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Motorcycle team takes stunts to new heights



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Seattle Cossacks motorcycle acrobatic team performs a pyramid formation stunt before a crowd of onlookers during PacWest Motorcycle show's inaugural event in downtown Dallas July 18-19. For more images from the event, see page B1.

Resources stretched thin in state of county

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The County Commissioners painted a stark picture of their resources stretched as thin as they can get without making cuts to services or personnel during their annual state of the county presentation July 14.

Commissioner Craig Pope, giving his last state of the county update before he retires at the end of the year, said via a live stream to viewers that the county's resources don't stretch as far as they used to in days past. With a \$117 million all-funds budget, the county does not collect enough property taxes to pay for all the demands without additional levies, such as the upcoming fairgrounds operations levy in November and the public safety levy up for renewal next May.

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Independence man arrested in Newport armed robbery

Staff REPORT,
Country Media, Inc.

An Independence man faces criminal charges following his arrest in an armed robbery investigation in Newport.

Newport Police officers responded at approximately 11:20 a.m. July 14, to the Days Inn, at 544 SW Coast Highway, on the report of an armed robbery.

Officers responded to the area and contacted the victim who stated she had just been robbed by a known associate, 20-year-old Christopher Lekoff, of Independence.

Further investigation revealed Lekoff and the victim had known each other for several years and had shared a room at the business the previous night together, according to Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy.

"Today, while the victim was in the shower, Lekoff packed all his possessions. When the victim exited the bathroom, Lekoff demanded the victim's purse," Malloy said.

"The victim admitted to having a large sum of US currency inside her purse, which Lekoff was aware of. When the victim

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Taken by the Sky finds the magic at River's Edge

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Taken by the Sky embraces the transition that defines the River's Edge Summer Series.

The Portland-based Fleetwood Mac tribute band will begin Friday's performance in full daylight, at 8 p.m. By intermission, darkness will have settled over Riverview Park.

For band and audience alike, the result will be two shows in one.

"We get to experience both that vibrant, sun-soaked festival energy and then a more theatrical, light-driven performance. It's the best of both worlds," band member Jessa Campbell said. "There's something truly magical that happens in that transition — the energy changes, the lights come up, and the crowd really comes alive."

It's not like fans need such inducement. They're charged and ready from the opening note.

"The audience at River's

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FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Jessa Campbell and Lawrence Orlek, of Taken by the Sky, bring the music of Fleetwood Mac to the River's Edge Summer Series at 8 p.m. Friday at Riverview Park in Independence.

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News Briefs

DALLAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CHILD SEX ABUSE CHARGES

On July 13, a Polk County circuit judge found Philip James Mancuso, 37, guilty on all charges related to his years-long sex abuse, sodomy and incest of a minor victim under the age of 12.

Judge Rafael A. Caso found Mancuso, of Dallas, guilty after a multi-day trial of four counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of sex abuse in the first degree and one count of incest. Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen presented the case to the court.

Investigation and prosecution of this matter began in 2024 based on an initial report to DHS Child Welfare authorities. Ultimately, Mancuso was

located in the state of Ohio after the issuance of a grand jury warrant and returned to Oregon by Polk County Sheriff’s deputies to stand trial.

In a press release, the Polk County District Attorney’s Office commended the victim and her family “for their strength and courage throughout this process.”

“We also recognize the thorough investigations of the Dallas Police Department, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Salem Police Department, and the Fairfield County (Ohio) Sheriff’s Office,” the DA’s office said in the press release. “Additionally, we deeply appreciate the assistance of the Oregon Department of Human Services (Child Welfare Division) and the Governor’s Office of Extraditions.”

A sentencing hearing has been

set for July 21.

ENTERPRISE ROAD TO CLOSE JULY 23-25 FOR ROADWORK

The paved portion of Enterprise Road will undergo an asphalt overlay to improve road quality and safety. To complete this work efficiently and safely, Enterprise Road will be closed to all thru traffic July 23-25.

Operations will begin early in the morning each day. All thru traffic will be redirected to detour routes. Local traffic will be permitted as work allows. Vehicles will not be able to drive on the fresh asphalt during application and cooling times.

Local deliveries, waste collection, and mail services may be altered or delayed during the construction period.

“We apologize for this temporary inconvenience and

appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our community infrastructure,” the Polk County Public Works Department said in a press release.

If you have any questions, urgent access needs, or special circumstances, contact the project coordinator at (503) 623-9287.

POLK COUNTY PLANS PAVEMENT PRESERVATION THROUGH JULY

Polk County Public Works crews will be applying a chip seal and fog seal to various roads in the Central Polk County/Rickreall area through July 31. There will be delays intermittently during this time period. Work hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All work is dependent on

weather. The county will update the dates/times on the Public Works website when a more accurate timeline is determined.

More information about these projects can be found online at www.polkcountyor.gov/721/Chip-Seals or by calling Polk County Public Works at (503) 623-9287.

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- Greenwood Road South
- Oak Grove Road North
- Oak Grove Road South
- Morrow Road.
- Rickreall Road
- Nesmith Road
- Halls Ferry Road
- Rogers Road
- Hanna Road
- Clow Corner Road (East of Highway 99)
- Orchard Heights Road

Mapleton man sentenced in Polk County for child sex abuse, weapons charges

A Mapleton man, Jesse Shelton, was sentenced to 8 years and 3 months in prison for convictions arising out of related incidents in Polk and Lane counties.

Shelton, 45, was arrested in April of 2025 by Dallas police officers on suspicion of impaired driving. During the investigation, police located two teenage females unrelated to Shelton in the backseat of his car

who showed signs of marijuana and alcohol consumption. A further search of the vehicle discovered a loaded firearm belonging to Shelton with multiple rounds of extra ammunition as well as assorted liquor and drug paraphernalia.

Based on information gathered from the minor victims, a subsequent criminal investigation was begun in Lane County (Shelton and the victim’s

county of residence) by detectives from the Lane County Sheriff’s Office and prosecutors from the Lane County District Attorney’s Office.

On May 29, 2026, Shelton appeared in Lane County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to two counts of sex abuse in the second degree, two counts of felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of strangulation and unlawful use of a weapon. He was

sentenced to 70 months (5 years and 10 months) in prison.

On July 6, 2026, Shelton appeared before Polk County Circuit Judge Monte Campbell and pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants, felon in possession of a firearm, reckless driving, two counts of reckless endangering, and two counts of furnishing alcohol to a person under 21. Campbell sentenced

Shelton to serve 29 months in prison to run consecutive to the sentence imposed in his Lane County case for a total of 99 months. Campbell also ordered Shelton to serve a 24-month period of post-prison supervision upon his release from incarceration.

This case represented a collaborative effort between law enforcement and prosecution agencies in Polk and Lane counties.

It was investigated by the Polk and Lane County Sheriff’s Departments as well as the Dallas Police Department. The cases were presented to the court by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Kaylee Hudson and Lane County Deputy District Attorney Erik Knapp. In a press release, each of the involved agencies commended the courage and resilience of the victims throughout the case.

Dallas Library hosts an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project

Take part in a thought-provoking community conversation with “Investigating the Consent of the Governed,” at 6:30 p.m. July 30 at the Dallas Library. This free program is part of the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project Celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary.

The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence states that governments are instituted among people and “derive their just powers from the consent of the

governed.” Participants will explore what it means today for people to grant consent to the government and what options exist when they believe that consent has been violated. The discussion is designed to encourage thoughtful dialogue and civic engagement among community members.

The conversation will be led by Nick Nash, a Pendleton native who teaches philosophy and writing at Blue Mountain Community College. He is also the owner of

Eastern Oregon Business Source, a consulting company that assists local organizations with fundraising and professional development, and serves on the board of the Umatilla County Special Library District.

This free program is made possible through funding from the Friends of the Dallas Library. For more information, visit the Dallas Library’s Facebook page at facebook.com/dallaslibrary-oregon, stop by the library at 950 Main St., or call (503) 623-2633.

IPD conducts pedestrian safety enforcement operation

On July 9, Independence police officers conducted a six hour pedestrian safety operation focused on educating drivers and pedestrians while addressing violations that can create unsafe conditions for those walking throughout Independence. During the operation, officers conducted 49 enforcement stops, resulting in 32 citations and 38 warnings.

Pedestrian safety remains a priority for the Independence Police Department. These enforcement efforts are designed not only to hold drivers and pedestrians accountable, but also to provide education and

awareness about the shared responsibility everyone has in keeping our roadways safe.

The Independence Police Department reminds community members of these important safety tips:

- Drivers should always watch for pedestrians and yield the right-of-way when required.
- Drivers must stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk and remain stopped until the pedestrian has cleared the lane of travel.
- Pedestrians should use marked crosswalks when available and follow pedestrian signals.
- Pedestrians should look both ways before

crossing and make sure vehicles have stopped before entering the roadway. Having the right-of-way does not protect pedestrians from an inattentive driver.

- When walking at night or during low-light conditions, pedestrians should wear bright or reflective clothing and use a flashlight, when possible, to increase visibility.

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. The Independence Police Department encourages everyone to stay alert, follow the rules of the road, and do their part to help create safer streets for all members of our community.

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Oregon’s unemployment rate remains at 5.2%

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 5.2% in June. That was unchanged from 5.2% in May, and also matched the 5.2% rate one year ago, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, Oregon employers cut 600 jobs from nonfarm payrolls in June. That follows a revised gain of 2,500 jobs in May. June’s gains were largest in private health care and social assistance (+2,000 jobs). Losses were largest in manufacturing (-1,700 jobs).

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined by

8,500 jobs between June 2025 and June 2026. That’s a loss of 0.4%. Both the private and public sectors lost jobs over the past year. Private-sector employment fell by 5,400 jobs (-0.3%), and government employment declined by 3,100 jobs (-1.0%).

Private health care and social assistance continues to lead job growth in Oregon. The sector added 14,000 jobs over the past year, a gain of 4.5%. Over the past year, growth within the sector was strongest in social assistance (8.6%) and nursing and residential

care facilities (5.3 %). Ambulatory health care services (2.6 %) and hospitals (0.5%) also added jobs, but at slower rates.

Manufacturing employment continues to decline in Oregon. Manufacturers lost 10,000 jobs over the past year, a decline of 5.6%. Within manufacturing, employment in durable goods fell by 5,800 jobs (-4.6%). Nondurable goods manufacturing lost 4,200 jobs (-7.7%).

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in June, which changed little from the prior month (4.3%) or one year ago (4.1%).

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WOU celebrates 50 years of ASL interpreting education

By WOU MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University is marking a milestone five decades in the making. This year, the university’s American Sign Language/English Interpreting program celebrated its 50th anniversary, cementing its place as one of the nation’s longest standing and most respected institutions for interpreter preparation, professional development, and Deaf community advocacy.

The program’s roots trace to January 1975, when the first interpreter training at what was then the Oregon College of Education took place over two weeks. The effort was made possible through federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education and spearheaded by John Freeburg, associate professor of special education, also the director of the Regional Resource Center on Deafness (RRCD), who secured the grants that made the training possible. The two-week intensive training evolved into a 10-week program by the late 1970s and then into a year-long certificate program that ran from 1979 through 1993.

In 1993, Professor Sandra Gish,



creator of the Gish Model of Interpreting and Freeburg, launched Western’s Bachelor of Science in ASL/English Interpreting, a landmark development that transformed the program from a short-term training model into a comprehensive undergraduate degree program. That same year, a Summer Interpreter Education Program launched and ran through 2002, providing additional pathways for working interpreters to develop their skills. Funding for both programs came from the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs.

The program continued to grow throughout this period and the RRCD also administered a series of grants from the Rehabilitation Services Administration to support short-term interpreter education through the Region X Interpreter Education Center. A subsequent iteration of that RSA funding, co-directed by CM Hall and Heather Holmes, shifted focus toward training interpreters to work with DeafBlind individuals, a specialized and critically underserved population. That grant concluded on Sept. 30, 2025, and the last Department of

Education grant to run through the interpreting program ended in December 2025.

