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Three-alarm fire at JB Wood Recyclers causes \$1M in damages

David HAYES
Editor

At approximately 12:23 p.m. Nov. 15, Polk County Fire Dist. 1 responded to a three-alarm fire at the JB Wood Recyclers wood product processing plant in the 800 block of S. Pacific Highway W, in Monmouth.

According to Polk Fire, the large blaze engulfed the wood kiln of the commercial facility. Firefighters quickly arrived on the scene and successfully contained the blaze to the kiln, preventing it from spreading to surrounding buildings. The facility was safely evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

Polk Fire Chief Ben Stange said his crews remained on site for several hours to monitor the situation.

Polk Fire worked in close coordination with Southwest Polk Fire District, Corvallis Fire and Chemeketa emergency services during the response.

JB Wood Recyclers owner Brandon Marr said the company has been operating a kiln for 10 years and has never had a problem before.



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Polk County Fire District 1 personnel charge a hose to combat a fire Nov. 15 that broke out at JB Wood Recyclers in Monmouth.

He estimates the damage caused at about \$1 million.

Marr said power has been restored at the site, allowing the 15 employees to return to work. He added

he met with the fire marshal on Monday. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

County approves fairgrounds operation levy

By DAVID HAYES
Editor

Polk County Commissioners voted unanimously Nov. 13 to send a fairgrounds operating levy to voters next May. The measure will be 5-years at 15 cents per \$1,000 valuation.

Greg Hansen, county administrator, explained to the commissioners the levy is expected to generate just over \$1.2 million over its 5-year period.

“The first \$300,000 - \$350,000 would go to ongoing operations and maintenance. Additional moneys would be used to make improvements to the fairgrounds,” Hansen said.

The Polk County Fair Board, which itself unanimously approved sending the proposal to the commissioners on Nov. 12, outlined a four-year list of projects.

Year 1 - Electrical replacement/upgrades (\$650,000)

- Asphalt replacement/paving stones and expansion phase (\$350,000)

Year 2 - Asphalt replacement/paving stones and expansion phase 2 (\$450,000)

- Exterior Main building (\$450,000)
- Interior Main building (\$100,000)

Year 3 - Re-locate maintenance shed/paint shop (south edge of property) (\$250,000)

- Re-locate main office into a new building where the maintenance shed was located (\$600,000)
- Main Building HVAC phase 1 (\$150,000)

Year 4 - Develop amphitheater/ stage northwest corner of property (\$700,000)

- Upgrade Building B and C (\$150,000)
- Main Building HVAC (\$150,000)

“All of these improvements are for facilities that will remain intact if the fairgrounds moved forward with a master plan development,” Hansen said. “In the master plan, all these buildings, the main building and B and C buildings, would remain intact so making improvements would not be a lost investment.”

Big project launches to feed, help needy students from little suggestion

By DAVID HAYES
Editor

A kernel of an idea that germinated from the mind of an 11-year-old has blossomed into a school-wide project to help feed and supply needy students falling through the cracks of established programs.

About three weeks ago, Aaliyah Willems, 11, got into a discussion with some of her classmates at La Creole Middle School during free time, talking about life.

“Some of the kids said they needed food and clothing and stuff. So, I thought about something and told my mom,” Willems said.

Her mom, Annie, said her daughter wanted to take food to school for those kids in her class because they didn’t have enough food at home.

Annie initially recommended going shopping for snacks to bring to class, but Aaliyah said that wouldn’t be enough.

So, Annie took the idea to her 65,000 followers on TikTok, an account she has talking about family and life.

“I just told them I was really proud of an 11-year-old who could

see other people, that I don’t really care what grades she gets, if she simply has the ability to see other people. That’s what matters to me as a parent,” Annie said.

It got a lot of views, about 5.4 million to be imprecise.

“We told her that’s more people than are in the state of Oregon,” Annie said.

Her followers were quick to respond, asking how they could help.

“So, we had to figure out what she actually wanted to do, including what was the school open to doing,” Annie explained.

“We’re going to put all the stuff we have at home into this room, room 21,” Aaliyah said.

“And the teachers will be able to refer the kids to the room. Survey the students more of what is needed,” Annie added.

The contributions were so plentiful – at one point filling one end of their downstairs family room - they’ve expanded to taking donations out to the Falls City School District, too, where the Willems used to live.



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Aaliyah Willems, 11, stands before a growing wall of donations filling her Dallas home’s family room.

They’ve received contributions with notes of support from as near as residents of Dallas and packages as far as New York.

“People who said, ‘I was that kid growing up. I needed somebody like

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THE NEWS

State capital hosts dedication event for Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Oregon Capitol hosts a dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. This is Phase 1 of the memorial, which honors the service and sacrifice of Oregon’s Vietnam veterans. The ceremony will take place at Salem’s Wilson Park memorial site on the Capitol grounds, at the corner of State and Cottage Street, with a reception to follow at the Withnell Family YMCA.

The memorial pays tribute to 790 Oregonians who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, along with the more than 180,000 who served in Vietnam and around the world from 1955-1975. The design features 46 black granite columns engraved with the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, creating a reflective space for veterans, families, and the public to honor their memory.

The event includes comments from local veterans, state officials and members of the Vietnam War Memorial Fund.

Local World Gym manager wins national leadership award

By DAVID HAYES
Editor

A couple years before the pandemic, Jerry Mullins and his wife Julie were feeling run down, having ignored their health after concentrating on their youth ministry for 20 years.

“My wife and I were feeling we were getting a little old not able to keep up with the kids anymore,” Mullins said. “We discovered through this whole thing, we were letting our health go.”

The decision to make a life change has led directly to recognition as the national World Gym chain’s leader of the year as the general manager of the local Dallas branch.

The Mullins cut the hours devoted to their youth ministry and focused on their health, meeting with other like-minded people in the fitness community. Jerry earned a fitness certificate and two-years of nutrition training through Precision Nutrition.

After graduating from there, a part-time position opened up that day at World Gym in Dallas in 2018.

