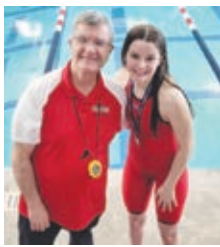


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Alisha Resseman

Interim Talmadge principal hired full time

For THE POLK IO

Central School District has hired Alisha Resseman as the new principal at Talmadge Middle School. Resseman has led the school as interim principal since the start of the 2024-25 school year.

“I am truly grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve as the Principal of this incredible school,” Resseman said. “My roots run deep, as I have been here for 20 years now. I deeply appreciate the trust and faith the community has placed in me, and I am honored to lead with such a dedicated team of students, educators, and families.”

Resseman said TMS staff have fostered a positive learning environment through consistent and clear behavior expectations, which have provided students with a structured framework to thrive in.

“By setting clear boundaries and maintaining high standards for conduct, we’ve created a school culture that encourages respect, accountability, and growth,” she said. “As a result, students are more engaged, and the overall atmosphere has become one that supports both academic and personal success for all.”

Resseman has experienced all levels of the educational process from teaching multiple subjects, leading and serving on school teams and committees, coaching sports and supporting Administration first as an Assistant Principal and now as Principal. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s in education from Western Oregon University, with an endorsement in ESOL. She went on to earn her master’s in educational administration from the University of Oregon.

Resseman is looking to the future for Talmadge students, including ensuring students are prepared and equipped with the

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Long delayed transitional house opens in Dallas

By DAVID HAYES
IO Editor

Nearly two years to the day after she declared a homelessness state of emergency in Oregon, Gov. Tina Kotek cut the ribbon Feb. 3 to welcome a new transitional housing facility in Dallas.

“I am staying the course to tackle homelessness, and I am thankful to communities like Dallas who have stepped up to do their part in this crisis,” Kotek said. “Housing supply is the long-term solution. I’m working with organizations across the state to remove obstacles in construction, so everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.”

Salem based Church @ the Park spearheaded the project after securing \$2.58 million to open a managed shelter site in rural Polk County in the wake of the governor’s declaration. After failing to secure a location for a micro shelter facility in Monmouth and Independence, the church purchased property at 1873 SE Holman Ave. in Dallas in 2023.

However, after vocal opposition to the micro shelter plans, Church @ the Park pivoted to convert the home at the Dallas location into transitional housing for families.

DJ Vincent, Church at the Park founder and chief executive officer, said the Dallas Family Shelter project has come to completion through the support of PATHS (Partners Aligned Toward Housing Solution), the city of Dallas and the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, in addition to the governor’s emergency order.

Vincent said after working with the city of Dallas on land use and permitting, major renovations started in July of 2024. Vincent



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Surrounded by local dignitaries, Gov. Tina Kotek cuts the ribbon officially opening Church @ the Park’s transitional housing facility in Dallas on Feb. 3.

explained that the permit required that renovation result in the same square footage as the original buildings on the property (pre-renovation). So now, two households and up to 12 beds are available in what was the original house.

County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, one of many local officials to attend the ribbon cutting, said the Dallas Family Shelter exceeded his expectations.

“Church at the Park transformed a challenged property into a community gem. It truly feels like a home — a place where children and parents can sleep soundly, share meals, complete their homework, and focus on their next steps toward self-sufficiency and a permanent place to call home,” Gordon said.

Vincent said the church requires potential families who will live in

the house must have ties to rural Polk County. For example, the first two families with single mothers, expected to move into the house two days after the ceremony on Feb. 5, have children who attend schools in Dallas. Applicants, he added, must also pass a background check to ensure they are not on a registered sex offender list.

Looking ahead, Vincent said an Accessory Dwelling Unit will be added on the property, providing space for two more households and eight additional beds. He added a garage will also be built to be used as office space. The ADU is still in the permitting process, which he expects to complete in 2025.

He also expects 12 more families to utilize the house by the end of the year.

Gordon said the project came to fruition thanks to the partnership of many community organizations.

“I’m incredibly grateful to our partners in PATHS, including Dallas leadership, for working with the community and Church at the Park to ensure this facility — and the upcoming Monmouth facility — are fully integrated into Polk County’s already strong network of faith organizations, service agencies, and community heroes (you know who you are),” Gordon said. “This is what community-led solutions are all about. The modifications that Church at the Park has made to transition from a single facility to two smaller facilities, along with their intentional collaboration with the community, are deeply appreciated.”

Son joins parents in family chiropractic business

By DAVID HAYES
IO Editor

Many clinics celebrate their growth by proudly announcing the arrival of a new practitioner to their family of doctors.

However, Dr. Marty and Dr. Sharon of Thornton Chiropractic in Independence literally welcomed the third member of their family to the practice, Dr. August.

Sharing the same first and last names (Alpheus Thornton), the father and son use their middle names in their titles.

The Thorntons have occupied the same building at 1650 Monmouth St. for their chiropractic practice since they bought the building in 1997. They’d met at school and after graduation, the move west was Sharon’s idea.

“She didn’t want to live in his hometown in Iowa. Came out to Oregon, coincidence brought us to Independence, and we felt this was where we were supposed to be,” Marty said.

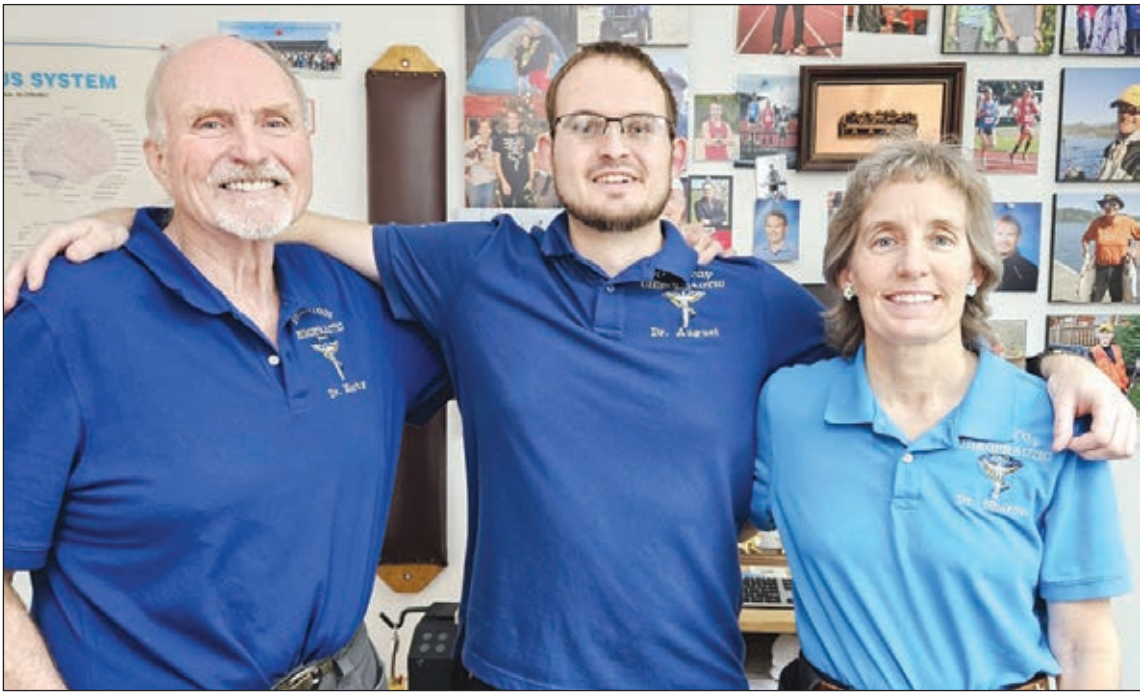


PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Dr. August (center) joins his parents Dr. Marty (left) and Dr. Sharon at Thornton Chiropractic in Independence.

So, for the first six years of his life, that’s where August grew up, as the office also doubled as a home.

“He learned to run a mop when he was 3 or 4, just helping out wherever else he could, taking out the trash,” Marty said.

“When he was first born, he

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‘Video Game’ concert hits the right notes

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

A band’s love for music and video games are coming together for a good cause.

Local favorite DTW presents “The Video Game” concert at 7 p.m., Feb. 15 in the Central High School auditorium.

“This is actually our second of what we hope are annual video game concerts at Central High, as a fundraiser for the performing arts here,” music teacher Ed Propst said. “It was well received last year.”

Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students and kids.

Proceeds go to the Central High School Performing Arts Booster Club.

“It’s an organization that supports theater, choir, band, and the expenses needed by those kids when they can’t come up with it themselves,” Propst said. “They’re the organization that if a kid can’t go to the state thespian workshop, and they’ve qualified for state, the booster club will come through for them. It’s

that kind of stuff. It’s really similar to the Panther Club for sports.”

DTW band members are no strangers to video games.

“If you really trace it back, we’re all a bunch of video-playing music people. There’s not very many DTW’s rehearsals that go on at somebody’s house that don’t finish with us sitting around the TV playing Mario Kart until we’ve got to go home,” Propst said.

The first video game concert was performed by the band at the Whiteside Theatre in Corvallis several years ago.

“It went well. It was a good time. There was talk of doing another one, and our wheels were spinning, and then the global pandemic happened. That put the kibosh on our fun for a little bit,” Propst said. “When we were talking about bringing it back, I’m like, gentlemen, we have a beautiful performing space at Central High. So let’s use that. Let’s use it as a fundraiser for the arts here.”



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Ed Propst (left) and the DTW horn section perform during last summer’s Music in the Park in Monmouth.

DTW’s focus, according to its Facebook page, is “to bring environmentally friendly, socially conscious

and sustainable jazz and funk to our region.”

The band is based in the Mid Willamette Valley

and is well known locally, having played at Music in the Park in Monmouth, and at Riverview Park

in Independence for that city’s Fourth of July celebration.

Dallas receives \$127,000 grant toward water treatment facility project

The city of Dallas received a significant infusion of funds towards a project to replace its 25-year-old UV disinfection system at the city waste and water treatment facility.

At the Feb. 3 City Council meeting, Jerrine Wong, account manager for Energy Trust of Oregon, presented a check to Councilor Michael Schilling in the amount of \$127,496.

Dallas Public Works Director Gary Marks explained the new system, which had an overall cost of \$1.5 million to install, is expected to cut the costs of UV disinfection by two-thirds, saving the city 335,000 kilowatts of electricity annually.

“The reduced power consumption equates to a \$17,000 a year savings,” Marks told the councilors. “Additionally, the new system is expected to reduce maintenance

costs by about \$25,000 a year through the use of more efficient UV lamps and ballast and have a longer life. It’s a really great improvement for our facility.”

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WOU names Kwabena Boakye VP for Administration and Finance

After a thorough search assisted by Anthem Executive, a national search firm, Kwabena Boakye has been selected as the new Vice President for Administration and Finance for Western Oregon University, effective Feb. 28.

Boakye is a financial and audit professional with expertise in higher education financial management,

resource prioritization and allocation, strategic planning, and budget integration, enrollment and revenue forecast integration, facility operations and space utilization, enterprise risk management, internal controls and compliance, policy and procedures formulation and continuous improvement, financial resources review, audit



Kwabena Boakye
management, and organizational review.
Boakye brings nearly two decades of experience in higher education, having held prominent leadership roles as Vice President for Administrative Services at Grays Harbor College and Vice President for

Fiscal Affairs at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. In these positions, he provided strategic direction for finance and administration, developed financial health dashboards, and ensured both short-term fiscal solvency and long-term sustainability.

“Boakye’s extensive experience and proven leadership in finance and administration make him an exceptional candidate for Western,” said President Jesse Peters. “We are confident that his expertise and vision will be a tremendous asset to our institution’s growth and success.”

Previously, he served as Audit Manager at the University System

of Georgia’s Board of Regents and as Director of Internal Audit at Georgia State University’s Perimeter College, where he identified significant risks and played a key role in crafting a new audit manual. His extensive background also includes positions as Senior Auditor for the California State University system and Associate Finance Program Evaluator for the California Department of Finance, complemented by experience in public accounting. Boakye holds both a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from California State University and is a Certified Public

Accountant and a Certified Internal Auditor.

“I am honored to have been selected as the successful candidate to serve in this position and am excited to join Western’s executive leadership,” said Boakye. “I’m committed to excellence and Western’s mission, vision, and values, and look forward to engaging and working collaboratively with the university community.”

Boakye has been married to his wife Grace for 20 years and has three teenage children. As soccer enthusiasts, they look forward to supporting the Wolves soccer teams and the Portland Timbers.

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WOU presents new perspective on a classic play ‘Nora’

Western Oregon University presents its spring theatrical production of Stef Smith’s “Nora: A Doll’s House.” Directed by Kindra Steenerson, the story is about Nora, the perfect wife and mother. She is dutiful, beautiful and everything is always in its right place. But when a secret from her past comes back to haunt her, her life rapidly unravels. Over the course of three days, Nora must fight to protect herself and her family or risk losing everything. Ibsen’s brutal portrayal of womanhood caused outrage when it was first performed in 1879. This bold new adaptation reframes the drama in three different time periods. The fight for women’s suffrage, the swinging sixties and modern day intertwine in this urgent, poetic play that asks how far have we really come in the past 100 years? The cast includes:

NORA 1: Savannah King
NORA 2: Brianna Trickel
NORA 3: Elliot Grass
THOMAS: Sergio Palomar
CHRISTINE 1: Lucy Garcia
CHRISTINE 2: Jandi Borden
CHRISTINE 3: Ella Rains
NATHAN: Nick Sirianni
DANIEL: Brady Allen
“Nora: A Doll’s House” runs Feb. 27 through March 8 at 7:30 p.m. and with a 2 p.m. matinee March 2. The March 7 performance will also be ASL interpreted. Performances will take place in Rice Auditorium, 344 Knox St N, in Nampah Free parking will be available in lot B on Knox Street. Ticket prices are \$14 for general admission, \$8 for students, and \$10 for senior citizens and WOU faculty and staff; WOU students are free with ID card.



