported receiving phone calls from blocked numbers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Kevin Chavez was spotted out walking and known to have a warrant. Upon contacting Chavez he went into his apartment and shut the door. Later in the day multiple officers arrived and arrested Chavez on an outstanding warrant out of Marion County. He was also charged with escape 3 and resisting arrest. Methamphetamine was located in one of Chavez' pockets so a charge of unlawful possession was added.

At 4:23 p.m., officers responded to a report of a crash on Falcon Loop. Upon arrival, they found no evidence of a crash.

At 7:47 p.m., officers investigated a report of intoxicated individuals in a park on F Street after hours. The subjects were located and excluded from the park for the maximum amount of time allowed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

At 6:44 p.m., a report of a loud party on Ridgeview Street. Responding officers could hear excessively loud music. They learned residents were hosting a birthday party for a family member from out of state. They agreed to turn the music down to a reasonable level.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

At 2:20 p.m., an 18-year-old student reported an odd incident with an elderly man at the Safeway in Dallas. No crimes were articulated. The student was provided with the non-emergency number to Dallas Police.

At 3:45 p.m., officers investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on Stryker Road. It turned out to be a verbal only disturbance. No crimes were committed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

At 8:46 a.m., officers participated in a school lockdown drill at Ash Creek Elementary School.

At 11:23 a.m., a female subject came into the police department to report historical physical and sexual abuse from an ex boyfriend. The investigation is ongoing.

At 4 p.m., officers investigated a report of a Talmadge Middle School student trying to fight another TMS student. After speaking with the student, he said he would not fight these other people.

At 7:52 p.m., a male subject was arrested on Craven Street and charged with theft of services and possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine. The subject was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:05 p.m., officers arriving to a fight in progress in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street found two adult brothers had engaged in a physical struggle after one entered the other's room without permission. Alcohol appeared to be a factor. Another brother was threatened with a 10-inch knife by Nickolas Parmer. After the investigation was conducted, Nickolas Parmer attempted to pull away from officers and resisted their attempts to place handcuffs on him. Nickolas Parmer was charged with resisting arrest, menacing, escape, unlawful carrying a weapon and resisting arrest. Johnathan Parmer was charged with assault 4 - misdemeanor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

At 7:52 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for illegal use of an electronic device - cell phone while driving.

At 9:35 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for illegal use of an electronic device - cell phone while driving.

An officer responding to a report of an adult male "mooning" her children found the adult male had a cognitive impairment and concluded that the male would not be charged with a crime. When the officer attempted to contact the parents of the adult male another family member answered the door and was given a summary of the encounter. An hour later that family member, Adam Sanford, went to another house pounding on the door. Sanford was belligerent and disturbed many neighbors by yelling racial slurs. Sanford was arrested and transported to jail where he was charged with disorderly conduct 2.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

At 4:53 p.m., a citizen reported finding a youth with a disability on Monmouth Street. Officers recognized the youth and returned them to their parents.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Illegal Parking: A caller reported a silver van parked illegally. The driver, a crossing guard, was contacted regarding the illegally parked vehicle and warned that future incidents would likely result in a citation. The vehicle was moved.

Citizen Contact: An individual called with questions about a living situation involving a relative and the relative's boyfriend. The police department had grounds to arrest the boyfriend, who would have a no-contact release agreement upon release. The caller was encouraged to pursue eviction proceedings or have the relative

apply for a restraining order.

Crime Report: A victim reported a restraining order violation that occurred at a restaurant. A third party contacted the victim and repeatedly instructed her to meet her former spouse at a different location. The restraining order was active and prohibits third-party contact; a case was opened.

Ordinance Violation: A caller reported a mattress fell out of a pickup truck in the past day, and no one returned to retrieve it. The item was not a traffic hazard, and Public Works was contacted to arrange removal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Driving: A red sedan was reported for brake checking and swerving on the highway. An officer followed a similar vehicle to a local road but did not observe any concerning behavior.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual flagged down an officer, believing she was being followed. She reported a vehicle parked unusually close to hers at a restaurant. The individual was visibly displaying disturbed behavior.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported surveillance footage from the morning showing an unknown male shining a flashlight into vehicles parked outside her apartment. The male never attempted to enter the vehicles. Video from an earlier date also showed a similar subject near a car door, but it was unclear if entry was attempted. No crimes were found to investigate.

