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Salem man sentenced for ambush, attempted murder

By **DAVID HAYES**
I-O Editor

A Salem man was sentenced June 26 stemming from a 2023 incident that began with a traffic stop and ended in a shootout with law enforcement in Polk County.

Jose Manuel Corral-Zavala, 22, was sentenced by Judge Monte S. Campbell to 63 ¾ years in prison for attempting to murder a Polk County deputy sheriff, firing upon multiple other law enforcement officers, causing the death of a criminal accomplice, and causing more than \$190,000 of damage to a West Salem residence.

After a three-day trial held last week in Polk County Circuit Court, Campbell found Corral-Zavala, of Salem, guilty of attempted aggravated murder, manslaughter in the second degree, assault in the first degree, nine counts of unlawful use of a weapon, assault on a public safety officer, criminal mischief in the second degree, attempting to elude a police officer, and 10 counts of reckless endangering.

The incident began on Sept. 30, 2023, at approximately 1:30 a.m., when Corral-Zavala failed to obey a stop sign and led police on a high-speed chase down Highways 51 and 22. According to court documents, Corral-Zavala dumped his vehicle on the shoulder of Highway 22 and fled with a loaded Glock pistol into the dense brush on the hillside overlooking the roadway.

As he observed law enforcement gathered to investigate his abandoned vehicle and begin their search for him, Corral-Zavala called to an associate who was in Independence to come to the location to pick him up so he could escape capture. Once he saw his ride arrive, Corral-Zavala began making his way down to the road, determined to get to the waiting get-away vehicle and avoid being taken into custody by any means necessary. In this case, it meant firing at the group of Salem police officers and Polk County Sheriff's Deputies standing just a few hundred feet away.

Closest to Corral-Zavala was Deputy Michael Smith who stood approximately 20 feet from him. Smith, completely exposed, was wounded and had no choice but to engage and return fire in self-defense. Corral Zavala continued to shoot at Smith and the other officers as he ran across all lanes of the highway to the waiting vehicle. However, the driver, who Corral-Zavala had called to the scene of his ambush had been struck by a bullet in the cross-fire and later died. Corral-Zavala then manipulated the still running vehicle from the passenger side a short distance before crashing it directly into the front of a private residence in which the homeowners had been sleeping. They were, fortunately, unhurt.

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Fun in the Mud



PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY
Jeff Lockwood kicks up the dirt as he races down the track to a first place finish at the Willamina Mud Drags Saturday. For more results and photos, see page B1.



Tom Simpson

Dallas Police Chief retires

By **DAVID HAYES**
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For the first time in 38 years, the city of Dallas will have a new police chief. After Tom Simpson says his farewells this week, after Deputy Chief Jerry Mott is sworn in as the new chief, Simpson hits the road for his new life in Georgia with wife Betty as a civilian, leaving his 40-year career in law enforcement in the rearview mirror.

Before he hit the road, Simpson reflected on his career and years he called Dallas his home. He'd seen a small town grow from a population of 9,600 in 1987 to more than 17,500 today. He'd seen such highs as the Dallas Police Department earn its state accreditation. He's seen the lows of being unable to get the voters to approve a new building for his growing force.

After a legacy he feels is in good hands with current leadership, both within the department and within the city and community, Simpson said he felt now was the right time to explore life in retirement.

"It was a joint decision. Betty retired a couple months ago from the library. So, it was the right time in life to move to the next stage," Simpson said.

He shared how the journey actually began, with a very different vision for his career in law enforcement. Growing up, he always wanted to be a state trooper. But a funny thing happened during his four decades in law enforcement – he never made it.

"I remember growing up, that's what I wanted to do. I don't know where it came from," Simpson said of his fascination with law enforcement. "I was an Army brat, raised in an environment where structure was important and good, and was used to it. I looked at law enforcement as something that intrigued me."

So, he and a high school buddy in Kentucky decided to be state troopers. But the state had an age restriction. Not yet 21, Simpson learned recruits could join early if they were veterans. So, he signed up first for the Air Force, and after serving out (most) of his 4-year hitch, he

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Californian discovers family link in Polk County

By **DAVID HAYES**
I-O Editor

Many have tried to discover who they are today by searching for a link to the past of who their family was.

For Carrie Zeidman, a 10th generation Californian, the search uncovered a link to some pioneer families in the Pacific Northwest and Polk County.

Zeidman's great grandmother was adopted and her mother always wanted to know who her grandmother's biological family was.

"We researched for years and couldn't find any information on where she came from. When DNA became an option, I used it to discover who her biological parents were. From there I was able to build out a family tree," Zeidman said.

With a background in genealogy and historical research, it actually was not too difficult to find details and stories about the family. That is how she discovered the Dickson and Cooper lines from Oregon.

"Once I found out all I could online, I decided to travel to Oregon and see where they lived, visit their graves, and see if I could find any information on why they kept 10 children but gave Naomia (child No. 7) to Michael and Laura Barne," Zeidman said.

As the trail grew hotter, her excitement grew more palpable.

"What was exciting was meeting Cecelia Baker, a cousin in the Dickson/Cooper line. She showed up on Ancestry as a cousin and that connection was helpful in discovering Naomia's birth family," Zeidman said. "We had talked on the phone and by email but had not met in person until the day we met in Independence."



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Carrie Zeidman's search of her family's history led to a grave of Leonard Lemuel Williams and Martha Emily Burbank Williams in a farmer's field outside Salem.

Her journey to the Pacific Northwest in April took her from Independence to The Dalles to Portland.

They met with Amy Christianson and Delaina Soboloki at the

Independence Heritage Museum and they were able to give them quite a bit of information about the

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Monmouth receives Travel Oregon grant

The Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, recently awarded the city of Monmouth \$50,000 in grant funding through Travel Oregon’s competitive grant program. Grant funding will be used to complete a

comprehensive accessibility audit of local tourism businesses through one on-one outreach and language translation services with business owners that are not native English speakers, resulting in

a priority list for future funding opportunities. “The city is excited to take advantage of this funding opportunity to work with our local business partners to create a more inclusive and accessible experience for

community members and individuals visiting Monmouth,” said Community Development Director Suzanne Dufner. “Breaking down barriers to accessibility is also consistent with our council values of promoting inclusive spaces.”

Travel Oregon’s Competitive Grants Program awards eligible applicants for projects that contribute to the development and improvement of communities throughout the state by means of the enhancement, expansion

and promotion of the visitor industry. Read more about the grant award announcement online at <https://industry.traveloregon.com/newsroom/news/travel-oregon-awards-nearly-6-2-million-in-grants/>.

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After the sentencing, Polk County Chief Deputy District Attorney Matt Wilson completely agreed with Campbell’s characterization of Corral-Zavala’s

act as an “ambush” on law enforcement. “Today’s sentence holds Mr. Corral-Zavala accountable for trying to take the life of Deputy Smith as well as endangering the lives of every other officer, deputy, and civilian that was out there that night,” Wilson said. “It also rightfully holds Mr. Corral-Zavala

accountable for the tragic death of Mr. Isaac Oceguedo.” Because this matter involved the use of deadly force by Polk County law enforcement officers, it was reviewed by the Polk County Grand Jury in 2023. The Grand Jury reviewed the actions of Deputy Smith and all involved law

enforcement. The Grand Jury unanimously returned a not true bill regarding the use of deadly force by Smith and concluded it was a lawful act of self-defense. The Grand Jury subsequently issued the indictment against Corral-Zavala which resulted in his convictions and sentence. A civil \$28.5 million wrongful death lawsuit is

still pending, filed by the families of Ocegueda, 18, and a 17-year-old female, in federal court Jan. 19 naming Sheriff Mark Garton and Dept. Michael Smith. Ocegueda was fatally shot, and the female youth shot in the leg while they waited in the van picking up their friend Corral-Zavala.

The case was investigated by the Oregon State Police, the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, the Salem Police Department, the Independence Police Department and the Keizer Police Department. It was prosecuted and tried by Polk County Chief Deputy District Attorney Matt Wilson.

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immediately got a job down in the Florida panhandle – at the sheriff’s office. State troopers? “Never even crossed that bridge again,” he said. “I got into the sheriff’s office, enjoyed it, and never looked back.” He did find his wife, Betty, while in Florida. But they decided it wasn’t the place they wanted to raise their kids. So, weighing between returning to Kentucky (too many tornados) or Oregon (where her family was from)

the decision to relocate was easy. Once again, the timing was perfect. They came out to Oregon on April 18, 1987, and Simpson found an opening as a Dallas police officer. He was sworn in barely two months later on June 1. During his job interview, Simpson shared that his career intentions had evolved. Now, he saw himself wanting to be an investigator. After five months in Dallas, he was promoted to detective where he spent the next nine years, or so, investigating major crimes. Simpson said his most memorable case was a joint investigation in 1989 on a

methamphetamine distribution ring he busted with the help of the sheriff’s office, detectives from Monmouth and Independence, and an undercover grandmother. “This grandmother came to us saying her granddaughter was into meth, and interacted with folks in manufacturing,” Simpson recalled. “She chose to go undercover, live with her daughter, wore a body wire. We worked that case for a number of months.” With her help, they busted up the ring. But their plans to keep knowledge of her involvement safely out of the limelight didn’t go quite as well.

“The morning after the arrest, the Statesman (Journal) had a front-page story that said, ‘Undercover Grandma’ and had her picture. She’d gone to them and said, ‘Look what I did.’ We had tried to keep it low key, keep her life somewhat normal. But that wasn’t her plan,” Simpson said. Soon, a feature in People magazine followed, then a request for the law enforcement officers involved to be interviewed live on The Today Show. “But we were still working on drug cases. So, the chief went on and got his 15 minutes of fame,” Simpson said. “It turned out to be a pretty good case for us. We served some search warrants, shut down three different meth manufacturing operations and put some people in jail. Worked out pretty well.” As the years stretched on, Simpson found himself so enjoying his role moving up the leadership ladder within the Dallas Police Department, he never even contemplated any other organization. “I just love this place. It’s been good to me. I enjoy the people. I enjoy the organization. I’ve never had this drive to go anywhere else,” he said. What he never foresaw was eventually being at the top. “I had no clue. What my goal was, I told them in the interview, was I just wanted to be an investigator,” Simpson said. “I really enjoy

what I do now, It’s really rewarding for what I get to do. But if I miss anything about law enforcement, it is being an investigator.” By 2006, Simpson was deputy chief and in the fall of 2013, he was appointed chief of police. He saw his leadership style evolve as he took on more organizational responsibility. “I consider myself laid back, not wanting to get too much into the, what’s the word?” he asked himself. Minutia? “Yes. I’m the boss, sometimes I’m the final decision. But I see myself as a servant, a leader, a facilitator. I make sure officers who work in this community have the best training they can, have the best equipment we can afford, and have a fun place to work and do their job safely. If I can make that happen, it’s really rewarding for me, because I played a part in it.” Outside the office, Simpson always had a priority in keeping a good relationship with the Dallas community. He said they’ve long had a Safehouse Program, where businesses and residents can sign up to be a haven for youth who run into trouble out on the street. “They see those signs in the windows and know it’s a safe place to be,” Simpson said. Today, the Dallas Police Department is authorized 23 sworn officer positions,

including Simpson’s. He said with the challenge it has become to recruit new officers in the changing world, he’s shifted his focus on retention. “I think officers in our department are well paid and make good benefits,” he said. “I try to make that important for them to see retention as a higher priority than recruitment. Better to retain means there’s less you have to recruit. We want people to stay and have fun and do good.” While the city was unsuccessful with getting the ultimate recruiting tool approved - a new building for the police force - Simpson has been able to achieve a rarity within the law enforcement community - a fully staffed department. “Being fully staffed is an anomaly. It’s fortunate for us. We don’t have challenges covering shifts. At a time you can choose to work anywhere in the state, you don’t have to go far to find an agency in need of officers,” Simpson said.

Simpson looks back at his tenure in Dallas and sees several reasons that have kept him, his wife and four children here. It starts with the people. “Those who hired me, different city managers. Honestly, I’ve been recruited by other agencies. But I really had no desire to leave Dallas. My wife and I raised our family here for the most part. We had two kids when we came here and had another two after we came. I’ve just never had a burning desire to leave at all,” Simpson said. He added in his four decades within law enforcement, he can honestly say he’s never dreaded coming to work. “Like I can envision other jobs might do, I never thought I just can’t do this any more. That has a lot to do with the quality of people I work for and the organization I work for, the quality of co-workers I work alongside,” Simpson said.

A key to that success, he said, was never ceasing the learning process. “As a younger officer, I learned from those I grew up with, those I work with. Now, even the ones I’ve been able to hire, I learn something from each and every one of them. Because I might have hired them doesn’t mean they don’t have something I can learn from too,” Simpson said. The next phase of Simpson’s life leans more toward the simple. He and Betty plan to focus on being parents to their four children and grandparents to their eight grandkids. “Serving this community has been personally fulfilling,” Simpson added, “working for an agency that does a good job in law enforcement, focuses on the safety of our community, nurturing relationships. It’s been important that people feel they live in a community that feels safe.”

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Annetta "Faye" Thomas
Feb. 26, 1941 - June 14, 2025

Annetta "Faye" Thomas, a deeply cherished mother, grandmother, sister and friend, gently passed away at her home in Dallas, Oregon, surrounded by the tender care of her beloved daughters and granddaughter, Cassie.

Born Feb. 26, 1941, in Jasper, Arkansas, to Lawrence and Wilma Garrett (Miller), Faye's beautiful life was a testament to her boundless love for family and her vibrant, giving spirit.

