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Dad and donuts debuts



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Nathan Tipton hands wife Rose a donut at Bambino's inaugural Dads and Donuts event June 20 in honor of Father's Day. Bambinos board president Cloie Basey (right) and board member April Chapman were among the dozen or so volunteers who helped shift the organization's focus for a day from moms to dads. In addition to the Roth's donuts and Starbucks coffee, dads were also given a choice of giveaways from Good 360. Basey said 15 dads signed up for the event with 51 total family members participating.

Dallas finally approves lower increase to waste collection rates

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

The Dallas City Council on June 15 finally approved a 3 percent hike to its solid waste collection rates for residents after months of discussion.

Republic Services had sought a much higher increase of 10 percent at their June 1 meeting but the council had compromised at 5 percent.

Now, however, a 3 percent increase for residents, say with a 64-gallon bin, can expect their rates to increase July 1 from \$35 to \$36.05, rather than \$36.75 at the 5 percent rate increase.

The annual review of current rates began in February when council members voted to leave them unchanged. Instead, they wanted service provider Republic Services to come back in June with a mid-year review of their operational costs to better justify a rate increase for 2026.

Because he was not present for Republic Services'

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One Fest promises action packed expanded focus on unity

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Chris Barker has been carefully surveying the available space at Roger Jordan Park adjacent to the Dallas Aquatic Center over the last several weeks. He figures it has the acreage needed to host the

Dallas Ministerial Association's community event One Fest on June 28. It better, because the event features a motorbike show, food vendors, a bouncy house, an international traveling evangelist Reid Saunders and capped off with a performance by award-winning

Christian singer-songwriter Jason Gray. Barker, lead pastor at Valley Life Center, said the association has been hosting One Worship the last couple years at Dallas High School. He said when you invite members from the 20-plus churches and

chapels that encompass Dallas Ministerial Association, they quickly outgrew the confines of their previous location at Gallaspy Stadium.

"We started with several services at the high school stadium with churches coming together with a focus of unity," Barker said. "We started changing up last year, making it more of a gift to the community, bringing in more for the kids and youth, with concerts and a good opportunity for the whole family."

Barker figures the Dallas Ministerial Association has brought the area's worship communities together for nearly four decades.

"It's been really good. As pastors all of us try to communicate the importance of ministry of the community and the love of Jesus," he said. "We've never been in competition with each other. We help more together than separately."

He added the Dallas Ministerial Association has had many events over the years, most recently a multi-church Christmas musical last year and prayer gatherings at the Courthouse plaza. They've also embraced membership from churches in Monmouth, Independence and Falls City. Barker expects One Fest to

Perrydale Road/Kings Valley Highway project starts this week

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Starting this week, Perrydale Road will be temporarily closed to motorists south of Highway 22. ODOT crews have begun work to improve drivers' safety at Highway 22's busy intersections at Perrydale Road and Kings Valley Highway.

Only local traffic will have access to Perrydale Road during construction. All other traffic will have to detour to Kings Valley Highway.

ODOT's partners have been moving utilities over the past few months in preparation for the project.

Motorists will see the work zone getting set up this week, with crews starting work next week. The same motorists can expect changing impacts through the region as the project progresses.

When work starts, you can expect:

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PHOTO COURTESY DALLAS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

International traveling evangelist Reid Saunders returns to Dallas to be a part of the Dallas Ministerial Association's expanded community event One Fest on June 28.

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Commissioner Gordon completes County Leadership Institute

Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon joined county leaders from across the country June 1-3 for the County Leadership Institute (CLI), designed to enhance the capability of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to complex challenges facing county government. Nominated by the Association of Oregon

Counties, Gordon joined 20 other county officials in this year's CLI, where they learned how to effectively address the demands of personal leadership in a new era of government. The Institute was offered by the National Association of Counties (NACo). "I appreciated being selected for this opportunity because Polk County is navigating many of the

same complex challenges facing counties across the country," Gordon said. "The County Leadership Institute gave me the opportunity to sharpen my skills, learn from top county leaders across the nation, and bring back practical ideas to help in our work." Throughout the three days, participants gained exposure to the adaptive leadership framework and

were able to consult with faculty on a current challenge facing them and the community they serve. "As counties face both rising costs and federal and state funding reductions, we have to make strategic decisions while protecting the core services residents depend on, from public safety to mental health and affordable housing supports," Gordon said. "These

challenges are not just technical; they require collaboration, discipline, and a willingness to stay focused on results that serve our residents." Looking ahead, Gordon added that he will apply lessons from the institute as Polk County works through major decisions about long-term financial stability, intergovernmental partnerships, and the future

of important community assets such as the Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center. He said the experience reinforced the importance of bringing people together early, and making collaborative decisions grounded in shared purpose. For more details about NACo's County Leadership Institute go to www.naco.org/page/country-leadership-institute.

WOU journalists talk shop in new book

By TOM HENDERSON
Special To The I-O

Student reporters and editors at the Western Howl at Western Oregon University have written a book about journalism, but listen carefully. The ghost of Aldus Manutius may be the one howling. Poor Aldus. The 15th-century Italian printer was reputedly the first person to use a comma to separate words – particularly in a list of items. Ever since, writers have debated whether or not Manutius' mark is needed before the word "and" in a list. Horace Hart said yes. Emphatically. The printer and controller of the Oxford University Press from 1893 to 1915, Hart wrote "Rules for Compositors and Readers" in 1905 and mandated that final mark as what became known as the Oxford comma. Hannah Field has some

thoughts about that. She's the editor of the Western Howl, WOU's campus newspaper, and she expresses her thoughts about the Oxford comma in a sign hanging in the paper's newsroom. The sign uses language that would make Horace Hart blush. However, ol' Horace can just step aside anyway. Field and her fellow Howl staff members just published "The Western Howl Student Guide to Journalism." The book made its debut June 5 at the Hammersly Library on campus. Journalists have been told for generations by the Associated Press Stylebook to avoid the Oxford comma whenever possible. Field wrote in the book about the importance of writers not getting weighed down by loyalty to petrified opinion. Both the Associated Press Stylebook and The



PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON
Hannah Field, the editor of the Western Howl at Western Oregon University, joined the campus newspaper staff in unveiling "The Western Howl Student Guide to Journalism" at the Hammersly Library June 5.

Howl's own guide start their advice on the Oxford comma with the word "Generally." "So that entire idea about never, ever using Oxford commas – that idea that all of us were so intensely convinced of that we had a painted sign in the office commemorating our collective defiance – was entirely a social phenomenon," wrote Field. "Like TikTok or the Unicorn Frappe." The Howl's 164-page book is about more than punctuation. Ultimately, it's a love letter to college journalism – a tradition that stretches back to the ONS Breeze, the first campus newspaper that was printed in 1923 when WOU was Oregon Normal School. Students took over the management of the paper the following year and rebranded it as The Lamron ("normal" spelled backwards). In 1989, the paper changed its name

to the Western Star. It became the Western Oregon Journal in 1998 and the Western Howl in 2018. "The Western Howl Student Guide for Journalists" began as an idea from Linden Loren, the paper's adviser and the coordinator of Advising & Virtual Engagement at Western. "Linden wanted us to do it," Field said. "It never occurred to us. We were talking with Linden about things we could do, and he said we could do this book. I thought that was a really cool idea." Producing the book took a lot of work, especially as Howl editors were already busy putting out a newspaper. "It took a really long time and a few all-nighters," Field said. Deadlines were tight. "It was a little bit of a rush product because we

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Sixth Annual Hidden Bottle Hunt returns June 25-28

The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt returns for its sixth year June 25-28. Sponsored by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, operator of the BottleDrop network, the bottle hunt encourages individuals, families and communities to get outside, enjoy Oregon's beauty and celebrate the state's history of environmental stewardship, all while supporting local charities. Clues for the statewide hunt will be posted daily on BottleDrop's website, guiding treasure hunters to the final hiding spots. Volunteer clue writer Kelly Luzania is excited to be a part of the contest since it started. "When I choose a hide location, I look for spots that showcase our

beautiful state – places I'd be eager to explore with my own family," Luzania said. "My clues are designed to narrow each zone to the final hiding spot in a creative and sometimes challenging way. My hope is for people to learn something new and enjoy getting their 'boots on the ground' searching with friends and family. Here's to another great hunt – good luck and have fun." This year's commemorative bottle design celebrates SOLVE, founded by Gov. Tom McCall, who signed the Bottle Bill into law and believed every Oregonian shares an inherent right to enjoy and take responsibility for the places where we live, work and play. SOLVE's



PHOTO BY
Oregon's BottleDrop sixth annual Hidden Bottle Hunt returns June 25-28.

volunteer-driven work brings communities together to care for our environment and enhance our waterways. The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt comprises six separate, simultaneous hunts, geographically dispersed in parks, trails or land open to the public across Oregon. OBRC will release clues each day of the hunt, leading treasure hunters to the hidden bottles. The lucky winners will get to keep the commemorative bottle and select a BottleDrop Give nonprofit partner to receive a \$1,000 donation through BottleDrop's Containers for Change program. Thousands of nonprofits across Oregon raise funds for their organizations through the BottleDrop Give program

each year. July marks the 55th anniversary of the Oregon Bottle Bill, which Governor Tom McCall signed into law on July 2, 1971. It established the nation's first beverage container redemption system and has helped keep Oregon clean and litter-free for more than five decades. Oregon's Bottle Bill is also the most successful in the nation. In 2025, Oregon's preliminary redemption rate was 90.9%, with Oregonians returning more than 2 billion containers for Grade-A domestic recycling. Participants can learn more about the hunt and sign up for daily clue reminders by visiting www.bottledrop.com/hunt.

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The CHS Class of 1991 will hold its 35th reunion Aug. 7-8 in Independence.

Central Class of 1991 hosts 35th reunion Aug. 7-8

The Central High School Class of 1991's 35th reunion is Aug. 7-8, with activities planned for Friday and Saturday, in Independence.

The primary gathering will be held Aug. 8 at The Valkyrie Wine Tavern, located at 301 S. Main St. in Independence, with an open-house style get-together from 5-9 p.m.; the class photo will be taken around 7 p.m.

This event is open to classmates and their spouses; the venue is for patrons ages 21 and over

only. Food service is by potluck, with take-out options from nearby food carts and restaurants, is welcome.

An additional casual class gathering is also Aug. 7, with a meet-up of classmates at Riverview Park in Independence for the all-ages River's Edge Summer Concert Series. ABBA cover artists Band After Midnight performs at 8 p.m., with opening rock-and-roll performers Daring Greatly taking stage at 6 p.m.

Concert admission is

\$10, and free for kids ages 10 and under; food and beverage vendors will be available. Classmate Vidal Pena is emcee of the event, and will guide stray classmates on where to gather. Organizers noted that mosquitoes seem to enjoy the music as much as the local community, so insect repellent is recommended.

For more information and to sign up for the potluck, visit the group page on facebook by searching "Central High School (OR) - Class of 1991."

Dallas Charter Committee seeks applicants

Dallas is seeking residents to review and revise the City's Charter.

The Dallas City Charter is the city's legal foundation document and outlines how our city government works. As a committee, you will meet two times each month to discuss and make recommended revisions. You will engage with a consultant and the community in shaping

recommendations for the charter. It is expected the committee will complete this work by December 2026.

The administration calls this an important process which will have a great impact on the form and function of the local government.

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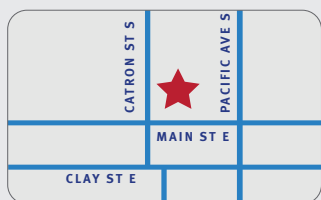
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Apple Box theater presents 'The Witch's Princess'

Apple Box Children's Theater presents a summer performance of "The Witch's Princess," a comic play by Don Zolodis. The free performances are at 6 p.m. July 9-11 at the outdoor stage next to Rice Auditorium at Western Oregon University, 344 Knox St. N., Monmouth.

