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Special District Election Results

Voters reject new police station bond, fairgrounds levy

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The voters of Polk County have spoken and the message is clear. No new taxes.

Initial special election results from May 20 have two measures failing, including a new building for the Dallas Police Department and an operations/maintenance levy for the Polk County Fairgrounds.

According to initial counts from the Polk County Elections Office tabulated as of 8 p.m. May 20, the votes stand as:

\$17.2 million Dallas Police Station
Yes - 2,065 (44.7%)
No - 2,556 (55.3%)
Total Votes: 4,621

The city of Dallas was seeking to construct a two-story, 12,528-square-foot police station in place of the former Polk County Itemizer-Observer building located next to City Hall. City officials had said the current setup for the police force within City Hall is inadequate for handling evidence, evidence storage space, private changing areas for the

female officers and private space to conduct victim interviews.

The reactions to the results were to respect the will of the voters, especially for Police Chief Tom Simpson

“The result is understandably disappointing; however, we respect our community’s collective voice and remain dedicated to serving Dallas with professionalism and a positive outlook for whatever the future may hold,” Simpson said.

Deputy Chief Jerry Mott, who takes over for the retiring Simpson in July, echoed his reaction.

“It was a let down. Folks are let down. It’s hard to pass additional taxes in the city of Dallas, always has been. We’re thankful to the councilors and PAC for getting the message out there,” Mott said. “Right now, there is no plan B in place. They may be working on that as we speak. It’s certainly something in the future. I don’t know what it will look like, but doing nothing is not an option.”

The Friends of the Dallas PD PAC released a statement, that read in part:

“This election didn’t go the way we wished. The bond for a new police station did not pass, and yes — we’re disappointed. We believed deeply in the need, and in the responsibility to act now rather than burden future generations with a bigger problem. But the people have spoken, and we respect that. That’s

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Michael Holsapple appointed to Dallas City Council

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The Dallas City Council has appointed its latest replacement to their ranks, Michael Holsapple, a longtime resident and public servant with deep roots in Polk County. Holsapple brings over three decades of military, law enforcement, and community service experience to his new role.

Holsapple was appointed over three other candidates May 19 by a 5-2 vote of the sitting City Councilors. Holsapple was up against former city councilor Kirsten Collins, Tylor Lonsford, a family nurse Practitioner for Salem Health Medical Group in Independence, and Holly Williamson, a financial advisor.

Holsapple received votes from Kim Fitzgerald, Tony Blosser, Michael Schilling, Carlos Barrientos, Larry Briggs, while Williamson received the other two votes from Robert Spivy and David Shein. Councilor Micah Jantz was not present.

The city sought candidates to replace Debbie Virden who resigned April 3 to concentrate on personal matters after being reelected last November. Holsapple putting his name in the running this time versus running as a candidate in the general election came down to timing.

“I had been talking with my wife and friends and some folks for the last couple of years. I wanted to be involved a little bit more and do some things to help out the community. The timing was just right. The position came open and I thought, ‘Yeah, I think so,’” Holsapple said. “I watched Spivy in his selection process. And right after that, this opened up. Maybe God’s giving me a sign here.”

In his five-minute pitch to the council, Holsapple highlighted his experience, working in government, life experience and living in the community for three decades.

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Preserving History



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Frank family, from Dallas, stop at the Rest Lawn Memory Gardens & Funeral Home on Highway 22 where a group of veterans have set up their personal collection of WWII and Vietnam era vehicles for the Memorial Day weekend for six years now. Matt Richards, the only non-vet among the group, contributes the most vehicles to the display with 10, from a 1943 International MT4 and 1944 T9 Crawler, to a 1952 Willys Jeep and 1944 Duck Amphibious Truck. He said the display is a way of preserving history and honoring our veterans. “We’re planting seeds. Because, some day when these kids are adults, they’ll be driving by and they’ll see this and remember. And hopefully remember what they felt and bring their kids,” Richards said.

Dallas Equestrian Team rides into top 10s at state

The Dallas/Perrydale Oregon High School Equestrian Team (OHSET) competed at the State Championships in Redmond, Deschutes County Fairgrounds Expo Center, May 9-12 against the top athletes from each of the 19 Districts in Oregon. The team had several members place in the top 10 for their event, quite an accomplishment in such a big field of competition.

Oregon High School Equestrians Teams is a high school sport with both individual and team classes. The 501c3 organization has been around since 1998. Students join with a participating high school in their district and will have a coach and supporting volunteers to help organize and coordinate all practices and competitions. Most teams holds regular practices in preparation for local and state meets. There are equal goals to improve



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The Dallas Equestrian Drill team performs a pinwheel as part of the State OHSET competition in Redmond. Competitors are (from left) Malei Anderson, Lexi Merkel, Katara Yoder, Maddie Russell, Hannah Garrison and Kylie Tish.

your riding skills and your team/ leadership abilities.

This is a winter/spring sport with three main competitions, two of which the athlete must compete in to qualify for the

state championship competition. Those qualified in their district are eligible to compete in a state

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MICC debuts partnership with Itemizer-Observer

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is making news. Weekly updates will come to you through the Itemizer-Observer. Thank you to I-O Editor David Hayes and General Manager Karen Sanks for making these notifications possible.

Every article will highlight coming Chamber events that may be on the calendar horizon. And each week a Chamber Member of the Week will be named, along with some background on that member and their connection to the community.

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is pleased to name Home Comfort the first Chamber Member of the Week.

Home Comfort has been part of the Polk County business landscape for 71 years. Owners Joe and Ben Flände and Home Comfort have many recognizable tag lines, including “Keeping you comfortable since 1954.” The business is family-owned and there is multi-generational participation. Home Comfort has a stellar reputation due to their devotion to having a well-trained and fully certified staff that deals with all aspects of HVAC, trade talk for “Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.” Home Comfort’s headquarters at 1827 S Main St, Dallas, is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Joe and Ben Flände and their team also provide 24-hour Emergency Service. Reach them at (503) 506-0290, or online at homecomfortinc.com.

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Independence police to enforce proper seat belt use

Independence police officers join agencies across the nation, including the US Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for the Click It or Ticket high-visibility seat belt enforcement campaign through June 1. The campaign reminds drivers about the proper use of a seat belt.

The national seat belt use rate in 2023 was 91.9%, which is good — but it can be better. The other 8.1% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives. Despite these steady increases in observed seat belt use, approximately half of all passenger vehicle deaths are unrestrained. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no

excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night.

The Independence Police Department reminds the community about the importance of buckling up while driving — not only for themselves but to keep those inside the car and other drivers safe.

Keizer man sentenced to 75 months for sex abuse of youth

James Michael Madden, of Keizer, has been sentenced to serve 75 months in prison by Polk County Circuit Court Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park after pleading guilty to two counts of sex abuse in the first degree involving a victim under the age of 14.

Madden, 46, will also be required to serve a term of 45 months of post-prison supervision and to register as a sex offender upon his release. The victim in this case was five years old at the time of the incident and under Madden's care.

Madden, who was arrested at the Portland International Airport as he was attempting to flee the country, was in the Polk County Jail during sentencing. Madden has previously been required to register as a sex offender due to prior convictions for possession of child pornography.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen of the Polk County District Attorney's Office and investigated by the Salem Police Department.

Teen artist Tim Isaac schedules summer tour

At just 16 years old, Tim Isaac, a singer-songwriter hailing from Dallas, Oregon, has announced his first headline tour, aptly named "THE STORY OF US Tour." This tour will encompass seven performances, commencing and concluding in his hometown of Dallas, with additional stops in Independence, Monmouth, Keizer, Salem and even Eupora, Mississippi.

Previously known as Lil Timmy, the young artist made his concert debut at the Dallas Days courthouse stage last July. Since then, Isaac's musical journey has experienced notable growth. Along with his name change, the emerging star has transitioned towards a more pop country-oriented style, drawing inspiration from industry luminaries such as Morgan

Wallen, Zach Bryan and Noah Kahan.

"If you saw me in concert last year, you'd probably think I was an entirely different artist," Isaac said. "This year's setlist is crafted to tell a story — one of love, loss, and lessons. Growing up teaches you a lot, and I want these shows to take listeners on a journey with me."

The performances will feature a blend of new music from Isaac's recent sophomore album, "THE STORY OF US," alongside familiar tracks for his early fans. The main show will run for just under an hour.

In addition to Isaac's musical presentation, select tour stops will include a merchandise booth, showcasing brand new tour items, including exclusive in-person offerings. For those eager to acquire merchandise ahead of

time, the tour collection is available at timisaacmusic.com/#merch.

The tour will kick off June 13 at 6 p.m. at Two Wolves Taproom, located at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas.

The rest of the tour dates are:

June 21 at The Holman in Salem

June 28 at Riverview Park in Independence

July 5 at The Sippery in Monmouth

July 13 at White's Creek Lake Park, in Eupora, Mississippi

July 19 at The Rec: Grange in Keizer

July 25 at Dallas Days

In the meantime, Isaac's music is accessible on all major platforms, and fans can track the tour updates on his website, timisaacmusic.com.

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championship meet against all district winners.

Coaches Michelle and Bob Garrison have guided the team for two years now. Michelle said they're growing the program and getting better each year at state.

Hannah Garrison and Maddie Russell placed 10th in working pairs, their horses costumed as Robin Hood and

Maid Marian. The Versatility Team of Kylie Tish, Hannah Garrison, Maddie Russell and Lilly Foster placed 10th. Kylie Tish and Maddie Russell were eighth in Cow Sorting, and Maddie Russell was ninth in Working Rancher.

The Drill Team placed sixth, but only because a rein clip malfunctioned on a bridle, an automatic penalty, or they would have been third. They are the second alternate

to the USA Regionals to be held in June.

The cow sorting team was privileged to get a little extra practice at the Sky Hawk Ranch in Redmond. The owner, Denis Fast, is a native of Perrydale, growing up on his father's farm. The OHSET Perrydale coach, Loreen Haight, is a lifelong friend and it was wonderful to be invited to his working ranch to practice sorting cows.

Entering the ranch, the first sight is the old time western

buildings, including a Marvin Fast Mercantile, a tribute to Denis' father, Marvin Fast. The Cascade Mountains and

Smith Rock were visible beyond this large horse and cattle ranch which offers a unique western venue for

the event center. Fast offered really good instruction as the team and other members practiced sorting cows.



Hannah Garrison, Maddie Russell, Lilly Foster, and Lilli Jones clown around after competing in IHOR (In hand Obstacle Relay) with their little miniature horses.

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the essence of democracy: win or lose, we move forward with dignity."

Similarly, a levy that would have funded much needed facility upkeep at the Polk County Fairgrounds, went down in defeat.

Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center \$6.5 million maintenance and operations levy (over five years)
Yes - 6,822 (40.2%)

No - 10,130 (59.8)

Total Votes Cast: 16,952

The county was seeking to raise about \$1.2 million in 2025 and increase over five years to raise a total of about \$6.5 million by assessing a 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on homes. The levy would pay for needed infrastructure including replacing electrical, heating and air conditioning systems, replacing asphalt, relocating a maintenance shed and office and developing an amphitheater.

County board members had said the levy was a first step toward committing to eventually proposing a much larger bond to pay for a massive expansion of the entire fairgrounds years down the road.

County Commissioners Chair Craig Pope said that while this outcome is disappointing, it wasn't unpredictable given the growing attitude of tax burden fatigue across the country.

"We get it. However, our job isn't to sit on ideas and wring our hands over fears of asking. The County and the campaign PAC laid out the challenges we face with the fairgrounds facilities and the financial needs to accommodate much of the challenge," Pope said.

"The commissioners and fair board will continue to explore options for funding as we have been doing for years to try to minimize the decaying infrastructure without adding significant burden to an already struggling general fund," he added.

Meanwhile, a \$140 million building and renovation bond for the Chemeketa Community College District was rejected by Polk County voters but is narrowly passing thanks to support from the other counties the campus has roots in, including Marion, Yamhill and Linn.

Polk County voters are rejecting the bond 55% to 45%. However, the total count has it passing 33,523 (51%) for and 31,736 (49%) against.

Polk County will next post its updated results on May 28 and June 11 before certifying the election on June 16.

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“The things we enjoyed about and reasons we came to town and stayed here for so long I wanted to see those continued,” Holsapple said.

He added he was impressed with the candidates he was up against.

“And even the council was saying throughout the process how quality the candidates were. I totally agree. We have some good people in this town who want to make a difference, want to be involved and do good things for the town,” Holsapple said.

He added he was excited when they read the selection results and saw it as an opportunity.

“An opportunity to give back, an opportunity to serve, an opportunity to give back to a community I’ve gotten so much out of,” he said.

He was immediately sworn in and sat in as a city councilor for the rest of the evening’s meeting. Holsapple will serve out the remainder of the three-year term.

Holsapple’s commitment to public service began with an eight-year tenure in the U.S. Army.

“Yeah, I got done with high school, I was done with school. I went into the Army. That’s where my passion was,” Holsapple said. “I did a lot of growing up in four years.”

During those four years of active duty, Holsapple was stationed in New Jersey, Virginia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Italy. Following his active duty, he served four years in the Army National Guard.