“Perfect,” Jerry thought. “It worked out great.”

Then, after the previous manager departed to pursue a career in education, Dallas World Gym owners Dave and Jackie Lawson moved Jerry into the slot.

Looking back after earning an award for leadership, Mullins said he didn’t think he was recognized so much for implementing anything new.

“I believe I’m just one of the first managers who didn’t use the job as a transition on to something else,” he said.

Instead, Mullins focused on gym cleanliness, service and equipment upkeep.

“So, we’ve seen a lot of growth, not only in numbers, but in relationships. Our staff sees value in that,” Mullin explained. “We actually run like a small-town gym, where we have relationships. I know every member that attends when I work (mornings only now due to his schedule). Relationships are very important to us.”

One of the keys to success in leadership, he said, is taking ownership.

“I think that’s one of the biggest things in a business that struggles is having a team that doesn’t take ownership in the business itself. I care what happens at World Gym. And when you care, you treat it differently than when you don’t care,” Mullin said.

As the head of a staff of five, Mullins considers the attraction to World Gym is it’s an old school gym. Started in 1976 by Joe Gold, who also founded Gold’s Gym, Mullins said it’s got quite a history.

“People come in, they talk about how they really like the idea we’re what you think of when you think of gym when you go back 15-20 years ago. You get free weights,” Mullins said. “... We also have a lot of classes that are perfect



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Jerry Mullins, general manager at the Dallas World Gym, displays the leadership award the national chain gave him last month.

for people in all stages in life, 18 or 19 for very new people to those for senior citizens.”

He and his wife Julie resigned from their ministry to go into the fitness community and help pastors get healthy. They started Zaofit Ministry and post their progress on their Instagram page, Zaofit3.

He’s also a sports chaplain and coaches the Dallas High School Dragon’s cross-country team in the fall and track in the spring.

In April this year, they helped “replant” a church that went under during COVID.

Meanwhile, after ensuring the successful day-to-day operations of the Dallas World Gym, Mullins at first was literally just honored to be nominated for a leadership award. However, part of the cat was let out of the bag when representatives from corporate suggested he was one of the top nominees and he write an acceptance speech just in case he won.

Dallas took a group to the national convention in Las Vegas at the beginning of October.

“When we got there and saw the group of people that were nominated, I was excited just to be nominated,” Mullins said. “It’s a pretty cool thing to be nominated for and there’s a lot of great leaders.”

Then, when his name was called as the winner, it was a huge surprise that nearly left him speechless.

“When I went up there, I had my speech on my phone. I was so shocked, I forgot to get out my phone,” Mullins admitted.

When the shock wore off, he naturally slipped into sharing his philosophy on leadership without the benefits of notes.

“I really love the job. What I love most, and I think the reason why we’ve done well, is I love working with people. I also enjoy the fitness community. Always did sports in school, and got away from that. So, it was cool to get back into that community,” Mullins said.

POLK COUNTY'S ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

Polk County encourages businesses, families, youth organizations, and non-profit organizations to adopt an area of roadway for litter control.

The program allows citizens to demonstrate community pride and make a positive statement for a clean and attractive community. Adopting a road supports improved water quality by picking up litter within drainage ditches along roadways.

Annual cleanup days are scheduled every year during the spring and fall. Any individual or group interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program can contact the Polk County Public Works Department at (503)623-9287. Additional forms and information can also be found online at: <https://www.co.polk.or.us/pw/adopt-road-program>

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POLK COUNTY

Dallas man charged in fatal shooting of his brother

A Dallas man was arraigned in Polk County Circuit Court Nov. 12 for the fatal shooting of his brother.

Alonzo Rowell, 51, a former department of corrections officer, has been charged by the Polk County District Attorney’s Office with second degree murder, first degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon and reckless endangering of another person.

Rowell allegedly fatally shot his brother, Tony Miller, 54, also of Dallas, at his residence on Nov. 9 in the 1400 block of Monmouth Cutoff Road. According to the Dallas Police Department, officers responded to the shooting around 9:30 a.m. Officers tried to revive Miller but he was declared deceased at the scene.

According to media reports, court records indicate a Dallas resident told police Miller had been staying in a camper in his driveway. He then told police he heard shouting before the shots began, with some of the rounds passing into the house, striking near where the caller was lying in bed.

According to the Polk County District Attorney’s Office, Rowell then drove to his former workplace, the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. Rowell then engaged in a short standoff with the Salem Police SWAT unit before being taken into custody without further incident.

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What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground.

Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is Stormwater Runoff a Problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

To learn more, visit the Polk County Stormwater Website at <http://www.co.polk.or.us/cd/building/stormwater-resources>

What You Can Do:

- Auto Care**
Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Rain Barrels**

You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.
- Vegetated Filter Strips**
You can plant filter strips, which are areas of native grass or plants, along driveways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across impervious surfaces.
- Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste**
For more information about how to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, you can contact the Polk County Environmental Health Division at (503) 623-9237.
- Illicit Discharge**
To report illicit discharge call (503) 623-9287, or visit <https://www.co.polk.or.us/pw/report-spill>

According to media reports, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training records show Rowell was hired as a corrections officer at the state penitentiary in 1998 and resigned in 2023. Records indicate after Rowell discharged his firearm while intoxicated, the DPST board voted not to revoke his license in 2016 after he plead guilty in Polk County to recklessly endangering another person.

Rowell is currently lodged at the Polk County Jail.

His first court appearance was Tuesday Nov. 19.

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Homeless Alliance’s first executive director steps down

Elaine Lozier, the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance’s inaugural executive director is stepping down after leading the organization “through a period of tremendous growth and accomplishment.” Under her guidance and the vast partnership network, the MWVHA partnership is operating a comprehensive and collaborative response to homelessness that has already changed hundreds of lives in Marion and Polk Counties.

In a message to partners, Lozier said she is resigning due to personal reasons.