An ASL interpreted performance will be on July 10. A special performance will be held at the Monmouth Amphitheater on July 3 as part of the 4th of July festival. Audience members should bring a lawn chair or blanket.

At the opening of "The Witch's Princess," the queen is dead. The kingdom is cursed. And the only way to lift the curse is to slay the witch. When Princess Alessandra's father, the king, offers

her hand in marriage to the knight who can slay the evil bog witch and lift the curse, there's only one thing for the princess to do: Sneak out of the castle and kill the witch herself to avoid marriage. But she's not going alone because she's first assembling a crack crew of the deadliest monsters in myth and legend to help. But she discovers the monsters aren't what they seem, and neither is the witch, or the curse, or the kingdom. It is a rollicking and wild quest of magic and adventure.

Apple Box Children's Theater has been providing free theater experiences to Polk County youth for over 10 years. Driven by volunteers and supported by grants, Apple Box provides arts opportunities to children



who might not otherwise have access to them.

Amira Phillips, a young actor in Apple Box, was succinct in her excitement.

"It's my first year and I love it!" Phillips said.

Kelly Sigrah, a parent and volunteer, added that Applebox has been a wonderful experience for all three of her kids.

"They gained confidence both on and off-stage, and it has led the way for them to be a part of bigger productions at their schools and in other community theaters," Sigrah said.

This year CHS theater teacher Ally Warner shares directing duties with Grace Petersen, a graduating WOU theater student. Central High School students work backstage for the show

for college credit. Part of Apple Box's mission is to teach all parts of theater, so the younger students learn from the older ones, many of whom are alums of Apple Box.

"The Witch's Princess" is made possible in part by funding from the Polk County Cultural Coalition, The Pacific Power Foundation, fiscal sponsorship of the Humanities Division of Western Oregon University, and support from Central High School, the Western Oregon University Theater Department and local businesses.

For more information about Apple Box Children's Theater, including how to get involved or make a donation, go to www.appleboxtheater.com.

OBITUARIES



Laurence "Larry" Lloyd Dunlap
Feb. 23, 1940-May 24, 2026

Laurence "Larry" Lloyd Dunlap was born in Livingston, Montana on February 23, 1940 to Thomas Fay and Mary

Phyllis Dunlap. Larry grew up just outside of Yellowstone National Park, the youngest of 6 children. He loved sharing stories from his childhood including the time he and his Mother collected 1,000 night crawlers and sold them for a penny each. He and his friends would also catch rattlesnakes and sell the rattles to tourists. Growing up in Livingston gave him an opportunity to fish and hunt, things he enjoyed in his adult life.

Larry graduated in 1958 from Park County High School, then went on to attend Western Montana College earning a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1962. During his college years he earned money by working as a cook at the college cafeteria, Hall's Honey House where he learned bee keeping, and Montana Aeronautics Commission.

In 1962 Larry began his teaching career in Waldport, Oregon, where

he met Agnes "Ann" Eddington, they married in 1964. They lived in St. Paul, Scotts Mills, and Silverton while raising their 4 children, Scott, Mary Ann, Shawnette, and Chris. Larry was very proud of all his children and their various accomplishments.

After leaving Waldport, Larry accepted a teaching position with St. Paul High School where he taught Business, advised student council, and enjoyed coaching baseball and assisted with football. During this time Larry went back to school at Oregon State University and received a Master of Education in 1968.

After a short time in St. Paul, Larry spent the remainder of his career, 25 years, at Gervais Union High School where he taught business education, typing, shorthand, and driver's education. He was a coach and served as Athletic Director for a time. He would often chaperone

dances and was involved in many extracurricular activities. Larry loved teaching and treasured the relationships he formed with students and colleagues.

He often spent his summers off working in jobs he really enjoyed, including manning a fire tower at Ripplebrook Ranger Station and doing work on the Skyline Trail. He also drove transportation trucks for various farm crops, such as hops and green beans. One of the most impactful things Larry did was secure grants for summer education programs for underserved youth in the Gervais area. Having earned a minor in Spanish during college, he also really enjoyed spending time with the Latino communities in all the areas in which he lived and worked.

In June of 1995 Larry married Cathy Golly and together they made their home in Dallas. Larry enjoyed spending his

time collecting antiques (especially bells). He enjoyed cross stitch and watching old westerns. Larry greeted people with a spirit of joy and generosity, and had a gift for making people feel valued.

Larry is survived by his 4 children and their families. Scott (Joyce) Dunlap and children Jeff, Chayse, Blake and proceeded in death by Lauren; Mary Ann Dunlap and daughter Sullivan; Shawnette (Jeff) Anderson and sons Nick & Travis; Chris Dunlap and children McKenna, Cody, Owen.

He is also survived by his Stepson Jon Golly, Grandchildren Melissa (Ryan) Hensley and children Lincoln and Parker; Lindsay (Daniel) Sage; Aaron Golly; Daughter-in-law Kris Golly. In total Larry leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Larry was laid to rest with his family present on June 5, 2026. A Celebration of Life is

planned for July 3, 2026 at the Dallas City Park, Siebert Gazebo from 3-5 p.m., 266 SW Academy St., Dallas, Oregon 97338



Christina Marie Stutzman
Aug. 18, 1943 - May 11, 2026

Christina (Tina) Stutzman Celebration of Life on Saturday June 27 at 1:30 p.m. taking place at Cornerstone Church 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, Oregon 97351

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NEWS & VIEWS

What the world is learning at the FIFA tournament

By MICKY GARUS

As the FIFA tournament draws visitors from every corner of the globe, the United States is delivering a powerful revelation. The America these international guests are experiencing bears little resemblance to the caricature painted by their home-country media. Instead of the dystopian, divided, gun-obsessed wasteland they've been fed for years, they're encountering a nation of warm, generous people, unmatched liberty, and breathtaking diversity within its borders. Many are openly admitting the world has been lied to about who we really are.

From bustling host cities to small towns along travel routes, stories are pouring out online. European influencers

post videos of strangers offering help with directions, carrying luggage, or inviting them to backyard barbecues.

"People here are kinder than anywhere I've been," one TikTok creator from Germany shared, visibly emotional after a family in the Midwest insisted on buying his group's dinner. Athletes from Latin America and Africa echo the sentiment: the casual friendliness, the willingness to strike up conversations with outsiders, the genuine curiosity about their home countries. It's not performative — it's everyday American life.

The contrast in freedoms hits even harder. Visitors from nations with strict speech codes, heavy surveillance, or limited personal rights are stunned by what they see.

"I can say what I think here without looking over my shoulder," remarked a Brazilian blogger.

Open carry in certain states, vibrant public discourse, the ability to travel freely across massive distances without constant checkpoints — these realities dwarf the constrained liberties many experience back home.

One athlete from a restrictive European country put it bluntly: "Your freedoms aren't just on paper. You live them."

Then there's the sheer scale that shatters preconceptions. Many Europeans arrive assuming America is just another mid-sized country like their own. The geography lesson comes fast. Texas alone could swallow most of Europe. California, Montana, Alaska each feel like their own nation. The

drive from one vibrant city to the next reveals landscapes shifting from deserts to mountains to plains to coasts. And with that size comes real cultural individuality. Texas barbecue and rodeos feel worlds apart from Pacific Northwest coffee culture or Southern hospitality or New England history. New York City's energy doesn't define Minnesota's quiet resilience or Louisiana's unique blend of French, African, and Southern influences.

This is the point many visitors are now making to their audiences back home: Americans do have culture that's rich, varied, and deeply rooted in our regions. We don't need to hop on a plane to cross a dozen borders and sample different languages and cuisines because our

republic packs that diversity into one vast, free country.

The European jab that "Americans don't travel and have no culture" misses the reality that a road trip from Seattle to Miami offers more unique experiences than many continent-wide tours abroad. Our states function almost like independent nations united by shared principles of liberty, enterprise, and self-reliance.

For too long, international media, often amplified by domestic critics, has pushed a narrative of America as a flawed, declining empire full of ignorant, arrogant people. The FIFA visitors are seeing the opposite: a land of opportunity where hard work still pays off, where strangers become friends, and where the founding

promise of liberty remains alive. They're falling in love with the real America, the one that welcomes the world not with suspicion, but with open arms and cold beers.

The lesson is clear. The world has been sold a distorted image, but reality is winning out one handshake, one road trip, and one heartfelt conversation at a time.

As these global guests return home, they're carrying stories that challenge the lies. America isn't perfect. No nation is. But it's still the shining example of what free people can build. And right now, on the fields and in the stands of the FIFA tournament, the world is getting a long-overdue look at the truth.

Welcome to America, friends. We're glad you're here.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW UTILITY FEES SHOULD BE FIREABLE OFFENSE

Recently, the voters of Independence voted down a bond measure.

Now the city council wants to impose more "fees" to our utility bills to cover what the bond measure would have brought in, going against what "we the people" have decided with our vote.

If it passes a vote of the city council, I feel the voters of Independence have been "stabbed in the back!"

All members of the city council who vote for it should be recalled and the city manager should be fired.

*Peggy Agular,
Independence*

MEMORANDUM WITH IRAN ALLOWS MISCHIEF

I fail to see how the Memorandum of Understanding favors U.S. efforts to bring peace to the region. From the document, Iran says in No. 8 it will never produce nuclear weapons and then No. 9 says the status quo will be maintained, in which Iran produces enriched uranium used in nuclear weapons. There is no requirement for Iran to do anything now or in the

future to prove this reiteration is any more valid than any similar statements from the past.

The U.S. guarantees in No. 6, with unnamed regional partners, \$300 billion to Iran for rehabilitation and economic development. Since the regional partners are not part of the guarantee, the U.S. must make up any shortfall. So basically, we are paying them reparations. Concerning No. 7, the U.S. has no authority to cancel unilaterally UN or IAEA sanctions. Per No. 11, Iran gets possession of assets before final agreement and must do nothing in return. Per No. 1, the U.S. has no authority to preclude Lebanon actions by Israel.

The document fails to address factors critical to the violent dominance Iran exerted over the region. Iran makes no statement that it will not continue to support the terrorist actions of Hamas, Hezbollah, or the Houthis. Iran makes no statement it will not continue to develop missiles and attack drones ever more capable of dominating the region by them directly or through their terrorist allies.