She leaves behind her devoted children, Tammy Thomas, Mike Thomas, Larry (Sue) Thomas,

Alicia (Jim) Bodenhamer; her foster daughter Teresa (Craig) Benson; and nine grandchildren — Luke Thomas, Lindsey (Tony) Alefanti, Melissa Jones, Christopher Slyh, McKenzie Thomas, Mason Thomas, Triston (Larissa) Ringhouse, Cassie Bodenhamer, Colby Bodenhamer, Justin (Tatyana) Benson, Tonya (Bob) Miller, Tyler Benson, Jeff (Nilda) Benson — truly the sunshine of her life. She cherished each one completely and uniquely even if she had jokes of who the favorite was!

Faye found joy in simple pleasures: camping, boating and the laughter shared during lively card games or "Wahoo" with her family. She adored country music, especially her trips to the Oregon Jamboree with her grandchildren and daughter. In recent years, she treasured quiet moments with loved ones, peaceful coastal trips, going to church and an occasional casino outing with dear friends and her sister-in-law, Louise Thomas.

Central to Faye's life was her unwavering faith in Jesus. She passionately wanted everyone to know of His unconditional love, believing

that no circumstance could ever put a person beyond God's embrace. Faye is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Loy "Lynn" Garrett, Rick Miller and many other relatives she so often missed. A memorial service to celebrate Faye's beautiful life was on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas, Oregon. Interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dallas High School Football and Wrestling programs are encouraged, honoring her spirited support for youth sports.

Dorothy Yvonne Davies
Nov. 29, 1926 - June 15, 2025

Dorothy Yvonne Davies, 98, of Monmouth, Oregon, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2025. Born in Naches, Washington, on Nov. 29, 1926, to John Emerson Sappe and Dorothy Yvonne Sappe, she was raised in Central Washington's Yakima area and in Eastern Oregon.

Dorothy left school after the 11th grade to get married, later returning to earn her GED — a testament to her determination and lifelong love of learning. In May of 1944,



she married in Eastern Oregon, and in 1950, the couple moved to the Willamette Valley, where they made their home.

A devoted farmer's wife and homemaker, Dorothy lived a life of quiet strength, kindness, and service. She was a member of Monmouth Christian Church and then later at Christs Church. A proud member of the Monmouth Garden Club for many years. She had a passion for quilting, including several hand-stitched masterpieces, and loved baking, cooking, and gardening. She raised her family with the fruits of

her garden, often preserving the harvest through canning. Dorothy will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her warm and caring heart, and the stories she loved to share from her rich and full life. Her faith in the Lord was steadfast, guiding her from childhood Sunday school to her final days. She often spoke of the comfort and strength she found in her relationship with God. She is survived by her three children: Marjory Cordrey (Ken) of McMinnville, Oregon; Douglas Lofton of Ventura, California; and John Lofton (Sharon) of Monmouth, Oregon; along with 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Though she gave generously to many causes, she held a special place in her heart for the Union Gospel Mission. A public viewing will be held at Farnstrom Mortuary on July 2 from 4-6 p.m. A graveside service will follow on July 5 at 11 a.m. at Fircrest Cemetery, with a reception afterward at Sarah Helmick State Park. All who knew and loved Dorothy are welcome to attend and celebrate her life.

Head to City Hall to discover what Oregon means to student artists

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Kites flying at an Oregon beach proved inspirational for Andres Landeros, a student at Central High School.

The scene proved so inspiring, in fact, that Landeros recreated it in his mixed media piece, "Kites on the Coast," that is on exhibit with some 30 other pieces at Monmouth City Hall.

The show runs through September, and also features art from Talmadge Middle School students. Each entry addresses the age-old question, "What I Love About Oregon."

Landeros was not at last week's reception early on, but Lauren Cooney was. Cooney is his arts and graphic design teacher. She described how he used salt to evoke sand textures, and how he used pastels and three-dimensional elements to evoke flying kites.

The project was made possible through funding secured by Melody Barrett of the Monmouth Arts and Culture Commission, which then provided materials for students to create their work.

"We invited any willing student to contribute, but only those who wanted to be part of the show used the canvases provided by the Arts Council," Cooney said.

The theme was intentionally broad, she added, to encourage students to explore their personal and emotional connections to the state.

"Some focused on specific places, others on memories, like going camping with friends or spending time with family," Cooney said. "It wasn't just about physical locations; it could be about what Oregon means to them emotionally."

Nature emerged as a common theme. Cooney noted her own example, which focused on bird life, may have influenced their direction.

"Even though we told them they could explore any topic, sometimes students lean toward what they see in the examples," she said. "Still, each student brought their own voice and perspective to their work."

For many, this marks the first time they've participated in an art show.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Lauren Cooney, arts and graphic design teacher at Central High School, talks about a student exhibit that debuted at Monmouth City Hall last week and runs through September.

"It's surprising how much being in an art show means to the students. It's a real accomplishment and something they can include in their portfolios as they consider future opportunities in the arts," Cooney said. "I'm really proud of our students. This (is) a very cool show with enthusiastic participation and some truly wonderful art."

Arts Commission member Susan Farley saw the number of students who chose to participate as a good sign.

"We engaged both high school and middle school students to get involved, and it turned out to be mostly high school students who participated," Farley said. "We were thrilled with the turnout. Twenty-seven pieces of art were

submitted, which was more than we expected given this being the busy time of year. Farley added the student exhibit follows one by local artist Bruce Beltz. The commission plans to rotate exhibits throughout the year. Hannah Barr, an arts educator at Talmadge Middle School, is also exhibiting a piece at the show.

FAMILY

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Dickson and Cooper families in the area.

"I was also able to meet with Cecelia Baker, a DNA cousin from that line who had helped me figure out the connections and shared family photos with me," Zeidman said. "We met for the first time at the museum. Traveling with me was my cousin from the adopted line, Jeanie Barnes White. We all enjoyed getting to know each other and talking about

our connections to the area and the family lines that we shared."

Their next stop was the museum and archive in Rickreall where they found more information about the Dicksons and Coopers.

"Over the next couple of days, we were able to locate and visit the gravesites of my 2X, 3X, 4X, and 5X great grandparents," Zeidman said. "One of the cemeteries we visited was out in a farmer's field. Another was a small patch of overgrown ground in a neighborhood up in Salem."

She said the going was actually difficult to navigate,

trudging through berry vines, ivy and overgrown trees. But the trek eventually led to the grave of my five-times great grandmother, Mary "Polly" Lindsay Cooper. Additionally, while in Independence, they located the house of her three-times great grandparents, John Robert Cooper and Lavilla Williams Cooper, parents of Mary Rocelia "Celia" Cooper. The house is known as the "Cooper House" at 414 S Main St. and is currently a AirBNB owned by Kevin Kryger.

Again, she was excited to see John Robert Cooper's house, "the bricks that he

made that they built downtown with, and the river, town, and surrounding areas that are described in the books and newspaper articles I've collected on the family."

Zeidman said the search also uncovered feelings of melancholy she didn't know she was holding deep down.

"I think it's sad when everyone that knew them has passed and there's nobody that remembers them or visits their gravesites," Zeidman said. "I like to find and visit the graves and acknowledge their existence and their lives. I feel a connection to them knowing that I share DNA with the

person buried in that grave, and I like to think that somehow, they know I'm there."

Ziedman is still working on adding what she has discovered to her tree on Ancestry. She's scanned reams of documents and photos from the trip and is slowly going through them and gleaning what information she can from them and adding it to the individual profiles.

"I've loved finding a whole new line for my tree, but the best part was giving this as a gift to my mother for her birthday two years ago. She was overjoyed to finally know who her grandmother

Naomia's biological family was. I'm really hoping at some point to find out why they gave her up for adoption in the first place," Ziedman said.

She, her mother and her sister have been working on their main tree for about 20 years, and the Cooper/Dickson tree for over two years now. They'll keep searching for more information on the family, piecing together their stories, and meeting new cousins.

"Maybe someday we'll find out why Oscar (O.F.) and Rocelia (Celia) Dickson gave Naomia up for adoption," she added.



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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Juneteenth is a holiday that represented the end of slavery

The road to end slavery started in 1846 with the election of Amos Tuck and John Hale to congress and the senate from New Hampshire plus another congressman from Illinois named Abraham Lincoln.

As the abolitionist movement grew, Frederick Douglass, sojourner, truth spoke boldly as christian Americans, former slaves against slavery and wanted the American dream for all Americans. William Garrison and others in the north sponsored Harriet Tubman’s underground railroad to help slaves escape to the north. Twenty percent of the slaves owned were black southerners. The word that the Amendments that ended slavery, did not get down to Galveston, Texas until June 19, 1863. These folks were christians and would be very disturbed by what was supposed to be a celebration at the capitol June 19, was a dishonorable, nasty and evil worship of idolatry. The shame by doing a drag queen resolution on the inaugural first holiday of Juneteenth, being led by black democrats was dishonorable, and LBJ like.

This is wrong and why did a couple Republicans vote for this nasty resolution? Yet they claim that they are Christians and understood Republican principles? Some of the people that started, led and helped end slavery were the founding members of the GOP/Republican party. the black democrat representatives/ supporters for the drag queen

resolution, give thy real facts of what Juneteenth is really about and choose another day to do thy idolatry/ baal worshipping.

Ronnie Daniels
Monmouth

Thanks to all who helped CHS Senior All Night Party

On behalf of the 2025 Central High School Seniors, we’d like to give a huge shout out to our local businesses that donated to the All Night Party through financial means or goods.

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We’d also like to thank all the individuals that donated their time and finances. The party was a huge success and we could not have done it without your generous donations!!!

Angie Gilbert
Monmouth

July 4 and the American Dream

On July 4 we recognize the Declaration of Independence



Letters to the Editor

for defining the American Dream as granting by our Creator of inalienable natural liberties including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They represent intangible property sourced in opinion, religion, communications, use of abilities to labor physically and mentally, and in conscience. Only by application of these inherent rights can one truly possess material property. The Constitution established a government embodying these treasured rights by promoting the general welfare and securing the blessings of liberty.

Whatever the Constitution defined as an American dream did not involve government providing largess to ensure college funds, retirement accounts, savings, affordable health care, home ownership, lifetime employment, corporate

wealth, political careers, and union benefits.

However, politicians who become patricians promote their welfare by offering citizens enchanting elements of material security such as described above, while obscuring subservience to

administrative laws and regulations vastly increasing their power. Their legislation and rules negate our Bill of Rights confiscating intangible human freedoms for these apparitions.

Such devices are the soft underbelly of our Constitution. Under English Common Law,

basic to our Constitution, a person is innocent and not subject to the penalties of law until proved guilty. Administrative laws and regulations, like Roman Civil Law, subject

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☐ 25.8% A Lot

☐ 38.7% Mildly

☐ 35.5% Not at all

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JULY 10 Tuesday String Band
Bluegrass

JULY 17 The Shinkle Band
Country

JULY 24 Possibly Irish
Irish / Celtic

JULY 31 Audioflex
Powerhouse muscle rock
80's to current

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AUG. 14 Johnny Limbo & The Lugnuts
Rock n' Roll Oldies

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I H F E E E U C B N O T N A C
Z Y M E L B M E W V U S R P S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: UK FLAG THE UNION —

Badge

Banner

Bend

Burgee

Canton

Chevron

Emblem

Ensign

Fanion

Fess

Guidon

Pale

Pennon

Saltire

Standard

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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: C equals N

F H C B X C H N T Y C J H F M C N M S M C A -
J M F N H M F A Y T A X R B ' T M C
M G A R B F Y A L B C M W H N Y A M A Y S H
W H A R B N : L B J M B C B .

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GO FIGURE!