Savannah King (foreground) and Elliot Grass rehearse a scene from WOU's spring production of ‘Nora: A Doll’s House.’

For ticket information and reservations, visit wou.edu/theatre-dance/events, call the box office at (503) 838-8340, or visit the box office in Rice Auditorium on Thursday or Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

THE NEWS BRIEF

DDA seeks volunteers for cleanup day Feb. 22
The Dallas Downtown Association seeks volunteers for its annual Downtown Winter Cleanup Day, from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 22. The DDA will spend some significant time around what will be the new Visitor’s Center/Chamber/DDA office as well as some trash pick-up and additional tasks as needed. Meet at 184 SE Oak St., the building next to Taters. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/42N53ep>.

Driver in hit-and-run fatality surrenders to authorities
Micah Lee Blacksmith, 34, turned herself in to the Polk County Jail on Feb. 4. Blacksmith was the driver involved in a collision with pedestrian, Steven Craig Bishop, on Dec. 23, 2024, in West Salem. Bishop died at the scene. Blacksmith, of Salem, was taken into custody on the charge of failure to perform the duties of a driver to injured person. The Polk County District Attorney’s Office is handling the case.

FAMILY

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would literally hang out on the floor in our front office,” Sharon added. “Every day, the bus would pick him up and drop him off in front at our office. He would hang out with us. He’s just been brought up under chiropractic. And I think he matured early because he was around adults all the time.” Ironically, August was set to chart his own path as an orthopedic surgeon. He’d actually gotten all the way to his junior year in college when he had an epiphany. “Chiropractic was always something mom and dad did. I see a lot of cool things with it. Never felt it was 100% something for me,” August recalled. “As I was getting through my schooling, I came to a point where I sat down and thought, what do I want to do?” With interests that intersected with math, science, anatomy and biology, he said he got to a point where he realized what “mom and dad do isn’t too bad a gig.”

“I could do a lot of good with that. My mindset shifted with that, and I thought I could see myself being really happy as a chiropractor,” he said. The transition wasn’t too hard. His major in biology pre-med at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa Idaho pretty much the same credits for focusing on orthopedic surgery and chiropractic, including anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, “all those fun stuff,” he said. Both his parents were pleased with their son’s decision. “I was certainly happy (with the switch), but we wanted to make sure it was his decision. We really grilled him, made sure he wasn’t following in our footsteps just because mom and dad were doing it. Make sure this is what you want to do,” Sharon said. “We’re very proud of him. He’s worked hard to get to this point. We’re so glad to see him in the natural health field and doing what we do every day. Making that decision for himself and enjoying it, too.” For schooling, August had fulfilled two quarters of

internship out in the field. He chose a familiar practice. “He was able to intern in our office,” Sharon said. “He literally worked under me for six months before graduation. I was his mentor. That was great to already come in and familiarize himself with patients and patients get to know him.” August added once he had all his in-person classes taken care of, that allowed him to go wherever I wanted in the country for internship. “Well, this is the office I was wanting to go back and work in,” he said. “It gave me a chance to get my foot in the door, seeing patients. It worked out really well.” He’s officially been on board with Thornton Chiropractic since Jan. 31. August has been seeing an average of about three or four patients a day. He explained the patients get to choose which provider they want to see. “Dr. Sharon, Dr. Marty, or myself, we each use similar techniques but some a little bit different. That way if some patient they like one provider or technique we can offer that to them and try to

accommodate them best we can,” he said. Marty said there’s an unexpected catharsis chiropractic patients get when they receive treatment. “The patients you like to see say they have been everywhere else, they’ve tried every medication, tried every home remedy, they have had improvement, but there’s just not something there,” Marty explained. “Then you adjust them, and they say, ‘What did you do?’ All you say is I tried to restore normal function to your nervous system. “Every time you see the body change, it’s a miracle,” he added. “To see the intelligence within the body and do what it’s supposed to do, that is what we’re trained to do as chiropractors.” As he continues to settle in with his patients, August said it helps to have two lifelong mentors to fall back on for advice. “Even now as I’m a new physician seeing my own patients, it’s nice to know that it’s ok to still have that experience in the office. When I see something I’m not overly familiar with, that I have mentors that can still

guide me and lead me in the right way,” he said. At 72, Dr. Marty said he is still far from ready to fully pass the baton to his wife, Dr. Sharon, 52, and his son, Dr. August, 26. “If the time comes (that) I can’t help somebody, or I don’t enjoy it, I know how to walk out the door,” he said. “But as long as I can do those two things, I still want to be able to contribute whatever I can.” For Sharon, it’s great to have the family back together again. “It’s a blast to walk in the door and have someone in all three rooms and we’re all working on somebody,” he said. “We tease each other, ‘Hey Dr. Thornton.’ ‘Hey Dr. Thornton.’ ‘Hey Dr. Thornton.’ But it’s been fun for sure. He’s doing great,” she said.

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foundational skills and exploration opportunities as they transition to the high school. This opens both career and technical education (CTE), for those who are looking at high-wage career pathways, and advanced classes, for those who are looking to be college-bound. She pointed to the school’s commitment to preparing students for

college and career success through its AVID program, which provides essential skills, resources, and support to help students navigate their academic journeys. Resseman said she is also dedicated to bringing a Dual Immersion Program to the school. “By promoting bilingualism, we are not only enhancing students’ language skills, but also empowering them to earn the Seal of Biliteracy on their graduation diploma, a

prestigious achievement that opens doors to academic and professional opportunities,” she said. Resseman acknowledges the challenges, including lack of space and resources. She noted that she and TMS staff are committed to finding innovative solutions to accommodate the expanding community through optimizing current spaces or seeking new facilities. Another challenge Resseman noted is providing the necessary interventions for students.

“We are committed to enhancing our approach through collaboration, professional development, and seeking additional resources to ensure every student receives the attention and support they deserve to succeed,” she said. “Together, we will continue to build on our strengths and work toward providing every student with the best opportunities for success. I look forward to the journey ahead and to supporting our students in reaching their full potential.”

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OBITUARIES



Patricia Anne Warkentin
Sept. 18, 1939 - Jan. 14, 2025

Patricia Anne Pitardi was born Sept. 18, 1939, to John and Jeannette Pitardi of McMinnville, Oregon. She was the eldest of three daughters along with sisters Sallie Jo and Sherri Dey. Pat attended Oregon College of Education, where she received her bachelor’s degree and teaching credential and met her husband, Delmer Warkentin. Del and Pat married Aug. 27, 1960, and lived in Dallas, Oregon, where they had two daughters, Shellene Renee

and Jill Marie. In 1965, the family moved to Reedsport, Oregon, where Del taught chemistry and physics at Reedsport High School and Pat taught second grade at Highland Elementary School and raised their daughters. Upon retirement in 1984, the couple moved to Bend, Oregon, where they opened Beltone Hearing Center. In 2005, they moved to Oregon City and opened Heritage Hearing Center, from which they fully retired in 2014.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Delmer (2018), and sisters Sallie (2023) and Sherri (2024). Patricia is survived by daughter Shellene Miller and son-in-law Gaylen Miller of Oregon City, Oregon; daughter Jill Cox and son-in-law Kent Cox of Weaverville, California; granddaughter Sarah Hollingworth (Joe) and great-grandchildren Rebecca and Charles of Knoxville, Tennessee; granddaughter Lauren Frye (Zeb) and great-grandsons

Lincoln, Casey and Orion of Mountlake Terrace, Washington; granddaughter Aundra Miller of Portland, Oregon; granddaughter Anicia van Dyke (Torson) of Sherwood, Oregon; granddaughter Megan Clausen (Kai) of Hillsboro, OR; grandson Landon Cox (Cara) and great-grandson Jackson of Redding, California; grandson Joel Cox of Redding, California; grandson Cameron Cox of Chico, California; and granddaughter Victoria Cox of Chico, California.

Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.BollmansTributeCenter.com



Death Notices



Jacob Glenn Whisenhunt
March 3, 1974 - Jan. 29, 2025
Jacob Glenn Whisenhunt passed away on Jan. 29, 2025.



Terry Michael Houck
Dec. 20, 1949 - Jan. 24, 2025
Terry Michael Houck passed away on Jan. 24, 2025.

Nancy Love
Nancy Love, 82, of Salem, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025. Bollman’s Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.BollmansTributeCenter.com

Here’s what you need to know to be REAL ID ready starting May 7

This time, it’s for real. After a series of delays, the federal REAL ID deadline of May 7, 2025, is just three months away. Starting that day, anyone 18 years and older will be required to present a REAL ID or an acceptable alternative – like a government-issued passport, U.S. passport card or military ID – to board a commercial flight within the U.S. or access certain federal facilities. As the deadline nears, we are seeing greater demand and longer lines at our DMV offices. If you plan on flying within the U.S.

anytime in the future and you don’t have a passport or other acceptable ID, you may want to consider upgrading to the REAL ID option sooner than later. **What is a REAL ID?** A REAL ID is a state-issued driver’s license, instruction permit or ID card that meets federal security requirements set by the REAL ID Act of 2005. The purpose of REAL ID is to make U.S. identity documents more consistent and secure. Oregon offers both a standard issue and REAL ID-compliant

driver’s license, instruction permit and identification card. It’s your choice which version to get. **Where do i get one?** While DMV offers many services online, you have to get REAL ID at a DMV office. You can make an appointment online or walk into a DMV office near you without an appointment. **What do i need to bring?** You need to bring original documents that prove your identity, date of birth, home address (two proofs of address from two different sources) and lawful

status in the U.S. DMV offers a document guide at DMV2U.oregon.gov to help you determine what to bring. You also have to provide your Social Security number or proof you are not eligible for one. Your current legal name must be on file with the Social Security Administration. **How much does it cost?** The REAL ID option costs an additional \$30 above regular issuance fees every time you apply for an original, renewal or replacement driver’s license, permit or ID card.

How long does it take to get? After DMV accepts and scans your submitted documents, you’ll receive a temporary paper card in the office. Your REAL ID card will arrive in the mail in about three weeks. As the deadline nears, DMV offices are anticipating lines will only get longer. Fortunately, Oregon DMV has hired 26 staff to work in DMV offices around the state exclusively for REAL ID transactions, freeing up counter staff to accommodate other transactions.

People who need to renew their vehicle registration and already have a REAL ID or do not plan on getting one can avoid the crowds by completing their transaction online at DMV2U or renew their driver registration at one of DMV’s nine new self-serve kiosks located in select Fred Meyer stores. The sooner you start the REAL ID process, the more likely you’ll have what you need in time to fly. Learn more at Oregon.gov/REALID.

This tax season avoid these common errors

As the IRS and the state begin accepting tax year 2024 returns Jan. 27, the Oregon Department of Revenue is offering taxpayers a list of suggestions to aid in efficiently processing their return and common errors to avoid that could slow things down and delay their refund. **File electronically, request direct deposit** On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund two weeks sooner than those who file paper returns and request paper refund checks. E-filed returns will be processed in the order they are received. However, as in years past, the department won’t be issuing personal income tax refunds until after February 15. A refund hold is part of the department’s tax fraud

prevention efforts and allows for confirmation that the amounts claimed on tax returns match what employers and payers report on Forms W-2 and 1099. Sending a duplicate paper return through the mail after e-filing will delay a refund. Taxpayers should file just once unless they need to make a change to their return. **Gather all tax records before filing** Having all necessary records is essential to filing a complete and accurate tax return and avoiding errors. Taxpayers should wait to file until they have all their tax records, including Form W-2s from their employers and Form 1099s reporting other income. Getting in a hurry can cause taxpayers to file before they have all the information necessary to report all of their income. If income reported on a return doesn’t match

the income reported by employers, the return, and any corresponding refund, will be delayed. If taxpayers receive more or corrected tax records after filing a return, they should file an amended return to report any changes. **Revenue Online** Before beginning the filing process, taxpayers should make sure their information is current in Revenue Online, the state’s internet tax portal. They should check their username, password, and address; and verify any estimated tax payments they’ve made. Those who don’t have a Revenue Online account can sign up online at www.oregon.gov/dor/Pages/index.aspx. Revenue Online is the best way to communicate with the department. Refunds for taxpayers that are new to filing returns may be

delayed so the department can verify their identity. Taxpayers who receive a letter requesting identity verification are urged to respond promptly through Revenue Online to speed the processing of their return. Refunds can also be delayed when errors are identified on returns. Taxpayers who receive a letter requesting additional information are urged to respond promptly through Revenue Online to speed the processing of their return. **Download Form 1099-G** The department reminds taxpayers that it no longer mails taxpayers Form 1099-G, which reports the amount of refunds, credits, or other offsets of personal income, statewide transit individual tax, TriMet transit self-employment tax, or Lane transit self-employment tax during the previous year. Only those who itemized deductions on their tax year 2023 federal income tax return will need a Form 1099-G to file their tax year

2024 return. Those taxpayers can view and download their Form 1099-G through Revenue Online at https://revenueonline.dor.oregon.gov/tap/_/. Taxpayers who received unemployment insurance or Paid Leave Oregon benefits in 2024, will receive a separate 1099-G by January 31 from the Oregon Employment Department. **Free filing options** Free electronic filing through the combination of IRS Direct File and Direct File Oregon is available this year. Taxpayers are encouraged to use the IRS Eligibility Checker to see if they qualify to file directly with the IRS and the state. An instructional video on how to use the direct file option is now available on the Department of Revenue You Tube page. In addition to IRS Direct File and Direct File Oregon, other free filing options will also open today. Free guided tax preparation is available from several companies for taxpayers that meet income requirements. Free fillable forms are available for all income levels. Using links from the department’s website ensures that both taxpayers’ federal and state return will be filed for free.