*Nolan Nelson,
Redmond*

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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: LOLLY : WASTE TIME:

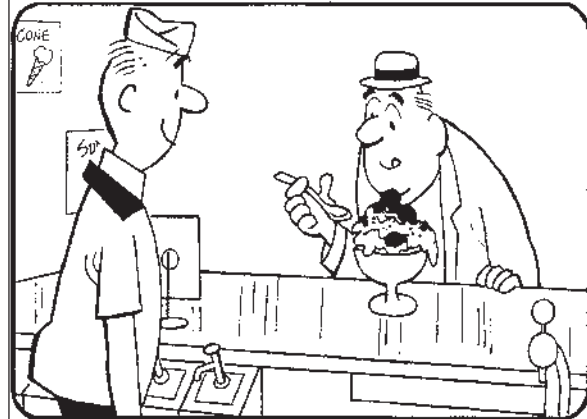
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lapel is different. 2. Bow tie is missing. 3. Sign is shorter. 4. Napkin holder is missing. 5. Far is smaller. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Americanisms

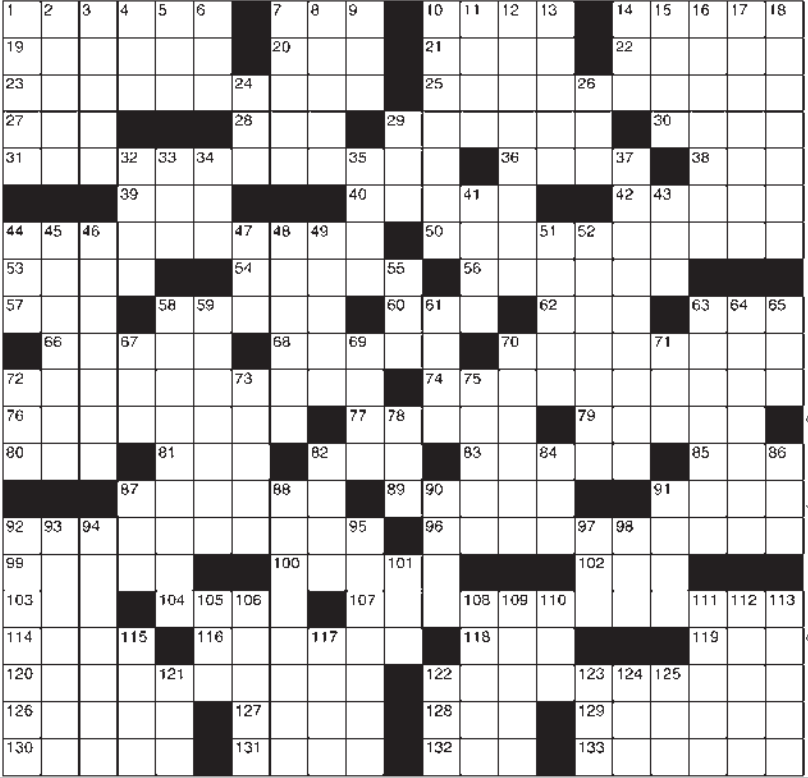


Moments in time

- On July 6, 1900, Warren Earp, youngest of the famous gunfighting Earp brothers, was murdered at the Headquarters Saloon in Willcox, Arizona, by John Boyett. Reportedly, Warren had imbibed too much alcohol and begun abusing some of the customers. While Boyett was tried for murder, he was declared innocent on the grounds of acting in self-defense.
- On July 7, 1456, Joan of Arc's conviction for heresy was overturned at an appeal proceeding held at the archbishop's palace in Rouen, France. Sadly, she had been burned at the stake 25 years earlier.
- On July 8, 1853, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry sailed into Japan's Tokyo Bay with a squadron of four American vessels. At first officials refused to speak with him, but under threat of attack they accepted letters from President Millard Fillmore, making the U.S. the first Western nation to establish relations with Japan since the country declared itself closed to foreigners two centuries previously.
- On July 9, 1948, baseball star Satchel Paige made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming, at age 42, the oldest rookie in the sport's history. As he notably remarked, "Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter."
- On July 10, 1962, the United States Patent Office issued Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin a patent for his three-point automobile safety belt. Consisting of two straps joined at the hip level and fastened into a single anchor point, it reduced injuries by holding both the upper and lower body and decreasing the impact of the swift deceleration that occurred in a crash.
- On July 11, 1978, a truck carrying liquid gas crashed into a wall at a campsite of vacationers in San Carlos de la Rapita, Spain, resulting in an explosion that killed more than 200 people, with others suffering severe burns. The crash's cause was unknown, though some witnesses reported seeing a fire on the vehicle prior to the accident.
- On July 12, 1990, two days after Mikhail Gorbachev was re-elected head of the Soviet Communist Party, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Republic of Russia, announced his resignation from the party.

Super Crossword U2

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| ACROSS | 53 French suffix with <i>jean</i> | 100 Brooklyn art institute | 7 Big name in photocopyers | 46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry | 86 "Of course!" |
| 1 Sleep out in a tent | 54 Neighbor of Venus | 102 Granola bit | 8 Blue Devils sch. | 87 Nashville awards org. | 87 Great elation |
| 7 Nutrition std. | 56 Fish-tailed males of myth | 103 Big bush bird | 9 Mornings, in brief | 88 Rebuke to "Brute" | 90 Ballet attire |
| 10 Fishing throw | 57 Hi-tech appl. book | 104 Apiece | 10 Inhabitant of Venus | 91 Entered stealthily | 92 Wed again |
| 14 Alpaca's kin | 58 Radical type name | 107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts | 11 Tennis great | 93 Anomalous | 95 Affixes to a corkboard, c.g. |
| 19 "Moonlight" actress Harris | 60 1040 org. | 114 Part of UTEP | 12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g. | 97 Cargo weight | 101 Test out "Y.M.C.A." |
| 20 Suffix of element names | 62 Suffix with ball or bass | 116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice | 13 Marisa of film | 98 Relatives, informally | 105 Frau's "Alas!" |
| 21 Analogy words | 63 Roman 901 | 119 Hugs, in a love letter | 14 Vinyl albums, in brief | 99 Relative, informally with the song "Y.M.C.A." | 106 Pulverize |
| 22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g. | 66 Northern French river | 120 "Painful to face the reality!" | 15 Booming | 107 Prefix with biology | 108 Prefix with biology |
| 23 Construction vehicles with tilling beds | 68 Roofing piece | 122 Speechless from shock | 16 Liquor | 109 Tiny role | 110 Wheel middle |
| 25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier | 70 Essential (to) | 125 Very mad | 17 Russia's Gorbachev | 111 Verbs counterparts | 112 Spherical bacteria |
| 27 Before, in verse | 72 Slit-bristled bath item | 127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" | 18 Tears into a market | 113 Improves superficially, with "up" | 115 Filmmaker Premiering |
| 28 "The Raven" writer | 74 Dazed from heavy blow | 129 Séance state | 26 "It's cold!" | 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills | 121 Cackling bird |
| 29 German art songs | 76 Incantive | 130 Stocking fiber | 29 U.K. "Inc." | 122 See 46-Down | 123 Inits. at Indy |
| 30 Oatan capital | 77 GI no-shows | 131 Padlock part | 32 Sleuth's aid | 124 Half of sei | 125 Jay-Z's genre |
| 31 1920s-'30s American mobster | 79 Small nocturnal cases | 132 Cozy gunk | 33 Great athletes get elected to it. Abbr. | | |
| 36 Young lady | 80 Suffix with Canton | 133 Alternatives to Cokes | 34 54-Across orbits if headed out | | |
| 38 "Ball —" | 81 Turkey Day vegetable | | 35 Headed out | | |
| 39 Sluggish | 82 GI R&R center | | 37 Compared with | | |
| 40 Plant swelling | 83 Racecar fuel | | 41 Dainty relatives, for short | | |
| 42 How food is often fried | 85 Articulate | | 43 Mother | | |
| 44 Tite dragon of a '70s kids' show | 87 River orisls | | 44 Place for a lanny pack | | |
| 50 Silly sorts | 89 "Cool beans!" | | 45 Censors, as part of a text | | |
| | 91 Get weary | | | | |
| | 92 No-bake pie base | | | | |
| | 96 Some heirs' cash sources | | | | |
| | 99 Concerning kidneys | | | | |



Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: V equals S

U P S Y M V S S V N Q S X P M Y O
 E S B W W Z K L X S B Y F O S X X P S
 L E O S X N S Q G S W W M V P M X,
 M K E Z "P N U B F N E Y B G W S I"

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Puzzle answers on page B2

GO FIGURE!

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

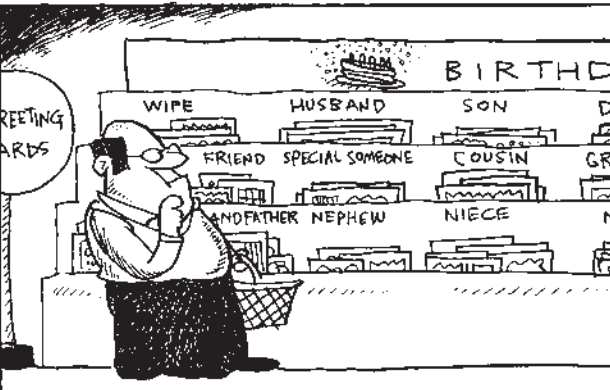
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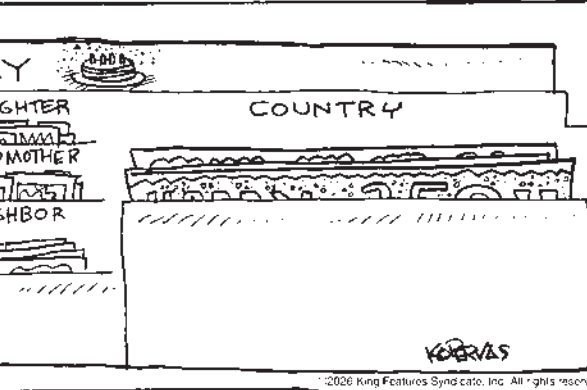
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a pet pig named Arnold Ziffel?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries make up Scandinavia?
- MONEY: When was the euro currency introduced?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for myocardial infarction?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Egyptian god of the underworld?
- MOVIES: What is the building whose steps Rocky Balboa climbs triumphantly in the movie "Rocky"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be water signs?
- GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in a game of Jenga?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Petrified Forest National Park?
- ANATOMY: Which system in the human body is responsible for hormone production and regulation?

- Answers**
- "Green Acres."
 - Denmark, Sweden and Finland.
 - 1999.
 - Heart attack.
 - Osiris.
 - The Philadelphia Museum of Art.
 - Pisces, Cancer and Scorpio.
 - 54.
 - Arizona.
 - Endocrine.

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Investigating the Bible: An open letter to Willie Nelson

By DAVE PASTOR

Dear Mr. Nelson/Willie,
Why a letter to you?

One of your early songs was about the book I investigate each week, the Bible. You were out of money, so you sold "The Family Bible"; Claude Gray recorded it: "There's a family Bible on the table, its pages worn and hard to read. But the family Bible on the table will ever be my key to memories." There are similarities in your life with a famous Old Testament musician.

Like you, this man had humble beginnings, though not selling encyclopedias and vacuum cleaners. He was a shepherd, spending days and nights out with sheep. He

also loved music and was known for his skills on a string instrument, the harp.

Now the king of Israel, Saul, had troubling thoughts and couldn't sleep. His servants found this shepherd and he would "...take a harp, and played with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him." (1 Samuel 16:23, New King James Version used throughout). And you play your songs for people to help them feel better.

This young Jew also knew how to fight. He had defeated bears and lions who attacked his sheep. You are skilled in two martial arts, holding

a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo and a 5th degree black belt in a Korean martial art.

While this youth's older brothers were away fighting Philistines, his father sent him to take them food. He saw a giant Philistine, nearly ten feet tall, taunting the Jews to come and fight, but no man was willing.

The youth told the king, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:32).

When the Philistine saw the boy approaching, he said, "Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?" (1 Samuel 17:43).

The youth replied, "You come to me with a

sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of the hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand; and I will strike you and take your head from you." (1 Samuel 17:45-46).

And with a stone in his sling, he "...slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead; and he fell on his face to the earth." (1 Samuel 17:49).

Then the boy used the Philistine's own sword to behead him. Yes, this was young David.

So, David eventually became the king of Israel, and fought

many successful battles. However, he was an imperfect man, as you have admitted Willie, in your song about nightlife: "The nightlife ain't no good life, but it's my life."

David sinned greatly, much worse than most, and worse than you. He murdered a man to hide his adultery. His sin was exposed and he asked God for forgiveness in one of his songs, Psalm chapter 51.

In your autobiography, you wrote that as a child you often confessed your sin. However, you never felt "scot-free." You said, "I felt like, wait a minute, that wasn't enough payment for all my sins. [italics are yours]... I mean, the Church has let me off, but I hadn't let

myself off. That was the real problem – learning to let myself off."

I have good news for you. The very sinful King David could 'let himself off' and know God forgave him. He wrote about that in one of his most popular songs: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever." (Psalm 23:6).