“It has been an absolute privilege working alongside such a dedicated and

inspiring group of partners these past 18 months,” Lozier said. “I am deeply grateful for your leadership, integrity, and collaborative spirit. I especially value the many moments you have elevated the voices of the often unheard, lending your expertise, and working in collaboration to accomplish change.”

Lozier and the MWVHA was instrumental in the implementation of the Marion/Polk Regional Plan in response to Governor Kotek’s Emergency Order; a community-focused response to homelessness that gained consensus support from over 150 diverse partners across



Elaine Lozier

local government, healthcare, law enforcement, mental health services, housing providers, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. This regional collaboration has already exceeded the ambitious goals set by the Governor’s office, helping to rehouse and stabilize nearly 400 households since early

2023, including families, domestic violence survivors, seniors, veterans, and chronically homeless adults.

Through these efforts, service providers have opened over 210 shelter beds, providing much-needed safe spaces for individuals and families in transition. Notably, children make up 35% of those served in these shelters, underscoring the profound impact of the Alliance’s work on our most vulnerable community members.

Lozier’s tenure culminated in the recent submission of MWVHA’s consolidated application to HUD, securing significant federal funding to continue expanding services

for homeless youth, permanent supportive housing, domestic violence survivors, and rehousing initiatives. The Alliance has grown its federal funding share significantly thanks to collective success, bringing critical resources to Marion and Polk Counties that otherwise would not be available.

Jeremy Gordon, chair of the MWVHA Board, praised Lozier’s lasting contributions.

“Elaine’s impact will be felt for years to come. She helped strengthen our foundation of collaboration, establish more robust partnerships with the Health sectors, and establish a road map toward a centralized data system that is

actionable,” Gordon said. “As a community collaborative, we have ended homelessness for hundreds of households in a short period of time. Service providers stepped up in profound ways we should all appreciate.”

Gordon added that the work is ongoing.

“Our work to coordinate our diverse geographic areas and systems must continue, and the door to engage with the Alliance is open,” Gordon said. “This is not a time to stand on the sidelines and point fingers. Housing cost inflation is introducing tremendous risk to seniors and families in every community.”

Central turf and track project gets underway

The replacing and rebuilding of Central High School’s turf and track began Nov. 14. The field and track will not be available for community use until the project is complete, which is expected to be in February 2025, weather dependent.

“I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the school board for their support in approving the funding for the new field turf at Central High School,” said Athletic Director

Brett Baldwin. “This investment will have a lasting impact on our students, athletes, and the entire school community.”

The project was first proposed to the CSD Board of Directors by a community group and coaches in May 2024. The district and board have worked in collaboration with the group to get the project moving forward using money from the Construction Excise Tax fund,

which can be spent on capital improvements.

The project will include installing an e-layer base, which will increase the safety of the field for student-athletes. The track will be redesigned so that the finish on the 100- and 200-meter dashes will be on the home side of the field.

“I just want to say ‘thank you’ to all the people who were responsible for getting this project off the

ground, especially Shannon Ball, all the folks on the committee, and our board,” said coach Eli Cirino. “This is the most exciting thing to happen with our facilities in 15 years.”

Baldwin added that the new turf will also enhance physical education classes and extracurricular activities.

“This project will be a valuable asset to our school for many years

to come,” he said. “We are truly excited for what the future holds.”

Please watch for updates on this project as it moves forward on the school district’s website (www.central.k12.or.us), Facebook page, as well as their community group on ParentSquare. You can join this group online at www.parentsquare.com/community_signups/40038598-e8f6-4495-aa41-55632b7cbcc/new.

FEED

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you to help me.’ It’s been a fun journey,” Annie said.

The items were as varied as the people who sent them. Aaliyah pointed out the items, now organized into three towering shelves in their downstairs hallway, including blankets, stickers, hair brushes, gloves, socks, underwear, toiletries, and food from oatmeal to microwave ready meals.

“We made an Amazon wish list, plus they’ve been adding on extra,” Annie said. “One of the questions I asked on TikTok was ‘If you were one of those kids what would you need? What would have mattered to you?’ It became a way of having things available without (students) having to ask.”

While the school district has a free lunch program and a Kindness Friday backpack program filled with school and life supplies donated to

students in need, Willems said she was still hearing that was not enough.

Aaliyah was very surprised by the results. She plans to enlist the help of her friends and classmates in picking up, delivering and organizing the contributions.

One downside to the project, Annie said, was she had the deliveries made to the Dallas Post Office, to protect their address since packages were coming from so many corners of the U.S.

“The Post Office got a little overwhelmed by the 40 packages in one day. I got a couple phone calls about that,” Annie admitted. “You can get a lot in a Subaru. It’s been a lot, but all good.”

And the only other downside is at 11, Aaliyah is still too young to make posts of her own to TikTok.

Annie has since established a 501(c) nonprofit, Support Squad. Follow their donation project online at www.kidsupportsquad.com and on Facebook.

WOU becomes first public university to join first-generation student honor society

Western Oregon University is the first public university in Oregon to join the Tri-Alpha honor society specifically for first-generation college students. Nearly 50 percent of Western’s student body identifies as first-generation, making this membership another way the university supports and elevates first-generation students.

Membership benefits include a lifetime membership, outward recognition of personal accomplishment and an incentive for continued high scholarships, opportunities to connect with other first-generation scholars from all academic disciplines on

campus and create a supportive environment for first-generation students. It also provides opportunities for students to mentor younger first-generation students and receive mentoring from more senior students, along with professionals who were the first in their families to attend college.

Dana Nunez-Silva, First Generation coordinator at Western, said the university joined Tri-Alpha so first-generation students’ achievements could be recognized and elevated more intentionally. She adds that Tri-Alpha provides an intentional space for students to support each

other and feel empowered and capable of achieving their academic goals.

“Tri-Alpha will help many first-generation students overcome impostor syndrome, a feeling that is very common to the first-gen experience,” Nunez-Silva said.

Nunez-Silva will also be the advisor for the Tri-Alpha chapter at Western and shares that she is honored and excited to recruit students to join the honor society and begin establishing a new tradition at Western.