In 2011, Western expanded its interpreter preparation offerings with the launch of the Master of Arts in Interpreting Studies, developed by Professor Amanda Smith and Elisa Maroney, Ph.D., Professor and Coordinator of Interpreting Studies. The graduate program is language-neutral, welcoming interpreters of any language pair who meet the program’s academic expectations in written English. Over the course

of the program’s history, students have produced more than 150 action research, professional, and thesis projects, a body of scholarship that is now cited by researchers and doctoral candidates across the country.

The program’s excellence has earned national recognition at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. In 2008, the undergraduate interpreting program was the inaugural recipient of the Sorenson VRS Interpreter Education Award of Excellence. In 2013, the Master of Arts in Interpreting Studies received the University Professional and Continuing Education Association Outstanding Credit Program Award.

“Western Oregon University has been a cornerstone in educating and preparing ASL/English interpreters for more than 50 years, providing professional development opportunities while training the leaders and scholars who move interpreter education forward,” said Maroney. “Our graduate program is language-neutral, serving interpreters of any language pair who can successfully meet the program’s academic expectations in written English. Graduates are making an impact across

the country, interpreting and teaching in every corner of the United States. We even have graduates in Brazil and Canada.”

Western’s interpreter preparation program has trained generations of practitioners who now serve deaf communities in educational settings, medical and legal environments, and community interpreting contexts across the country and internationally. The program remains one of the few in the nation to offer a full continuum of interpreter education, from undergraduate preparation through graduate study and professional development, all within a single institution deeply rooted in deaf culture, deaf community partnership, and linguistic access.

As the program marks 50 years, Western honors the students, faculty, staff, deaf community partners, and visionary leaders who built one of the most respected interpreter education programs in the nation and looks forward to the next 50 years of bridging languages, cultures, and communities.

Learn more about WOU ASL and interpreting programs online at <https://wou.edu/dsps/programs-and-degrees>.

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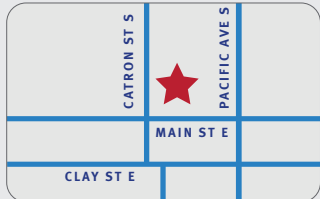
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“There is a breaking point. That’s what I want people to understand. We’re at that point. We have stretched things here as far as they can go. They’re ready to break,” Pope said. “The thing we can do next is eliminate services. Start reducing the workforce and eliminating services. I don’t see anything on the horizon that will make it better other than these levies that I know everyone hates.”

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst explained the operations levy that the county crafted to keep the fairgrounds and event center open going into the next five years should voters approve it in November.

He explained the county is asking voters to approve a 12 cents per \$1,000 valuation. So the average house in Polk County is \$467,000 value.

That house is assessed for \$247,000 and taxes are paid on assessed value, not your retail value.

“So what we’ve done is we’ve made our average home in Polk County, as far as this goes, a \$300,000 level,” Mordhorst said. “So that’s going to cover over 60% of the homes in Polk County. At \$300,000 assessed value, that puts your house worth around \$630,000 roughly. You’re going to pay \$36 a year. That’s \$3 a month, less than a cup of coffee, to keep and maintain our fairgrounds.”

He added that biggest value the fairgrounds provides aside as host for regional events year-round, is as the county’s emergency evacuation center.

“So it’s already proven what is done during a fire. Pope got a call at 7:30 a.m. in his office,” Mordhorst recalled. “Can we use the fairgrounds? In a half hour, we had the

gate open, people there. We were receiving animals, receiving families. It worked.”

Mordhorst added that when he talks to residents, he hears they’re tired of politicians stuffing taxes down their throat.

“You know what? I am too. The thing about a county, we don’t have water bills that we can add to or anything like that,” he explained. “Everything the county does and every tax we create is voter approved. ... And a levy is a voter approved tax, like everything else is. Nothing is stuffed down your throat.”

Pope made it clear that regardless how much revenue the county fairgrounds and event center generate, it will never be enough to make the operational costs self-sustaining. The only move forward to offset those operational costs without dipping into the county general fund any more is through a levy.

“The fairgrounds levy is a tax. I get it. People are going to be irradiated, upset with it. We have made it clear this time. We can’t keep doing this. We have a fairgrounds that is in serious trouble as far as infrastructure is concerned,” he said.

Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, during his portion of the presentation, said not all is a “woe is me” situation in terms of the county’s budget picture. The administration has experienced successes when it comes to his behavior health and human services programs.

He started by touting the success of the CARES Center that opened in the Academy Campus that opened in October that houses the county’s crisis response teams.

“Those are both mobile crisis and folks who have crises that are walk-ins. And it also houses our behavioral health resource network, which is our substance use disorder

services and other mental health response services. So within those two buckets, there are quite a few services,” Gordon said. “Since October, they responded to 778 unique clients. Those are Polk County residents, some Marion County, depending on where they’re entering the system, offering 1,600 services to those folks. So that can include substance use disorder treatment referrals.”

That included connections to services from primary care to suicide assessments he explained, keeping their crisis teams very busy.

“They’re active seven days a week, doing a lot of good work, getting referrals from West Valley Hospital, law enforcement, EMS, and just in the community,” Gordon said.

He switched to successes the county has had in fighting residents problems with homelessness, especially with the help of

the Partners Alliance for Housing Solutions.

“If there’s one theme in the human services world, it’s really building capacity through partnerships. The county cannot do all these things alone. Our strength is really in our coordination, our collaboration, and integration of services,” he said. “So huge thanks to Polk County Family Community Outreach, Church of the Park, West Valley Housing Authority, Community Action Agency, our behavioral health providers, our cities, and our community faith organizations and nonprofits. Since inception, 479 people have been housed and are now self-sufficient. This is through several programs.”

The commissioners covered a host of other topics in their hour-long presentation. To watch it in full, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7jE8b-aE000&t=24s.

OBITUARIES



Edward Lee Lehman
1938 - 2026

Edward Lee Lehman was born on October 24, 1938, in Portland, Oregon to Harriett Patricia (Lees) and Edward John Lehman. He grew up on a farm off West Union Road in Beaverton. He spent his boyhood outdoors, hunting pheasant, and working alongside his father who taught him the value of hard work and the joy of friendship. Lee inherited Eddie’s mischievousness, gentleness, and silly humor. He graduated from Beaverton

High School where he played football, wrestled and served on the Fire Squad. After high school he worked on the farm, attended Portland State University and served in the National Guard before graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on metal trades and casting manufacturing. At a New Year’s Eve Party at Timberline Lodge he met his lifelong partner, Diana Lehman (Luther). They were married on July 28, 1962. They raised five daughters together, instilling the values of family, friendship, faith, and community.

Lee worked for Caterpillar for 21 years as a buyer in the purchasing department. After spending three years with CAT in Monterrey, Mexico, he took early retirement and finished his career at ADEC. He was a dedicated member at St. Philips Catholic church where he helped with building maintenance and regularly offered hospitality. During retirement he spent time on his boat in the Garibaldi Bay and Nehalem River, traveling

to see his girls, working his garden along the Rickreall Creek, driving tractors on friends and family’s farms, tinkering in his garage, and tracking stocks. He loved to camp and hunt and play Johnny Cash music. He was known to offer you a beer or whiskey at any hour. He had a quiet confidence, was loyal and steadfast, and prioritized love above all else. He often said there were good people everywhere, and that he was most proud of his girls and grandkids.

Lee is preceded in death by his wife, Diana, and his two brothers Robert and Tim. He is survived by his five daughters and their spouses Leslie (Peter) Mahony, Theresa (Jena Elliott) Lehman, Stephanie Lehman (John Filipowicz), Jennifer (Brett) Bishop, and Sarah (Matt Thomas) Lehman; and his ten grandchildren Matthew Mahony, Anna (Shea) Thomas, Jacob (Susan) Bishop, Samantha Otis, Ben Mahony, Madeline (Drew) Bishop, Isabelle Bishop, Sophia Bishop, Ellie Thomas, and Peter Thomas.

His children welcome you to attend a Mass

of Christian Burial on Saturday, September 12 at 11 am at St. Philips Catholic Church with luncheon to follow. There will be a private family graveside service. In lieu of flowers, you can call 503-623-8395 or mail checks to 289 E Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas, Oregon 97338 and make a memorial gift to the Polk County Oregon State University Extension Service. Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family.



Cory Von Behling
Sept. 29, 1955 - July 1, 2026

Cory Von Behling, 70, of Dallas, Oregon, passed away on July 1, 2026 after a brief stay at Tokarski Hospice house in West Salem. Cory was born September 29, 1955 in

Salt Lake City, Utah to Robert Andrew Behling and Joy Jenkins Behling, the sixth of eight children.

Cory was raised and worked on the family farm in Kaysville, Utah where the family raised cherries, peaches, apples, tomatoes and various other produce and farm animals. Cory graduated from Davis High School and was a member of the local chapter of FFA.

In the early seventies he moved with the family to Falls City, Oregon and worked at a number of jobs until hiring on with Caterpillar, where he worked until the plant closed. In 1982 he invested in the family venture to buy and operate Dallas Auto Parts at its Main Street location where he participated in its operation. In 1995 he and brother Conway bought out the other family members, eventually moving to its current location in 2001, and operating until retirement and sale to Davison’s in June 2022.

Cory is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Joy Behling, siblings Brian Ron Behling, Judi Joy (Boyd)

Spiker, and Marilyn Marie (Brent deceased) Anderson. He is survived by brothers Conway (Susan) Behling, Jon Craig Behling; sisters Pam (Bob) Grove, Wendy (Mark deceased) Cerdena. Numerous nieces and nephews will also greatly miss Uncle Cory, as will we all.

A pre-scheduled July 4th family gathering turned out to be a celebration of life for Cory. Although no plans for further services have been made at this point, there may be an announcement for something in the future.

We would like to thank Salem Health, Willamette Vital Health Hospice Care, and Bollman Tribute Center for their kind attendance and help at this difficult time.

DEATH NOTICES

Donna Sheron (Hutt)
Aug. 11, 1952- June 26, 2026

Donna’s celebration of life service will be held on Saturday August 1, 2026, at the Dallas, Oregon United Methodist Church; 565 SE LaCreole Dr. Dallas, OR 97338. The service will start at 11 am, with a lunch to follow.

JIM CHANEY
Funeral for Jim Chaney, who passed on April 20th of this year, will be Saturday, July 25 at 2 p.m. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Rd. Dallas, Oregon



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Two simple prosperity proposals

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Not everything in the newly-released report of the Governor’s Prosperity Council is uncontroversial, or should be, or points specifically to major systemic problems that limit Oregon’s economic growth.

But some do. Two general proposals especially, which may at first sound almost like anodyne boilerplate, seem on reflection like matters of real significance and specific relevance to the way Oregon works, or doesn’t.

And in theory at least, both ought not to be non-controversial because they touch on matters of simple competence and fairness.

Gov. Tina Kotek formed the 15-member council, which includes a number of business leaders around the state, in January to “recommend actionable steps to accelerate Oregon’s economy, create good paying jobs, and recruit and grow Oregon’s businesses.

It didn’t stint on recommendations: The report

runs 452 pages. Some of its ideas are very specific, such as those concerning taxes and spending, and some still seem a little more vague, even if numbers are attached (such as a recommendation to reduce regulations by a set percentage, without more specificity on which regulations exactly should be dropped).

But at least two ideas have deeper implications for the way things are or should be done in Oregon.

The topline for the first: “The state should transform Business Oregon [a state economic development organization] into the Oregon Commerce Authority, governed by a board of business and innovation leaders and the Governor ...”

Which sounds like: “Great, let’s set up a committee and slap a new name on it.”

Except that’s not what the report was getting at. (The new name would be beside the point.) There’s an underlying problem in Oregon’s economic development system this proposal is designed to address:

“More than 850 organizations make up Oregon’s economic development system, all broadly focused on business growth and job creation. However, consistent collaboration around shared priorities is the exception, not the norm. For businesses of all sizes, this fragmentation can make it difficult to identify a clear entry point, navigate available programs, or receive coordinated support.”