So thanks for all your songs. I hope you will be able to sing that last verse with King David.

**[Brief bio: Dave Pastor (Yes, that is his last name, not his profession), lives in Oregon and graduated from Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div., M.Th.).]*



Worship Directory



DALLAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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

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

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

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

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

FALLS CITY

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

INDEPENDENCE

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

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

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

MONMOUTH

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

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RICKREALL

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



PROJECT

From Page A1

Crews mostly working during the day, but may work at night as needed.

Perrydale Road, south of Highway 22, to temporarily close.

Traffic to detour around the closure using Kings Valley Highway.

Local access only on Perrydale Road from highway 223 during the road closure.

Construction noise and delays.

ODOT is straightening Perrydale Road south of the intersection with Highway 22 to make it easier for drivers to see oncoming traffic. The project is expected to be completed later this year.

The next big project on the horizon is the construction of a roundabout at the Highway 22 and Kings Valley Highway

intersection. The design and construction for the overall ODOT project is expected to have a price tag of \$16,782,375. But according to ODOT, it has yet to have funding secured.

“We plan to realign a section of Perrydale Road north of OR 22 to route traffic through the roundabout in the future when we have funding,” ODOT officials said on their website.

They explained that the roundabout design was the safest safety improvement measure to construct through the region.

“Roundabouts are a safer and more efficient type of intersection,” officials said. “They eliminate some of the conflict points where crashes can occur, reduce the number of crashes that result in injuries and increase fuel efficiency



due to reduced stops.”

Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will continue to have access through or around work zones.

ODOT reminds motorists to keep safety first in mind when driving through a construction zone, offering these safety tips:

Pay attention in the work zone, slow down and move over – imagine this is where you work. Always drive safely, watch for construction

signs and workers. Remember: fines double in all Oregon work zones, whether workers and signs are present or not.

FEST

From Page A1

be an “action-packed” draw with something for the entire family, with an atmosphere more akin to a festival or carnival rather than a rival. One Fest kicks off at 2:30 p.m. with an afternoon full of fun featuring inflatables, games, activities, and more for children and families to enjoy together. To

quench visitors’ thirst and hunger for more will be a convoy of food trucks including local favorites El Pique, Sancho’s Pizza, The Comdog Company, Hooked on Foods, WellHouse, Kona Ice and Queen’s Coffee.

Barker said amongst the vendors will also be representative booths from Dallas Food Bank, Bambinos and even Hope 107.9 Radio out of Albany. At 4:30 p.m., the

adrenalin starts pumping with performances by Action Sports – an internationally known group of BMX and FMX riders from Seattle and San Diego, pulling off gravity defying jumps and tricks all ages can appreciate.

At 5:30 p.m., the VIP guests start making their appearances. First, making the trek out to Dallas will be Cherry City Worship which Barker said brings together passionate

musicians and worship leaders from the Salem area with a heart for leading people into an authentic encounter with Jesus through worship.

Next, One Fest welcomes Reid Saunders, an international evangelist who has shared the message of Jesus with audiences around the world, using powerful storytelling, biblical teaching, and a passion for reaching people with the hope of the

Gospel.

The evening will conclude with a performance by Jason Gray. Known for songs such as “Remind Me Who I Am,” “Nothing Is Wasted,” and “Sparrows,” One Fest organizers said Gray has encouraged audiences for years through his authentic songwriting, heartfelt storytelling, and message of hope found in Christ.

With a bigger space and more events, Barker said

he’s not sure how many to expect to show up at the inaugural One Fest.

“The goal is 3,000. But we’ll see what happens. It’s kinda new for us,” Barker said. “This is an event for the entire family. Invite your family and friends – there will be something for everyone, you won’t want to miss this.”

One Fest is free to attend. Learn more details online at OneFest.church.

INCREASE

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presentation June 1, Council President Larry Briggs asked Manager Brian Latta to recap the discussion during last week’s meeting.

Sarah Steen of Republic Services had initiated the talks June 1 with a request that rates be raised by 10 percent to recover recent fuel and operational costs. Republic representatives also pointed to expiration of federal EV/CNG credits and a recent total loss of a container truck, which spread costs across service areas. Brett Davis, general manager for Republic Services in Western Oregon, said asking for 10% was “the very last thing that we wanted to do.”

For his recap, Latta said the council had a robust conversation with Republic Services staff and city staff on the solid waste rates, the council voted 5-3 to direct the city attorney to instead prepare

a rate resolution including a 5% adjustment to the rates.

Latta explained that Republic Services tries to keep rate adjustments at a level that will continue to allow the company to operate within an 8 to 12 percent profit margin.

“In 2023 and 24, they were a little above 12 percent,” Latta said. “And then in 2025 they dropped down to ... 8.2 percent. So those were the numbers that we were wanting, which is why we wanted to do the mid-year review because we weren’t sure what this last year included.”

He added a 3 percent rate hike would keep them at the lower end of their desired profit margin while a 5 percent hike would push them closer to 9 percent.

“All of this is gonna be ‘trued’ up at the end of the six-month period anyway, because those will be the actual numbers,” Latta added. “This is kind of front-loading the cushion just in case things go the

direction that their economies, their economists figure they’re going.”

Briggs, who said the expected drop in gas prices should help relieve the pressure off Republic Services’ operations, emphasized he’s not for front-loading these cost estimates.

“I even think 3% is probably generous at this point, but I can’t support the five. It’s my position,” he said.

Councilor Micah Jantz, who initially support sticking with the proposed 5 percent hike recommendations, actually leaned toward returning the hikes to 2 or 3 percent increments.

“One of the biggest things was fuel prices, and we’re all paying higher fuel prices, and to adjust the profit margin over people saving a few bucks over the year would be nice, but also if we forget about this next time they ask 2%, 3% next year, that’s actually an 8% increase over 2025,” Jantz said. “So I just think

it’s maybe not necessary to make up profits just to kind of just move it along.”

Councilor David Shein said Republic Services’ argument, which he did not endorse, was that by giving them what they were asking for now, then they would be more likely

to be able to drop down to small, incremental increases.

“But again, that’s guessing what’s going to happen next,” Shein said. “I’d like to see if we could amend the resolution to 3% to do that.”

This time the council unanimously agreed to

increase the collection rate at 3 percent.

Latta said after the rate hike was approved, he’d have to return to the council with an updated rate chart, which the night’s presentation had with a 5 percent increase. No action was expected with the new chart at the next meeting.

BOOK

From Page A2

had a limit on how long we could take to send it to the printers and get it back because the actual printing takes three weeks,” she said.

“It took about a month, just writing a ton,” she added. “It was also hard because it was all volunteer work. We get paid to work in the newspaper, but no one gets paid to write a book for the newspaper. So it was all volunteer.”

The book is free and will be distributed to academic libraries and journalism programs throughout the Northwest.

It was printed by Barnes & Noble Booksellers in a hard-bound edition with an understated brown cover that Field said she hopes gives it a dignified

appearance.

“We didn’t want it to feel like a paperback brochure,” she said.

Field is graduating from WOU this month and is already looking for work, although not necessarily as a journalist.

“I wouldn’t mind pursuing journalism, but I also realize I have other skills that could be put to work in a different field,” she said.

This year’s chief copy editor, Kiera Roedel, will be taking over as the paper’s editor next year.

“Kiera is very diligent,” Field said. “She’s very smart. She always goes above and beyond.”

Librarian Lisa Taylor, who works in administrative services for the Hammersly Library, decorated a room of the library for the book launch with archival copies of The Lamron and selected journalism books.

Although proud of The Howl journalists and their work, Taylor has one bone to pick with the new book.

“I love the Oxford comma,” she said.

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Downtown Monmouth now features an Argentine experience

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Downtown Monmouth's growing restaurant scene has added another country.

With last month's opening of Bistro Bocado, Argentine cuisine has a place among the city's mix of French, Italian, Mexican, Mediterranean, Japanese (and other Asian) restaurants. Not to mention numerous traditional and upscale Pacific Northwest eateries.

Bistro owner Mike Radtke strives for Argentine authenticity.

This mission shapes nearly everything found inside its space — recipes, ingredients, food prep, boutique items and atmosphere. It's why Radtke lives part of the year in Argentina. With familiarity comes the derring-do to look past trendy hotspots. Instead building relationships with traditional artisans.

"I've been traveling around different regions, eating the food and talking with restaurant owners," Radtke said, whose family also owns The River restaurant in Independence.



PHOTO COURTESY MIKE RADTKE

Handmade sweaters and other items crafted by Jacinta (pictured) are available at Bistro Bocado in downtown Monmouth.

See **BISTRO**, page B8

Coach reflects on 26 years of changing lives



COURTESY PHOTO

The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association recognized Panther Kids Wrestling coach Vidal Peña for his 25-plus years of coaching youth wrestling in the Monmouth-Independence area.



PHOTO COURTESY PKW

Coach Vidal Peña gives last minute instructions to the athletes before a Panther Kids Wrestling tournament in 2023.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Twenty-six years had passed faster than Vidal Peña realized.

That's a long enough time for former wrestlers to become coaches. And long enough for their children to enter the same practice rooms and step onto

the same mats.

Peña had not thought much about his legacy, nor the year, until this spring, and not until Oregon Athletic Coaches

Association (OACA) contacted him to verify his years of service. After doing the math, Peña paused.

"You step back and think, wow," he said of coaching. "I've spent half my life doing this."

OACA honored Peña last month at the Autzen Sports Complex in Eugene. Honored that night as well were other coaches, officials, athletic directors and scholarship recipients. Nearly 400 people — including his partner Brandy O'Bannon and son Diego — were in attendance.

Peña was one of 51 coaches recognized for their service.

This recognition, he explained, is less about accumulating years and more about accumulating perspective. At 53, wrestling and coaching are inseparable from his identity. But what stands out most to

him is not championships or records, it's watching life go full circle.

"I've got former athletes coaching with me now, and their kids are wrestling," he said. "I understand what teachers mean when they say, 'I taught your mom.' It's a transition from one generation to the next."

This perspective has also made him think about where his own journey began. Peña points to Randy Sullivan, who coached him in junior high before becoming his high school coach, as an early influence.

At the time, Peña's wrestling future was uncertain. He admits academics did not come naturally and he came close to losing eligibility. Sullivan helped change that.

See **COACH**, page B8

Officials needed for high school sports

As more boys and girls turn out for their high school sports teams, the call for more officials always follows. That's the situation up and down the Willamette Valley. Top to bottom, the need for prep officials in all sports is great.

At the start of the new school year, there will be football games, volleyball matches, soccer matches and cross-country runs. All need officials. Eligibility begins at 18 but all you really need is a heart to give back to your prep sports community. Best part, you'll have a view of the unfolding action right before your eyes and get paid as well.

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For more information about being an OSAA Official, go to www.osaa.org/officials/ registration.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1986

School district slices budget by \$300,000
Agreeing that cuts needed to be made, the Dallas School District Budget Committee voted 6-1 to make a reduction of \$300,000 in the 1986-87 budget at its Monday night meeting.

This \$300,000 budget reduction would reduce the levy figure by more than that amount, said Bob Wall, fiscal director. By just how much the levy is reduced would depend also on factors such as revenues and tax offsets.

The next step will be for district Superintendent Gary Burton to prepare an itemized list of reductions to be presented and discussed at the next budget meeting on June 23.

Boy found after eight-hour search

A 3-year-old boy who decided to take a hike from his parents' home in Grand Ronde Friday was found unharmed at about 8 p.m., following a four-hour search involving 60 people.

(The youth), who had been reported missing at 4 p.m., was found in

a wooded draw about one-half mile from his home on Fire Hall Road by Polk County Sheriff's Department Mounted Posse member Larry Chase.

"I don't know that without the use of horses whether we would have found him at all," said Sgt. Jeff Fisher. "It was a horse show all the way."