About Tri-Alpha
Alpha Alpha Alpha, or Tri-Alpha, was founded

State offers free fishing days after Thanksgiving

Make fishing part of your Thanksgiving weekend plans with friends and family. Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon on Nov. 29-30.

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required those two days. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for rules and remember to check for any in-season regulation updates too, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing. Click on the zone where you want to fish to see regulation updates.

The Recreation Report is updated weekly and features the best bets for fishing for the upcoming week. Depending on water levels and conditions, fishing could be good for Chinook or coho salmon; again be sure to check regulations first because not all rivers are open. Trout will also be stocked the week before Thanksgiving at several popular lakes in the Willamette Valley.

For beginners, Easy Angling Oregon is a great guide to getting started fishing in Oregon, <https://myodfw.com/articles/easy-angling-oregon-introduction>.

Prefer to crab or clam instead? MyODFW.com has all the information you need to get started clamming or crabbing. Remember to check ocean conditions and take safety precautions—always clam with a friend and never turn your back on the ocean.

Call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check their Shellfish Closures page before you go clamming or crabbing. The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat.

Currently, crabbing is open in bays, beaches, estuaries, tide pools, piers and jetties along the entire Oregon coast. Crabbing is closed in the ocean due to the annual closure from Oct. 16-Nov. 30 each year.

As of mid-November, razor clamming is closed from Cascade Head to the California border due to high levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid, but closures may change by Thanksgiving Weekend so check before you go.

LEVY

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The bigger expansion projects in the fair board’s master plan will require going forward with much larger bond issue in the estimated \$50 million range.

“That was the thought process the fair board had and I believe that’s a very good idea to promote in this operating levy,” Hansen added.

Hansen explained local option taxes are limited to five years and are not an addition to the county’s permanent rate. They end in five years unless they are reauthorized at some point. That equates to an average of \$45 in additional annual payment on property taxes for a \$300,000 home. The last time the county went to voters for their safety levy, staff determined the average assessed home value in Polk County was between \$280,000 and \$300,000.

Hansen also mapped the next steps and a timeline the commissioners needed to follow to get the levy to voters, including staff preparing a couple board resolutions - one to get it in a public hearing format and a second to approve the final format. Then schedule the two public hearings by Feb. 12, 2025, a final board resolution by Feb. 26, 2025, and delivery to the

county clerk by Feb. 28, 2025, to be on the May 13 election ballot.

Hansen added while \$45 extra a year in itself does not equate to a lot of money, the fair levy will be up against other potential measures on the May 2025 ballot, including

- City of Dallas Police Station estimated \$18 million bond
- A city of Independence Operating Levy, estimated at \$1.00 - \$1.40 per \$1,000 valuation
- And second attempts to renew bonds at the Central School District and Chemeketa Community College, which both failed at the Nov. 5 election.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Dear Doctor: Should older adult, who never had chickenpox, get the shingles vaccine?



By DR. KEITH ROACH

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few months ago, you wrote about the benefits of the shingles vaccine. At 63, I'm one of the 1% who has never had, nor been exposed to, chickenpox. I was tested in 2022 for varicella-zoster virus antibodies, and the results were negative. My current physician wants me to get the shingles vaccine, even though I can't get shingles.

My previous physician suggested that I get vaccinated against the chickenpox virus, but this would require me to get the shingles vaccine because the chickenpox vaccine would cause me to have the dormant varicella-zoster virus as if I'd actually had chickenpox. I understand the benefit of the chickenpox vaccine, but I'm rarely around young children, having had no children of my own -- only nieces and nephews. What do you recommend? -- J.C.

ANSWER: I occasionally have come across your situation, and there are three approaches.

Chickenpox (varicella) is the disease people get when they are exposed to the varicella-zoster virus for the first time. Shingles (zoster) is a reactivation of the same virus that has been dormant in your body. It can sometimes happen decades later along one part of the body (called a dermatome), such as an arm or the lower half of the face. As you correctly state, you can't get shingles until you've had chicken pox or a live vaccine.

The first option is to do nothing. While it's the easiest, it has the biggest downside, which is that you will remain susceptible to chickenpox. Chickenpox at age 63 or older could be disastrous; there can be complications of the lung, eye and brain, which are potentially

catastrophic. While you are unlikely to be exposed to varicella (hopefully your nieces and nephews were all vaccinated), you can still get chickenpox if you get exposed to someone with shingles (who are usually older people).

Shingles isn't nearly as infectious as chickenpox, but it's all the same virus. The infection is equally dangerous. Many people don't recognize shingles right away and could be potentially infectious.

The second is the path advised by your previous doctor, which is the evidence-based and recommended approach: Get vaccinated for chickenpox, then shingles. The two combined vaccines will give you protection against both. One downside is that it's four shots. (Both the live chickenpox vaccine and recombinant shingles vaccine are two-dose vaccines.) Another is that the protection against shingles isn't perfect, but it's very good (more than 90%). Furthermore, your risk of shingles from the weakened live virus in the vaccine is less than it would be if you had chickenpox. I'd recommend this approach.

The third is the speculative and unapproved approach that was advised by your current doctor. In theory, the current shingles vaccine might provide protection against chickenpox, but this is untested in healthy adults. The vaccine is not indicated by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent chickenpox. There is, however, some reason to think that this approach may be successful, as a small study in transplant recipients with negative antibody titers did respond to the vaccine. But the study didn't test whether this meant protection from disease.

I suspect that the future of chickenpox vaccines in children may consist of the same technology in the shingles vaccine. This might eventually eliminate the need for the shingles vaccines in adults in a few decades, but the current shingles vaccine is untested in large studies and unapproved for clinical use to prevent chickenpox.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or send mail to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

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GUEST COLUMN

DEQ's plan to raise the cost of driving should be canceled

By JOHN A. CHARLES, JR.

On Nov. 21, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission is scheduled to adopt a carbon rationing scheme known as the Climate Protection Program.

