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Dallas sophomore Khadijah Tabib is ecstatic, hugging her coach Rick Jordan, after winning a state title during her dominating 155-pound final, pinning McNary senior McKenna Unger at the OSAA State Wrestling Championships Feb 27-28. For more tournament results, see page B1.

Commissioners approve drafting fairgrounds operations levy

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

The Polk County Commissioners have decided to go directly to proposing a November operations levy ballot measure to keep the Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center open. The Fairgrounds and Event Center faces potential closure if additional funding is not devised to cover the annual maintenance costs of the facility between \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million.

The move comes instead of sending to the May ballot an advisory question to determine if there is enough public support for such an operations levy. A sample levy that has

been used in discussions so far would be four years, collecting 10 to 13 cents per year at a \$1,000 valuation.

The decision came two weeks after the County Commissioners hosted two public hearings Feb. 11 in which they heard from community members on both sides of the argument whether to keep the fairgrounds open amidst rising costs to the county.

However, Fair Board Chairman Tim Ray began second guessing the logic of putting forth a question of support for a levy in May when so much could change by November.

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Dallas City Council approves new ambulance purchase

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

The Dallas City Council unanimously approved Feb. 17 the purchase of a new ambulance to expand the Dallas Fire & EMS department's growing demand for service. In addition, they approved a request for the remounting of an existing ambulance onto a new chassis to extend its service life.

Fire Chief April Wallace explained that her department has seen a significant increase in call volume and inter-facility hospital transfers that has resulted in high mileage, frequent maintenance, and extensive repairs to their fleet

of ambulances.

In 2025, Dallas F&EMS call volume reached 5,616 calls for service. Of that, 1,506 of those were inter-facility transfers and 2,275 of those were hospital transports. Wallace said the reason for the high numbers is their ambulance service area covers 240 square miles. While most of their transports are local to West Valley Hospital, many patients sometimes require a higher level of care and are transported to Salem Hospital, which is approximately a 30-mile round trip, Wallace said.

"As we are seeing the

See AMBULANCE, page A8

Rebranded NerdCon returns March 13 bigger than ever

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Dallas librarian Mark Greenhalgh-Johnson worried last year about hosting a new event modeled after the comic conventions around the country. He and his staff had to weigh both extremes – what if nobody came and what if everybody came?

The first ever Library Con last March turned out to be such a success without being overwhelming that it's back in 2026, only rebranded.

The Dallas Public Library presents NerdCon March 13, with expanded hours from 2-8 p.m. encompassing three downtown locations – the Dallas Library, the Dallas Civic Center, and the Majestic.

"We went with NerdCon after we searched around for something catchy that didn't

seem a lot of others were using it," Greenhalgh-Johnson said.

"We didn't find a copyright obstacle. And after taking staff possible name suggestions, we went with NerdCon. And since we're all nerds."

He said while staff would have been happy if just one collectible nerd showed, last year's event exceeded expectations with an estimated more than 1,000 attendees.

"For our first, all the authors and vendors were very happy. All of them wanted to come back," Greenhalgh-Johnson said.

So, for 2026 NerdCon, he promises a bigger celebration than ever of all things pop culture, featuring more authors, artists, vendors, games and fun.

NerdCon will host more author/illustrators:

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A popular attraction at last year's LibraryCon, the Portland Ghostbusters, return to the rebranded NerdCon March 13.

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Monmouth names new public works director

By **SABRA JEWELL**
Monmouth Communications Director

The city of Monmouth has named David M. Karr, Jr. as Public Works Director to replace the retiring Russ Cooper.

Karr brings nearly 30 years of progressive experience in municipal infrastructure management, utility operations, and capital improvement program leadership.

A licensed professional civil engineer and professional land surveyor, Karr has overseen water, wastewater, stormwater, transportation and parks systems while managing capital improvement programs, regulatory compliance, and long-range infrastructure planning. Karr came to the city

of Monmouth in 2019 as a project coordinator for Public Works, but has lived in the community for 40 years. He has been in his role as city engineer since March of 2025.

This hire comes in the wake of the announcement of the retirement of Cooper, who has served the city of Monmouth since 1990 in various roles from his time as a student at Western Oregon University. He was named Public Works director in 2011. Cooper has overseen projects such as the Monmouth Skatepark, Main Street Amphitheater, the development of Madrona Park and the Main Street Splash among many others.

City Manager Rochelle Anderson said of the

transition, “Russ Cooper’s decades of leadership have left a lasting mark on our organization and community. His steady guidance, institutional knowledge, and unwavering commitment to public service have helped shape the strong foundation we continue to build upon today.”

Karr began his role March 1 and Cooper will officially retire on March 31.

There will be an opportunity to meet Karr at the next Monmouth Town Hall on April 30, at 5:30 p.m. He is the guest speaker and will talk on an array of topics in the area of public works, from sidewalks to sewers, and more. The Town Hall will be held at 151 Main St. W., in Monmouth.

Independence man killed in school bus collision

On Feb. 23, at 9:51 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Highway 22, at the intersection with Highway 51.

The preliminary investigation indicated a westbound Salem-Keizer Thomas school bus, operated by Chandra Jean Milkovich-Howard, 33, of Turner, attempted a left turn onto southbound Highway 51. The school bus entered the path of an eastbound Honda

Pilot, operated by Luke Richard Brittan, 68, of Independence, causing a head-on crash.

Brittan was declared deceased at the scene.

Milkovich-Howard suffered minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital

The school bus was occupied by two adults and 30 students. One student suffered a minor injury and was transported to an area hospital.

The highway was

impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation. An unsafe left turn is considered the primary cause of the collision. Milkovich-Howard was cited for the unsafe left turn.

The investigation is on-going and will be forwarded to the district attorney when complete for consideration.

OSP was assisted by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and ODOT.

Red Cross offers free diabetic A1C testing

Blood donors get \$15 Amazon Gift Card through March

The American Red Cross urges donors to help the national blood supply recover from a severe blood shortage and empower their health by making an appointment to give blood or platelets in March. As a thank-you for helping save lives, successful donations will receive free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes, in March (one result per calendar year).

New Red Cross data reveals 1 in 5 blood donors have elevated A1C levels — a sign that prediabetes and diabetes are prevalent among adults in generally good health. The findings are based on the first year of free A1C screening offered by the Red Cross, which provided results to more than 920,000 blood donors nationwide over three testing periods in 2025. Among donors with elevated A1C levels, 80% had readings indicating prediabetes — a condition that can often be reversed through lifestyle changes such as a balanced diet and regular exercise.

“Too many people still face gaps in access to preventive care, and the Red Cross is proud to help close them by giving our 2.5 million blood and platelet donors easy access to essential health information, like their blood sugar levels,” said Dr. Courtney Lawrence, Red Cross medical director. “By giving blood and downloading our Blood Donor App, individuals can be informed and empowered to better manage and advocate for their health.”

The A1C test does not require fasting and provides an average blood sugar level over the past three months. Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your March donation appointment. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31, 2026, will also receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email. See www.RedCrossBlood.org/March for details.

Local blood donating opportunities in Polk County during March

include:

March 6 - Dallas Aquatic Center, 12-5 p.m., 1005 SE La Creole Dr.

March 20 - Trinity Lutheran Church, 12-5 p.m., 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Donating blood in March is part of Red Cross Month, a national campaign that encourages people to deliver support when help can’t wait by also making a financial donation, volunteering or taking a lifesaving skills class.

WHY YOU SHOULD KNOW YOUR A1C

Millions of U.S. adults are living with undiagnosed prediabetes and Type 2 diabetes, which are often preventable and in many cases, reversible. These conditions often develop silently, though if untreated, they can lead to serious health complications such as stroke, heart disease and kidney failure.

Early detection isn’t just good for long-term health — it’s also a warning for people’s wallets.

An American Diabetes Association study found that, while people with prediabetes typically incur a few hundred dollars in additional medical costs each year, those with blood sugar levels that have progressed to the diabetic range could face several thousand dollars more in annual expenses — as much as 25 times higher.

HOW TO FIND OUT YOUR A1C FROM THE RED CROSS

After making a successful blood, platelet or plasma donation in March, donors can access their A1C result within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. Anyone with an elevated A1C level is encouraged to consult their health care provider.

In addition, donors can access and track their blood pressure, hemoglobin, pulse and body temperature, which are taken during each donation’s mini-physical to ensure they’re healthy enough to give.

HOW BLOOD DONATION CAN HELP BRIDGE HEALTH CARE GAPS

As the nation’s largest blood supplier, the Red Cross is uniquely positioned to help bridge existing health care gaps by providing blood donors with critical health

insights. Through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and online donor portal, donors can track their results and share them with their health care provider.

These efforts are part of the broader Red Cross mission, which has supported the health of communities for 145 years. Today in Oregon and Southwest Washington, this work includes installing free smoke alarms in neighborhoods at high risk for home fires, providing basic health and mental health services to disaster survivors, and supporting the well-being of military families, veterans and their caregivers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is the Red Cross testing blood, platelet and plasma donors’ A1C levels?

A: The Red Cross values the health and well-being of blood donors. By providing this vital health insight, the Red Cross is helping to bridge existing care gaps and empower donors to take an important step toward preventative care and lifesaving intervention.

Q: Should I fast to receive the A1C test on my blood donation?

A: No, the A1C test does not require individuals to fast. This is noteworthy because eating a nutritious meal prior to blood donation is important.

Q: Can I donate blood if I have prediabetes or diabetes?

A: People with prediabetes or diabetes are generally eligible to donate blood, platelets and plasma if they are feeling well on the day of their donation. In most situations, the type of medication donors take to manage their diabetes does not disqualify them from donating blood.

Q: Can I donate blood while taking GLP-1 medication?

A: In most situations, the type of medication you take to manage your diabetes or insulin resistance won’t disqualify you from donating blood. Whether you take insulin injections like Apidra or Humalog, an injected diabetes medication like Ozempic or Mounjaro, or oral medications like metformin, you are still eligible to donate if you are feeling well on the day of your donation.

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Report crime faster with Independence Police's MyPDConnect Platform

The Independence Police Department has launched MyPDConnect, a cutting-edge online reporting platform designed to report low-level crimes online from phones, tablets or desktop.

MyPDConnect empowers victims of crime to quickly and easily report crimes directly to local law enforcement without having to wait for an officer response or spend unnecessary time calling dispatch.

Key Features of MyPDConnect:

- Report Crime Easily: Report low-level crimes such as Damaged Property, Theft, Graffiti,



Shoplifting and other crimes right from your mobile device, tablet or desktop.

- Upload Unlimited Pictures, Videos and Documents: An unlimited number of pictures, videos and documents can be uploaded with each report to easily provide information to law enforcement.
- Multi-Language

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- Instant Notification: Receive text and e-mail updates when your report has been processed and completed.

- Easy Access: You may text the word report to (503) 838-1214 to receive a text link to file a report, or you may scan their QR code.

Visit the city’s website to report a crime at any time at <https://independencepolice.mypdconnect.com>.

JANUARY 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.

Kickass Donutz

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 30
Score: 100

Dairy Queen

320 Pacific Ave. S., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically, a cut banana is sitting out at room temperature. The operator is not sure how long it has been out.