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

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=		=		=				
5		22		5				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Super Crossword

NEW ORDER OF BIRDS

ACROSS
1 They're filled at filling stations
9 Causes of some winter roof leaks
16 Two or three
20 Its capital is Springfield
21 Good time to shop and save
22 1977 hit for Electric Light Orchestra
23 Bird hanging around power-generating structures?
25 Bottom-of-the-barrel bit
26 Grace and Frankie's co-star Lily
27 Me, in Marne
28 Take a chair
29 Spike for a rock climber
30 Icky food
33 Bird with a pronounced lower back?
36 Elite police unit
41 35mm camera type
42 Holy Week follower
43 Bird with an affliction?
48 Lead-in to lateral
49 It flows through Köln
50 Rocker
51 "Ammonium" has three
52 Single's first half
54 Response to "You weren't!"
55 Jazz great
56 Give a bird a monetary reward?
60 "God Love Us" rapper
61 Pecans and cashews
64 Eggs
65 Slow-moving reptile with a bird on its back?
73 Aussie critter
74 Outer surface
75 911 VIP
76 Waterway full of birds?
82 Billfold bills
83 Employee welfare agcy.
84 Daisy type
85 Daisy of "Lil Abner"
86 Pull along
88 Old paper sections
89 Bub
90 Shore employment hours with a bird?
95 Actress
96 Boating blade
99 "Are we out of danger?"
100 Bird staring in "The Birds?"
104 Wise — owl
105 Novelist Loos
106 Two times LI
107 Neighbor of Okla.
109 "You did not just say that!"
115 Will of "The Waltons"
116 Jacket with bird hues?
120 Coastal eagle
121 100% correct back?
122 Overpraises
123 Old booming jets, in brief
124 Catholic prayer books
125 Pre-release software trial
DOWN
1 Central idea
2 Certain sax
3 Skinny
4 Cash drawer
5 Opposer
6 One who's hardly saintly
7 Tool set, e.g.
8 Guyana-to-Bolivia dir.
9 "Money — object"
10 Escalade carmaker
11 Wood for dartboards
12 Certain belief in God
13 Improbable
14 Country south of Sicily
15 — admin
16 Extra installations
17 Courage in adversity
18 Big surprise
19 Like the operas
20 "Parsifal" and "Lohengrin"
24 Wee devil of the hearth
29 Free TV ad
31 Thai tongue
32 Texter's "Yowza!"
34 Website ID
35 Family mem.
36 Run very fast
37 Guitarist's pedal effect
38 Resting
39 That's partner
40 Boatload
41 — if movie
44 Tabriz native
45 Stephen of "Utopia"
46 Actress living
47 Suffix with cartoon
52 Break off
53 — Tass
55 Slip-up
56 Allow to
57 Zodiac feline
58 H.S. junior's hurdle
59 Hostess snack cakes
61 — degree or another
62 Consumer
63 Neighbor of Okla.
66 Helen of —
67 Abbr. on a food carton
68 "Dr." of rap
69 It's in bronze
70 Greek goddess of the hearth
71 Doug who is married to Kamala Harris
72 Just one bite
76 Websites
77 Ones taking a close look
78 Awardee, say
79 Texter's "I think ..."
80 Alternate wd. spelling
81 "A mouse!"
83 Circus ones
86 Feeling gratitude
87 Not "neath
88 Post-Q string
89 Baby's cry
91 "Little piggy"
92 — for Evidence" (Sue Grafton novel)
93 "Hugo" star
94 Relative of a wood engraving
96 Petrol units
97 "Give — rest"
101 Gut bacterium
102 Radio knobs
103 Celebrity photographer
104 Even a hint of
108 Spy Aldrich
110 Spanish greeting
111 Shutter piece
112 Short letter
113 God of war
114 "You ... over there ..."
116 Engine wheel
117 Singer Rita
118 Slap cuffs on
119 Fruity quaff

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

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Moments in time

- On July 14, 1953, the George Washington Carver National Monument, founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and created by Audrey Corwin in 1952, was dedicated in Missouri. It was the first such site to honor a Black American as well as a non-president.
- On July 15, 1997, while on a killing spree, Andrew Cunanan murdered world-renowned Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace with two gunshots to the head on the steps outside Versace's Miami mansion before fleeing the scene. Eight days later, he was discovered dead by suicide on a houseboat 40 blocks from the designer's home.
- On July 16, 1769, Father Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan missionary, founded the first Catholic mission in California in what is present-day San Diego. After blessing his new outpost in a high mass, the Royal Standard of Spain was unfurled over the mission, which Serra christened San Diego de Alcalá.
- On July 17, 1945, President Harry S. Truman recorded his initial impression of Joseph Stalin in his diary, describing their first meeting, a discussion of post-World War II policy in Europe, as "cordial" and closing the entry with the words, "I can deal with Stalin. He is honest, but smart as hell."
- On July 18, 1986, new close-up videotapes of the sunken ocean liner Titanic, taken from the first manned expedition to the wreck and showing one of the ship's grand staircases and a coral-covered chandelier, were released to the public.
- On July 19, 1952, air traffic controllers in Washington, D.C., detected UFOs over the White House and U.S. Capitol building. More appeared a week later, but the government dismissed the sightings as just a harmless weather phenomenon.
- On July 20, 1923, Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa died in a storm of 40 bullets while driving through Parral, Mexico. He was buried the next day, but three years later the grave was dug up and his skull was stolen. Officially, the identity of the robber remains a mystery, as does that of the person who ordered the assassination.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar where Homer Simpson hangs out?
- MUSIC: What are the first names of the Jackson 5?
- MOVIES: What prop is found in almost every scene in "The Fight Club"?
- ANATOMY: What does the term "hallux" refer to in human anatomy?
- GEOMETRY: What is the perimeter of a circle called?
- LITERATURE: What is Ron Weasley's patronus in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many tusks does a warthog have?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?

Answers

- Moe's Tavern.
- Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael.
- A Starbucks coffee cup.
- The big toe.
- Circumference.
- Jack Russell Terrier.
- Four.
- Three (California, Oregon, and Washington).
- Rust.
- George H.W. Bush.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Americanisms

"It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise."
— Mark Twain

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE:
Freedom neglected

By DAVID CARLSON PASTOR

Alice Day wrote in the Reader’s Digest about her state trooper husband who stopped a motorist for speeding. The man quickly admitted he had exceeded the posted speed limit, but still insisted on a court hearing. On his day in court, the state trooper was present and watched as the man pled guilty and then happily paid his fine. Outside the courtroom, the puzzled officer asked the man why he had requested the hearing. “I came to this country from Yugoslavia a few years ago,” he explained. “I never had the freedom to ask for a hearing. Now I do.”

In the New Testament, many who listened to the teachings of Jesus failed to recognize and accept the freedom he offered in the gospel. “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever, the son remains forever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.’” (John 8:31-36, English Standard Version used throughout).

Before he was an apostle, Paul was an exemplary Jew. “If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more; circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.” (Philippians 3:4-6)

Later he recognized the emptiness of his former life; “...whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Philippians 3:7-8).

The late bishop Fulton J. Sheen was speaking to an august group of politicians, including then President Jimmy Carter. He began his remarks by saying, “Fellow sinners,” then he paused and brought the group to laughter by looking directly at President Carter and said, “And that means you too!” “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Even the great apostle Paul had his struggles with sin. “So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:21,24).

Some see no possible freedom from the sin and difficulties in their life. Pastor Jim Cymbala, of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, noticed police outside his downtown church. They were looking up at a building across from the church where a jumper was poised on a ledge high above. The minister felt he might be able to help, so he ran up the stairs to where the officers and a therapist were trying unsuccessfully to talk the woman back inside the building. He asked if he could talk with her. They said yes, but to be careful to not get too close; the woman could grab him if she jumped and take him with her. He learned her name was Donna. She was living with a man who abused her. The only other place to stay was on a friend’s couch. In 20 minutes, Pastor Cymbala wrote, “God helped me bring her off the ledge into my arms.” They helped her find temporary housing and she decided to trust in God. A few weeks later, Donna came into the church excited. “Pastor Cymbala, I got my first studio apartment – a place of my own!”

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



Worship Directory



DALLAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit our Website at www.graceindallas.org for office hours, sermon downloads, event information, and more!

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

Salt Creek Baptist Church — 15075 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Lead Pastor David Curtis, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morningWorship Gathering 10:50am. Nurseryprovidedforworshipservices. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

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

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

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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

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

Online at dallatlcc.org. Check it out! Office open Mon.-Thur. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fri. 9:00 am to Noon.Because God first loved us, we celebrate the gifts of Christ through worship, service, and community.

United Methodist Church — a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors, 565 SE LaCreole Dr, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Pastor Rev. Ruth Marsh. In-person Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Go to the website at: dallasoregonumc.org for additional information.

ValleyLife Center (Assemblies of God) — 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Youth: Jeff Anderson; Children: Crystal Barker; Worship/Media: Jesse Ceballos. Sunday Service is at 10:00 am and online streaming at 10:00 am (www.valleylife.love.) On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, there is Men’s Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Ignite Youth, Rangers Boys Club, Mpact Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery care. For more information, contact us at www.vallelylife.love, info@valleylifecenter.com or 503-623-4116.

FALLS CITY

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 10:00am; Worship Service 11:10am. Community Service Center Food Bank: Second Wednesday, 11am-3pm, Fourth Sunday, 11am-3pm.

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Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays10 am 155 C St, Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ckindependence.com.

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

First Baptist Church — A warm friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11am Wednesdays: AWANA 7pm (during the school year). Thursdays: Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencelfirstbaptist.com

St. Patrick Parish, Catholic — 1275 E. St., Independence, 503-838-1242. Father Francisco Bringuela. Saturday Masses: 5pm English Vigil & 7pm Spanish. Sunday Masses: 9am English & 11:30am Spanish. Daily Masses: Monday 9:30am Communion Service. 9am Tuesday and Thursday Spanish, Wednesday and Friday English. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm or by appointment. Faith Formation: Monday 6:45pm -8:15pm Middle & High School. Tue: 6:45pm-8:15pm. Grades 1-4. Youth Group Thur. 6:30pm. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sunday 5pm at 315 Knox St., Monmouth. Tuesday 7pm Fellowship

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250 years later, Declaration reading delivers timely message

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

For Lars Hedbor, this week’s reading of the Declaration of Independence is an opportunity to relive one of America’s most pivotal moments in its history.

It’s a presentation he delivers with great regularity and integrity, and one that is always cherished.

The Oregon-based novelist aims to capture the urgency and spirit that stirred the colonies nearly 250 years ago with his dramatic reading.

Locals will have their chance to hear the words that shaped a country as part of the city of Monmouth’s July 4th Festival. Hedbor’s recital is at 2:15 p.m. July 3 at Main Street Park amphitheater. Don’t be late.

The reading only lasts about 15 minutes.

Admission is free and open to all ages, rain or shine. Limited seating is provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs

Hedbor will be dressed in period-appropriate attire.

“I am proud to bring this patriotic event to the community,” he said. “Celebrating the revolution to declare independence was exactly what John Adams envisioned when he wrote to his wife Abigail on July 2, predicting that the day ‘will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations as the great anniversary Festival.’”

Hedbor will also be available throughout the festival, offering signed copies of his historical novels and posing for photos in costume.

The event honors a tradition that began in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was publicly read in town squares across the colonies to spread the revolutionary message.

By day, Hedbor is a technical writer. By night, he’s a dedicated novelist who publishes one book a year. Most of his writing is done in November - National Novel Writing Month - as the now defunct collaboration was once known.

“My agreement with my wife is that she’s a widow for the month of November,” Hedbor said. “I spend the rest of the year editing and marketing.”

Hedbor’s novels - part of his “Tales From a Revolution” series - are written from the perspective of average citizens. He does this to emphasize that the

fight for independence was not just led by famous figures, but also by ordinary citizens. In his latest novel, his protagonist is a Hessian soldier.

His readings, which closely mirror the original public announcements made in 1776, offer listeners a tangible link to the past. He stresses, however, that the Declaration’s final, powerful comments are often overlooked.

“People remember the famous line about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” he said. “But few people continue reading to the final, stirring commitment these men made with their lives. Freedom is not a finished story. It’s an ongoing responsibility.”

Hedbor keeps his historical reenactments separate from modern politics, but acknowledges

the timelessness of grievances found in the Declaration.

“Some complaints, like being taken away without trial or having officers swarm communities, could be pulled straight from today’s headlines,” he said. “It’s impossible not to feel the weight of those echoes.”

While Hedbor has participated in events like the No Kings protest march, he states his novels are not political statements. Instead, they focus on the complexities of the Revolution, including the perspectives of Loyalists and Hessian soldiers fighting for the British.

“History isn’t black and white,” he said. “People on all sides had compelling reasons for what they did. It’s more powerful to tell the stories of their difficult choices at their kitchen

tables than to only focus on the battles.”

This year’s reading is especially timely, some would say, given the divisions within the country.

“I love this country deeply. Not always for what it is, but for what it aspires to be,” he said.

“Government by consent is under real threat.”

Still, signs of hope are out there, he added.

“Seeing people on the ground supporting these values gives me optimism,” he said. “It reminds me that the consent of the governed still matters.”

Go to larshhedbor.com for more on Hedbor’s “Tales From a Revolution” series or to make online purchases.

LETTERS

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people to government penalties and restrictions until they find means to extricate themselves.

People now routinely make Faustian like bargains unconsciously which exchange parts of their human essence for illusions of material comfort and security.

*Nolan Nelson
Redmond*

Channel hatred of Trump toward doing something useful

For several weeks now folks have been demonstrating on the corner of

Ellendale and Main in Dallas. You made your point, you hate Trump, so please put down your signs and do something positive.

Read to someone with diminished eyesight, visit a shut-in. Those of you who attend a church, volunteer

in the nursery, or watch toddlers for a mom, so she can grocery shop (two toddlers in a cart leaves little room for groceries). Help a disabled person with their yard work, or a free ride to appointments. Help Meals on Wheels, join the

Friendship Club, or the James II Project.

Being hateful is not becoming to anyone.

*Donna Faxon
Dallas*



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Four tips for healthy eating during pregnancy

Pregnancy is a time when your body needs extra nutrients to support both you and your growing baby. But as a busy parent-to-be, finding time to prepare healthy meals can feel like a challenge.

Here are a few ways to create quick, nutrient-packed dishes that fuel your pregnancy. No complicated recipes needed!

- 1. Focus on key nutrients for mom and baby:** This includes folic acid, iron, calcium and protein. Stick to whole grains, lean proteins, dairy and colorful vegetables. Try incorporating a variety of easy-to-make meals like overnight oats with chia seeds and fruit for breakfast, or a simple veggie-packed stir fry with quinoa and grilled chicken for lunch.
- 2. Be prepared with healthy snacks:** Reach for options like Greek yogurt with nuts and berries, or hummus with carrot and cucumber sticks. These options are quick to prep, packed with protein and keep you feeling satisfied throughout the day.
- 3. Meal prepping is your friend:** Batch-cooking healthy meals on the weekend or using a slow cooker during the week can save you time and ensure you always have something nutritious ready. The key is balancing convenience with wholesome choices.
- 4. Be kind to your body:** If you’re feeling nauseous, stick to bland foods like bananas, rice, applesauce and toast. Instead of eating big meals, snack often, and make sure to get plenty of fluids.