In 1996, Holsapple moved to Dallas with his wife, Noreen, because they liked what the community offered



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Michael Holsapple is all smiles May 19 after being sworn in as the newly appointed Dallas City Council member, replacing Debbie Virden who resigned in April.

to a young couple looking to build a family. Married since 1992, they eventually raised two daughters, now 27 and 25, who both graduated from Dallas High School.

When he returned, he enrolled at Western Oregon University, studying criminal justice, computer science, and business. Meanwhile he began his tenure with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office as a reserve deputy (volunteer) and was hired full-time in December 1994 right out of college.

Over 26 years, he served in the patrol division and developed a passion for investigations. He was a member of the Polk Narcotics Team and collaborated on major investigations with federal agencies such as the DEA, FBI, and US Marshals.

Holsapple retired from the PCSO in 2019 at the rank of detective sergeant.

“I had a great career. I got to do all kinds of things I never thought I’d do working in a small sheriff’s office in a rural county,” Holsapple said. “I really loved it.”

He currently works for the state as a compliance

investigator at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Beyond his professional duties, Holsapple has been actively involved in the Dallas community. He has served on his church council, Sunday school teacher, coached youth softball teams, and participated in public safety levy campaigns. Notably, he once missed his daughter’s graduation party to respond to a homicide in Independence, exemplifying his commitment to the community.

Now a resident of Dallas for nearly three decades, Holsapple said what’s kept him here is the community.

“We have strong ties. Pretty substantial group of friends that we hang out and do all of life together. All go to the same church. Study group. Through that group of friends, it connects to other groups,” Holsapple said. “I like that small town feel but I also like that it’s not stagnant or a dead town. It’s progressing, it’s growing. And it has a feeling of being alive.”



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Sheridan man sentenced to prison for Dallas area burglary, animal abuse

Matthew Alan Luker, 50, has been sentenced to serve 38 months in prison for breaking into a residence outside of Dallas and killing a domesticated goat belonging to the property owners last October.

Luker, of Sheridan, was sentenced May 19 by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after a trial held on May 5. Luker had been found guilty of burglary in the first degree and recklessly endangering another person. Luker had previously entered guilty pleas to aggravated animal abuse in the first

degree and criminal mischief in the first degree.

Caso sentenced Luker to consecutive sentences on the burglary and animal abuse charges, specifically finding that Luker had shown “no remorse” for his actions. Luker will also be required to serve a three year term of post-prison supervision upon his release.

The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

Monmouth, Independence receive Housing Infrastructure Support Funds

Business Oregon recently gave out the first round of Housing Infrastructure Support Fund Program awards. The first competitive round of funding was open for six weeks and the cities of Monmouth and Independence were among 21 recipients awarded over \$2 million in total funding.

These first-round awards support municipalities for the planning and financing of infrastructure for water, sewers and sanitation, stormwater, and transportation to produce housing units at certain densities as outlined in Sections 12 to 15 of Senate

Bill 1537 (2024). Approved projects include assistance with local financing opportunities, state and federal grant navigation, writing, review and administration, resource sharing, regional collaboration, and technical support including engineering and design assistance.

Independence received \$100,000 for the development of its new Ash Creek Pump Station and forcemain design.

Monmouth also received \$100,000 to put toward its Gwinn Street improvements wetland mitigation study.

Titus 3 House receives Oregon Community Foundation grant

Nonprofits tackling the Northern Willamette Valley’s most pressing challenges are receiving a boost. Oregon Community Foundation has distributed new grants to organizations, including Dallas’s Titus 3 House, making progress on housing, child care, hunger, substance abuse, arts and culture, and those serving immigrants, refugees and others. In all, OCF’s Community Grants program is investing \$643,000 in the work of 24 Northern Willamette Valley organizations.

Titus 3 House received \$40,000. Titus 3 House collaborates with various agencies throughout the Willamette Valley to create an individualized case plan, which, when followed successfully, will ultimately lead to a successful transition from Titus 3.

Funding from OCF’s 2025 Spring Cycle of Community Grants is flexible, allowing organizations to invest the money where it is needed most. Statewide the program has awarded

\$5,629,398 to 241 nonprofits serving urban and rural communities.

“All over our state, Oregonians are working to make their communities better, and we rely on them to point the way to solutions and innovative ideas,” said Marcy Bradley, OCF’s Chief Community Engagement and Equity Officer.

“Flexible operating funds through our Community Grants show the trust and respect we have for our local communities,” Bradley said. “We’re grateful to our donors for making this possible and to our non-profit partners for their deep knowledge and desire to improve the lives of all Oregonians.”

For 28 years, OCF’s Community Grants program has supported nonprofits, Tribal organizations and government agencies in all 36 counties of Oregon. The 2025 Spring Cycle prioritized nonprofits that are culturally specific, culturally responsive or small rural.

PGE hosts Parks and Re-creation photo contest

PGE’s Parks and Re-creation Photo Contest invites participants to travel back in time for a chance to win a free stay at a PGE park or campground and celebrate PGE’s 75-year history of preserving and protecting Oregon’s natural resources. Snap the best shot, and you could win.

Starting Memorial Day weekend, PGE campers and park goers can join the fun by recreating one of three vintage photos taken at PGE parks in the 1950s with one submission per person. While the photos capture a historic period of time, PGE campers and visitors are encouraged to use a creative, modern-day spin.

Participants have all summer to get involved. Three winners will be chosen after Labor Day and sent a certificate to waive the fee for a two-night consecutive stay at PGE’s Promontory Park in Estacada or Pelton Park in Madras during the 2026 camping season.

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Entries will be accepted through Sept. 1. Submissions must be made online at PortlandGeneral.com/photocontest.

For contest rules and to find a PGE park or campground near you, head to PortlandGeneral.com/photocontest.

Choose one of these three photos to recreate in PGE’s Parks and Re-Creation Photo Contest.



Death Notices

Thomas Eldon York
May 5, 1947 - May 20, 2025

Thomas Eldon York died May 20, 2025. A Memorial Service is at 2 p.m., Friday May 30.

Timothy Raymond Burke
Jan. 13, 2003 - March 16, 2025

Timothy Raymond Burke died March 16, 2025. He was buried at Restlawn Memory Gardens



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OPINION

Trump's triumphant return: A president reshaping the world and restoring America's greatness

By **MICKY GARUS**

By any measure — economic, diplomatic, or strategic — the last few weeks have been nothing short of monumental for President Donald J. Trump. From an unprecedented tour of the Middle East to securing historic investments, averting war, and ushering in a booming American economy, Trump has once again proven what many of us have known all along: love him or hate him, he gets results. And right now, he's delivering victories not just for his administration, but for the American people — and the free world.

Let's start with his landmark "Prosperity and Peace Tour" across the Middle East — a diplomatic and economic mission unlike any other in modern history. While previous administrations tiptoed around volatile regimes, Trump strode into the region with purpose and resolve. What emerged was a bold new doctrine: partnership through strength and shared interest. He brought

together longtime adversaries and emerging allies alike, and in doing so, secured commitments totaling trillions of dollars in investment from Gulf states and regional powerhouses. These aren't symbolic gestures — these are real, binding economic commitments that will reshape trade, energy cooperation, and infrastructure development between the West and the Middle East.

But more than the money, Trump's trip signaled the end of the globalist status quo that's dominated foreign policy for generations. No more endless wars. No more blank checks. No more bowing to global bureaucrats. This president sat at the table as an equal — but left with all the aces. His message was clear: America is back, and we're leading on our terms.

And the world is responding.

Markets have surged since Trump's return. Investor confidence is soaring. The passing of his "One Big Beautiful Bill" — a sweeping package of tax cuts, deregulation, and economic incentives — is

being hailed as one of the most transformative pieces of legislation in a generation. For working Americans, it means more money in their pockets, more opportunities, and a revitalized job market. For businesses, it's a signal that the United States is once again the best place in the world to build, hire, and thrive.

Even on the world stage, Trump is doing what no leader before him could. His tariff policies, long mocked by the media and establishment elites, are finally bearing fruit. China has returned to the negotiating table, desperate to avoid further economic pain. American manufacturing is roaring back to life, with companies announcing plans to bring production home.

On the diplomatic front, Trump's string of victories is staggering. He brokered a critical ceasefire and de-escalation between India and Pakistan, averting what many feared could spiral into nuclear conflict. He oversaw the release of hostages from Hamas, showing once again

that strength and diplomacy are not mutually exclusive. He's engaged in meaningful peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, and is leading a serious and unprecedented push toward the denuclearization of Iran — without endless concessions or appeasement.

At home, border security has never been stronger. We are seeing record deportations of violent criminals, a crack-down on trafficking, and the resurgence of law and order across our southern border. It's the kind of decisive action Americans have been begging for — and it's finally here.

Now, ask yourself: who else could have accomplished all this in such a short span? No one. Not a single president or global leader, past or present, has racked up this level of achievement in so many arenas, so quickly. Not Roosevelt. Not Reagan. Not even Churchill in his wartime brilliance juggled this many moving pieces across the globe with such effectiveness.

This isn't luck — it's leadership. Strategic, fearless, unapologetic leadership. That's what President Trump brings to the table. And if the left can't bring themselves to acknowledge even a shred of it, despite the overwhelming

evidence, then their hatred isn't just for Trump — it's for the very idea of American greatness. Their refusal to admit success at this scale only proves what many of us have suspected for years: this isn't about policy. It's about power. And they can't stand that it's being wielded so effectively by someone they spent years trying to destroy.

Whether you're a lifelong supporter or someone who just recently opened their eyes to the truth — what's happening right now is historic. It's bold. It's unapologetically American. And yes — it's making America great again.

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- 27.3% Time with family
- 63.6% Relax

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: 16 OUNCES

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| Angel food | Layer | Red velvet | Wheat |
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| Funnel | Patty | Seed | Yellow |
| Johnny | Piece of | Upside-down | |

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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: J equals T

QXFRATE JZOT QARW CRWT-
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 YTVRWT X CURAJ-RAETA VRRG:
 "S YTKSTFT S VXO QAD."

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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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Super Crossword

MIXED-UP SINGERS

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| ACROSS | 53 "Lean on Me" singer makes twisting movements? | 88 Spain's peninsula | 124 Jean Arp or Max Ernst | 40 Rarefied air | 82 Constitution part establishing the executive branch |
| 1 Fuel dispenser | 55 Potu potato | 90 Morays, c.g. | 1 Neuter | 41 Map no. | 83 Whoppers |
| 6 Lord's home | 56 Unit of petrol | 91 Creator of body designs | 2 Jai — as a horse | 43 Bolch it up | 84 Pub missile |
| 14 Made untidy | 57 "®" signs | 92 Splash, as cooking oil | 3 Play to a fired worker | 46 Poets' Muse | 86 Final degree |
| 20 The Beatles' Rigby | 58 Total up | 93 Stanley Cup org. | 4 — gow poker | 47 Q-U linkup | 87 Flusals |
| 21 Coated with gunky stuff | 59 Cambodian money unit | 94 Person painting a portrait of the "All My Ex's Live in Texas" singer? | 5 Not marked, as a lost | 48 Make up (for) | 88 Hoppy brew, for short |
| 22 Box up | 61 Part of OED | 95 Port in Iraq | 6 Not stereo | 49 Redirect, as a train | 89 Drove fast |
| 23 "Skiber Bar" singer making an exit? | 63 Actor Carroll O' | 100 Hawaiian strings, for short | 7 People studying to be docs | 50 Choir voice | 92 Wandered |
| 25 Stir to action | 64 "Grease" singer's big country home? | 103 Binge-watching aid, in brief | 8 Suffix with Sudan | 51 Jeltsons' dog | 93 C.S. Lewis fantasy world |
| 26 Go kaput | 69 Subway system named after the "Careless Hands" singer? | 104 Part of R&F, in brief | 9 Deli dish | 53 Actor Farrell | 95 Tony winner Judith |
| 27 Italia's capital | 72 UFO crew | 105 "Toxic" singer dissects a sentence? | 10 Brand of 103-Across | 54 " in peace" | 96 Back hall of a 45 |
| 28 Very sad tune from the "Sir Duke" singer? | 73 Czech-German river | 110 Soothe | 11 Despot Idi | 56 Hawaiian string, of a sort | 97 Chef's cover |
| 30 Stephen of the screen | 75 Infirmity-free | 112 Cut (off) | 12 Ministers (to) | 59 Lisa of "Soap Talk" | 98 Five plus two |
| 32 Very big bird | 76 Leah's father, in the Bible | 115 California city | 13 Sword parts | 60 ICU tubes | 99 Lift |
| 34 Seattle-to-L.A. dir. | 77 Ellipsis part | 116 "Hound Dog" singer's naisy pet dogs? | 14 Honey drink | 62 Painter's studio | 101 Iota follower |
| 35 Jaded | 79 "That's someone — problem!" | 119 Totally ruins | 15 Clothie | 63 Cartoon pic | 102 Flynn of film |
| 36 Hazard encountered by the "Thank U, Next" singer? | 81 Lacking hair | 120 Ornamental tuft on a hat | 16 Angry look | 64 Dyon dancie | 106 Mail out |
| 42 By birth | 85 Webpage for devotees of the "Don't Speak" singer? | 121 Funeral tunes | 17 Sweetbox | 65 Off to — start (behind) | 107 Highway rig |
| 44 Diatribe delivers | | 122 Set of nine | 18 Twisty turns | 66 Insult in print | 108 X Games aier |
| 45 Many a stencil user | | 123 Dior dresses | 19 John of plows | 67 Toronto Maple — | 109 — gin fizz |
| 48 Dog in "The Thin Man" singer? | | | 24 Datal — pet dogs? | 68 Unleash on | 111 Actress Ward |
| 52 Consent (to) | | | 29 Freshens up | 69 Toronto Maple — | 113 Rich rocks |
| | | | 31 Key in | 70 Syngman of South Korea | 114 Hushed "Hey!" |
| | | | 33 Dark | 71 Family VIPs | 117 Trio in "mammoth" |
| | | | 35 Snatch | 74 Make drunk | 118 Links org. |
| | | | 37 Relay, say | 77 Contact by phone | |
| | | | 38 Prior to | 78 Many a time | |
| | | | 39 "Dream on!" | 80 Fine fiddle | |
| | | | | 81 Singer | |