The simple number of 850 economic development organizations in Oregon suggests the issue: Clearly the problem doesn’t involve inadequate resources or effort, but rather the lack of a unified effort. If Oregon’s economic development efforts are that fractured, that incoherent, there should be little argument the system presents a real handicap to economic growth.

The point of the Authority would be to place someone in actual charge, someone setting a consistent approach and message and harnessing the grab-bag of small pieces into a larger,

comprehensive effort.

It went on: “The Authority should establish measurable statewide economic development goals and maintain a public-facing dashboard tracking key metrics such as business growth, job creation, project timelines, regional investment, customer response times, and economic competitiveness outcomes to improve transparency and accountability ...”

Simple provision of coordination and competence could help quite a bit. It’s not that all those people working in economic development aren’t capable; lots of them surely are. But if they’re not working together, the state isn’t going to get traction from them.

The argument for the second point may be a little less clear cut for some people, but the underlying principle should not be: Justice delayed is justice denied.

This relates to the state’s overall system — not so much its content, but its process — of regulation. The Council said that people commenting

on it around the state said much of the statewide regulatory system is “fragmented, lengthy, inconsistent, and costly.”

That assessment probably wouldn’t draw a serious argument broadly around the state, and across a large number of agencies, and it would apply to individuals and non-profits as well, and really almost anyone other than people trying to use the flaws in the cumbersome system to achieve a result not through merit but through wearing down the opposition.

Those too-frequent realities of the system build distrust generally in government systems, and ought to be something advocates of government action would want to address as well.

The proposed solutions involve setting action deadlines and even penalties for unnecessary delays: “The process should prevent projects from being delayed indefinitely and should include accountability measures such as public reporting and partial fee refunds when deadlines are

missed.”

The idea is for greater efficiency and timeliness in addressing regulatory issues, not merely as an aspiration but backed up with legal teeth and top-level enforcement. A more rigorous system surely would provide economic benefits, but the positive implications would ripple beyond that.

These are things a governor and Legislature should be able easily to do. They seem clear and obvious enough, and the benefits seem direct enough if the rules are strong enough and they are enforced from the top down.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TRUMP IS THE ONE GUILTY OF ELECTION CHAOS

Some Trump supporters heard Thursday’s address and declared that every word “rang true.” That is the real Trump Derangement Syndrome: believing Donald Trump on faith while refusing to see what he is doing

before the midterms.

His address offered no evidence of widespread fraud. Trump claimed China obtained 220 million voter files, but much voter data is public, and his documents did not show China changed a single vote. His adviser acknowledged there is no intelligence showing a foreign power flipped

votes in 2020, 2022 or 2024. His 278,000 non-citizen figure came with no disclosed methodology, and experts warn it is unreliable.

Trump removed the remaining commissioners of the bipartisan Election Assistance Commission, leaving it unable to take official action. His Justice Department has

sued states for sensitive voter data despite repeated court defeats. His administration threatens state election officials with penalties and prison if they reject its demands. He is pushing new voting restrictions while planting doubts about an election that has not happened.

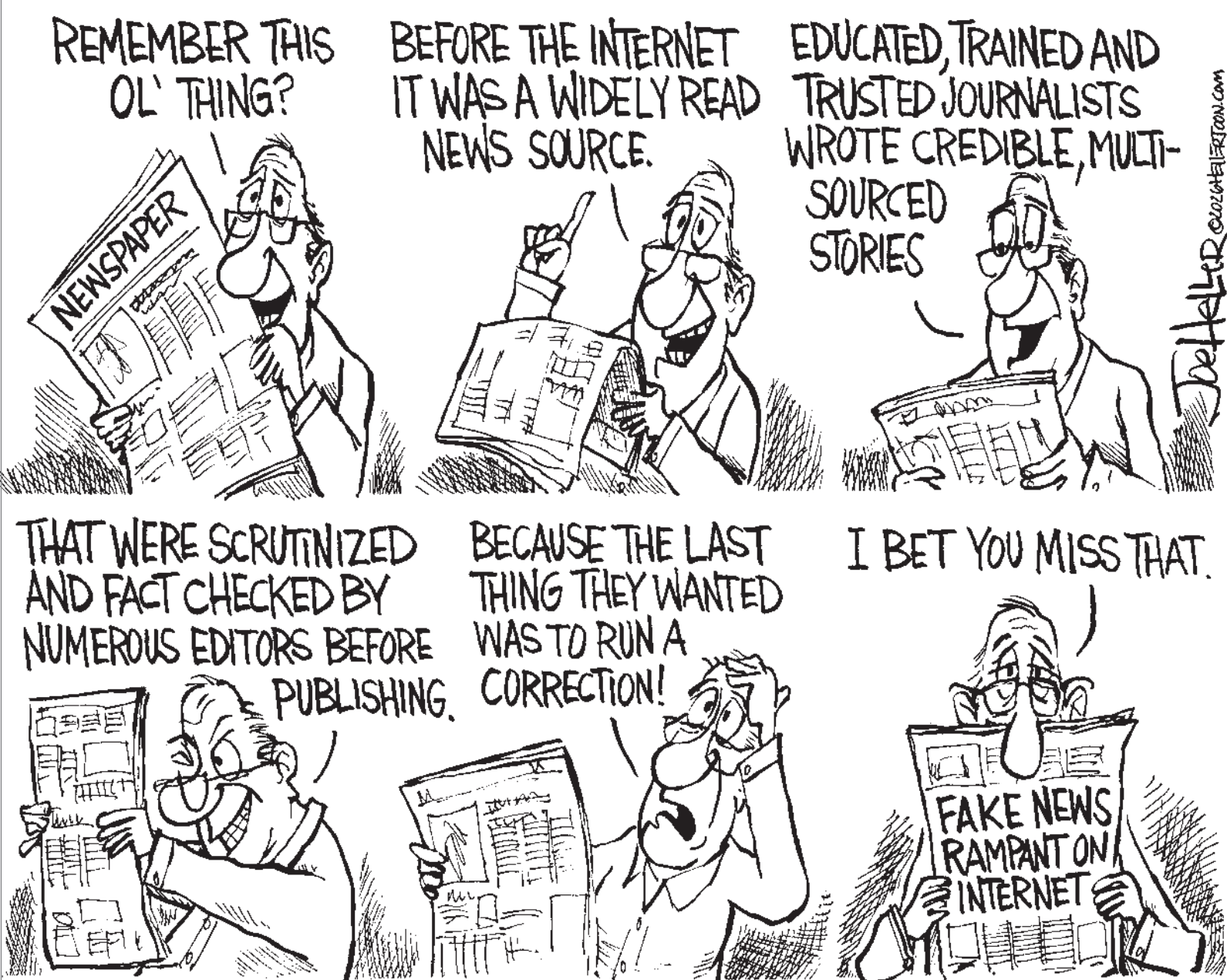
The writing is on the

wall. I believe Trump will use every power available to cheat during the coming midterms. If that means intimidating officials, restricting lawful voters or manufacturing fraud claims to contest losses, he has shown us he is willing.

Defend election officials in Polk County and elsewhere. The

only presidential candidate who tried to steal the 2020 election was Trump: fake electors, pressure on Pence, and an angry mob he turned against Pence and urged toward the Capitol. Wake up, Polk County.

Brad Hanson,
Dallas



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: OFFICES OF THE POTUS

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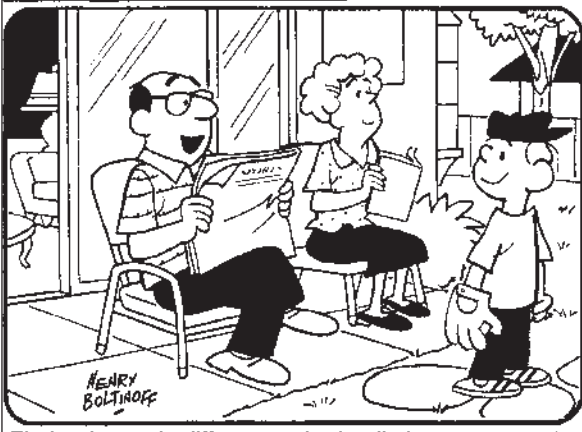
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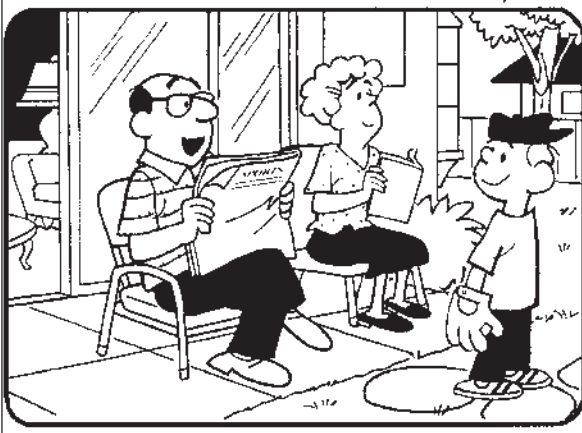
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is missing. 2. Window is added to house. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Lamp is larger. 5. Window is larger. 6. Back of chair is smaller.

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Americanisms



“Friend something better than chocolate ice cream ... Maybe friend somebody you give up last cookie for.”
— Cookie Monster

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Super Crossword

OPENING SEQUENCE

ACROSS

1 Off-guard way to be caught

9 Bread has a lot of them

14 Anchorage locale

20 Aspire to something specific

21 Love, in Lido

22 Hoped for

23 Founder of the Miracles

25 Lodged

26 Pulley part

27 With long suffering

29 Rajah's wife

30 Alternatives to Cokes or Pepsis

33 — rmo

34 Twice Li

35 Raptor's claw

36 Record player

41 Ape in an arcade game

43 1307-27 king of England

44 Prefix with natal or con

46 Comic book shriek

47 Thick deli cut

48 This, in Baja

50 Olduvai

52 Gorge pale-ontologist

57 Bear cask

58 Removes (oneself)

60 Veteran

61 Europe's "Eternal City"

62 French battle site of '44

63 Doesn't skip, as an event

65 Reagan appointee

67 Speak frankly

71 Jungle gym

73 Film director

74 1954-76 Dodgers manager

76 T-man Eliot

77 Outing runner

78 "How was — know?"

79 Self-server

81 Some IRA contents

84 Master of the dog Pluto

88 Sundown's direction

89 Accepted

90 China's Long March leader

91 2012 Best Director Lee

93 Alternative to Match or OkCupid

95 It's pushed in an ice rink

101 Tart gin cocktail

103 Once-popular anesthetic

104 Certain pipe shape

105 Maple fluid

106 Tax return ID

107 Tiger's sound

108 Restricting freedom of thought

111 Work site

112 Wellfare org.

115 Poppas' partners

117 "Arrow's Fall" novelist

121 Of high peaks

122 "Rapture" singer Baker

123 All aspects considered

124 Fitting one inside another

125 A-bomb trial

126 Index entries ... or what 10 answers in this puzzle have?

7 It may get plugged up

8 Pig food

9 Jenner of reality TV

10 Prenatal exam

11 Sutor's flower

12 Rodeo horse

13 Submitted, as an entry

14 Out of whack

15 Taoism's —-zu

16 Inuit parka

17 Fr. resort port

18 Really into

19 Appending

24 Bottom

26 In this way

30 — Nabisco (old corp.)

31 World Champion Bull of 2009

32 Clip, as a coupon

35 Young kid

36 Study fixture

37 Not in use

38 Gaia bagful

39 Hailed car

40 Thing found in the wind

41 Scooby-!

42 Wiggling fish

45 Otherwise

49 "Still I Rise" poet Maya

51 Until this time

52 Element #26

53 Saudis, say

54 Nut with caffeine

55 Kuwaiti royal

56 Positive votes

58 Env. alert

59 Santa's bagful

62 Short-limbed lizard

64 Urban haze

65 Reel from a wallop

66 Certain skin bulge

67 Time in office

68 Jail —

69 Secular

70 Green

71 Green Hornet's valet

72 Fried stuffed dumplings

75 Maya a new driver

78 "Pass the ball to me!"

80 Crawl (with)

81 Diner worker

82 Concluded

83 Vodka brand

85 Part of ER: Abbr.

86 "Huzzah!"