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OPINION

Guest Column

A Word Please

By JUNE CASAGRANDE

With all the working from home, cultural divisiveness, addiction to screens and the rise of AI “companions,” humans are becoming ever more isolated. That’s a bad thing. But there’s an upside. As we go through life desperately alone and starved for human contact, at least we’re less likely to make shared possessive errors like this one from a travel post on Reddit: “I bought my boyfriend and I’s tickets at the same time.” This isn’t the first time I’ve seen “I’s,” but it’s still a shocker. Who thinks it would be a good idea to say, “That’s I’s car” or “I should get started filing I’s taxes” or “Do these pants make I’s backside look big”? No one.

We all know “I” isn’t used as a possessive. It’s a subject: I have a car. I filed my taxes. I am wearing unflattering pants. So how do these errors happen? How can we get so confused about a pronoun we all know so well? Human contact. The other person. In the case of that Reddit poster, her boyfriend was the culprit. Had the poor woman flown to Hawaii alone, sure, she would have missed out on a marriage proposal, but at least she would have had the sense to say, “I bought my ticket.”

This error is related to the much more common “with John and I” mistake that, frankly, almost everyone makes. “With” is a preposition, prepositions take objects and “me,” not “I,” is the object form that belongs here: “with John and me.” But “I’s” takes this to a whole new level.

It’s a safe bet that people who misuse “I” labor under the false belief that “me” is incorrect or at least improper when paired with another person. A kid who says, “Billy and me are going to the park” gets corrected pretty swiftly: “It’s ‘Billy and I,’ not ‘me.’” adults tell them. The kid walks away with the lesson that, if

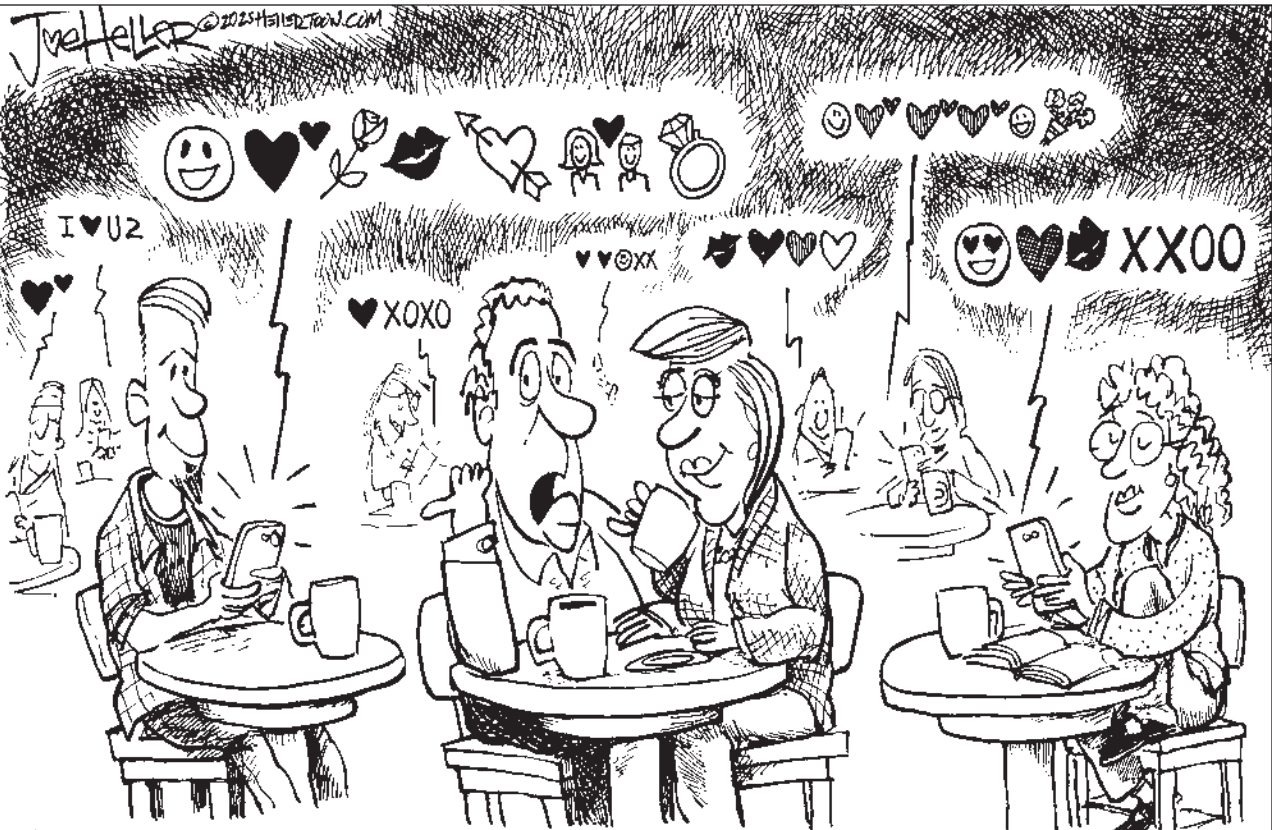
he wants to get to the park with the least hassle possible, he should just always use “I.” On top of all that, we’re not taught how to handle shared possessives. Is it “My boyfriend’s and my” or “my boyfriend and my”? I’ve studied this stuff for years and even I am not comfortable with this. I know the rules for shared possessives: “Ed’s and Louise’s cars” is correct if they own the cars individually. If they own the cars jointly, it’s “Ed and Louise’s cars.” That’s because the rule says that if possession is shared, Ed and Louise share an apostrophe and s, too. But when people possess things separately, each gets their own apostrophe and s.

That’s an easy rule when you’re working with nouns like Ed, but when you’re working with pronouns like “my,” things get weird. “Ed’s and my cars” is easy enough if Ed and I own our cars separately, but if we share cars, a strict reading of the rules requires us to say, “Ed and my cars.” The absence of an apostrophe and s after Ed’s name strikes me as unnatural. And I don’t hear other people saying “Ed and my ...” No matter who owns what, they say “Ed’s and my.”

Other pronouns pose the same difficulty: If you want to talk about the jointly owned “Ed and Louise’s cars” but you’re using a pronoun for Louisa, you’d get “Ed and her car,” which is unclear and sounds wrong.

In these cases, I openly defy the rule about sharing possession. I say “Ed’s and her cars” no matter whether they own the cars together or separately. As long as I’m not using “I’s,” it’s unlikely anyone will even know if I’m wrong.

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Letter to the Editor

County’s business as usual violates judge’s ruling

On Dec. 18, the Polk County Board of Commissioners exercised their legal rights by appealing Judge Ladd Wiles’ Oct. 31 ruling. The appeal does not correct Polk County’s prior illegal actions. Meanwhile, the Polk County Tax Collector receives 2024 tax payments, illegally deposits those monies and incorrectly distributes those property tax receipts to the 35 other taxing districts in Polk County.

District Court Judge Wiles’ findings declared in part: “Oregon statutes require the treasurer of each county perform certain functions and have certain duties and prerogatives. Polk County must comply with these statutes and must not obstruct or inhibit their performance.” “... [I]ts commissioners ... and employees must allow and facilitate the duly elected treasurer to discharge the

powers of the treasurer as required by the Oregon Constitution and Oregon statutes.”

Judge Wiles’ rulings rejected and overturned Polk County ordinances No. 16-3 and No. 24-1 that made county employees outlaws by requiring them to perform unlawful Oregon statutory acts. The legal denial of Judge Wiles’ ruling both delays and makes the accurate and lawful operation of the Polk County government secondary to the Commissioners’ desire to preserve their political power.

E.M. Easterly
Salem

Musk’s actions jeopardize programs like Church@the Park

I was happy to tour the new family shelter opened in Dallas by Church@the Park recently. This was a long

standing community need which was fought by many of our citizens.

It is also directly contrary to what Elon Musk is doing to deprive Americans, and people around the world, of as many services as possible. It’s amazing what you can do as a temporary federal employee serving an amoral man who cares only about himself. With free rein, Musk will cause complete chaos and then his master (or do I have the roles reversed) will take credit for fixing the mess. Amidst all these illegal actions (e.g.cancelling birthright citizenship, as established in the 14th Amendment to our constitution), the Republican Congress sits on its hands and praises everything the King does in order not to incur his wrath.

Meanwhile, people around the world will suffer as a result of the reckless actions of a billionaire and his patron. Some of our citizens voted for a dictator, and we will all suffer the effects of

his scattershot bumbling. Fortunately, we have groups in our community like Church@the Park who are trying to help people improve their lives, rather than destroy them.

Small actions repeated many times can have a powerful effect.

Dale Derouin
Dallas

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Feb. 3	44	35	0.00
Feb. 4	54	24	0.01
Feb. 5	57	26	0.31
Feb. 6	49	27	0.00
Feb. 7	56	36	0.01
Feb. 8	50	39	0.39
Feb. 9	46	36	0.00

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Dog Man

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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: PASTRY WITH A MIDDLE HOLE.

- Beech

Bitter

Brazil

Butter
- Cashew

Climbing

Coco

Hazel
- Hickory

Macadamia

Pistachio

Quandong
- Safety

Square

Wing

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Super Crossword

TYKES IN THE SADDLE

ACROSS

1 Milk-Bone products

10 Legend—any masked swordsman

15 Getting out of it is not possible for me

20 Stat for a baseball pitcher

21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth

22 Can't get out of it

23 Start of a riddle

25 Santa's little helpers

26 "Delicious!"

27 Insect snafus

28 Told fibs

29 Attempts to hit, as a fly

31 Hair fixative

32 Ryder Cup org.

33 Manipulator

34 Prefix with angle

35 Felt concern

38 Riddle, part 2

43 Supreme

44 California vineyard valley

45 Joust verbally

46 Words before "dream" or "be different"

47 Jazz pianist Allison

48 Loft

50 In a very uncordial way

52 City in Iowa

53 Riddic, part 3

57 Not docile

58 Serpentine fish

59 Above, in poetry

60 Gabrielle of volleyball

64 Vietnamese New Year

65 Grad's gala

68 Flip

70 Indian royal

72 Camera — (Cannes award)

73 Wear down

75 Actor DeLuise

77 Space

79 Big city in Ontario

81 Riddle, part 4

86 Utah winter vacation spot

89 From Tehran or Tabriz

90 Ladle, e.g.

91 Concerning

92 Iris coverer

94 With 108—Down: "Piece of cake"

96 Memorable periods

97 Squint

98 End of the riddle

101 Cottage cheese bits

102 Hit the slopes

103 Alternatives to coffees

104 Part of LAPD

105 Perp catcher

106 Like fishes without

108 Casino lixture

110 Holler—than—

112 Rock's Read

115 Make irate

116 Riddle's answer

120 Crouch down

121 Fill with panic

122 Vacant elected positions

123 1,000-kilo metric unit

124 Conical tent

125 Analyzed to detect the presence of

1 Like a wet lawn at dawn

2 Walkiki locale

3 Protein unit

4 Blasting stuff

5 Kapi in check

6 1960s Ford

7 "I smell—!"

8 Yanks

9 — cone

10 Astrological diagrams

11 Writer Sarah — Jewett

12 Scan or skim

13 Aries animal

14 Ukraine port

15 Tell me about it!

16 Ale grain

17 Generalized rivalry situation

18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)

19 Brand of tortilla chips

20 Gymnast Korbut

30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King

31 Big Swiss city

32 Extol

33 Toward a stream's source

35 Calculate

36 Ornament hanger, e.g.

37 Italian rice dish

38 Lot in life

39 Makes the decision

40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy

41 PC shortcut code

42 Barter

44 Consumer advocate

49 Signaled, as an actor

51 Pre-euro Italian money

54 Bank of China Tower architect

55 Power connectors

56 One of the Muses

61 He played Santa in "Elf"

62 Recolled in fear

63 Blackboard clearers

66 Baltic Sea feeder

67 Tile designs

69 Blocks up

71 — Hopkins University

74 Clog-clearing brand

76 Year division

78 Writing assignments

80 Cause to stumble

82 Keaton and Sawyer

83 Not yet final, in law

84 Folk stories

85 Bank offering

86 Gets on it right away

87 Investigate

88 Checking the fit of

93 One of the Muses

95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin

99 React to with a quick breath

100 Inflict upon

101 Meal division

105 Tally up

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94-Across

109 Apollo's instrument

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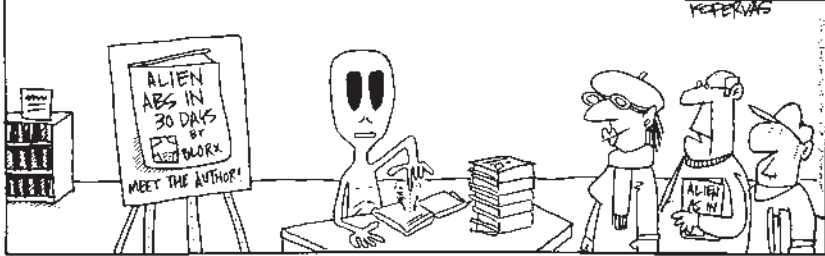
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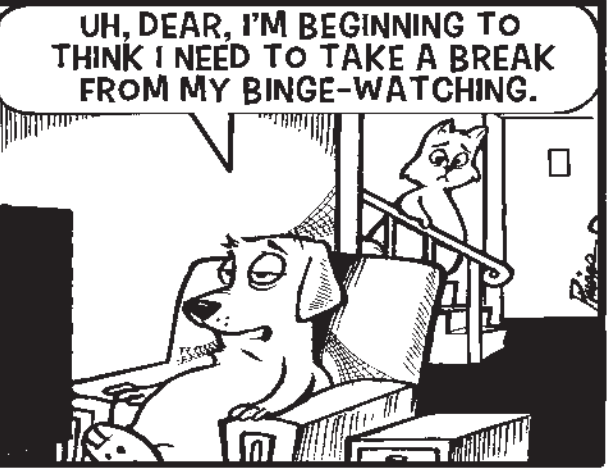
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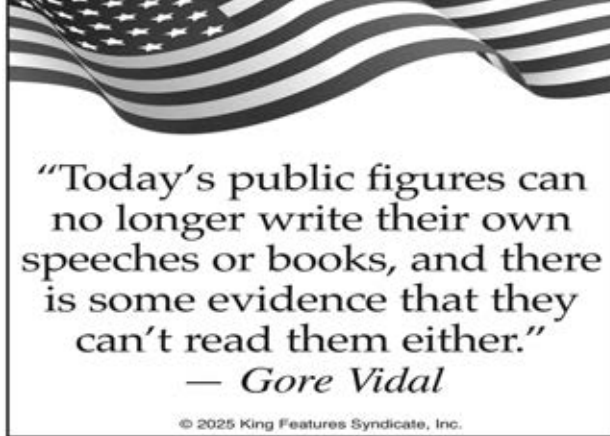
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Americanisms



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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: K equals S

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LDCCAUL JGNFUO NU ENNC CN
CZD SDKC NE ZAK KCJSATACX.