Harassment: A mother reported that her 10-year-old daughter was being harassed by another student at school, who had hit the daughter with a stick while walking home. School staff were unhelpful. The parent of the other child was contacted and advised to tell her son to stop the behavior.

Driving: A possible intoxicated driver in a silver sedan was reported turning off the highway. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Trespass: A resident reported that a person who had been staying at the home for two weeks was trespassing and would not leave, having not paid rent. The person agreed to leave and was warned about the behavior. The resident did not wish to pursue charges or have the person legally trespassed.

Civil Matter: A person called and demanded police retrieve her children's electronics from another person's residence, claiming it was required by a court order. A review of the order stated that parents must respect children's attachments to belongings and allow transfers between parents, but it did not specifically mention electronics. The caller stated she would resolve the matter herself.

Animal: A caller reported barking dogs. The resident was contacted and explained that a raccoon in the backyard was causing the dogs to bark excessively. The information was forwarded to another officer.

Field Interview Report: A male riding an e-bike while wearing a ski mask was located at a park.

The male, a 13-year-old juvenile, was identified, and his family was called to pick him up.

Hangup Call: A 16-year-old juvenile accidentally hit the emergency button on a phone, mistakenly calling the emergency line.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Suspicious Activity: A person initially reported a burglary in progress with her former partner inside her house. Upon arrival, she claimed her child made the call and everything was fine. She later clarified she was the caller, thought someone had broken in, but realized it was a dream. She also noted the house belonged to her former partner, who lived there.

Assist Other Agency: A city police department officer called asking for a phone number for an individual whose wallet had been turned in. The officer was advised that the individual was in custody at the county jail, and a message could be relayed to him through the jail.

Sex Offense: A person reported her former partner stayed the night at her residence, violating a felony probation condition that prohibits contact.

She also reported that her 3-year-old child said his relative pulled down his pajamas and poked his butt while they were all sleeping. The parent did not notice injuries but planned to take the child for an exam. Child protective services and a supervisor were notified, and the parent stated she would call if the former partner returned.

Animal: A person called about barking dogs. An officer did not hear any barking and spoke with the residents, who had two large dogs that were not barking.

Suspicious Activity: A neighbor reported that a unit's front door appeared damaged, possibly kicked in, and heard a television on with no answer when calling out. The neighbor later recalled that medics had forcibly entered the unit earlier that morning for a medical call.

The tenant, who was home, confirmed the fire department broke in and reported being okay.

Noise Complaint: A loud party was reported. Officers found excessively loud music and spoke with the residents, who were hosting a birthday party for visiting family. They agreed to turn the music down.

Assist Other Agency: A person was fighting with a partner and jumping in front of cars. The situation was calmed, and the person admitted to being suicidal. A vehicle crash occurred after the situation calmed down, and the officer left the scene before the person was taken into protective custody.

Vehicle Crash: A driver who was distracted while talking to a child side-swiped a parked vehicle, resulting in significant damage. The officer assisted with the exchange forms and arranging a tow.

Suspicious Activity: A person called to complain that a pub employee was harassing her about her cat and telling her to leave because the employee wanted to pet the cat without

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permission. The person was advised that she must leave if the bar tells her to or face arrest for trespassing. She was also warned against stealing glassware or drinking in public. The person was uncooperative throughout the conversation.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual was observed sitting at an intersection, visibly emotional and on the crisis line, explaining her struggle over not being with her children. She was unable to stay at her spouse's parents' house because the in-laws disliked her. A courtesy transport was provided to the residence, where she was able to sleep in a vehicle, and resources and blankets were provided.

Fraud: A person reported two packages delivered to their house addressed to their spouse, concerned that the card used to purchase the items was opened in their spouse's name. No suspicious activity was found on their credit reports, and the incident was discussed as a potential brushing scam. The person had already made reports to other agencies and wanted the incident documented; they were not out any money, and there was no evidence of identity theft.

Attempted suicide: A person wrapped a phone charger around her neck to attempt self-harm after running out of money and withdrawing from a substance. The cord, while tight, still allowed her to breathe. The cord was removed, and she voluntarily went with medics.