87 Cinch —

88 (trash bag brand)

89 Sister station of Flix, in brief

92 Give the evil eye to

94 — Tin Tin

95 Politico

96 "Troy" actor

97 Bites, as a horse at the bit

98 Muppet frog

99 Tracey of "Mrs. America"

100 Patron

102 Apple debut of 2010

105 Sprinter groups

108 Opposite of new

109 Spreadable cheese

110 It may get plugged up

111 Eight, in Baja

112 Alternative to Health, candy-wise

113 Clutched

114 Positive votes

116 Netflix's "Anne With —"

118 Opposite of NNW

119 Install, as tile

120 "How cute!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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 C

L REXKW FEO OSLFV EJ OSY

FUZY EJ OSUO PUALR

RSYZLRUK AXPAOUFRY.

L SUW UF YKZYFOUK PKERV.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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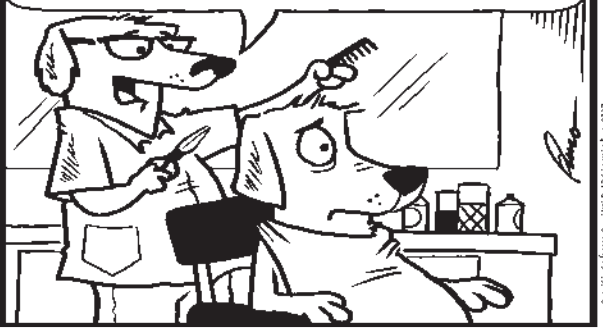
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phippe

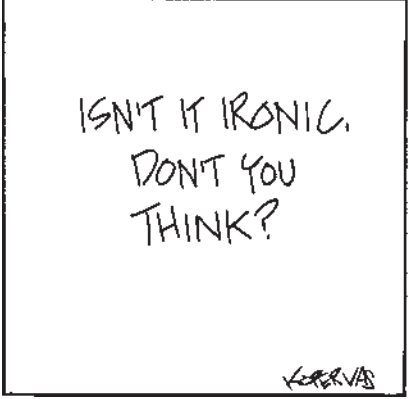
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Out on a Limb

ISN'T IT IRONIC, DON'T YOU THINK?



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by Gary Kopervas



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THESE FISH WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM. I'VE GREATED MY OWN SECRET WEAPON.

I TOOK CORN DOGS AND STUFFED THEM WITH CHUNKY PEANUT BUTTER AND SKITTLES.

OK, FISHIES, IT'S CHOW TIME!

GEEZ, I THINK THERE'S MORE NUTRITIONAL VALUE IN THOSE DUMB PLASTIC LURES.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

2. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?

3. TELEVISION: Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?

4. HISTORY: When was the first heart transplant performed?

5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands located?

6. MOVIES: Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?

7. MUSIC: When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?

8. SCIENCE: What is nephology?

9. MEASUREMENTS: What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby deer called?

Answers

1. 33.

2. St. Louis, Missouri.

3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

4. 1967.

5. Off the west coast of Africa.

6. "Cape Fear."

7. 2009.

8. The scientific study of clouds.

9. An echo sounder or fathometer.

10. A fawn or calf.

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Investigating the Bible: With One Mind

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

D.L. Moody is considered to be one the most influential evangelistic laymen America has produced. In the 1800s, before electricity powered public address systems, he preached to over 100 million people. Moody Bible Institute, which he founded, still thrives today.

He was humble and without formal theological training or title. During an England evangelistic crusade, he was introduced as the “Reverend Mr. Moody, our cousin from Chicago.”

Moody stood and said, “I’m not ‘the Reverend Mr. Moody’ at all. I’m plain Dwight L. Moody, a Sabbath school worker. And then I’m not your ‘American cousin’. By the

grace of God, I’m your brother.” Early in Moody’s life, a minister showed him a concordance, an index of words in the Bible. It transformed his Bible study. He later encouraged his crowds to “...Take up the Bible with a concordance....[it will] open up the Bible.”

A concordance reveals that the Greek adverb “with one mind” is in the New Testament 11 times, 10 of these in the book of Acts. Its last use is by the apostle Paul at the end of one of his letters: “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, that ye may with one mind and with one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Underline added, Romans 15:5,6, King James Version used throughout). The adverb had common use in ancient times. One early official wrote to a leader of an army that he had “...received certain information that the inhabitants of the village are with one accord in claiming your protection.”

The word’s use through the book of Acts reveals how the first church was of one mind and gives two essential tools they used to become and remain with one mind.

Prayer

“These all continued with one mind in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus and with his brethren.” (Acts 1:14). College basketball coach, John Wooden, died in 2010 at the age of

99. Ten times his UCLA Bruins basketball teams won the NCAA championship, with a record seven consecutive wins. He said, “When counseling my players who had problems off the court, I always recommend prayer.”

Problems in a church are prevented or resolved when members pray.

Worship and fellowship

“And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart.” (Acts 2:46).

Food brings people together

Tammy Jo Shultz piloted Southwest Airlines Flight 1380, when at 30,000 feet an engine exploded and shattered

open a passenger window. Her calm head and exceptional piloting skills landed the crippled plane, saving 148 lives. Long before that in 1985, she was a Navy pilot when men thought no woman should ever sit in the cockpit of a fighter.

When she arrived for training in Corpus Christi, she was shunned. It was like she was invisible. In their ready room, she heard a Marine student pilot bragging about his birthday gifts from home.

She walked up close behind him and when he turned, she said, “I’d be happy to make you a birthday dinner and cake. Why don’t you invite four of your friends as well? It’ll be fun.”

He was stunned. The next day, he quietly approached her with a

piece of paper with four names, and asked “Where do you live?”

They had their dinner and cake and had a wonderful time. The six became good friends throughout the training.

Before or after worship, the first church ate common meals. It gave them time to laugh together, to pray, to share their lives. They were friends, all focused on one thing. D. L. Moody often said he would simply quote the Bible and let God speak for himself. He also said, “Satan separates. God unites. Love binds us together.”

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.)



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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

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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.

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FALLS CITY

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Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays 10 am, 580 S 9 St., (Corner of S 9 St. and F street) Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ctkindependence.com.

Cornerstone Church of God — 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children’s Church 9:30am Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30pm. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30pm

First Baptist Church — A warm friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St, Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11 am, Wednesdays: AWANA 5:30 pm dinner, 6:00 pm clubs; Youth Group 7:30 pm. Join us for small groups for Men, Women, and Couples throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencfirstbaptist.com

MONMOUTH

Monmouth Christian Church — 969 Church St W, Monmouth 97361. Office hours M-T 9a-4p. Phone: 503-838-1145. Join us for services on Sundays, 9am & 11am. Live ONLINE Service 11am. Please visit our website for more info or on how to join our online service. WWW.MYMCC.CCSt. Hilda’s Episcopal Church — 245 Main St. West, Monmouth. Contact Information: sthildaschurch1@gmail.com. Sunday Worship (Eucharist) 10:00 AM followed by fellowship. Our church services are reverent and relaxed. Our purpose is God’s worship. 7:00 PM Wednesday, Evening Prayer online, contact us thru the email address above for access codes. Walk our labyrinth – behind the parking lot, it’s still in development, but it works. Follow us on our Facebook page; St Hilda’s Episcopal Church, Monmouth Or.

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RICKREALL

Oak Grove Community Church (non denominational) - 2701 Oak Grove Rd Rickreall. PO Box 191 Rickreall, OR 97371. Mark Clarke, Pastor. Country Church with traditional music (hymns) and Bible based preaching/teaching. Sundays at 11:00 am. Unstaffed nursery available.



Dallas wrestlers put on a show in adult Knucklehead league



PHOTOS BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY
Dallas Wrestling Coach Austin Markee straps on the 135-pound weight class championship belt on Jose Romero after he defeated Adniyah Stanton 10-5 Saturday in Knucklehead adult wrestling action at Dallas High School.



Haydn Millard wraps opponent Tanner Wallace into a knot en route to racking up a 17-2 technical fall win at 135 pounds.

Dallas High School hosted the latest exhibition by the Knucklehead Wrestling League July 18. Knucklehead is an adult collegiate wrestling league that raises money for area youth wrestling teams.

In the 18 matches that night, four local wrestlers on the Dallas team won. In a rematch of the OSAA 115 pounds state finals, Dallas’ Ivy McIntosh came out on top this time over Zoe Laplant by fall in 1:52.

In the men’s 135 pounds, Haydn Millard beat Tanner Wallace by technical fall, 17-2.

Quentin McCormick won a 6-2 decision over Jacob Mikoleit at 160 pounds.

And in the 135-pound title match, Dallas’ Jose Romero came away with the belt with a 10-5 decision over Adoniyah Stanton.



At 115 pounds women's action, Ivy McIntosh bends opponent Zoe Laplant into pinning position, winning by fall at 1:52.



Dallas’s Quentin McCormick takes measure of opponent Jacob Mikoleit, getting a 6-2 decision win at 160 pounds.

ROBBERY

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refused to hand over her purse to Lekoff, he brandished a firearm and continued to demand the victim’s property. In fear, the victim complied,” he added.

Malloy said the investigation reveals that Lekoff fled the room with the



Christopher Lekoff

victim’s purse and money and got into his vehicle. He then left the area headed southbound on Highway 101. Newport Police alerted the surrounding agencies to be on the lookout for Lekoff and his vehicle.

A short time later the vehicle and Lekoff were located in Florence. Florence Police Department officers

conducted a high risk vehicle stop and detained Lekoff.

“An officer from the Newport Police Department responded to Florence while another Newport officer completed a search warrant for Lekoff’s vehicle to search for the firearm and the missing purse and money,” Malloy said. “Upon service of the

warrant, a 9mm handgun, along with the victim’s purse and US currency were located hidden inside Lekoff’s vehicle.”

Lekoff was transported from Florence to the Lincoln County Jail where he was lodged on the following charges:

- Robbery 1
- Theft 1
- Menacing

Malloy said the

incident remained under investigation.

Anyone with any information regarding this case is asked to contact Sgt. Leake of the Newport Police Department at (541) 574-3348. The Newport Police Tip Line is available at (541) 574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at (541) 270-1856 or tipline@newportpolice.net.

MAGIC

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Edge is always incredibly engaged,” Campbell said. “Playing to a full house there makes every show feel electric and unforgettable.”

Riverview Park’s natural setting adds to the experience. The open lawn, centered amphitheater and Willamette River backdrop offer a unique and picturesque setting.

“The setting — right there on the river — is magical,” she said. “It’s hard to beat.”

There’s also local hospitality to consider.

“You’ve always been so welcoming and supportive of us,” Campbell said. “We also love any excuse to get outside of Portland and explore different parts of Oregon.”

Taken by the Sky formed five years ago, and the original roster remains intact. Such longevity comes from more than a shared appreciation for Fleetwood Mac. Campbell, the band’s Stevie Nicks, said members genuinely enjoy

working and performing together.

The lineup includes Colin Hogan as Christine McVie, Brian Link as John McVie and Cheo Larcombe as Mick Fleetwood. The trio provides the band’s foundation on keyboards, bass and drums.

“Bringing them on means bringing a powerhouse rhythm section with incredible chemistry,” Campbell said.

Campbell and Lawrence Orlek, or Lindsey Buckingham, also share musical history. That familiarity carries onto the stage.

“It’s a combination of strong musicianship, mutual respect and real friendship that keeps this band thriving,” Campbell said.

Guitarist Aram Arslanian’s knowledge of Fleetwood Mac’s history allows the band to explore different eras of its catalog.

“He’s our secret sauce,” Campbell said. “Aram has a deep love of Fleetwood Mac and versatility as a musician.”

TBS is sometimes described as a

Stevie Nicks tribute band. Campbell is quick to correct that misunderstanding.

“We are a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, not a Stevie Nicks tribute,” she said. “Our show celebrates the full catalog of Fleetwood Mac, including songs from before Stevie and Lindsey joined the band.”

Their setlist includes the radio favorites audiences expect, but TBS reaches deeper into Fleetwood Mac’s anthology. Peter Green-era songs such as “Black Magic Woman” and “Oh Well” may be played Friday.