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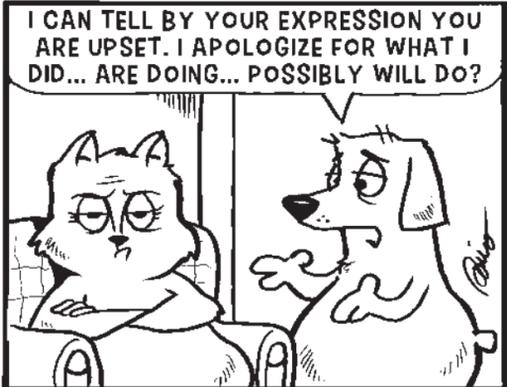
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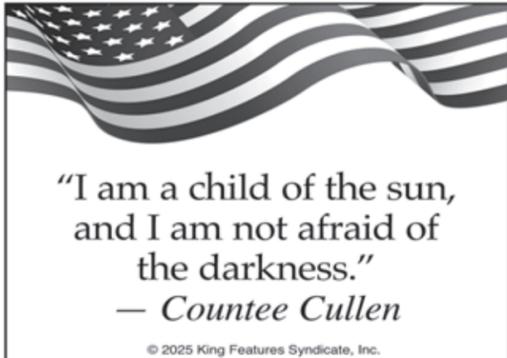
DALE'S ATHLETE'S FOOT PERSISTS

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Americanisms



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Purse in window is moved. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Letter E is larger.

Moments in time

• On June 9, 1934, Donald Duck made his cinema debut in Disney's "The Wise Little Hen," along with his pal Peter Pig. The pair do their best to get out of helping Mrs. Hen plant corn by faking tummy troubles, but she teaches them a lesson (not to mention repentance) with the help of some castor oil.

• On June 10, 2015, Juan Felipe Herrera, a prize-winning author and the son of migrant farmworkers, whose mother recited poetry and taught him songs from the Mexican Revolution, became America's first Latino poet laureate.

• On June 11, 1949, country singer Hank Williams Sr. delivered such an electrifying performance when he made his first Grand Ole Opry radio broadcast that he was called out for six encores and the audience had to be implored not to call for any more in order for the show to continue.

• On June 12, 1975, India's prime minister, Indira Gandhi, was found guilty of electoral corruption in her 1971 campaign. Despite calls for her resignation, she refused to resign and later declared martial law after public demonstrations threatened to overturn her administration.

• On June 13, 2006, jurors began deliberations in the trial of Susan Polk for the 2002 murder of her husband, psychotherapist Felix Polk. The couple had raised three sons together and were in the middle of a contentious divorce at the time of his death. Two of the sons testified against their mother at the trial, which ended in her conviction and incarceration.

• On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 alternate stripes red and white" and that "the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Known eventually as the "Stars and Stripes," it was based on the Grand Union flag, which was carried by the Continental Army in 1776 and also contained 13 red-and-white stripes.

• On June 15, 1667, French physician Jean-Baptiste Denis performed the first blood transfusion on a feverish boy, using lamb's blood. The boy recovered, but two other patients died after the procedure, leading to centuries-long bans on it.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
- MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
- U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
- LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
- SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
- HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

Answers

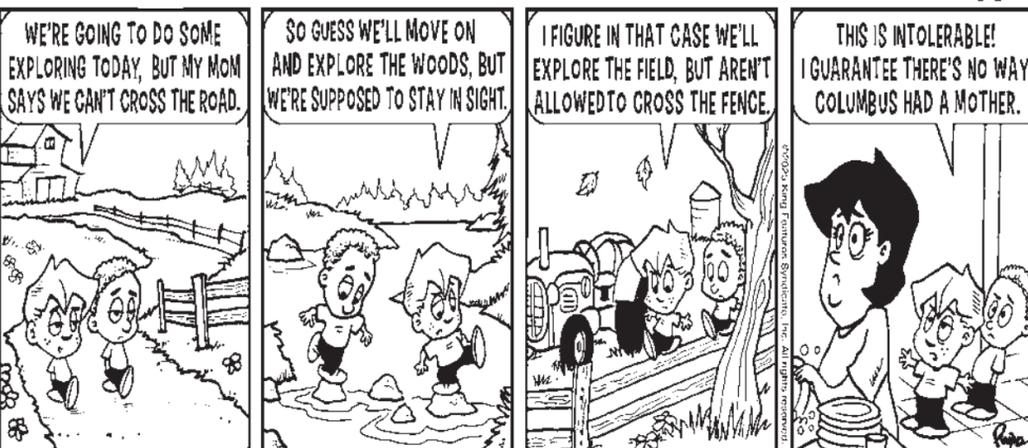
- Ante meridiem and Post meridiem (before noon and after noon)
- Eddie Crane (real name is Moose).
- Al Gore, vice president to Bill Clinton, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in climate change.
- Six.
- Idaho.
- The unicorn.
- London and Paris.
- Venus and Mercury.
- Nancy Pelosi.
- The Navy.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Letters to the Editor

Trump is the only one benefiting from his deals

I'm an informed voter who believes in accountability, no matter which party is in power. And what I see from Donald Trump isn't leadership — it's corruption hiding behind a flag.

Trump loves to brag about being a great dealmaker. But too many of his "deals" seem to benefit his business empire, not the American people. After leaving office, his son-in-law got \$2 billion from the Saudis. Trump's real estate empire has expanded into the Middle East, including golf courses and luxury developments that profit him while he talks up foreign leaders and alienates Israel. These aren't rumors — they're public facts.

Now, he's selling Trump-branded cryptocurrency and NFTs to his own supporters and bribers. He's even accepted a private jet from a foreign government. And we're supposed to believe this is all normal?

I want my kids to grow up in a country where public office is about service — not

self-enrichment or self-aggrandizement. Congress is already full of shady stock trades. Trump crosses every line a common-sense person would hold.

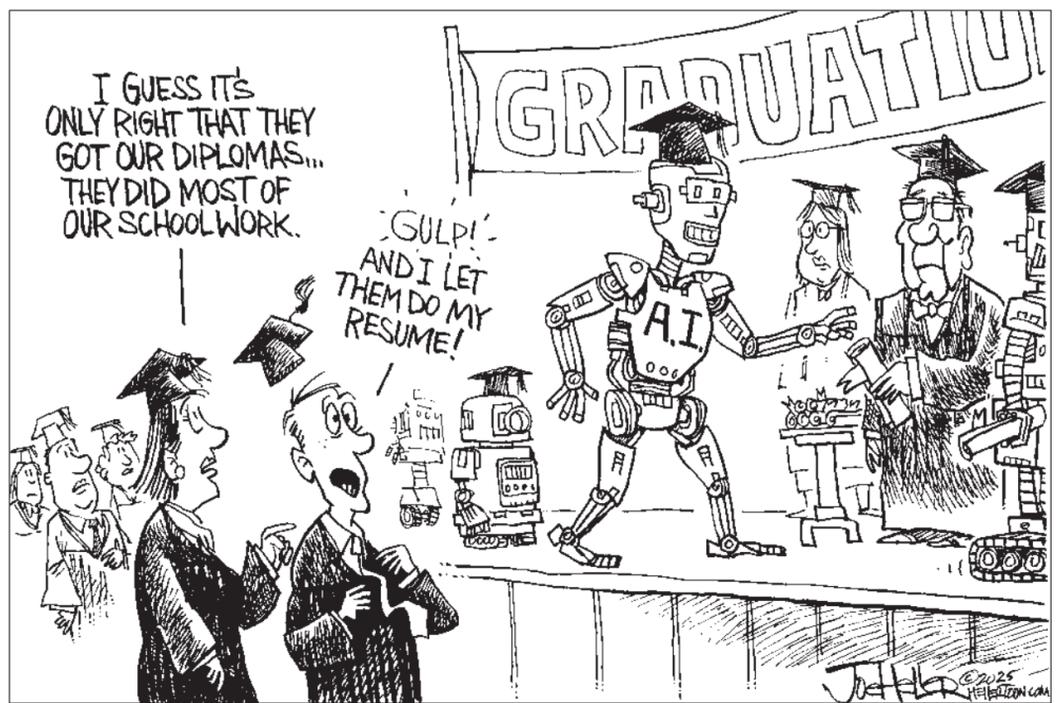
Supporting the troops, protecting our economy, making America respected — these should be priorities for any president. Instead, Trump's using his platform to cut deals for himself.

This isn't about Democrat or Republican. It's about right and wrong. And if we don't speak up now, we're saying it's okay for a president to treat America like a personal brand and money scheme.

**Brenda Palmer
Dallas**

Dallas voters deserve what they get

People in Dallas throw bigger fits over cutting "nice-to-haves" than ignoring public safety and infrastructure needs. It's pathetic. I've spent over 15 years trying to educate people — walking them through the budget, explaining how taxes work, correcting misinformation — and I'm



met with ignorance, hostility, and cheap shots from people who wouldn't recognize civic responsibility if it hit them in the face.

So yeah, I'm done being polite. I've given facts. I've been professional. And when I finally lose patience after the 10th round of correcting the same nonsense, I get labeled "abrasive." Tough. If you're

too fragile to handle reality, there's always a safe space waiting for you.

If you want to know what happens when you refuse to invest in public safety and infrastructure, look at Falls City. That's your future. The same people blocking development and defunding law enforcement will be the first

ones crying for help when things go sideways.

And for those whining about low-income housing and lack of economic growth — guess what? Big money doesn't move into towns that act like they're too cheap and too clueless to support the basics. You don't get thriving businesses or safe neighborhoods by cutting the legs out

from under the very people who make that possible.

So screenshot this, spread it around, cry about the tone — I don't care. The truth doesn't need your permission. But don't say you weren't warned when Dallas crumbles under your apathy.

**Micky Garus
Dallas**

Alonso León named 2025 WOU Commencement Speaker

Western Oregon University announces its 2025 commencement on June 14 at 10 a.m. on the MacArthur Field with more than 1,240 students eligible.

This year, WOU welcomes Teresa Alonso León, a former Oregon State Representative and the first Indigenous Latina immigrant legislator in Oregon, as commencement speaker Alonso León earned her bachelor's degree in social science in 2002 and

went on to receive her Master of Public Administration from Portland State University. Her educational journey has paved the way for a distinguished career in public service.

Alonso León's educational journey started when she was young, as she was the oldest of five and had to quickly learn how to delegate responsibilities. As a first-generation student, Western provided the support she needed to develop

critical skills to achieve her career goals.

"When I talk to students, including first-gen students, I tell them that Western Oregon University is the place that you need to be. It's a place where you're going to be able to achieve your goals and help you find the career that you want," Alonso León said.

Before starting her consulting company, Parakata Consulting LLC, Alonso León served on the Woodburn city

council and was an Oregon State Representative from 2017-22, which elevated her passion for serving her community. She continues to advocate for higher education, racial and social justice issues, including healthcare equity. She is currently the team lead for the Oregon Community Table on Postsecondary Education and Training, which is Oregon's first statewide community advocacy group on higher

education. They are focused on systemic transformation of our postsecondary education system through policy change and civic engagement training.

WOU President Jesse Peters said they are honored to welcome such a distinguished alumna.

and dedicated advocate for public service.

"Her journey from a first-generation college student to becoming the first

Indigenous and Latina Oregon State Representative exemplifies her spirit of determination and leadership," said Peters. "Her commitment to higher education, community service, and equity resonates deeply with our values at WOU. As she inspires our graduates at commencement, we celebrate her remarkable achievements and the impact she continues to make in advocating for the future of Oregon."

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State parks shares seven campfire safety tips for wildfire awareness month

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) joins Oregon Department of Forestry and other local, statewide and national partners in recognizing May as Wildfire Awareness Month.

Campfires are a beloved tradition when visiting Oregon State Parks, and staff encourage visitors to enjoy them safely when and where permitted.

The first step is to check campfire restrictions before you head out. If campfires are allowed, please follow these safety tips and rangers' instructions to reduce the risk of wildfires where campfires are allowed.

Seven tips for safe and enjoyable campfires

1. Check campfire restrictions at Oregon State Parks as well as public fire restrictions statewide.

2. Only build campfires in the existing fire ring in your campsite. Fire rings are placed in areas with buffer zones and away from vegetation.