Nourishing yourself doesn’t have to be stressful, and with a little planning, you’ll be fueling your pregnancy with ease.

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Sports

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70 entrants test Willamina mud race track Saturday

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There were 64 trucks racing in the main events, 12 of those came back to race in four different Powder Puff Classes.

There were six Side by Sides racing in two different classes.

Total Destruction Racing Team is hoping to put on another race in September. But organizers still need to get approval from the 4th of July Committee and the city of Willamina.

Mud Drag Results Open Class

1st place - Jeff Lockwood of McMinnville racing a White 1932 Ford “Never Enough” (Total Destruction Racing Team)

2nd place - David Currie of Roseburg racing a Blue rail “6R”

3rd place - Bob Ireton of Kelso, WA driving a White 1992 Chevy S-10 “Tortuga” (Scorpion Race Team)

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by JL Trucking, LLC

Super Modified

1st place - Josh Hermens of McMinnville racing a Red 1986 Toyota Pu (RIP Racing)

2nd place - Lonnie Ledbetter of Sheridan driving Rust colored 1933 Plymouth “Pandemic” (Total Destruction Racing Team)

3rd place winner Jazmin Dawkins of Tillamook driving a Blue 1995 Chevy S-10 (Total Destruction Racing Team)

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by B & T Automotive

Modified

1st place - Lonnie Ledbetter of Sheridan driving Rust colored 1933 Plymouth “Pandemic” (Total Destruction Racing Team)

2nd place - Jeremy Roselle of Juneau, Alaska, driving a Blue 1985 Chevy Blazer “ZR2” (Total Destruction Racing Team)

3rd place - Matt Phillips of Gervais driving a Silver 1990 Toyota Pu “Punished” (RIP Racing)

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - McMinnville Les Schwab

8 Cylinder Road & Trail

1st place - Matt Phillips of Gervais driving a Silver 1990 Toyota Pu (RIP Racing)

2nd place - Cliff Roselle of Grand Ronde driving a Blue 1985 Chevy Blazer “ZR2” (Total Destruction Racing Team)

3rd place - Chris Lucia of Amity driving a Green 1986 Toyota (Total Destruction Racing Team)

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - Davison Auto Parts

8 Cylinder Stock/6 Cylinder Modified

1st place - Jack Scott of McMinnville driving a Blue 1980 Toyota PU “Nitro Dragin”

2nd place - Edwin Glines of Roseburg driving a Black 1986 Black Jeep

3rd place - Hamilton of Coquille driving a Black 1998 Jeep Cherokee

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - Boyer Speed

6 Cylinder Stock/4 Cylinder Modified

1st place - Isaac Johnson of McMinnville driving a Black/Gray 2000 Jeep Cherokee “Hank” (Hell Bound Racing)

2nd place - Loren Sullinger of Aurora driving a Black 1992 Jeep “Little Mud Digger”

3rd place - Tom Haight of Grand Ronde driving a Green 1999 Toyota Tacoma Pu “Green Machine”

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - RC Plus & Hobbies

4 Cylinder Stock

1st place - Cassidy Cravotto of Sheridan driving a Black 1988 Toyota “I.F.S.”

2nd place - Tom Haight of Grand Racing Ronde driving a Green 1999 Toyota Tacoma Pu “Green Machine”

3rd place - Shane Deweese of Sheridan driving a Black 1986 Toyota “Betty”

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by Willamina Chamber of Commerce

Modified Powder Puff

1st place - Kara O’Brien of Saint Helens driving a Green Lime 1986 Ford “Miss Behavin” (Total Destruction Racing Team & Miss Behavin Racing)

Trophy & Prize Money Sponsored by Hampton Lumber

Road & Trail Powder Puff—

1st place - Nicole Cawley of Tillamook driving a Blue 1985 Chevy Blazer (Total Destruction Racing Team)

Trophy & Prize Money Sponsored by - Warnicki Repair

8 Cylinder Stock Powder Puff-

1st place - Danielle Bange of Myrtle Point driving a Black 1998 Jeep

2nd place - Alysha Moore of Camas Valley driving a Green 1979 Toyota “Frankie”

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - Rotary Club of the West Valley

4 & 6 Cylinder Powder Puff

1st place - Penny Brewer of Grand Ronde driving a White 1998 Jeep Cherokee

2nd place - Alysha Moore of Camas Valley driving a Green 1979 Toyota “Frankie”

3rd place - Tina Hammond of Sheridan driving a Gold 1980 Toyota Pu (Total Destruction Racing Team)

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - Mary Jane Hollinger

Side By Sides Factory Class

1st place - Michael Venoy driving a Grey Can Am

2nd place - Matt Hembree of Willamina driving a 2024 Kawasaki

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by - TNT Motorsports

Modified Class

1st place - Chris Dizick of Grand Ronde driving a Blue/Black 2018 Can-Am (Total Destruction Racing Team)

2nd place - Ben Johnston of Tillamook driving Black 2023 Polaris (Total Destruction Racing Team)

3rd place - Jody Brewer of Grand Ronde racing an Orange/Black 2021 Polaris

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by One Eyed Trucking

Kids Dash For Cash Winners

Ages 5 & Under

1st - Niko Escobedo of Grand Ronde

2nd - Graceland Johnson of McMinnville

3rd - Brayton Griffith of Willamina

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by Steve & Debbie Abrames

Ages 6-7

1st - Travis McKee of McMinnville

2nd - Wilder Stuck of Grand Ronde

3rd - Brady Downs of Willamina

Trophies & Prize Money Sponsored by Mike & Marcie Gass

1st - Chevelle Owen of Willamina

2nd - Emerson Davies of Lincoln City

3rd - Carter Ashley of McMinnville

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Ages 11-13

1st - Mason West of Coffee County, Tennessee

2nd - Darius Nelson of Lafayette

3rd winner Madalynn Hamilton of Coquille

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Ages 14 and over

1st - Jaxson Harris of McMinnville

2nd - Ethan Faulkner of Dallas

3rd - Aspen Jay of Dallas

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

July 2, 1975

Polk communities offer 'family style' July 4th

Polk County communities of Monmouth-Independence, Dallas and Falls City will again offer residents and visitors a variety of Fourth of July activities including the M-I Festival Association's Winter Olympics celebration, the Dallas fireworks and family games at the Polk County Fairgrounds, and the Old Fashioned Fourth parade, barbecue and contests in Falls City.

Dallas Bicentennial plans show steady progress

Progress on the Dallas Smileraoo-Bicentennial is continuing following the third organizational meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the Blue Garden.

Smilearoo-Bicentennial committee members met this week with organizations in the community to discuss plans for the parade, concession stands, games and contests, and the queen competition for the celebration.

Corvallis increases lead with Dallas defeat

Dallas' American Legion baseball team along with most other teams in Legion's area 3 division, got hit by the 'tidal wave' and saw all but one of their ballgames last week washed out. They did manage to squeeze a game in Saturday at Corvallis but it should have been rained out also after looking at the results. Corvallis won 8-3. The game was extremely important. The Dallas loss dropped the locals to 5-2, and to 1 ½ games behind league leading Corvallis.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from July 2, 1975: SUMMER SERVICE CORP - High school youth from the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church in Dallas are working in the Fullerton-Norwalk area with the Mexican-American communities. As members of the summer service corps, they will be conducting vacation Bible schools and will be involved in community evangelism for 10 days. Those going are (front, from left) Andrea Irvin, Mike Wiens - chaperone, Berdie Gookin and Paster Dave Holley; (middle, from left) Suzanne Padilla, Val Wilson, Lyn Fast and Jeff Irvin; and (top, from left) Bevan Unrau, Mike Wall, Marci Wilson and Bill Brandt.

40 Years Ago

July 3, 1985

Polk Seniors lose one bus, gain new van

Faced with the loss of a van that serves the Monmouth-Independence area, the Polk Senior Transportation District has received an 11th-hour grant from a local agency to purchase a new vehicle in the fall. The Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency will purchase a van

this fall that will be used by PSTD on a contract basis, said Doug Stone, assistant director of the agency. The senior services agency will keep title to the vehicle but PSTD will pay no rental fees for the use of the van, he said. Fireworks accident triggers Polk lawsuit Fourth of July 1984 apparently went up in flames for a West Salem women, who is seeking about \$200,000 in a suit filed last week in Polk

County Circuit Court against the people who allegedly ignited her house with fireworks last year. Goldie O. Cameron, who lived at 3510 Eola Drive NW, says in the suit that her house was destroyed after some neighboring West Salem residents set off fireworks that landed on her roof and ignited the shake shingles. Baxter strikes out 14 in Senior girls finale Oregon Bank knocked off James King Excavating

on Saturday, 16-7, to end its Kids Inc. Senior Girls softball season in first place. Julie Baxter struck out 14 to lead the winners, who finished the season 10-2. Baxter and Jennifer Davis each tripled, while Missy Smith added a double. Sunny allowed only one hit in four innings of relief for James King. Lori Hall scored a run and played strong defense.

Community Achievement

Celebrating 25 years of marriage



Tony and Barbara (Matye) Baker, of Independence, celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 15, 2025. The couple plan to spend the event having dinner with their kids, Dafnie and Owen.

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Renowned singer and avant-garde artist who's an authority on a meditative method: Yoga Ono.

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Local students make Clackamas Community College honor roll

A total of 507 students made the Clackamas Community College honor roll, and 1,154 students made the president's list for spring term 2025. To be named to the honor roll, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or better. To be named to the president's list, students must earn a 3.75 grade-point average or better. Students honored were: President's List Independence - Veronica Gonzalez and Maria Santana Moreno Monmouth - Martha Gallardo and Monica Rameriz-Dominguez

WOU's Halley Read receives prestigious Occupational Therapy honor

Halley Read, Ph.D., capstone coordinator of the Occupational Therapy program at Western Oregon University, received the Grace Black Award of Honor at the 2024

Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon's Annual Conference. This award is the highest recognition for an occupational therapist practitioner in Oregon. The Grace Black Award of Honor is named after Grace Black, a foundational figure in OT practice and the OT Association of Oregon (OTAO). Black served on the committee that drafted the OTAO's original constitution in 1946 and established the occupational therapy department at what is now called Oregon Health Sciences University. "It was a profound honor to receive the highest honor for an OT practitioner in the state of Oregon," Read said. "I stand on the shoulders of giants, and take that privilege and the accompanying responsibilities seriously. To be honored in this way, by my community of OT here in Oregon, is a moment I won't forget."

Local students graduate from Linfield University

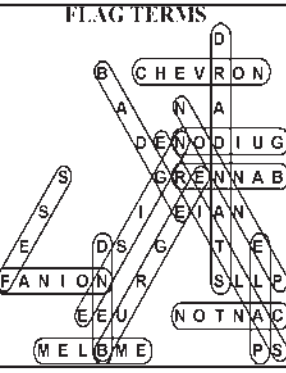
Six Polk County students were among the 470 spring 2025 semester graduates of Linfield University. The commencement ceremony and pinning ceremony for the School of Nursing were held on June 1. Congratulations to the following local students: Dylan Renfro, of Dallas, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Lucas Bjorklund, of Independence, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Moana Andrew, of Independence, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Aimee Ritchey, of Monmouth, earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and media studies and a minor in psychology Ethan Hoppe, of West Salem, earned a Master of Science in business: wine leadership Maison Searle, of West Salem, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Local students make University of Maryland Global Campus Dean's List

Jenifer Bergstad, of Dallas, and Garon Stanley, of Monmouth, were among nearly 18,000 University of Maryland Global Campus students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Caroline Conolly graduates from Montana State

Caroline Conolly, of Dallas, was one of 1,851 undergraduate students and 374 graduate students to graduate from Montana State University during its 142nd spring commencement ceremonies May 9. Conolly graduated with highest honors, earning a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7.



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Super Crossword

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TOWN CRIER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2- 9

Wednesday, July 2
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
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior 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. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Birthday celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

Thursday, July 3
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Beverly Beach State Park,

meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
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
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Grief 101 Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing/Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5 p.m. - Live Music: Robert Meade (Beatles), Benedetto Vineyards, 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, July 4
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/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Rock Painting Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Birthday Party, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5:30 p.m. - Bingo Hotdogs, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, July 5
8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 180 S Warren St., Monmouth
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse Band , Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Live Music: Dave Upton, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence

Sunday, July 6
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
1 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Elysium Botanicals

Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
2 p.m. - Live Music: Scott Austin, Benedetto Vineyards, 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas

Monday, July 7
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Dallas City Council work session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Independence Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

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

9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park
9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Sing with Teacher Brittany, for ages 0-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds Street 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. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Wednesday, July 9
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds 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
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior 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. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Birthday celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Dallas Historic Preservation Commission meeting,
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
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., City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park - Bon Bon Vivant, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.

Community Briefs

Pickleball club offers free summer lessons
The Dallas Pickleball Club is offering free lessons on Tuesdays through August. To signup for lessons go to <https://signup.com/go/nvYprMa>. For more information go to <https://www.dallaspickleballclub.net/lessons>.

Monmouth hosts 4th of July Festival
Come to Main Street Park for a two-day festival to celebrate America’s birthday July 3-4. The festival kicks off at noon with vendors and yard games. On Thursday, there will be live music, theater performances and many opportunities to connect with the community. Friday features a car show, mini-marathon, the children’s parade, the Grand Parade, and then the fun continues throughout the afternoon.