KFC/A & W

444 S. Pacific Highway, Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 100

Bugles Espresso

444 Pacific Highway S. Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 100

Rookie's

641 E Clay St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 100

Dutch Bros Coffee

165 Pacific Ave., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 100

Burgerville USA

615 E. Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 100

Habanero's

601 Clay St. E. Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 29
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically, two flats of whole eggs were sitting out at room temperature. The operator states they have been out for 20 minutes. Eggs are room temperature to the touch. House-made salsa is on ice. Ice has melted, salsa is 53F.

Pizza Hut

560 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 28
Score: 100

Taco Bell

450 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 28
Score: 100

Subway

560 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 28
Score: 100

McDonald's

570 Wallace Road NW, Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 28
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically, a container of liquid egg (51F) is sitting out at room temp. The operator says it has been out for 20 minutes. The flat of raw eggs has been out for 15 minutes.

Starbucks Coffee

1505 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 27
Score: 100

Habebah Coffee & Cuisine

110 Main St. W., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 16
Score: 100

Inspection Date: Jan. 16
Score: 100

Checkpoint 221 - Pavillion

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100

Pastatastic

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100

Flame and Fork Grill

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination; specifically, raw chicken is stored above lamb.

Bobablastic

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100

Taqueria Arandas

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100

Bobablastic

240 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 14
Score: 100

The Tap Station

87 S. Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 14
Score: 100

Fro-zone Yogurt

1389 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 14
Score: 100

Taco Bell

200 W Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 13
Score: 100

Brooks & Terry's Espresso LLC

100 Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 13
Score: 100

Abby's Legendary Pizza

174 W Ellendale, Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 13
Score: 100

Score: 100

La Herradura Mexican Food

994 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 12
Score: 100

Karma Coffee Bar and Bakery

1062 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 12
Score: 100

Bobablastic

955 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 12
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is improperly reheated for hot holding; specifically, chili is 128F and has been reheating for 1 hour and 45 min.

Jersey Mikes

555 Edgewater St. NW, Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

McDonald's

1315 Monmouth-Independence Highway
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

Java Crew

779 Wallace Road. Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures; specifically, a can of whipped cream sitting out is 59F. The operator states it has been out for 15 minutes.

Starbucks Coffee

1124 Wallace Road NW, Suite 105, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

Baskin Robbins

1124 Wallace Road, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

Carl's Jr.

555 Edgewater St. NW, Suite. 150, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

Quesadilla Wizard

240 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100

Score: 100

Baobab

154 S. Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 95 - Refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within the required time period or is not properly date-marked; specifically, an opened container of cream is date marked 24 days ago. An opened container of milk is datemarked 23 days ago.

Island Bitez

154 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100

Brew Coffee and Tap House

211 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100

Painted Pony Coffee & Cream

226 S Main St., Suite A, Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100

Starbucks Coffee #10170

244 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100

The Sippery

169 W. Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100

Subway

113 Main St., E., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100

Yeasty Beasty

167 Main St. Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 97 - Soap is not provided at a handwashing sink; specifically, soap at back handwashing sink has run out.

Main Street Ice Cream Parlor Inc.

109 Main St. E., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100

Pizza Hut

244 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100

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WOU welcomes alum Jude Ellis as new social media manager

By WOU MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University alum Jude Ellis has been hired as the new Social Media & Video Content Manager. Ellis brings a wealth of experience in social media strategy and content creation to the university's marketing and communications team.

Raised in Hood River, Oregon, she has a deep appreciation for the community-oriented values of Western. During her time at the university, she excelled not only academically but also as a captain of the cheerleading team, where she learned the power of effective communication and leadership, which is a lesson she used to shape her educational path in communication.

Ellis's journey in communications began during her senior year when she



secured a position as the Lifestyle Editor for the student newspaper, the Western Howl, despite initially applying for a social media manager role. This experience ignited her passion for storytelling and connecting with audiences. She further honed her skills while working as a Social Media Coordinator and

Marketing Intern for Western's Career Center, the Center for Professional Pathways, where she managed social media campaigns and led marketing meetings.

Following her graduation, Ellis joined Nike as a Social Media Specialist, where she executed ambitious social media campaigns and learned

invaluable lessons in professionalism and confidence. Ellis said she was working at a local Starbucks while she was job searching and initially thought the Nike recruiter who reached out to her about the job was a scam. When she realized it wasn't and finally got the job, she was in disbelief. Multiple times when she broke the news to her Starbucks colleagues, she was met with: "You get to work at the Nike Outlet in Woodburn, how cool!" and would then respond, "Nope, even better!"

However, her love for her hometown and desire to make a difference in a smaller community ultimately drew her back to Western. Ellis said she loved her experience at Nike, but she is a small-town girl at heart.

"It was so fun to execute large-scale projects and make a difference

on such a big stage, but that doesn't compare to seeing change in a small community like the one provided here at Western," Ellis said.

"I couldn't be more excited to be back in the Wolf Pack," she added. "I have missed our gorgeous campus and look forward to sharing stories that highlight what makes WOU special as we encourage prospective students to join us."

In her new role, Ellis will develop and implement strategic social media campaigns aimed at enhancing Western's presence in the community. She will oversee the creation of engaging digital content and foster relationships with community partners to advance the university's mission.

"Her unique combination of experience and passion for Western will undoubtedly help

elevate our marketing efforts," said Maureen Brakke, Executive Director of Marketing & Communications.

"We're excited to see how she will contribute to our community and engage with prospective students and our other stakeholders."

When asked what she would tell a prospective Western student, Ellis said that if you seek community, guidance, employment opportunities, and the opportunity to be pushed out of your comfort zone because of the value you bring, WOU would love to have you.

"I came to WOU with low self-confidence, a sole focus on athletics, and a desire for community," Ellis said. "I left WOU with lifelong friends, a full resume, and the confidence to accept a role at Nike two months post-grad."

WOU students support Heritage Museum through vital textile preservation work

By UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

The Western Oregon University History Club collaborated with the

Independence Heritage Museum to assist in photographing the city's textile collection. This effort supports a crucial update to the museum's database,

which has faced delays due to staffing challenges. Amid severe budget constraints in the city of Independence, the participation of WOU students

offers invaluable support while providing them with hands-on, applied learning opportunities to enhance the skills they have acquired in the classroom.

Amy Christensen, director of the Independence Heritage Museum, emphasized the significance of this collaboration.

"Having students in the museum to photograph our textile collection is meaningful in several ways. For one, textile work is slow, careful preservation, and its work we have struggled to make time for at the level we would like," Christensen said. "Students will be directly handling historic garments, quilts, flags, and other smaller cloth items to help us take images for our database. These images will make the items more accessible to the community, as



PHOTO COURTESY WOU

Western Oregon University students work to photograph the city of Independence's textile collection.

they'll be at a quality we can use for online exhibition and improved record keeping."

She added, she loves that they'll be "solving problems alongside us."

"We don't have a professional photography setup, so figuring out how to properly light and capture large pieces is part of the project. Preservation

work in a small museum like ours is thoughtful, personal, and often creative," Christensen said.

This partnership not only aids the museum in meeting its preservation goals but also enriches the educational experience of Western students, preparing them for future careers in history, museum studies, and beyond.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Special Moments: The Sound of Winter

By GARY DEROWITSCH

Walking through a stand of trees I stopped on a trail and listened not for the sound of a squirrel warning of an intruder or the sound of a deer moving through the brush.

Today I came to listen for the sound of winter, that time just before the first snowflake when everything around seems to grow peacefully silent. A time

no one can describe or predict, but yet a time unmistakable to any who have experienced it.

Short gusts of wind weaved through the trees, whistling songs of old, and a Blue Jay called from afar. Beyond was a stand of Birch trees, leafless huddled together as though trying to stay warm. Above, the clouds, a continuous shade of gray closed in touching the tops of trees.

The chill of winter whispered in my ear, "It's Time" and before me a snowflake fell gently to the ground. Looking up I beheld other snowflakes and soon thousands followed gently drifting to the frozen earth. The sound of winter had come once again with the first snowflake.

A time so short and yet seeming to last forever. A magical time when cares disappear and old things pass away. A

time of new beginnings and commitments to new and better things. A time when others become more important than ourselves and yes a time when enemies become friends, and darkness lights. Today, once again, I listened to the sound of winter, a time that left as soon as it arrived.

The ground began to turn white before my eyes. It was time to go, to return by the trail

I had come to slowly descend the hills, trees, and snow. All the animals were snug in their homes and all remained quiet. A lone figure could be seen moving through the land and the falling snow and that figure was me.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER UNFAIRLY COMPARES SPENDING PRIORITIES

I can't let the recent letter from Mr. North go without a response.

He compares the \$1.2 billion spent on Healthier Oregon with the \$747 million on Oregon State Police and implies that Healthier Oregon dollars all go to illegal immigrants. I think he missed a crucial point.

According to the Healthier Oregon website,

their budget covers payments to all Oregonians who qualify, which is mostly citizens with limited incomes. Since 2023 there has been no check of immigration status. Even if it does include some people who crossed our borders illegally, I'm reminded of an often quoted biblical passage "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

I support caring for the

health of people in our community and feeding those who are hungry. I also realize there are people, even among our leaders, who think and act differently. I will not support them.

*Dale Derouin
Dallas*

JEREMY GORDON HAS WHAT IT TAKES FOR RE-ELECTION

We would like to encourage the readers of your publication to

consider Jeremy Gordon for re-election to Polk County Commission seat No. 3.

When we moved to Polk County a year ago, we were interested to learn about some of the issues that this area, and many areas across the country are facing. Homelessness, mental health support, and long-term access to good, clean water sources are all a concern to us, as well as maintaining a healthy

economy in spite of losing federal funding on many levels.

Jeremy was easy to meet with and discuss our concerns during a casual visit at Checkpoint in West Salem. He is a good listener, and you get the feeling that the concerns of people living in Polk County are definitely his concerns. During these times of deep political division, it is refreshing to find folks in local government willing to work

across the aisle to focus on solutions! It takes skill and dedication to work in a non-partisan way, and to get down to the issues that matter to most people.

We think that during his last five years on the County Commission, Jeremy has demonstrated that he has what it takes. We are going to vote for him on May 19, and we think you should, too.

*Theresa and Victor
Berthelsdorf
West Salem*

NERDCON

From Page A1

- Keith Rosson (Coffin Moon, Fever House)
- Aron Steinke (Mr. Wolf's Class),
- Daniel H. Wilson (Hole in the Sky, Robocalypse)
- And pop culture historian Mark Arnold.
- Jonathan Hill (cartoonist/illustrator Lizard Boy)
- Mark Fearing (illustrator/author, Walt Disney Television Animation)
- Breena Bard (author illustrator/kids book "Wildfire")

The Artist Alley showcase will also feature more participants,

including the work of Yuki Saiki, Floydman Sumner, Sammy Tighe, Diane Ramic, Jessica Court, licensed LucasFilm artist Jason Christman, and Brian Johnson.

Greenhalgh-Johnson said NerdCon special guest will be Jackey Neyman Jones, local actor, producer and author who starred in the cult classic "Manos the Hands of Fate" which was featured on Mystery Science Theater 3000.

Activities this year will be expanded. Live gaming in The Majestic will include Magic: The

Gathering, HeroClix, Star Wars: Unlimited, and Dungeons & Dragons, along with board games, kids' games, and video games.