3. Maintain campfire flames at or below knee height (about 2 feet high) to reduce the risk of ash and embers drifting into the trees or dry vegetation.

4. Always keep water close by to safely put out campfires. Douse the flames with water and stir the embers to make sure everything is wet. The stirring step is important: ash and wood debris often maintain heat.

5. Build beach campfires only where permitted on open sand and away from driftwood or vegetation. Slowly pour water on your beach fire to put it out. Pouring water too quickly can cause hot sand to fly. Don't use sand to put out a beach fire, which insulates the coals and keeps them hot enough to burn someone even days later. Learn more at beach fire rules at Oregon State Parks website.

6. For propane fire rings, use in areas without vegetation or overhanging branches. Rules for propane fire rings may vary

depending on local conditions. Check with park staff.

7. Make sure everyone in your campsite is familiar with campfire safety, including children. Always keep an eye on your campfire; accidental fires can start even when campers leave their fire unattended for "just a minute."

Campfire regulations are outlined in Oregon Administrative Rules: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=322968>

Education is the top priority for rule enforcement, but rangers also have the option of issuing a Class A violation for significant violations or for multiple violations with a presumptive fine of up to \$400.

In addition, explosives and fireworks are not allowed in state parks or the ocean shore because they pose a danger to visitors, wildlife and the landscape. High winds, flammable vegetation and the unpredictability of fireworks create a unique hazard particularly in crowded areas.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

May 28 - June 3

May 30

Quarterfinals for baseball and softball

Thursday-Saturday
Class 5A State Finals
Track & Field
Hayward Field
University of Oregon

June 3

Semifinals for baseball and softball

Saturday, June 7

State Finals for baseball and softball

May 28

2A/1A Softball playoffs
Second Round
Perrydale TBD

May 30

2A/1A Quarterfinals

June 3

2A/1A
Semifinals

Friday, June 6

2A/1A Finals

Prep Scoreboard

May 18-22

Baseball

May 19

Central 10, South Albany 0
Corvallis 11, Dallas 2

May 21

Central 4, South Albany 0
Dallas 8, Corvallis 6

Softball

May 19

Central 11, Crescent Valley 1
Dallas 16, Lebanon 0

May 20

McNary 8, Dallas 3
Perrydale 9, St. Paul 3

May 21

Central 18, Silverton 8

Panthers claim co-championship after routing Foxes

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Good things come to those who peak at the right time.

An 18-8 thrashing of Silverton in last week's regular season finale gave the Panthers varsity softball team a share of the Mid-Willamette Conference championship, with Dallas.

A closer, more competitive game was expected given the Foxes' well-deserved reputation for diamond excellence.

"We thought we were going to have to manufacture runs, maybe lay down a bunt or two," said Central coach Wes Seidel of the May 21 clash. "But our girls made fantastic adjustments after our loss to West Albany and just crushed the ball."

Senior Lily McCormick and freshman Tawney Snair combined for eight hits and eight RBIs to lead the offense. McCormick has 36 career home runs, including 13 this season. Both marks are school records.

McCormick also dominated from the mound, striking out 17 batters in seven innings. Only four outs came on balls in play.

The girls stumbled against the Bulldogs, 3-1, on May 16. But bounced back to outscore Crescent Valley and Silverton by a combined 29-9 count to close out the regular season.

Central and Dallas went 12-2 in the conference, splitting their season series. The Dragons were upset by Crescent Valley and the Panthers by West Albany.

The Dragons have dominated their competition recently. They claimed the state title two years ago, and went on a deep playoff run last year. The Panthers' 6-3 win against Dallas in the league opener provided them with a shot of confidence.

"That win was huge," Seidel said. "It solidified in our players' minds that they could compete with anyone. From there the belief just grew."

This marks the second straight appearance in the Class 5A state playoffs for the Panthers. Bend, the eventual state champion, defeated them in last year's opening round. The Panthers expect a longer run this time.

"We're just trying to take it one game at a time," junior shortstop Sophia Beasley said. "But I feel really confident about our chances, especially with our victory last night (over Silverton). Right now, we're just going to see who we play, we're just going to keep working hard at practice, and we want to make it past the first round."

The program has improved steadily since Seidel was hired as coach three years ago. One of his priorities is to foster positivity.

"We've built a family atmosphere," he said. "We preach every day that we go to work for each other, not for ourselves. And that's probably been the biggest accomplishment this year ... we play as a team."

Beasley has been with the Panthers since Seidel took



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Lily McCormick greeted by her Panther teammates after airmailing one over the fence against Crescent Valley. McCormick has 13 home runs on the season, along with a new school record.

command. She's seen the change in attitude firsthand.

"We've grown a lot over the past three years," she said of her teammates. "We all trust each other and love each other, and everyone does their part."

Seidel expected growth this season. But capturing a league crown caught him a bit off-guard, he admitted.

"We knew there was potential at the beginning of the year," Seidel said. "But to see it all come together with just 11 players on the roster - it's

been a bit of a surprise, but a very rewarding one."

The Panthers (12-2, 19-6 overall) won three of seven non-conference games to open the season.

According to RPI, Dallas is fifth in Class 5A, Silverton 7th, Central 13th and West Albany 16th.

The Panthers won three of four games against Dallas and Silverton, yet are below them in the rankings.

"You can't argue with the RPI system," Seidel said. "But we've said all season, if we

win the games we're supposed to win, we'll be where we need to be."

Beasley echoed similar sentiments, adding the Panthers relish a good challenge.

"We look forward to those games," she said of facing the state's best. "(Those games) show we can compete at a high level."

First round playoff opponents were announced after the Itemizer-Observer went to press.

Panthers to give it their best shot at state

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Local athletes are taking aim at their biggest meet of the season.

The Central High School trap team is practicing weekly in advance of the Oregon State High School Clay Target League competition. The event is June 20-21, in Hillsboro.

Shooters from throughout Oregon are jockeying for position in anticipation of this showdown.

"Right now, our kids are shooting against themselves. It's all about improving averages on paper. They can look it up and see what their rankings are," said team coach Matt Carpenter. "The only live competition we'll have against other schools is at state."

Unless they qualify for an even bigger competition. The city of Mason, Michigan, hosts this year's nationals in July. Shooters must meet



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Central High School clay target shooters club are (from left) Coach Brandon Hayes, Dusty Carpenter, Josh Fitts, Taylor Shepard, Aiden Pelton, Aaron Hayes, Kevin King, coach Matt Carpenter and coach Pat Pippin. Not pictured: James Lopez and Devon Shepard, range safety officer.

qualifying standards to advance.

Like most sports, target shooting is very much mental.

"You're your hardest critic," Carpenter said. "You miss a bird, you need to forget about it and go onto the next one. This is a mind

game. Everybody's fighting against themselves."

Shooters rotate through five stations. They shoot at five clay targets per station. Perfect scores of 25 are rare.

"We've had students with 25s before, but not this year," Carpenter said. "I've never

shot a 25. Plenty of 24s, but the last bird is always the hardest."

Team member Josh Fitts agrees with his coach.

"When you miss a couple of shots, you start looking at your score going down, and it starts getting in your head,

and you may start thinking the worst," Fitts said. "Miss a couple of shots and your confidence drops."

This is his second year with the team.

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CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ariannah Williams



Ari is a Junior on the Central High School Softball team. She is a selfless leader that is having a breakout year at the plate. She leads the team in on-base percentage, is second in hits, and has drawn the most walks on the team this year. She has worked hard at her craft and will continue to be a leader for our team moving into next season.

Congratulations Ari!



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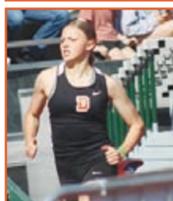
DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Harlow Nelson



Harlow Nelson is a freshman all-star lettering in 3 Varsity Sports. Harlow in 2 games led the softball team going 5/8 with 1 double, a triple and home run. She stole two bases. Harlow is also competing in track as she aims to qualify in state in the 100 meter (12.30), 200 meter (25:31), as well as supporting the relay teams.

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FLASHBACK

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

May 28, 1975

School chops \$939,279 from budget

A special meeting of the board of directors for the Dallas School District was held Wednesday evening, May 21 at 8 p.m. The most important issue before the members was the finalization of the budget reduction.

The board members received recommendations from the Budget Committee following several evening meetings.

"The following suggested reductions are the recommendation of the principals and district office administrators relative to budget items which this group feel might be reduced with the least adverse effect upon students and programs. The items had not been modified to reflect budget committee discussions."

(The rest of the article gave the 17 specific recommendations and expected savings).

Telephone company looking to future

Planning ahead nearly 40 years for the projected growth of the Dallas community, representatives of Pacific Northwest Bell last week told members of the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce about their latest project to underground telephone cables into the central exchange.

The latest project, undergrounding some 4,500 feet of nine tube concrete encased conduit, will cost in excess of \$200,000. The latest phase of undergrounding will be completed sometime in August.

Boys second in district, girls sixth

No one who has followed the DHS track teams through the years can remember any athlete qualifying for the state meet in four events. Well, Rob Souter did last Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College where the Coast-Valley League conducted its track and field championships. The prelims were held their Friday.

Souter, a senior, collected the individual point total award by amassing 30 1/2 points as he

qualified in four events. Souter won the 100 with a 9.9, ran second in the 220 with a 22.0, anchored Dallas' victorious 440 yard relay team in 44.0 and he long jumped 22-3 1/4 for a win.

Six other males for Dallas also qualified for state.

40 Years Ago

May 29, 1985

Dallas levy defeated: Budget committee to look at options

School levy approvals in Perrydale and Willamina

didn't rub off on Dallas voters, who defeated a \$4.1 million levy request by the Dallas School District in the May 21 election.

The district asked for a \$3,644,383 one-year levy on top of its \$539,312 tax base for the 1985-86 fiscal year. Usually, a levy defeat means a district looks at cutting back on its budget, but district Superintendent Gary Burton said that the election results will have to be "analyzed"

first before any decision is made.

Holmes Gap election called unfair, might be contested

Some residents within the Holmes Gap Water Improvement District may contest last week's board of director's election, says a resident of the district.

In the May 21 election, five members were elected to the district's first board - two for two-year terms and three for four-year terms. All of

the members voted in were write-in candidates. No one filed for any of the positions before the filing deadline.

However, it was first discovered that three of the five, then four of five, were found to be ineligible to serve on the board. Tuesday afternoon, the I-O was told all five of the candidates were ineligible. All five do not live within the district's boundaries and do not own land within the district.



This week's flashback is from May 28, 1975: POTTERY MAKERS - Members of Mrs. Fran Stuck's sixth grade class have been working on their clay art projects. The student was allowed to choose any technique making what he wanted and could glaze it in any color he liked. Shown putting the glaze on their works are (left to right) Lu Anderson, Lisa Janz, Brad Turnidge, Bruce Yoder and Chester Bilyeu.

Community Achievement

Joshua Higgins makes Utah Tech University Dean's List

Joshua Higgins, of West Salem, was among those honored, earning a spot on the Utah Tech University Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. To qualify, students had to attain a 3.5 to 3.89 GPA and complete at least 15 credits.

Bryce Hayes graduates from University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Bryce Jordan Hayes, of Dallas, was among 3,591 graduates who received

degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises.

Hayes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with high distinction from the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Local students make SNHU Spring 2025 President's List

Alexander Griffin, of Independence, Tia Scruton, of Falls City, and John Calhoun, of West Salem, were recently

named to the Southern New Hampshire University Spring 2025 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Oregon overdose deaths have gone down, but they're still high

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Overdose deaths in Oregon went down 22% in 2024, the Oregon Health Authority announced Friday, May 16.

The decrease in overdose deaths follows a nationwide trend of declining overdose deaths. In 2024, there were about 80,400 drug overdose deaths in the country — 26.9% fewer than the 110,000 overdose deaths in 2023, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While strengthened substance use treatment infrastructure, naloxone distribution and education, prevention programs and changes in fentanyl supply are contributing to the decrease in overdose deaths, Oregon's overdose deaths rates are

still too high, Oregon Public Health state epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said in a news release.

Substance use and overdose deaths remain a public health crisis in Oregon. The 1,480 overdose deaths in Oregon in 2024 were still more than overdose deaths rates during the pre-pandemic years.

"We must continue to work together to keep people safe and build treatment and recovery support for people struggling with substance use disorder," Sidelinger said.

The state of Oregon aims to decrease overdose death rates by investing in:

- Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse: This program is working to respond to the fentanyl crisis. It provides more than 360

agencies and organizations in Oregon with no-cost naloxone, infection prevention and wound care kits.

- Opioid treatment programs: There are 27 opioid treatment programs in Oregon, two medication units and four mobile units. Oregon also expanded telehealth for medications for opioid use disorder.

- Increasing residential treatment capacity: The state of Oregon is developing 260 beds dedicated to substance use disorder services and 41 beds dedicated to withdrawal management.

- Peer support systems: Under these programs, individuals in Oregon struggling with substance use receive support, guidance and encouragement from individuals who have experience with recovery.