Dallas Library hosts Power Play for the Planet July 3
Join the Dallas Public Library and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History for Power Play for the Planet. Learn how to save Planet Earth at 4 p.m. July 3 at the Dallas City Park Seibert/ Fredrickson Memorial Picnic Shelter. There will be games, puzzles and wacky challenges. Explore the environment, design solutions and imagine a bright future together. Fun and learning for the whole family.

Independence Days returns July 3-4
The Independence Days Celebration returns to Riverview Park July 3-4. Event goers will be welcomed with upbeat live entertainment, vibrant vendors, and wholesome family activities. There’s a Grand Parade that stretches from Monmouth to Independence, a rubber ducky derby on the Willamette River, fireworks, and more. Wristbands are still available for \$10 for non residents and \$5 for Independence and Monmouth residents through June 27 at the Independence Civic Center. To take advantage of this discount, residents will need to show proof of residence, such as an ID, utility bill, or a piece of mail. The \$5 price is limited to six wristbands per family.

For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/44czVE5>.

Polk County Democrats host booth at Independence Days
The Polk County Democrats will be sponsoring a booth at the Independence Days celebration in Riverview Park Thursday July 3-4. Stop by and visit, where you’ll find pins, posters, and yard signs for sale. Voter information and lively conversation is free.

Brew celebrates anniversary with Birthday Bash July 5
Brew Coffee & Tap House celebrates its ninth anniversary in Independence with Birthday Bash July 5 at 211 S. Main St. Drink and food specials start at 5 p.m. and go all night, with free cake at 6

p.m. The ElectrAcoustics will perform at 7 p.m. on their patio stage.

Family Life Church hosts Summer Slam Kids Day Camp July 7-9
The Family Life Church hosts a Summer Slam Kids Day Camp, for youth entering preschool through fifth grade, is July 7-9 from 9-11:30 a.m. at their Dallas Campus, 1079 SE Jefferson St. Preschoolers must be potty trained. Registration is \$10 online at <https://bit.ly/4k3TC72>. Please bring your driver’s license for drop offs and pickups, as this

ensures the safety of all the children.

DDA hosts free movie night July 9
The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a free movie night with the showing of “Dungeons & Dragons” July 9 at 6 p .m. at the Dallas Cinema, 166 SE Mill St. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Dallas hosts concert series July 10
The Dallas Summer Concert Series kicks off July 10 with the Tuesday String Band playing their bluegrass hits at the Dallas Rotary

Performing Arts Stage at 7 p.m. The series continues every Thursday through Aug. 14, culminating with the final performance of Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts’ farewell tour. New for the shows this year is a VIP section at \$25 a show or \$100 for the season. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/4lhVDgP>.

Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom July 10
The Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom at 6:15 p.m. July 10 for an

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It's Fourth of July on a Stick: Skewers Make Your Party a Breeze

The Fourth of July is the time to celebrate with fireworks, family and, of course, food. This year let's make the celebration even easier and more fun — by taking everything on a stick. No plates? No problem! Whether you're hosting a backyard BBQ, heading to a picnic or attending a block party, these skewers will keep everyone happily munching without the mess.

When it comes to holiday fare, I love a good kabob. Kabobs are the ultimate finger food; they're easy to eat while mingling or watching the fireworks. They're customizable, delicious and fun to make. You can go savory, sweet or a combination of both, and the best part? They require no plates! Just grab and go.

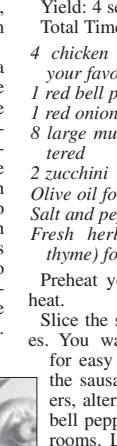
Here are some kabob ideas that will impress your guests and make cleanup a breeze.

Diva Tip: Soak bamboo skewers in water for 30 minutes before using.

The Appetizer Skewer. Let's start with something light, fresh and oh-so-flavorful. **Mini Caprese Skewers** are as simple as they get — just cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls and fresh basil leaves, all threaded onto skewers. They offer a burst of tangy goodness with every bite. For an extra touch of elegance, drizzle them with a little balsamic glaze before serving. These skewers are

a perfect appetizer. They're vibrant, simple and a refreshing break from the heavier grilling options.

The Dessert Skewer. Want to add a little sweetness to your menu? These **Firework Fruit Skewers** will do the trick! Thread fresh strawberries, blueberries and banana slices onto skewers for a patriotic burst of red, white and blue. Brush the banana slices with lemon juice to prevent browning. To take these skewers over the top, brush them with melted coconut oil and toss them on the grill for a minute or two to add a smoky, caramelized sweetness that's simply irresistible. Serve with ice cream or glazed doughnuts. (Trust me on this!)



Skewers make 4th of July celebrations simple, delicious and plate-free!

Now, for the star of the show: the All-American Chicken Sausage Skewers. These skewers are a true crowd-pleaser, combining the savory goodness of chicken and apple sausage (or your favorite sausage) with the vibrant colors of red peppers, earthy mushrooms and sweet red onions. It's a simple but flavorful combination that also looks gorgeous on the platter and captures the spirit of the Fourth of July — celebrating all things fresh, bold and fun.

ALL-AMERICAN CHICKEN SAUSAGE SKEWERS

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

4 chicken and apple sausages (or your favorite sausage variety)
1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
1 red onion, cut into chunks
8 large mushrooms, halved or quartered
2 zucchini
Olive oil for brushing
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh herbs (such as parsley or thyme) for garnish, optional

Preheat your grill to medium-high heat.

Slice the sausages into 1-inch pieces. You want them to be bite-size for easy skewer assembly. Thread the sausage pieces onto the skewers, alternating with chunks of red bell peppers, red onion and mushrooms. Lightly brush the skewers with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Place the skewers on the preheated grill, turning occasionally until the sausage is cooked through and the vegetables are tender with a slight char (about 8-10 minutes).

Once done, remove from the grill and cool. Sprinkle fresh herbs over the top for added flavor and color, if desired. Serve immediately or store in the fridge until ready to serve.

So, fire up the grill, grab your skewers and let the good times roll — no plates, no problem!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED HOMES



EXCELLENT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! 4 unit property just blocks from Western Oregon University! 9bd/8bath. 1930's 3br/2bath house that has been nicely updated. 3-1990's townhouse units that are 2bd/1.5 bath. Live in the house and generate income from the 3 units or rent all of the units. **\$980,000.00** (#824824)



NEW LISTING! Spacious home that is easy to maneuver. 3bd/2 bath. Flexible living space with vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace. Kitchen has granite countertops, pantry and comes with the appliances. New carpet and vinyl flooring. Gas BBQ hook up, covered RV parking and garden shed. **\$499,000.00** (#830276)



BACK ON THE MARKET! At no fault of the property. Late 70's rancher on a large lot boasts much of the features and character of the times in this 3bd/2 bath home. Large open kitchen adjoins a large eating area. Large living room with great natural light. Large lot offers room for a garden and more. **\$390,000.00** (#827678)



THIS HOME has all the room you can want at over 1800 square feet of living space. 3bd/2bath. Split living areas afford both formal and casual living space. Roof is 2 years old and windows have been upgraded with newer vinyl double pane style. **\$95,000.00** (#826886)

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PCIO25-1263 In the Matter of the Estate of Alejandro Zukowski Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB04149 All persons having claims against the above-identified estate must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of the notice to the personal representative at the address designated in the notice for the presentation of claims or they may be barred. Elizabeth Zukowski, Personal Representative c/o Sam Sears 570 Liberty St. SE, Suite 240 Salem, Oregon 97301 All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. This notice was first published on July 2, 2025.

PCIO25-1266 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of ALFONSO PADILLA, Deceased. No. 25PB05352 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that REBECCA PADILLA has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at the address shown below, within four months after the date of 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 attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and first published July 2, 2025. /s/ Marcus R. Whitney, OSB No. 096348 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE REBECCA PADILLA 3815 Webster St. Apt A Oakland, CA, 94609 (310) 621-4428 ATTORNEY Marcus R. Whitney OSB No. 096348 MELIORA LEGAL, LLC PO Box 787 Salem, OR 97308 Telephone: (503) 363-9231 Facsimile: (503) 363-9232 Email: marcus@meliora-law.com

PCIO25-1265 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, OR 97338 on July 29th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Christine Bolinger - H30341, Jimmy Davis - H30320, Jimmy Davis - H30319, Cherine Demarsh - A0040, Carrie Lewis - H20251, Jacquelyn Petersen - A0028, Bennett Priest - H10008, Lakaena Sarani - F0015

PCIO25-1264 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE Sale at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east off Godsey Road) 10 AM Saturday, July 19, 2025 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. Shelby Aspen Wheeler L395 William Bolinger L355 Ara Brouse G167 Myrna Garcia I301 Stephanie Gouveia L356, L436 Sherri Holley H187, L393, L417 Shawna Lagow L391 Richard Maxfield I288 Sandra Page I300, L440 Annalia Parker J229 Cassidy Plueard E108 Neal Read I205 Tina Sears L374

PCIO25-1262 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK NO. 25PB05265 Probate In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICK FRANCIS POWERS, deceased Notice to Interested Persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of his lawyer, Mari Bailey, at 2985 River Road South, Salem, OR 97302, 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 July 2, 2025. Jesse Powers-Taylor Personal Representative Mari Bailey, OSB #900374 Attorney for Personal Representative 2985 River Road S. Salem, OR 97302 Telephone: 503-581-4670 Facsimile: 503-581-4638 E-mail: mari@maribaileylawyer.com Published July 2, 2025

PCIO25-1261 BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON A Resolution Establishing an Amended Fair Housing Policy for the City of Independence RESOLUTION NO. 14-1396 LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Independence that discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of

sale, rental or lease, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage, rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. It is the policy of the City of Independence to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (1. Children, and 2. Actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members) or national origin. NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Independence resolves as follows: Section 1. That within the resources available to the City of Independence through city, county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin in the process of filing a complaint with the Oregon Civil Rights Division or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division, that they may seek equity under federal and state laws. Section 2. That the City shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances. Section 3. THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning the Fair Housing law and complaint procedures, will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: 1) the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution; 2) the distribution of posters, flyers, pamphlets and other applicable Fair Housing information provided by local, state and federal sources, through local media of community contacts; and, 3) the publicizing of location where assistance will be provided to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint. Section 4. Resolution No. 08-1231, passed October 28, 2008, is hereby repealed in its entirety. Section 5. This Resolution will be effective immediately upon passage by the Council and Approval by the Mayor. Passed by the City Council: Dec. 9, 2014 Signed by the Mayor: OHN McARDLE, MAYOR Dec. 9 2014 ATTEST: Karin Johnson, MMC City Recorder J

PCIO25-1259 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73386 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by JEFFERY WOOSLEY as Grantor to TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for UMPQUA BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 12/15/2009, recorded 12/21/2009, as Instrument No. 2009-014421, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 21, BLOCK 3, KINGSBOROUGH PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 518 SW SHEILA STREET DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 401322 / 07532-BB-04800 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 1 1/1/2024, 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: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$7,492.03 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,373.88 Unapplied Funds: (\$461.87) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,310.00 Total necessary to cure: \$10,714.04 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: \$113,861.26 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 9/12/2025 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: 5/2/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Dirk Schouten, OSB# 115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4842840 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025

PCIO25-1256 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Eric T Ingram/ Leora M Ingram unit #052; Lisa Miller unit #631. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1255 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.storage-treasures.com on 7/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Lisa Coleman unit #088; Lester Barker Jr. units #A14 & #A31. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1247 LLG 25-130277 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Jonathan Henry Richey and Reagan L Taylor, husband and wife as joint tenants, whose address is 965 Southwest Sequoia Lane, Dallas, OR 97338 as grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Geneva Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated April 27, 2022, recorded April 28, 2022, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2022-005209, Planet Home Lending, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Lot 4, FORESTRY CREEK MEADOWS, in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume 12, Page 41.) COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 965 Southwest Sequoia Lane, Dallas, OR 97338. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Delinquent Monthly payments from July 1, 2024 in the sum of \$29,274.33, and monthly payments in the amount of \$2,647.75 from June 1, 2025 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$749.20, plus the sum of \$200.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$416,710.71, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$20,337.34 through May 14, 2025, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.125% per annum from May 15, 2025, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$749.20, plus the sum of \$3,078.64 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on October 7, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, in the City of Dallas, OR, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of 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 to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount 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 obligations or 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 trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatements/Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential

conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, 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. 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 property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said 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. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, 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. Dated: 5/15/2025 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255 Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 LLG 25-130277 NPP0474604 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 06/25/2025, 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025

PCIO25-1244 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK [Probate Department] In the Matter of the Estate of Lynn R. Lee Freeman, Deceased. Case No. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 786 NW Sherman Street, Sheridan, Oregon 97378, 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 lawyer for the personal representative, Carol J. Fredrick. Dated this~ 9th day of May 2025. Ashley Lynn Ulery Personal Representative Petitioner: Ashley Lynn Ulery 786 NW Sherman Street Sheridan, OR 97378 Phone (503) 560-2103 Lawyer for Personal Representative: Carol J Fredrick OSB No. 883705 2046 NE Hwy 99W, Suite D McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone 503 435 1455 Carol@fredrickandfinch.com