In the library, there will be games for kids, including a station where they can build a unique LEGO character to take home.

Vendors will offer a variety of collectibles and specialty items, with appearances by costume groups including Star Wars Oregon and the Portland Ghostbusters. Greenhalgh-Johnson promises the day will also feature a cosplay contest

and plenty of surprises.

"This will be for all ages. We were really happy a lot of teens and young adults attended last year. There's stuff for older people, families, kids. There's something for everyone," he said.

Greenhalgh-Johnson added that Dallas is becoming a regional hotbed for the collectibles and gaming community.

"Talking to some of the collectibles and gaming store owners, they describe it as almost like modern day antique stores," Greenhalgh-Johnson said. "A lot of

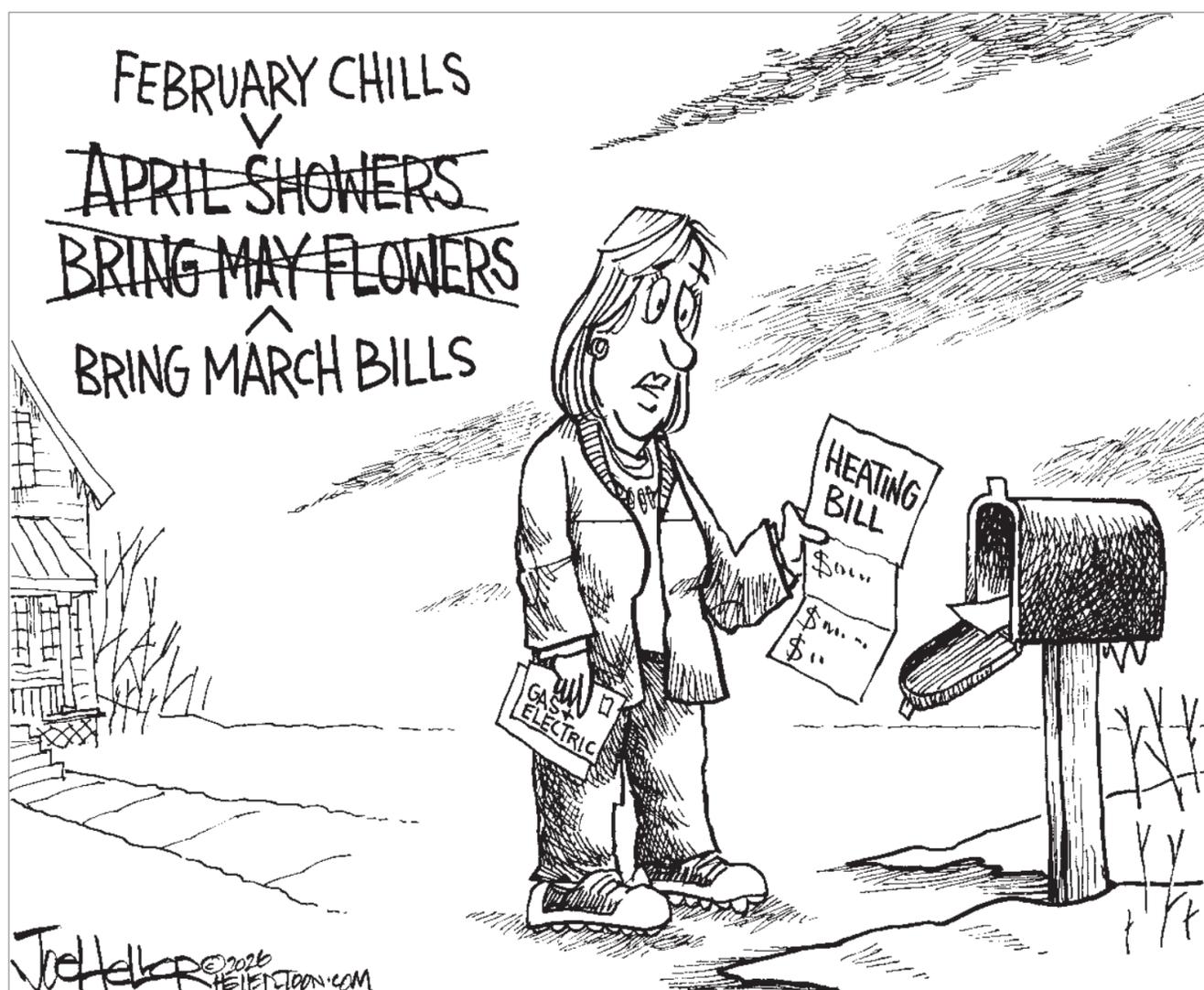
people are nostalgic for it. They grew up with it. Plus the new stuff has reignited an excitement in gaming."

Admission is free.

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Temp/Rainfall

Feb. 23 - 51 40 1.37
Feb. 24 - 47 40 0.39
Feb. 25 - 53 34 0.00
Feb. 26 - 51 30 0.00
Feb. 27 - 55 28 0.00
Feb. 28 - 49 34 0.00
Mar. 01 - 52 36 0.00
Total Feb. 23-Mar. 1 - 1.76
Total through Feb. 28 - 4.92

What type of weather would you rather be getting this time of year?

Cold Snow - 42.9%

Cold Rain - 25.7%

Cold Sunshine - 31.4%

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A T R O L J G E B Y W S U R C
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 Q P N K B E Q U I N O A M K J
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 X V C S N E E R G P I N R U T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: POPEYE'S FAVORITE FOOD

Arugula	Chard	Fennel	Quinoa
Beet greens	Chicory	Kale	Turnip greens
Bok choy	Collard greens	Leek	Watercress
Cabbage	Endive	Lettuce	

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Page is added to newspaper. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Arm is shorter. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Curtains are wider. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

Americanisms

“Onion rings are just vegetable donuts.”
 — Cookie Monster

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lack of vitality
- 7 Neighbor of Florida
- 14 Garlicy sauces
- 20 In a rational manner
- 21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g.
- 22 Well-spoken
- 23 Whole bunch of baby felines?
- 25 Regions, weatherwise
- 26 Some reddish deer
- 27 Sex educator
- 28 Jokerster Jay
- 30 Viscous stuff
- 31 DVD — (data holders)
- 32 Make angry
- 33 Dogs that hunt egrets?
- 37 Fade away
- 38 B.A., e.g.
- 39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding
- 41 Locale
- 42 "Oh, gotha"
- 43 Snacks that help physicians build atomic bombs?
- 47 Campus digs

DOWN

- 1 Request
- 2 Capital of Kenya
- 3 Buns
- 4 Doles (out) to singer Dolly?
- 5 Specks in la mer
- 6 "Anthem" author Rand
- 7 Benefit
- 8 Med. test worker
- 9 Balm additive
- 10 Playbill info
- 11 Befuddle
- 12 Some track runners
- 13 Lymphoid thral mass
- 14 Ravens' gp.
- 15 "Send me"
- 16 "Yes, yes!" in France
- 17 Food flatfish
- 18 Suffix with Benedict
- 19 Reads: Abbr. from poet
- 20 Answer from poet
- 21 Countee?
- 22 Greek goddess of wisdom
- 23 Phoenician goddess of fertility
- 24 "Could be"
- 25 Deny
- 26 Own
- 27 Singer Horne
- 28 Nag
- 29 Answer from poet
- 30 Countee?
- 31 Greek goddess of wisdom
- 32 Co. shuffling
- 33 Expectation
- 34 That girl
- 35 Unstimulating java
- 36 Letter stroke
- 37 Protest at which people lie down
- 38 "Uncle" of old TV on menus
- 39 Whole lot of U.S. spy gp.
- 40 "Uncle" of the U.S.
- 41 Singer Annee
- 42 "Of the day," in Arabic
- 43 VIPs at raves
- 44 DOJ agency
- 45 Tolkien fiend
- 46 Crooner Orbison
- 47 Often-dinged car feature
- 48 — o'-shanter
- 49 Mao — lung
- 50 Ending for ball or bass
- 51 DE-to-VT dir.
- 52 Dad's mate
- 53 Angry genre
- 54 Flanders
- 55 Suffix with "The Simpsons"
- 56 Fishing boots
- 57 Animal's coat
- 58 The same. Prefix
- 59 Hiatus
- 60 Cartoonist Chast
- 61 Wallet bills
- 62 Spouse's father, e.g.
- 63 Bad smell
- 64 Kind of parrot
- 65 Refrigerator brand
- 66 Reluctant to be filmed
- 67 Glass edge
- 68 Latin "I love"
- 69 Non-Jewish
- 70 Comparable (with)
- 71 Fobin's wear
- 72 "Son of," in Arabic
- 73 LI Abner
- 74 Patella
- 75 Natural gifts
- 76 England-to-France connector
- 77 Envoy's residence
- 78 — Angeles
- 79 Authors
- 80 David of "NYPD Blue"
- 81 Justice Kagan
- 82 Niche sects
- 83 Buenos —
- 84 Capital of South Korea
- 85 Existed
- 86 Meg Mallon's go
- 87 Wok, e.g.
- 88 Greek vowel
- 89 Light beam
- 90 Notes before tis
- 91 Sis, e.g.
- 92 Swirly letter

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
 ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Moments in time

- On March 16, 1827, "Freedom's Journal," America's first Black-owned-and-run newspaper, debuted in New York City. A mix of news, service and abolitionist advocacy, it was distributed in 11 states, Canada, Haiti and the U.K.
- On March 17, 461 A.D., Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland St. Patrick died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland after 40 years of living in poverty, teaching and traveling, during which time he converted thousands of Irish and built churches around the country.
- On March 18, 1911, composer Irving Berlin copyrighted "Alexander's Ragtime Band," a multimillion-selling hit that helped turn American popular music into a major international phenomenon.
- On March 19, 1931, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalize gambling in an attempt to lift the state out of the Great Depression's tough times. Today, state gambling taxes account for the lion's share of Nevada's overall tax revenues.
- On March 20, 1345, scholars at the University of Paris alleged the Black Death was born of what they called "a triple conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the 40th degree of Aquarius." Also known as the Plague, it cut a swath across Europe, the Middle East and Asia during the 14th century and left an estimated 25 million dead in its wake.
- On March 21, 1956, James Wong Howe became the first Asian American to win an Academy Award, for Best Cinematography for "The Rose Tattoo," starring Anna Magnani and Burt Lancaster. According to Smithsonian Magazine, Howe claimed a knack for making "old stars young, plump stars thin, ordinary faces beautiful."
- On March 22, 1999, 22-year-old Cynthia Vigil Jaramillo was discovered running naked and with a padlocked metal collar around her neck down an unpaved road near Elephant Butte State Park in New Mexico. She had been abducted three days earlier in Albuquerque by David Parker Ray and Cynthia Lea Henny, who brought her to their mobile home, where she was raped and tortured. While law enforcement agents believed Ray had many more victims, he was never charged with or convicted of murder and died in custody in 2002 on the way to beginning a 200-year sentence for kidnapping.

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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 H

IONYGBM YFPNYC CNQT GT
 QRGWR FJFYXENBX ONJFP
 PGTZGTZ PMWYFB RXLTP NI
 DYMGPFI: DPMOL EFMWR.