The regulation will set a statewide cap on the emissions of human-caused carbon dioxide, and then steadily reduce the cap over time. By 2040, most fossil fuels will be outlawed.

The effects of this cap will be swift and painful. Based on experience in Washington and California, the DEQ regulation will increase the

cost of gasoline sold in Oregon by at least 25 cents/gallon, and possibly as much as 45 cents.

None of this will benefit drivers, and it won't even benefit the environment. Carbon rationing will force fuel suppliers to rely on corn-based ethanol and other agricultural commodities, which will vastly increase the amount of land, water and fertilizer needed to produce automotive fuel.

The Climate Protection Program was ordered by former Governor Kate Brown, who is no longer in office. But elected officials who are in office should note that the

number-one message from voters in the recent election was that they can't afford the rising cost of consumer goods.

If state legislative leaders are smart, they will tell DEQ to drop the carbon tax. Elections matter, even in Oregon.

John A. Charles, Jr. is President and CEO of Cascade Policy Institute, Oregon's free market public policy research organization.

Correction

The "Polk County schools go into lockdown due to gun threat" story Nov. 13 incorrectly stated the Central School District's level of security its schools were placed in during the incident. Their schools were placed in a "secure" setting, where everyone is brought inside and staff lock the outside doors, increase situational awareness, account for students and adults, but perform business as usual.

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Oregon confirms first human case of bird flu out of Clackamas County

BEN BOTKIN
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday confirmed that a person contracted bird flu in a case linked to an outbreak that sickened thousands of birds in a Clackamas County commercial poultry operation.

Public health officials declined to provide details about the person, name the operation or other details. They also said there is no evidence of bird flu spreading from person to person and the risk to the public is low.

“Clackamas County Public Health Division has been closely monitoring people exposed to the animal outbreak, which is how this case was identified,” said Dr. Sarah Present, Clackamas County public health officer. “The individual experienced only mild illness and has fully recovered.”

The person received treatment with the antiviral medication oseltamivir, and household contacts were prescribed oseltamivir prophylaxis.

Dr. Dean Sidelinger, health officer and state epidemiologist at Oregon Health Authority, said people with the highest risk of infection are those close or prolonged exposures to infected birds or other animals or environments the animals have contaminated.

OHA epidemiologists are working closely with local public health officials, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and CDC to monitor individuals exposed to animals infected with bird flu, also called avian influenza, and will respond swiftly if new symptoms emerge in people, Sidelinger said.

Symptoms can include mild respiratory problems like a sore throat, runny nose and cough. Some people can also get conjunctivitis, often called “pink eye.”

When an outbreak in animals occurs, the state agriculture department provides personal protective equipment and training to farmworkers and public health workers provide information about symptoms to monitor for.

“This has proven an extremely effective



PHOTO PROVIDED

Oregon health officials confirmed a human case of bird flu on Friday, Nov. 15.

approach to avian influenza outbreaks,” Sidelinger said. “While we cannot prevent every case, we know that we are preventing many.”

To reduce the risk of bird flu, people should avoid contact with sick or dead

birds or animals, their droppings or litter, and should not drink or eat unpasteurized or raw dairy products such as milk or cheese.

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Drivers urged to watch for migrating wildlife

JEREMY C. RUARK
Country Media, Inc.

Vehicle collisions with deer and elk tend to peak in October and November, when migration and breeding puts them on the move, making them more likely to cross roads, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Fewer daylight hours and rainy weather also reduce drivers’ visibility.

Each year, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) crews remove about 6,000 carcasses of deer struck and killed by vehicles on Oregon’s public roadways, and many more die away from roads or on county, city or private roads.

ODFW research tracking mule deer with GPS collars shows that deer faithfully follow their migratory routes, no matter how many roads are in the way. They often have no choice but to cross roads to get to food and shelter, the ODFW states in an advisory release.

The encounters frequently lead to damaged vehicles triggering expensive repair costs, and often the collisions can cause human

injuries and even death. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports 24 people in Oregon died in vehicle collisions with animals between 2011 and 2020.

The ODFW urge drivers to follow these recommendations to avoid collisions with wildlife:

- Watch for animal crossing signs: These signs mark areas with frequent wildlife crossings so stay alert when you see one.
- Be cautious in areas with dense vegetation and curves: Wildlife can be difficult to spot in these areas until they are near the road.
- Expect more animals when you see one: If you spot one animal, more are likely nearby. Focus on where the animal came from (not where it’s going), as others may be following.
- Slow down and stay in your lane: Swerving to avoid animals often leads to more serious crashes. Maintain control of your vehicle.
- Always wear your seat belt: Even minor collisions can cause serious injuries and wearing your seat belt is

one of the best ways to stay safe.

This is also the time of year when the most road-killed deer and elk are salvaged for meat.

Drivers who hit a deer or elk, or see one that is struck, and salvage it must fill out a free online permit and turn the head in within five days so ODFW can test for Chronic Wasting Disease.

This highly infectious and always fatal disease affecting deer, elk and moose has never been detected in Oregon but was recently detected in Idaho, California, and Washington.

One symptom of the disease is loss of balance/coordination, which makes road-killed deer and elk an important group to test. More info about ODFW’s Roadkill Salvage Permits can be found at <https://myodfw.com/articles/roadkill-salvage-permits>

Wildlife crossings are also helping reduce the number of animals on highways in some areas of Oregon. These structures create safer passage for wildlife and help protect travelers from collisions.



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Wildlife crossings on Highway 97 near Sunriver have helped reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by nearly 90 percent, according to the ODFW.

ODFW and ODOT officials said they are continuing efforts to build more wildlife crossings to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and maintain long-term habitat connectivity. Key partners, including the Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the Oregon Hunters Association, have played vital roles in supporting these efforts, the release states.

If you want to support wildlife passage, consider the Watch for Wildlife Oregon license plate. Proceeds from this plate fund wildlife passage and habitat connectivity projects statewide.