PCIO25-1235 NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL THE TRUST DEED TO BE FORECLOSED IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL TRUST DEED AS DEFINED IN ORS 86.705(6) A default has occurred under the terms of a Trust Deed made by Pedro Torres Reyes, as Grantor, to Byron Farley, a member of the Oregon State Bar, as Successor Trustee, in favor of Sadie LaBerge and Jason William LaBerge, Not as Tenants in Common, but with the rights of survivorship, as named Beneficiary, dated February 16, 2024, and recorded on February 16, 2024, as Document Number 2024-001082, in the Deed Records of Polk County, Oregon, covering the following described real property: Lot 35, SHADOW CREEK ESTATES NO. 2, in the City of Salem, County of Polk and State of Oregon. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2458 Morrow Court NW, Salem, OR 97304 The undersigned Successor Trustee, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 3938, Salem, Oregon 97302, hereby certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by said Trust Deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752. There are defaults by the Grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which

authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made are Grantor's failure to pay when due monthly installment payments from June 1, 2024, to date, thereby resulting in an acceleration of the outstanding balance and resulting in the indebtedness of the following established sums: Principal due as of April 3, 2025 \$102,000.00 Interest on principal balance at 10% per annum as of April 1, 2025, plus interest accruing thereafter at the rate of \$27.94 per diem until paid \$6,265.84 Attorney fees as of April 3, 2025, plus all attorney fees accruing thereafter \$1,500.00 (estimate) Late Fees \$150.00 Foreclosure Guaranty Fees \$353.00 Certified deed record copies and recording fees \$ Pending TOTAL IN DEFAULT \$110,268.84 By reason of said default(s), the Beneficiaries have declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: As of April 3, 2025, the principal sum due is \$102,000.00, plus any additional late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, receiver's fees, trustee's fees, collection costs, publication fees, recording fees, title expenses, penalties, real property taxes due and owing, and any other sums advanced or to be advanced by the Beneficiaries for the protection of the above-described property and their interest therein. Interest on the principal balance continues to accrue at the per diem rate of \$10.68 until the loan is paid in full. Notice hereby is given that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee, by reason of said default, have elected and do hereby elect to foreclose said Trust Deed by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.705 to 86.795, and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest of the above-described property which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time of the execution by Grantor of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensations of the Successor Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of Successor Trustee's attorneys. Said sale will be held at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in accord with the standard of time, as established by ORS 187.110 on August 27, 2025, at the following place: Outside of the main front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, in the City of Dallas, State of Oregon, County of Polk, which is the hour, date and place last set by the Successor Trustee for said sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the said Beneficiary nor the said Successor 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 Successor Trustee in the Trust Deed or of any successor in interest to the grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the subject property. Notice is further given to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than 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 Beneficiaries 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 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 Successor Trustee's and attorney fees allowed under Oregon law in construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, 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. Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor 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.

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

Wednesday, Jun 18
At 2:49 a.m., officers investigated a report of two subjects wearing dark clothing who tried pulling on the doors on Holman Avenue. They checked the surrounding area and were unable to locate the subjs. They also checked the high school and it was secure.
At 3:38 a.m., Christopher Smith, of Salem, was cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.
At 8:30 p.m., someone found a dog, brown/white, medium sized mixed breed on Cooper Street. The subject was going to keep the dog overnight and contact animal control in the morning.
At 11:06 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was stopped for failure to maintain a lane. The driver did not show signs of impairment, but was cited for driving without proper lighting equipment.
At 11:29 p.m., officers responded to a domestic dispute on Fern Court. Two females got into an argument over financial issues and got into somewhat of a pushing match. No claim or signs of injury. Both parties agreed to stay separated for the night if necessary.
At 11:44 p.m., a report of juveniles on bikes and skateboards being loud on Howe Street. An officer drove around the location and was unable to locate anyone.

Thursday, June 19
At 12:43 a.m., Linn County Sheriff’s Office found a runaway juvenile and returned him to the parents on Court Street.
An officer located three juvenile females walking home at 3:45 am., and provided them a courtesy ride home. The officer spoke with a guardian in regards to the actions of the girls. She stated she would take appropriate action in regards to this matter.
At 5:47 a.m., a motorist on on Main Street was cited for speeding 34 mph in a 20-mph zone and for failing to provide proof of financial responsibility.
At 9:09 a.m. a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was cited for no license and driving uninsured.
At 3:43 p.m., a report of “stolen license plates.” The DMV return indicated the plates had been returned to the DMV.
At 9:46 p.m., a report of a vehicle vs deer on Fir Villa Road. An officer arrived at the location and observed a doe laying in the ditch with two broken rear legs. The deer was put down to prevent further suffering.
At 11:44 p.m., a report of four to five juveniles throwing cans over an apartment fence and being noisy. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

Friday, June 20
At 11:06 a.m., a report of a late theft on Ellendale Avenue.
At 12:31 p.m., parties involved in a crash walked to the police station on Court Street. They had already exchanged information. An officer pointed them to the DMV to make a report if they needed to.
At 4:37 p.m. a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and

received a written warning for failure to renew registration and failure to signal a turn.

Saturday, June 21
At 12:15 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was stopped for failure to use a turn signal. However, the turn signal was currently not working. The driver was issued a verbal warning for expired registration and was informed to get the light fixed.
At 12:37 a.m., officers investigated a domestic dispute on Levens Street with an accidental discharge of a firearm. A were arguing and talking about going shooting in the morning. The pistol accidentally went off as she was removing it from the closet in preparation for the next day.
At 4:25 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Miller Avenue for expired registration. The owner just bought the vehicle and is in process of getting title and registration switched over.
At 7:37 a.m., a resident on Court Street reported finding a drone in the backyard. Police advised posting in the community board of a found drone as there was not a way to identify the owner.
At 12:52 p.m., a report of a driver of a diesel truck “blowing” black smoke at a group of protesters. An officer contacted the driver via phone and admonished him for his behavior.
At 8:40 p.m., a report of a subject who knocked on the door of a residence in Dallas to who saw huskies in the window and wanted to tell the owner that they essentially had nice dogs. However, the daughter at the residence thought the subject was trying to break in so she called other family members who responded and confronted causing a bigger disturbance.
At 9:22 p.m., a firework exploding on Oakdale Avenue was mistaken for a gunshot.
At 10:31 p.m., a noise complaint was reported on Oregon Avenue. When an officer arrived the music had already been turned off and residents were going inside. The officer informed them about the noise and they agreed to quiet down.

Sunday, June 22
At 12:46 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Rickreall Road for suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant as it was weaving, with speeds consistently 10 mph below the limit, jerking wheel to avoid objects. The driver, 55, said it was well past his normal bedtime. He admitted to one drink 2 1/2 hrs before and consented to a field sobriety test and passed. The officer expressed appreciation to the driver for performing the tests and he was released.
At 5:53 a.m., an officer investigated a residential alarm on Miller Avenue. The homeowner had triggered the alarm after forgetting to turn the alarm off.
At 2:01 p.m., a complaint of a Camry passing unsafely and almost hitting the complainant on his motorcycle on Kings Valley Highway. An officer was unable to located the vehicle.
At 4:11 p.m., an officer investigated a (minor) injury crash at the intersection of Fir Villa Road. One driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.
At 8:07 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported shots in the area. An officer contacted the complainant who said it sounded like they were coming from the northeast. The officer couldn’t locate the source, but likely outside of the city.
At 10:22 p.m., an officer investigated a noise complaint on 10th Street. The officer

talked with the resident who promised to turn it down.

Monday, June 23
At 12:26 a.m., an officer contacted a homeless person outside the senior center. The subject promised to move along.
At 10:51 a.m., an officer investigated a report of animal neglect on Aspen Lane, due to the dog in the backyard whining. The complaint was unfounded.
At 11:53 a.m., a report of a hit and run on Orchard Drive that caused downed power lines and communication lines. A crash report was issued to Pacific Power and the resident.
At 11:54 a.m., a resident on Ellis Street reported finding a bicycle. An officer found it was not stolen and give the resident a list of options.
At 9:20 p.m., a report of youth driving four-wheelers in a neighborhood on Gregory Drive. An officer was unable to locate anyone.
At 9:41 p.m., Nathaniel Sample, of Salem, was arrested on Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Tuesday, June 24
At 2:07 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street for expired registration.
At 3:37 a.m., an officer investigated a noise complaint on Walnut Avenue. The noise was due to the family cat having a minor injury that made a bath necessary. The resident, her two children, and one cat were all damp and frazzled. They were all done and getting ready for bed.
At 6:22 a.m., residents on Stump Street reported two subjects illegally parked on a neighbor’s vacant property. An officer warned them for theft of services and advised them to find somewhere else to stay.
At 7:07 a.m., a complaint of loud music coming from the bus barn on Cherry Street. An officer advised management who turned the music down.
At 9:06 a.m., an officer contacted homeless people who tapped into power on Main Street and had garbage all over. They were advised they were trespassing. They agreed to pack up and leave. They were admonished on littering/theft of services.
At 10:31 a.m., a PANIC ALARM was triggered on Douglas Street. There was no emergency and the resident is working with the alarm company to fix the issue.
At 11:56 a.m., a report of a late crash in the Safeway parking lot. An incident number was provided for the insurance claim.
At 1:14 p.m., Eric Molina was arrested on Main Street on an outstanding warrant.
At 2:32 p.m., a report of a late hit and run on Ellendale Avenue. There was no suspect information at this time.
At 5:53 p.m., a subject was spotted trying to sell solar panels on Crater Lake Drive. When he was asked if he had a permit he got nervous and left the area. An officer was unable to locate the subject.
At 6:25 p.m., a green leather bifold wallet was turned in that was found on Hoffman Road near the Independence Airport. The wallet was placed in records.
At 8:48 p.m., Lindsee Holloway, of Dallas, arrested on Walnut Avenue on an outstanding felony warrant.

Wednesday, June 25
At 9:25 a.m., a motorist on Stump Street was cited for failing to carry/present, driving while suspended and for no insurance.
At 10:54 a.m., a three-foot bull snake was caught in a garage on Magnolia Avenue and released in the country where it will eat well.

At 11:32 a.m., a resident on Glendover Lane reported being scammed on Facebook by someone attempting to purchase an item he had for sale.
At 4:05 p.m., Lucas Thomas was arrested on Greening Drive for outstanding warrants and lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 10:39 pm., a report of an audible alarm coming from Main Street. Upon arrival, the area was inspected and everything appeared secure.

Independence Police Department

Friday, June 20
On June 4 a bicycle was found stashed in the bushes in the 100 block of South 17th Street. The bicycle had a driver’s license number on it and when contacted the owner was unaware of its disappearance. The owner reviewed their surveillance footage and the officer immediately recognized Jesus Trujillo as the suspect. Later in the day Trujillo was spotted at Riverview Park where he eluded officers in a foot pursuit as they attempted to arrest him for the bicycle theft. Trujillo was taken into custody after being spotted at Mt. Fir Park. Initially he did not comply with orders the officer gave him to stop but he was surrounded by assisting officers, so he surrendered. When searched, a baggie with a substance presumed to be methamphetamine and a push dagger were located on him. He was also charged with theft 2, escape 3, carrying a concealed weapon, felon in possession of a weapon, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and was also arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Sunday, June 22
At 9:42 a.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road was stopped for expired tags. He was cited for driver while suspended - violation, no insurance. His vehicle was towed as it was a hazard.

Monday, June 23
At 7:47 a.m., officers responded to a residential alarm on Morning Glory Drive. They found nothing suspicious.
At 3:53 p.m., police responded to a report of two friends upset with each other and wanted to trespass the other. The office spoke to them of other options.
At 4:41 p.m., a report of a Honda generator, valued at \$1,200, stolen from a garage on 13th Street.

Tuesday, June 24
At 9:51 a.m., an officer investigated a report of possible telephonic harassment on 4th Street. It turned out to be a civil issue due to child custody issues.
At 4:47 p.m., a report of a motorist vs. bicyclist accident on 13th Street. The juvenile bike rider had minor scratches and went home with a parent.

Wednesday, June 25
An officer encountered Alvaro Mendoza Sanchez sleeping in his car at a closed business in the 1700 block of Monmouth Street. After he was contacted, Mendoza Sanchez drove away. Another officer patrolling the area shortly afterwards spotted Mendoza Sanchez get into his car, drive a short distance then exit it again, stumbling and generally looking unsteady. When the officer contacted him a strong odor of alcohol was observed. It was discovered that there had been two “Attempt to Locate” 911 calls placed to Salem Police Department earlier in the evening on the car Mendoza Sanchez was driving for suspected driving under the influence behavior. A search warrant was written and a

blood draw was taken. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and driving while suspended.
At 2:11 p.m., an officer investigated a road rage incident that turned out to be menacing on the roadway situation. The suspect is the ex boyfriend of the victim who was upset she was seeing someone else. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived. The victim provided suspect contact information.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, June 19
Domestic Disturbance:
Officers responded to a report of a physical domestic disturbance. One individual was highly intoxicated and denied anything physical happened, attributing observed injuries to a cat and a bite. The other individual had a similar story and sought resources for dealing with the first individual’s condition. No signs of injury were evident on the second individual.
Theft: Report of a front license plate stolen from a gray vehicle last month. The plate number was provided and will be entered as stolen.
Suspicious Person: A report of a man near a mailbox who wrote something on a notepad and left on an electric scooter. An attempt to contact the caller for more information was unsuccessful, and it was speculated to be a salesperson.
Suspicious Activity:
Neighbors reported a juvenile female talking to a male for hours without adult supervision, including going into a nearby forest area with him. Upon response, the male was in his car and the female was talking to him on the sidewalk. The female was walked back to her house, and her mother was informed. The mother stated she had told her daughter not to talk to the male without adults, but she doesn’t listen. The female felt bad for the male and wanted to help him. No crimes were disclosed.
Citizen Contact: A caller reported that an individual who lives in the same complex drove by, honked, and made an offensive gesture. This was not considered criminal, and the caller was advised to speak with their landlord and inquire about a restraining order with the courts.
Emotional Distress Person: Staff reported an individual cut his wrists in a suicide attempt. Responded and found the individual in a chair with staff attempting to apply pressure to severe lacerations on both wrists. A knife was on a nearby table, but the individual was still breathing. A tourniquet was applied, and pressure was held until medics arrived and transported the individual. The individual’s cousin and power of attorney were informed.
Disturbance: Responded to a domestic disturbance where one individual had left on foot and could not be located. Contact was made with the other individual who stated it was verbal and nothing physical. A courtesy transport was provided for the individual.
Disturbance: Responded to a disturbance report of juveniles arguing in the road. An argument occurred between a daughter and other juveniles. There was nothing physical, only verbal, and both parties separated. The juveniles could not be located.
Animal Complaint: An officer spoke with an individual about their neighbor’s dog barking continuously. The individual was verifying the noise ordinance but wanted to talk to their neighbor first. It was recommended to speak

with an officer if further issues arose.