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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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+	+	+
-	+	= 8
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-	÷	= 6
=	=	=
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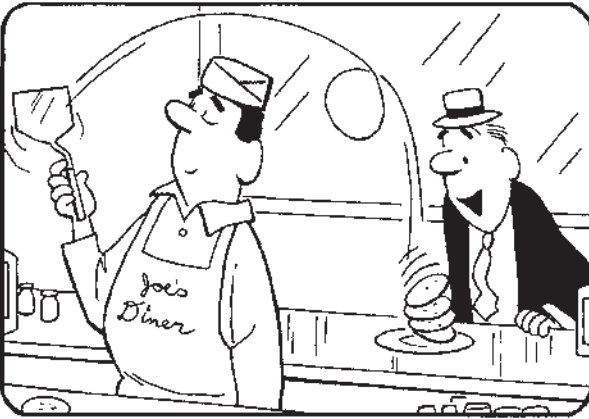
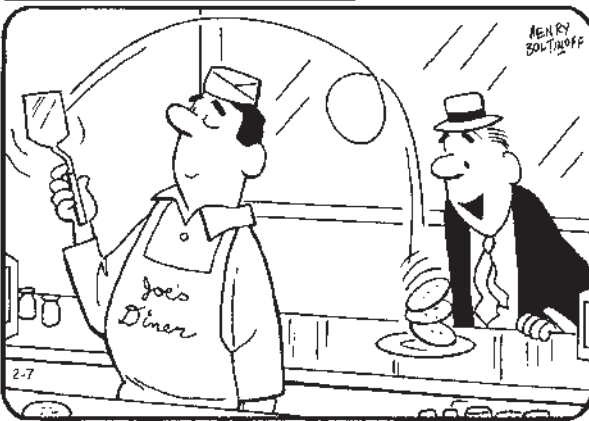
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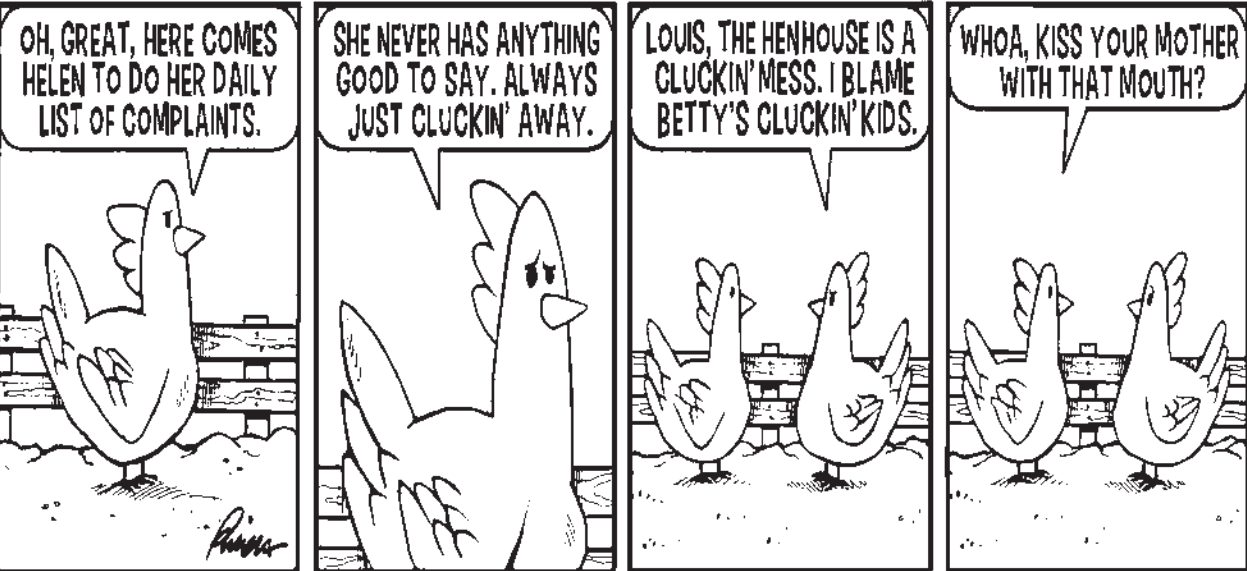
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Spatula is wider. 2. Tie is different. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Hair is larger. 5. Pancake is added. 6. Cap is larger.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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Moments in time

• On Feb. 24, 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to overturn a \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for the emotional distress he suffered after being parodied in the pornographic magazine Hustler, deciding that the satire, while in bad taste, was covered under the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech.

• On Feb. 25, 1956, poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes met for the first time at a party. They married just four months later, but the union was rocked by Plath's discovery of her husband's adultery the same year their second child was born. After her suicide in 1963, Hughes edited several volumes of her poetry, one of which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1982.

• On Feb. 26, 1974, Nike received a U.S. patent for its waffle trainer running shoes. The company's co-founder, Bill Bowerman, invented the iconic soles by pouring polyurethane into a waffle iron at breakfast one morning.

• On Feb. 27, 1935, 6-year-old rising Hollywood star Shirley Temple took home the first-ever kid-size "juvenile" Oscar, measuring roughly half the height of a standard Oscar.

On Feb. 28, 2013, 85-year-old Pope Benedict XVI officially resigned his position as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, citing his advanced age as the reason. He was the first pontiff to relinquish power in nearly six centuries.

• On March 1, 1864, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first African American woman to earn a medical degree. She also wrote one of the first medical manuals by an African American doctor — and woman — in the United States. Though she faced discrimination from fellow medical professionals due to her sex and race, she wrote that she cared for "a very large number of the indigent" in a "population of over 30,000."

• On March 2, 1807, the U.S. Congress passed an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place or country." It would go into effect at the start of 1808.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Canada?
- TELEVISION: Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
- LITERATURE: Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
- ASTRONOMY: How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
- MOVIES: What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?
- LANGUAGE: What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
- SCIENCE: What are the four primary precious metals?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

Answers

- Mount Logan.
- Jeff Probst.
- Pigs.
- Mississippi.
- 27.3 days.
- 179.
- Gatorade.
- A rubber.
- Gold, silver, platinum and palladium.
- Lupercalia.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

January Restaurant Inspections

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

Bobablastic, 240 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 27
Score: 94
- Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked,

specifically carton of milk opened three days ago is not date marked.
- The use of time as a public health control is not properly monitored, food is not properly marked or written procedures have not been developed, specifically container of boba is not time marked. operator states it was prepared 1 hour prior.
Kell's Cafe, 1089 Edgewater Ave. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 24
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically bowl of butter is sitting out at room temperature. operator states it has been out for 3.5 hours.
Taco Bell, 200 W Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 24
Score: 100
Brooks & Terry's Espress LLC, 100 Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 24
Score: 100
Dairy Queen, 1141 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 24

Score: 100
Little Caesars, 1395 Edgewater St. NW, Suite 100, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 24
Score: 97 - The use of time as a public health control is not properly monitored, food is not properly marked or written procedures have not been developed, specifically several pizzas on rack (68F) are not time marked. Operator states the last pizza was made 20 minutes ago.
The Inferno - Taphouse, 915 N Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 23
Score: 100
The Inferno - Mobile Unit, 915 N Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 23
Score: 74
- Food employees are not washing their hands as often as necessary, specifically operator is observed entering unit and going straight to handling utensils and food contact surfaces without washing hands. Handwashing sink is dry.
- Soap is not provided at a handwashing sink, specifically handwashing soap dispenser in mobile unit is not working.

- Food-contact surfaces are not clean, specifically interior of white reach in refrigerator has an accumulation of mold and food debris.
- Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically container of chimichurri (56F) containing fresh cut garlic in oil is sitting out at room temperature. operator states it has been out since last night.
- Refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within

the required time period or is not properly date-marked, specifically several containers of cooked meats in prep unit and white reach in are date marked over 7 days ago. Three containers of cooked meats prepared yesterday are not date marked. Container of cream opened around a week ago is not date marked.
The Tap Station, 87 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 23
Score: 100

Tater's Cafe, 683 SE Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 23
Score: 100
Dutch Bros Coffee, 165 Pacific Ave., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 22
Score: 100
Taqueria Arandas, 1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 22
Score: 90 - Cooked potentially hazardous food is improperly cooled,

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LETTERS

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President Trump brings common sense back to the office

Woo Hoo! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
At last we have a true President. A real leader. Someone who really loves this country and is working to restore our rights and worth under the Constitution as it was meant to be.
He may be a little brash. He may have some faults. But my, oh my does he have true common sense. Wow!

Aren't we truly blessed to have Donald J Trump as the leader of our nation? To bring us back to reality . To restore true justice. To rid the government of the corruption and immorality that has taken us over for the last several decades.
Let's do our part to help him!
June Stout
Independence

Nobody elected Musk to snoop around the government
No one elected Elon Musk. Period. He has no

legal authority nor clearance to act as an agent of our government. No one elected his snot-nosed goons, either. They have no legitimacy, clearance no authority to operate on behalf of the U.S. Government.
Remember, We the People are the United States, not one wannabe dictator and his billionaire friend. Musk, et al, should, in future, be denied entry to Government Agencies where he is claiming authority, and he and his minions should be escorted out of and away from said building by armed guards, if necessary.
Period.
Florence Glatt
Dallas

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Black History Month Challenge

Here are eight times. Can you match them with important events that happened?
1789, 1865, 1865-77, 1921, 1948, 1964, 1967, 2020
- Article one, section two of the Constitution of the United States declared that any person who was not free would be counted as three-fifths of a free individual for the purposes of determining congressional representation. This “Three-Fifths

Clause” increased the political power of slaveholding states.
- John Lewis was a hero of the U.S. civil rights movement. He endured beatings by police and mobs and played a large role in American politics for 60 years. “Speak up, speak out, get in the way,” he urged people a few months before his death. “Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America.”

- The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution “prohibited slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime.” It was the first of three Reconstruction Amendments.
- Thurgood Marshall was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the first African American to be a SCOTUS justice.
- In Tulsa, OK, the Black Wall Street massacre was a white supremacist terrorist riot. Mobs of white

people attacked black residents, destroyed homes and businesses in more than 35 square blocks of the city.
- President Harry Truman created the President’s Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. His order mandated the desegregation of the U.S. military.
- Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The law

prohibited discrimination in public places, schools, and federally assisted programs, based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin.
- Black conventions and newspapers throughout the South advocated for the extension of full civil and political rights to African Americans. Composed of those who had been free before the Civil War plus ministers, writers, and veterans, Black leaders pressed for the elimination of

the racial caste system and the economic uplifting of former slaves.
Answers
1789 - Three-fifths clause of constitution
1865 - 13th Amendment
1865-77 - Reconstruction years
1921 - Black Wall Street Massacre
1948 - Military was desegregated
1964 - Civil Rights Act of 1964
1967 - Thurgood Marshall to Supreme Court

INSPECTIONS

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specifically large metal pot of cooked beans in fridge are 60F. Operator states these were cooked yesterday. Large metal container of cooked meat in fridge is 74F. Operator states this was cooked 7 hours prior.
Dreaming of Sushi, 1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 22
Score: 92
- A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically handwashing sink has soap dispenser and cardboard lid sitting in basin.
- Raw or ready-to eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically raw eggs are stored above miso in reach in unit under counter.
Bobablastic, 1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 22
Score: 100
Pastatastic, 1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 22
Score: 100
Painted Pony Coffee & Cream, 226 S Main St., Suite A, Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 22

Score: 100
The Back Porch, 1142 NW Edgewater St. West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 21
Score: 87 -
- A handwashing sink does not provide the minimum water temperature or is not equipped with a mixing valve or combination faucet, specifically handwashing sink in the bathroom is not getting above 72F. Operator states there is an issue with the electrical line to that sink.
- Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically container of honey butter is sitting at room temp, butter is 72F. Operator states it has been out for 45 minutes.
Java Crew, 779 Wallace Road, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 21
Score: 94 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically handwashing sink in back has no soap or paper towels. Metal tub and sponge are sitting in basin of sink.
Dutch Bros. Coffee, 515 Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 17
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically heavy cream, chocolate milk,

and milk sitting on counter are at 53F and 47F.
Brew Coffee And Tap House, 211 S Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 16
Score: 100
McDonald’s, 1315 Monmouth, Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 16
Score: 100
Fro-zone Yogurt, 1389 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 16
Score: 100
Habebah Coffee & Cuisine, 110 Main St. W., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100
Baskin Robbins, 1124 Wallace Road, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100
Starbucks Coffee, 1124 Wallace Road NW, Suite 105, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100
Burgerville USA, 615 E Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 15
Score: 100
Dairy Queen, 320 Pacific Ave S., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 14
Score: 100
KFC/A&W, 444 S Pacific Hwy, Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 14
Score: 100
Dairy Queen, 586 SE Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 13
Score: 100