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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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+	÷	= 2						
+	+	÷						
-	-	= 1						
=	=	=						
14	17	6						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

MY FASHION SENSE IS SO BAD, JUST TO KNOW I WAS SHOPPING IN THE CORRECT AREA I GRABBED THE CLOTHES OFF THE BOY MANNEQUIN.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

IT'S FREEZING OUT. ALL THIS WINTER STUFF I BOUGHT ONLINE IS BARELY ENOUGH.

I GAVE THE FELLAS MY CARD NUMBER. THEY CAN'T STILL BE PICKING OUT CLOTHES?

THEIR ORDER HAS TO BE HERE BY NOW.

IF YOU'RE WANTING TO USE THE TANNING BED, GET IN LINE.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
- MOVIES: Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
- LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
- TELEVISION: What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
- HISTORY: Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
- GEOGRAPHY: Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
- ANATOMY: Which human organ stores bile?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
- MATH: What is the next prime number after 7?

Answers

- Maine.
- George Washington.
- Lord Maximus Farquaad.
- Virginia Woolf.
- Heck.
- Florence Nightingale.
- Malaysia
- The gallbladder.
- "I think, therefore I am."
- Eleven (11).

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Investigating the Bible: The Lord is My Shepherd

By **DAVID CARLSON**
Pastor

King David compared himself to sheep. A common misconception is that sheep are stupid; why would David use that comparison? Research shows sheep are intelligent. They can recognize and remember for two years the faces of up to 50 other sheep or humans. David in his youth had been a shepherd, so he knew that sheep are smart, but dependent. Looking at the life of a shepherd reveals David's relationship with God.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23:1-3, English Standard Version used throughout).

Shepherds knew each sheep by name, and so David trusted that God knew him intimately. The images of sheep grazing calmly on grass by quiet

water, illustrate David's trust that God would provide. Not only physical provisions, but David recognized that God provided spiritual help, restoring his soul. In another place, after David had committed adultery and murder, he turned to God for forgiveness.

"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:4, 10-12).

Evil actions do not have to be the end if a person repents and turns to God, as David did. David Berkowitz, called the "Son of Sam", terrorized New York City in the late 1970s. He randomly killed six people. In the 1990s he said he had converted to Christianity, and doesn't want to get out of prison, which he considers his

place of ministry. It's a hard message to accept for the surviving family members of the innocents he killed, but it is the kind of forgiveness God offers.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4).

The shepherd's staff was longer and lighter, and often had a crook on the end, like a question mark. A sheep that had fallen into a crevasse or a pit could be lifted out gently and rescued. It was the shepherd's walking stick, helping him keep his balance. The rod was usually smaller and heavier, probably secured in a sash at his waist. It was the weapon to fight off wolves, bears, or lions in order to protect the sheep. David also had his sling for throwing stones at high speeds and with great accuracy.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:5,6).

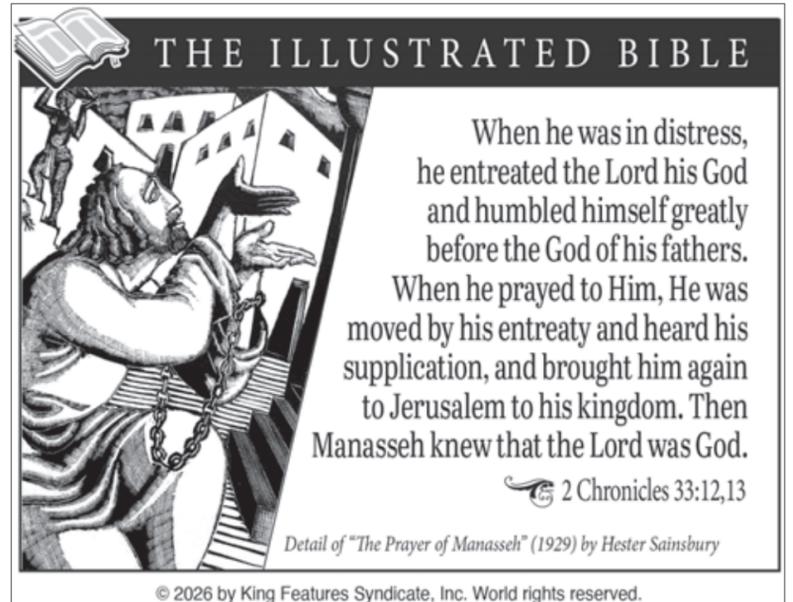
David had faith that at his death he would enter eternity with God.

Heaven is not certain for some, but it is a certainty for the parents of Colton Burpo. Max Lucado is the minister of Oak Hills Church in Texas and a Christian

author. He wrote about Colton, who when he was four years old apparently died, but was revived during an emergency appendectomy. Over the next few months he told his parents about his trip to heaven, mentioning the names of people he had never met on earth. Then he told his mother, "You had a baby die in your tummy didn't you?" They had never told Colton about

the miscarriage. He was too young. The mother asked, "Who told you I had a baby die in my tummy?" Colton said, "She did. It's okay, Mommy. She's okay. God adopted her."

[Brief bio: Mr. Pastor (yes, that is his last name, not his profession) lives in Oregon and is a graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div., M.Th.).]



Worship Directory

DALLAS

Bahá'í Faith — Building a Better World: "Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship." — Bahá'u'lláh. All are warmly invited to an interfaith gathering on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00. You are encouraged to share any quotations, prayers, poems, and songs related to the theme for the month. For details call 971-804-5943 or 503-269-3333. (Please leave a message for call back.) More about the Bahá'í Faith: www.bahai.org or www.bahaisofsaalem.org

Dallas Church — PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 9am & 10:30am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families and children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Church of Christ — 691 NE Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, 503-623-8791. Sundays: 9:30am Bible Classes for all, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Group Bible Talk, Wednesdays: 6:30pm Bible Study. Come to any, come to them all! Individual Bible studies gladly made by appointment. Web: dallaschurchofchrist.com.

Dallas Evangelical Church — A Place of Hope and Healing: 783 SW Church Street, Dallas Oregon, across from the Post Office. Find us on Facebook: on page DallasEC, MyDallasEC Friends and www.dallasec.org. Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom for weekly Bible Study and Worship Service. We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:00 AM; Worship Service 10:00 AM, zoom room 228-034-850. Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) is also on Sundays and starts with Dinner 5:00 PM; Large Group (Worship) 6:00 PM, and small groups at 7PM. We have a Community Clothing Closet: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat 9 AM - Noon; Thurs Nights 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Step Studies are often starting or ending all year and meeting at various times. Message phone 503-623-3778. Find us on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email pastor Dave at pastor.dave@dallasec.org

Dallas Foursquare Church — Located at 976 SW Hayter St., on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Senior Pastor: Darrin Hausler. Worship Gatherings: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Youth Home Groups: Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. Please call for locations. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at dallasfour.com.

Evangelical Bible Church — 1175 S.E. Howe St., Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Troy Bassham, Youth Pastor Andrew Wheeler, Sunday services 9:00am & 10:30am. Awana 6:30pm Wednesday. Weekly Prayer meeting 6:30pm Wednesday. Women's Bible Study Thursday 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Men's Bible Study Thursday 6:30pm. Compass Middle School Youth Group Thursday 6:30pm. Forged High School Youth Group Tuesday 6:30pm. Live Streamed services via facebook and youtube @EBCDallas.

Grace Community Church — 598 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas, 503-623-4961. Lead Pastor- Dave Bertolini, Sunday Worship Gatherings 9:00am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, Youth Life Groups, and scheduled Sunday School Classes running concurrently & 10:45am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, and scheduled Sunday School Classes, running concurrently.

Live Stream our 10:45am service at www.graceindallas.online.church

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House of His Presence — House of His Presence, located at 177 SW Oak St. in Dallas, welcomes all who are seeking to know God intimately and live life abundantly. We believe God transforms us into the image of Jesus Christ as we encounter His Holiness, Righteousness and Truth through His manifested presence, worship and the Word of God. Sunday morning service at 10:30 am, visit the website for ongoing ministries during the week. For more information call 503-420-4612 Website www.houseofhispresence.net

Living Word Faith Fellowship — 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Ray Huff. Sunday Prayer 9:30am, Worship 10:00am, Children's Church (during service, nursery provided). Wednesday Prayer 6:30pm, Worship 7:00pm. Men's fellowship second Saturday, Pastor Ray Huff is in charge of men's fellowship. Call for info 503-623-9062.

Salt Creek Baptist Church — 15075 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Interim Pastor John Dotson, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morning Worship Gathering 10:50am. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 589 SW Birch St PO Box 450 Dallas, Or 97338 503-623-5872 Pastor Ted Perry, Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11 am Study and Prayer Wednesday 7pm Office hours: Wed, Thurs & Friday 9-12. Community Services for food and clothing Wednesday 10am to 1pm.

St. Philip Catholic Church — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor Pastor Email: mpjinpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphil.org.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. (No Mass on Friday)

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Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Welcome! Our church is located at 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Our phone number is 503-623-5822. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays for the 10 a.m. service or find us live on Facebook and updates. Join us for coffee after our service. Our services are as follows: 1st and 3rd Sundays are Morning Prayer. 2nd and 4th Sundays are Holy Eucharist. Blessings!

Trinity Lutheran Church — 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas. All are welcome! Pastor Jody Becker and Pastor Johathan Thompson, Adult Sunday Bible Study 8:45, Sunday Worship Service 10 am coffee hour with treats after service. Wednesday Worship Service noon. Nursery available for parents to use. Play area for small children in sanctuary during worship service. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 am Sundays. Weekly Bible Studies. Contact us at 503-623-2233 or at questionsdallatlcc@gmail.com.

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AMBULANCE

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demand on our services growing and sustaining, we need to address this by adding capacity to our response system. By adding a fourth ambulance to our fleet, along with additional staffing, this will allow our organization to manage these calls internally and reduce the burden on our mutual aid partners," Wallace said.

She added the sustained increase in call volume has resulted in an increase in relying more on mutual aid partners. In 2025, the Southwest Polk Fire District responded to 442 EMS calls within Dallas' Ambulance Service Area (ASA).

Currently, Dallas has four ambulances in its operational fleet. Three of these are active, with either the 2016 and the 2019 rotating between reserve status based on its maintenance needs. The 2016 ambulance, their oldest, has 303,000 miles. The 2019 ambulance has 242,000 miles. And the 2023 is at 99,000 miles.

"And our most recent addition to our fleet,

which is the 2025 ambulance that we use as our transfer ambulance already has 16,800 miles on it," Wallace said. "We do have a 2003 ambulance, the big red ambulance that we have. It needs to be retired and go into surplus."

She added the 2003 is not utilized as a response vehicle and most recently the front end was replaced on the 2016.

Wallace explained the plan is to maintain five ambulances in working order. Four ambulances will be in regular service with the fifth being held in reserve status and used only when another ambulance is offline.

"To achieve this plan, the city needs to purchase one new ambulance and remount one ambulance to a new chassis. In coordination with fleet services, we recommend the 2016 ambulance for the chassis remount," she said.

The city did not budget for these purchases in this fiscal year. Staff recommends the funding to make these capital purchases to be completed through an inter-fund loan to the general fund.

Wallace said the



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Last May, Dallas Fire & EMS personnel get ready to perform the ceremonial "push in" of their new ambulance.

estimated total fiscal impact is approximately \$730,000, with \$450,000 going toward a new ambulance, plus required medical equipment and supplies. A chassis remount and box refurbishment would cost between \$250,000 to \$275,000, but with no additional equipment needed.

Wallace added the additional ambulance would also require additional manpower.

"I'm asking for three firefighter/paramedics,"

she told the city council. "They're not in what you're approving tonight. They will be incorporated into the budget for next fiscal year."

Wallace said the new ambulance should arrive in time for operation starting in the new fiscal year.

"The remount may take a month or two into the fiscal year, but again, having a reserve ambulance, we'll be able to operate the four-hour system starting July 1," Wallace said.

"And in order for us to get that ambulance here as

fast as we can, now's the time to make that order so we can get it here in time for the fiscal year."

She added she has been in contact with that vendor that she's been in contact with that have ambulances that are available.

City Manager Brian Latta said staff is still evaluating which fund the loan will be drawn from to pay for the acquisition and chassis remount.

"We'll bring that to a resolution. The decision tonight, if you approve that motion that was

made, it gives us the authority to make those purchase orders," Latta explained. "We don't make the payment until the ambulances arrive. So the interfund loan has to take place between the time we make the purchases and the time we pay it."

He added the loan is likely to be one of the SDC funds and probably the sewer SDC. "That's where most of our fund borrowing comes from because it's the healthiest of the SDCs," Latta said.

LEVY

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"We're asking them in May a theoretical question that will then potentially lead to an actual action item in November," Ray said at the open hearing Feb. 11, adding he supports whatever action the commissioners take. "I also wonder, if it's on the May ballot and it comes back 60-40 opposed, how do we climb out of that hole that we created for ourselves? As opposed to drawing a line in the sand, we know a levy is the only way to go forward, we're just going to put our foot down and put a levy on in November and start a campaign tomorrow."

At their Feb. 25 meeting, the commissioners needed to decide whether to move forward with an advisory question to get it on the ballot in time for May, County administrator

Greg Hansen explained.

"So it's decision time for members of the board to determine whether to move forward with that or not and then consider a levy in November," Hansen advised. "You will not be able to basically put something on the levy in November. That would just be the direction to staff to start preparing ... then have public hearings and go through the same process."

Commissioner Jeremy Gordon said he appreciated all the effort county staff did to ready an advisory question. He indicated most of the feedback seemed to lead in one direction.

"We received lots of commentary about this question and it really seemed that the advice we received from the public is to seek a levy in November and to go directly to the funding question and bypass

that advisory question," Gordon said. "That's where I would like to move for this board is to direct staff to prepare that levy process for November."

"There's still a big gap we need to figure out how to fill, both on the revenue side and on this levy revenue side," he added. "So, the business realities remain and also the public has asked that we get a bit more involved and go right to the November question."

Commissioner Craig Pope said he's in agreement, for the most part. Pope said both the community and fair board have argued for skipping the advisory question.

"So, giddy up, here we go, move right on to November. But it's still a question in my mind about who's promoting this levy, whether it's the board of commissioners or whether it's the PAC," Pope said.

"And frankly, I mean, I'm all for it, but we need PAC members. We need lots of community members. So I guess the upside of having this question and having the hearings is that we brought a lot of folks out that understood that we're serious financially, that if we can't find alternate solutions here for sustainable cashflow for operations and maintenance, that we truly will close that property."

County Chair Lyle Mordhorst made it

unanimous. One community member's comments in particular stuck with him during the process.

"His statement he made was that the future of the fairgrounds shall be based on the three of us. And give the public a chance to have their voice. So it's going to take the public to pass this levy. We have some major hurdles to get the information out," Mordhorst said. "So, it's going to take some money and we're going to have to start raising that quickly

and get everybody going."

Hansen said the next step is for county staff preparing the levy measure to get to the County Clerk by the Aug. 14 filing deadline.

"The process begins not too far into the future and it's going to sneak up on us. So you'll be holding public hearings most likely at the end of July to consider putting something on the November ballot in the way of an operating levy," Hansen explained.

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Lady Dragons take second at state

The Dallas Lady Dragons took second place at the OSAA State Wrestling Championships Feb. 27-28 at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Crook County, with seven of their 11 wrestlers placing, had just enough points to beat out Dallas' top six, 140-130. Sophomore Khadijah Tabib won a state title for the girls at 155 pounds. Meanwhile, the boys placed 9th, buoyed by sophomore Carson Langford's back-to-back state titles. He moved up to wrestle this year in the 215 pound bracket.



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The Dallas girls wrestlers celebrate with a team photo after taking second place at the OSAA State Wrestling Championships Feb. 27-28 at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

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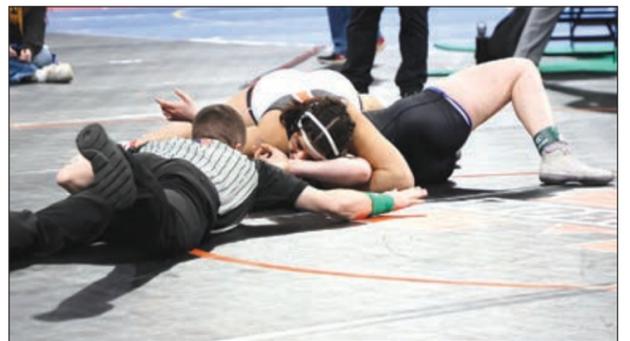
- State Champion: Khadijah Tabib
- 2nd Place: Marissa McGinnis
- 3rd Place - Jenna Rogers; Lindsey Faulkner
- 4th Place - Yoselin Nunez
- 6th Place - Kassidy Guy
- Central's Mica Tonnsen came in third at 115 pounds

Boys

- State Champion: Carson Langford
- 4th Place: Jonny Talmadge; Lorenzo Romero-Hill
- 6th Place: Cory Kittleson



Dallas sophomore Carson Langford takes down West Albany sophomore Justice Edmiston 6-4 to go win back-to-back state titles.



Dallas sophomore Khadijah Tabib dominates the 155-pound final with a pin at 4:33 over McNary senior McKenna Unger.

Pirates lose overtime thriller to Elgin, 68-63



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Perrydale's Madison Gunther (with ball) drives to the hoop for two of her team-high 22 points in the 68-63 overtime loss to Elgin Feb. 25.

By LANCE MASTERSON
 For The Itemizer-Observer

Visiting Elgin pulled away in the final seconds of OT to edge Perrydale 68-63 in a first-round state playoff game, from Feb. 25.

The loss ended the Pirates' season at 16-10 overall, after a perfect

10-0 run through conference play. Perrydale entered the playoffs seeded 14th.

The Pirates trailed by 12 points in the first half, but rallied to force overtime on freshman Madison Gunther's put back.

It was a comeback that showcased the growth of

a young team.

"We've been in that position before, and we've crumbled in that position before," coach Lindsay Gunther said. "We kept our heads straight ahead."

Madison is coach Lindsay Gunther's

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Panthers (from left) Tyler Olafson, Asher Baker and Lucas Haines tighten the defense against West Albany in Friday's home finale.

Central awaits Wilsonville, North Eugene as probable playoff opponent

By LANCE MASTERSON
 For The Itemizer-Observer

Central entered the final week of the regular season battling for second place in

the Mid-Willamette Conference.

The Panthers (13-4, 16-7 overall) are tied with Corvallis for the runner-up spot heading into the regular-season

finale against Crescent Valley on March 3.

A loss would likely drop the Panthers into third, as Corvallis closes

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Dragons lay foundation for future growth

By LANCE MASTERSON
 For The Itemizer-Observer

As far as the Dallas girls basketball team is concerned, this season wasn't defined by wins and losses. It was about building something that lasts.

"I think it's been a great year of growth for us. That one practice, one game at a time mentality - the girls have kept to that," second-year coach Drew Richman said.

"They've stayed focused and bought into everything we've been trying to do. We've gotten better."

Improvement showed most clearly on defense, he added. Dallas is an above-average unit, capable of switching between man-to-man, multiple zone looks and an effective 1-3-1. This versatility is the product of athleticism and effort.

More work is needed on offense, however.

"The offensive skills are coming," Richman said. "Learning how to play together is coming."

Fifteen players suit up for varsity, with as many as 12 seeing minutes during most games. With seven seniors, the expanded rotation was intentional and required full team buy-in.

"There's only so many minutes," Richman said. "They bought into the 'we over me' mentality this year."

This approach could pay dividends next season, when the usual rotation will likely be trimmed to eight or nine players. Those who gained valuable minutes this winter should be prepared for larger roles.

"By getting the playing time this year, the girls are going to be ready for their moments. They'll be ready for big minutes next year," Richman said.

Replacing senior leadership won't be

easy. Ruby Halligan, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, leaves a significant void. Riley Rozar, Kaedyn Pires, Devyn Garcia, Liz Walker, Camille Lefevre and Aspen Jay also closed out their prep careers.

Earlier this season, Richman challenged his seniors to "leave their legacy," and he believes they did just that.

"They've been great teammates, one through

seven," he added.

Expected to carry the program forward are such standouts as Harlow Nelson, Alexis Ward and Lilly Sizemore. Nelson will return as a three-year varsity starter, Ward led the team in scoring in a recent win over McKay, and Sizemore continues to develop.

"They're poised for even larger roles next season," Richman said.

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PCIO26-162 CITY OF DALLAS, OREGON NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure has been filed with the City Elections Official of the City of Dallas, Oregon on February 6, 2026. The measure election will be conducted in conjunction with the General Election on November 3, 2026. The ballot title caption is: Requires Voter Approval of Increases to Most Fees or Assessments **CAPTION** Requires Voter Approval of Increases to Most Fees or Assessments **QUESTION** Should the Dallas City Code be amended to require voter approval before increasing most municipal fees or assessments? **SUMMARY** Amends the Dallas City Code to require voter approval of increases to most municipal fees or assessments for municipal services including utilities, permits, and licenses. Does not apply to fees for copies, one-time application fees, penalties, or charges intended solely to recover the direct cost of a specific item or service. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that any elector of the city who believes the draft ballot title contains more than one subject or who believes the ballot title is insufficient, not concise, or unfair may file a petition for judicial review with the Polk County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 pm March 13, 2026, which is the seventh (7th) business day after this notice. Any elector who files a petition to review the draft ballot title must notify the City

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Recorder in writing that the petition has been filed no later than 5:00 pm on the next business day following the day the petition is filed. This notice is published pursuant to ORS 255.145(5) by Kimberly Herring, City of Dallas, City Recorder as Elections Officer.

PCIO26-159 PUBLIC NOTICE - OPEN HOUSE

The City of Independence Public Works Department will be holding a public open house to review the Stormwater System Master Plan. The open house will be held on March 12, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Event Center. There will be a short presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. The meeting location will be accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, (503) 838-1212.

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PCIO26-161 SALT CREEK CEMETERY DISTRICT MEETING

will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6 pm until 7 pm. At the Salt Creek Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Those residing within the district are invited to attend. Agenda will include discussion of recent business, future plans, income, and expenditures. Reports about the storage building door and office equipment. We will also report about recent burials and installation of monuments.

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Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/18/2026 at 10:00AM. Diane Patino Unit #087; Charish Armstrong Unit #114; Sandra Rodriguez Units #248 & #276; Ramona Cook Unit #277; Morgan Thorpe Unit #282; Chase Wells Gonzales Unit #347; Sandra Rodriguez Unit #A03. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without

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notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-154 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/18/2026 at 10:00AM. Monica Howard Unit #223. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-144 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 140445 OR LOAN NO.: ***7171**

Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JESUS J. MACIEL AND MARIA MACIEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/27/2019, recorded 5/2/2019, as Instrument No. 2019-004453, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 130, EAGLES VIEW NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK, AND STATE OF OREGON. APN:

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567401 / 07329-BB-05500 Commonly known as: 363 STELLERS EAGLE ST NW SALEM, OR 97304-4269 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: Total: 6/1/2025 - 1/1/2026 \$20,281.12 Late Charges: \$351.24 Beneficiary Advances: (-\$694.58) Total Required to Reinstated: \$19,937.78 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAY OFF: \$231,026.56 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$212,651.93 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.18 % per annum, from 5/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 6/16/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE,

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POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be

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toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 1/23/2026 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

PCIO26-151 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On 03-20-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 696 SW SHEILA ST. DALLAS, OR 97338. The court case number is 24CV52834, where DALLAS HEALTH CARE CENTER, L.L.C., doing business as DALLAS RETIREMENT VILLAGE is plaintiff, and MARY ANDERSON is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

GIRLS

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daughter. The freshman finished with a team-high 22 points while Kaila Gibson added 16 and Harper McMullin 10, along with eight boards. Elgin controlled much of the second and third quarters, building double-digit leads. But Perrydale never unraveled. Gibson, at point guard, steadied the Pirates against the aggressive Huskies. She controlled tempo and kept the offense running smoothly. "Kaila got things going, especially taking

care of the ball, which was huge for us," Coach Gunther said. "We had to make sure the ball was in her hands." Gibson also knocked down several key three-pointers down the stretch to keep Elgin honest. Defensive adjustments in the fourth quarter fueled Perrydale's rally, as stops began to stack up. Free throws, an early concern, became a strength. "First half, we struggled a little at the line," Gunther said. "The second half was a different story." In overtime, however, Elgin made plays late to seal the victory. Perrydale graduates

two seniors, Isabelle Arthur and Greta Fillible. But the team's late-season poise suggests a foundation is in place for the coming years. "Next year's team should be able to make a run at the state play-offs just like this year," the coach said. "We lose two seniors who made an impact ... but we also have a deep bench that is eager to fill their shoes." The Pirates enjoyed a rare luxury in that all 10 girls saw action in every game, their coach added. "They have the experience, play well together regardless of which five are in, and we will benefit tremendously because of this. It's definitely exciting to see."

BRIEFS

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possibilities. Suggested donations at the door help support the Heritage Museum Society.

GATHER FOOD PARK HOSTS FRIDAY THE 13 FOR THE GIRLS

Gather Food Park presents Friday the 13 for the Girls from 5-9 p.m. March 13 at 144 Washington St., Dallas. There will be live comedy, local wines, vendors, boutiques, florals and tattoos all into one amazing night. Buy tickets in person, over the phone, or online at <https://bit.ly/4kY1SY7>.

DANCE STUDIO HOSTS ALL AGES FAMILY DANCE MARCH 13

Lora Michele Dance Studio hosts an All Ages Family Dance from 4-6 p.m. March 13 at 939 S Main St., in Dallas. Admission is \$5 per person or \$25 for a family of five or more. Kids ages 2 and under, and support workers, get in free. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3MrkQK1>.

REPTOPIA RETURNS TO FAIRGROUNDS MARCH 14

The Polk County Fairgrounds hosts Reptopia Reptile Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14. Spend a few hours wondering around the 15,000 square-foot expo building looking at all the cool reptiles, insects and plants. Tickets are \$12 for adults

and youth 10 and older; \$6 for ages 5-9; and free for youth 4 and under.

PI DAY FUN RUN RETURNS MARCH 14

The Willamette Valley Road Runners host Pi Day Fun Run from 3:14-5:14 p.m. March 14 at Yeasty Beasty, 167 Main St. W, in Monmouth.

RANCH HOSTS VOLUNTEER WORK DAY MARCH 14

Acres of Hope Youth Ranch hosts volunteer work day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 14. Located at 6665 Rickreall Road, in Independence, the ranch has outdoor and indoor projects. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/4aPi6OG>.

RODY MARSALIS PHILADELPHIA BIG BRASS PERFORMS MARCH 14

Smith Fine Arts Series presents The Rody Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass, America's premier large brass ensemble, at 7:30 p.m. March 14 at Rice Auditorium, 344 Knox St N, Monmouth. Tickets are \$30 and are available online at www.tix.com/ticket-sales/wou-smith/6788/event/1428543.

4-H POLK COUNTY PRESENTS INTRO TO BLACKSMITHING MARCH 16

4-H Polk County presents an Intro to Historical Blacksmithing: S-Hook class at 4 p.m. March 16 at the Brunk Farmstead, 5705

Salem Dallas Highway, West Salem. Youth ages 14-18 are invited to learn the basics of using a coal forge and craft your very own blacksmithed S-hook to take home. Learn about heating, hammering, and shaping of metal. Registration is \$15 for enrolled 4-H youth; \$20 for non-4-H youth. Sign up at <https://beav.es/smithinghooks>.

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS SOUP AND PIE FUNDRAISER MARCH 19

The Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center hosts a soup and pie sale fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 19 at the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S., in Monmouth. Whole pies, pie slices, and fresh soups will be available to-go or in person.

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.

DRAGONS

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"I'm hoping Lilly will showcase what a good shooter and offensive player she is." Perhaps the most telling development is how the Pirates respond to tough losses. "There's a level of care about this basketball program now that maybe hasn't been here in the past," Richman said. "The girls are building a culture. I'm really proud of them for laying that foundation." Halligan has seen that transformation firsthand. "When I first got into it, it was not motivational. Not everybody wanted to play basketball. But now we're developing as a

family. Just because we haven't won that many games doesn't mean we're not better," she said. "We are better. We work better together. We play better together." The next step, Halligan added, is consistency. As in competing 32 minutes every night and pushing toward a playoff berth. Sizemore echoed her teammate's sentiment, pointing to grit as this team's defining trait. "There was no give up within our team," Sizemore said. "After our loss to Central, that was really hard on us. But we came back that Monday and got right back to work." On Feb. 13, the Dragons fell to the Panthers, 48-38, in a game much closer than the final

score indicates. The secret for success is no secret. It's discussed all season. "Everybody needs to buy in and be committed for us to succeed," she added. Dallas was 2-13 in league, 7-17 overall, entering their March 3rd finale against fifth-ranked West Albany. Off-season plans include spring ball, summer camp at the University of Portland, and workouts in the gym and weight room. Just a few more steps in building something stronger for the future.

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

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

At 4:26 a.m., a motorist without a license was stopped on Main Street. The driver had previously been cited for this, but claimed he's been unable to pass the test. He was cited, again, for driving without a license and his car was towed as a hazard.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

Stemming from an investigation on a trespass call in December of 2025, probable cause was developed to arrest Tessa Piper, of Salem, and charge her with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

At 1:56 a.m., an officer was driving behind a vehicle in the 200 block of Gun Club Road and noticed the rear plate brackets obstructed the registration stickers. After the officer activated his overhead lights, the vehicle continued for a long time before pulling over. Upon contacting the driver, Lindsey Martin, and while confirming that the vehicle registration was expired, the officer perceived that Martin had been drinking alcohol due to the odor emanating from her breath. After performing poorly on a field sobriety tests, Martin was arrested and transported to the police department where she blew a BAC of .12%. She was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Alan Vasquez was taken into custody without incident in the 900 block of Morning Glory Drive on an outstanding warrant out of Benton County.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

After a recent break up, Anthony Gonzalez showed up at his ex's house in the 600 block of 6th Street and shoved the victim, causing her to fall to the ground. Gonzalez left the location but continued to text and call despite being told to stop communication and being blocked multiple times as he was calling from different numbers. Gonzalez was arrested, transported to jail and charged with harassment - physical and harassment - telephonic.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

Officers responding to a report of suspicious activity where it was reported that weapons were involved in the 1000 block of E. Street found that adults had been arguing over relationship issues. During the argument Sarah Newton deployed a stun gun and it hit the person who was trying to break up the argument. The victim had facial injuries from being grabbed and skin irritation on their neck from the stun gun. Newton was booked into jail on charges of assault 4, unlawful use of a stun gun and unlawful use/carry a weapon.

At 6:21 p.m., officers investigated a report of a potential missing female subject on 4th Street.

They found the female was not missing after all and was okay.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

At 2:41 p.m., a report of a dirt bike rider driving down 13th Street at 70 mph.

At 4:51 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a disturbance on Log Cabin Street. The officer found nothing physical, just yelling.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

At 7:44 p.m., officers responded to a report of a driving complaint involving a possibly intoxicated driver on Polk Street. They contacted the driver who showed no signs of impairment. However, they did educate the driver on whip it can usage, which would constitute probable cause for DUII.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

Citizen Contact: A concerned relative called with questions about a transient family member staying with another family member, which was against apartment policy. An officer explained possible actions based on residency and noted that police could respond if a disturbance occurred.

Trespass: The owner of a private school requested that a person receive a trespass warning from the location. An officer spoke to the person by phone and issued a trespass notice. The person advised they understood.

Trespass: A person returned to a listed location after a previous trespass and theft to apologize and take accountability. The property owner declined criminal charges but still wanted the person trespassed from the property. A trespass notice was issued, and the person understood it.

Welfare Check: Staff at a dental office reported a female, who brought her child in for an appointment, seemed under the influence and was yelling at staff and the child. The child appeared fine but had no shoes or socks. They left in an unknown pickup truck before an officer arrived. An external police department was asked to conduct a welfare check at the address the dentist had on file.

Suspicious Activity: A spouse reported their partner missing, stating the partner disabled cameras yesterday afternoon before calling to say they were going to a relative's house. The spouse's calls to the relative and to the partner's phone were unsuccessful. The spouse also mentioned the partner took pets and had mental health issues. There were previous reports of the partner being concerned for their safety around the spouse. An officer spoke with a friend who confirmed the adult partner left on their own and was in a safe location in another state. The partner later called the officer to confirm they were safe.

The partner's parents were also notified. The spouse was informed the partner was an adult who left on their own, so they would not be entered as a missing person. The spouse sent their parents to the station to request the records. The District Attorney's office issued a formal denial of the records request because

the case is open, and they were contacted to prevent future release of the records.

Domestic Disturbance: A person reported their partner punched them in the nose after an argument about a joke, and the partner was following them down the street. Officers arrived and contacted the person, who had a bleeding nose but reported no pain. The partner's account was inconsistent. The person declined to pursue charges, and the partner's supervising officer was contacted for a morning meeting. The two separated for the night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

Citizen Contact: A resident reported that her daughter's boyfriend made death threats against her. The boyfriend was upset because her dog damaged the apartment carpet. The resident played a recording of a call where the boyfriend threatened to injure or kill the resident and/or the dog. The resident advised she had other places to stay, was moving out soon, and did not want officers to contact the boyfriend. An informational report was taken.