Friday, June 20
Prowler: A caller reported seeing a male prowler by their vehicle and wanted him trespass if found. A 14-year-old male was located who went for a walk due to a recent breakup and hid because he didn’t want to be seen. He was referred for curfew violation and trespassed from the property. He was taken home, and the events were explained to his father.
Crime: A caller reported that she thought her restraining order had expired and had communicated with another individual about their children through a third-party application. She was later told the restraining order was still in effect and stopped contact. The other individual messaged her on the application and she wanted to report the violation. Under investigation.
Crash: A caller reported a fender bender that occurred a month ago where information was exchanged and both vehicles were repaired by insurance. The damage was just over a certain amount. The caller wanted to make a report, but it was ultimately decided for her to call the department of motor vehicles to see if a report was needed and to do an online report, informing the other driver as well.
Welfare Check: Report of two juveniles riding their bikes into traffic without helmets. The juveniles were located. They had ridden off when an adult was cooking them food. The adult said they were gone and drove around looking for them, stating they are only supposed to go on rides together. The adult was unsure about helmet requirements but would talk to them.
Burn Complaint: Report of an unsafe burn barrel in a neighbor’s backyard. Contact was made with the neighbor who had a small recreational burn and was provided with and understood the regulations.
Citizen Contact: A call was returned regarding a stolen car. The individual had already tried to report the car stolen, but it was parked nearby. The individual is an emotional distress person and will likely continue to report this.
Burglary: A caller received camera footage from her front entryway showing a male walking around her residence. The male stole black shirts and a jacket from the community laundry room.
Emotional Distress Person: Spoke with an individual regarding his dog being loose, and he was given a warning. While speaking, he made comments about suicide and how he would go about it if he had a dog. He wouldn’t elaborate and said he was done. At the end of the conversation, he asked an officer’s name and made a comment about not wanting to be shot. A crisis team was contacted and decided not to respond tonight. They stated the peer support team would reach out tomorrow. The individual’s father was called and informed of the events and asked to keep an eye on him.
Driving Under the Influence: An individual was arrested for driving under the influence.

Saturday, June 21
Runaway/Domestic Disturbance: A coach reported a juvenile said while at a camp feeling unsafe at home. It was discovered the juvenile’s mother reported him as a runaway from another county. After contact with his mother, it was learned she

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was on her way to pick him up. Confirmed runaway status and sent him home with his mother after determining no safety concerns. After leaving, the juvenile punched his mother in the car and tried to jump out of a moving vehicle. They returned to the police department, and the juvenile was referred for harassment.

Emotional Distress Person: A caller reported his daughter messaged him goodbye and that she took sleeping pills. Police arrived and found the daughter in bed with a note stating her family was better off without her. An open bottle of sleeping pills was on the counter. The daughter stated she took the pills to not wake up. Paperwork was filled out and given to medics who transported her.

Domestic Disturbance: Spoke with two individuals who denied a physical domestic. They explained a child was acting out after returning from her biological father's home. One individual claimed the child complained of abuse and they believe the child is being abused by the father. They stated child services had a founded case of abuse involving the father, and one individual is working with the courts for custody. The child appeared healthy.

Suspicious Activity: A caller explained issues with an individual and his friend walking onto her driveway and in the past yelling obscene things. The caller wanted to make authorities aware as she is moving soon and is worried for the new homeowners. The caller has recent security footage of the individual that she will send to help with identification if recent crimes have been committed.

Disturbance: Report of a disturbance where an altercation occurred at a residence. It was learned that two individuals were hanging out at a friend's home when the friends got angry at him for kicking a door and told them to leave. One individual described being grabbed and pushed while outside while being punched by the other. The individual called primarily because he was worried about the incident escalating and did not want authorities to contact the involved parties as he believed it would make things worse.

Sunday, June 22

Citizen Contact: An individual called because she no longer wanted to talk to another individual and was anxious. Her friend inquired about a no-contact order, and she was advised to call the courts.

Animal Complaint: Report of a loose brown shepherd dog with a gray collar on a main street. The area was searched, and citizens reported the dog ran south on another street, but it was not located.

Welfare Check: A neighbor requested a welfare check on an apartment because packages were piling up, and no one had been seen for a while. The individual's father was contacted and stated she was out of the country and would return next week. The neighbor agreed to hold the packages.

Found Property: A credit/debit card was found on the ground. The owner was contacted and identified the card, stating she lost it after visiting family. She lives in another city and requested it be given to her mother.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal disturbance occurred between an individual and his parents. The individual became upset after his mother questioned him about eating her food. He left voluntarily, and no crimes were reported.

Suspicious Vehicle: A property manager reported a vehicle drove through a gravel area of the property and into a back field. The manager also reported the same vehicle may have "dumped" a travel trailer. The travel trailer was checked and was clear.

Monday, June 23

Suspicious Vehicle: An RV ran out of gas at an intersection. Assistance was provided to move it out of the way, and the individual was waiting for a friend for gas. Later, there was a report of the individual throwing things at the trailer, but contact revealed it was just knives being thrown at plywood.

Attempt to Locate: A driving complaint from another police department about a possible driver under the influence. It was determined the vehicle's registered owners were no longer associated with a certain address, and one of them likely stayed with his mother at a different location.

Missing Person: An individual reported her two daughters, ages 5 and 7, had been missing for about an hour. The individual stated she was napping, and their uncle was supposed to be watching them, but she believed he was playing video games. The children were located at a store and reunited with their mother.

Emotional Distress Person: A mental health agency requested an individual be transported to the hospital after reporting suicidal feelings and a plan. The agency was unable to create a safety plan over the phone. Medics arrived and transported the individual.

Assault: An individual reported being punched in the face by another individual, causing a black eye and a knot on her forehead. The case will be followed up for a potential assault referral.

Citizen Contact: An individual reported receiving a blackmail email attempting to extort bitcoin. The email claimed to have information, requested birth date confirmation, and stated they had photos and access to her phone and Wi-Fi. She did not reply and changed her password. She also received a phishing message from a payment service she doesn't use. Her bank account was normal. She was aware of scams and did not click links or reply, but wanted to report the incident.

Citizen Contact: Two individuals reported that another individual was sitting in his car, and they believed he was watching and listening to them. The individual made an offensive gesture and yelled at them. The individual lives in the same apartment complex, and they plan to contact the court about civil options.

Trespass: An individual reported that three juveniles were caught on camera trespassing on her property by walking from the front yard down the side of the home. The three were located, referred for trespass, and trespassing from the residence.

Suspicious Activity: Report of a motorcycle blocking the road, and another non-emergency call about someone throwing a knife at an RV. Contact with an individual confirmed he moved his scooter and was throwing a knife at a target.

Tuesday, June 24

Suspicious Activity - Report of a loud "boom" sound, but the source was not found.

Emotionally Disturbed Person - A person sent a message implying harm to themselves, leading to a welfare check. Mental health issues were noted, and authorities were involved.

Suspicious Person - Report of a male vaping in front of kids and entering a women's restroom. Witnesses did not observe this. Later, a female

was seen crying after leaving the restroom with a male.

Welfare Check - A welfare check was requested for a mother who had been taken to a medical facility for suicidal ideations and could not be contacted. She was eventually located at another medical facility.

Driving - Report of a possible impaired driver swerving and fluctuating speeds. Information was relayed to dispatch.

Fraud - Report of possible fraud involving a large loan opened in someone's name.

Suspicious Vehicle - Complaint about an RV on the street with possible yelling. Occupants were fine and moving the RV.

Suspicious Vehicle - Complaint about a motorcycle left in a parking lot. The owner was informed and said they would move it.

Found Property - A wallet was turned into the department. The owner was contacted and will pick it up.

Wednesday, June 25

Assist Other Agency - Report of an elderly female stuck and needing help getting home. She was found fallen in front of her house and given assistance back home.

Animal - Report of a dog left behind at a residence. A neighbor was feeding and watering the dog, and the owner confirmed friends and family were caring for it while they were moving. The apartment manager was concerned, and the owner was contacted to pick up the dog sooner.

Arrest - An individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Fraud - Report of an attempted account opening in someone's name with a phone company. A police report was requested.

Suspicious Activity - Report of a brother-in-law repeatedly asking for sexual favors and offering money. The caller was advised to seek a stalking order.

Suspicious Activity - Report of a lottery ticket stolen from a location. A possible suspect was identified.

Crash - Report of a hit-and-run from the previous day. Vehicle information was obtained from cameras.

Theft - Mailboxes at multiple addresses were reported broken into. Residents were contacted, a case number was provided, and they were advised to contact the postal service.

Disturbance - Report of a disturbance at an apartment. No signs of a disturbance were found. The caller's sister stated the caller hears voices and often calls when there are no issues.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, June 18

At 3:57 a.m., deputies assisted Independence Police Department in taking a suspect into custody after a report of menacing with a firearm in the 300 block of F Street. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with criminal trespass while in possession of a firearm, menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, and carrying concealed weapons. The IPD recovered a loaded firearm and multiple knives from the suspect.

At 11 a.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported the theft of a go cart. She reported entering a verbal agreement with a male subject to fix it up. However, when she went to retrieve it, the subject had sold it to a third party. The deputy informed her it was a civil matter.

At 4:25 p.m., a deputy noticed a gray Tacoma pulled over with its hazards on. The contacted the driver who was having an appointment on his phone.

At 5:15 p.m., a motorist was stopped for failing to obey a traffic control device TCD and failure to renew registration. The driver advised the truck belonged to his brother. The driver had a valid Washington driver's license, but said he had been living in Falls City for a few years now. The driver was warned for the traffic stop and no operator's license. The deputy told him to have his brother get the registration renewed and get his own Oregon driver's license ASAP.

At 11:02 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:17 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

Thursday, June 19

At 2:08 a.m. a deputy responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury rollover crash on Doaks Ferry Road. The deputy provided a crash report to the driver and remained on scene until the vehicle was towed by Wiltse's Towing.

At 6:37 a.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was stopped and cited for speeding 77 mph in a 50-mph zone and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 7:03 a.m., a deputy arrived at a crash on Barnhart Road where a Ford Ranger ended up on its side on the south side of Falls City Road near Barnhart Road that involved a deer. The driver had minor injuries to his left arm and did not want to ride with medics to the hospital; his wife took him instead to West Valley Hospital. The deputy followed them to the hospital for an interview.

At 9:31, a motorist on Corvallis Road was stopped for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone and for unsafe passing on the left. The driver was also warned for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

At 9:31 a.m., firefighters and deputies responded to a possible fire on Orrs Corner Road. The fire appeared to have been an old fire that reignited. A deputy spoke with a renter on the property who said he did not start it, but thought it either started back up or someone else had started it again or added stuff to the pile to keep it going. Firefighters put out the burn and soaked it to make sure it would not reignite again. The property owner was contacted by the fire chief and warned about a burn ban in effect.

At 11:38 a.m., a late report of a burglary to an unoccupied home and various out-buildings that occurred some time over the past 8-9 days on Andy Riggs Road. Subject (s) had left their burglary tools behind, which were collected. Various items taken amounted to less than \$500. No known suspect(s) and victim did not want to pursue charges.

At 5:40 p.m., deputies responded to a report of an unknown male screaming at a homeowner on Orchard Heights Road, threatening to kill the homeowner, and the dog the subject had with him. When a deputy arrived, the male was rolling around in blackberry bushes, with his arms and legs cut up from the thorns. He stated he wanted to kill himself, his mother, and asked the deputy to kill him, but would not engage in any conversation, including identifying himself. Deputies were able to get him into handcuffs and when medics arrived they got him onto the gurney. Medics transported him to Salem Hospital. By the time he arrived at the hospital he had calmed down and identified himself. He told the doctor he was detoxing from alcohol and had taken ketamine.

At 5:55 p.m., a male subject reported being strangled by a male resident on Dayton Street in Falls City. The victim had injuries consistent with the description. A

potential crime for strangulation was developed.

At 6:29 a.m., residents on Pioneer Road reported their son was on their property without permission. They stated they wanted to have him trespass and if he returned to their property, have him arrested. A deputy contacted the son and let him know of their wishes and not to return to the property. He said he understood.

Friday, June 20

At 3:27 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Edgewater Street for a lighting violation. The driver, Lloyd Wright was arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor and was later charged for possession of methamphetamine after leaving a baggie of the drug in the backseat of the deputy's patrol vehicle.

At 8:55 a.m., someone reported a vehicle down in a "hole" on Falls City Road about 300 yards west of Barnhart Road and thought it had crashed overnight. Upon investigating, deputies determined the driver swerved to avoid a deer, rolled the car onto its roof and came to rest on top of the wire fence at location. Another person had contacted the property owner and took the driver to the hospital for minor injuries.

At 10:08 a.m., deputies investigated a physical domestic dispute on Orchard Heights Place. A female subject got into an altercation with a male and female at the residence. The female subject, Maria Miller, was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 12:26 p.m., a report of a Frenchie dog in the road between 16000 Airlie Road and Shady Lane. By the time a deputy arrived, the dog was gone.

At 2:15 p.m., a resident on Whitaker Road reported an unknown subject had stolen wood from her barn sometime over the past three months and left a bicycle behind. It looked like someone had been squatting in there for a period of time. The bike was not reported as stolen. As the resident didn't want PCSO to investigate at all, a report for burglary 2, criminal mischief 3 and theft 3 will be cleared by exception.

At 4:46 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a vehicle unable to maintain a lane and not using turn signals. They located the vehicle and were told by the driver the dog in their car was being a problem and that was the reason for his poor driving. A deputy told the driver to just pull over in the future before he caused a crash.

At 4:37 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and received a written warning for failure to renew registration and failure to signal a turn.

At 8:59 p.m., there were multiple reports of a single loud boom in the Forrest View Lane area. A deputy heard the boom while driving on Falls City Road, which sounded similar to tannerite. The deputy checked area, no heard no further shots.

Saturday, June 21

At 12:37 a.m., deputies covered Dallas Police on a domestic disturbance call with a negligent discharge of a pistol. on Levens Street. A male and female subject were arguing and talking about going shooting in the morning. The pistol accidentally went off as she was removing it from the closet in preparation for the next day.

At 4:26 a.m., a motorist reported pulling over after being shot at on Highway 18 near milepost 15. After failing to contact the complainant, deputies covered Tribal Police while they arrested the complainant who was charged with initiating a false report.

At 11:40 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a single vehicle roll over crash with two occupants on Zena Road. They learned a permitted driver, with her mother as passenger, started to drift on to the fog line and the right front tire got into the gravel, pulling the vehicle toward the ditch. The driver overcorrected and the vehicle started to fishtail. The vehicle went into the ditch and then rolled onto the top. There were no injuries and all occupants were wearing their seat belts.

At 12:20 p.m., a report of a school bus with its accelerator stuck headed westbound on Highway 22. While responding, tribal police units moved into position. Deputies decided the only way to get it stopped was to use their own brakes. An officer used his patrol pickup to stop the bus. There was minor damage to the pickup. OSP took over the investigation.

At 2:36 p.m., a deputy investigated an alarm on Westview Drive. A deputy spoke to soldiers on the scene who said they called the alarm company. There was no emergency.

At 9:16 a.m., a report of an illegal dumping on Eagle Crest Road. A deputy found the pile, which contained some furniture/canopy/a child's toy tricycle. There was no suspect information.

At 9:39 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a blocking crash in the 4700 block of Salem Dallas Highway. By the time they arrived, Oregon State Police had control of the scene and were taking photos.

At 11:40 p.m., a report of a tree tangled in power lines across the road on 40th Avenue. A deputy blocked the road until Polk County Public Works arrived and put signs out.

Sunday, June 22

At 1:01 a.m., Oregon State Police requested PCSO assistance in locating two dogs spotting running alongside Highway 99 heading northbound at Smithfield Road. A deputy was unable to locate the dogs.

At 1:33 a.m., deputies investigated a building on Ellendale Avenue where an alarm was triggered. They found a door open and cleared the building, but found nothing suspicious.

At 4 a.m., a resident on Grand Ronde Road reported a male subject was trespassing. Jeremy Wright was arrested and charged with menacing, disorderly conduct 2 and possession of a controlled substance.

At 6:35 p.m., a resident on Perrydale Road reported two trespassers were fishing on her property. Deputies hiked out to her pond and found two subjects fishing. They reported not seeing the no trespassing signs. They were formally trespassed from the property.

At 7:43 p.m., deputies responded to a report of an assault at a residence on River Bend Road. Two male subjects had gotten into an argument in the garage then a fight, injuring each other. It is still under investigation.

At 8:22 p.m., a report of illegal fireworks being shot off on 37th Avenue.

Monday, June 23

At 8:58 a.m., Tony Huggett turned himself into the sheriff's office on his warrant out of Polk County for failure to appear - driving under the influence of an intoxicant. He was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 5:08 p.m., a motorist reported a hit and run incident on Red Prairie Road. She said she was driving northbound on Red Prairie Road near Highway 18 when she heard a loud boom and

WOU Class of 1975 honored at commencement

Western Oregon University celebrated the 50th anniversary of three members of the class of 1975 at commencement, who were honored as this year's Golden Wolves. These alumni led the academic procession at this year's 2025 commencement, a tradition that symbolizes the university's deep pride in its alumni. This year's Golden Wolves were Sheila Daniels, Carol Bartholomew Miller, and Sharon Baugh.

Daniels, Class of 1975, majored in elementary education and earned her master's in special education. She dedicated 40 years to teaching second and third graders in the Canby School District. During her time at Western, she was actively involved in student government.

"I loved my time here, loved Monmouth, being in the resident halls, and being a student," Daniels said.

Bartholomew Miller, Class of 1975 and '77, who resided in the same residence hall as Daniels during their freshman year, majored in elementary education and received a master's degree in deaf education. For 37 years, she taught deaf and hard-of-hearing students, spending five years in Portland before moving to Ames, Iowa, where she resides. She worked as a resident assistant at Western for two years and was a band member, where she played the clarinet.

"I loved my time at Western and loved working during the Jack Martin, Dean of Students era, where I learned so much from him," said Bartholomew Miller.

Baugh Class of 1975 and 1986, majored in physical education and taught for six years before earning her master's in counseling. Her career evolved to include 11 years as a school counselor and 16 years as a middle school principal. Before retiring, Baugh returned to counseling for seven more years. In her retirement, she has become a certified golf instructor. A transfer student from Lane Community College, she was actively involved in Western's intramural field hockey, basketball, and softball. Her favorite memory is when the 1975 softball team went to nationals, crediting some great instructors who saw her, changed her life, and believed in her.

These Golden Wolves not only honor their achievements but also inspire current and future generations of Western students, embodying the spirit and legacy of the university.

Fireworks are prohibited at state parks, ocean shore

Oregon State Parks welcomes Fourth of July celebrations, but fireworks and explosives are strictly prohibited within Oregon State Parks and the entire ocean shore.

Park staff encourage visitors to celebrate responsibly this Fourth of July and leave fireworks at home when visiting Oregon State Parks and Oregon beaches. These items pose a significant danger to visitors, wildlife, structures and the natural landscape particularly in crowded areas where high winds and flammable vegetation increase the inherent risks of fireworks. Parks are often in remote locations that are challenging to evacuate and might take emergency responders time to reach.

The wildfire season has already begun in Oregon, and three state parks have been closed or evacuated due to wildfires nearby in the last few weeks. Fireworks and explosives would increase the risk of additional fires.

Fireworks also impact sensitive habitat like federally protected Western snowy plover nesting grounds and other coastal birds and marine wildlife.

"The lights and noise from fireworks can cause birds and other wildlife to startle and flee in panic. On the coast this can result in the abandonment of nests, leaving eggs or young vulnerable to predators like crows, ravens or gulls," said Dawn Harris, visitor services manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Litter from firecrackers, bottle rockets and other explosives spread debris on beaches, which can be choking hazards for wildlife and may be toxic if ingested."

After last year's Fourth of July celebrations, volunteers collected nearly 1,000 pounds of trash from the beaches around Lincoln City alone. Fireworks debris was the third most collected item. Another 640 pounds of trash was collected in barrels.

"That debris directly impacts the ecological resilience of our beaches, oceans and wildlife," said Laurel Hillman, ocean shore resource coordinator at Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. "We ask that visitors respect the restrictions on fireworks and explosives to protect Oregon State Parks and the ocean shore."

While education remains the primary focus for rule enforcement at Oregon State Parks, enforcement rangers do have the authority to issue Class A violations, which carry a presumptive fine of up to \$400, for significant or repeated violations of park rules. Staff at Oregon State Parks ask that visitors enjoy the holiday responsibly and leave fireworks and explosives at home.

For events at Oregon State Parks including several Fourth of July celebrations, find the event calendar at <https://stateparks.oregon.gov>.

Enhanced patrols July 4-6 looking for impaired boaters

The Marine Board, sheriff's offices across the state, and the Oregon State Police will be participating in Operation Dry Water, July 4-6, as part of a nationally coordinated effort to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities related to boating under the influence of intoxicants (BUII).

Boating under the influence of intoxicants means prescription drugs, alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, or any other substance that impairs a person's ability to operate a boat safely. The effects of drugs and alcohol are amplified on the water, due to the combined impacts of environmental stressors like sun glare, wind, wave motion and other factors. Alcohol also dehydrates the body, making sudden immersion into cold water an even greater risk of drowning.

Impaired boaters face serious penalties. The consequences of a BUII conviction include possible jail time, a \$6,250 fine and loss of boating privileges. Marine officers can legally obtain blood, breath or urine if a boater fails field sobriety tests.

"Recreational boating is a relatively safe activity when boating sober, wearing life jackets, and staying aware of the surroundings," said Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board.

So far this year, the common denominators for boating fatalities are not wearing a life jacket and hazardous water.

If you see an impaired operator or someone who is operating in a way that threatens others' safety, call 911 to report it.

BLOTTER

From Page B7



noticed her driver side mirror in her lap along with glass from the driver's door window.

Tuesday, June 24

At 10:32 a.m., a report of a male subject who got heavily intoxicated, dropped off his dog for euthanasia and drove away on Kings Valley Highway. Deputies were unable to locate the driver.

At 11:19 a.m., a report of a dog left in a car at Baskett Slough off Highway 22 for several minutes. A deputy found the vehicle empty. But as he was leaving, he saw the owner and dog returning to the car.

At 1:42 a deputy investigated a vehicle broken down on the shoulder of Pacific Highway. It was low on oil but the driver was having oil delivered by Uber. No assistance was needed.

At 3:24 p.m., Christopher Stites was stopped on his moped on Hoffman Road for failing to obey a traffic control device and failing to display license plates. He was driving while suspended - misdemeanor and exhibited several indicators of impairment.

A warrant was obtained to draw blood at West Valley Hospital. A search of his backpack yielded a crystalline powder which tested positive as Oxycodone. Stites was lodged at Polk County Jail and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, and unlawful possession of oxycodone. His vehicle was impounded for no insurance.

At 9:54 p.m., a report of an orange Dodge Charger

reportedly racing through Falls City, unable to maintain a lane. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 11:20 p.m., a deputy noticed a female subject wearing a hoodie walking down the sidewalk on Wallace Road at almost midnight. The deputy informed her she was not being stopped and just was checking in. She stated she was out for a 20-minute walk and lived at the apartment nearby. She thanked the deputy for checking on her.

BRIEFS

From Page B3

informative and educational meeting. Watch for details about the agenda next week. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on our email announcements list for future events, please go to: www.polkdems.org. Scroll down and click on the link to our Newsletter.

Cultivate Community Church hosts bible camp July 14-17

The Cultivate Community Church presents VBS 2025: Wonder Junction July 14-17.

Youth entering kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join their Vacation Bible School from July 14-17, from 9 a.m. to noon at 655 Pacific Ave. S., in Monmouth. With a Wild West train theme, kids will have a blast with games, music, crafts and Bible stories that bring faith to life in a fun and engaging way. Register online at <https://bit.ly/43VVPg0>.

Monmouth hosts ribbon cutting, tournament at new pickleball court July 18

The city of Monmouth hosts a ribbon cutting ceremony and single elimination

tournament at their new pickleball court, from 4-6 p.m. July 18 at 401 Hogan Road. The tournament is for the first eight teams to sign up with an option to win some great prizes. Refreshments will be served.

DDA hosts cleanup day July 19

The Dallas Seabound Association seeks volunteers to join them July 19 for DDA Downtown Cleanup Day, at 9 a.m. July 19. Meet at their new base of operations, 184 SE Oak St.

Van Duzer Vineyards hosts murder mystery dinner July 11

Van Duzer Vineyards hosts a Murder Mystery Productions of "A Killer Finish" July 11 at 11975 Smithfield Road, Dallas. It features a 1999-themed murder mystery. However, as you arrive at a winemaker's dinner, you'll realize some attendees are there for a funeral instead. There will be unsavory characters, exquisite dining, amazing wine, and murder. For ticket information, go to <http://bit.ly/3GfZ7kW>.

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is pleased to name Western Oregon University as its Chamber Member of the Week.

Western Oregon University (WOU) has been a part of the educational community in Oregon for 169 years. Over time its name has changed: founded in 1856 as Monmouth University, it became Christian College, Oregon State Normal School, Oregon Normal School, Oregon College of Education, Western Oregon State College, and finally Western Oregon University.

WOU has a fine reputation with many facets. In addition to a splendid overall curriculum, WOU provides excellent instruction to new teachers, has outstanding ASL programs, and attracts the largest percentage of students who are the first in their families to pursue higher education.

Western Oregon University practices and delivers excellence; its campus is peaceful and lovely.

The Chamber attracts visitors, supports local businesses, and promotes a healthy commercial community. You are invited to explore what the Chamber offers, from networking to business education, and much more.



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