Praegitzer baseball team 6-1

Praegitzer Industries (Dallas) lost its first game of the season Sunday, but came back to capture the second game of a double header against McKay in Big League boys baseball play.

Cody Weston went the distance on the mound for Praegitzer in the 13-4 triumph. Weston, Scott Miller and Mark Welfley all had two hits.

Weston also belted a two-run home run in a 7-3 loss in the day's first game. Praegitzer's record is 6-1.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1976

City adopts 76-77 budget

The Dallas City Council passed a resolution adopting the 1976-77 Dallas city budget at its meeting

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, June 18, 1986: **WORK OF ART** - A mural, designed and painted by Falls City High School students, will soon decorate the entrance to the gymnasium. Students (from left) Angela Redinger, Renee Ames and Becky Letterman, work on the class project which was suggested by Estacada artist Jennifer Joyce. Karen Fisher, art teacher at Falls City, will direct the completion of the project this summer. (File I-O photo.)

Monday. The action followed a public hearing on the budget.

The budget totals \$2.51 million and calls for a tax levy of \$412,000. The budget is within the six percent limitation, and follows several months of meetings, during which the budget was cut. Discussion on the budget began last December when the coming budget was found to be \$344,000 out of balance. The city council elected to make cuts rather than attempt to raise taxes.

Youth work program ready to begin

The county is still shooting for the first week

in July to begin a youth employment program for Polk County kids, although a few hitches have developed in the planning of the program.

An estimated \$115,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing funds were set aside for the project in the 1976-77 Polk County Budget. The program will be open to kids from 14-18, according to Alan Miller, the commissioner who is coordinating the project.

"We've had kids come in the courthouse already, wanting to apply," he said. "We'll give them a date and place where they can do so as soon as we

decide on it."

Legion wins one of three

The eight teams that compose the Area III Northern League of American Legion Baseball each played three games last week. The Dallas squad, made up of boys from Dallas and Central, lost a Thursday verdict

to South Salem, 10-3, dropped a 6-3 decision Friday at North Salem and on Sunday they salvaged the week with a 5-2 win at home over Stayton.

Dallas' record is now at 2 and 2. They won their opener back on June 13 with a 3-2 nod over Silverton.

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Community Achievement

GARON STANLEY MAKES UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS DEAN'S LIST

Garon Stanley, of Monmouth, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

JENNIFER MOSIER GRADUATES FROM GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

Graceland University has

announced the Spring 2026 graduation list. Graduates from around the country and the world have been recognized for earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Graceland University between December 2025 through April 2026. Jennifer Mosier, of West Salem, graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy (Physical Therapy).

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

Oregon State Credit Union recently awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors

through its Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) program. The recipients were:

- Jordyn Baumgart, Dallas High School, attending Central Queensland University - Australia
- Savannah Beach, Perrydale High School, attending Oregon State University
- Annika Mellein, Luckiamute Valley Academy, attending Corban University

These students were selected for their academic efforts, leadership, and commitment to their communities.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Portland Art Museum, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Summer Reading Kickoff Party, all ages, Dallas City Park
 11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Live Music: Unit Souzou Taiko, Main Street City Park Amphitheater, Monmouth
 11:30 a.m. - Messy STEM in the Park, a Summer Reading Program Event, Dallas City Park
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Parks Advisory Board Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2:30 p.m. - PEARLS class (6-week course), Monmouth Senior Community Center
 3:30 p.m. - Teen Ice Cream Social, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8 a.m. - Oregon RV Campers Association Rally, celebrating America's 250th Birthday, Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community

Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2 p.m. - Free Movie: "A Bug's Life", Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 6 p.m. - Speak Easy: A Community Story, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.
 9 p.m. - Movies in the park: "A Bug's Life", Riverview Park, Independence, free

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8 a.m. - Oregon RV Campers Association Rally, celebrating America's 250th Birthday, Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
 9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
 9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
 10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Gotcha Covered (Pop, Rock & Alternative hits from 70s - 2000s), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8 a.m. - Oregon RV Campers Association Rally, celebrating America's 250th Birthday, Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Newport, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 1 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group,

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
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Story Time, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public library at 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Summer Stories and Play, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2 p.m. - Polk History Presentation w/David, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Adult Paint Night, sign ups required as space is limited, sign up at Dallas Public library at 950 Main St., or call (503) 623-2633
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

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Community Briefs

DALLAS KIDS CRAFTS PRESENTS LITTLE GARDENERS JUNE 24

Dallas Kids Crafts presents Little Gardeners, at 11 a.m. June 24 in Dallas City Park. This craft is three parts, decorating the pot, filling with soil, and planting the seeds. Once the grass grows, your little gardener can practice using scissors to give it a hair cut. Signup is \$5 at Venmo @mad.d.i, Cashapp at \$maddi9614 or PayPal at maddis-unb7@gmail.com.

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER JUNE 24

Forest Pass Brewing hosts a bingo fundraiser for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. June 24 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Signup is \$15 buy for 10 cards in 10 rounds and one black out round.

MONMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS UNIT SOUZOU TAIKO JUNE 24

The Monmouth Public Library presents Unit Souzou Taiko at 11 a.m. June 24 at Main Street Park in Monmouth. Come to the Main Street Amphitheater to experience the thunderous drumming, traditional costumes and choreographed movement of

Japanese taiko. Admission is free.

TWO WOLVES TAPROOM HOSTS A HAT PAINT PARTY JUNE 25

Two Wolves Taproom hosts a hat paint party from 6-8 p.m. June 25, at 171 SW Court St, in Dallas. Design your own hat. Choose between a Trucker Hat (\$25) or a Rancher Hat (\$50) and create something that's uniquely yours. All supplies provided. Spots are limited, so reserve yours by calling (503) 510-4767.

WILLAMINA HOSTS MUD DRAGS JUNE 27

The annual Willamina Mud Drags return June 27 with racing starting at 10 a.m. Races include SXS drags and the SXS short course. Races are double elimination with cash and trophies for all classes. Vehicle tech in for racers is from 7-9 a.m. General admission is \$10, ages 6-12 are \$5 and under 5 are free. A pit pass is \$20. Proceeds go toward fundraising for the Willamina 4th of July program. Spectators and vendors entrance is at 500 SW Adams St. Don't forget to sign the youngsters up for the Kids Dash for Cash. For more information

contact Sherry Dawkins at (503) 435-8909 or sdawkins503@outlook.com.

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS MUSIC, CRAFT FESTIVAL JUNE 27

Forest Pass Brewing presents the inaugural Shaded Pines Music & Craft Festival, from 12-8 p.m. June 27 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Performers include Dante Zapata, Sora Schutt and Ty Curtis. Tickets are \$25 presale for a day pass or \$30 at the door. For more information, call (503) 837-1555.

DALLAS ARBORETUM HOSTS WITCH WALK JUNE 28

The Wild Witches of The Willamette host a Witch Walk at Debert Hunter Arboretum from 12:30-1:45 p.m. June 28. Meet at the front gate of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and tour the grounds of this beautiful park together.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK TICKETS ON SALE AT DALLAS NIGHTS

Discounted tickets for Dallas Rotary Club's signature Breakfast in the Park fundraising event will be available during Dallas Nights through July 17. Adults save \$2

per ticket by purchasing tickets by July 26. The breakfast is from 7-11 a.m. July 26 at Dallas City Park, 690 SW Brandvold Dr. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee and juice. Proceeds benefit club community projects, grants to local nonprofits and student scholarships. Tickets are \$13 for adults at the gate or \$11 in advance, \$6 for ages 6-12, children 5 and younger are free. A family ticket for two adults and three children is \$30 in advance or \$32 at the gate. Purchase tickets online at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/breakfast-in-the-park.

INDEPENDENCE DAYS RETURNS JULY 3-4

The Friends of Community Parks makes its debut as the new sponsor of the annual Independence Days celebration at Riverview Park July 3-4. The two-day festival features a fun & games field, a Duck Derby Race, a Talent Show, a Variety Show, performances by the 234th Army Band from the Army Reserve National Guard, more live music and fireworks shows both nights. For a schedule of events

or to purchase tickets, go to www.friendsofcommunityparks.org/independence-days-2026.

MONMOUTH HOSTS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION JULY 3-4

The city of Monmouth sponsors a July 4th Festival for the entire family July 3-4 in Main Street Park. The festival emphasizes the arts including music, dance and theater, with food, craft vendors, and live entertainment. Be sure to also catch the classic car show and the grand parade. For more information, go to www.ci.monmouth.or.us/pview.aspx?id=26838&catid=554.

PRISMS GALLERY PRESENTS MONMOUTH ART WALK JULY 11

Join Prisms Gallery for Monmouth Art Walk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 11 to support Kid's Art in the Park, 215 Main St E. Prisms Gallery is raising funds to supply the kids with art supplies, and space to work. Art in the Park is during Music in the Park every Wednesday through August.

HERITAGE AUTO SHOW HOSTS NW ROD & CLASSIC

AUTO SHOW JULY 12

The Heritage Auto Show presents the NW Rod & Classic Auto Show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12 at the Riverview Park in Independence. Registration is \$20 and a can of food to donate to the Ella Curran Food Bank. There will be a Stump The Gear Head game, awards, a Club Participation Award, food booths, vendors, dash plaques, drawings and more. A portion of the proceeds will go to a scholarship fund.

DDA HOSTS A BINGO, SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE JULY 14

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a bingo event to generate school supplies on July 14 at 6 p.m. at Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 Court St. Buy-in is \$15, which includes a blackout round. School supplies needed include markers, colored pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, paper, notebooks, sharpeners, rulers and white board markers.

DALLAS CHRISTMAS CHEER'S ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER IS JULY 18

Dallas Christmas Cheer is at 3 p.m. July 18 at Benedetto Vineyards,

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Volunteer driver requirements include: Valid driver's license Background check and driving record review One volunteer shift per month Friendly, patient-centered attitude Call 503-814-1792 for more information - ask for Crystal Substitute drivers needed.</p> <p>702 GARAGE SALES</p> <p>38th Annual Salt Creek Community Yard Sale Sat. June 27, 9-4 (some continue Sunday) Numerous individual sales within 3 miles on Salt Creek & May Rds. Watch for signs, balloons, ribbons</p> <p>800 RENTALS</p> <p>Countrywood Manor 217 SE LaCreole Dr Dallas, OR 97338 503-623-9667 TDD/TTY : 1-800-735-2900 SUBSIDIZED UNITS FOR PERSONS 62 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HANDICAP/DISABLED, REGARDLESS OF AGE MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. If subsidized units are not available at this time, qualified applicants may be placed on a waiting list. This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider</p> | <p>902 HOMES FOR SALE</p> <p>902 HOMES FOR SALE</p> <p>902 HOMES FOR SALE</p> <p>902 HOMES FOR SALE</p> |
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NEW LISTING!! This clean and spacious 2bd/2 bath home is situated on maybe the largest lot in the 55+ community. Open floor plan home has a large functional kitchen with built in hutch in dining area. New roof in 2025 and heat pump. **\$129,000.00** (#842196)



This adorable home is clean and tidy with curb appeal and a practical layout. 3bd/2 bath. Large open living space, functional kitchen with lots of natural light shining through the updated windows. Covered front porch. Nice yard. **\$85,900.00** (#838496)



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PCIO26-313 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/15/2026 at 10:00AM. Brian K Walsh Unit #037; Dwight Keightley Unit #167; Jacob DeCeault Unit #286; Shawn E Everette Unit #400; Stephanie Riker Unit #425. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/24/26, 07/01/26

PCIO26-314 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/15/2026 at 10:00AM. Kathleen Price Unit #5002. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/24/26, 07/01/26

PCIO26-315 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/15/2026 at 12:00PM. William A Forrest Units #7 & #D. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/24/26, 07/01/26

PCIO26-316 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: KARIN RENEE MCKINNEY, Deceased. Case No. 26PB04610 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

500 EMPLOYMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned individual has been appointed personal representative of the above listed estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, to the personal representative in care of Penna & James, LLC, 1206 Main Street East, Monmouth, OR 97361; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first publishes this 24th day of June, 2026 Easton J. Peoples Personal Representative 06/24/26

PCIO26-317 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF COLLATERAL THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OF OREGON Polk County Storage 590 Hoffman Rd., Independence, OR 97351 NAME UNIT SIZE DEREK RARDIN 2-2 10x10 JODY BUKTENICA 11-17 10x10 Leonardo Maciel 13-15 5x10 JENNIFER GOODMAN 14-1 10x35 Eric Kelsey 16-18, P65 5x10 Max Lydum 18-11 10x15 Juan Ramos 18-32 10x20 Stephanie Brown SV-5 6x8 JOSEPH MIERAU SV-17 6x8 AMANDA ELIZONDO P82 Notice is hereby given that at the hour of 1:00 pm on July 12, 2026 the undersigned will sell at Public Sale the personal property of the above-named debtors which is now stored at the above-referenced storage complex and is being sold for past due rent. The said goods are held by the above-referenced storage complex as collateral securing obligations of the above-named debtors to the above-named storage complex and are to be sold pursuant to The Uniform Commercial Code of Oregon which provides for the sale of collateral by a secured party following default by a debtor. Goods will be sold at 590 Hoffman Rd. Independence, OR where they are now located. The sale will be conducted as a verbal auction where the highest bidder gets the entire unit. Each unit will be open for viewing for 10 minutes before bidding begins. The auction will begin at 1:00 pm. The goods will be offered as a unit and the right to reject any or all bids is reserved. 06/24/26, 07/01/26

PCIO26-318 Notice of Self Storage Auction Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on July 11th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Unit 297 Jaseen Stephens, Unit 24, 36, 330 Trina Perrault, Unit 187 Virginia Hernandez/ Charline Durchanek, Unit 142 Angela Trinidad. 06/24/26, 07/01/26

PCIO26-304 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR

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97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 7/09/2026 at 10:00AM. Alicia Luarca Unit #A3088; Kyle Kolb Unit #A4111; Leroy L Stockton Unit #A4153. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/17/26, 06/24/26

PCIO26-303 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 7/8/2026 at 10:00AM. Jaime Decaney unit #A3116. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 06/17/26, 06/24/26

PCIO26-306 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. NO.: OR-26-1037914-RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BILLY W BURR AND SHARON E BURR, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, a Beneficiary, dated 6/8/2021, recorded 6/15/2021, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2021-009885 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 266769 / 07305-00-01401 Beginning at a point which is 24.775 chains South and 53.81 chains East from the Northwest corner of the Robert Hamilton Donation Land Claim No. 63 in Township 7 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon; thence South 180.15 feet; thence East 288.18 feet to the center of Wallace Road; thence North along the center of said Wallace Road 180.15 feet; thence West 289.61 feet to the place of beginning, SAVE AND EXCEPT the Easterly 30 feet of the above described tract of land lying within the boundaries of public highways. ALSO SAVE AND EXCEPT that portion of said property conveyed to the State of Oregon, recorded November 13, 1998 as Book 366, Page 1927, Book of Records Commonly known as: 3659 WALLACE RD NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by

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the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$24,653.48 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$348,351.77 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 8/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 10/6/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Front Entrance to the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest SHARON BURR 3659 WALLACE RD NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower BILLY BURR 3659 WALLACE RD NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust

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deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-26-1037914-RM Dated: 5/15/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0314933 6/17/2026 6/24/2026 7/1/2026 7/8/2026

PCIO26-307 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-78621 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by RICARDO ARCINIEGA PELAYO, A MARRIED MAN as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 2/14/2022, recorded 2/23/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-002374, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT TWO (2), ELLENDALE HOMES ADDITION, DALLAS, IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON; AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 12.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56-1/2' WEST A DISTANCE OF 122.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 110.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56-1/2' EAST A DISTANCE OF 122.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 98.5 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF TRACT TWO (2) AND FOUR (4) IN SAID ADDITION. ALSO: BEGINNING AT A POINT 12.0 FEET SOUTH AND 122.0 FEET NORTH 89 DEGREES 56-1/2' WEST FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT NUMBERED TWO (2), ELLENDALE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON; AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56-1/2' WEST 20.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 110.5 FEET;

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THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56-1/2' EAST 20.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 110.5 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 415 SOUTHWEST RIVER DRIVE, DALLAS, OR 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 137164 / 07532-BA-02601 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 12/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 12/1/2025 through 5/1/2026 Total of past due payments: \$7,938.72 Late Charges: \$205.20 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$757.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,582.75 Total necessary to cure: \$11,484.17 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$247,291.17 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 8/8/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP, 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word

| Fund | | Account | Original Budget | Increase | Decrease | Revised Budget |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | General Fund 01 | Revenues | \$ 17,100 \$ | | \$ 45,000 \$ | 27,000 \$ |
| 1 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 82,750 \$ | | \$ 33,000 \$ | 22,000 \$ |
| 2 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | | \$ 43,000 \$ | 766,000 \$ |
| 3 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 39,000 \$ | | \$ 8,000 \$ | 47,000 \$ |
| 4 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | | \$ 5,000 \$ | 758,000 \$ |
| 5 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 900,000 \$ | | \$ 441,000 \$ | 459,000 \$ |
| 6 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | | \$ 444,000 \$ | 371,000 \$ |
| 7 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 240,000 \$ | | \$ 12,000 \$ | 109,000 \$ |
| 8 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | | \$ 12,000 \$ | 496,000 \$ |
| 9 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 495,500 \$ | | \$ 12,000 \$ | 648,000 \$ |
| 10 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | \$ 227,000 \$ | | \$ 335,000 \$ |
| 11 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 362,400 \$ | | \$ 49,000 \$ | 1,950,000 \$ |
| 12 | General Fund 01 | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | \$ 49,000 \$ | | \$ 188,000 \$ |
| 13 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 42,498 \$ | | \$ 13,000 \$ | 284,000 \$ |
| 14 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | \$ 11,000 \$ | | \$ 499,000 \$ |
| 15 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 22,000 \$ | | \$ 64,000 \$ | 13,000 \$ |
| 16 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | \$ 60,000 \$ | | \$ 94,000 \$ |
| 17 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 27,000 \$ | \$ 5,040 \$ | | \$ 2,000 \$ |
| 18 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | | \$ 5,000 \$ | \$ 558,000 \$ |
| 19 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 1,000 \$ | | \$ 2,500 \$ | \$ 2,500 \$ |
| 20 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 2,100 \$ | | \$ 2,100 \$ | \$ 2,100 \$ |
| 21 | General Fund 1.01 ADP/IT | Requirements | \$ 815,150 \$ | \$ 2,500 \$ | | \$ 562,500 \$ |
| 22 | Street Fund 11 | Revenues | \$ 250,000.00 \$ | | \$ 125,000.00 \$ | 125,000.00 \$ |
| 23 | Street Fund 11 | Requirements | \$ 25,000.00 \$ | | \$ 125,000.00 \$ | 125,000.00 \$ |
| 24 | Street Fund 11 | Requirements | \$ 66,000.00 \$ | | \$ 8,000.00 \$ | 57,000.00 \$ |
| 25 | Street Fund 11 | Requirements | \$ 15,200.00 \$ | | \$ 8,000.00 \$ | 142,000.00 \$ |
| 26 | Street Fund 11 | Requirements | \$ 17,000.00 \$ | \$ 2,200.00 \$ | | \$ 39,000.00 \$ |
| 27 | Street Fund 11 | Requirements | \$ 150,000.00 \$ | | \$ 2,000.00 \$ | 142,000.00 \$ |
| 28 | Water Fund 13 | Revenues | \$ 25,000 \$ | | \$ 2,000 \$ | 72,000 \$ |
| 29 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 33,000 \$ | | \$ 32,000 \$ | \$ 85,000 \$ |
| 30 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 150,000 \$ | | \$ 29,000 \$ | \$ 155,000 \$ |
| 31 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 14,000 \$ | | \$ 29,000 \$ | \$ 174,000 \$ |
| 32 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ - \$ | \$ 390,000 \$ | | \$ 390,000 \$ |
| 33 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ - \$ | \$ 470,000 \$ | | \$ 470,000 \$ |
| 34 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 33,000 \$ | | \$ 60,000 \$ | \$ 54,000 \$ |
| 35 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 7,000 \$ | | \$ 12,000 \$ | \$ 20,000 \$ |
| 36 | Water Fund 13 | Requirements | \$ 33,000 \$ | | \$ 37,000 \$ | \$ 27,000 \$ |
| 37 | Water Fund 20 | Revenues | \$ 14,000 \$ | | \$ 14,000 \$ | \$ 14,000 \$ |
| 38 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 23,500.00 \$ | | \$ 276,000 \$ | \$ 124,200 \$ |
| 39 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 1,400.00 \$ | | \$ 158,900 \$ | \$ 1,542,200 \$ |
| 40 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 490,000 \$ | | \$ 118,000 \$ | \$ 277,000 \$ |
| 41 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 91,000 \$ | \$ 17,000 \$ | | \$ 160,000 \$ |
| 42 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 390,000 \$ | | \$ 67,000 \$ | \$ 205,000 \$ |
| 43 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 123,000 \$ | \$ 45,000 \$ | | \$ 198,000 \$ |
| 44 | Water Fund 20 | Requirements | \$ 490,000 \$ | | \$ 45,000 \$ | \$ 160,000 \$ |

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"grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network? See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320>).? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative? If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10-11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury? If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/23/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47681 Pub Dates 06/17, 06/24, 07/01, 07/08/2026

PCIO26-278 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-26-1037551-BB Reference is made to that certain deed made by, FRANCISCO CONTRERAS as Grantor to AMERI-TITLE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/24/2006, recorded 2/28/2006, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2006-

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003243 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-6, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 07316-DC-02100 243135 LOT 13, BLOCK 2, WESTHAVEN, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 1548 WESTHAVEN AVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304-2624 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$15,211.45 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$227,758.12 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 9/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due (if applicable) for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary

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under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 9/17/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest FRANCISCO CONTRERAS 1548 WESTHAVEN AVE NW SALEM, OR 97304-2624 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 855-882-1314 or Login to: <https://www.hubzu.com/> In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in

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interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. **NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-26-1037551-BB Dated: 5/6/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing**

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Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0210 IDSPub #0314766 6/110/2026 6/17/2026 6/24/2026 7/1/2026 **PCIO26-277 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: *****8528** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by STANLEY STEEVES AND COLLEEN D. STEEVES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, FKA QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/18/2022, recorded 2/23/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-002422, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 5, GENTRY ESTATES PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. APN: 562295 / 07534-CA-09900 Commonly known as: 1642 SE CORTLAND AVE DALLAS, OR 97338-9225 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 9/1/2025 - 5/1/2026 Total: \$13,358.71 Late Charges: \$162.87 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,688.24 Total Required to Reinstate: \$15,209.82 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$240,167.03 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$231,257.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.25 % per annum, from 8/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that

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the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 9/22/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 5/13/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 06/03/26, 06/10/26, 06/17/26, 06/24/26

PCIO26-320 NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MEETING A public meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon to discuss a Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held on June 30th, 2026 at 6:00 pm. To access and participate in the meeting please use Zoom through a web browser at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88068421546?pwd=cZHJbWbCYbW2nZnZnM3RmtDnYqLEHq.1&_gl=1*1v1uamb*_gcl_au*ODMzNzYyMzcwLjE3NzY0OTg0MDkuMTRk4ODM2NzlwMi4xNzc5Mzg5NDcxLjE3NzkwODk0NzA.*_ga*MjkwNjM4MjY0LjE3NTg3NTQ2OTE.*_ga_L8TBF28DDX*cze3ODE4MjY2ODlkzbzljGcxJH0xNzgzODE2NzlxJGoyMSR5MCRoMA. Webinar ID: 880 6842 1546 Passcode: 141383 For participation by telephone, dial 1 669 444 9171. You can also attend and participate by coming to the Community Center, 320 Main St. Falls City, OR, where the meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a Supplemental Budget to cover additional expenses for a maintenance project. This notice was also published on the City of Falls City website: www.fallscityoregon.gov 06/24/26

MAY RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

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

- ELKS LODGE**
289 S. Main St., Independence
Inspection Date: May 29
Score: 100
- SING FAY**
198 W Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: May 29
Score: 90 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically containers of cut vegetables are out at 62F. The operator states they were out for 30 minutes.
- CINDY LOU'S**
272 Pacific Ave. S., Monmouth
Inspection Date: May 29
Score: 100
- JAMES2 COMMUNITY KITCHEN**
565 SE La Creole, Dallas

- Inspection Date: May 28
Score: 100
- BACKROADS COFFEE**
306 N Main St. B, Falls City
Inspection Date: May 28
Score: 100
- LOVE LOVE TERIYAKI & SUSHI**
433 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 27
Score: 97 - Temperature measuring devices are not provided or readily accessible for checking food temperatures, specifically no probe thermometer in the facility.
- KRUNCHEEZE**
488 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 27
Score: 97 - Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically pulled pork, opened milk and cooked bacon are not date marked. The operator states these were opened yesterday. The next operation is in two days.
- MASALA BITES INDIAN RESTAURANT**
413 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 27
Score: 100
- SPOON N FOLKS**
184 SE Washington St., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 27
Score: 100
- LA HACIENDA REAL**
475 NW Taggart Dr., West Salem
Inspection Date: May 27
Score: 97 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly,

- specifically water pitcher sitting in hand-washing sink.
- LUCKY DRAGON RESTAURANT**
101 Polk St., Independence
Inspection Date: May 26
Score: 89
Working containers of poisonous or toxic materials are not clearly labeled, specifically a spray bottle of a cleaning spray is not labeled. A container of white liquid is not labeled. The operator stated it was paint.
Restricted use pesticides are not approved, specifically aerosolized pesticides (Raid) used in the establishment. Two cans were found on the floor in the kitchen area.
The premises is not maintained free of insects, rodents, and other pests, specifically several ants were crawling next to the cutting board.
- MAMA GORDITA'S KITCHEN LLC**
156 SE Mill St., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 26
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically the large refrigerator is not maintaining temperature during operating hours, food items are between 47F-50F (milk, cooked beef, lettuce). The operator states food was 41F when the facility opened 3.5 hours prior.
- CARNITAS DELICIAS MICHOCAN**
995 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 26
Score: 90
Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically raw eggs are stored over ready-to-eat foods in the fridge door.

- Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically the fridge is holding food closer to door cold at 47F. Operator states it was 38F this morning (3.75 hours prior).
- GOLDEN HOP SALOON**
133 C St., Independence
Inspection Date: May 22
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically several food items in the prep unit across from the grill are at 45F (tomatoes, cheese, cream).
- BEST WESTERN FOOD SERVICE**
250 Orchard Dr., Dallas
Inspection Date: May 22
Score: 97 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically coffee pot in handwashing sink.
- ANTOJITOS LA MICHOCANA**
173 Pacific Hwy W., Monmouth
Inspection Date: May 22
Score: 92
A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically the handwashing sink is blocked by a sanitizer bucket.
Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically a large fridge is cold holding at 50F (pico de gallo, strawberries). Small right hand fridge is cold holding at 49F (butter).

PUBLIC RECORD

Editor's Note: Due to a technical problem with the regional server that compiles law enforcement reports, there will be no contributions this week from Dallas and the Sheriff's Office and limited input from Independence.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

An officer recognized a suspended driver so he initiated a traffic stop on Gun Club Road at Hoffman Road. Octavio Cruz Gonzalez was arrested for a probation violation and was also arrested and charged with driving while suspended at the felony level with an ignition interlock device requirement. It was discovered that the vehicle was uninsured, so he was cited for that as well.

A 911 call was placed for a reckless driver who was unable to maintain their lane of travel. An officer staged on Corvallis Road saw the driver fail to use their turn signal so a traffic stop was initiated. The driver, Raymond Ross, displayed indications of intoxication and refused to participate in the field sobriety tests. Ross also refused to provide a breath sample so a search warrant was written for a blood draw. Ross was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants at the misdemeanor level.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

An investigation of a hit and run in the parking lot of Central Plaza led to the arrest of Alexander Armijo. Claiming a medical emergency, Armijo struck a parked truck as he drove into a parking space in the 1300 block of Monmouth Street. After checking the damage on his own vehicle he left shortly after. Witnesses as well as camera footage captured the incident. Armijo was later arrested at his residence and charged with failure to perform duties as a driver - accident with property damage.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

At 4:21 p.m., officers responded to a traffic crash on D Street. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Crash: An insurance entity requested security footage regarding a collision between a vehicle and a crossing guard sign. The reporting officer planned to review the footage and submit a findings report, with initial indications suggesting

only minimal damage.

Contact: An individual visited the police station to revisit and review several previously filed reports, continuing to express concerns regarding a perceived stalker and personal marital issues.

Animal: A report was filed concerning dogs escaping and attacking another dog. The owner of the attacking dogs was identified; the other party involved was not home at the time officers investigated but requested a later follow-up to file a formal report.

Suspicious Activity: A parent reported concerns regarding a young child's behavior, with allegations that the child's other parent may be encouraging inappropriate actions. The reporting officer verified that the child is currently receiving counseling and initiated a report to social services.

Civil: A report was filed regarding a vehicle ownership dispute following a divorce. The individual reported the vehicle stolen after payment defaults, but was advised that the matter must be resolved through the court system rather than as a criminal theft.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a verbal altercation between two individuals who were in a dispute involving a vehicle and the sidewalk. One party brandished a crowbar, and the other brandished a pocket knife. Video evidence indicated the incident was brief, and both parties were formally warned regarding their behavior.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Suspicious Activity: A motorist reported being followed through town by another vehicle over a long distance. Officers stopped the other driver, who claimed to be lost. The driver was educated on behaviors that can be perceived as stalking and provided with directions, though the individual did not follow the provided route.

Information: Local law enforcement received a report from another jurisdiction regarding stolen firearms. The serial numbers of the stolen items matched those of firearms previously recovered by local officers.

Assistance: Officers assisted other agencies in checking a business alarm. They discovered an unsecured door but cleared the building with no abnormal findings.

Suspicious Vehicle: A report was received of a driver sleeping behind the wheel of a parked vehicle at a stop sign. The vehicle was gone before officers could arrive.

Animal: A report of a loose dog was made. Officers searched the area, but the animal was not

found.

Theft: A report was filed regarding the unauthorized use of electricity and water for a vehicle parked at an apartment complex. The extension cord was found disconnected upon arrival.

Assistance: Officers provided support during a driving impairment investigation, which led to an arrest.

Harassment: A verbal disagreement occurred between individuals regarding their dogs. No crimes were committed, and the parties were advised on leash laws.

Crash: A single-vehicle collision occurred when a driver fell asleep, striking a power pole and destroying a mailbox before impacting a parked truck. The driver was transported to the hospital for medical evaluation.

Emotional Crisis: An individual reported experiencing suicidal thoughts. Officers spoke with the individual and their residential support staff, confirming the individual was safe, and encouraged the use of support services.

Burglary: A group home reported a potential break-in. A client reported hearing someone try the front door and then hearing people inside the back door before they fled. A vehicle was seen leaving the area.

Contact: An individual inquired about overnight parking options for a utility van while attending a graduation event.

Animal: A resident reported three dogs came onto their property and attacked their dog. The attacking dogs were located, and the owner was advised to secure them properly in the future.

Criminal Mischief: A resident reported their front door had been kicked in. Multiple units searched the area for suspects, but were unsuccessful.

Suspicious Vehicle: A driver reported hearing a strange noise coming from under their vehicle while parked, followed by another vehicle quickly leaving the area. The driver later reported that everything was fine and no further assistance was needed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Fight: A report of a physical altercation between three people in the street was received. Upon arrival, only a group of people was present, and no fighting was observed.

Suspicious Activity: A light was seen inside a building that is typically dark. An inspection revealed no signs of forced entry.

Missing Person: Staff at a group home reported a resident had left without permission. The resident was later located at another facility, and

staff were updated on the situation.

Hangup: A report of a verbal altercation involving two intoxicated individuals was received. Upon arrival, the situation had calmed, and no physical fight occurred.

Driving Impairment: A motorist was stopped for traffic violations. The driver was arrested and charged with impaired driving and reckless endangerment, as the driver had passengers in the vehicle.

Emotional Crisis: A resident contacted support services, unsure of who to call, but was confirmed to be safe and not experiencing a crisis.

Theft: A purse was reported stolen from a bench. Public safety personnel checked with a person seen in the area, but video surveillance did not support the theft allegations.

Driving: A complaint was received regarding a motorist driving dangerously, but the vehicle was not located.

Animal: A report of a loose dog was made, but the animal was not found upon arrival.

Domestic: A dispute between two individuals resulted in one person leaving the premises. Both parties provided conflicting accounts of physical contact, but no further action was requested for the night.

Suspicious Person: Officers investigated a report of individuals scattering trash; the involved parties had already cleaned the area.

Suspicious Person: A report of an individual lying on the ground acting aggressively with a knife was investigated. The individual was contacted, the knife was safely secured, and the situation was resolved without further issue.

Civil: An inquiry was made regarding a vehicle ownership dispute. It was determined that the issue involved payment and title transfer, making it a civil rather than criminal matter.

Trespass: An individual was officially trespassed from a university campus.

Arrest: A motorist was arrested and charged with driving while suspended during a traffic stop.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal dispute between a man and a woman in a vehicle was observed. No crimes were reported, and the individuals were released.

Elude/Driving Impairment: A driver attempted to flee from a traffic stop. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged with attempting to elude officers, reckless driving, and impaired driving.

Trespass: An individual was formally trespassed

from a university campus.

Trespass: A delivery driver was informed they were not permitted on commercial premises. The location management stated they would work to remove the driver from their delivery system.

Unconscious: Two individuals were found unconscious due to extreme intoxication. Medics evaluated them, and no further action was required.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Domestic Disturbance: Officers responded to a report of a verbal argument between two individuals over a dog. Medics evaluated one individual, and no physical violence was confirmed.

Emotional Crisis: Officers assisted with a mental health incident where an individual was reported to be acting paranoid and claiming to be followed. A firearm was secured from their vehicle.

Animal: A citation was issued to a dog owner for having a dog at large and violating dangerous dog restrictions.

Civil/Contact: An inquiry was made regarding the whereabouts of a vehicle. Information was provided regarding housing resources and the suggestion to coordinate with other departments to facilitate the return of personal property.

Trespass: An individual was formally trespassed from a residence.

Criminal Mischief: Graffiti was found written on a vehicle.

Disturbance: A disturbance occurred at a public house. A video review showed individuals aggressively approaching another person, but no weapons were confirmed.

Suspicious Activity: A report was received regarding a minor using a fake identification to purchase restricted items. The information was referred to another agency for review.

Suspicious Person: Police investigated a report of a person acting suspiciously near a car alarm. No suspicious activity was confirmed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported strange noises coming from their home. The noises were determined to be related to the home's plumbing and mechanical systems.

Civil: An individual sought to report a vehicle stolen in a dispute involving multiple parties and payment issues. The individual was advised that the matter was civil.

Animal: A dog attack was reported; no injuries were sustained, and the owner took control of the dog. A follow-up regarding dangerous dog restrictions is planned.

Animal: A citation was issued for a loose dog. Disturbance: A verbal

altercation between two drivers was reported.

Fire: A small tree fire was reported, which a bystander had already begun extinguishing with a hose. No suspicious activity was found.

Health Emergency: A call was initially reported as a seizure, but officers and medics found the individual conscious and breathing. The individual was transported to the hospital for medical care.

Disturbance: A verbal dispute between a couple was reported. No physical violence occurred, and support was provided to ensure the children involved were safe.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Suspicious Person: An individual acting erratically near a laundromat was contacted and found to be fine.

Emotional Crisis: A resident reported a roommate behaving erratically. Advice was provided on documenting incidents and communicating with property management.

Trespass: Officers responded to a report of individuals attempting to use a drive-through on foot, but the area was clear upon arrival.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal argument regarding a late arrival escalated into physical violence. The aggressor fought with officers during the arrest, and a knife was found on their person. The individual was arrested and charged with multiple counts of assault and other charges.

Disturbance: A disturbance at a public house involving physical altercations led to the arrest of two individuals who were charged with disorderly conduct, harassment and resisting arrest.

Public Assistance: Courtesy transport was provided to an individual experiencing a vehicle breakdown in high heat. Suspicious Activity: A report was made regarding a registered sex offender being in a public park. The individual was not on probation and was not violating any known conditions.

Emotional Crisis: An individual made unsubstantiated claims of a conspiracy involving law enforcement and various families.

Trespass: Three juveniles were recorded on video making a mess inside a building. Two of the juveniles were contacted and trespassed from the property.

Suspicious Activity: Reports of potential gunfire were investigated. The situation could not be confirmed as gunfire and may have been vehicle misfiring.

Noise: A report of loud music from a truck was investigated, but the vehicle was not located.

CALENDAR

From Page B3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to

Portland Art Museum, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young

toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center

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

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

11:45 a.m. - Better Together,

Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

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

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

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas

Area Senior Center

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

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

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

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BISTRO

From Page B1

“People there have been incredibly open and generous. They’re excited to see someone from the states interested in their food and culture.”

Some of Radtke’s favorite discoveries have come in smaller communities where regional specialties and variations are found.

“I’ve been exploring beyond the cities, especially northern Argentina, and trying foods that don’t get exported,” he said. “We’ve leaned more toward rustic regional dishes rather than the more familiar foods. It’s hearty, interesting and something people here probably haven’t experienced.”

Step inside Bistro Bocado and it feels familiar – at first.

“On the coffee side, there’s actually a lot of overlap between the two countries,” Radtke said. “Argentina’s coffee culture is much like ours. The biggest differences are found in food.”

Among the bistro’s signature sweets is the medialuna, a buttery pastry that is a hybrid croissant and brioche.

Customers are also discovering sandwiches

de miga — thin, crustless sandwiches — along with facturas, pastries filled with membrillo, a traditional quince paste.

Alfajores, a cookie sandwich filled with dulce de leche and coated in coconut, chocolate or frosting, is another favorite.

“These have become one of our most popular items,” Radtke said. “People are coming in and buying them by the half-dozen.”

Membrillo is gaining a following as well.

“It’s a quince jam that’s very common in Argentina,” Radtke said. “We brought some quince back, but eventually we want to make our own with locally grown quince.”

Empanadas have emerged as another stand-out, especially for customers looking for a bite of savory.

The hand pies — a staple across Argentina — are made with chopped beef, hard-boiled eggs, onions, peppers and garlic.

“They’re everywhere there,” Radtke said.

Breakfast versions and seasonal variations of empanadas are in the works.

Opening Bistro Bocado is part of a broader vision shared by Radtke and



PHOTO COURTESY MIKE RADTKE

The Bistro Bocado was opened by owner Mike Radtke inside the Historic Ross Theater, located at 283 Main St. E., in Monmouth.

property owners Mary and Yul Provancha. In the works are an Argentine steakhouse and entertainment venue with seating for roughly 100 people. Both could be opened within a year.

Décor, imported materials and handcrafted pieces are already on sale, with more items coming. A full-blown boutique will go upstairs. For now, sale items are available on the main floor.

When it came to acquiring inventory, Radtke initially worked through a

larger company in Buenos Aires. But decided later that he wanted a more direct approach.

“They wanted to sit in the middle of everything,” he said of the larger companies. “I really wanted direct relationships.”

So Radtke flew to Salta, rented a car and started visiting towns and local artisans. His goal was not simply to buy products. He wanted to forge relationships.

One stop brought him to Humahuaca and an artisan named Jacinta.

For some 30 years, Jacinta has operated a small booth selling hand-made goods, including apparel, from her home region in the Andes. She is mother to seven children, reportedly, and continues the ancestral tradition of hand-weaving and loom-weaving.

After several visits, Jacinta agreed to supply the shop. The two stay in contact. Radtke shares what the bistro is looking for and Jacinta sends photos of her latest work. Relationships like this

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283 Main St. E., Monmouth

(inside the Historic Ross Theater)

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matter as much as the products.

“I don’t want to take advantage of people. I don’t negotiate aggressively. Instead, I generally pay artisans what they ask and let them decide whether to offer discounts,” Radtke said. “People like Jacinta work incredibly hard.”

The goal, he added, is to make collaborations beneficial for both parties.

“When I spend several hundred dollars there, that can represent a month or more of income,” Radtke said. “I want these relationships to feel fair.”

For now, the focus is clear — introduce customers to flavor, crafts and traditions they may not have experienced before, and to make this possible by bringing a slice of Argentina to downtown Monmouth.

INSPECTIONS

From Page B6

TERRITORY

201 Osprey Lane, Independence

Inspection Date: May 18

Score: 97 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically a wooden spoon in handwashing sink.

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL

1060 Wallace Road NW, West Salem

Inspection Date: May 15

Score: 100

WESTSIDE TAPHOUSE AND GROWLER FILL

1594 Edgewater St. NW Ste 110, West Salem

Inspection Date: May 15

Score: 97 - Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the handwashing sink, specifically no paper towels at handwashing sink.

MINK'S PAD THAI

405 Main St. E., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 12

Score: 92

Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically items in standing reach in the fridge are 47F (half and half, pineapple, marmalade). The cooling fan is frozen over. Most items in standing reach in are whole, intact vegetables. The operator states other items were delivered less than 4 hours ago. Several items are not maintained at proper temperature. Bean sprouts in the standing reach-in fridge are stored in 56-62F water. The operator states water was changed 1 hour prior.

Several cut vegetable items (sliced green onion, sliced carrots, sliced white onion) in the prep unit are stored in stacked containers, preventing proper airflow. items are between 47-52F. The operator states these will freeze if stored in the prep unit properly. Cooked rice is drying under a fan at room temperature. The operator states rice has been drying overnight and will be fried to create popped rice.

Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically Thai tea made yesterday is not date marked. Several containers of cut vegetables are not date marked. Rice cooked yesterday is not date marked.

KINDEE THAI EATERY

165 Broad St., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 12

Score: 100

LUNA'S CAFE

123 E Main St., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 8

Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically three flats of raw eggs are sitting over kombucha and other ready-to eat foods in white reach-in.

CHASE BAR & GRILL

1083 Monmouth St., Independence

Inspection Date: May 8

Score: 100

TAQUERIA LA LEONA

1080 Monmouth St., Independence

Inspection Date: May 8

Score: 97 - Sewage and other liquid waste are not removed properly or at an approved location, specifically wastewater is draining into a bucket which is overflowing on ground outside the unit.

BISTRO BOCADO

283 Main St. E., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 8

Score: 97 - Food employees

eat, drink or use tobacco in unapproved areas or use an inappropriate beverage container for drinking, specifically operator beverage has a handle and no lid.

MANGIARE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

114 S Main St., Independence

Inspection Date: May 6

Score: 95 - Refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within the required time period or is not properly date-marked, specifically a container of meatballs in the prep unit is date marked April 21 (15 days ago). Several potentially hazardous items throughout the facility are improperly date marked or not date marked at all.

BROOKS & TERRY'S ESPRESSO

1407 Monmouth St., Independence

Inspection Date: May 6

Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically a small fridge is holding milk and skim milk at 55F and 47F respectively. The operator states skim milk has not been used today and that all milk is purchased daily. The fridge is set to a warmer setting.

CHERRY CITY WINGS

180 Main St., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 1

Score: 94

A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically a handwashing sink has a thermometer and dishware in the basin.

Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically onion rings made yesterday are incorrectly dated March 18. Milk opened yesterday has not been date marked.

HAZEL'S ON MAIN

105 E Main St., Monmouth

Inspection Date: May 1

Score: 95 - Refrigerated,

ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within the required time period or is not properly date-marked, specifically a carton of half and half was date marked April 9 is stored in the fridge. The operator states this is not in use. Two plastic containers of cut beets and one container of cut tomato are stored in the prep unit. The operator states these were prepared two days prior. One whole tomato has begun to mold.

BRIEFS

From Page B3

14042 Orchard Knob Road, in Dallas. There will be live music, a silent auction, ring toss and wine pulls and a delicious BBQ dinner. Tickets are \$45 each and include dinner, a first drink and a complimentary wine glass. To purchase a ticket, go to <https://benedettovineyards.com>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed at Hunter Arboretum on Park Street, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the work you want to do and take a break with us at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

COACH

From Page B1

“He helped me get my academics in order and showed me what wrestling could teach you outside the sport,” Peña said.

Other mentors followed.

Assistant coach Rick Herrin, an NAIA champion at Pacific University, introduced techniques Peña still teaches today. Former Central head coach Van Holstad shaped Peña’s communication skills.

“Watching the way Van built relationships with students and athletes left a lasting impression,” he said.

These lessons became the foundation of Peña’s

own coaching philosophy — one built on respect, communication and accountability. Not intimidation or bullying.

“Kids understand more than people think,” he said. “You can coach hard without tearing kids down.”

Jessica Vidal has witnessed Peña’s influence from multiple angles — as a parent of young wrestlers, and as acting president of Panther Kids Wrestling.

One quality stands out. His ability to build relationships while maintaining high expectations.

“Vidal understands every child learns differently,” she said.

Rather than coaching through intimidation, Peña earns trust through

communication, patience and consistency.

“Wrestlers know where they stand with him, but also know they are supported,” she said.

This balance helps create an environment where athletes feel comfortable making mistakes, improving and growing. It’s all in his approach.

“Vidal emphasizes discipline, accountability and sportsmanship in ways young wrestlers embrace. He celebrates successes but also helps athletes navigate setbacks,” Vidal said.

Peña’s approach is straightforward.

Explain the move.

Explain why it works.

Explain how it works.

“When athletes understand the reason behind

what they are doing, execution improves,” he said.

When Diego reached wrestling age, Peña became more involved with Panther Kids Wrestling. Working with younger athletes reinforced something he already believed: the earlier lessons in discipline, accountability and self-respect are taught, the more likely they are to last.

His own wrestling career reflected these values.

Peña became Central’s first three-time district champion and remains one of only two wrestlers in school history to accomplish this feat, he noted.

Peña placed fifth at

state as a senior and represented Team Oregon in freestyle competition nationally and internationally. A planned trip to Turkey in 1991 was canceled because of the Gulf War.

He finished his prep career with roughly 126 wins, 19 losses and nearly 100 pins.

“For a guy who wasn’t supposed to wrestle because I only have one arm, I’d say that it turned out pretty well,” he said of his prep career.

Awards matter.

Wins matter.

But what really matters to Peña is the time he spends with the kids and their families, along with the chance to give back to the sport he loves. One wrestler at a time.

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