Citizen Contact: A person came to the police department to discuss suspicious activity in their neighborhood, mentioning graffiti on a fence that was previously reported. She stated neighbors believed the people at a church at the park were responsible, but there was no evidence to support this, and it was noted to be likely juveniles. She pointed out two houses to keep an eye on and asked for more patrols near the dead end by a park.

Driving: A person called to report she was walking and waved a truck to go by at an intersection, but it did not go, and when she started walking, it suddenly drove. She believed the truck was trying to hit her. She described the vehicle as lifted and red, but no other identifying information was available, and the vehicle was unable to be located.

Follow Up: An individual was cited and released for theft and trespass.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Information: Another department advised that an individual was contacted in a vehicle, and the circumstances were described as odd. The department wanted police to be aware in case the vehicle's owner, the individual's parent, reported it stolen. The individual was driving with a

suspended license (misdemeanor) and was potentially intoxicated. The vehicle was later reported gone, and despite checking known addresses and routes, the individual was unable to be located.

Citizen Contact: A person called to report her sister, who lives in a different city, was arrested and acting erratically. The person said her parent gave her the sister's firearms for safekeeping because the parent had nowhere to lock them up. She wanted to file a report in case the sister tried to report the firearms as stolen.

Driving: A person reported a tan sedan was swerving, tailgating, and passed her on a double yellow line. The vehicle was located, and the driver claimed the reporting person was making gestures, braking, and swerving. The driver and an adult female passenger were having an argument that was resolved, and no police assistance was needed.

Missing Person: An individual was located near the curves. A group home manager was contacted, who stated the individual had returned the previous day, but they forgot to call and have the missing person report removed. The individual was being exited from the program and would likely leave again to go to a park. The manager was fine with the police removing the missing person report.

Theft: An owner reported an individual had come into a restaurant and left without paying for food and beer (about \$30 worth). Employees stated the individual claimed to be waiting for his employer and would return after walking a few blocks to get a check, but was unwilling to leave identification or another item behind. The individual was later arrested and lodged for theft of services.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported someone rode a bicycle through fresh concrete put down by the apartment complex. The person wanted the police department to check cameras and would advise the apartment manager to contact police.

Check Welfare: A deputy from another county requested a welfare check on a person after a report that she appeared to be nodding off with children in the car at a market. Contact was made with the person and child, who were fine. The person stated she was breastfeeding at the market, which was likely what the caller saw.

Driving: A person reported that a red sedan was speeding up and slowing down and driving erratically on the highway. The vehicle was last seen turning off the highway, but was unable to be located, and no identifying information was provided.

Assist Other Agency: An officer covered a call on a reported fight. Two people were arrested and taken into custody.

Assist Other Agency: Campus police requested assistance and cover with an intoxicated male who

was yelling and possibly throwing items. The male was emotional and upset. Campus police decided to trespass the male, effective the following day, as he was not a student.

Assist Other Agency: An individual was located and arrested on a warrant.

Assist Other Agency: A school resource officer and counselor were informed that a juvenile was exposed to a substance with white residue after looking for a screwdriver in her parent's backpack. The parent is currently incarcerated and unhouseed. The juvenile was taken to urgent care, and results were negative for any exposure.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Crash: A two-motor vehicle rear-end crash occurred that was non-injury and non-blocking. Driver accident form exchange and a crash report were taken.

Alarm: A commercial burglar alarm was received at a church. No alarm was sounding upon arrival, but an unlocked door was located at the rear of the building. The building was cleared, with no signs of unlawful entry. The reporting party arrived and reset the alarm.

Ordinance Violation/Tow: A towing service was called for an ordinance tow of a white vehicle.

Animal: A person called to report ongoing issues with a neighbor's dogs that had been barking for at least two hours straight and wanted the incident documented.

Animal/Bite: A dog bite on a trail was reported. A person reported walking when another person's dog approached off-leash and bit his arm, drawing blood. The dog owner confirmed the event, stating her dog was vaccinated and registered. The person with the bite was seen by medics and planned to go to the hospital. The dog owner will send proof of vaccinations.

Citizen Contact: An individual wanted to report that his driver's license was taken by a person he was dropping off in the early morning hours of March 17, and that the person was now messaging him demanding money. The person was advised that since the incident occurred in another city, he would need to make his report with that city's police department.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

At 5:56 a.m., Jaime Perryman turned herself in for a stalking order violation and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:12 a.m., a motorist on Riddell Road was cited for not properly displaying the front license plate.