Abby’s Legendary Pizza, 174 W Ellendale, Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 13
Score: 100
Rookie’s, 641 E Clay St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 10
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is improperly reheated for hot holding, specifically beer cheese reheating in warmer is 100F. Operator states it has been reheating for 1.5 hours. Cheese will not reach 165f within 2 hours.
Habanero’s, 601 Clay St. E., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 10
Score: 95 - Refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within the required time period or is not properly date-marked, specifically container of chopped vegetables are datemarked Jan. 2, 2025 - 8 days prior. Container of diced ham is incorrectly datemarked Dec. 31, 2024. Ham was prepared on Dec. 31, 2-24, then frozen and defrosted Jan. 8, 2025.
Bobablastic Dallas, 955 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 95 - The chlorine sanitizer concentration, pH, or temperature is not adequate, specifically chlorine sanitizer in three compartment sink is at Oppm.
Ugo’s Pizza Parlor, 967 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100

West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 8
Score: 100
Subway, 1379 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100
Domino’s Pizza, 772 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100
Jersey Mikes, 555 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100
Subway, 1554 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100
Starbucks, 1505 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 95 - Poisonous or toxic materials are not stored or displayed to prevent contamination, specifically chemical cleaners and graffiti remover stored above cold crew coffee grinder in back kitchen area.
Odd Moes Pizza, 1594 Edgewater St. #160, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 7
Score: 100
Jamba Juice, 515 Taggart Dr. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 6

Score: 100
Panda Express, 655 Taggart Dr. #150, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100
Domino’s Pizza, 590 Taggart Drive NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 6
Score: 100
Pizza Hut, 560 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 3
Score: 100
Taco Bell, 450 Wallace Road NW, Salem
Inspection Date: Jan. 3
Score: 100
Subway, 242 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 3
Score: 100
Pizza Hut, 244 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 3
Score: 100
Starbucks, 244 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Jan. 3
Score: 100
The Sippery, 169 W Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 2
Score: 100
Yeasty Beasty, 167 Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 2
Score: 100
Main Street Ice Cream Parlor Inc., 109 Main St. E., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Jan. 2
Score: 100

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Feb. 12-18

Swimming

Feb. 13 & 15

MWC Districts Meets,

Albany Community

Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Central and Dallas

Wrestling

Feb. 14-15

Boys MWC Districts

Meets

Salem Armory, Time

TBA

Central, Dallas

Feb. 21-22

Girls MWC District

Meets

Salem Armory, Time

TBA

Central and Dallas

Girls Basketball

Feb. 13

Southwest Christian at

Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 14

Central at Dallas, 5:30

p.m.

Perrydale at Country

Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

Silverton at Central,

5:30 p.m.

Dallas at Crescent

Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Feb. 13

Perrydale at Lyle/

Wishram, 7 p.m.

Feb. 14

Central at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Feb. 18

Silverton at Central, 7

p.m.

Dallas at Crescent

Valley, 7 p.m.

Panther great nearing her final chapter

By Lance Masterson
For the Itemizer-Observer

Gentry Hagedorn didn't just edit a few lines in the Central High School record book. Instead, the senior completely rewrote it.

Hagedorn is a swimmer. As such, the school recognizes nine individual events in her sport. She is the record-holder in seven of them.

Taylor Hagedorn is the school's fastest ever in the other two individual events, and the sisters joined forces to help set school records in the two relays.

In other words, it's a clean sweep for the Hagedorn sisters when it comes to setting the swimming standards at the school.

What's more, there's time for Gentry to add to her lore and medal collection. The Mid-Willamette Conference finals are Thursday and Saturday at the Albany Community Pool, with state finals Feb. 21-22 at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton.

She will swim in two individual events and two relays at districts.

"I'm sad that it's my last time competing, because I've competed with all these same people, like the past four years, and even before in club," Hagedorn said.

Appreciating the experience, not necessarily winning, is of primary importance to her.

"I'm trying not to go into it putting too much pressure on myself," she said. "Mainly, I just want to have fun and get good experiences for my last year. It would be nice to place, hopefully, in the top three, but I'm not going to

focus on my placement this year."

High school coach Dave Morelli sees traits in Gentry that are common to most great athletes.

"She has an amazing work ethic. You give her a hard workout set that you think is impossible and she does it. She did this her whole life," Morelli said. "The other thing she has is great body awareness. You tell her to correct something, and she does it immediately."

Gentry's days as a competitive swimmer appear to be nearing their end. For the first time in years, she is not a part of the Blue Dragons club team. Nor does she expect to swim competitively in college.

"I think this is going to be my last year. I just feel burnt out," she said of 10-plus years swimming. "I feel like it's been a part of my life for so long, so I'm ready to part ways with it."

Still, there's a few more races left before she bids adieu. Gentry and twin brother Cash lead the Panthers into this week's finals. Cash doesn't own a school record, though he has a few races left to change that. He is also among the most talented swimmers on the boys' team.

The Hagadorn twins also share another characteristic. They are the only swimmers with significant club experience on their team.

"Everybody else has either been with me for three years, or have been swimming with me for two, three years," Morelli said. "The ones that have been swimming with me have improved greatly. So, it will be interesting to see whether they can get into a



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Central high senior swimmer Gentry Hagedorn, here with coach David Morelli, celebrates finishing her prep career with seven individual school records and being a part of two record-setting relay teams.

final, even if it's a consolation final."

What Morelli also wants to see is good times, solid starts, improved turns and building for next year.

"Because for a lot of them, districts will be new to them, and they haven't quite figured out what it means. And when they go to districts, then they can go, okay, I understand now," he said.

Also new to many of the swimmers, the level of intensity that comes when seven teams face off against each

other with bragging rights and state berths at stake.

"The big schools are trying to win so they can be district champions as a team, and several are trying to get to state. So it's intense," Morelli said.

West Albany, Crescent Valley and Silverton are the league's power trio, while Central is more closely aligned with Dallas, Lebanon and other teams that are in a lower tier.

Location could factor into the meet's intensity. The meet has historically been held at the now-closed Osborn

Aquatic Center (OAC) in Corvallis, which is better suited for large events and features an eight-lane pool.

The Albany Community Pool has six lanes. So only 12 swimmers combined will qualify for each final and consolation final, instead of the usual 16.

Spectator seating is also more limited. So, fans will be shuffled in and out of the pool area on a per event basis.

Due to a prior commitment, districts will be held Thursday and Saturday, instead of Friday and Saturday as usual.

Pfankuch, Dragons hope to make a splash at districts

By Lance Masterson
For the Itemizer-Observer

Emmy Pfankuch, a Dallas High School senior, is building quite the legacy in athletics.

A partial list of accomplishments include her advancing to the district tournament in tennis as a freshman, competing in 12 triathlons and qualifying for a national swim meet set for later this year. All as a para athlete.

"I started (swim) lessons when I was four, and then when I was eight, I was on the Blue Dolphins swim team for like eight years, and then I took a break for a few years," Pfankuch said. "Now, I'm on the high school team."

Up next, Pfankuch joins her fellow Dragons Thursday and Saturday at the Mid-Willamette district finals, Albany Community Pool, where she will compete in the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke.

What makes her story remarkable is that Pfankuch has spina bifida, is confined to a wheelchair, has no movement in her legs, and is in constant pain - with one notable exception.

"I have sclerosis now. It's developed pretty severely," she said. "I don't feel any pain in the water. It's the only place where I don't feel pain."

Pfankuch is one of only a few para swimmers in Oregon who compete on a high school team. She is the only para swimmer in her district. As such, she will swim with "able-bodied" swimmers at districts.

Much is at stake in her two races.

Oregon holds a state final for para swimmers. But to advance from districts, swimmers must first meet or better qualifying times in their event. Pfankuch is confident as she prepares for the biggest high school meet of the season so far.

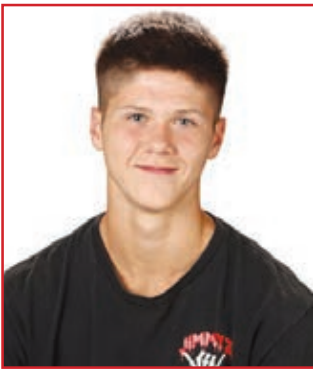
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Dallas High School para athlete Emmy Pfankuch, here with her mother Jill at the Dallas Aquatic Center, has district, state (perhaps) and national swim meets on her busy schedule.

CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Lucas Haines

Lucas Haines, a Freshman on the Boys Varsity Basketball team helped secure a big win on the road vs #6 South Albany giving them their second loss in league. Lucas ended with 17 points, 13 rebounds (4 offensive and 9 defensive), 1 block, and 1 assist.

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DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lady Dragons Wrestling Team



The Lady Dragons Wrestling team was nominated and awarded the January 5A team of the month. The Girls won the Oregon Wrestling Classic Tournament and are poised for a strong finish as they head into districts on 2/21 and state tournaments on 2/28!

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago
Feb. 12, 1975

Sheriff's posse mans forest road checks

Timber thieves, firewood poaches and a number of recent burglary and vandalism incidents in Polk County forest lands resulted in a number of roadblocks on roads leading into forest areas this past weekend. The road check points, manned by volunteers from the sheriff's posse, assisted by four-wheel-drive equipped search and rescue members, were set up on several rural roads at Teal Creek, Grant Creek, Black Rock, Rickreall Creek, Mill Creek and Gooseneck Creek. Road checks conducted over the weekend resulted in nearly 80 field interrogation reports being filed by the reserves manning the check points.

Bossattis top honor list at annual chamber event

The Annual First Citizen Awards in Dallas seemed like a 'family affair' last

Saturday evening as Dr. And Mrs. E.B. Bossatti were presented Outstanding Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Other awards presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet included the Organization award for 1974 which went to Christmas Cheer; the Good Samaritan Award which went to Adah Ryan; four Community Beautification Awards; and the tree Farmer of the Year Award.

Dallas shooting poorly but still winning

The Dragons ventured over to the other, supposedly weak, side of the Coast Valley League for a couple of encounters last Tuesday and Friday and had to fight for their lives to come out with a couple of victories. The locals hosted Molalla Tuesday and came from behind to whip the Valley leaders 47-44. On Friday they visited Sandy and scraped out a slim 51-47 win.

40 years ago
Feb. 13, 1985

LaCreole fruit may add jobs

LaCreole Fruit Company has made a pre-application to the state for an expansion project which will provide 21 more future jobs for the Rickreall processing firm. Those jobs would be seasonal positions and would

be the equivalent of 21 full-time jobs during a complete year. If the project is completed, the company would double its shift during its processing season.

Dallas may gain new paper core produce

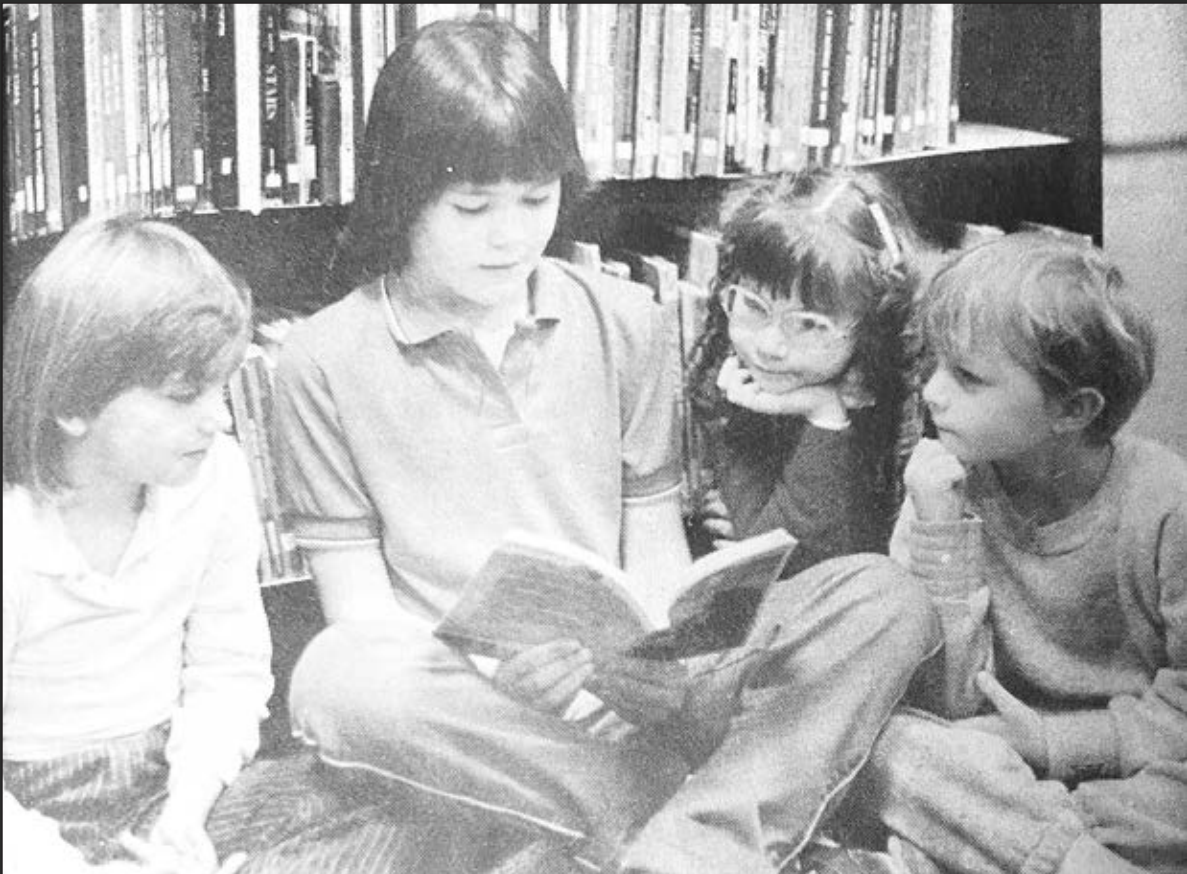
With approval by the state Economic Development Commission, Dallas may see on March 15 the beginning of a new industrial plant adjacent to Friesen Core Products on Southeast

Mill Street near the city shops. To be operated by Vic and Don Friesen, the new plant will employ about seven other workers initially. It will produce spiral paper core products for the region's paper mills.