- Behavioral Health Regional Networks: Funded through cannabis tax revenue and the Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Funds which accounted for \$414 million between 2022-2025, these networks provide screening and assessment, harm reduction, housing, substance use disorder treatment and employment services.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/oregon-overdose-deaths-have-gone-down-but-theyre-still-high/>

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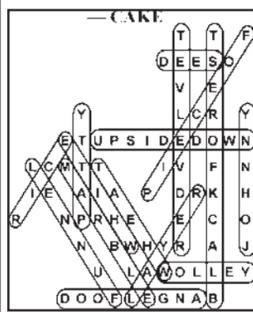
CryptoQuip answer

Favored tune from somebody who would like to become a short-order cook: "I Believe I Can Fry."

Go Figure!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 28 - JUNE 4

Wednesday, May 28

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Trip to Depoe Bay, meet at 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
 11 a.m. - Author Talk: Jaclyn Moyer, discusses her book "On Gold Hill: A Personal History of Wheat, Farming, and Family from Punjab to California", Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 12 p.m. Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

Thursday, May 29

8 a.m. - Yoga, 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.
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Stay and Play, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, 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
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, May 30

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Polk County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds
 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 a.m. - Writer's Workshop/Drawing for Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, 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.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Move the Needle, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, May 31

9 a.m. - Dallas Farmers Market, County Courthouse Square
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umqua Bank parking lot
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
 10 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Public Library Book Sale, Monmouth Public Library 168 Ecols St. S.

Sunday, June 1

10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, June 2

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 Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 Court St.
 7 p.m. - Independence Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St

Tuesday, June 3

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 in Dallas to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m.
 9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Pop-Up Storytimes, ages 0-5, in the Urban Oasis Alley next to City Hall
 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
 4 p.m. - Polk County 4-H Association Ugo's Pizza fundraiser, 957 S Main St, Dallas
 5:30 p.m. - Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St W

Wednesday, June 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
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Community Briefs

Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts From Screen to Screen class May 29

The Oregon 4-H Polk County presents From Screen to Screen: A Movie Monologue Adventure, at 4:30-6 p.m. May 29 at 289 E Ellendale Ave. in Dallas. This free event is for youth ages 9-18. Step into the spotlight and bring your favorite moments to life. Explore scenes from popular films in a safe and welcoming space. This class will help you find your voice, build confidence and expand creativity. Movie Scripts include Percy Jackson, Hunger Games, Tangled and Frozen. Register at <https://beav.es/NeS>.

Heron Pointe hosts 100th birthday party May 30

Heron Pointe Senior Living hosts a 100th Birthday Party from 2-3:30 p.m. May 30 at 504 Gwinn St E, in Monmouth. Join in to celebrate everyone turning 100 years young. RSVP at (503) 831-8331.

Paws and Pumpkins Rescue hosts movie night with the cats May 30

Paws and Pumpkins Rescue presents Movie Night With the Cats, from 8-10 p.m. May 30 at 176 Main St. W, in Monmouth. They will be watching "Oliver and Company." Tickets are

limited. Go to pawsand-pumpkinsrescue.com/ events. Feel free to bring your own blankets and pillows from home if washed beforehand.

Court Street Pub hosts WFF fundraiser May 31

Coors Banquet and Court Street Pub & Grub present Protect our Protectors Wildland Firefighters Foundation fundraiser event May 31 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 186 SW Court St, Dallas. Court Street Pub will be donating 10% of all sales to the foundation. Coors will be in the house personally to say thank you to all of the Pacific Northwest firefighters and the region.

Ugos Pizza hosts 4-H fundraiser June 3

Help support Polk County 4-H Association with a pizza fundraiser at 4 p.m. June 3 at Ugo's Pizza, 957 S Main St, Dallas. Ugo's will generously donate a portion of in-house sales (dine-in, take-out, and purchase of gift cards) from the evening to the Polk 4-H Association.

Family Life Church hosts women's conference June 6

The Family Life Church - Dallas Campus hosts the women's conference, "Putting on the Armor of God: How to Battle Your Family Friends and Community," from 5:30-9 p.m. June 6 at 1079 SE Jefferson St.

Tickets are \$20 per person with scholarships available. To purchase tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/4me6kCe>.

Monmouth has Pride event returns June 7

The city of Monmouth presents Monmouth Has Pride, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 7 at the Main Street Park amphitheater. There will be more than 50 vendors, food, refreshments, a free hot dog picnic, a pride parade, a craft table, face painting and more. Live music will be performed by Sam Girl, Molly Martinka and Pocket Dimension.

Rickreall Event Hall hosts Creative Vendors and Collectibles Market June 7-8

The Rickreall Event Hall hosts a Creative Vendors and Collectibles Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7-8, at 305 Nesmith Road in Rickreall. Organizers are still recruiting vendors to sell their goods and food trucks too! Indoor and outdoor spaces available. To sign up for the sale, contact Sherry at Rickreall Event Hall directly or online at rickrealleventhall.com.

IDA celebrates last day of school June 13 with free event

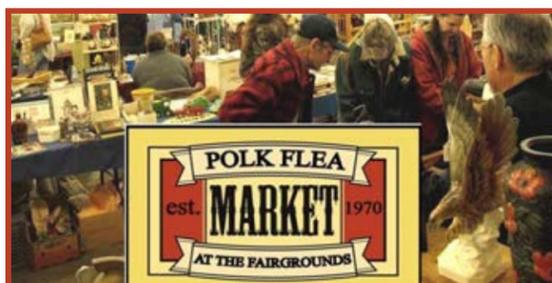
The Independence Downtown Association hosts an event on June 13 from 3-5 p.m. at the Riverview Park in

Independence. The IDA is celebrating the Last Day of School with a free event for the community.

Roll the Dice Car Show returns June 14

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Special Events Board and the Spirit Mountain Casino present Roll the Dice Car Show, June 14 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Register before May 31 for \$15. After May 31 registration fee of \$20 will be collected on-site. Each participant's can of food will be collected at the registration station. Trophies will be awarded for best paint, best under

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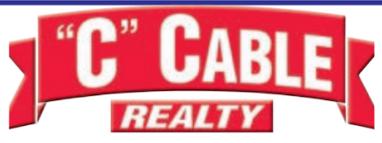
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1206 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of Monmouth - Uses of State Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 June 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm A Public Hearing concerning possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds to be received for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held before the Monmouth City Council on June 3, 2025, during their meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, Oregon. The public is invited to comment on the possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds. Written testimony can be mailed to City of Monmouth, Attn: Susie Marston, Finance Director, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, OR 97361, or emailed to smarston@ci.monmouth.or.us. Additional meeting information can be found at https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/.

PCIO25-1197 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Polk In the Matter of the Estate of: Norma M. Mills, Deceased. Case No. 25PB03172 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 the Law offices of Melinda M. Brown, 725 Ellsworth Street SW, Albany, OR 97321, 541-967-7776, within four months after the date of the 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, Michael A. McKechnie, or the attorney for the personal representative, Melinda M. Brown. Personal Representative Michael A. McKechnie 200 Oak Villa Road Dallas, OR 97338

PCIO25-1198 Salt Creek Cemetery District Meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6 pm until 7 pm. Location will be the Salt Creek Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Those residing within the district are invited to attend. Agenda will include budget plans, recent business, income, expenditures, and recent burials. We will also consider a new software proposal and election results.

PCIO25-1199 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 6/18/2025 at 10:00AM. Carleen Bell units #061 & #4008; Robert Kunke unit #081; Evelyn M Cook unit #204; Lisa Szabo unit #3014; Kimberly Bilbrey unit #5021. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1200 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 6/18/2025 at 10:00AM. Ric Merrill unit #109; Amber G Winters unit #355. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-2101 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD EARL MICHAEL MCBURNEY, Deceased. Case No. 24PB04211

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard Eri Michael McBurney has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Langdon Arthur Sprague. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Brittany A. Sumner, Johnson & Taylor, 1193 Liberty Street, SE, 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 attorneys for the personal representative, Brittany A. Sumner, Johnson & Taylor, 1193 Liberty Street, SE, Salem, OR 97302. Date and first published: May 28, 2025

PCIO25-1202 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk County Case No. 25PB02786 In the Matter of the Estate of Claudia J. Layton, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Claudia J. Layton died on January 30, 2025, and that by order of the above-entitled Court, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or said claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Mark A. Bennett Personal Representative Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP Attorneys for the Personal Representative 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247 Date of publication: May 28, 2025

PCIO25-1204 Notice of Regular Meeting Board of Directors Wednesday, June 4, 2025 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Health Council's Board of Directors serves as the Marion-Polk CCO's governing board. The board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in-person and virtually via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/more/meetings-events/. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org. Dr. Olivia Galvez, Chair Willamette Health Council Board of Directors 503-584-1303

PCIO25-1205 Notice of Central School District 13J Budget Meetings for FY 2025-26 June 2, 2025 Public meetings of the Budget Committee of Central School District 13J, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, are held in April, May, and June in Henry Hill Education Center Board Room, 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon and can be viewed streaming on the "Info Central 13J" YouTube channel. The THIRDJ public meeting of the

2025-26 Budget Committee, is June 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is to receive budget documents and take public comments. To present comments at the meeting, submit in writing to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us or to the District office: your name, topic of comment, how you would like to present comment (in person or digital) by 2:00 pm, June 2, 2025. OR submit a Google form at: https://forms.gle/TDSQGBhdyqmzmVQp8. Those wishing to comment will be called on by name during the meeting. (If you wish to present a comment via video, please provide your email and a link will be sent.) A budget hearing for fiscal 2025-26 budget will be held at a later date to be determined. Information will be available on the Central School District 13J website. Budget documents may be inspected on or after June 2, 2025 at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:45 pm or via email request to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us. Information and links available at http://www.central.k12.or.us/ > Departments> Financial Services Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent Central School District 13J

PCIO25-1192 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Scott C. Martin and Heather L. Martin, as tenants by the entirety, as grantor, to Arnold Gallagher P.C., an Oregon professional corporation, as trustee, in favor of McCumber Holdings, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, as to an undivided 45.8333% interest, Kevin A. Knode, Trustee of the Knode Family Trust dated March 25, 2010, as to an undivided 33.3333% interest, Lucy J. McGill and Will E. McGill as Trustees or their successors in trust, under the Lucy J. McGill Living Trust, dated March 20, 2014, and any amendments thereto, as to an undivided 16.6667% interest, and Pacific Premier Trust, Custodian, FBO Patrick J. Carney IRA, as to an undivided 4.1667% interest, as beneficiary, dated June 1, 2022, and recorded on June 16, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-007286, and re-recorded on June 16, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-007295 of the Polk County Deeds & Records, Oregon, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit: A tract of land located in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 3 West, of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Land being described by beginning at a point on the North line of a certain tract of land deeded by Robert W. Hamilton and Rebecca Hamilton to Geo. W. Teller, said point being 24.48 chains East of the West boundary line of the Donation Land Claim No. 63 of Robert W. Hamilton and Rebecca Hamilton, Sections 5 and 8, in Township 7 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; running thence East 8.38 chains; thence South 23.875 chains; thence West 8.38 chains; thence North 23.875 chains to the place of beginning. SA VE and EXCEPT any portion of the above-described tract of land lying within the boundaries of public roads and highways. 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: Grantor's failure to pay \$11,767.50 for the months of December 2024 and January 2025, and continuing each month thereafter. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: the principal balance of \$1,200,000.00;

together with interest accruing at the default rate of 11.750% per annum (\$386.30 per diem) until paid; plus unpaid late charges in the amount of \$1,175.00; plus unpaid charges in the amount of \$9,955.00, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Trustee will, on July 21, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, Polk County Courthouse front entrance, 850 S Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by them of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantors or their successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by rendering 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 Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the 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. THE DEBT DESCRIBED IN THIS TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WILL BE ASSUMED TO BE ALID UNLESS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE THE PERSON(S) OBLIGATED OR ALLEGEDLY OBLIGATED TO PAY THE DEBT DISPUTES IN WRITING THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT OR SOME PORTION OF IT. If the Trustee is notified in writing within the 30 day period that the debt or some portion of it is disputed, the Trustee will obtain verification of the debt. Then, a copy of the verification will be mailed by the Trustee to the person(s) notifying him of the dispute. Upon written request within the 30 day period, the Trustee

will provide the name and address of the original creditor if different than the current creditor named above. Written requests to the Trustee should be delivered to: Arnold Gallagher P.C., Attn: Alec S. Marlega, PO Box 1758, Eugene, OR 97440-1758. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DA TED: February 28, 2025 Arnold Gallagher P.C. Benjamin M. Kearney, Secretary

PCIO25-1191 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK No. 25PB04201 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN L. SMITH, Deceased. 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 Carole Smith, c/o Leonard W. Williamson, P.C., 1900 Hines St SE, Suite 211, 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 Leonard W. Williamson. Dated and first published May 21st, 2025. Personal Representatives /s/ Carole Smith, Attorney for Personal Representative Leonard W. Williamson, OSB #910020 Leonard W. Williamson, P.C., 1900 Hines St SE, Suite 211, Salem, OR 97302.