At 4:04 p.m., a resident on Church Road reported an attempted scam.

Someone called him identifying themselves as being with the Polk County Sheriff's Office. They also mentioned it was part of a federal investigation.

At 8:56 p.m., a deputy

investigated a report of a male walking in Bridgeport Road. The deputy saw Jonathan Niles in the road and noticed a ladder up near a stop sign. He eventually admitted he was the one damaging the signs in the area. Niles was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 10:07 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle westbound on Hoffman that ran through a stop sign, hit the double arrow sign across the road, and ended up in the field. The driver fled before the deputy arrived. The vehicle was towed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

At 5:47 a.m., a deputy investigated an alarm triggered on 50th Avenue. Employees reported everything was okay; they'd recently just installed a new alarm system.

At 6:41 a.m., a deputy held the scene of a single vehicle accident with injuries on Highway 22 until Oregon State Police took over the investigation.

At 9:49 a.m., a motorist was stopped for following too closely to the vehicle in front of him on Suver Road. The driver was cited for no insurance and the vehicle was towed.

At 11:39 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for expired registration stickers. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for failure to renew her registration.

At 7:24 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of traffic cones on Highway 22 near milepost 8. The complainant reported the cones were set up in an odd pattern all over the highway and vehicles were having to swerve around them. The deputy found signs indicating a utility crew was ahead and additional signs advising to be prepared to stop. There were cones on the highway, but they were not set up in an odd pattern.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

At 7:10 a.m., a deputy held the scene of a two vehicle non-injury blocking crash on Ellendale Avenue until Oregon State Police took over the investigation.

At 9:58 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Ferns Corner Road and South Kings Valley Highway. The owner approached the deputy and said that his other vehicle was broken down and drove here to pick it up.

At 2:35 p.m., a deputy responded to an audible alarm triggered on Highway 22. An employee had accidentally set off the alarm.

At 2:40 p.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Rickreall and Greenwood roads. A motorist, distracted talking to his wife, blew through the stop sign and collided with a second vehicle. Driver one was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 3:32 p.m., a deputy witnessed a driver completely blow through the intersection while

cleaning up the above crash scene. The driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 3:48 p.m., a motorist was trying to turn around on Clow Corner in his crewcab longbed pickup and gave a little too much gas and backed into the ditch. Because a lane of traffic was blocked, deputies organized traffic control until a family friend in a pickup was able to pull the motorist out of the ditch.

Saturday, March 14
At 7:27 a.m., a deputy spoke with a male subject who said he was on his way to go fishing and stopped under the bridge on Highway 22 to get out of the rain.

At 8:05 a.m., Clifton Kitch was arrested on Glen Creek Road for being out of compliance with his sex offender registration and had an outstanding parole violation warrant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:42 a.m., a male subject who had been warned multiple times that he was trespassing on a property on Wallace Road was arrested and charged with trespass 2. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:03 p.m., a male subject on Doaks Ferry Road was cited and released on an outstanding warrant out of Albany.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

At 12:26 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Pacific Highway for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone. The deputy noticed signs of impairment on the driver, Travis Gwyn. He failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and three counts of reckless endangerment (for two kids and girlfriend in the vehicle). Gwyn blew a .11% BAC at Polk County Jail.

At 10:41 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle vs. deer accident on Doaks Ferry Road and the deer was still alive. When he arrived, the deer was no longer alive.

At 1:02 p.m., a resident on Clow Corner Road reported an older pug with a red harness loose in her yard. A deputy took the dog to Polk County Kennels, provided food, water, and blanket, and took photos and sent them to animal control.

At 2:37 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle accident on Zena Road. The driver stated she was traveling westbound on Zena when she hit the ditch with her passenger tire, then overcorrected and landed in the eastbound lane of travel facing eastbound. There was no other property damage. BC Towing arrived and towed the vehicle to their yard.