Many listeners associate “Black Magic Woman” with Santana. The song, however, was written by Green and first recorded by Fleetwood Mac.

“We love introducing audiences to the band’s earlier material,” Campbell said.

Also performed are selections from Nicks’ solo career. “Edge of Seventeen” remains a favorite. “Stand Back” occasionally makes the set, as will “Stop Draggin’ My Heart Around,” the

duet Nicks recorded with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

Arslanian’s versatility helps those songs flow naturally into the show. He moves from Green-era material to the role of Petty, giving the band more options without losing its Fleetwood Mac focus.

The visual presentation is equally deliberate. Each member studies the musician represented on stage and chooses clothing that feels authentic.

Campbell’s wardrobe carries a personal connection.

“A lot of my Stevie-inspired wardrobe actually came from my husband’s grandmother,” she said. “She had incredible style and a closet full of beautiful, lacy pieces.”

Campbell inherited some of her clothing and jewelry. Wearing those pieces gives the performance another layer of meaning.

The band’s reach and popularity continues to grow.

Taken by the Sky has performed throughout Oregon and Washington and expanded into

California. This year brings additional travel to Texas, Arizona and the East Coast.

Longer tours are generally scheduled during fall, winter and spring. Summers remain focused on concert series, fairs and festivals.

“It’s been exciting to grow while still returning to the communities that have supported us through the years,” Campbell said.

Oregon remains home.

“We’ll always prioritize local shows — especially in the summer — but we’re looking forward to more touring in the spring and fall,” Campbell said.

The band is looking ahead to 2027, the 50th anniversary of “Rumours.”

The landmark album includes “Dreams,” “Go Your Own Way,” “Don’t Stop” and “The Chain.” Its popularity continues to introduce Fleetwood Mac to listeners born decades after its release.

TBS sees that connection from the stage.

At a recent show in Longview, Washington, a large group of teenagers gathered near the front and sang along to every

word.

“Seeing younger generations embrace this music so passionately is incredibly special,” Campbell said.

The catalog’s variety helps explain its reach. Christine McVie brought an accessible pop sensibility. Buckingham added driving energy. Nicks supplied mystical storytelling.

“There truly is something for everyone,” Campbell said.

This is true for long-time fans who remember when the songs were new, younger listeners discovering them for the first time and those who simply recognize a familiar chorus.

At River’s Edge, these fans all come together in the same place.

Rockaway Band, a yacht rock cover group, opens at 6 p.m. This band is known for playing soft rock classics from the 1970s and 1980s. Their show begins at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per adult at the gate or \$8 in advance. Children 10 and younger are admitted free. The fee is good for both shows.

Summertime blues next up for Music in the Park series

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Monmouth Music in the Park cultural tour travels from Ireland to America when Ben Rice and The PDX Hustle return to Main Street Park.

The Portland-based band performs at 6:30 p.m. July 29, at the park amphitheater.

Their concert comes one week after

FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Ben Rice and The PDX Hustle return to the Music in the Park concert series at 6:30 p.m. July 29, at Main Street Park in Monmouth.



Celtic-infused Coming Up Threes took the stage. The change in musical styles is by design.

“The diversification in music from traditional Irish music to blues is definitely intentional,” said Suzanne Dufner, economic development director for the City of Monmouth. “We like to say there’s something for every type and level of music lover to enjoy throughout the summer concert series.”

Ben Rice and The PDX Hustle last appeared at Music in the Park in 2024. The group has performed in Monmouth several times and remains a crowd favorite.

Dufner still remembers the first time she heard the band.

“I thought, ‘Wow, these guys are really good,’” she said. ““This is some of the best music I’ve heard at Music in the Park.””

Part of the band’s appeal is its balance. Their set includes familiar songs audiences know and love, along with original music that showcases the group’s talent.

Rice and company blend blues with elements of Americana, soul, R&B, folk and country. The result is a lively sound well suited for the venue.

“There’s something about listening to the blues outdoors on a hot summer night while the sun is going down that

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Mad for Motorcycles

PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts were drawn July 18-19 to PacWest Motorcycle Show’s annual event that moved to downtown Dallas for the first time this year. Here’s a look at some of the images captured during the event.



Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Andy Furgeson as Red Yarn, Main Street Park, 120 Main Street E., Monmouth

11 a.m. - Paradise of Samoa, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 a.m. - Dallas Dallas Public Library Summer Reading Program presents Zerbe the Zaniac Science Comedy Show, Dallas City Park

11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - Coming Up Threes, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

8:30 a.m. - Seniors trip to Grand Ronde, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Blood Pressure Checks, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

12:45 p.m. - South Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting

5:30 p.m. - Women’s Bunko Night, \$5 to play, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Sam’s Music Trivia: Celebrate Freedom, Embrace Liberty, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Plant Bingo, buy in is \$25, Win Plants, Sip Wine, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Art Workshop/Card/Table Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library

11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community

Center

12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Free Movie & Craft: “A Bug’s Life” and Stick & Leaf Insects craft, for kids and teens, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Free Movie at the Library - “Chicken Run”, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.

2 p.m. - Pollinator Pals, create a garden drinking station, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.

6 p.m. - Live Music: Rivers Edge Concert Series presents xxx, Independence Amphitheater at Riverview Park

6 p.m. - Speak Easy: A Community Story, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Stormy Creek, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park

9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free

9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.

1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.

6 p.m. - Live Music: Northwest Transit Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, JULY 26

1 p.m. - Live Music: Timothy Patrick, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, JULY 27

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. - Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

4 p.m. - Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, 175 Monmouth St.

6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior

Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Time, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public library at 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Summer Stories and Play, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Polk History Presentation w/David, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Paradise of Samoa, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 p.m. - Summer Reading Program Event: Minecraft in the Park, Dallas City Park

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Community Briefs

DALLAS GROCERY OUTLET HOSTS BATTLE OF THE BADGES JULY 22

Grocery Outlet’s Fourth Annual Battle of the Badges is at 7 a.m. July 22 at 258 W. Ellendale Ave. in Dallas. Representatives from the Dallas Police Department versus Dallas Fire & EMT Department face off for bragging rights for the year. The teams must collect specific food items and quantities during the competition. Success is dependent upon accuracy and quantity. All food collected is donated to Dallas Food Bank and delivered the same day. The competition is part of Dallas Grocery Outlet’s “Independence from Hunger” campaign that runs through the end of July. This year, store owner Jason Thornton has set a goal of raising \$15,000 in donations of food and funds to benefit Dallas Food Bank.

SLIP KID PRESENTS ROCK EXTRAVAGANZA JULY 23

Slip Kid Presents an afternoon music extravaganza at the Main Street Park Amphitheater in Monmouth July 23 from noon to 4:30 p.m. It features Indy Days Talent Show band Hydrangea from 12:15-12:45

p.m., past talent show champion Cloe Lockwood on guitar with some of her original music and cover tunes from 1-2 p.m. With headliner Sweet & Juicy coming down from Portland to play their rock favorites.

GHOST WALK TEAM MEETS JULY 24

The Independence Ghost Walk organizing team meets at 6 p.m. at Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 S. Main Street, Independence. These meetings’ main focus is to make sure all the sites on the Ghost Walk and Apparition Avenue are filled with volunteer speakers, and that sites where visitors will enter are ready to receive them. For more information, contact Marilyn Morton at (503) 580-8525 marilyn97351@gmail.com.

PENTACLE THEATRE PRESENTS 2027 SEASON REVEAL CELEBRATION JULY 24-25

Join Pentacle Theatre for their 2027 Season Reveal Celebration – Songs for the Home Front, a special evening of celebration, entertainment, and excitement as they unveil their 2027 season lineup. Evening performances are at

7 p.m. July 24-25, with doors opening 45 minutes before curtain, at 324 52nd Ave. NW, off Highway 22. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.tickets.penatacletheatre.org or by calling (503) 485-4300. Seating is limited.

JOIN POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS AT DALLAS DAYS

The Polk County Democrats invite you to join them at the Dallas Days celebration July 24-25. They will have a float in the parade that starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, and a booth that’s open on Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. At the booth get voter and candidate information, pins, bumper stickers, yard signs and lively conversation.

AIM PERFORMS ‘SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL’ JULY 24-26

Arts Integrated Ministries presents “Seussical: The Musical” with 6 p.m. showings July 24-26 at First Baptist Church of Independence, 1505 Monmouth St. A \$10 donation is requested at the door to cover the cost of the show. To reserve your spot in the audience, go to www.artsintegratedministry.com.

ART IN THE PARK RETURNS JULY 26

The Dallas Arts Association presents Art in the Park, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 26 at Dallas City Park. This year’s event features three bands, a wine garden, food trucks and more than 50 vendors.

FALLS CITY PRIDE RETURNS AUG. 1

The Falls City Pride event returns Aug. 1. There will be vendors and activities, performances, games, and something for everyone to enjoy. For a full list of events, go to www.facebook.com/fallscitypride.

WORLD GYM HOSTS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AUG. 1

World Gym celebrates its 50th anniversary with a Charity Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. Aug. 1 at Dallas Golf Club, 11875 Orrs Corner Road. Proceeds are being donated to H2O in Dallas to aid in their extensive efforts to help give back to the community. To sign up stop by the front desk at World Gym, or email Landon2300g@gmail.com.

DALLAS MOSAIC

LADIES HOST BUNCO NIGHT AUG. 6

Dallas Mosaic Ladies host Women’s Bunco Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m Aug. 6 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. The \$5 buy in goes toward prizes. Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share if you want. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

STRUTS AND FRETS PRESENTS TWELFTH NIGHT

The Struts and Frets Theater Company presents Twelfth Night at 7 p.m. Aug. 7-9 and 13-15 at the Main Street Park Amphitheater in Monmouth. The Aug. 14 performance will be ASL interpreted. Admission is free. As it’s ground seating, bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION HOSTS A YOUTH MARKET AUCTION AUG. 8

The Polk County Livestock Association presents a 2026 Youth Market Auction at 10 a.m. Aug. 8 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, at 520 S. Pacific Highway West, in Rickreall. The Polk County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Auction

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father IRIS MERCIER; DOB: 12/15/2010; Cause No. 26-7-00294-4; A Dependency Petition was filed 4/17/26; ERIC D. MERCIER, alleged father MILES MERCIER; DOB: 1/11/2009; Cause No. 26-7-00293-6; A Dependency Petition was filed 4/17/26; AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: A Fact Finding Hearing will be held on this matter on: August 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at Pierce County Family and Juvenile Court, 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma WA 98406. You are summoned to appear at the hearing on the date, time, and place set forth above. The court expects you to appear in person unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent you from being able to do so. If appearing by zoom participate at <https://zoom.us/join> or call 253-215-8782 using Zoom Meeting ID 921 9561 1785, Passcode 444705. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING. THE HEARING WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR CHILD IS DEPENDENT AS DEFINED IN RCW 13.34.030(6). THIS BEGINS A JUDICIAL PROCESS WHICH COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT LOSS OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING THE COURT MAY ENTER A DEPENDENCY ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE. To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at 1-800-423-6246. To view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx. 07/22/26, 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-338 Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05824 Deceased: Jacqueline Melissa Palmer NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trisha R. Palm has been appointed Personal Representative (the "PR") of the Estate of Jacqueline Melissa Palmer, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05824. All persons having claims against this Estate must present them within 4 months of the publication date of this notice at: Mannix Law Firm, 2009 State Street, Salem, OR 97301, or claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the above-named Court, from the PR, or from the PR's attorney, Joseph O. Huddleston, Mannix Law Firm, 2009 State Street, Salem, OR 97301. DATED and published: July 22, 2026 /s/ Joseph O. Huddleston Attorney for the PR 07/22/26

PCIO26-344 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of RITA LEODA STENDER, Deceased. No. 26PB05651 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative at the office of Mark F. Bierly, Attorney at Law, 345 NE Sixth St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128, within four months after the date of publication of this notice or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and published this 22 day of July, 2026. FRANK ASAY Personal Representative 37 Walnut St. Independence, OR 97351 MARK F. BIERLY Attorney for Personal Representative 345 NE Sixth St. McMinnville, OR 97128 (503) 472-9337 7/22/26

PCIO26-343 CITY OF MONMOUTH POLK COUNTY, OREGON NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 3, 2026, an election will be held within the boundaries of the City of Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon. The election shall be conducted by mail. The following question will be submitted to the qualified voters thereof: TITLE CITY OF MONMOUTH APPROVING AN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY LAND EXCHANGE QUESTION Should the City Approve an Urban Growth Boundary Land Exchange Under 2025 HB 2647? SUMMARY This measure would approve an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) land exchange pursuant to 2025 HB 2647.~ Approximately 90 net acres of land located south of the Falls City Highway would be removed from the UGB, and approximately 75 net acres of land, located at 6685 of Talmadge Road and 10700 Block of Mistletoe Road, would be added to the UGB, subject to approval by Polk

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County and the Oregon DLCD.~ Properties removed from the UGB shall keep their existing zoning of Polk County Suburban Residential.~ Properties added to the UGB shall be designated Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential under the City's Comprehensive Plan.~ Until those properties are annexed into the City of Monmouth, they shall be designated Polk County Exclusive Farm Use, implementing an Urban Reserve Polk County comprehensive plan designation NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the City of Monmouth has been filed with the City Elections Officer on July 16, 2026. The ballot title caption is APPROVING AN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY LAND EXCHANGE. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Polk County Circuit Court no later than 5pm on July 27, 2026 under ORS 250.296. Signature of City Elections Office Date Signed Printed Name of City Elections Officer Title This legal notice is to be published by the City Elections Officer in the Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas, Oregon, or in another newspaper of general distribution within the County, City or District that the ballot title has been received.