PCIO25-1190 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice West Salem Storage located at 650 2nd St 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.bid13.com on 6/11/2025 at 10:00AM. Tawnya Haverkost Unit #154; Toni Huntly Unit #159. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1188 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 - 517.180 Name of Holder: Frederick Edward Gath and Vernice Gath, husband and wife ("Holder") Holder's Last Known Addresses: 225 20th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 And to: 5717 Karen Lynn Loop S, Salem OR 97306 And to: 5869 Montevallo St SE, Salem OR 97306 Name of Party Giving Notice: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Owner") Address of Party Giving Notice: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC c/o Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins PC PO Box 480 McMinnville, OR 97128 Attn: Allison L. A. Rude PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's oil and mineral rights. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Deed recorded on June 22, 1960, at Book 174 Page 405 in Polk County Deed Records, reserving a one-half interest in the oil and mineral rights

of the Property in favor of Frederick Edward Gath and Vernice Gath. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on May 14, 2025. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Polk County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on May 28, 2025. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AFFECTED Beginning at an iron pipe set 2409 feet North 00°03' West from the Southeast of the corner William S. Morgan Donation Land Claim No. 56, Township 7 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; running thence North 00°08' East 2644.0 feet to an anchor post at the Northwest corner of the Richard McMahan Donation Land Claim No. 40 in said Township and Range; thence East 132.0 feet to an anchor post; thence North 00°08' East 958.0 feet to the center of Section 4, Township 7 South, Range 4 West in said Township and Range; thence South 89°55' West along the one-quarter Section line extending East and West through said Section 4, a distance of 2076.87 feet to a point marking the Northeast corner of that certain tract of land conveyed to Ivan B. Arnold, et ux, by deed recorded October 27, 1958, in Volume 168, Page 303, Deed Records for Polk County, Oregon; thence South 01°20' West 1953.55 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 00°05' East 604.0 feet to iron pipe; thence North 88°38' East 168.70 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 03°30' East 371.53 feet to iron pipe; thence South 43°49' East 70.25 feet to a point in the center of the County Road; thence along the center of said County Road as follows: North 82°45' East 585.60 feet; North 89°02' East 784.5 feet; South 12°07' East 426.5 feet; South 44°09' East 411.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described premises lying within the boundaries of public roads and highways. By OWNER: Mountain Spring Farms, LLC An Oregon limited liability company By: Allison L. A. Rude, Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins PC Title: Attorney at Law Publish May 14, May 21, May 28, 2025 DATED: May 9, 2025

PCIO25-1173 Polk County Public Works Rock Purchase Quotes Due: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Polk County is requesting quotes for aggregate material purchases in fiscal year 2025-2026. Quotes will be received by Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 until the end of business on Wednesday, June 4. The County estimates approximately 75,000 tons of aggregate material will be purchased during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). There will not be a contract awarded for County aggregate purchases; quotes will be used to establish a scheduled price agreement for purchases from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338, (503) 623-9287. Polk County reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, waive formalities, and postpone establishing an Aggregate Material Price Schedule if it is in the best interest of the County. DATED this 14th day of May 2025 Polk County Public Works By: Heather Chase, Administrative Services Manager

FORM UR-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:30pm via GoToMeeting (link and access code available on the meeting agenda at www.ci.monmouth.or.us) or at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee on May 8, 2025. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected on the City's website or at Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, OR by calling 503-838-0722 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.			
Contact: Janet Chenard, Finance Director Telephone: 503-751-0134 Email: jchenard@ci.monmouth.or.us			
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2023-2024	Amended Budget This Year 2024-2025	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	983,352	268,096	619,039
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			5,000,000
Interfund Transfers			
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	178,234	80,000	80,000
Revenue from Division of Tax	847,671	956,610	1,054,197
Revenue from Special Levy	2,009,257	1,304,706	6,753,236
Total Resources	2,009,257	1,304,706	6,753,236
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services			
Materials and Services	92,993	192,128	379,650
Capital Outlay			20,000
Debt Service	440,147	323,525	322,940
Interfund Transfers	1,193,114		
Contingencies			
All Other Expenditures and Requirements		360,000	2,758,500
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	283,402	429,053	3,272,146
Total Requirements	2,009,257	1,304,706	6,753,236
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Urban Renewal District Fund	2,009,257	1,304,706	6,753,236
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	2,009,257	1,304,706	6,753,236
Total FTE	None	None	None
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING*			
In FY23 a substantial amendment process added a small amount of property to the District, increased the maximum indebtedness, using the allowed State law escalation formula, from \$12 million to \$16,350,245 and removed the expiry date for the plan. A \$4 million bank loan was issued in FY 20-21 for the purpose of supporting the capital project plan and economic incentives for the MURA. The property tax increment dollars will continue to be accumulated for debt service payments on this bank loan. A projected additional \$5 million financing that was originally contemplated to be sought in FY24 but market conditions did not allow, and is now projected for FY25, provided market conditions have improved, in order to fund the remainder of the contemplated infrastructure improvements and public facility projects which will benefit the MURA.			
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT		Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds			
Other Bonds			
Other Borrowings	\$2,874,000		
Total	\$2,874,000		

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Monmouth City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:30pm via GoToMeeting (link and access code available on the meeting agenda at www.ci.monmouth.or.us) or at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the City of Monmouth Budget Committee on May 13, 2025. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected on the City's website or at the Monmouth City Hall at 151 Main St W. or at the Monmouth Public Library at 160 Ecolis St. S or by calling 503-838-0722 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.			
Contact: Susie Marston, Finance Director Telephone: 503-838-0722 Email: smarston@ci.monmouth.or.us			
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2023-2024	Amended Budget This Year 2024-2025	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-2026
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	23,149,655	20,986,741	21,522,868
2. Fees, Licenses, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	14,882,497	17,433,212	19,405,494
3. Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	3,229,329	3,559,195	2,878,457
4. Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt		1,119,490	1,400,000
5. Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	5,619,438	2,388,199	3,690,956
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	4,493,501	4,221,293	5,226,885
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	2,397,534	2,713,277	2,713,277
Total Resources - add lines 1 through 7	63,771,225	62,221,507	66,656,628
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
10. Personnel Services	9,550,451	9,570,996	10,292,693
10. Materials and Services	11,748,495	12,793,482	12,246,137
11. Capital Outlay	6,474,391	9,304,070	11,769,700
12. Debt Service	2,390,794	2,432,481	2,432,781
13. Interfund Transfers	2,444,972	461,666	465,201
14. Contingencies		8,481,676	7,778,207
15. Special Payments			1,195
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	21,682,762	9,267,137	11,621,905
Total Requirements - add lines 9 through 16	63,771,225	62,221,507	66,656,628
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Management and Finance	7,365,368	3,362,535	2,362,082
FTE	9.81	6.75	0.97
Police Department	3,286,534	3,286,534	3,871,007
FTE	18.00	18.00	19.00
Community Development	381,807	698,053	646,087
FTE	2.00	2.17	2.17
Library	748,917	763,177	858,814
FTE	6.45	6.75	6.25
Municipal Court	244,367	185,826	175,143
FTE	1.32	0.99	0.93
Senior Center	178,782	312,389	202,170
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00
Public Works	7,235,557	13,547,654	15,364,425
FTE	16.00	16.00	20.79
Power & Light Department	7,169,615	8,912,252	9,255,343
FTE	10.00	11.00	13.31
Building Department	452,184	504,466	535,959
FTE	2.13	2.06	2.58
Non-Departmental Personnel Services			
Non-Departmental Materials & Services	208,627	1,500	1,500
Non-Departmental Capital Outlay			1,200,000
Debt Service	2,390,794	2,432,481	2,432,781
Interfund Transfers	2,444,972	461,666	465,201
Contingencies		8,481,676	7,778,207
Reserves	21,682,762	9,267,137	11,621,905
Total Requirements	63,771,225	62,221,507	66,656,628
Total FTE	66.76	66.97	67.83
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING*			
From FY 23-24 through FY 24-25, the net staffing level decreases were based primarily on having to reduce hours across the General Fund due to budget challenges. This resulted in eliminating the Assistant City Manager position and reducing work hours in the Police, Library and Municipal Departments, while also implementing a hiring freeze for an additional Police Officer. During FY 24-25, the City Council approved a Public Safety Fee to support certain operating and capital expenses in the Police Department, resulting in the hiring of Officer #15 in January, 2025 and reinstating the Community Service Officer to 1.0 FTE in January. A supplemental budget was approved to appropriate the Public Safety Fee revenue to the Police Department. The net increase from FY 24-25 to FY 25-26 is due to adding a new Journeyman Lineman FTE, but will delay hiring FY 26-27 due to a projected rate increase of 6%. The decrease in Interfund Transfers from FY 23-24 to FY 24-25 and ongoing is explained by the completion of the City Hall Project in FY 23-24. The main drivers for the over \$4 million increase in the City's budget from FY 24-25 to FY 25-26 is due to capital outlay expenses primarily related to Parks, Water, Sewer and Transportation Projects. Overall, contingency appropriations, and fund balances/reserves are projected to increase approximately \$1.65 million by the end of FY26 and remains within fiscal policy reserve requirements. Resources have increased as well, primarily from Urban Renewal funding and significant grant revenues supporting one-time projects. Rate increases in FY 25-26 for Water (5.5%), Stormwater (3%) and Electric (6%), are all projected to contribute to continued provision of existing service levels.			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2023-2024	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2025-2026
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3.6107 per \$1,000)	3.6107	3.6107	3.6107
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$387.180	\$388.070	\$413.670
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM			

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, May 15

At 12:20 a.m., the manager of Walmart requested to have two vehicles removed from the parking lot. An officer contacted both drivers, one male and one female, and advised them to leave the parking lot.

At 2:37 a.m., a report of a suspicious person shining a flashlight inside of vehicles in the 76 parking lot on Ellendale Avenue. An officer found a male subject who was out walking his dog who claimed to have been looking for his dog's ball.

At 8:46 a.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device (second offense). The driver was warned if she was caught on her cell phone a third time in the next four years she could be charged with a crime.

At 9:06 a.m., Benjamin Lantry was arrested on Uglov Avenue on an outstanding Dallas municipal warrant and transported to the court.

At 10:05 a.m., an officer gave a courtesy transport of disabled male from municipal court to home.

At 12:04 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the Forestry Lane area. The vehicle's driver said he would be moving along shortly.

At 1:40 p.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 2:11 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a male who was unconscious and his feet were in the roadway on Church Street. The officer was unable to locate anyone in the area.

At 2:40 p.m., a report of a fake \$100 bill used on Kings Valley Highway.

At 3:13 p.m., an officer came across a subject on Cherry Street dressed in a ghillie suit eating a meal.

At 3:59 p.m., a male subject on Ellendale Avenue was lodged at Polk County Jail on a retainer.

Friday, May 16

At 8:09 a.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for driving a vehicle while using a mobile electronic device (first offense).

At 8:06, a resident on Miller Avenue reported hit and run damage to their yard rocks and ornamental tree. An officer surmised a driver missed the Miller to Godsey turn. The officer checked Godsey apartments and road area, but was unable to locate any damaged vehicles.

At 8:46 a.m., a motorist on Mill Street was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance and warned for failure to renew registration.

At 10:37 a.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway

was cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry/present, and failure to use a seat belt.

At 10:41 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 3:11 p.m., an officer investigated a report of an unlocked front door to a residence on Hankel Street. There was no one inside/on the property.

At 4:38 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 9:40 p.m., an officer investigated a report of shots heard in the Ash Street area. The officer had heard fireworks just before taking the report. The officer found no other fireworks.

Saturday, May 17

At 8:57 a.m., a resident on Fairhaven Lane requested extra patrol on Main Street, stating people are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians.

At 2:59 p.m., a report on Main Street of a possible stolen firearm with no serial number. There was not enough information available on the weapon to determine if it was stolen.

At 3:59 p.m., William Alvarado Villa, of Monmouth, was arrested on Warren Street and charged with menacing.

At 5:37 p.m., Jerry Carmickle was arrested on Levens Street, lodged at Polk County Jail and charged with two counts of unlawful use of weapon, assault 2 and menacing.

At 6:57 p.m., a report of a tree from Polk CDC property on Pine Street fell on a neighbor's vehicle, crushing it.

Sunday, May 18

At 12:20 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 1:56 p.m., a report of a vacant house on Polk Station Road that appeared to have new damage. It most likely was from fire department training.

At 2:28 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to register a vehicle and failure to display plates.

At 3:31 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to renew registration.

At 5:28 p.m., a report of UPS keys found in a mailbox on Rainbow Avenue. An officer returned them to an employee.

At 5:36 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for failure to carry proof of financial responsibility and warned for failure to renew registration.

At 7:47 p.m., a juvenile motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for failing to register a vehicle.

Monday, May 19

At 9:19 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 31 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 9:36 a.m., a report of the theft of a package of earthworms from Uglov Avenue.

At 9:30 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 11:24 a.m., a motorist on Levens Street was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 2:48 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving uninsured.

At 2:57 p.m., an officer helped mediate a family argument on Cortland Avenue.

At 3:28 p.m., a report of shots heard on Allgood Street. An officer located a vehicle backfiring. The juvenile driver was warned for disorderly conduct.

At 3:45 p.m., a subject was formally trespassed from Ellis Street.

At 5:12 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 30-mph zone.

At 7:27 p.m., Joseph Clayville, of Dallas, was arrested on Howe Street, lodged at Polk County Jail and charged with sex abuse 1, strangulation and physical harassment.