To help the state identify roadkill hotspots the public can by participate in the Roadkills of Oregon project. ODFW, in partnership with the Oregon Zoo, is asking people for assistance

recording the locations of road-killed mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. DFW officials ask that if you see a road-killed animal of any species and it is safe to do so, pull over, take a picture of the carcass, and add it to the project on iNaturalist. These observations are invaluable in identifying priority areas for the state to take action to help save wildlife.

Current, future students encouraged to apply for state scholarships, grants

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) encourages all Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education in 2025-26 to apply for grants and scholarships through the state website OregonStudentAid.gov. This month, the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) officially opened the OSAC Scholarship Application for the next academic year. The state of Oregon has made accessing scholarships easy for Oregon students with its central site

for more than 600 scholarships. Through the application, students can apply for many awards at one time.

OSAC awarded more than \$12 million in privately funded scholarships in the last application cycle. Private scholarship funds support students across the state—including graduating high school seniors, GED® completers, and adult learners—in many postsecondary education pathways. Students could qualify for funds whether they are seeking degrees or certificates,

whether they know their field of study or are just starting to consider their plans, and whether they are planning on attending a community college, a university, or an eligible career training program. Those who submit their scholarship application by the early bird deadline of February 18, 2025, will have the chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship, and the final deadline is March 3, 2025.

See **GRANTS PAGE A8**

Lyle Elementary School Student of the Month November 2024

Lyle’s Student of the Month for the character trait of Friendship is **Graysen Rodgers**. Graysen is kind to all the students around him. He shows others what it means to be a good friend. Great job, Greyson!



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Sharon Ruff
Jan. 17, 1935 - Nov. 10, 2024
Sharon R. (McGowan) Ruff was born on Jan. 17, 1935, in Pendleton, Oregon to Martha Muriel Hodgkins McGowan and Vern McGowan. Sharon grew up helping with the

family farm and going to school, where her father was the principal. She attended Oregon State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority and graduated in 1952. She met her late husband Kenneth (Ken) R. Ruff in 1961 while teaching at Irvington High School in California. They married in 1962. Ken came with three children - Kenneth R., Jr. (Rick), Sharon (Shari) and Kelly. After a short stint in Vancouver, B.C., they moved to Long Beach, California, where their son Michael was born in 1967. In 1970, the family moved to Clarendon Hills, Illinois. In 1977 Sharon joined Bloomquist & Company of Oakbrook, Illinois, as a writer. When she wasn't working, Sharon loved to garden and work with the school boosters. She joined the family in karate and reached the rank of purple belt in Shotokan. She became quite adept at using the psi, and even earned some trophies at local competitions. Sharon and Ken retired to Independence, Oregon in 1997, taking over Sharon's grandparent's farmhouse along with 20 acres. They spent most of their summers camping with family by the Santiam River. Sharon and Ken did their fair share of traveling in their almost 50 years of marriage, going to England, Scotland,

Wales, France, Italy, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Sharon and Ken moved into Capital Manor, in Salem, in 2011. Sharon enjoyed helping others on her floor with decorating the hallways for each holiday. Sharon was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, and her brother Scott. Survivors include her brother Ladd (Lanette), of Washington; son Kenneth Jr. (Aleksandra) of California; daughters Sharon (Bruce) Cohen, of Illinois, and Kelly (Todd) Moxley, of Illinois; son Michael (Colleen) of Michigan; seven grandchildren; and more than 10 great-grandchildren.



Her creativity and skill were evident in every project she undertook. Judy is survived by her husband, James; their children, Tonya Julian and Toni Nelson; and her grandchildren, Max Ulery, Austin Ulery, Colt Nelson, Emma Nelson, and John Nelson. Her family was the center of her world, and she loved them deeply. She will be missed by her siblings, Karen Sanderson, Wally Evans, and Susan Girnder, who shared countless memories and moments with her. Judy was preceded in death by her parents, her son Jade, and her brothers, Mike Evans and Jeff Evans. Judy Vinson's life was a beautiful tapestry of love, family, and creativity. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

Judy Vinson
May 17, 1959 - Nov. 3, 2024
Judy Vinson, born on May 17, 1959, in Eureka, California, to Wallace and Jean (Durham) Evans, lived a life filled with love, care, and dedication to her family. Judy married James Vinson on Oct. 6, 1978, in Sheridan, Oregon. Their marriage was a testament to their enduring love and partnership. Throughout her life, Judy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, always putting her family first. She found joy in sewing and needlework, creating beautiful pieces that were cherished by her loved ones.

Charlie R Delsman
Jan. 11, 1955 - Sept. 30, 2024
Charlie R Delsman, 69, passed away September 30,

2024 at his home in Dallas, OR. His birthplace was Ashland, OR. Charlie was in the class of 1973 at Dallas High School. Charlie enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved building VW buggies and VW Cut off. Running them up and down the dune, climbing up to Black Rock, hunting, fishing, and camping with his friends and family. After high school, Charlie started working as an auto body tradesman. In 1982 he started his own business "Charlie's Precision Auto Body and Signs" specializing in pinstriping and artwork on cars. He also participated in Demolition Derbys with his son Josh. They won many trophies. Then in 1998, he joined his son Josh in Delman's Trucking in Dallas, Oregon. In 2000, he bought a small ranch to raise Black Angus cows, horses, pigs, goats and chickens. Sometimes, when he could get away, he would jump on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and go riding with the wind in his hair and freedom on the road. Charlie passed away peacefully at his home. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cindy, son Josh and grandson Axel.

Death Notice
Curtis Winterstein passed away Nov. 10, 2024. Curtis was born on April 27, 1959.

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Oregon is expected to surpass its record of 910 pertussis cases by the end of 2024, prompting health officials to sharpen their warnings about the disease's serious risks—especially for young babies—and their emphasis on the importance of vaccination. As of Nov. 13, Oregon has seen a total of 827 cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, in 23 counties during 2024, according to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) data. At least one person, an older adult, has died. In 2012, 910 pertussis cases were reported, the highest annual count since 1953. "I'm worried, given the time of year, because people are attending indoor holiday gatherings, and those gatherings often include newborns who are too young to be vaccinated," said Paul Cieslak, M.D., medical director for communicable diseases and immunizations at OHA's Public Health Division. Lane County has the highest number of pertussis cases this year with 249. The other counties with the highest case counts are Multnomah with 180, Clackamas with 109, Washington with 67 and Deschutes with 59. The median age of cases is 11, with the range between 5 weeks and 89 years.