PCIO26-342 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PARK AND OPEN SPACE DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS LA 2026-04 On Monday, August 3, 2026 (7:00 pm), the Independence Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on potential revisions to the park and open space dedication requirements for new subdivisions and multiunit developments (i.e. apartments) in Independence. The standards, as proposed, are intended to address the recommendation from the recently adopted Park System Master Plan to better articulate the requirements for parks and open space for new development. Details about the update are available at www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects/. If the Planning Commission votes to recommend that the City Council approve of the document, the Independence City Council will consider the proposal at a public hearing on September 8, 2026. The Council hearing will start shortly after 6:30 pm. Hearing Locations: The public hearings will occur at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the proposed changes is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearings. Physical copies of the documents may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Testimony: Anyone that wishes to present written testimony may submit the testimony up to and at the public hearings. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearings. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter that specifies their concerns by the close of the hearings. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Independence City Council or the Land Use Board of Appeals). Staff Contact: Individuals with questions about the update should contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us.

PCIO26-341 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, August 13, 2026 on the following: Conditional Use #CUP-26-03 Establish a short-term vacation rental in the existing dwelling at 1866 SE Hankel S treet. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4 Variance #VAR-26-01 Construct in the backyard of 442 NW Jasper Street a 750 square-foot detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) which exceeds the 50% floor area limit. Approval

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Criteria: DDC.5.1.040. This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov

PCIO26-340 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate Dept., Case No. 26PB05557, in the Estate of DEBRA LOUISE DAUGHERTY, Deceased. Thomas A. Daugherty has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate must present them to the attorney for the Personal Representative at 1436 Commercial St. NE, Salem, OR 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the court records, the Personal Representative, or the attorney. Dated and published July 22nd, 2026. Thomas A. Daugherty, Personal Representative. Abel Soriano, OSB 174685, Soriano Law, LLC, Attorney for Personal Representative.

PCIO-26-339 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPEAL OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S DECISION The Polk County Hearings Officer will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal of the Planning Director's decision determining that an existing winery located on the subject property would not continue to comply with all of the conditions of approval of LUD 12-16 following two (2) proposed property line adjustments (LLA 26-01 and LLA 26-19), without additional land use applications and approvals. The subject property is currently approximately 40.0 acres in size and is located within the Farm/Forest (F/F) Zoning District. OWNER: Bethel Heights Vineyard, Inc APPLICANT: Walter Scott Wines APPELLANT: Walter Scott Wines APPLICANT'S/APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: Michael J. Gelardi, Gelardi Law FILE NUMBER: LUD 26-12 LOCATION: 6130 Bethel Heights Rd NW, Salem, OR (T6S, R4W, Section 23, Tax Lot 701) APPLICABLE REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Conditions of Approval for LUD 12-16 HEARING DATE & TIME: August 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Polk County Courthouse, First Floor Hearing/Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Hannah Brickner - Phone: (503) 623-9237 Email: brickner.hannah@polkcounyor.gov The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237, in as far advance of the meeting as possible, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. In addition, a copy of the staff report and memorandum provided to the Hearings Officer will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing, and copies will be provided at a reasonable cost, at the Polk County Community Development Department, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing by hand-delivery to the Polk County Community Development Office. Mailed or emailed testimony is not guaranteed to be included in the record and the cost of copy fees may apply for printing electronic submissions. Please include File Number LUD 26-12 in all correspondences related

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to this application. Written comments received by the Polk County Planning Division~ prior to~ the public hearing will be provided to the Hearings Officer.~ Oral and written testimony may be presented at the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in a manner which allows testimony in favor of the application, testimony in opposition to the application, general testimony, and rebuttal by the applicant. Failure of an issue to be raised in the hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the hearing body an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR OR SELLER: ORS CHAPTER 215 REQUIRES THAT IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE, IT MUST PROMPTLY BE FORWARDED TO THE PURCHASER.

PCIO26-336 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: PARTIES: Grantor: , JOANNE K. HOFFSTETTER Trustee: , FIRST AMERICAN TITLE Successor Trustee: , NANCY K. CARY Beneficiary: , SHERRAE M. VAUPEL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 2, in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County, Oregon; thence South along the East line of said Block 2, a distance of 104.0 feet; thence West a distance of 148 ½ feet to the alley; thence North a distance of 104.0 feet to the North line of said Block 2; thence East a distance of 148 1/2 feet to the place of beginning and being a part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 1 in said Block 2. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: March 10, 2021 Recording No. 2021-004336 Official Records of Polk County, Oregon DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,089.10 each, due the tenth of each month, for the months of April 2025 through March 2026; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$107,890.46; plus interest at the rate of 11.990% per annum from March 10, 2025; plus late charges of \$647.52; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon. TIME OF SALE. Date: , September 17, 2026 Time: , 11:00 a.m. Place: , Polk County Courthouse, Front Entrance, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral

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Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #31564.19). DATED: April 8, 2026. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 07/15/26, 07/22/26, 07/29/26, 08/05/26

PCIO26-334 NOTICE The Polk County Sheriff's Office has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Polk County Sheriff's office within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property. Firearms, knives, bicycles, electronic equipment, electronic devices, electric machines, jewelry, tools, bags/backpacks, cash, ammunition, sports equipment, horticulture supplies, fishing gear, surveillance systems, generators, farm machinery, power tools, sound equipment, musical instruments, lawn mowers, tractors, Conex box, Dewalt Table Saw - 201752-DU050425, Mongoose Dolomite - SNFSD2ILD9238, Havoc Hyper - FF25H29221, Potensic Mini Drone - DSDR04C0024504322, Seyvlor Raft - SEV31382K018. Contact Polk County Sheriff's Office at: 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 records@co.polk.or.us (503) 623-9251 07/15/26, 07/22/26

PCIO26-326 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No.: 1021333128 T.S. No.: 25-14401 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ANDRES BAROCIO as Grantor to KEVIN P. MORAN, as trustee, in favor of FIGURE LENDING LLC, as Beneficiary, dated 9/17/2020, recorded 9/23/2020, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2020-013790 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 06701 C-06-0000 I 549293 LOT 58, PIONEER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF WILLAMINA, COUNTY OF POLK STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 1312 SW PONDEROSA DR., WILLAMINA, Oregon 97396 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: Borrowers failure to pay the full amount due on 9/23/2025, constituting a default under the terms of the loan documents. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$9,439.33 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.75 % per annum from 2/23/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 11/24/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust

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deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (949) 776-4697 website: <https://prestigepostandpub.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 6/16/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-006734 07/08/26, 07/15/26, 07/22/26, 07/29/26

PCIO26-325 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-78544 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by JUSTIN H HULL as Grantor to TICOR TITLE, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for GO MORTGAGE, LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 2/28/2025, recorded 2/28/2025, as Instrument No. 2025-001408, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 20, GREEN VIEW ESTATES, in the City of Dallas, County of Polk and State of Oregon. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 790 SE CYNTHIAN DR, DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 540951 I 0201 - 540951 I 07533-AD-03700 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$40,331.83 Late Charges: \$1,239.90 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,702.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,455.00 Total necessary to cure: \$45,729.23 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please

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contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$506,732.16 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 9/25/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to

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paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/>

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subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320).? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative.? If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury.? If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 5/12/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47906 Pub Dates 07/01, 07/07, 07/15, 07/22/2026

PCIO26-319 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No.: 9783662985 T.S. No.: 26-18601 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ERIC R GUARDIOLA, MARRIED MAN as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS,

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INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/20/2017, recorded 10/20/2017, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2017-012620 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 250340 LOT 3, BLOCK 2, PARKWAY SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 1237 LOTTIE LN NW, SALEM Oregon 97304 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 10/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable,

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said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$242,646.28 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.25 % per annum from 9/1/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 11/19/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering

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the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (866) 539-4173 website: <https://www.servicelink.auction.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 6/16/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-006710 07/01/26, 07/08/26, 07/15/26, 07/22/26

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Independence Police Department

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Officers were informed of an attempt to locate a reckless driver heading towards Independence from Salem. The truck was pulling a trailer and an officer followed the vehicle, observing it going under the speed limit, failing to signal for a turn and nearly hit a curb. The officer activated the patrol car's lights and siren in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop but the driver proceeded to their residence in the 1200 block of Hemlock Loop where the officer observed multiple indicators of intoxication. The driver, Desiderio Cruz Bacilio, would not consent to field sobriety tests so a search warrant was written. A breath sample result was a BAC of .22%. Cruz Bacilio was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and transported to jail.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

At 9:32 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for failure to stop for a pedestrian. At 1:29 p.m., an officer helped a motorist push a stalled car out of the intersection of Gun Club Road and into a side street.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

A backpack purse was stolen from Riverview Park while the victim was at the 4th of July festivities. Fraudulent charges began popping up and photos from cameras at stores were obtained. A Monmouth Police Officer recognized the suspect as Jason Isitt and detained Isitt so that an Independence Officer could take him into custody. Isitt was booked into

jail on charges for theft 2 - lost or mislaid property, fraudulent use of credit card, identity theft and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

In addition, Isitt had been discovered to have broken into a vehicle in the 200 block of Deann Drive, stealing several items, including a wallet. An officer tracked Isitt's use of the stolen debit card. Isitt was then additionally charged with theft 2 from motor vehicle, fraudulent use of a credit card, identity theft and unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

At 8:28 a.m., a report of a vehicle stolen from Hemlock Loop.

Saphyra Pulliam was arrested in the 600 block of North Log Cabin Street following an argument she had with her domestic partner. Pulliman struck the victim with her phone in the knee. She was cited and released for physical harassment.

At 11:58 p.m., a resident on Monmouth Street reported someone had vandalized/keyed the side of their car.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

An officer noticed a vehicle with a very dirty rear license plate and upon conducting a traffic stop in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street. The driver was unable to provide identification. He was cited and released for failing to carry/present operator's license.

At 9:44 a.m., officers responded to a domestic dispute on Clay Street. One partner was shoved and received a small scratch, but did not wish to press charges.

At 5:49 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a restraining order violation on Morning Glory Drive.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

At 5:56 a.m., an officer spotted Miguel Trujillo on South 4th Street and D Street. Trujillo was known to have a failure to appear warrant from Salem Municipal Court. He was cited and released with a new court date.