At 8:18 p.m., a motorist on Mill Street was cited for failure to carry/present, driving while suspended - violation, driving the wrong way on a one-way street, and failure to carry proof of insurance.

Tuesday, May 20

At 1:32 a.m., a report of a motion alarm triggered at a home on Fir Villa Road where the owners were not currently home. An officer checked the residence and found all doors were locked

and no one on the property with no signs of disturbance.

At 8:44 a.m., a report of a rear-end crash on Fir Villa Road.

At 2:47 p.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 2:59 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 3:09 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 11:54 p.m., a resident on Crater Lake Drive reported five to six juveniles were riding go carts and looking into cars. Due to a delayed response, an officer was unable to locate anyone in the neighborhood.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, May 15

Domestic Dispute: A caller reported witnessing a man slap a woman multiple times during a verbal argument after they exited their vehicle. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle but were unsuccessful.

Civil Matter: A report of someone breaking into a residence. An investigation revealed that the person resided there but had their locks changed while in jail.

Alarm: Police investigated a burglar alarm that was triggered at a business. The building appeared secure, and all doors were locked.

See **BLOTTER B7**

BRIEFS

From Page B3

construction and best of show. For more information, go to <https://spiritmountain.com/events/roll-the-dice-car-show>.

Polk County Fairgrounds hosts Rabbit and Cavies Show June 14

Oregon League of Rabbit & Cavy Breeders hosts the Oregon State Rabbit and Cavies show at 8 a.m. June

14 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, at 520 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall. There will be three Open rabbit + three Youth rabbit shows and two Open Cavy + one Youth Cavy show.

Spirit Mountain Casino hosts a Father's Day BBQ June 15

Spirit Mountain Casino hosts a Father's Day Barbecue at 1 p.m. June 15, featuring mouth-watering dishes like Smoked Beef Brisket, St. Louis Pork Ribs,

Jalapeño Cornbread, Carolina Whole Roasted Chicken and more. Located at 27100 Highway 18, in Grand Ronde. For more information, go to <https://spiritmountain.com/events/fathers-day-bbq>.

Chamber presents annual community awards June 20

The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 68th Annual Community Awards Banquet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 20 at

BeckenRidge Vineyard, 300 Reuben Boise Road, Dallas. Join the Dallas Area Visitor Center for a night of fun as they give back to the leaders in the community. Dress up in your best 80s prom attire, enjoy dinner and a cash bar. To purchase tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/4dm2FOI>.

Destination Inspiration comes to Independence June 21

OSU Extension - Polk County and Master Gardeners OSU/Polk

County host Destination: INSPIRATION, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Inspiration Garden in Independence, located at 799 F. St. The event features a guided tour filled with creativity and nature's beauty. Explore the garden, enjoy interactive kids' activities, and spark your green thumb. Check out the event page at <https://beav.es/NP6>. For more information, contact Brooke Edmunds at brooke.edmunds@oregonstate.edu or (503) 588-5301.

4-H Polk County hosts Junior Master Gardener Day Camp June 23-25

Oregon 4-H Polk County and OSU Extension - Polk County present Junior Master Gardener Day Camp, June 23-25 at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Youth in grades K-5 can dig in, get creative, and explore the wonders of flowers, gardening, and wildlife.

STATE

From Page A1

"It's a different culture than any other sport. It's less competitive," Fitts said of trap shooting. "But you feel

the competition once you get to state."

To maintain focus, the sophomore hums a tune in his head while trying to block out his score.

"The hardest part about this sport is yourself," he added.

Fitts, who has been shooting since he was three, connected on 22 of 25 targets last year at state. His goal is to top that number in 2025.

"It's not as high pressure as you'd expect," Fitts said of the atmosphere. "It feels

like a normal shoot — just with a lot more teams."

The Panthers' roster numbers seven shooters. Eighth-grader Dusty Carpenter is the youngest. The age discrepancy doesn't bother him.

"As long as I don't let it get into my head, it's pretty good," he said.

Dusty started shooting three years ago.

"Shooting, it's just something I love to do ... every weekend ... it's a passion," he said of his continued involvement. "I've always shot for fun. But getting on

the team helps me shoot better."

The team formed in 2017, and some seasons count as many as 27 members. But the number has dwindled in recent years. The club is trying to reverse that trend by increasing visibility.

"We just want people to know we're here," coach Carpenter said. "This is an amazing sport. It's safe, it's challenging, and it's something different. We'd love to see more kids, and their parents, give it a try."

There's little question the sport is more popular elsewhere. In Oregon alone, 1,100 trap shooters represent 59 schools. National numbers are even more impressive, with an estimated 54,000 participating members.

Central recognizes target shooting as a school club sport. As such, it receives less support from the district than what traditional team sports receive.

"We shoot for the school," coach Carpenter said. "But that's about the extent of the relationship."



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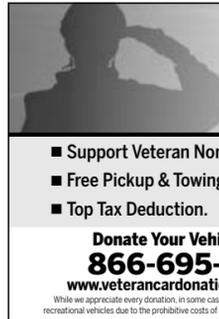
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BLOTTER

From Page B6

Welfare Check: A person requested a welfare check on another person who is on hospice and reported feeling dizzy and needing food. An officer provided food and arrangements for future meals.

Ordinance Violation: A report of illegal burning was made. No flames or burning were observed upon arrival. The person at the location was informed about burning ordinances.

Assist Other Agency: Assistance was provided to the Independence Police Department in apprehending a hit-and-run suspect.

Illegal Parking: A report was made of a truck blocking a parking lot entry. No vehicle was blocking the driveway, and there were two signs posted. Callers will be advised of this in the future.

Friday, May 16

Elude: A person eluded an officer in a vehicle, driving recklessly, damaging property and attempting to ram a patrol vehicle. The suspect was apprehended and charged with felony elude, reckless driving and attempted assault on an officer.

Graffiti: A person reported graffiti on their fence that occurred within the past week. There is no suspect information at this time.

Menacing: Two individuals reported a vehicle speeding, and the driver allegedly pointed a black item that was believed to be a firearm at them. The complainant did not get a license plate, and was more concerned with the speeding.

Assist Other Agency: Responded and covered an incident where a person may have overdosed and required CPR. Assisted in gathering family information as a child was reported to be at the location and left before authorities arrived.

Missing Property: A person went to a dental office thinking they had an appointment but did not. The subject remembered parking in the parking lot, but it was gone. The vehicle was located, and it was discovered the person had started showing dementia symptoms. The person was given a ride to their vehicle.

Graffiti: A report of a fence tagged with blue spray paint. It likely happened the night before. No cameras were observed in the area.

Hang-Up Call: Another hang-up call was received from a 911-only phone at a specific location. This is a recurring issue, and all that can be heard is a male groaning. The phone number is not associated with a previous individual.

Saturday, May 17

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual called making various statements, including one involving a judge and a potential plot against him related to an inheritance. The caller's request was unclear, but denied having any thoughts of self-harm that night.

Citizen Contact: A complaint about a bicycle sitting in front of a laundromat that had been moved around by employees but seemed to have no owner. Officers said law enforcement would not take the bicycle for safe-keeping as it was valued under \$100.

Assist Other Agency: A person was cited and released on outstanding warrants from another county related to theft and unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

Suspicious Vehicle: A caller reported a green vehicle driving slowly on a street and looking into cars. The caller described the driver as an older white female who did this for

about 10 minutes. The vehicle was located at the registered owner's address, but no one answered the door.

Assist Other Agency: Medical personnel requested assistance for a person that fell due to "microwave weapons" a stalker had been using. The person wanted to go to the hospital, so medical personnel provided transport.

Assist Other Agency: Assistance was provided to another agency that had probable cause for an individual. The individual was located and detained without issue. Law enforcement stood by while the other agency took over their investigation.

Criminal Mischief: A couple returned home from a trip and found the back door handle had been reversed, so it locked on the exterior. There were no signs of forced entry and nothing was missing. There was no suspect information.

Noise: An individual was warned for violating the noise ordinance, and a party was shut down.

Sunday, May 18

Noise: A report of a loud party with people vomiting outside. Officers drove by the listed address and did not hear anything or observe the described behavior.

Crime: A person reported a friend was believed to have been drugged at a bar. The person had been to a couple of different bars during the night and later became ill and was vomiting at another friend's house. The person was evaluated by medical personnel but did not want to be transported. Interviews were conducted with the person's friend and boyfriend who were present.

Missing Person: A report of a runaway. While another call was being handled, the missing person was located. Staff were consulted about how the person left, and it was confirmed the person was safe with no injuries.

Intoxication: Staff at a location reported a male had been sitting in his vehicle drinking beer since the morning. Officers spoke with the individual who was drinking a specific alcoholic beverage in his vehicle. The individual stated the vehicle's battery died and he did not plan on driving. He apologized and said he would work on getting a ride. Staff called back and reported the individual drove away. The individual was located in another location's parking lot. The individual invoked their right to remain silent and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. The individual was lodged at the jail.

Domestic Dispute: What started as a hang-up call turned into a report of a physical domestic dispute involving three individuals. Law enforcement arrived and found the individuals still fighting. After speaking with those involved, it was learned one individual was intoxicated. An individual being picked up physically assaulted another individual and a juvenile. The intoxicated individual was evaluated by medical personnel. One individual did not want to pursue charges for harassment, and the intoxicated individual was referred for being a minor in possession of alcohol and running away.

Monday, May 19

Arrest: An individual was cited and released on a failure to appear warrant for criminal mischief out of another county.

Domestic Dispute: A verbal dispute occurred between two individuals. It was not physical, and no crimes were reported.

Suspicious Activity: A report of a phone hacked. The caller knew the other person, but was not on speaking terms because the other person owed money. The caller got a notification that the other person logged into their phone and created an account. The caller did not believe the other person knew the password. The other person had never used the caller's phone nor had permission to use it. The caller's phone indicated it was accessed less than a week ago by the other person, and the caller planned on changing all of their passwords.

Suspicious Activity: A report of someone jumping a back fence. Police contacted a juvenile female at the residence who initially stated her parent was aware of her presence, but her parent confirmed otherwise and picked her up.

Tuesday, May 20

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A nurse advice line reported an individual took a large quantity of medication in a suicide attempt. The individual had consistent suicidal thoughts, was deemed a danger to themselves and was taken into custody and transported.

Information: The District Attorney's Office reported an individual did not report in for a prison sentence. It was advised there would be probable cause for contempt of court if the individual was located, and a warrant approval was pending.

Disturbance: Two individuals were seen arguing. One individual was reported to be intoxicated, and the other individual stated being yelled at without cause. No crime was committed, but one individual was cited and released for an outstanding warrant for trespassing.

Graffiti: New graffiti was reported on a fence. Photos were taken and a case number was provided. The reporting party requested extra patrol in the nearby park.

Check Welfare: An individual from another state reported concerns about another individual being physically and sexually abused and controlled by another person. The reporting individual requested a welfare check be performed, even if it led to an arrest of the individual needing assistance, to ensure their safety. A welfare check was attempted by another jurisdiction with no initial contact made.

Wednesday, May 21

Civil Issue: A resident reported a neighbor had a firearm visible in their vehicle and questioned the legality. It was explained that Oregon is an open carry state. The individual also expressed concerns about the neighbor's loud vehicle.

Crime: A report of an individual and businesses being scammed by someone claiming to have gotten ill. The complainant had no proof and had already gotten a refund and additional money. Police promised to conduct a follow up.

Suspicious Activity: A report of a deceased animal found near the complainant's vehicle but had no suspect information. Attempts to contact the individual later were unsuccessful.

Suspicious Activity: An individual had second-hand information that someone tried to lure their child into a vehicle. Responding officers did not locate the described vehicle. The child reported a male made an attempt to get their attention, and the child ran home.

Graffiti: A report of graffiti on a fence facing a park. It likely occurred the previous night. Photos were taken.

Graffiti: A report of graffiti on a back fence connected to a park. Blue spray paint was found on a white fence and sidewalk, likely occurring the previous night.

Fraud: An individual reported their spouse left for work but never arrived. The spouse was later found to have been a victim of a scam where they were told their child was kidnapped and were forced to send money. The spouse was unharmed and would file a report upon returning home.

Arrest Other Agency: An individual was arrested and lodged on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

Suspicious Person: A store employee reported an individual was taking pictures and acting oddly. The individual claimed to be documenting the layout of the store for a future business. The individual had left before an officer arrived. The vehicle plate was obtained and was found to be registered to an individual from another city.

Animal: An individual reported a dog was tethered at a residence and thought it was animal abuse. An officer made contact with the homeowner and dog's owner. The dog was observed tethered in the backyard, with no injuries. The homeowner confirmed the dog was usually taken to work and had been brought inside multiple times during the day.

Noise: A complaint about loud music. An officer spoke with the responsible individual who agreed to turn it down.

Citizen Contact: An individual expressed concerns about drivers not stopping at stop signs. The complainant had previous trauma from being hit by a vehicle and requested extra monitoring. Officers promised to try to monitor the area.

Fraud: An individual received a call claiming their child had been in a crash and threatened harm if money was not sent. The individual sent money to another country due to threats.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, May 14

At 1:53 a.m., a deputy noticed a male on a bicycle coming out of a park on Glen Creek Road. The male stated he lives in the park. The deputy warned the male for trespassing.