Dragon wrestlers ready to roar

"We just hope we get what we deserve. That's all we want." That's how Dallas High wrestling coach Paul Olliff summed up

his team's attitude going into the Willamette Valley League meet this weekend. The Dragons haven't had much to roar about the past two seasons, but this year could be a turning point for the program. In 1983, Dallas placed last at district, while the 1984 squad improved a notch to sixth. This time around, Olliff figures his squad will finish at least fourth, with a chance at second



This week's flashback is from Feb. 13, 1985: Katie McDowell encourages reading with Whitworth first graders (from left) Shawna Johnston, Michelle Hoeffling and Kenny Frank.

Community Achievement

Bryce Hayes makes Deans List at Nebraska

Bryce Hayes of Dallas has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year. Hayes, a senior majoring in music, was named to the

Dean's List for the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. To qualify for the Dean's List, students in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts must achieve a 3.7 grade-point average, based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours.

Ronan Dougherty makes Abilene Christian University's Dean's Honor Roll

Abilene Christian University has named Ronan Dougherty of West Salem to the Fall 2024 Dean's Honor Roll. Dougherty is a senior biology major.

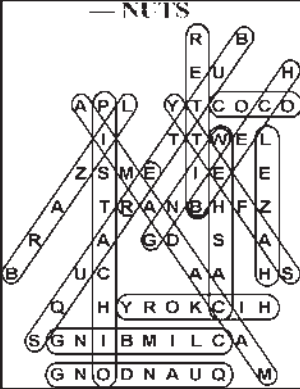
Dougherty is among more than 1,800 students named to the Fall 2024 Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

CryptoQuip answer

That cute, tiny tyke could barely walk yet, but he was getting around on foot to the best of his stability.

Go Figure!

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Sweet Indulgence: Chocolate Truffle Torte for Valentine's Day

It's sweets for the sweet on Valentine's Day! Believe it or not, you only need two ingredients to create this rich, decadent chocolate torte. Yes, just two! If you've been following my foodie adventures, you know I love geeking out over food science, and this recipe is no exception. Variations of this cake have been making the rounds online for years, and Valentine's Day felt like the perfect time to give it a whirl. The best part? It's historically wonderfully affordable, all you need are eggs and chocolate. Let's keep our fingers crossed that egg prices won't skyrocket between the time of my writing and you reading this. While some may hesitate at the thought of whipping egg whites into a meringue, let me assure you: If you have a mixer, you can absolutely do this.

Here's why it works: Eggs are amazing. Separating the yolks from the whites allows the yolks to add richness while emulsifying the chocolate. Meanwhile, the whipped egg whites transform into a meringue that provides all the lift and structure this cake needs. The result? It's like a chocolate soufflé and a truffle had a baby. And yes, I ate it.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE TORTE
Yield: 8 servings

Total Time: 45 minutes
10 ounces of good quality chocolate, finely chopped
4 eggs, separated

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line an 8-inch springform pan or a round cake pan with parchment paper. Cut a circle for the bottom and a sleeve for the sides. Use cooking spray to keep the paper in place (spray the pan so the paper will stick), but don't spray the paper itself.

Separate the eggs, ensuring no yolks mix into the whites. Melt the chocolate in the microwave for 30-second intervals, stirring until smooth, and set aside to cool.

Using a hand or stand mixer, whip the egg whites until stiff peaks form.

By hand, whisk the egg yolks into



The ultimate Valentine's Day treat — decadent, velvety and perfectly irresistible.

the cooled chocolate. It may seize up at first — keep whisking, and it will smooth out.

Add one-third of the meringue to the chocolate mixture and whisk it to lighten it. Using a spatula, gently fold in half of the remaining meringue to incorporate and then fold in the rest until just combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. The cake will puff up like a soufflé as

it bakes but it will fall as it cools — that's exactly what you want!

Once cool, serve as is or dust with powdered sugar. This cake is beautifully paired with a dollop of whipped cream and fresh berries.

For an extra flourish, drizzle with warm chocolate ganache or add a scoop of ice cream. It's a showstopper dessert that's deceptively simple to make.

Chocolate Tips

Since chocolate is the star here, choose wisely. Purchasing the best-quality chocolate you can comfortably afford will make all the difference. I found semi-sweet chocolate to be the perfect balance, though my kids preferred milk chocolate. Feeling adventurous? Try using chocolate bars flavored with orange, raspberry or even chili for a unique twist.

This Valentine's Day, treat yourself and your loved ones to a dessert that's indulgent, effortless and oh-so-impressive. Remember: Thick and dense is fabulous in a cake — but maybe not in a Valentine. Once again, choose wisely.

If you love this recipe, you'll adore the weekly inspiration I share in my free newsletter. From budget-friendly meal ideas to clever kitchen tips, there's always something to make your life a little sweeter. Sign up at DivasOnADime.com and join our community!

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TOWN CRIER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEB. 12-19

Wednesday, Feb. 12
7 a.m. - Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chat with Independence City Manager, Brew Coffee & Tap House, Main & C St.
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Manga and Anime Club, for teens, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
6 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Board meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 Hogan Road

6 p.m. - Downtown Dallas Association and Mid-Valley Parenting present Free Family Movie Night: “How to Train Your Dragon”, Dallas Cinema, 773 SE Jefferson St.
6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Thursday, Feb. 13
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8 a.m. - Dallas Downtown Association Board meeting, Civic Center
9 a.m. - Community Talk with the Independence City Manager, Brew Coffee & Tap House, 211 S. Main St.
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S Warren St.
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes, ages 2 and under, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center

DTW hosts CHS fundraiser concert Feb. 15
DTW hosts The Video Game Concert - a Fundraiser for Central High School, at 7 p.m. Feb. 15. DWT is returning to CHS, 1490 Monmouth St., to play video game music and support the CHS Band programs. Come jam to your favorite game tunes while supporting the next generation of musicians. General admission is \$15, kids are \$5.

Lions Club hosts crab feed Feb. 15
The Central Lions Club of Monmouth and Independence hosts its annual All You Can Eat Crab Feed Feb. 15 at Eola Winery in Rickreall, with a Valentines Day theme, and live music. Service is 5-8 p.m.
Tickets are available online now at \$50 for the

6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6 p.m. - Community Talk with the Independence City Manager, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Feb. 14
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. – Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/ Listening Ear/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop/Drawing For Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Valentine’s Ice Cream & Bingo Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Live Music: Joe Stoddard, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, Feb. 15
9 a.m. - Ham Radio Show, \$10 admission, children free with paying adult, Main Building & Building B, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West, for more information go to www.w7sra.com

10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Seed Starting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Live Music: Bailey Heide, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence

Sunday, Feb. 16
2 p.m. - Live Music: Froggy, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, Feb. 17
Public Libraries closed for Presidents’ Day
Monmouth Senior Community Center Closed for Presidents’ Day
10 a.m. - Cards/table games/care giver support, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
6 p.m. - PCLA Board meeting, small meeting room, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West

Tuesday, Feb. 18
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

Senior center hosts Grief 101 Workshop Feb. 20
The Monmouth Senior Community Center hosts the Willamette Vital Health presentation Grief 101 Workshop at 11 a.m. Feb. 20. Drop in at 180 Warren St. S. and learn about the natural and healthy grieving process.

Senior center hosts Black History Month celebration Feb. 20
The Monmouth Senior Community Center hosts the Black History Month Celebration “Lift Every Voice and Sing: Listening to the Past, Visualizing Our Future,” a gathering black excellence through poetry, at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The senior center is located at 180 Warren St. in Monmouth.

10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
4:30 p.m. - Teen Taco Tuesday and Cosplay 101:Getting Started, Dallas Public Library,950 Main St.
5:30 p.m. - Polk County Coin Club Monthly Meeting, Main Building, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
6 p.m. - Dallas City Council Work Session/ Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Dance: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Dallas Urban Renewal Agency meeting, 187 SE Court St.
7:30 p.m. - Dance: Latin, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Wednesday, Feb. 19
7 a.m. - Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours,

stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
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12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Needle Felting: Let’s Build a Snowman, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Independence Traffic Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Dallas senior center hosts Master Gardeners Class Feb. 21
Join certified Master Gardener Lee Schlenker to learn new ideas about how to grow and garden during the Master Gardener Chat at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Dallas Area Senior Center, located at 817 SW Church St.

4-H Critter Campus returns Feb. 22
Oregon 4-H Polk County presents Critter Campus at 9 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 Highway 99, Rickreall. Learn about rabbits, cavies, poultry, and cats from a broad range of presenters from veterinarians, judges, 4-H leaders, local industry experts and more. This event is geared towards youth ages 5-18 and has over 30 sessions to choose from. Register ahead of time or the day of. It is \$10 to participate, scholarships available. Register online at <https://beav.es/GWg>. For class list and more information, go to <https://beav.es/Gmq>.

Monmouth Library hosts livestream ‘York of the Lewis & Clark Expedition’ on Feb. 22
The Monmouth Public Library hosts the Oregon Black Pioneers

presentation “York of the Lewis & Clark Expedition” at 11 a.m. on Feb. 22. Learn more about the slave York who accompanied Lewis and Clark from 1803-06 during a livecast at the library meeting room, located at 168 Ecols St. Or, you can watch it from home online at <https://tinyurl.com/obpyork>.

Buell Grange hosts flea market Feb. 22-23
The Buell Grange #637 hosts a February Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 22-23. Located at 5970 Mill Creek Road, the market features all types of vendors, including those who want to have a garage sale. Lunch will be provided for all, and donations are greatly appreciated.

Climate Cafe returns Feb. 27
The Monmouth-Independence Climate Action Group hosts Climate Cafe from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S. Join this opportunity community members, students and citizens of all ages to engage in meaningful dialog about environmental

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PCIO25-1045 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No. 24PB10947 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of SPYROS DIOGENES, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Christopher Kleronomos has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at PO Box 86100, Portland, OR 97286-0100, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on February 12, 2025. Christopher Kleronomos Personal Representative Tiffany A. Elkins, OSB No. 033110 Harris & Elkins Attorneys for Personal Representative PO Box 86100 Portland, OR 97286-0100 Tel (503) 777-5473 Fax (503) 777-8566 Email: telkins@harriselkinslaw.com Published: February 12, 2025.

PCIO25-1047 NOTICE OF ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING FILE NO. AX 1 2024-04 Proposed Project: The Independence City Council will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2025 (6:30 pm) to consider a proposal to annex a 8.9 acre portion of 6675 Corvallis Road (Taxmap 8.4.33, Taxlot: 200), located west of the Southern Pacific Railroad and accessed off 6th Street. The request seeks to annex the property into the City and replace the existing County Suburban Residential Zone (that applies to the property) with the City Low-Density Residential Zone. A portion of the 50-foot right-of-way located directly north of the property (Taxmap 8.4.33, Taxlot: 201), which is owned by the City of Independence, would also be annexed and designated Low-Density Residential as part of the application. No division of the annexed land or approval of a development would occur as part of the request. Project Location: A portion of 6675 Corvallis Road (Taxmap 8.4.33, Taxlot: 200) located west of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and a portion of the City-owned right-of-way located directly north of the property (Taxmap 8.4.33, Taxlot: 201). Application Criteria: The decision on the application will be based on the approval criteria in the Independence Comprehensive Plan and Independence Development Code (IDC) Subchapters 10, 11, 12, 14, and 20. The approval criteria are available for review at the Independence Civic Center or online at: <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/codes-plans-maps/>. Time and Place of Public Hearing: March 11, 2025 (6:30 pm) at the Independence Civic Center (555 S. Main Street, Independence). The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Any requests 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: The above noted file is available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the application will be available at least seven days prior to the hearing. Copies of the information may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit testimony up to and at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be provided at the public hearing. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns, by the close of the hearing. Failure to raise an issue or 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 Land Use Board of Appeals. Any appeal of the decision must be filed with the Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days of the final decision date. Staff Contact: For further information or to request special accommodation for the hearing, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, 503-837-1168, rfevander@ci.independence.or.us.

PCIO25-1019 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: O R - 2 4 - 1 0 0 4 0 1 4 - S W Reference is made to that certain deed made by, TYLER JEFFERY CARTER AND KYLIE LYNN CARTER, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE E L E C T R O N I C REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NATIONS DIRECT MORTGAGE, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND

ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 6/30/2023, recorded 6/30/2023, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2 0 2 3 - 0 0 4 9 5 7 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 563215 07320-CD-08300 Lot 3, REPLAT LOTS 1-9 WOODHAVEN ESTATES PHASE 1, in the City of Salem, County of Polk and State of Oregon. Commonly known as: 650 BURLEY HILL LOOP NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$51,721.62 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAY OFF: \$470,669.49 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 12/1/2023, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 5/20/2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 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 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest TYLER CARTER 650

BURLEY HILL LOOP NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower KYLIE CARTER 650 BURLEY HILL LOOP NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 855-882-1314 or Login to: www.hubzu.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-1004014-SW Dated: 1/8/2025 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0226192 2/12/2025 2/19/2025 2/26/2025 3/5/2025

PCIO25-1044 NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY The City of Dallas has in its physical possession the unclaimed property described below, that was found in August 2024. If you have any ownership interest in any of this unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the City of Dallas, before Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 or you will lose your interest in this property. Sports equipment You will be required to describe the item and provide legitimate proof of purchase and/or ownership. To inquire or file a claim, please contact City of Dallas City Recorder 187 SE Court St Dallas, OR 97338 or call 503-831-3502

PCIO25-1045 CITY OF DALLAS, OREGON NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE FOR THE MAY 20, 2025 ELECTION Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the City Council of the City of Dallas to voters has been filed with the City Elections Official of the City of Dallas on February 4, 2025. Notice is hereby given that on May 20, 2025, an election will be held in the City of Dallas and conducted by mail. The ballot title to be submitted to the City's voters follows. CAPTION: General obligation bonds for Dallas police facilities QUESTION: Shall City of Dallas issue \$17,200,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds for police facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. SUMMARY: If approved, the bonds would finance capital costs of the City including constructing, renovating, and equipping new police facilities, and

related improvements and equipment. Bonds would mature in 30 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the average annual tax rate is estimated to be \$0.52 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in Polk County Circuit Court not later than 5:00 p.m. February 13, 2025 (the 7th business day after the ballot title was filed with the City Elections Official), pursuant to ORS 250.296. The elector must notify the City Elections Official in writing that the petition has been filed no later than 5:00pm on the next business day following the date the petition is filed.