At 1:14 p.m., a male subject was taken to Salem

Hospital on director's hold/custody after a short foot pursuit on G Street.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Erik Harris was in Riverview Park after hours yelling and not making sense. Upon being contacted by officers, Harris provided an incorrect name and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. In the bicycle camping area, multiple patrons woke up due to Harris' noise level. After officers confirmed his correct name, Harris was arrested for parole violation out of Washington County, and outstanding warrants for possession of methamphetamine in Clackamas County, and for trespass 2 out of Linn County. He was also charged with disorderly conduct 2 and giving false information to an Officer.

Multiple people called 911 reporting a man yelling while bleeding from a laceration on his head walking in downtown Independence and into a residential area. Upon being contacted by an officer at North Ash and Butler streets, Samuel Born stated that he was "fine" and provided a name that was later discovered to be incorrect. After refusing medical contact, Born was warned to stay out of the street and not disrupt anyone. Shortly after, Born was back out in the middle of the road so he was transported to jail, where he was charged with disorderly conduct 2 and false information to a police officer.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

An attempt to locate was placed for a vehicle unable to maintain its lane of travel and nearly hit a curb. After being found at South Main and B streets, the responding officer contacted the driver who did not have a driver's license. He received traffic citations for failure to install an ignition interlock device, driving uninsured and was warned for not wearing his seat belt. He was also cited and released for fail to carry/present an operator's license.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

At 2:57 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was stopped for expired tags. The driver was driving while suspended - violation, and had not put new insurance on the vehicle in over a year. The driver was cited for the violations and his vehicle towed as a hazard.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Wellness Check: An individual found face down in the grass turned out to be fine and declined assistance.

Wellness Check: A resident had missed appointments and was unresponsive to calls. The resident was contacted and expressed distress regarding contact from an ex-partner but agreed to contact their doctor.

Suspicious Activity: An individual who had belongings on the sidewalk near a church was instructed to move their vehicle and belongings.

Follow-up: An interview was conducted regarding the unauthorized sharing of an explicit image. The responsible individual was charged with unlawful dissemination of an intimate image and taken to jail.

Citizen Contact: A report of an unsupervised child on a tricycle was investigated. The area was searched but the child was not located.

Suspicious Activity: A vehicle was reported parked outside a residence for 30 minutes. The driver was waiting for a friend and left shortly after.

Civil Matter: An individual was served a notice after bringing a service animal to a residence. The individual chose to stay elsewhere.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical dispute involving slapping and phone-grabbing occurred. The involved parties were warned, and no criminal charges were pursued.

Harassment: A bicyclist made rude and threatening remarks toward a

pedestrian. Documentation of the interaction was taken.

Civil Matter: A dispute regarding a restraining order occurred at an establishment. Both parties were served with orders, and the subject was trespassing from the property for 30 days.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Assistance to Other Agency: An individual with an outstanding warrant was arrested for credit card misuse and theft.

Trespass: An individual previously trespassed from campus property was found sleeping there and was formally trespassed again.

Found Property: An identification card was turned in and the owner was contacted.

Menacing: A patient displayed a pistol after gifts were refused. A meeting was scheduled with the subject at the police department.

Wellness Check: A request for a welfare check on a recently discharged patient was made by a hospital. Contact was attempted, but the subject did not answer.

Suspicious Activity: A group was observed drinking and smoking in a park. They were warned regarding open container violations.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A report was made regarding a teenager's journal entries about self-harm. Resources were provided, and potential hazards were removed from the home.

Suspicious Activity: A vehicle was reported parked and running in a driveway with a disoriented occupant. The area was searched, but the vehicle was gone.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Suspicious Activity: An individual was observed knocking on windows and trying to open a locked door. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was escorted to their residence.

Arrest: An individual was cited for trespassing at a parking lot.

Suspicious Activity: A

pedestrian made threatening statements. The caller was warned regarding excessive non-emergency calls.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical altercation occurred between two individuals, witnessed by a child. A later verbal dispute regarding child custody occurred between the same parties.

Traffic Assistance: A report of a cyclist riding in traffic was investigated. The area was searched, but the subject was not found.

Hang Up: Multiple silent calls were received. The caller requested extra patrols due to feeling unsafe. Police advised the subject to stop calling unless there was an active emergency.

Fraud: A caller reported an impersonation scam of being threatened with arrest for warrants. No money was provided.

Citizen Contact: Extra patrols were requested for a residence while the owner was out of town.

Lost Property: A report of lost documents and an identification card was recorded.

Suspicious Vehicle: A vehicle was reported following pedestrians to their home.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Driving Under the Influence: A traffic stop resulted in an arrest for impaired driving. The driver was transported to the hospital for a medical condition and later cited.

Assist Other Agency: Assistance was provided with a warrant arrest.

Found Property: Previously reported missing items were recovered.

Trespass: An individual sleeping in a building vestibule was instructed to leave.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual with a firearm who threatened suicide was safely transported for care.

Animal Bite: A dog bite was reported. Discussions were held regarding animal monitoring.

Trespass: An individual was found lying in a campus lawn and was

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instructed to leave.

Animal: A lost dog was reported and later reunited with its owners via social media.

Found Bird: A found bird was returned to its owner.

Trespass: An individual was found in a secure area and instructed to leave.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual who committed self-harm and made statements of distress was transported to a facility.

Citizen Contact: A hospital requested assistance in searching a home for a firearm. The request was denied as it was deemed coercive.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and charged with telephonic harassment.

Citizen Contact: A report regarding an intoxicated staff member driving clients was received, initiating a police investigation.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Suspicious Activity: A suspicious individual was reported possibly stealing a bicycle part on campus. Police reviewed video evidence.

Suspicious Activity: Concerns were reported regarding potential drug activity and noise.

Information: Follow-up on a previous self-harm threat and a report of a lost phone were documented.

Civil/Arrest: A dispute regarding child custody and protective orders was reported. One individual was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Burglary: A bicycle was reported stolen from a garage.

Found Property: A lost phone was located and returned to its owner.

Medical Emergency: Assistance was provided with a medical emergency.

Harassment: Harassment involving a family member was reported; resources were provided.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal dispute occurred between two individuals moving out of a residence.

Wellness Check: A resident expressed beliefs that the air in their home was poisoned, attributed to mental health issues.

Wellness Check: Officers investigated a

report of a scream near a residence but nothing was found.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Traffic Assistance: Assistance was provided to a driver whose vehicle broke down.

Suspicious Activity: A chemical odor was reported and investigated. The source was determined to be a skunk.

Trespass: An individual refusing to leave a property was transported to a support center.

Suspicious Activity: An open door at a business was checked. Officers found the building secure.

Scam: An online scam involving intimate images was reported. No financial loss occurred.

Arrest: An individual was cited and released on an outstanding warrant.

Animal: A minor dog bite was reported. Officers provided quarantine instructions.

Graffiti: An officer documented and photographed graffiti on a utility structure.

Harassment: An incident involving an individual yelling at a pedestrian was documented.

Wellness Check: Officers contacted and provided resources to a resident expressing distress.

Open Door: Officers investigated a report of an open door at a vacant property. They contacted the owner.

Assist Other Agency: A disturbance was reported, but the parties had already left the scene.

Animal: Officers checked on a dog in a parked car but it showed no signs of distress.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Suspicious Activity: Officers received a report regarding a minor’s online interactions.

Harassment: A report was made regarding an individual yelling at public works staff.

Wellness Check: A resident was confirmed to be safe at a medical facility.

Trespass: An individual shouting racist statements was formally trespassed from a shopping center.

Arrest: An individual was cited for an outstanding warrant.

Citizen Contact: Assistance was provided with a vehicle lockout.

Citizen Contact: Officers had a follow-up conversation regarding a trespass incident.

Citizen Contact: Assistance was provided regarding a family financial dispute involving dementia and assets.

Found Property: Identification cards were turned in for safe keeping.

Wellness Check: A resident was confirmed to be in custody.

Wellness Check: An individual found resting in the bushes was confirmed to be fine.

Citizen Contact: A report was received regarding a strong odor on the highway.

Fireworks: A report of juveniles lighting mortar-style fireworks was investigated, but no one was located.

Civil Matter: An inquiry regarding property damage during a domestic separation was addressed.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers provided assistance to open a door that jammed during a verbal dispute.

Missing Person: A report of a missing child was resolved. The child was found sleeping in the home.

Citizen Contact: Security systems at a business were reported offline. The business requested extra patrols.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

At 3:16 a.m., a Eugene motorist, Stacy Cook, was arrested on Jefferson Street and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 5:37 a.m., a caller reported finding some items dumped on Gibson Road that might have been stolen property. A deputy located the items and information to identify the owner. He took the deputy to a farm property in the 1900 block of Orchard Heights Road where he discovered at least two vehicles had been broken into. He will send a list of missing items and check his trail cameras to see if he can identify the suspects or their vehicle.

At 8:33 a.m., deputies investigated an alarm at the impound yard on Ash Street in Dallas. They found everything locked up.

At 2:52 p.m., deputies provided traffic control while firefighters worked a field fire off Kings Valley Highway.

At 8:53 p.m., a driver’s license was found on Main Street in Falls City. A deputy returned it to a family member at the owner’s address.

At 9:04 p.m., Larissa Nida was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with two counts of theft 3 and one count of kidnapping 2. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:57 p.m., deputies responded to a report of four to five semi automatic handgun shots fired from a moving vehicle near their residence on Bethel Heights Road. There was no description of the vehicle. They checked the area, but were unable to locate and suspects.

At 11:39 p.m., two juveniles were referred for trespassing after they were found on the roof of Dallas High School.

At 11:52 p.m., a subject reported her daughter had been bitten by a dog that had possibly gotten loose on Mitchell Street. The bite did not break the victim’s skin.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

At 1:37 a.m., a male subject in a tent off Glen Creek Road was cited and released on an outstanding warrant out of Marion County.

At 3:01 a.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to display plates. The driver initially gave a false name. Myah Branch was then arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and giving false information. She was also cited for having no ignition interlock device. She was booked and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:43 a.m., deputies

responded to a report of a single, non-injury crash on Kings Valley Highway. One witness reported the driver drove over the southbound lane into a ditch. Another witness said the driver was on his phone. When Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation, deputies turned over the witness information.

At 8:13 a.m., a resident on Greenwood Road reported someone attempted to scam her out of \$9,000 dollars and send it to them. A deputy got the routing and account information the money was supposed to go to. The people also obtained her social security number. The deputy will be doing a request for records.

At 11:37 a.m., the Polk County District Attorney’s Office asked PCSO to give courtesy transport to a victim to testify. A deputy picked up and transported the victim.

At 10:22 p.m., a resident on Dejong Road reported an unknown suspect stole a pellet fireplace that was sitting on the porch of the house.

At 2:37 p.m., a motorist reported a black truck with a camper almost hit her and was speeding on Mccaleb and Mistletoe roads. A deputy drove the area but did not see any vehicles matching the description.

At 3:11 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a two vehicle, non-injury crash on Red Prairie Road. A motorist hit the corner too fast, skidded through the gravel, then across the center line before striking a second vehicle. The first motorist was cited for careless driving.

At 8:18 p.m., Leonard Fitzgerald was arrested on Church Road on four outstanding arrest warrants.

At 8:58 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of

a vehicle driving erratically and speeding 90 to 100 mph on Highway 22. The deputy found the vehicle pulled over with the engine smoking. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for having no insurance. The vehicle was towed for no insurance.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

At 1:35 a.m., a deputy contacted two subjects in their vehicle at Eagle Crest Overlook. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and no operator’s license. The vehicle was towed for no insurance.

At 9:21 a.m., a motorist accidentally accelerated and ran over a stop sign on McNary Street and ended up in a field. Oregon State Police took over after arriving.

At 1:34 p.m., a report of damaged mail box units on Oakdale Road. There is no suspect information at this time.

At 1:54 p.m., the owners of RH Estate Wines on Michigan City Lane reported their business sign had been damaged again. The sign is valued at \$500.

At 4:40 p.m., a youth reported losing a cell phone valued at \$800 while riding a 4-wheeler on Gooseneck Road. At 7:48 p.m., a driving complaint of a possible DUII driver northbound on Pacific Highway. A deputy drove the area but was unable to locate a suspect.