At 7:31 a.m., a deputy spoke with a resident on Buena Vista Road about a report of a stolen tractor.

At 2:47 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a suicide attempt on Kings Valley Highway. A female subject had swallowed a handful of blood pressure and depression pills. Medics arrived and began their evaluation. She voluntarily went to Salem Hospital with the Dallas medics.

At 5:30 p.m., a deputy investigated a road rage incident. The deputy reported observing a car following another one extremely close and continuously laying on the horn. The driver was apologetic and stated that the car in front of her had been intentionally driving very slowly trying to force her to stop at traffic lights. The deputy did not observe the other vehicle's behavior so could not say who was the primary cause of the issue. The driver was given a written warning for follow too close, violation of use limits on sound equipment, and failing to surrender out of state registration.

At 7:05 p.m. deputies responded to a single vehicle crash in the 5400 block of Liberty Road in rural Falls City. When they arrived, they saw a vehicle that was on its top and learned the driver had self-extricated and was taken to her residence in

Monmouth. The driver later stated that she was going about 35 mph when she crashed. Even though she might have a broken arm or wrist, she declined medical attention. Her boyfriend told deputies his girlfriend is not a good driver and speeds a lot. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and careless driving.

At 9:12 p.m., the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office initiated a pursuit near Lafayette that eventually came down into West Salem. A PCSO deputy joined the pursuit and attempted to get in front of the vehicle for spikes but the driver discontinued before the maneuver could be attempted. The deputy checked the registered owner's address but had not returned yet. The deputy gave the YCSO additional information on the RO's boyfriend.

At 11:06 p.m., a resident in the 8500 block of Corvallis Road reported hearing three large caliber shots, possibly 30-06, near his house. A deputy checked the area and did not see anyone.

Thursday, May 15

At 1:50 a.m., a deputy pulled over a motorist on Bartell Road for making a turn without signaling and for having no license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, no insurance and failure to register the vehicle. The deputy instructed the motorist not to drive.

At 2:50 a.m., a deputy stopped a male subject on Glenn Creek Road who was walking barefoot, wearing no jacket and who was talking to himself. The deputy asked him what he was on. "Bath salts," the subject said, then walked off.

At 7:06 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of pickup truck with a trailer broken down and partially blocking Monmouth Highway. The vehicle was unoccupied with the hazards on. The deputy attempted to contact the registered owner. The deputy passed the information on to OSP.

At 9:28 a.m., an employee at the water treatment facility on Bowersville Road reported concerns of the barbed wire fence being compressed, as if someone attempted to enter. A deputy checked the range and saw nothing out of place and all locks intact.

At 11:27 a.m., a report of the theft of several items from a storage unit on 50th Avenue, including a Hitachi compound miner saw, a 7-inch Rigid Tile saw, and a Buerger aluminum tripod transit leveler. The owner said there were no signs of forced entry.

At 5:21 p.m., a physical domestic disturbance happened May 11 on McPherson Road. The victim came to the hospital to get herself checked out. Deputies are investigating a crime for domestic strangulation.

At 8:38 p.m., a deputy stopped a motorist on 7th Street for no front plate and expired registration. The driver was driving while suspended - misdemeanor and had a felony warrant for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. While the deputy was taking the driver into custody, he noticed signs of impairment. The driver performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was additionally charged with DUII. He blew a .24 at the jail.

Friday, May 16

At 7:36 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Independence Highway, with the occupant still in the vehicle and appearing asleep/not responding to the caller. The deputies got the driver out of the vehicle, who showed signs of impairment. The driver said he had been in the car since between midnight

and 1 a.m. OSP arrived and ultimately arrested the driver and charged him with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 8:07 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:06 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway 22 near Highway 99 for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 1:46 p.m., a report of a residence of filth and feces strewn around the house where children were living on Ballston Road. Deputies found the house was very cluttered, but not "dirty" or unsanitary. Kids appeared happy and healthy. No criminal element or further PCSO involvement at this time.

At 2:27 p.m., a motorist was stopped on 7th Street and cited for no operator license and failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 3:08 p.m., a deputy came across a two-vehicle crash on 7th Street. The deputy conducted traffic control until Salem Police took over the scene.

At 3:44 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 3:59 p.m., a resident on Prospect Street reported his trailer power was shut off illegally by the property owner. Deputies determined Pacific Power had disconnected the power due to deeming it unsafe. The individual was waiting for a court order to vacate the property.

At 5:37 p.m., a resident on Corvallis Road reported two youth trespassing. A neighbor had security camera footage of the youth. No IDs at this time.

At 7:23 p.m., a report of a wine tour bus speeding on Highway 22. A deputy was unable to locate the bus.

At 9:04 p.m., a report of a vehicle that pulled into the fair grounds and did doughnuts then left westbound on Rickreall Road.

At 10:50 p.m., a deputy warned two individuals about trespassing in Social Security Fishing Hole after dark.

Saturday, May 17

At 2:48 a.m., a deputy stopped a motorist for failing to maintain the lane on Highway 22. The driver had just been districted eating sunflower seeds.

At 3:42 a.m., deputies came upon a vehicle with four occupants parked at Green Villa Barn. While there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle, the driver was deemed okay to drive. The four were warned for trespassing.

At 5:59 p.m., a concerned citizen reported a male subject was walking his dog Rickreall Road with the intent of abandoning it. A deputy was unable to locate any dogs.

At 7:26 p.m., a report of two juveniles that removed a part of the cover of a manhole grate on Main Street in Falls City. A deputy found part of the manhole grate in the manhole and repaired it, but was unable to locate the youth.

At 9:19 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway 18 for failure to maintain a lane. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and warned for driving within lane and failure to carry insurance information.

Sunday, May 18

At 12:28 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Highway 22. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and was ordered to switch seats with his dad.

At 1:09 a.m., a subject on Grand Ronde Road reported another individual attempted

WOU advocates for critical funding at State Capitol

On Thursday, May 15, over 80 students, staff, faculty, and alumni from Western Oregon University participated in the university's first Advocacy Day at the State Capitol.

The day featured the Western Oregon Voices Choir, directed by Claire Hudkins, Ph.D., performing Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon and Garfunkel at the opening ceremonies of the Oregon House of Representatives. The choir,

consisting of 12 singers and a three-member rhythm section, set an uplifting tone for the day's advocacy efforts. Throughout the day, Western representatives met with over 50 legislative offices in a bipartisan and bicameral manner, discussing key priorities outlined by the Oregon Council of Presidents. These priorities include ensuring no less than \$1.1 billion in the Public University Support Fund, allocating \$450 million

for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, funding for Strong Start Programming, and protecting funding for Basic Needs Navigators.

"Investing in public higher education is crucial for the future of our students and our communities," said President Jesse Peters. "It was truly inspiring to see so many dedicated WOU staff, faculty, students, and alumni come together to advocate for our university and higher

education as a whole. Their commitment to ensuring access and support for all students demonstrates the collective belief that education is not just a personal benefit, but a vital investment in the future of Oregon."

Decades of underinvestment in public higher education have shifted the financial burden onto students and families. Three decades ago, the state funded more than 60 percent of public university

operating costs; today, that figure has dropped to less than 30 percent. As a result, Oregon public universities rank 44th in the nation for funding per student, while tuition rates remain the highest in the West. If this trend continues, fewer Oregon students will have access to essential education and skills needed for the state's most in-demand jobs, making the \$1.1 billion PUSF target critical. Public universities serve as

economic engines for Oregon, generating over \$10 billion in annual impact. They drive employment, support local businesses, and attract significant tourism to communities statewide. Locally, Western is one of the largest employers in Polk County, with a 2020 economic impact study by ECONorthwest showing a direct impact of \$108 million in economic output for the region.

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to force him to unlock his phone and give it to him. When he refused, the suspect punched him and left. Deputies were unable to locate the suspect.

At 2:40 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a hit and run crash at the store on Salmon River Highway. Deputies caught up with the driver on Highway 22 and detained him until tribal police took over the investigation.

At 10:43 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 12:54 p.m., a subject reported needing the gate opened out of Rickreall Creek Road. He said his friend was injured mountain biking, but not badly enough to need medics. Deputies helped the subject get his friend out of the woods and he took the friend to urgent care.

At 2:26 p.m., a resident on IRA Hooker Road reported someone had trespassed on his property and damaged property. Deputies found numerous vehicles had been entered and most of the windshields and windows had been broken out. Suspects used axes and a pick axe. Suspects also broke into a trailer used for

storage. It's unknown what was missing at this time. Damage was estimated at well over \$1,000.

At 6:08 p.m., deputies assisted Dallas police in locating a missing, autistic juvenile. After 40 minutes, the youth was located in the 1700 block of Bridlewood Drive.

At 9:23 p.m., a resident on Wells Landing Road reported hearing cries for help and distress coming from his neighbor's house and that they wouldn't answer when he knocked. Deputies found one resident had been yelling at the TV and another hearing impaired family member to

come out and eat her dinner. Everyone was fine.

Monday, May 19

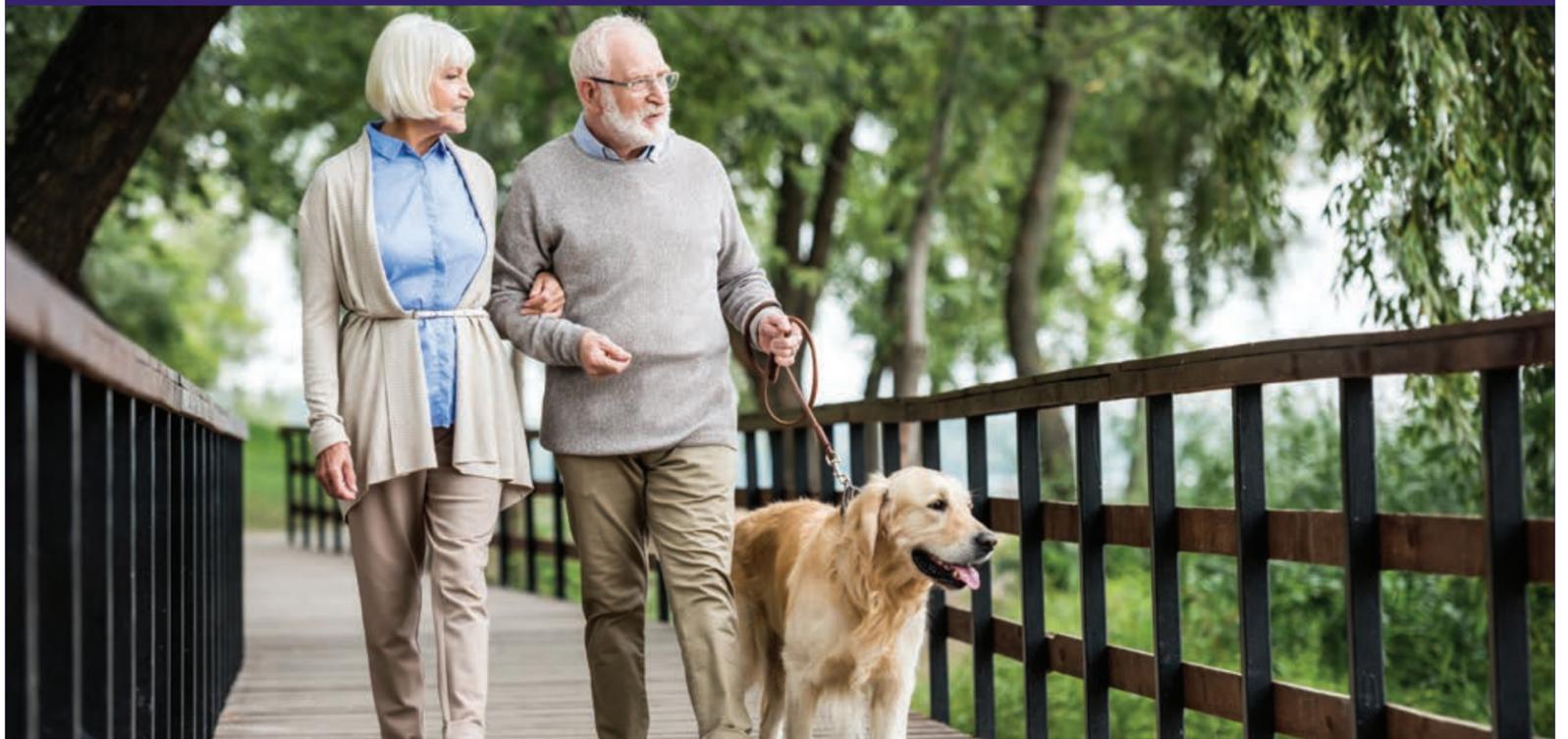
At 2:36 p.m., deputies helped block off Mistletoe Road while fire units fought a field fire.

At 3:32 p.m., deputies investigated a report of gunshots heard on Allgood Street. They located a vehicle backfiring. However, the juvenile driver was warned for disorderly conduct.

At 10:05 p.m., a report of an RV fire on Central Boulevard in Falls City. All occupants reported to have escaped. Falls City Fire managed to contain the fire before it spread to the main residence.

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