PCIO25-1048 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via bid13.com on 3/5/2025 at 10:00AM. Sandra M Ellis unit #A1058; Alex Brouwer unit #A2033; Sheila M Davis unit #A2035; Zachary L Duvall unit #A2060; Jessica Amerman unit #A2080; Teresa Fann unit #A2102; William Lazar unit #A3034; Diana Luna unit #A3072; Nicholas Ahern unit #A3073; Eric Nuber unit #A3075; Shannon Wingfield unit #A3088; Tiffany Garcia unit #A4106; Brittany Patrick unit #A4229; Alfredo Arevalo unit #A4236; Marc Brooks unit #D4008. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1038 T.S. No.: 24-12732 Trustee's Notice Of Sale Loan No: 399408720 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, Pacific Northwest Home Solutions LLC, A Missouri Limited Liability Company as Grantor to Fidelity National Title Company Of Oregon, as trustee, in favor of Riverbend Funding, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company, as Beneficiary, dated 5/17/2022, recorded 5/18/2022, in official records of Polk County, Oregon in as Instrument No. 2022-006090, covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 258292 That Portion Of Lots 13 And 14, Block L Of West Salem, In The City Of Salem, County Of Polk And State Of Oregon, Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southeast Corner Of Lot Numbered 13, In Block Lettered "L" Of West Salem, In The City Of Salem, County Of Polk And State Of Oregon; Running Thence Westerly Along The North Line Of The Alley Of Said Block To A Point 53 Feet From The Said Southeast Corner Of Said Lot; Thence Southerly Along The East Line Of Said Lot, A Distance Of 54 Feet; Thence Easterly 55 Feet To A Point On The East Line Of Said Lot, A Distance Of 54 Feet From The Said Southeast Corner Of Said Lot; Thence Southerly Along The East Line Of Said Lot, A Distance Of 54 Feet To The Place Of Beginning. Property Commonly known as: 522 Gerth Ave 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 entire balance of unpaid principal and interest, which became due on 11/11/2024, along with late charges, foreclosure fees and costs any legal fees or advances that have become due. 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 \$197,030.46 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10.5 % per annum from 8/1/2024 until paid; plus default interest and 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 5/27/2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas 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 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. 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. Dated: 1/7/2025 Ghidotti Berger, LLP /s/ Signature By: Ryan M. Carson, Esq. OSB 170371 State of Washington County of King I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Ryan M. Carson is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be (his/her) free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument. Dated: 01/07/2025 /s/ John M Ames Signature Notary Public Title My appointment expires: 03/24/2027

PCIO25-1031 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 24-68125 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by DAVID A GIER, SR. as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 8/3/2022, recorded 8/8/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-009216, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 10, EOLA RIDGE PHASE 1, CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 12, PAGE 10) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 2455 REINDEER AVE NW SALEM, OREGON 97304-3684 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 563370107320-CA-01000 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 10/1/2023, 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: 10/1/2023 Total of past due payments: \$28,686.64 Late Charges: \$431.22 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,480.85 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,527.50 Total necessary to cure: \$32,126.21 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation

and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$278,729.60 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 4/22/2025 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: Front Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/10/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#0945593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4831071 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025

PCIO25-1030 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageetreasures.com on 2/20/2025 at 10:00AM. Andrew Fleck unit #187; Serena Watts unit #5001; Jordan Evans unit #628. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1029 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageetreasures.com on 2/20/2025 at 10:00AM. Angela McElroy-Koch unit #119; Daryen Ackerman units #196 & #A05; Shelbi Nunn unit #283; Alecea Clason unit #290. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1021 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 24-70181 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by DAVID L. SALTIVICK III and SARAH D. SALTIVICK, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to TICOR TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for PINNACLE CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/5/2013, recorded 11/8/2013, as Instrument No. 2013-011748, in mortgage records of Polk

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County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 64, PIONEER HEIGHTS, CITY OF WILLAMINA, COULTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 64, PIONEER HEIGHTS, CITY OF WILLAMINA, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 750 SW PIONEER COURT AKA 750 PIONEER CT SW WILLAMINA, OREGON 97396 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 549350 / 06701-CC-06600 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 4/1/2024, 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: 4/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$8,353.29 Late Charges: \$96.48 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,898.19 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,132.00 Total necessary to cure: \$11,479.96 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$102,775.76 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 4/18/2025 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: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure

proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/3/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4830377 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025

PCIO25-1020 TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 170954 APN: 394309 and 570498 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Jimmy M David, an unmarried man as Grantor to Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for The Federal Savings Bank as Beneficiary, dated 11/06/2017, recorded 11/15/2017, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2017-013617 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: See attached Exhibit A Commonly known as: 4650 Hart Rd, Dallas, OR 97338 The current beneficiary is ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB SERBANK pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 12/04/2023 as Inst No. 2023-008861 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 05/01/2023 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust.1. By the 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: Principal balance of: \$196,659.32; 2. Interest through 01/06/2025 in the amount of: \$12,139.68 3. Suspense Balance in the amount of: \$(275.00) 4. Corporate Advances balance in the amount of: \$2,095.23 5. Late Charges in the Amount of: \$2,332.56 6. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$8,516.89 7. Total NSF Charges in the amount of: \$25.00 8. Total Fee Amount in the amount of: \$190.00 9.

Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.5000000% per annum 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. The principal sum of \$196,659.32 together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.5000000% per annum from 04/01/2023 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 the undersigned trustee will on 05/20/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, 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 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 05/20/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you

with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: · 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR · AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: · Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; · Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and · Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: · You do not owe rent; · The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and · You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you.

The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org> NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 01/09/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-4832490 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

PCIO25-1024 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-21-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 1946 SE Miller Ave, Dallas, OR. 97338. The court case number is 23CV25994, where SELCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, an Oregon State Chartered Credit Union is plaintiff, and DAVID GLEN TRACY JR.; HAILEY JEAN BUSTOS is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

PCIO25-1026 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Jesse J. Evans and Samira Evans, husband and wife as grantor, to Tigor Title, as trustee, in favor of Maps Credit Union as beneficiary, dated October 28, 2022, and recorded on November 2, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-011835, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon. The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the OAKS ADD. TO DALLAS, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said county; thence North 68° 24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66°

10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Arrearage in the sum of \$10,281.04 as of October 28, 2024, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on April 9, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: Northwest Front Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the 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 or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum 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 trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit A, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, is not published pursuant to ORS 86.774(2) (b). DATED: October 28, 2024. Michelle M. Bertolino, Successor Trustee Farleigh Wada Witt 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: 503-228-6044; fax:

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, Jan. 30

At 1:41 a.m., as a suspect was being checked into jail, it was found that they had given a sibling's information. They were charged with giving false information.

At 5:34 a.m., a report of a disturbance on Washington Street. An individual was acting out in the hospital lobby.

At 7:37 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph zone on Main Street.

At 8:36 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone and driving uninsured.

At 12:49 p.m., a report of a crash on La Creole Drive. The vehicle had experienced a mechanical issue causing the motorist to drive up on the curb and cause some property damage.

At 1:44 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Main Street. A CenturyLink truck knocked over a comm box.

At 2 p.m., a report of an assault between juveniles. The matter is under investigation.

At 4:51 p.m., a report of harassment on Levens Street. The suspect mistook the complainant for a relative, and planned to assault them, then left when they realized their error.

At 5:21 p.m., a report of a homeless person leaving rubbish behind after vacating the corner on Academy Street.

Friday, Jan. 31

At 1:31 a.m., officers responded to a 911 hangup on Hunter Street. Everyone was okay at the location.

At 3:46 a.m., an officer pulled a metal ramp out of the road on Uglow Avenue.

At 10:01 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Pine Place. A fence had been damaged.

At 6:26 a.m., a report of fraud on Academy Street. Two fraudulent transactions had taken place online.

At 6:27 p.m., a report of harassment on Dimick Street. The suspect was advised to not contact their neighbor anymore.

At 8:20 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended on Ellendale Avenue.

At 8:52 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to carry and present a license, obstructing governmental administration, failure to register the vehicle, failure to carry proof of insurance, and operating without required lighting.

At 10:51 p.m., a motorist on Barberry Avenue was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

Saturday, Feb. 1

At 9:43 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Washington Street. The suspect was cited on a failure to appear warrant from Marion County.

At 10:31 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle abandoned for three days on Ellendale Avenue. There was a note in the windshield advising it had broken down.

At 5:10 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. Both parties reported it was a verbal



disturbance and agreed to separate for the night.

At 7:27 p.m., a report of a theft of a purse at Walmart.

At 8:35 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for no operator's license.

At 11:15 p.m., a noise complaint of a dog barking on Brentwood Avenue. The owner said they would keep the dog quiet.

Sunday, Feb. 2

At 12:22 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Walnut Avenue. It was a verbal disturbance.

At 12:02 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Newton Drive. The back window of a vehicle was broken.

At 7:37 p.m., a report of a prowler walking through a backyard on Walnut Avenue. The subject was walking home.

At 7:39 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Ellendale Avenue.

Monday, Feb. 3

At 11:36 a.m., a report of a theft from Walmart.

At 1:47 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Maple Street. A tire had been slashed and license plates stolen.

At 5:32 p.m., a report of theft on Greening Drive. The victim had been scammed by someone claiming to be a deputy with Polk County.

At 6:19 p.m., a report of a fight on Ellendale Avenue.

At 10:08 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to carry and present a license, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

At 7:40 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph zone on Jefferson Street.

At 8:25 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was given a written warning for failure to obey a traffic control device and no operator's license.

At 8:31 a.m., a report of fraud involving buying a puppy on Facebook Marketplace.

At 10:32 a.m., Zachary Perry was cited for offensive littering on Main Stret.

At 12:19 p.m., a report of fraud on Oakwood Drive. It was a jury duty scam involving bitcoin.

At 1:40 p.m., a report of a vehicle on Ellendale Avenue swerving in the road. The officer stopped them for no front license plate, the driver showed no signs of intoxication.

At 2:32 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.

At 3:52 p.m., an officer responded to a 911 hangup call on Bonanza Avenue. A 4-year-old had called accidentally.

At 3:55 p.m., a report of shoplifting from Walmart.

At 10:31 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on La Creole Drive. A juvenile was charged with domestic assault and harassment and lodged in juvenile detention.

At 11:42 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Kings Valley Highway. Two friends had a physical altercation, but neither were willing to press charges.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

At 1:35 a.m., a report of harassment on Ellis Street. The suspect was seen walking on Main Street and was advised to walk home.

At 2:17 a.m., an officer assisted in searching for someone who had fled from a car accident. They were unable to locate the suspect.

At 5:04 a.m., a report of people going through the trash. Two homeless people were going through Dumpsters looking for cans. They were asked to move along.

At 8:18 a.m., a report of two motorhomes in the Walmart parking lot. The officer informed one of the owners they needed to move their vehicle. The other vehicle owners could not be located, and Walmart staff was planning to post a notice of tow.

At 10:30 a.m., a report of a Republic Services container that had gone missing.

At 1:24 p.m., Zachary Perry was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

At 5:45 p.m., Zach Perry was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance.

At 6:15 p.m., Eric Nash was cited for theft on Kings Valley Highway.

Independence Police Department

Thursday, Jan. 30

At 12:13 a.m., a male on Monmouth Street was cited and released on a warrant out of Albany.

At 10:17 a.m., a complaint of a car speeding up to drive past a pedestrian at a crosswalk. Video showed the complainant 6 feet from the crosswalk. An officer determined no crimes were committed.

At 11:18 a.m., a report of harassment by telephone. The complainant had changed their phone number. No crimes were reported.

At 11:57 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Dale Court. It was a verbal disturbance; no crimes were reported.

Saturday, Feb. 1

At 1:03 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop for a moving violation and noticed the driver was making abnormal statements during their interaction. After performing poorly during the field sobriety tests Alexander Tyler Kalivas was placed into custody for driving under the

influence of an intoxicant. It was later found that Kalivas' blood alcohol content was .15%.

At 4:38 a.m., a report of a stolen vehicle on Monmouth Street; however it was a civil issue regarding payments and a bill of sale.

At 6:57 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on White Oak Circle. It was a verbal disturbance.

At 1:42 p.m., a report of graffiti on Hoffman Road.

At 7:40 p.m., a report of a dog bite on James Street. The officers were able to catch the dog and begin a dog bite investigation.

Sunday, Feb. 2

At 3:09 a.m., a traffic stop was initiated on Edwin Andres Marquez Espinoza after an officer observed him repeatedly drifting to the fog line and randomly braking. Marquez Espinoza failed a field sobriety test and was cited for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 5:10 p.m., a report of trespassing on Main Street. The subject agreed to come out of the restroom when officers arrived and was trespasssed from the location.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

At 10:06 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on D Street. The officer checked the area and did not find anyone suspicious.

Monmouth Police Department

Jason Slate, 41, was arrested Jan. 31 on an outstanding parole warrant.

Victor Camilo Montalbo, 42, was arrested Feb. 3 and charged with possession of methamphetamine and theft 3.

Sergio Jimenez, 30, was arrested Feb. 1 and charged with assault 4 and disorderly conduct 2.