Arrest: A person reported that their spouse violated an active restraining order by sending text messages. Probable cause was established for an arrest. An external police department located the spouse at the officer's request, and the spouse admitted to sending the messages. The spouse was arrested, charged with violating a restraining order, and lodged at the county jail.

Information: A message was received from a state correctional facility regarding a person with a projected release date, asking if a hold was wanted for a local warrant. An officer confirmed that a hold should be placed.

Check Welfare: A senior center director reported a tall male, who seemed angry and was throwing air punches, came into the center and displayed concerning behavior but caused no disturbance before leaving when asked. An officer located the person and attempted conversation, which was largely unproductive. Another officer identified the person, and he was warned to be mindful of his public behavior. The director was updated.

Suspicious Person: A report was received of a male yelling and hitting cars. Upon arrival, officers learned the male was a client of a group home who was upset. Staff were already in the process of getting him back inside.

Suspicious Activity: Two juveniles were caught on video kicking the front door of a residence, appearing to attempt a break-in. They were located in a park, and their parents were contacted. They are being referred for charges including trespass and criminal Mischief.

Suspicious Activity: A person in a park reported a juvenile yelled at him to wake up and used a racial slur. The person also expressed concern about theft from their belongings, mentioning a prior incident involving another person.

Liquor Violation: An anonymous report alleged an underage party possibly involved alcohol. Responding officers found

the involved parties shut the door and refused to come out. The homeowner, who was out of the country, was called and made aware of the complaint and the behavior of his son and his friends.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

Domestic Disturbance: A person reported an active domestic disturbance involving a female and her children. The female was reportedly screaming about self-harm and it sounded like items or children were being thrown. On arrival, no active disturbance was heard. The reporting person said they heard two children yelling as if in pain but not saying "stop." The officer heard the female yelling about family heirlooms. The female came to the door, claimed everything was fine, and accused the neighbor of moving the children's shoes. The female shut the door but the officer knocked again and asked to see the children. One child came to the door and used profanity. The complainant was updated, and a cross-report to a government department was planned.

Arrest: A person reported that a second person shoved her on the stairs the previous night during a separate incident to which officers had responded. The second person refused to speak, but based on text messages and a witness statement, the second person was cited and released for harassment.

Suspicious Person: While investigating a previous incident, an officer spoke with an employee. Records indicated the employee was an out-of-compliance sex offender for unlawful sexual penetration 1 since 2007, and the description matched the record. The employee claimed to have been cleared in a previous investigation. The officer attempted to follow up with multiple agencies to corroborate the claim; one agency had no record, another only an arrest from 2014 for assault with no booking photos, and the Sex Offender Unit was closed.

Driving: A report of a gray vehicle doing "donuts" and yelling out the window. An officer checked the area and was unable to locate the vehicle. Juveniles nearby reported seeing nothing. No obvious damage was observed, and the plate returned to another town.

Noise: A report of loud music was received. An officer spoke with the homeowner, who believed it was his son and agreed to have the volume turned down. The complainant called back to report the neighbor came outside and yelled, asking who called the police. No physical altercation occurred, and the complainant confirmed to the neighbor they were the one who called.

Arrest: A person was contacted and booked into the county jail for an outstanding county warrant related to failure to appear on an assault charge.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

Alarm: A commercial alarm was reported at a business. A store worker was contacted and explained that their alarm code was not working.

Runaway: A parent reported their 12-year-old son had jumped out a window and was a runaway.

An officer located the juvenile and another minor hiding in a public restroom. The male juvenile was uncooperative, resisted, and was handcuffed. A search revealed a smoking device on his person. Juvenile services were contacted, and the parent was verbally disciplining the child upon the officer's departure. The smoking device will be destroyed.

Assist Other Agency: Officers responded to a request from a nearby police department for an in-progress verbal and possibly physical domestic disturbance. Officers arrived to find no active disturbance and provided cover for the external agency's investigation, which resulted in the arrest of a female for violating a court order.

Missing Person: Three separate calls were received from family members inquiring about a person who was rumored to have overdosed. Due to a priority call, an officer was delayed in calling back two non-emergency callers. Upon contact, the first caller advised the family had reached the person, who was confirmed to be okay. The information was relayed to the external police department.

Theft: A stop sign was reported as gone and likely stolen from a street intersection. Public works was notified. An officer will follow up with residents who have cameras facing the corner. No suspect information was available.

Domestic Disturbance: A person called to report a domestic disturbance with their partner. The partner became agitated over accusations of cheating, threw the person down multiple times, applied pressure to their neck, and caused a bloody nose. The person reported lasting injuries, specifically in neck mobility. The partner was gone upon officers' arrival, was possibly armed with a missing kitchen knife, had a history of being an emotionally disturbed person, and had made suicidal remarks before leaving. Probable cause for harassment and assault was established. The partner was later located, arrested, and lodged at the county jail on charges of harassment and assault.

Suspicious Person: A caller reported two males digging in a dumpster. Officers located two males digging through a commercial dumpster. It was reported that the males had also been in backyards and snooping around homes. The males denied any illegal activity. The caller's camera was not working properly, and no known cameras in the area provided evidence.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

Crash: An officer was flagged down at a location where a large tree limb had fallen onto a semi-truck and another passing vehicle. The semi-truck driver had clipped the branch with his trailer, causing it to fall between the cab and trailer, and it also landed on the passing vehicle. A crash report was completed for both drivers. Public works advised they could not safely cut the tree off the truck, and the semi-truck driver was advised to contact a tree cutting service. The road was closed with barriers.

Citizen Contact: A parent called to report that their adult child, who lives at a local university, was transferring money from the parent's account into the child's without permission. The parent lives in another state and was advised to contact their local police department to make a report, with the local department available to assist if requested.

Crime: A person reported that their partner was at their front door, violating a pre-trial release agreement that prohibited contact. The partner was contacted and arrested inside the apartment, charged with contempt of court, and lodged at the county jail.

Theft: A person came in and signed paperwork related to a stolen vehicle, which was then entered into the national database as stolen.

Animal: Reports were received of a rabid-sounding animal in a backyard. An officer could hear a growling that sounded like a larger cat but was unable to see or find any animals. The homeowner was advised to keep watch, keep their own animals out of the backyard for the night, and call if the problem continued.

Traffic Assist: An officer observed a white sedan on the side of the road with flat tires after the driver ran over the median. The officer assisted, and the driver decided to arrange their own tow. The driver was helped to pull the vehicle further out of the roadway. A relative later called and advised they would pick up the vehicle the next day.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Assist Other Agency: Officers covered another officer investigating a disturbance between a male and female, located the female, and stood by during the investigation.

Speed Trailer: As requested, a speed trailer was deployed for traffic traveling eastbound on Ackerman Street.

Animal/Check Welfare: Two loose dogs were found at an address. Officers made contact with a person inside who appeared in mild distress and could not move from a chair. The dogs' owner arrived, declined medical assistance for the person, and was encouraged to seek adult services. The officer noted where the dogs had escaped and forwarded the information for follow-up.

Found Property: A resident called about a bicycle found in the bushes in their backyard. The serial number was checked and found to be clear. The bicycle was taken as found property.

Crash: A two-vehicle non-injury collision occurred when one vehicle reportedly went to pass another as it was turning into a driveway, causing a side collision. Both vehicles had damage exceeding the state reporting threshold. Drivers were given exchange forms and advised of the 72-hour state reporting requirement.

Assist Other Agency: A person was arrested and lodged on an outstanding parole violation warrant from a nearby county. Their personal belongings were placed into safekeeping at the police department.

POLICE

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Theft: A person reported that another person stole multiple bags of cans from their carport. The reporting person had previously given permission for only one bag. The person who took the cans initially admitted to it but later claimed others had taken them.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person contacted the police to report threats, being followed by drones, utility tampering, and identity theft. The person had a medical condition that was likely causing hallucinations and was not taking medication. Mental health services were contacted. They spoke to the person, confirmed the medical cause of hallucinations, and created a plan to ensure they take their medication and have other resources available.

Citizen Contact: A person called to report abuse from several years ago and wanted to pursue charges for an incident in 2021 where they had been cited and released for harassment. The person was referred to the County Sheriff's Office for further questions.

Theft: A person called from a correctional facility to report that their army backpack, laptop, and various chargers were stolen from their hotel room by another person, claiming hotel staff moved the items and released them to the person. The caller was unsure about pressing charges but wanted to know the status of their items. An officer advised they would look into it.

Suspicious Activity: A person called because he and his relative had started to receive strange mail from an inmate who was incarcerated for a bank robbery. The content of the letters was strange, and the person was unsure how the inmate got the address. The person was advised to mark the mail as return to sender.

Citizen Contact: A person called to ask what happened to their car that was totaled in a crash the previous night. The officer reviewed the history and found the driver was involved in a crash in an external city and instructed the caller to contact that city's police department for further information.

Animal: A call was received regarding loose dogs. The dogs were located, and the owner was identified via a microchip reader. The owner met with officers and claimed the dogs, and they were verified as up-to-date with licensing and vaccinations.

Found Property: A wallet was found in the street and turned into the station. It contained an identification card, bank cards, and cash. After attempts to locate a contact number were unsuccessful, a voicemail was left for a possible relative. The person's relative later called the police department and arranged for the person to pick up the wallet. The person picked up the wallet.

Crime: A parent brought their child was brought to the hospital with a high blood alcohol concentration. A relative reported that another person had provided the alcohol. An investigation into furnishing a minor charge is pending.

Citizen Contact: A center client called the

non-emergency number to report a red car driving fast in the area. The officer advised that a speed trailer was already set up in the area and patrol presence would be increased as time allowed.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person and their relative requested a welfare check on another individual after they made suicidal comments, were home alone with a knife, and had taken medication. An officer spoke with the person by phone, who was upset but denied wanting to hurt or kill themselves. Mental health resources, including the crisis line, were provided. In-person contact was not made due to the person being home alone and possibly with a weapon.

Traffic Stop/Elude: An officer observed a motorcycle pulling a wheelie and speeding. The rider appeared to acknowledge the officer and then sped up. The officer initiated a traffic stop for speed, but the bike took off at a high rate of speed. The officer terminated the response shortly after, noting a pursuit was not initiated due to the rider's intent. The motorcycle and rider were described.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

At 11:47 a.m., a deputy visited a class on Main Street in Dallas to talk about policing.

At 2:02 p.m., deputies detained a juvenile subject on Main Street in Falls City for crimes and transported him to Yamhill County Juvenile Detention Center.

At 4:20 p.m., a deputy responded to a late report of a hit and run on Brush College Road. The complainant said someone ran over a county sign. The deputy took photographs of the broken sign and emailed Public Works.

At 8:13 p.m., a resident on Salt Creek Road reported being the victim of a fraud. A purported email from Bank of America if she authorized a withdrawal of \$13,100. When she clicked no, an "agent" from the bank instructed her to withdraw the \$13,100 from her BofA account and deposit it into a Chase bank account. When finished, he hung up on her. She also reported eight additional fraudulent charges to her credit card. She'd already reported the incident to her bank and wanted a case number from law enforcement.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

3:03 a.m., a deputy contacted a male subject who was sleeping in his vehicle at Basket Slough and explained the park was closed. The subject said he was currently living in Washington and heading to Sheridan to buy an RV. The deputy warned him for trespass and told him he could stay a little longer.