At 7:53 p.m., a deputy investigated a dog in a ditch on Hawthorne Avenue, possibly hit by a vehicle. The deputy found the dog uninjured, but it did appear old and in ill health. It was returned to the owner, who advised the dog was 14 and he was likely going to have to put it down soon.

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CALENDAR

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11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Fairy Farm, create your own fairy-sized farm or garden, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.

4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth

Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - Ben Rice & The PDX Hustle, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

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showcases their local 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and their market projects. Come to the auctions and make a purchase to help young people meet their goals and reward them for all of their hard work.

DDA HOSTS BINGO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AUG. 11

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a bingo school supply drive at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 at Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 Court St. There is a \$15

buy in and extra blackout cards for school supply donations.

CENTRAL LIONS CLUB HOSTS CRUISE-IN AND CAR SHOW AUG. 15

The 15th Annual Central Lions Club Cruise-In and Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Independence Riverview Park and Amphitheater in Independence. This family-friendly event features classic cars, custom builds, hot rods, an awards ceremony, a community breakfast, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. A \$10 Community

Breakfast is from 8-10:30 a.m. An awards ceremony of the top entries is at 2:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Central Lions Club Facebook page.

XTREME DANCE COMPANY HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER AUG. 20

The Xtreme Dance Company hosts an Xtreme Family Bingo Night Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at 976 S Main St., in Dallas. Grab your family, invite your friends, and join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes, food, and community fun.

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Regional earthquake experts say more coordination, investment needed to prepare for ‘Big One’

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

If the “Big One” — the anticipated massive Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake — hit today, Oregonians west of the Cascades would be luckiest to find themselves at the recently-retrofitted state Capitol in Salem or on the roof of the new terminal at the Portland International Airport.

The comment from Tom Wharton, an engineer at the Port of Portland, drew laughs from an audience Thursday at the 13th annual National Conference on Earthquake Engineering in Portland, but it wasn’t entirely a joke. Jonna Papaefthimiou, state resilience officer in Gov. Tina Kotek’s office, said few of the 4,000 buildings the state owns would survive. Just five would likely remain standing and be immediately usable in the weeks and months after, she said.

The Port of Portland and the governor’s office are among the members of the region-wide multi-agency Cascadia Lifelines Program housed at Oregon State University, operating as a think tank for stakeholders who meet twice annually to discuss preparation for what seismologists project will be a 7.4 or greater magnitude earthquake in the Northwest in the next 50 years.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone quake occurs off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California every 500 years and was last recorded in 1700. It could cause Northwest coastlines to



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Construction workers and vehicles move around the Capitol in Salem finishing up a years-long, \$598 million seismic retrofitting project. Gov. Kotek in 2025 ordered state agencies to begin planning to earthquake-proof large buildings.

lower and retreat, spur widespread flooding and landslides and displace millions of people.

The experts discussed progress: Renovations at the Portland airport and state Capitol that made the buildings more likely to withstand earthquakes, a plan to ensure Washington County residents have access to water sourced from beyond Portland’s system and Kotek’s 2025 executive order mandating large state-owned buildings be retrofitted during the next 35 years and new ones be built to a worst-case-scenario earthquake code.

But the experts also discussed policies that they say should be enacted urgently.

If coastal U.S. Route 101 isn’t retrofitted before the Big One hits and shuts down for any extended period following the quake, “then you’ve lost those coastal communities,

and you’re not going to get those back,” said Mike Olsen, an Oregon State University civil engineering professor and the director of the Cascadia Lifelines Program.

The highway is also already under frequent threats of coastal landslides and flooding.

“We don’t need to wait for the earthquake to cause a lot of damage to it. It’s already under a lot of pressure,” he said.

Race to retrofit

In coastal areas that will be most heavily impacted, and that are heavily reliant on grid power from the Bonneville Power Administration, policies that promote community microgrids and battery storage will be key to post-quake recovery, said Leon Kempner, a BPA engineer.

BPA controls most of the Northwest electricity distribution grid. In some coastal areas, such

as Lincoln City, it is the source of nearly all power.

Kempner said the agency is racing to retrofit the grid to withstand earthquakes, but it didn’t start implementing seismic code into projects until the 1980s, and it lacks resources to move as quickly as needed.

He also suggested that the Oregon and Washington state legislatures should require BPA and all regional utilities to regularly report to state officials on what they are doing to prepare for the Big One to increase awareness, transparency about planning gaps and potential for collaboration.

Wharton, who explained that much of the state would rely on the airport and the port’s four Willamette and Columbia river terminals to receive recovery aid, said the Port of Portland needs nearly \$500 million to upgrade a runway that can survive

the quake and handle large Federal Emergency Management Agency aircraft, and other aircraft, landing for support or evacuation.

Port officials will meet with Kotek’s office in the next few weeks to discuss some potential budget requests, he and Papaefthimiou said. Some funding could also come from requesting an advance on annual maintenance dollars from the Federal Aviation Administration or grants from FEMA, “as long as FEMA still exists,” Wharton said.

A recent study by the National Institute of Building Sciences found that the, for now, roughly \$450 million investment would have a net \$7 billion savings benefit for the state as it tries to recover and rebuild after the quake, he said. But none of that matters if roads and bridges are unusable or nonexistent.

Critical corridors

The Oregon Department of Transportation has identified \$40 million worth of bridge deficiencies that, if left unaddressed, leave them vulnerable to the quake, said Yumei Wang, a civil engineering and infrastructure resilience and risk expert from Portland State University.

Olsen and other experts also called for more investment in preparing a disaster response workforce for the state and the region, which would require months of emergency attention and years of rebuilding. Everyone agreed that municipal governments, state leaders, and all regional

infrastructure stakeholders need to be more regularly talking and planning together, now.

Mike Britch, an engineering and construction manager at Tualatin Valley Water District, is overseeing a \$1.6 billion water infrastructure project to shift the half of Tualatin that relies on water from the Portland Water Bureau to water sourced from the Joint Water Commission that also supplies water to the cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Beaverton.

Part of the project involved building a 2,000 foot “micro tunnel” under the Tualatin River to transport drinking water. Above it, the Roy Rogers Road bridge over the river would not survive the Big One, Britch said, leaving people south of the bridge stranded and unable to get to any area hospitals.

“If I could create a policy and make people do things, I would say I want the state to identify some of these really critical corridors,” he said. “We need some sort of policy to address that.”

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Music

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just feels right,” Dufner said.

Rice, who grew up in Newberg, has been performing since middle school, when he began playing music with his family.

A strong live performance, he said previously, begins long before he steps on stage.

“Having the music down is the first step,” he added. “Once you’re able to get beyond learning the song and expressing yourself through the song, you can begin focusing on the elements of executing it.” Execution is not a

problem for Rice and The PDX Hustle, whose high-energy show promises to be one of the liveliest events of the summer.

The group reportedly features Rice on guitar and vocals, Adam Carlson and Chuk Barber on percussion, Pat McDougall on keyboards, Pete Peterson on saxophones, David Mills on trumpet, John Wolcott on bass, John Dover on trumpet and flugelhorn, and Lindsey Reynolds on backing vocals.

The lineup of backing instrumentalists rotate on occasion.

The PDX Hustle evolved from the Ben Rice Trio following the

pandemic. Adding more singers and instrumentalists gave the group a larger sound and allowed Rice to expand his musical direction.

His influences stretch across several genres.

“I want to sing like Sam Cooke or Al Green and play guitar like Duane Allman and B.B. King,” Rice said. “I want to tell a story like John Prine and make you dance like James Brown. At the core, I’m a blues musician.”

Rice eventually stopped trying to place his music in a single category.

“I gave up trying to be one thing or another and just committed to playing the music I write without trying to put it into a

genre box,” he said.

Rice made his International Blues Challenge debut in 2014. He has since performed across the United States and internationally. His experience includes touring with ZZ Top, where he saw firsthand how Rock & Roll Hall of Famers continue to refine their live shows.

“One of my takeaways was the care and attention that ZZ Top and crew had for each and every show,” Rice said. “The music was outstanding, but each night there were small tweaks and adjustments they would make.”

Those tweaks included details involving the lighting, sound and

conversations between songs. Most audience members probably never noticed, but Rice did.

“I was able to catch all the really small things that would change throughout the tour,” he said.

Attention to detail remains part of Rice’s approach. Songs must be learned, but the goal is to move beyond simply playing the right notes.

For Rice and The PDX Hustle, the real performance begins when the music feels natural, the band connects with the crowd and the blues settle over the park as the summer sun goes down.

The welcoming atmosphere at Main Street Park

delivers on all counts.

“One commonality is the joy the bands experience while playing in Monmouth,” Dufner said. “Many bands comment that it’s their favorite place to play.”

Free art activities will be available during the concert. Dry Town Tap Station also returns with its beer garden for guests 21 and older. Food carts are also on hand.

Music in the Park is sponsored by the Monmouth Business Association, the City of Monmouth and other community partners.

Admission is free. For more information, go to www.mbamonmouth.com/music-in-the-park/.

Police

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At 8:14 p.m., a driver stated his vehicle would not start and he was stuck. His vehicle was in the road way and on a corner. A deputy pushed his vehicle off of the road way while he waited for a tow.

At 8:56 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a home alarm on Orchard Heights Road. They contacted the property owner made sure everything was fine.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

At 5:33 a.m., a report of a driver hit a deer on Highway 22 near mile post 21.5. The deer was moved out of the westbound lane. There were no injuries, but the driver had to wait for assistance due to vehicle damage.

At 8:39 a.m., a youth driver tried to pay a traffic

fine at PCSO. They discovered he had an outstanding warrant out of Marion County Sheriff’s Office. He was taken into custody and lodged at MCSO juvenile facility.

At 9:21 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Gwinn Street. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for failing to carry proof of financial responsibility. The driver was warned for his speed but the vehicle was towed for no insurance.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

At 8:51 a.m., a motorist on Zena Road was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:14 p.m., male subject on G Street in Independence was taken to Salem Hospital on a director’s hold/custody after a short foot pursuit.

At 7:46 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited

for no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 8 p.m., Jeremy Wright was arrested on Orchard Drive and charged with trespass 2, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct 2, and attempted escape 3. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:42 p.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding. The driver showed signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test. She was arrested and taken to Polk County Jail where she blew a BAC of .12%. Her dog was taken to the kennels as no one was able to pick it up. The driver was also cited for driving uninsured, driving while suspended - and failing to install an ignition interlock device. She was lodged and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for reckless endangerment of another.

MONDAY, JULY 13

At 8:39 a.m., a deputy responded to a single vehicle crash on Kings Valley Highway. There were no injuries, but the vehicle was partially blocking the lane. The deputy held the scene until OSP arrived.

At 12:38 p.m., a report of a large carcass on the side of Maxfield Creek Road that looked like it had been freshly skinned and was about the size of an elk.

At 2:03 p.m., a resident on Orchard Heights Road reported being struck by tree bark after the tree was hit by shotgun pellets. She suspected a juvenile neighbor but did not want to press charges. The deputy contacted the juvenile who admitted to shooting at varmints. He apologized to the neighbor.

At 3:45 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:54 p.m., OSP

requested a deer in the road on Highway 22 be dispatched. A deputy was unable to locate the deer.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

At 7:08 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near milepost 23 was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:54 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 56 was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:26 a.m., a deputy helped a motorist on Kings Valley Highway in a broken down Dodge 4 door get running on her way home.

At 1:38 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for driving uninsured.

At 2:10 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a blocking crash with injury on Wallace Road. The deputy held the scene until OSP arrived.

At 2:20 p.m., a resident on Livermore Road reported an abandoned pickup that appeared to be stolen and dumped near his property. A deputy determined it was a suspect vehicle used in a Dallas burglary. Dallas detectives came out to the location and took over due to their investigation.

At 6:44 p.m., a report of an equestrian whose horse toppled over backwards onto her off Pacific Highway. She was transported to Salem Hospital.

At 9:54 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a male with a gash to his forehead walking around Main Street in Independence. They were unable to locate the male subject.

At 10:28 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for no front plate and expired tags.