Babies too young to be fully vaccinated suffer the most from pertussis, with the highest reported incidence rate and highest likelihood of hospitalization and death. This is because babies don't start building protection against infection until they are vaccinated at 2 months old. With the exception of 2024, Oregon pertussis deaths have been limited to infants—five have occurred since 2003. Public health experts urge pregnant people to get the Tdap vaccine – which protects a person against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis – at 27–36 weeks' gestation. The mothers will make antibodies and pass them to their babies across the placenta, which lowers the risk of pertussis in babies younger than 2 months by 78%–91%. Vaccination against pertussis is routinely recommended for infants, children, adolescents and adults. Children should receive the DTaP vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis at 2, 4, 6 and 15 to 18 months, and again at age 4 to kindergarten age. All persons 10 and older, including those 65 and older, who have not had the single-dose Tdap vaccine should get it now. Data from January through Nov. 13 show 406 (49%) of this year's cases had zero doses of documented pertussis vaccines, and only 361 (44%) were up to date on vaccines. Among the 75 infant cases, only 11 mothers were documented to have received the recommended dose of Tdap during pregnancy. Before the COVID-19 pandemic—when restrictions that included masking requirements and school closures were in effect—annual case tallies routinely reached triple digits, but dropped to three in 2021. But this year's to-date 827 cases, which represents a nearly 2,500% increase from the 32 cases reported by the same period in 2023, has surprised state and local public health officials. "It's concerning," said Lisandra Guzman, M.D., Lane County's deputy public health officer and a preventive

medicine physician. "Pertussis is very contagious, and that's one of the reasons it's so hard to control." Another reason, Guzman explained, is that early in an infection, pertussis can be confused with respiratory viral infections. "What you think may be a simple cold can turn out to be pertussis, because that's how it begins—with a mild upper respiratory infection. After a couple weeks, the whooping cough begins." Jennifer Gibbons, N.D., a naturopathic physician in Portland, says 80% of her family medicine practice is pediatrics, and she can cite many examples of a pertussis infection's devastating effects on children. She recalls seeing a 5-month-old baby whose mother explained the child would have difficulty breathing and cough until she vomited, then seem fine minutes later. "I'm talking to her, and she has this perfectly healthy-looking 5-month-old baby, who then all of a sudden starts coughing, and her face turns dark red, and she's gasping for breath while she's trying to cough up all the secretions," Gibbons remembers. "With pertussis, they get into these spasms of coughing that they can't stop, and they're often bringing up large amounts of mucus. It's very scary." Cieslak, Guzman and Gibbons agree that getting children vaccinated with all doses of DTaP, and adults—particularly pregnant people—vaccinated with Tdap is the best way to protect young children, older adults, and their families and friends during the holidays, and beyond. "I've had multiple families say, 'If I had known how bad this was going to be, I would have vaccinated.' I use that to tell other families," Gibbons says. She also reminds families that "kids tolerate this vaccine very well. I find it to be a really useful, safe and effective vaccine."

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Investigating the Bible: Food for Thought

By **DAVID Carlson** **PASTOR**

The holidays are times when many eat delicious meals. Food is often important in the Bible. God gave a feast to Adam and Eve. “...Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.” (Genesis1:29, English Standard Version used throughout.).

Then came their great sin by eating the forbidden fruit. The apostle Paul explained the consequence: “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all

men because all sinned”. (Romans 5:12).

As thousands of Jews escaped Egypt, God fed them by frosting the ground each morning with white flakes called manna, “... and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey”. (Exodus 16:31).

Elsewhere the Bible says, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103).

Meat was on the Bible’s menu. The Jews wandered forty years across barren land; each evening God sent flocks of quail for dinner. (Exodus 16:13).

The prophet Elijah was fed by God’s unique servers: “...[R]avens brought him bread and meat in the

morning, and bread and meat in the evening.” (I Kings 17:6).

Later, a poor widow fed herself and Elijah until the end of a great drought from a single jar of flour and one jug of oil. (I Kings 17:14).

The first miracle of Jesus helped a distressed wedding host who ran out of wine for the guests. Jesus had servants fill six stone jars with water. Each held about thirty gallons. When they took a sample to the host, he said, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” (John 2:10).

Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 men and their families with five loaves of bread

and two fish. “And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of fish.” (Mark 7:42-43).

Jesus taught his disciples to ask God for food. “Father, hallowed be your name... Give us this day our daily bread.” (Luke 11:2-3).

God used food to teach the apostle Peter a lesson of acceptance for all non-Jewish people. In a dream, God commanded him three times to eat forbidden and unclean foods. He got the message: “...God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.” (Acts 10:28).

Jesus gave promises tied to bread. Crowds followed Jesus for his wisdom and the free miraculous food. A

Jewish rabbi asked Jesus for a miracle, like the miracle of manna.

Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:32-35, 40).

Communion, regularly shared by believers, is eating small portions of bread and wine or juice. Jesus, on the

night of his betrayal, “... took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Corinthians 15:24-26).

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

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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 morning Worship Gathering 10:50am. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

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

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

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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

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.

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

INDEPENDENCE

Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays 10 am 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.independencefirstbaptist.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.CC

St. 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.

Rotary volunteers help beautify aquatic center grounds

A handful of volunteers from the Dallas Rotary Club braved the cold, misty weather Nov. 16 to help beautify the grounds around the Dallas Aquatic Center.

Dallas Rotarian Eileen Diccico explained the club has performed four service days within the city’s park system. During their latest outing, they installed about 20 rhododendron plants in front of the Aquatic Center and cleared brush, ivy and fallen leaves along the walking trail behind the pool.