Ronald L Webb, 23, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Polk County Sheriff

Wednesday, Jan. 29

At 7:51 a.m., a resident in the 400 block of Lewis Street reported his car had been broken into and the steering column taken apart some time since November.

At 8:50 a.m., a resident in 7000 block of Halls Ferry Road reported her mailbox had been broken into. No mail appeared to have been taken.

At 4:42 p.m., a report of an automated crash alert in the 2300 block of Ellendale Avenue. When a deputy arrived, the vehicles were in a parking lot off the road and the drivers were exchanging information.

At 4:56 p.m., a report of trespassing on 16700 block of Ellendale Road. There was an ongoing dispute

regarding property and an easement. The deputy recommended that the complainant contact her attorney.

At 7:20 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of Fir Villa Road reported a fraud committed. There had been fraudulent charges to a credit card after ordering supplements online.

Thursday, Jan. 30

At 5:45 a.m., a report of an alarm at a business in the 9000 block of Rickreall Road. When a deputy arrived the gate was open and an employee was inside prepping for the day.

At 6:47 a.m., a report of a rollover crash on Airline Road. The driver had hit a patch of ice and lost control. There were no apparent injuries.

At 7 p.m., a report of an abandoned camper on Steel Bridge Road. A deputy was unable to contact the registered owner of the camper but contacted the property owner to let them know of the issue.

Friday, Jan. 31

At 10:04 a.m., a report of trespassing on Spring Valley Road. Deputies investigated who had been cutting down trees on the property.

At 1:09 p.m., a report of online theft and fraudulent activity involving multiple accounts. The complainant was working with the companies involved and the bank.

At 3:01 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash on Ellendale Road. A deputy did not see any signs of impairment and a tow truck had already been called to get the vehicle out of the ditch.

At 3:28 p.m., a report of harassment on McCaleb Road. The deputy contacted the subject who agreed to not contact the complainant.

At 6:16 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a power pole on Red Prairie Road. The driver showed no signs of impairment.

Saturday, Feb. 1

At 5:55 a.m., a deputy saw a motorcycle heading east on Ellendale Avenue at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle was going 74 mph in a 25-mph zone. The driver stated he was cold and trying to get to work quickly. He was cited for speeding, not having a motorcycle endorsement and driving uninsured. The motorcycle was towed.

At 10:14 a.m., a report of an abandoned vehicle on Reuben Boise Road. A deputy could not contact the registered owner but a relative at the registered owner's address said the transmission had gone out and the vehicle would be towed.

At 12:06 p.m., a report of a stolen vehicle possibly around Gold Creek Road. A deputy searched the

area, but did not locate the vehicle.

At 4:32 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on King Road. It was a verbal disturbance and one party left for the night.

At 8:15 p.m., a deputy followed up on information regarding a stolen PlayStation. The person in possession of the stolen PlayStation reported they had traded for it with someone downtown. The PlayStation was returned to the rightful owner.

Sunday Feb. 2

At 2:15 a.m., a report of fireworks on Main Street in Falls City. When a deputy called the complainant, the fireworks had stopped for half an hour.

At 6:21 a.m., a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on Highway 22 by Red Prairie Road. Medics arrived prior to the deputy and loaded the four occupants to evaluate them. Oregon State Police took over the investigation and the deputy notified the property owner of a damaged fence.

At 1:42 p.m., a report of a disturbance on Independence Highway. The story was not clear at first but it appeared two individuals were arguing, and a third person requested the police be called because one person had a gun. Both parties involved in the argument were gone when a deputy arrived.

At 8:18 p.m., a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on Highway 22 by Red Prairie Road. Both occupants were able to extricate themselves and were transferred to Salem Hospital.

Monday, Feb. 3

At 6:38 a.m., a report of a vehicle that slid into the ditch on Red Prairie Road. There were no injuries.

At 6:38 a.m., a report of a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries due to icy conditions on Falls City Road. The driver was transported to Salem Health. The property owner was notified of a damaged fence.

At 7:42 a.m., a report of a vehicle that slid into a ditch on Perrydale Road. There were no injuries.

At 2:03 p.m., a report of a theft of a bronze vase from a gravesite on Oak Grove Road.

At 2:40 p.m., a report of garbage dumped on Greenwood Road. There was no identifying information in the trash, which mostly consisted of bags of wine bottles.

At 4:04 p.m., a report of a three-vehicle, non-injury crash on Grand Ronde Road. A parking brake had failed and a truck struck two vehicles.

At 7:45 p.m., a report of a disturbance on Oakdale Road. The suspect was sitting on the porch when a deputy arrived. The deputy found the suspect, Zachary Moore, in violation of a protection order. Moore was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

At 12:10 a.m., a deputy saw a vehicle in Wallace Marine Park after hours. There appeared to be beer cans where the vehicle had been parked. The driver admitted to drinking one beer and was arrested after performing field sobriety tests. At the jail he blew 0.00 BAC and was cited and released.

At 5:01 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Salmon River Highway. The complainant reported people breaking into a camper, but they seemed to be intoxicated as well. The camper appeared secure.

Panthers headed in right direction, win two

By Lance Masterson
For the Itemizer-Observer

It was a very good week for the Panthers varsity boys basketball team.

Central squeaked by South Albany, 62-61, on Feb. 4, then pulled away late against McKay on Friday, 67-53.

Team cohesiveness, coupled with good health, helped turn back the seventh-ranked RedHawks in the first contest.

“Our team is almost 100 percent, and it showed in the way we stayed together in the fourth quarter” of this game, Panthers coach Tyler Allen said.

The Panthers outscored the home team by a crucial seven points, 19 to 12, over the final eight minutes.

Ryan Burgett netted 19 points for the Panthers, who also got 17 points from Lucas Haines and 16 from Jack Holestone.

Haines added 13 boards, Burgett nine. Central held an advantage in team rebounds, 31 to 23.

Colin Cordle had 18 points while Camren Thompson added 16 and nine rebounds for South Albany.

“We didn’t panic, we didn’t lose focus, we made

our adjustments, and players like (Burgett) made big plays down the stretch. We also locked in on defense and didn’t allow second chance points,” Allen said.

This win against one of Class 5A’s top teams showed the Panthers can hang with the best.

“This game was a validation game for our young Central team that we are growing and developing in the right direction,” Allen said.

The team’s growth continued against the Royal Scots.

In this game, the freshman Haines - who finished with 22 points and eight rebounds - delivered a bookend performance, as he dominated in the first and fourth quarters. His dominance inside was a big reason why the Panthers scored 21 of the game’s final 30 points.

“We knew this game versus McKay was going to be a dog fight ... We knew we had an advantage at the post and it was our focus to attack them through (Haines) and (Burgett) any opportunity we got,” Allen said.

Burgett finished three assists shy of a triple double, as his final stats read 12

points, 10 boards and seven assists.

Central shot 67 percent from the floor, outscoring the visitors 40 to 12 in the paint.

McKay got 22 points from Kevin Munguia and 13 from Isaiah Vargas.

Central (4-7, 6-11 overall) appeared poised to upset a top team as they came close against No. 2 West Albany and No. 4 Crescent Valley the prior week, even though they were short-handed. Illness sidelined Burgett against the Bulldogs and Haines against the Raiders.

“We gave (these teams) all they could handle but we weren’t able to put together a complete 32 minutes of basketball,” Allen said. “It was really nice to see (Burgett and Haines) on the court together this week.”

In the pair’s absence, freshman Tyler Olafsen was pulled from the junior varsity squad and put into the starting lineups against the two Mid-Willamette Conference powerhouses. He continued playing once Burgett and Haines returned.

“(Olafsen’s) shooting, decision making, and composure provided us a spark this week,



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Freshman Tyler Olafsen, who recently debuted, with the Panthers’ varsity boys basketball team, scores five points and six assists against McKay on Friday.

Olafsen added six assists, five points and four rebounds against McKay.

The Panthers are at Dallas (0-11, 1-17) at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 and host Silverton (6-5, 10-7) at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

Oregon increases cash rewards for turning in poachers

Rewards doubled to \$400 for people who report certain illegal fishing offenses which lead to an arrest or citation in Oregon.

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA), Coastal Conservation Association of Oregon (CCA Oregon) and The Association of Northwest Steelheaders (ANWS) partnered to fund the cash reward increase. Cash rewards encourage people to participate in the conservation of Oregon fish and wildlife by calling the Turn In Poachers (TIP) Line if they suspect poaching. Reporting parties may remain anonymous.

The nonprofits expanded the reward program to include violations like snagging or attempting to

snag. Snagging is intentionally hooking the fish anywhere other than the inside of the mouth, rather than allowing the fish to take the lure or hook on their own. Other violations include illegal take methods; releasing non-native species into waterways; retention of protected species; and exceeding the bag limit for fish or shellfish.

The move reinforces conservation efforts across the state, according to CCA Oregon Executive Director, Pat Hoglund.

“As one of the leading conservation organizations in the state, CCA Oregon is committed to the fair and legal take of our state’s gamefish,” Hoglund said, “It’s important that anglers know that laws are



in place for a reason, and when it comes to sportfishing we feel it’s vital that those rules are followed to ensure proper escapement while at the same time providing an opportunity for all anglers to participate in our fisheries.”

The reward program for reporting fishing violations compliments robust reporting incentives programs for

guides or guide activities. Some reporting parties opted for hunter preference points instead of cash and ODFW awarded 139 hunter preference points for fish and wildlife crime reports that led to a citation or arrest. The Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) awarded \$1,000 for reports about illegally killed raptors and other birds.

The TIP rewards program reflects OHA’s commitment to wildlife conservation, according to President, Steve Hagan.

“OHA supports the vigorous enforcement of laws designed to protect wildlife, habitat, private property and hunter’s rights,” Hagan said. Hoglund agrees. “I would ask anyone who considers poaching acceptable, or turns

a blind eye to it, to look at the big picture. It’s not defensible, nor is it something that CCA Oregon condones,” Hoglund said, “We ask anyone who fishes to think seriously of the consequences and the irreparable damage that happens when you decide to knowingly break the law.”

How to Report a Wildlife and/or Habitat Law Violation or Suspicious Activity:

- TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (*677)
- TIP email: TIP@osp.oregon.gov (monitored Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- For more information visit: www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/fw/Pages/tip.aspx

BRIEFS

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challenges and exploring ways to make a difference locally.

Senior Center hosts master gardener class Feb. 27

Monmouth Senior Community Center hosts Master Gardener Chats: The Square Foot Garden, Part 2, with Lee Schlenker, at 10 a.m. Feb. 27 at 180 Warren St. S. Learn new ideas about

how you can grow and garden. For more information, call (503) 838-5678.

Salem Health West Valley Foundation hosts fundraiser dinner Feb. 28

Salem Health West Valley Foundation’s third annual ALL IN benefit is from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Colonel Nesmith Readiness Center, located at 12830 Westview Drive, in Dallas.

Your \$100 ticket price gets you complimentary wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages;

appetizers and casual buffet dinner; live music; and \$25 of scholar dollars to play casino type games.

Event proceeds benefit programs and services provided by the Salem Health - West Valley Foundation, such as:

- Awareness and education efforts surrounding the risks of illicit street fentanyl use
- Scholarships for Polk County residents pursuing degrees in health care disciplines
- The West Valley Hospital Connections Van, removing barriers

to health care access for Polk County residents

- Financial assistance for patients in crisis receiving care at West Valley Hospital and Salem Health Medical Group clinics in Polk County
- Support of programs to provide access to healthcare in Polk County

To purchase tickets, go to <https://westvalleyhospital.ejoinme.org/AllIn2025>.

WOU hosts annual Family Weekend Feb. 28

Western Oregon University welcomes

students and their families to campus for the return of Family Weekend, an annual celebration of connection, community and fun, Feb. 28 through March 2. This year’s weekend features a new all-inclusive pass, providing families with a convenient way to access all activities and meals with one purchase.

The weekend will feature a variety of events and activities for all ages, including:

- Welcome dinner with special guest WOU President Jesse Peters

- Winter play: Nora: A Doll’s House
- Two brunches at The Sippery
- Exclusive Family Weekend t-shirt (available with early registration)
- Men’s & Women’s basketball game tickets
- Cornhole tournament entry
- And much more!

Tickets for Family Weekend, including the all-inclusive pass, are available online at <https://wou.edu/business/family-weekend-registration>. Registration closes on Feb. 20.

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SPLASH

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“I need to hit a certain time. If I hit that time, I automatically go to state,” she said. “I’ve already hit those times in the regular season. So I’ve just got to hit those times again at districts.”

Joining Pfankuch at Albany are 21 other swimmers from Dallas. Second-year coach Chris Ludwick has goals of his own. One of which is to build the Dragons’ program. So far, so good. Dallas had just 10 swimmers on its team last year, Ludwick’s first at Dallas,

and four swimmers the year before his arrival, he said.

Increased numbers bring increased expectations for the team’s district performance this year.

“We’ll be more competitive. So I have four club swimmers, and that will make a difference,” Ludwick said. “We’ll also have a boys relay team. We didn’t have a boys relay team last year.”

The team is young, with six swimmers described by Ludwick as being more proficient than the others. Though all his swimmers made noticeable strides over the course of the season.

Changes at the district level will make it harder for swimmers to advance to the finals and the consolation finals.

This year’s districts are at the six-lane Albany Community Pool instead of the better-suited eight-lane Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. With fewer lanes available and other logistical concerns, varsity swimmers only are eligible to make the trip.

“Swimmers have to have experience in swimming at a varsity meet in order for me to take them,” Ludwick said, noting only 14 of his swimmers meet this standard.

With these swimmers in tow, Dallas will not challenge the West Albanys, Silvertons and Crescent Valleys of the world. But he still wants his Dragons to end their season on a high note.

“I’m hoping they all get their best times this week. Because throughout the year they’ve been doing that, they’ve been getting PRs. And so I really hope they get PRs at districts,” Ludwick added. “I have a couple that even have a possibility of going to state.”

This year’s state meet is Friday-Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton.