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Dallas Community School moves into new high school space

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

For Dean Burwash, the grand opening of a high school building for Dallas Community School students has been a decade in the making.

The senior has been homeschooling with Dallas Community School since second grade when his family helped launch the alternative learning option.

“My family made a home-schooling group that consisted of eight families. We worked with the district for curriculum then started DCS to help people who are homeschooling their kids. It kinda cascaded into high school,” Burwash said after holding one end of the ribbon during the cutting, officially christening the school as open Jan. 10. “It’s pretty cool and exciting to have a real school on its own, not just a get together of home schoolers.”

The Dallas Community School acquired the former Wells Fargo Bank from Polk County in February of 2024. Located across the street from their current location on Main Street, Executive Director Andy Johnson said their budget to purchase and renovate the building was just under \$500,000.



Junior Jadin Younger cuts the ribbon to officially open Dallas Community High School. The ribbon is held by Executive Director Andy Johnson (left) and senior Dean Burwash, who has attended the community school since second grade.

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Johnson explained the Community School partners with Dallas School District to run its programs

“The Dallas School District has been an incredible partner. They sponsor us. We run autonomously and there are a lot of things we do with them,” Johnson said. “We definitely wouldn’t exist without Dallas. At the same time, we serve the same population as the Dallas School District.”

What sets the Community High School apart is its hands-on, project-based learning programs.

“For example, math students might learn probability by creating a game that uses dice. Or biology

this last year created an alien race and had to have it biologically correct. Earth science class creates the planet those aliens live on,” Johnson explained.

The school then hosts a big exhibition at the end of every term that is open to the public to show off the work they did.

“It’s pretty exciting,” he said.

Most of the school’s students come from the Dallas area, but they also have some enrolled from as far as Albany, McMinnville and Salem.

Ian McMorrow, assistant executive director, now in his fourth year with DCS, oversees a staff

of eight. McMorrow said the students have already settled in with projects set up in the back rooms, “where kids can get messy, learning along the way.”

McMorrow, now in his 28th year teaching, came to Dallas Community School because he wanted something different for his own kids when they were old enough to enroll.

“My kids will be here in two years. I thought, ‘This will be the opportunity.’ I think it’s a better way of learning,” McMorrow said. “The kids remember their projects. That’s how they remember skills we speak in, the math, the English. But they

remember it because it was their own project.”

Johnson added their concept would never have worked without the support of the Dallas community.

“We love being in this community and the support we’ve had overall has been incredible. It’s amazing how many people ask us questions, interested in what we do, want to even partner with us. We just love being here. It’s really fun,” he said.

Johnson added, winking, it was no coincidence their two newest buildings are former banks.

“It’s just what we do. If anyone knows of an empty bank, make sure you give us a call,” he said.

Schwarzler ready to hit the ground running as Indy’s new mayor

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

For the first time in 26 years, the city of Independence will not have John McArdle as its mayor. His replacement Kate Schwarzler, sworn into office last night (Jan. 14), knows McArdle will be a tough act to follow.

“I respect the work he has done,” Schwarzler told the I-O in an interview on a range of topics. “My approach is not to try and fill his shoes. I joke I am bringing my own shoes. They fit me well and they’re pretty comfortable. They’ve got to be comfortable because we have hit the ground running.”

Schwarzler’s career path to mayor of Independence traces back to her upbringing in nearby Alsea, Oregon, where she was born and raised on a ranch, the youngest of five girls.

“It was a great way to grow up. A great community to grow up in. It’s where I got my love for rural communities,” she said.

Her father, a pilot with United, was also involved with the Experimental Aircraft Association out of the Independence State Airport. Her parents would move to the airpark there after they retired.

Schwarzler went off to school in Eugene to earn a degree in landscaping architecture. That opened doors

of opportunity in both the public and private sector. After founding her own startup, she was accepted into an accelerator position in Boulder, Colorado.

“That’s where I got bit by the entrepreneurship bug,” Schwarzler said. “I enjoyed it a lot more than I thought I would have. Around the same time, I started a consulting

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New Independence Mayor Kate Schwarzler sits to chat with the I-O within Indy Commons with her three-legged companion, Winston.





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County clerk proves it’s never too late to be a pageant winner

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Christina JoAnn was once told when she was in high school that participating in pageants was a waste of time. Now, back in the game at age 40, she’s going to need a bigger trophy case for her growing collection of tierras. The reigning Miss Polk County over the holidays earned another crown, Miss Elite Christmas.

“I was told in high school that I could never do it. Yet, here I am,” JoAnn said. “It’s nice to show them that yes you can. Don’t listen to what someone else says. If you want to do it, you can do it.”

JoAnn has been a judge’s assistant float/court clerk for Polk County since May, and working with courts for five years, including Coos County.

It was there she got her first experience in a pageant competition for Miss Coos County. Her first success came in 2007 when she won

Miss Elite Beauty of Oregon. However, she decided to take a break from pageants for a while after that.

Some eagle-eyed community members may have spotted JoAnn in her official duties at the Dallas Christmas tree lighting ceremony, sporting a spiffy red sash. It was not long after that she won Miss Elite Christmas. Both titles come competing within the Miss Millennium International Organization. She said returning to pageants was a way to get the word out on her main platform, cystic fibrosis awareness.

“It’s really close to me. I have the gene, and my sister was born with it and passed away when she was 13 in 2002,” JoAnn said. “So, it is something that is close to me. It’s still something that many people don’t know what CF is.”

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder that affects the

lungs, pancreas and other organs.

JoAnn said the Miss Millennium International Organization has a good track record helping those in need.

“The fees I pay go toward veteran causes, like underprivileged families, breast cancer awareness organizations,” JoAnn explained. “It is a nice organization. They do help a lot of people.”

Since winning Miss Polk County in November, JoAnn has been honing her speaking skills and social media expertise to get the word out about cystic fibrosis and to better prepare for the next level of competition. In addition, she’s volunteered for a Salem program that hosts parties for kids in shelters, serving cake and ice cream for their birthday.

“I’ll start doing a lot more stuff with the organization. Then go to prelims (in Las Vegas) in the summer, hopefully nationals after that in

November,” she said. “Other than that, it’s more volunteer work talking more about my platform and getting ready for interviews.”

Miss Elite International participants are judged in three categories – gown, volunteer work and interview.

“Luckily there’s no talent judging, because I don’t have a talent,” JoAnn admits. “However, my friends think it’s fun. I just want to show other women, it doesn’t matter your age. If you want to do it, do it. It’s just up to you.”

She figures it’s good to dip her toes in the level she’s at, then, maybe, try a bigger version on TV, that does require a talent. She added being Miss Polk County and Miss Elite Christmas gives her an additional responsibility.

“I like being a role model, you know, for the little girls. Even women my age who think they can’t do it,” she said.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Christina JoAnn wears her gown and displays her two latest crowns earned as Miss Polk County and Miss Elite Christmas.

Back in Business



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Just nine days after a motorist drove his truck into the Center Market on Fairview Avenue, the community turned out for a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday (Jan. 13) to celebrate its reopening.

Weekday School of the Bible bids farewell to maintenance duo

By Craig Button
Itemizer-Observer

If you live in Dallas, you probably drive by the Weekday School of the Bible buildings located near each public school and perhaps barely notice them. They blend in well with their adjacent neighborhoods: tidy, clean, with well kept yards. Inside those buildings, weekly classes are held during the school year where trained teachers share with children Bible truths and their appearance.

The appearance of each building doesn’t happen by accident, but is largely due to the diligent attention of two faithful men, who have served over the years to keep up both the inside and outside

of the buildings, creating a safe and inviting environment for the children to enjoy.

Bob Ottaway and Willard Loewen stepped down as Weekday maintenance team directors on Dec. 31. Both have given tirelessly to keeping the Weekday facilities in top-notch operating order.

Bob has served with Weekday in some capacity for the past 51 years and a good majority of those years as maintenance director. In 1973 Bob became the representative for Morrison School, where he taught from 1972-78. He was president of Weekday off and on from the 70’s to 2010 helped to construct the Oakdale Chapel in 1977-78, followed by the Whitworth Chapel in the 80’s, Lacreole Chapel in the 90’s, and finally the High School Chapel in 2000. Bob

would never take credit for these things happening, but he, along with many others, helped to grow the ministry of Weekday Bible.

Willard has been Bob’s right hand man a good portion of this time. Around 2015, he retired from the mill in Willamina where he worked in the maintenance department. It was a natural fit for Willard to work alongside Bob to form a maintenance team for Weekday. Willard grew up in the church and is currently a trustee at EBC and often called upon to help out with their maintenance needs.

If you are interested in learning more about how Weekday School of the Bible contributes to the Dallas community, you can check out their website www.weekday-bible.com.



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Bob Ottaway and (above) Willard Loewen stepped down Dec. 31 as Weekday School of the Bible maintenance team directors in Dallas.

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Monmouth assistant tapped to be Tillamook’s new interim city manager

Will CHAPPELL
Country Media

Kevin Perkins assumed the role of interim city manager for the City of Tillamook starting on Jan. 6, after most recently having served as assistant city manager for the city of Monmouth.

Perkins told the Headlight Herald that he plans to serve in a caretaker capacity in Tillamook, focusing on

preparing a budget for fiscal year 2025 and supporting efforts to address homelessness so that the permanent hire will have a strong foundation on which to build.

“There may be some things that we can get started and changes maybe we can make,” Perkins said, “you know, get some foundations laid for the next manager so that when they come in,

they’ve got a good place to start.”

Born in central Oregon, Perkins grew up in Roseburg before attending Oregon State University for his undergraduate degree and beginning his career in court operations in Linn County.

After seven years working in the justice system, Perkins pivoted, taking a position as the records manager for

the Benton County board of commissioners. While working for Benton County, Perkins pursued a master’s degree in public administration at Portland State University and served as the interim city manager for Monroe.

Perkins said that public administration appealed to him because of the wide breadth of topics it allows

him to learn about and the opportunity to help citizens address issues. “I just like the fact that, you know, when somebody comes in for help, a lot of times I’m two chairs from the person who can provide it,” Perkins said. “I love being there to be able to help with it, that we can step in and really do some good.”

In 2018, after more than a decade with Benton County,

Perkins decided to move into city government, serving as assistant city administrator for Lafayette for five years before a stint in Monmouth as assistant city manager. Unfortunately, budget constraints forced Monmouth to cut the assistant city manager position last year, leaving Perkins looking for his next step.

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company to hedge my bets against startup.”

Schwarzler followed the opportunities back to Oregon, but noticed she was missing something.

“I realized I didn’t like working alone. I missed working around other professional people,” she said. “I started looking for a co-working space.”

That’s how Indy Commons started in 2016, a space for entrepreneurs to work and collaborate on events, workshops and networking. Then in 2018, Schwarzler started initiatives with the city of Independence.

“I started thinking it would be great to have a non-profit in the area that focused on entrepreneurship programming. I couldn’t find one, so I started Indy Idea Hub,” she said.

Then, she began to scratch an itch she developed from her youth growing up in Alsea, the idea of volunteering and giving back to the community.

“My mom was a volunteer paramedic, my dad was a volunteer at the fire department. People just came together helped where they could,” she recalled. “For me, it was obvious I got asked to serve a lot was on the Parks and

Recreation (committee) with a degree in landscape architecture. And the type of work was natural resource planning, public agency type projects. So that was a natural fit.”

Then from there, volunteering elsewhere, boards and commissions, including with MINET and SEDCOR.

By 2022 she ran for City Council. Then mid term, ran to fill the mayor’s seat when McArdle announced his retirement.

“It was a great opportunity. I have a lot of respect for what Mayor McArdle has done for the community,” Schwarzler said. “For me, it was for my love of the community and being able to play a part in continuing some of that work.”

She added since moving here, she was really struck by Independence “on how forward thinking they are, what they’re doing to promote entrepreneurship and helping grow their economy, taking care of their own economy. Plus, I love what they’ve done with their park system.”

Stepping into a role where she could continue helping the community at a higher level was appealing. In addition to presiding over city council meetings and helping set the agenda, Schwarzler said one of roles as mayor she’s most looking forward to is liaison to the public, going out and talking personally to them, to

find out what their issues are, what concerns them most.

To help that line of conversation, Schwarzler started today weekly office hours at City Hall on every Wednesday morning, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with monthly townhalls to follow soon on the weekends in February.

“The city has been amazing, with staff helping me get ready for this new role. I’m excited about that, wherever I can help return that favor,” she said.

The challenges start immediately, as at the top of her administration’s priority list is trying to come up with a balanced budget after the levy recently failed in November.

“How do we support our parks, library and museum? So, with that not passing and being respectful on what the community said on that, we’ll need the community’s help prioritizing what we are able to do with the funds that we do have,” Schwarzler said.

Before trying again with another levy in May or November, she said the city has to assess what other municipalities are also going out for levies and bonds and how that may affect Independence’s chances.

“We have to be strategic about that,” she said.

Her next priority is addressing the city’s infrastructure needs, which is continuing to look for funding to address

the significant needs for their wastewater treatment plant.

“One of the changes the city council has focused on since I was first elected was moving away from interloan funds,” she said. “We’re no longer going to be transferring money from one fund to another to fill gaps.”

She added City Manager Kenna West and Finance Director Rod Moody have been instrumental improving transparency of the budget process, making all the budget documents available online.

With a full plate in 2025, Schwarzler said she still enjoys finding time to spend with family in Independence, taking ice hockey classes down in Eugene, and being outdoors hiking and gardening.

She considers her immediate family Winston, her three-legged pit mix, and her two cats Winky and Minny Winny.

Regardless of the tough things that may be in 2025, Schwarzler said she’s excited about the challenges ahead.

“I’m excited. As daunting as some of the funding shortages we’re in and bigger things coming down the line, I’m grateful to the community supporting me,” Schwarzler said. “There’s amazing, wonderful people here. The team with the city has been phenomenal and I’m really looking forward to working with them.”

She points to staff’s foresight to establish their vision for the city through their 2020 plan, since updated through 2040.

“I’ve worked with a lot of communities that have come up with master/strategic plans, then they sit on a shelf and pull them out 10 years later.

What do we do with this, if anything? Independence gets after it,” Schwarzler said. “They achieve these goals they are putting forth. And you can tell, just in terms of the community, what’s been built, what’s here. I’m looking forward to being a part of that and continuing that.”



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OBITUARIES

Gerald "Jerry" Howard Hoffman
Dec. 4, 1947 – Nov. 26, 2024

Gerald "Jerry" Howard Hoffman passed away peacefully on Nov. 26, 2024, at the age of 76, after suffering with dementia for many years. Jerry is survived by Joy, his wife of 42 years; their four children, Lindsey, Jon (Alex), Johanna (Dustin) and Reba (Santiago); eight grandchildren; and brother Dennis (Deanie) Hoffman and family. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Patsy Hoffman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Jan. 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cultivate Community Church, formerly Central Baptist Church in Monmouth, Oregon.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the mentoring program at The Gate Youth Association, P.O. Box 453, Independence OR 97351 or online at www.thegateyouth.org.



Randle John Sitton
May 20, 1946 — Jan. 6, 2025

The Lord is my shepherd — he's given all that I need. Though I walk through the valley of death, I am not afraid, for he is with me. He has led me to still waters, offering rest in green pastures as he renews my strength. He's prepared a table for me in the presence of my enemies, and my cup overflows. His unfailing love has followed me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in his house forever. (from Psalm 23)

Randle John Sitton, of Dallas, Oregon, went to dwell in his eternal home at age 78, surrounded by loved ones. He and his wife Sue had cultivated a tight-knit family, which includes seven children Molly Webb (Scot), Barbara Allen (Robert), Tracy Sitton, Molli Fowler (John), Brian Sitton (Taryn), Boe Carter (Jessica), and Kimberly Daley (Winston).

Being born into a family of nine, Randy and his siblings grew up working on the family farm. They cared for livestock and the land, remaining close throughout their adult lives. Affectionately known as "Papa," once the grandkids came along, Randy was a beloved uncle, grandfather, friend and mentor to many.

He served the in Oregon State Police for 29 years, achieving the rank of captain as he worked tirelessly across the state. He finished his career as a regional director with the National Indian Gaming Commission, overseeing Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

A man of many talents, Randy was a teacher at heart; whether serving at his church or happily sharing his vast array of knowledge, he was affectionately known as "Dr. Randy" by his kids. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and finding ways to continue farming throughout his life, creating beautiful and surprisingly fruitful mini orchards in the smallest of spaces as he settled into city life during his later years.

His cheerful demeanor, infectious smile, love of music and stellar dance moves, and the way he could make the corniest joke something to look forward to will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life service was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., in Dallas. Memorial contributions may be made to EBC Memorial Fund. Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence or share a memory, go to www.BollmansTributeCenter.com.



Melinda DeRochier
Jan. 5, 1958 - Dec. 28, 2024

Melinda Marie (Pedigo) DeRochier passed away peacefully at sunrise on Dec. 28, 2024, in Redmond, Oregon, with her loving husband by her side. Melinda was born Jan. 5, 1958, in Salem, Oregon, to Alan and Betty (Williams) Pedigo. She was the youngest of five children and grew up in Monmouth, Oregon, where she enjoyed a wonderful childhood filled with precious memories of time spent with family and friends. She was a proud graduate of Central High School, class of '76.

On Aug. 5, 1977, Melinda married her high school sweetheart, Mike, with whom she shared more than 47 years of the most wonderful life imaginable, despite living with the challenges of muscular dystrophy. Although it impacted their lives together,

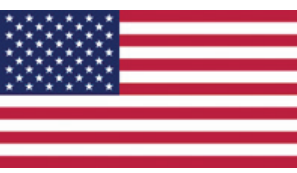
it did not shape it. They were absolutely devoted to one another; it was a love story for the ages. Their family was made complete with the births of their daughter Megan and son Max, who were blessed to be raised in a home filled with faith in God, unconditional love, support, encouragement and fun.

Melinda will be remembered, first and foremost, as a woman of deep and abiding faith, a faith that never wavered, even in the darkest moments of her physical struggles. She loved Jesus with all of her heart! She is now at rest and at peace, waiting for the day when she will be reunited in Heaven with her beloved family, loved ones and friends.

She will also be lovingly remembered by all who knew her, for her beautiful smile, gentle spirit, kind heart, infectious laugh and M & M's.

Melinda is survived by her husband, Mike DeRochier, daughter Megan and son Max, son-in-law Caleb Culver, her mother Betty Kline, sister Lori and brother-in-law Rob Coffman and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. She is preceded in death by her father Alan Pedigo, brother Steven Pedigo and sisters Leslie Wilson and Shirley Davis.

A celebration of her life will be held later this spring in the Salem area. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests friends consider a gift to the Muscular Dystrophy Association <https://muscular dystrophy.donorsupport.co> or My Father's House My Fathers House A Community Shelter Inc - Two Options to Give!



Robert "Robby" Manville
May 18, 1952 – Dec 31, 2024

Robert "Robby" Manville, Jr., 72, of Phenix City, Alabama, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, at Thrive Senior Living in Columbus, Georgia.

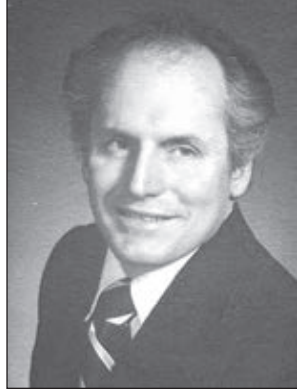
Robby was born on May 18, 1952, in Columbus, Georgia, son of the late Robert L. Manville, Sr. and Billie Jo Brooks Manville.

He proudly served his country in the United States

Army. After military service, he spent over 35 years in Oregon working for the timber industry. Robby was very athletic and enjoyed playing football, baseball, slow pitch softball and golf. He enjoyed coaching little league and girls' softball and could be seen riding his bike to and from work, rain or shine.

Above all, Robby had a strong faith in God. He was a longtime member of Faith Evangelical Free Church in Dallas, Oregon, where he worked with the youth and served for many years. Robby loved people, making others feel welcome in any environment. He was known to have 'never met a stranger.'

Robby is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Pam Manville; daughter Rachel Shead and husband Leo; brothers Mark Manville and wife Patti, Jimmy Manville and wife Sheryl and Joe Manville and wife Jennifer; and grandchildren, Ethan Shead and Hannah Shead.



Kevin Kiel
Apr. 19, 1943 – Dec. 27, 2024

Kevin Roi Kiel, aged 81, passed away on Dec. 27, 2024, in Keizer, Oregon, after fighting a long hard battle against Alzheimer's. Born on April 19, 1943, in Marshall, Minnesota, Kevin and his parents eventually moved to California where he attended Colton High School in Colton, California, before dedicating his time to the U.S. Navy, where he served.

Following his military service, Kevin had various jobs that included construction and landscaping; however, he eventually moved his family to Oregon and embraced a 20-year career at the mill in Dallas, Oregon, and ending his career of being behind the wheel as a truck driver, a job he deeply loved alongside of being a thrill-seeker most of his life.

His adventurous spirit was also evident in his personal hobbies, which included sky-diving and motorcycle riding. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and the Rotary Club, both in Independence, Oregon. Kevin was a member of Saint Philip's Catholic Church in Dallas, where his

life will be celebrated and remembered. He was known for his infectious smile and his innate ability to bring warmth and light to every room he entered. He could and would talk to anyone making lifelong friends, leaving a lasting impression.

He leaves behind his spouse of 43 year, Kathy Kiel; children Tamara Kiel (Paul Kluting), Kristin Pierce (Ron), Sean Kiel, Conrad Kiel, and Micheal Powers; stepchild Kim Griego (Rose); along with several cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Roi and Patricia Kiel; brothers, Dan and Tim Kiel; and son, Timothy Shane Kiel.

A service to honor Kevin's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25, starting with rosary, then service following at 11 a.m. at Saint Philip's Catholic Church, located at 825 SW Mill Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338. The Crown Memorial Center, Cremation & Burial in Salem, Oregon, is assisting the family during this time. His final resting place will be the Dallas Cemetery, Dallas, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Oregon, a cause important to Kevin. More details can be found at their website: https://www.alz.org/orswwa/about_us/alzheimer-s-association-oregon-sw-washington-cha.

Kevin's legacy is one of love, laughter, and an unending zest for life, deeply felt by his family, friends, and all who knew him.



Karin McKinney
Nov. 24, 1960 – Nov. 4, 2024

Karin Renee Reams McKinney, 63, of Independence, Oregon, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024. She is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Karin was born on Nov. 24, 1960, in Enterprise, Oregon, to Robert W. Reams Jr. and Carol Anne Odhner Reams. In 1969 the family moved to Independence. She graduated from Central High School in 1979.

She camped and fished with family in eastern Oregon and became an accomplished horsewoman. As a child, she created a map of a favorite camp, titled "Little Sheep Creek, where the sheep may be little but the fish sure

aren't." She was a creative writer and woodworker; her bird houses and feeders were sold to people from all over the world. But her greatest accomplishment was raising her son, Easton.

Preceding Karin in death are her father and mother; her sister Beverly Reams; and the love of her life, husband James J. Peoples. Karin is survived by her son Easton Peoples; brothers Bob Reams, Jim Reams and Brady Reams; sisters Sally Gillette, Laine Reams and Shirley Reams; nieces Heather Reams, Tess Reams and Bethany Roberts; and nephew James J. Reams.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.



Wendell Phillip Sperling
Oct. 13, 1948 – Dec. 28, 2024

Wendell Phillip Sperling, a devoted farmer, family man, and lover of life's simple joys, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28, 2024, at the age of 76.

Born on Oct. 13, 1948, Wendell spent his life rooted in the land and guided by his passions. Wendell was a lifelong farmer, cultivating a variety of crops such as grass seed, wheat, corn, and hazelnuts. His dedication to the earth and farming was matched only by his extraordinary mechanical talents.

Known for his ingenuity, Wendell founded Heavy Harrow, a business that combined his skills in fabrication with his deep understanding of farming, building equipment that supported the agricultural community he loved so much.

Beyond the fields, Wendell was renowned for his ability to build engines that turned muscle cars into legends. His craftsmanship and engineering skills left a mark on both the farming and automotive worlds, earning him the admiration of many. Muscle cars were his passion, and he spent countless hours fine-tuning engines to perfection.

In quieter moments, Wendell found comfort in watching John Wayne movies, a nod to his appreciation for grit, determination and timeless stories of the American West.

Wendell is survived by his loving children Jodie Shelton, Connie Karr, Christal Sperling and Kasie Sperling; his siblings Frank Sperling and Marilyn Kern; and his pride and joy — his grandchildren, who were a constant source of happiness and inspiration in his life.

Wendell's life was a testament to hard work, creativity and the pursuit of excellence. Whether in the field, the garage or the hearts of those who loved him, his legacy will live on.

A celebration of Wendell's life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages those who knew Wendell to honor his memory by celebrating the things he loved — whether that's a day in the fields, a drive in a muscle car or a quiet evening with a John Wayne classic.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Method to fill city council vacancy seems questionable

I've lost confidence in the Dallas City Council. I watched their "deliberations" about filling a surprise vacancy on the council. The councilor did not realize he needed to live in the city to be a councilor!

The council had filled vacancies several different ways in the past. Given the recency of the election, and the fact that when five councilors had been chosen by voters, it seemed obvious to fill the vacancy with the candidate with the next highest vote count, considering that she received only 252 fewer votes than the person who she would replace and was supported by more than 60% of voters.

Since at least one councilor said that they knew some "qualified people" who would be interested, this sounds like a way to keep the council a nice cozy group of friends. There is an obvious candidate who is qualified, with several years of experience on the council. She could hit the ground running. This decision seems to me like an affront to democracy.

One councilor, Carlos Barrientos, at least had the good sense and courage to stand against the "consensus". I think this council bears watching, since there was very little discussion of this issue. Most of the talking was done by staff.

I don't think any of them but Barrientos will get my vote in the future.

Dale Derouin
Dallas



NEWS

Dallas’s Delbert Hunter Arboretum announces photo contest winners

Staff REPORT

The Delbert Hunter Arboretum congratulates the winners of their third annual photo contest. However, for 2024, they moved the Spring / Summer contest to the Fall / Winter just for a little variety. The theme of the contest is favorite things found in the arboretum. Every season at the arboretum offers some great photo opportunities.

Arboretum board members anonymously chose the winning photos.

"We enjoy participating with our community members in this just-for-fun event," said Dale Derouin, Arboretum vice president.

The winners are:

Ross Cadigan won first place for his photo of a milkweed seed pod beginning to open.

Second place went to Kathy Slack for her photo of rushing water.

Third place was won by Jim Scott for his picture of a small deer in the nearby wetlands.

Finally, Slack also won an honorable mention for her image of morning frost.

Photo contest winners have their photo shared in their publications and online and contests are announced in their newsletters. The twice-yearly newsletters are published in Spring and again in the Fall. They are free to those who wish to sign up. To sign up to receive a newsletter, email hunterarboretum@outlook.com.

The mission of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum is first to grow, display and maintain native plants of Oregon in the arboretum located next to Dallas City Park. Second, to provide educational opportunities to any person who wishes to participate in the recognition, appreciation, preservation, scientific study, or landscape use of native plants. Finally, to promote public interest in and to raise funds for the accomplishment of these objectives.

"We hope you will find time to come and enjoy the arboretum no matter what season it is. We're proud that our small non-profit organization brings happiness to so many others," Derouin said. "We'd love to see more of your photos in our next contest."



PHOTOS PROVIDED

- 1st Place (top right)
- 2nd Place (bottom right)
- 3rd Place (top left)
- Honorable Mention (Bottom left)

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Jan. 6.....	59	38	0.00
Jan. 7.....	50	32	0.06
Jan. 8.....	55	36	0.08
Jan. 9.....	53	31	0.58
Jan. 10.....	55	39	0.36
Jan. 11.....	52	36	0.00
Jan. 12.....	48	36	0.01

Rainfall during Jan. 6-12 0.37 in.
Rain through Jan 12 2.30 in.



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I H F R E T P O C I L E H G D
B Z Y T A E L I A M W M U G V
T R Q O P M N O N L K O T I H
F D C A Z X W V V U C N E Y E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: DROP FROM THE EYE.

Back Chocolate Cough Dew	Eye Gum Hear a pin Helicopter	Lemon Mail Market Parachute	Peppermint Rain Voltage
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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Wish-granting spirits
7 Greek vowel
12 Records file
20 Punch combo
21 Splochy Gil garb
22 He played on TV
23 Planners of campus events
25 Off-on-pickled red vegetable
26 Alop, in poems
27 Lena of "The Reader"
28 Latin "I love"
30 Patron saint of sailors
31 Brotherhood
39 Capital of a Mexico state
40 Hard to find
41 Burdened
42 Travail
44 Political campaigners for a particular issue
50 Wonderment
53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"
57 Suffix with rocket
58 Not at all light

59 Medieval protectors of trade
63 Icebox
65 Boise's state
66 Gel in a lab
67 By means of
68 Clumped psychic gift
69 Regulators of a moral code
76 Bath fixture
79 Printer fluid
80 Years on end
81 More devious
85 Surfs the Internet, e.g.
88 Fighters of animal cruelty
92 Madison Ave. contact
93 Sea, in Paris
94 Corrective eye surgery
95 Pitching star
96 It consists of 13-player football teams
100 Aspin target
103 Japanese alternative to massage
104 "Carpe —"
108 Newspaper of the USSR
112 Managers of houses in a subdivision

118 SpaceX founder Musk
119 Formed a lap
120 "Leave — the pros!"
121 Anna of fashion
122 It has Cut and Copy commands
126 Apt. playing card for this puzzle's theme?
131 Company VIP
132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky"
133 Consignment shop deal
134 "I have no idea!"
135 — Dame
136 A whole lot

DOWN

1 Became lionet
2 Intestine: Prefix
3 Of axons and dendrites
4 "— be my honor"
5 Ram's mate
6 Prince, e.g.
7 Eye-related
8 Philippine capital
9 One-sharp musical key
10 Sticky gunk
11 Hit — (run into some trouble)
12 Urbane
13 Fruity drink
14 Food part
15 Busy crawler
16 Artsy cap
17 Garlicy mayonnaise
18 Replay speed, briefly
19 "Your Song" singer John
24 Whole lot
29 Ice cream drink
32 "Tsk!"
33 — friendly
34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
36 Nuptial oath
37 Buddhism branch
38 Point of view
39 K-O linkup
45 Toon frame
46 Fish eggs
47 Seep out
48 Wields
49 Came doer
50 French bud
51 Join nuptially
52 Pitching stat
54 Sharp as —
55 Popular Aussie boots
56 Avocado dip, for short
60 Fidel's cohort
61 Swell-toning
62 ... sad and dreary everywhere —, Stephen Foster
63 Suitable
64 Disloyal sort
67 Ivy and kudzu
70 Go in haste
71 Electees, e.g.
72 Diner offering
73 "— Lisa"
74 PC key
75 Gin inventor
76 Ski lift type
77 Pakistani language
78 Tennis' Björn
82 Positive vote
83 And so on
84 Dark loaf
86 Fly trapper
87 Jazz's — Gyra
88 Mecca-to-Medina flight
89 Country east of Arg.
90 Little drink
91 Giallo's kin
93 Be certain
97 Actor Ayres
98 A. in Berlin
99 Sell-help author
101 Lync-penning
102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief
105 Apple computer camera
106 Bible book before Job
107 Mark with multicolored spots
109 Optical
110 Exact look-alike
111 Licorice-like seeds
112 Listens to
113 Classic song
114 Actress Shearer
115 PC key
116 Dutch painter Jan
117 Dove's call
123 Roman 1,200
124 Biblical verb suffix
125 — de plume
127 Figure skater Midon
128 To's partner
129 Company VIP
130 Timothy Leary's drug

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

DID YOU GUYS HEAR? SHE'S DATING A MASSAGE CHAIR... NO WAY! LUCKY DOG!

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU ACTUALLY WANT ME TO PICK SOMETHING GOOD FOR ME IN A GAS STATION? WELL, THIS ONE DOES SAY "SWEET GOODNESS" ON IT.

Americanisms

"Men are like steel. When They lose their temper, they lose their worth."

— Chuck Norris

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: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS
CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG
JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH
"UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."

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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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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HOCUS - FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fingers are not showing. 2. Counter is not as wide. 3. Hand is thicker. 4. Mouth is moved. 5. Straw is open. 6. Table is thicker.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

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- On Jan. 27, 1906, Norwegian speed skater Rudolf Gundersen set an impressive world record in a 500-meter speed skating event in Davos, Switzerland, completing the distance in just 44.8 seconds.
- On Jan. 28, 1917, a maid named Carmelita Torres objected to the chemical delousing frequently given to Mexicans crossing into the U.S. by initially refusing to leave the trolley carrying her and other immigrant workers, then hurling whatever she and her fellow riders could find at American authorities in what became known as the Bath Riots, which lasted through the following day.
- On Jan. 29, 1958, one of Hollywood's most enduring marriages began in Las Vegas, Nevada, when actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward tied the knot. The union lasted until Newman's death from lung cancer in 2008, at the age of 83.
- On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson experienced the dubious distinction of being the first American president to be the victim of an assassination attempt. He clubbed the attacker, Richard Lawrence, several times with his cane and escaped angry but unscathed, thanks to both of Lawrence's guns misfiring, and Lawrence spent the rest of his days in a mental institution.
- On Jan. 31, 1945, Private Eddie Slovik was shot and killed by a 12-man firing squad in eastern France, making him the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion.
- On Feb. 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up while entering Earth's atmosphere over Texas, killing all seven crew members. Strangely, worms used in a study by the crew, that were stored in a canister aboard the shuttle, did survive.
- On Feb. 2, 1897, inventor and businessman Alfred Cralle, a porter at the Markell Brothers drugstore in Pittsburgh, patented the first ice cream scoop, which he called the "ice-cream mold and disher." The Pittsburgh Press reported that the scoop could serve up "40 to 50 dishes of ice cream in a minute," while avoiding "the soiling of the hands." Cralle was the first Black man in Pittsburgh to receive his own patent.



1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciculation?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?
- Answers
1. Australia (Oceania).
2. Wade Wilson.
3. 128.
4. Marty Byrde.
5. Punt.
6. Detroit, Michigan.
7. "Pride and Prejudice."
8. The cheetah.
9. Muscle twitch.
10. "Great work."
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Puzzle answers on page B2

SPORT BRIEF



Prep Sports Scoreboard

Boys Basketball

Jan. 7

Central 74, McKay 72
Corvallis 61, Dallas 48
St. Paul 65, Perrydale 36
C.S. Lewis 62, Falls City 32

Jan. 10

Woodburn 74, Central 42
Central 68, Dallas 47
Falls City 50, Willamette Valley 23
Jan. 11
Perrydale 36, St. Stephen's 22

Girls Basketball

Jan. 7

CHS GBB 64, McKay 33
Corvallis 63, Dallas 35
St. Paul 50, Perrydale 37
Falls City 49, C.S. Lewis 33

Jan. 10

Central 61, Woodburn 56
Lebanon 61, Dallas 24
Falls City 62, Willamette Valley 29

Jan. 11

Perrydale 39, St. Stephen's 23

Prep Sports Calendar

Jan. 15

Umpqua Valley @ Perrydale Girls BBall, 5:30 p.m.
Umpqua Valley @ Perrydale Boys BBall, 7 p.m.

Jan. 16

Falls City Girls BBall @ Eddyville Charter, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 17

Dallas Wrestling @ Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.
Central Wrestling @ Lebanon tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Central Boys BBall @ Silverton, 5:30 p.m.
Crescent Valley @ Dallas Boys BBall, 5:30 p.m.
Central Girls BBall @ Silverton, 7 p.m.
Crescent Valley @ Dallas Girls BBall, 7 p.m.

Jan. 18

Wrestling at Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.

Dragons shine at Lady Dragon Invitational, Metro Oregon Classic

By WILL LOMER
Dallas Mat Club President

The Dallas Dragons wrestling program had an extraordinary weekend, with stand-out performances at the 2025 Lady Dragon Invitational and the Metro Oregon Classic Qualifier. The Dragons demonstrated their strength, skill, and depth, earning recognition across all levels of competition.

Lady Dragon Invitational Success
Hosting the largest girls' wrestling tournament in Oregon, the Dallas Dragons finished second overall, scoring 183 points and narrowly missing the top spot to Thurston High School. The team delivered impressive individual performances:

- Jenna Rogers (145 lbs) led the way, claiming first place with a dominant run, including four falls and a 14-2 major decision in the finals.
- Ah Pymm McDaniel (110 lbs) and Polly Olliff (115 lbs) secured second-place finishes, showcasing their technical prowess and resilience.
- Marissa McGinnis (100 lbs) excelled in the consolation rounds, earning four victories by fall and scoring 13 team points.
- Other standout contributors included Katie Smith (120 lbs), Payton Lang (125 lbs), and Gabriella Dyer (155 lbs), all scoring double-digit points through critical wins.

Metro Oregon Classic Highlights
The Dallas Mat Club athletes represented the program proudly at the Metro Oregon Classic Qualifier in Newberg, earning top placements across age divisions and producing an impressive list of Mat Club Classic qualifiers for next week:

- Clayton Oden (6U 49-51 lbs) and Henry Wilder (8U 45 lbs): Captured first place, with Oden scoring 22.5 points and Wilder winning all three of his matches by fall.
- Aurelio Mena (8U 49 lbs): Took third place, securing 21 team points with three falls and two technical victories.

Middle schoolers excelled, with Logan Fagin (14U 75 lbs) and Griffen Atterbury (14U 84 lbs) leading the way, earning first and second place, respectively, while scoring over 20 points each.

Mat Club Classic Qualifiers
The following Dallas wrestlers have qualified for next week's Mat Club Classic, a significant milestone:

PHOTO BY WILL LOMER
Jenna Rogers (145 lbs) led the way for the Dragons claiming first place with a dominant run including a 14-2 major decision in the finals.

8U Division Barrett Brown (43 lbs) Henry Wilder (45 lbs) Aurelio Mena (49 lbs) John Plaisted (85+++ lbs) 10U Division Zadok Smith (56 lbs) Povai Talakai (84 lbs) Jackson Gibson (93 lbs) 12U Division Valor Smith (58 lbs) Triton Paddock (135 lbs) 14U Division	Logan Fagin (14U 75 lbs) Kaysen Oden (14U 80 lbs) Griffen Atterbury (14U 84 lbs) Adam Jones (14U 88 lbs) Gauge Van Gestel (14U 100 lbs) Brayden Thomas (14U 110 lbs)	itself as a powerhouse in wrestling. The program plans on using this momentum going into the Oregon Wrestling Classic next weekend. It's a great day to be a Dragon! Thank you to the volunteers and foundations of the program, none of this could be done without you. Your support is our shared success.
Team Growth and Promise The Lady Dragons of Dallas continues to establish		

Spartans, Warriors hold off improving Dragons squad

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

An improving Dallas varsity boys basketball team fell to Corvallis, 61-48, then to Lebanon, 68-47, in Mid-Willamette Conference action from last week.
Though winless on the season, the Dragons made strides last week, their coach Ray Williams said.
"Both games we showed signs of playing the right way," Williams added.
"Then we showed our youth and inexperience on offense and defense. So we continue to work to correct these things."

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Diego Miranda drives to the basket against Corvallis.

To-do list items for the Dragons (0-3, 0-9 overall) include making their shots and playing better defense.
"But we are doing better at doing the dirt work by picking up charges and getting the 50/50 balls," Williams added. "We continue to be a work in progress."
Three games into league play, Talon Kreiger leads the Dragons in rebounds (14) and assists (8), Alexander Hammill in steals (7), and Derrick Johnson in total points (31).
The Dragons (0-3, 0-9 overall) next chance for a win came Jan. 8 at Central (1-2, 3-6).
They are home Jan. 17 to host third-ranked Crescent Valley (1-2, 7-2), at 5:30 p.m.

DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Talon Krieger, a Senior Boys Basketball standout ism selected for being a great teammate, willingness to go above and beyond as well as having reliable leadership skills. Nominated by Coach Ray Williams

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CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Cash Hagedorn
CHS Swimming-Senior

Captain of the Swim Team. Placed first in breaststroke and 200 IM at the South Albany meet.

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Investigating the Bible: Why Read It This Year?

By DAVID CARLSON PASTOR

A 2023 survey by the American Bible Society found that 52% of Americans say they wish they would read scripture more, but only 14% say they increased their reading over the previous year. They also reported in 2024 that 57% of Americans called themselves “Bible disengaged.” Why should someone engage in reading the Bible this year? Here are several reasons offered in the Bible.

The Bible gives the promise of eternal life.

The familiar words from King David are often read at funerals: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Psalm 23: 4,6, English Standard Version used unless noted).

Many disciples left him after Jesus told his followers hard words about “eating his body and drinking his blood” to inherit eternal life (John 6:53-54).

“Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you want to go away as well?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” (John 6:67-68).

The Bible is a trustworthy foundation.

Jesus ends his Sermon on the Mount with a parable of two men. One man builds his home on sand and when

the rain and floods came, his house was washed away. Another man builds on rock.

“Everyone who hears these my words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rains fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24-25).

Florida has recently been devastated by two hurricanes. However, one Florida neighborhood was not damaged. Hunters Point, in the small town of Cortez, was built in 2022 to withstand disasters and hurricanes. It was only 25 miles from where hurricane Milton made landfall with 120 mph winds. These homes

were built higher than storm surges, they have reinforced construction to endure high winds, and each home has a solar-powered battery system designed to switch on when power is lost. So far the homes are standing after four major hurricanes.

The Bible gives assurance of success.

The success of the Bible is different than that what many consider in our contemporary times. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Matthew 6:19-21). As Joshua became the leader of the Jews at the death of Moses, God gave him a requirement and a promise: “Constantly remind the people about these laws, and you yourself must think about them every day and every night so that you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed.” (Joshua 1:8, The Living Bible).

The Bible has guidance for the decisions of life.

“All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Reader’s Digest offered a story of a Catholic

priest who was driving home late at night, when he remembered, he had forgotten to say his daily requirement of reading selected scriptures and prayers. He stopped and knelt in the car’s headlights to read from his well-worn book.

A trucker saw him, stopped and asked, “Having trouble, buddy?”

The priest said, “No trouble, thanks.”

As the trucker left, he said, “That must be one helluva good book!”

Yes, God’s word is.

Mr. Pastor (yes, that is his last name but not his profession) is a local resident and graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div., M.Th.).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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. Lead Pastor David Curtis, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morningWorship Gathering 10:50am. Nurseryprovidedfor 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: mpjinpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphilorg.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! Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sundays, Worship Service 10:00am, coffee hour with treats after service. Nursery available for parents to use. Play area for small children in sanctuary during worship service. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30am Sundays. Bible Study Wednesdays 1:00pm. Contact us at 503-623-2233 or at questionsdallastlc@gmail.com. Online at, dallastlc.org and streamed on Youtube @trinitylutheranchurch6821. Check it out! Office open M-F 10:00am-2:00pm.

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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: umcdallas.wixsite.com/dallas-umc 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, Mpact 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 Sundays10 am 155 C St, Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ctkindependence.com.

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

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

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

MONMOUTH

Christ’s Church Methodist & Presbyterian United — Come care and share with us. 412 Clay St. W, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Steve Mitchell. Worship Service 11:15am Call for information on small groups.

Cultivate Community Church — We exist to cultivate a community of people who love Jesus, each other, and our cities, joining God in the renewal of all things. We meet at 655 S. Pacific Hwy (Hwy 99), Monmouth. Just south of Bi-Mart. Our Sunday service is at 10:00am. Celebrate Recovery meets Tuesdays at 7pm. Missional Community groups meet in homes throughout the week. Call the church at 503-838-1369. Come join us!

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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Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5 p.m. - Bingo at Rickreall Grange, games start at 6 p.m., 280 N Pacific Highway W., Rickreall
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Eukelele jam session, Monmouth Community Senior Center

Thursday, Jan. 16

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Creatively Expressing Grief, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - 3rd Thursday Book Club discusses "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osmond, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting, 180 Warren St., S.

7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1013 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 2/5/2025 at 12:00PM. Rhanda M Blain unit #C. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1014 WILLAMETTE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP SEEKING PROPOSALS Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP), the workforce development board serving Linn, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties, has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth and One-Stop Operator services. Both RFPs are seeking proposals from qualified and experienced organizations for the coordination and delivery of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services in the Willamette Workforce region. The Youth and One-Stop Operator RFP packages are available online on WWP's website: willwp.org and will close on April 11, 2025. If you need assistance accessing the RFP or need an alternative format of the RFP, please contact RFP@willwp.org or call 503-581-1002.

PCIO25-1016 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUNICE JULIA KRAUSE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24PB11210 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan C. Drayton has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, c/o Freeman Green, Freeman Green Law, 525 Glen Creek Rd NW, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97304, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Published on January 15, 2025

PCIO25-1015 Notice of Self Storage Sale Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on February 8th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Daniel Garigan unit 188, Rebecca Tryon unit 215, Mike Silver unit 288, Sadie Ryan unit 308, Paul Roake unit 150, Kaydra McCargar unit 371, Tanya Avila unit 236, Jose Camero unit 100.

PCIO25-1005 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-07-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at No Situs - Yamhill River Road, Map/ Tax Lot: 06716A000600 & 06716A000700 Willamina, OR. 97396. The court case number is 22CV40624, where SHELLY PEACOCK is plaintiff, and GARTH TALLMAN; JOSEPH H. KRIZ AND JOHN E. LOONEY, DBA WLK APT; AND ESTATE OF ODIS MCLELLAN is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

PCIO25-1006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 129390-OR Loan No.: *****8012 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MATTHEW HALLEMAN, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE

FOR QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2021, recorded 3/17/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-004764, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 14, LA CREOLE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 4, PAGE 4). APN: 137599 / 07532-BD-02600 Commonly known as: 890 SW WASHINGTON ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3416 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC t/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: 11/1/2023 - 12/1/2024 Total: \$16,523.47 Late Charges: \$90.78 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,088.69 Total Required to Reinstate: \$17,722.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$197,020.84 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 \$184,969.76 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.25 % per annum, from 10/1/2023 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 the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 5/6/2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, 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: 12/18/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1009 TS No. OR09000034-24-1 APN 141901 TO No DEF-649170 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JESSE J. EVANS AND SAMIRA EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of July 12, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-007545 and beneficial interest was assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING and recorded May 30, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-004048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 141901 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the Oaks Add. To Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County; thence North 68°24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66° 10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as: 1075 SW FAIRVIEW AVE, DALLAS, OR 97338-2117 Both the Beneficiary, NewRez LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, 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. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2024 to 11/01/2024 at \$1,084.80 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$143,920.81 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from February 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 8, 2025 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, 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 of said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given 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 or 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. 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 said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 11/21/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468428 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1010 TS No. OR07000160-24-1 APN 246206 TO No 3226692 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, LINDA SWANSON, NOT MARRIED as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NE CORP, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of January 22, 2020 and recorded on January 28, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-001221 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded July 8, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-005065 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 246206 LOT NUMBER (12) GRIER ADDITION, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 650 DIAN AVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, 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. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7(A) (i) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 7(A) i of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$88,148.06 together with interest thereon from April 30, 2024 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 23, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, 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 or 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. 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 said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/05/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468647 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1001 DALLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOTICE OF CHARITABLE FUND DISTRIBUTION ANTHONY AND PEARL PROAL FUND AND GENERAL CHARITABLE GRANTS Dallas Community Foundation, an Oregon non-profit corporation (Foundation), intends to make a distribution from the Anthony and Pearl Proal Fund (Proal Fund), together with an additional distribution of unrestricted funds. The total amount available to be distributed from the Proal Fund is \$30,814.63, with additional funds to be distributed from other unrestricted charitable funds of the Foundation of \$14,185.37, for a total distribution of \$45,000, in amounts up to a maximum of \$5000, each. Pursuant to the terms of the Proal Fund, the net income of the Proal Fund is to be used for general charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Foundation, with preference given to eligible services benefiting senior citizens. The Foundation supports services and programs that primarily benefit residents within the Dallas School District boundaries. Notice is hereby given that charitable organizations

that provide services to senior citizens may apply for a distribution from the Proal Fund. Other charitable organizations may also apply for grants from both the Proal Fund and the unrestricted charitable fund. Further information and a grant application may be obtained at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2025. Awards will be announced March, 2025. Dallas Community Foundation PO Box 1001 Dallas, OR 97338 This notice is published for three successive weeks on January 1, 8, 15, 2025.

PCIO24-3141 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-954150-SW Reference is made to that certain deed made by, RODNEY MICHAEL VOLBEDA, AN UNMARRIED MAN as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR STEARNS LENDING, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/1/2019, recorded 11/4/2019, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/ volume No. and/or as fee/ file/instrument/microfilm/ reception number 2019-012899 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to PHH Mortgage Corporation covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 272683 073190000501 BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, POLK COUNTY, OREGON WHICH IS 1047.50 FEET NORTH 00° 08' WEST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19; AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 00° 08' WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 938.05 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 33' EAST 232.37 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00° 08' EAST 936.56 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89° 55' WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 232.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 3985 BELVEDERE ST NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$78,645.90 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$159,592.42



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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 3/11/2025 at the hour of 9:00 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 RODNEY VOLBEDA 3985 BELVEDERE ST NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 1-800-280-2832 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 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-23-954150-SW Dated: 11/19/2024 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 #0225476 12/25/2024 1/1/2025 1/8/2025 1/15/2025

PCIO25-1017 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon 97338 on January 28th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Angelita Rivera-A0108, Darlene Stroud-H20236, Katrina Rippey-H20226, Kristina Birkholz-A0118, Jaime Givens-B0007, Kathryn Rhoades-H30388, Lakaena Sarani-F0015, Carrie Lewis-H20251, Cassandra Williams-H30401, Laura Peddycourt-A0070, Cherine Demarsh-A0040.

Dallas suffers tough loss to Corvallis Panthers edge McKay

By LANCE MASTERSON For The Itemizer-Observer Kaiya Woolsey continued her strong play for the Dragons' girls varsity basketball team. The talented senior netted 19 points, four rebounds and four steals in the Jan. 7 home loss to third-ranked Corvallis, 63-35. This game provided freshman guard Harlow Nelson with her breakout performance, as she played the entire 32 minutes, often guarding the Spartans' best player. Nelson finished with six points, four assists and two steals. At Lebanon, a short-handed Dallas squad fell to the Warriors, 61-24. "Friday ... was a tough battle, where we saw ourselves without three starters by the beginning of the second quarter," coach Drew Richman said.

Ruby Halligan was already sitting out for the Dragons (0-3, 2-6 overall). But an ankle injury sidelined Nelson early in the first quarter, and a hard foul sent Ava Woods to the bench early in the second quarter. Dallas trailed the Warriors by 11 points with 3:30 left in the first half. And then the Warriors took over under the basket. Sparked by its domination off the offensive boards, "Lebanon ran away with the game in the second half," Richman said. For the Dragons, Woolsey assumed point guard duties after Nelson and Woods exited. Woolsey finished with eight points and seven rebounds. Woods and Allie Wilfong each contributed five points and five boards. The girls traveled to Central Jan. 7. They host the Raiders of Crescent Valley (2-1, 5-5) on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.



Lady Dragon Harlow Nelson goes for a layup in last week's action against Corvallis.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

By LANCE MASTERSON For The Itemizer-Observer Things came together for the Central boys varsity basketball team against the Royal Scots last week. "Our game vs. McKay showed great growth for this team," coach Tyler Allen said of the Jan. 7 away contest. "We handled adversity on the road, found a way to close the game, and got big defensive stops when we needed them most." End result of this convergence, a 74-72 win against a team the Panthers needed to beat, given their playoff aspirations. The win was Central's first in Mid-Willamette Conference play. Central got a game-high 28 points from Jack Holestine, along with 18 points from Lucas Haines and 14 from Ryan Burgett. Most of Holestine's scoring came from the free-throw line, where he was clutch, going 18-of-22.

"(Holestine) showed great leadership throughout the game and our freshman (Haines) started to build his confidence," Allen added. Burgett dominated on defense as well, pounding the boards for 13 rebounds. Haines added eight. Branden Ball contributed three assists and two steals. Nery Bautista had 16 points, and Dennis Bondar 15, for McKay (1-2, 4-5 overall). It was a different story against Woodburn on Friday. The visiting Bulldogs fought back from an early defect to win, 74 to 42. Central was up 4-0, but Woodburn went on a run, scoring 15 of the next 18 points to close out the quarter. The Bulldogs were never threatened the rest of the way. Woodburn scored 43 points in the second half, compared to 31 in the opening two quarters. A possible reason for the discrepancy is that one of Woodburn's key players, Cruz Veliz, generated his share of Panther attention. This was by design, as Cruz is the league's reigning most valuable player. "We had a game plan to take (Valez) out of the game. We did that through three quarters," Allen said. "Unfortunately, our gas tank ran empty on him and he was able to score 13 in the fourth quarter." Despite the attention, Velize nonetheless finished with a game-high 18 points. "I was proud to see my guys accomplish the goal of taking Valez out of the game. That being said, there are four other players that shared the court with him, and we didn't do our job against them," Allen said.

Lyle Elementary School Student of the Month December 2024

Josie Bruton is Lyle's Student of the Month. **Josie** is being honored for the character trait of cooperation. **Josie** is a team player who cooperates with her teacher and fellow students. She's a great example to all of us. Great job, **Josie**!

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The following students were chosen for being **Jolly**

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Allyssa Annecharico, 9th grade
Sam Fournier, 10th grade
Bonnie Baker, 11th grade
Layla Donnegan, 12th grade

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Left to Right: Layla Donnegan, Bonnie Baker, Sam Fournier, Allyssa Annecharico

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JESSYCA HAMM

Jessyca Hamm - 12th grade, Nominated by Culinary Instructor Kelleigh Ratzlaff.

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