At 12:32 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a driving complaint that turned out to be a single vehicle crash on Highway 22. Witnesses reported the motorist crossed over the center yellow lines and drifted further until he crashed into the guard rail and flipped/rolled. The driver did not appear intoxicated. Medics transported him to Salem Hospital.

At 3:06 p.m., residents from Harmony Road came into the Sheriff's Office to report being the victims of a phone

scam. They stated that their phone rang and a person who sounded like their grandson was calling requesting bail money for \$9,500. Their "grandson" stated he needed it to be discrete and to send it via Bitcoin. Although initially wary of red flags, they sent the money anyway. After they sent \$9,500 the caller requested another \$20,000. A deputy advised that bitcoin is nearly impossible to trace. They understood and did not want their money back, only to have the scammers stopped.

At 3:59 p.m., a resident on Harmony Road, who has been having ongoing issues with his neighbor's dogs, reported the two German Shepherds charged at him today and he drew his firearm. The German Shepherds retreated. After investigators reviewed the video, the dogs did appear to go over the fence. The German Shepherds stayed on their side of the road and did not cross it. A report was filed.

At 7:39 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a single vehicle accident into a ditch on Corvallis Road. The driver was paying attention to Google Maps and not the road and didn't see the corner. There was very minor body damage to the front bumper and a tow truck was on the way.

At 11:32 p.m., a deputy doing an area check of Wallace Marine Park, came across two subjects fishing off the dock with no valid fishing licenses. They were warned for trespassing. Meanwhile, a motorist parked in the BOAT LAUNCH PARKING LOT. The driver had previously been cited for driving while suspended - violation. A deputy cited her again for driving while suspended - violation.

At 11:59 p.m., a deputy contacted Harley Davidson Grant on Wallace road, who the deputy knew had an outstanding parole violation warrant. While being taken into custody, Grant lied about his identity, and a search yielded .9 grams of methamphetamine. Harley was lodged at Polk County Jail on his outstanding warrant and was additionally charged with giving false information and possession of a controlled substance, meth.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

At 1:01 a.m., deputies heard a car alarm going off behind Jiffy Lube on Ellendale Avenue. They contacted a female subject outside of the car who couldn't get the alarm to go off. It took a deputy a minute before he could get it off, too. They then walked the driver to her apartment. She was very "talky."

At 1:55 a.m., a deputy reported "Karl was in a good mood" on Main Street.

At 7:18 a.m., deputies conducted a welfare check on a female subject on Falls City Road. She said she was trying to get to Church of the Park in Monmouth as she had a room reserved there. They provided her with a courtesy ride due to the temperatures and safety concerns of her walking along Falls City Road.

At 9:43 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 73 mph in a 55 mph zone on Highway 22. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and was warned for the speeding and for not having his proof of insurance in the car.

At 1:29 p.m., a resident reported finding a German Shepherd on Wood Street in Falls City. When no one responded to a posting on Facebook, the resident called the sheriff's office. A deputy picked up the dog, which had no chip, and transported it to Polk County Kennels.

At 2:28 p.m., a deputy came upon a vehicle on Kings Valley Highway that had lost its pin for the hitch. The deputy and the driver were able to get the vehicle and the trailer moving safely.

At 2:58 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle on Fir Grove Road. The vehicle was previously occupied by two transients. No one was around. The vehicle was marked for towing.

At 6:47 p.m., a motorist reported a road rage incident on Falls City Road. She stated a truck cut her off and was brake checking her. She added that the white, younger male in the vehicle threw something at her car, hitting it. She did not want to press charges, rather only have the incident documented.

At 11:14 p.m., a deputy driving by the casino on Salmon River Highway checked in on a tribal officer taking a subject into custody for theft. As the other two were talking, the suspect began trying to pull away while being handcuffed. The deputy assisted in placing the suspect into handcuffs and he was still trying to pull away as the officer was searching him. The deputy left the scene after the suspect was placed in the back of the patrol car.

At 11:38 p.m., PCSO dispatch received a 911 call from a phone that seemed to be playing recorded audio that included yelling and then music. Dispatch pinned the location of the phone. Deputies ultimately located the phone and its owner. She was watching a movie and was not sure how the phone dialed 911 but she did find the outgoing call in her call log.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

At 1:12 a.m., a deputy came upon two cars on Eagle Crest Road with three people and two were high. The one sober driver drove away. A second driver was told to call a sober driver.

At 8:24 a.m., an owner came to pick up his dog lodged at the county kennel. The dog was not licensed, so the owner was cited for failure to license a dog.

At 10:47 a.m., a resident on Mistletoe Road reported their daughter had been scammed out of \$600. A deputy called the number of the suspect involved, but it did not go through.

At 10:56 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a loose dog on Stapleton Road. The deputy spoke with a property owner where the dog ran through a fence, but it was not theirs. The deputy attempted to catch the dog but the dog ran away through multiple fields. After driving the area the deputy could not locate the loose dog.

At 12:06 p.m., deputies responded to a crash between two vehicles at the intersection of highways 51 and 22. They provided traffic control. Oregon State Police conducted the investigation. They arrested the driver of the pink Jeep, who was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless

driving. The two occupants of the other vehicle were taken to Salem Hospital.

At 5:39 p.m., a resident on Grant Road reported being assaulted by the brother of his deceased girlfriend. The suspect and the other involved people fled before deputies arrived. They developed probable cause for assault 4. But the suspect apparently lives in Eugene so the deputy will request a warrant.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

At 8:28 a.m., a resident on 8th Street reported finding a dog last night near Walker Middle School and brought it home. The dog was a chihuahua type breed and a deputy transported it to the dog pound. A microchip was found but according to Petlink's automated answering service the microchip was not registered.

At 12:50 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a horse apparently stuck in some fencing on Helmick Road. I went to the property and spoke with the owner as they were getting ready to leave. I could see that no horses were stuck in any of the fencing.

At 12:41 p.m., a complaint of a reportedly tannerite explosion off Gooseneck Road. There have been similar calls in the past the location is a known shooting area and is most likely on federal land.

At 8:37 p.m., a 2024 Toyota Tundra was repossessed on Oak Knoll Road.

At 8:47 p.m., a store manager on Grand Ronde Road reported wanting a subject removed from the front of the store. The subject was very verbally aggressive but ended up grabbing his things and leaving the area before deputies arrived.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

At 8:12 a.m., a deputy witnessed a semi truck make an unsafe lane change, endangering a second vehicle. The semi truck driver was stopped and cited for the unsafe lane change and warned for careless driving.

At 8:29 a.m., a motorist on Riddell Road was stopped for no license plates. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured and was warned for no license plates.

At 10:25 a.m., Nathaniel Taplin was arrested on Main Street as he was out of compliance on his sex offender registration. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:21 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle non-injury crash into the ditch on Suver Road. The driver was being pressed by a tailgater and slid in the S curves. The driver arranged a private tow.

At 1:20 p.m., a business owner on 50th Avenue reported the theft of gas from his business that occurred sometime over the past several days. He suspected new tenants that recently leased the building across from his business. A deputy spoke with several folks who did not know who was responsible for the reported theft of gas.

At 8:10 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a deer struck on Independence Highway. The deputy removed the deer from the roadway.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

At 2:03 a.m., a motorist

on Highway 18 was stopped for failing to dim a light bar and for no plates. The vehicle was recently bought and had no insurance. The deputy waited for the driver to put insurance on the vehicle before leaving. The driver was advised not to drive with no working headlights (it was why she was using a light bar).

At 7:23 a.m., a motorist on Bethel Road was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph zone and was warned about using caution in a school zone.

At 12:47 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a suicidal subject on Broken Arrow Loop. The victim did not want to talk to them over the phone. A deputy heard what sounded like a pill bottle rattling, someone drinking something from a glass and a glass getting set down on a table. They made entry and located her barely responsive in bed with empty pill bottles and suicide note nearby. They stayed on scene until she was transported by medics.

At 1:05 p.m., a deputy contacted four subjects on Edgewater Street. Gary Cook and Brent Cunningham were cited and released on outstanding warrants. Joseph Mckinney was arrested and lodged on an outstanding parole board warrant.

At 1:53 p.m. a Polk County resident reported the theft of his Red 1984 Honda 4TRAX as well as a Quad possibly stolen from a storage warehouse in Salem jurisdiction. When Salem police get more vehicle information they will likely be entered into LEDS as stolen.

At 3:18 p.m., a driver on Collins Drive lost a rake out of the back of his truck in front of a deputy. The deputy gave him back the rake and asked him to be more careful.

At 3:18 p.m., a family member reported a vehicle and purse were stolen from his aunt from her residence on Collins Drive. Neighbors reported seeing three subjects from a white van enter and exit her home the previous day. She has Alzheimer's and doesn't remember any visitors.

At 6:19 p.m., a car reported stolen out of Falls City was found on Maple Street in Dallas. Deputies processed the car for evidence. There was no key found in the car and the purse belonging to the registered owner appeared to have been rifled through and had cards stolen.

At 11:15 p.m., Ishitaro Joklur turned himself in at the Sheriff's Office. He said he was there to turn himself in for a failure to appear trespassing warrant out of Polk County. A deputy confirmed the warrant and lodged Ishitaro at the jail.

At 11:31 p.m., a deputy witnessed a vehicle with no plates take off at a high rate of speed. The vehicle turned onto Wallace Road and the deputy turned on his overhead lights. The driver finally stopped in the 2300 block of Rogers Lane. The juvenile driver was detained and explained he was running from his ex-girlfriend, and did not notice the emergency lights until Rogers Lane, and could hear the deputy's siren. The young driver understood the mistake, explaining he did not realize the car behind him was a cop, so he stopped. He was given multiple citations.

Boys

From Page B1

against winless McKay. Finishing second would be especially meaningful considering the absence of senior leader Jack Holestine. The team's leader in scoring and assists was sidelined mid-way through league play with a shoulder injury. Since then, the Panthers have gone 6-3 while players adjust to new roles and responsibilities.

Central is projected to earn either the No. 9 or No. 10 seed in the state playoffs, which would mean a trip to Wilsonville or North Eugene when first-round action begins Friday.

"We look forward to the challenge and are prepared

to put together a game plan to compete against either team," coach Tyler Allen said.

The Panthers closed last week on their first three-game losing streak of the season, falling to Corvallis, Lebanon and to West Albany, 64-52, on Feb. 27. Allen believes the stretch, while tough, has sharpened his team's focus.

"The end of our season has really prepared us for the playoffs," he said.

Against West Albany,

Ezra Wells scored 24 points, hitting 6-of-10 from three-point range, while Ryan Burgett added 12 rebounds. Seniors honored that night were Ty Cirino, Hudson Heise, Branden Ball, Kao Phantern, Moses Garcia, Holestine, Wells and Burgett.

Second-ranked West Albany (17-0, 21-3) was at Dallas on March 3. The Dragons, 2-15, 4-20 overall, were the Bulldogs' last obstacle to an unblemished regular season.

CALENDAR

From Page B3

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

11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage

Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum
 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Music Jam Night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7 p.m. - Climate Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

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