At 5:53 p.m., a resident on Perrydale Road reported a transient trespassing and had thrown a rock at his car and tried to fight him. A deputy arrived and arrested Gary Reese, charging him with trespass 2 and attempted criminal mischief 2. He was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 6:05 p.m., a deputy held the scene of a single vehicle crash into a deep

ditch on Kings Valley Highway, with a minor injury to the driver, until Oregon State Police took over the investigation.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

At 1:34 a.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for no insurance, driving while suspended - violation and expired tags.

At 8:53 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone and for not carrying proof of insurance.

At 5:44 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic assault on Meadow Lane. David Batencourt had attacked his girlfriend's stepdad after getting tired of being teased by him. The girlfriend was also injured in the incident. Both the girlfriend and the stepdad were transported to the hospital by medics. Lane was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with two counts of assault 4.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

At 2:41 a.m., a motorist was stopped for running a stop sign. The driver exhibited indicators of impairment. After performing poorly on a field sobriety test, he was arrested and charged with DUI. At Polk County Jail he blew a BAC of .10%.

At 8:20 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Monmouth Street. The driver was cited for no operator's licence and was warned for speeding and failing to obey a traffic control device.

At 12:57 p.m., a resident on Lewis Street in Falls City reported an ongoing issue with her neighbor's employees parking in front of her mailbox. A deputy forwarded that information to Falls City Code Enforcement who said they would handle the issue.

At 4:24 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle accident on Corvallis Road. A motorist, trying to pass a farming vehicle, swerved to miss an oncoming vehicle and ended up in the opposite ditch. BC Towing later arrived and towed the vehicle to the tow yard.

At 7:52 p.m., motorist Britney Quezada was arrested on River Bend Road and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:11 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for suspicion of driving while suspended - misdemeanor. The driver was not, but was cited for no insurance.

At 10:44 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for failure to install an ignition interlock device and for speeding.

At 11:32 p.m., a motorist was stopped for running the stop sign leaving the casino parking lot. The driver was cited for no insurance and warned for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 11:55 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

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Investigating the Bible: Assumptions, Expectations and Attitudes

By DAVID CARLSON PASTOR

Before he was a journalist, Tim Russert worked as an intern for New York Senator Patrick Moynihan. He once recalled an incident that occurred when Moynihan was first running for office.

Moynihan had previously served as Ambassador to the United Nations, and toured a newly built mental hospital. He was tired afterwards and found a vacant room to nap. When he awoke, he discovered there was no handle on the inside of the door, so he called the front desk and said, "Could you please get me out of here. This is Ambassador Moynihan."

The desk clerk said, "Sure, and Winston Churchill was here yesterday."

He didn't get out until his driver came looking and the desk clerk realized his mistake.

Some have had difficulty believing that the short book of Ecclesiastes is part of Old Testament scripture. The words can be so depressing: "I have seen all the works that are done under the

sun and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." (Ecclesiastes 1:14, King James Version used throughout).

Better than a person alive or dead, is he "... which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 4:3).

The author calls himself 'The Preacher'; he was elderly King Solomon. He concludes that a person's expectations matter.

The preacher is honest. He often says, "under the sun" and when he looks at what happens here, he sees good and bad. His language is honest.

"I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all." (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

"For what hath man of all his labor, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath labored under the sun? For all his days are sorrows...; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity." (Ecclesiastes

2:22,23).

However, the preacher advises his readers to enjoy life and to not let darkness triumph. There is "...A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;" "Wherefore, I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion." (Ecclesiastes 3:4, 22).

The preacher says trust in God. Before the New Testament, the preacher relied on the promises he knew: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole

matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14).

Read Ecclesiastes with the anticipation of finding God's truth. A grandfather sat on his front porch with his very young granddaughter. It was before freeways, when there were slow, country roads.

A man driving by stopped, and asked the old man, "What kind of town

is this?" The grandfather asked, "What is the town like where you live?"

The man said, "It's terrible! People gossip; they don't help each other. I'm eager to leave!"

The grandfather said, "Well, sadly this town is like that."

In a little while, another tourist stopped with the same question to the old man, and again, the grandpa asked him about his town.

"Oh, my town is great! People lend a helping hand and greet you whenever you come to town."

The grandpa said,

"Well, our town is just like that."

The granddaughter was puzzled. "Why did you tell one man our town is terrible and the other man that our town is wonderful?"

He looked at her kindly and said, "No matter where you live, you take your attitude with you and that is what makes it terrible or wonderful."

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