Two months ago they laid bark dust at Rotary Park.

Beyond service projects, Diccico said members also sign up for regular shifts volunteering at the Dallas Food

Bank, stocking shelves. And the group raised \$5,000 to receive a matching grant to pay for cement benches being installed at the refurbished Japanese Garden in Dallas City Park.

“We have about 38 members now and we’re always looking for new members, who are service minded and interested in improving our community,” Diccico said.

She warned there’s a fee to join and an application process to prove you’re the right fit for their fraternal organization that focuses on giving back to the community.

To learn more, go to www.facebook.com/DallasORRotary.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Dallas Rotary Club members (from left) Josh and Steve Spencer, Josh Kibbey and Brian Latta clear away ivy and fallen leaves near the walking trail behind the Dallas Aquatic Center on Nov. 16.

GRANTS

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OSAC administers these funds in partnership with private donors and partner organizations that establish the funds. More than 500 of the scholarships were established through the Oregon Community Foundation, and OSAC also works with numerous other partners. In addition to the continuing scholarships, we are pleased to report that several new

scholarships were added for the 2025-26 academic year. Many are focused on supporting students from specific regions or schools across the state, while others focus on student background, experiences, or fields of study such as education, engineering, or STEM. View the full catalog here.

Also on the OregonStudentAid.gov site, students can learn about and apply for numerous state and federally funded grant programs such as the Oregon

Opportunity Grant (OOG), Oregon Promise Grant, Oregon Tribal Student Grant, Oregon Student Child Care Grant, and more. Students should plan to complete any required applications and the key forms that determine eligibility for need-based aid: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA), which are expected to open in December. All new and returning students should complete one of these two

applications to be considered for federal and/or state financial aid such as the Federal Pell Grant, the OOG, and more. Many scholarships, if they are need-based, also require FAFSA or ORSAA completion. Students should mark their calendars for upcoming applications and deadlines:

November: OSAC Scholarship Application Open

December: 2025-26 FAFSA and ORSAA Open

February 18: Early Bird Scholarship Deadline

March 3: Scholarship Application Final Deadline

June 2: Oregon Promise Application Deadline (Find your Promise deadline according to your graduation date here)

Find other grant applications and deadlines here, including grants for members of Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes, National Guard members, student parents, former foster care youth, and others

Need help with the financial aid process? The HECC Office of Student Access and Completion offers a number of resources for students, families, educators, and community members to help with the financial aid process and with college and career planning. Under the Resources section of our website, you can find videos on financial aid topics, request a live presentation, or download or order free publications about financial aid opportunities.

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Bulldogs extinguish Dragons’ playoff run

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Bulldogs proved an earlier victory against the Dragons was no fluke, this time dispatching the home team, 23-13, in the quarterfinals of the Class 5A state football playoffs.

With the Nov. 15 loss, the Dragons’ season ends with a 4-1 mark in conference play, and 9-2 overall.

West Albany (5-0, 9-2) handed Dallas its only other loss during the regular season, 34-20.

“We played them three weeks ago. I think both teams learned about each other, and both teams made adjustments. I know we made adjustments. That’s why I think it was a lower scoring affair,” said Dallas head coach Andy Jackson. “It was a battle.”

The Dragons were forced to make several in-game adjustments as well, especially after Austin Simmons’s 3-yard scoring run to cap West Albany’s opening drive.

“I thought early on we didn’t play at the level we needed to; we learned we had to tighten up a lot on defense,” Jackson said. “Their running game just destroyed people all season, and we knew our key was to stop the run.”

So, Dallas packed the line of scrimmage.

“After that first drive, I saw that we really needed to put more guys in the box because they were winning the one-on-one blocks against

us, and they were opening up lanes,” Jackson said. “With the change, we began getting stops.”

Putting extra men up front increased pressure on the team’s talented corps of defensive backs. They met the challenge.

“We had to force West Albany to throw the ball,” Jackson said. “Once we started getting stops, we started putting them in passing situations, and then our coverage was able to do what it needed to do.”

The strategy worked so well the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs five or six times, with most of those stops coming in the second half.

Justin Hofebredl and Tyler Basey combined for 22 tackles, including four for losses and one sack, to lead the Dallas defense. The defense also got five tackles from Jordan Brazziel, including two for losses, and an interception from Chase Eriksen.

Eriksen’s pick set up the Dragons’ first touchdown, a 25-yard pass from quarterback Eli Hess to Graysen Gardner off a flea-flicker. The score cut the West Albany lead to six.

“I felt like when the game went to 13-7, and we got the ball back, I thought this (was it),” Jackson said. “But we missed on a couple of plays where there was opportunity.”

Opportunity missed was a factor throughout the game.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

A scrambling Eli Hess (6) searches for a receiver during last week’s playoff game against the Bulldogs of West Albany.

“Offensively, it basically came down to what happened the last time we played West Albany - not being able to sustain drives,” Jackson said. “We’d get first downs. But finishing drives with points, it didn’t happen all the time.”

The Dragons’ only other score came on a 63-yard pass from Hess to Landon Holbrook. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

“It didn’t win the game for us, but to finally get a big play like that was nice,” Hess said.

The Bulldogs also scored on runs of 67 and 37 yards from Tyler Hart-McNally, one of the state’s best running backs, along with a short field goal from Jonas Lasalle.

Ultimately, the night’s outcome boiled down to one of gridiron’s great truisms.

“They just made more plays than us,” Jackson said. “They’re a very good football team. I wouldn’t be surprised to see them in the state title game.”

Though the outcome wasn’t what Hess wanted, he didn’t let it diminish this year’s success.

“It’s tough to end the season on a loss, you know,” Hess said. “We had a great time this season, and playing with the guys was just awesome. This is an awesome senior group, as a whole. We came together as brothers.”

Jackson agreed with his quarterback’s assessment.

“We don’t have individuals on our team. We don’t have people that are looking for what they can get out of everything,” Jackson said. “We have people that legitimately care about their teammates, and what is it going to take for the team to be successful.”

With the win, the sixth-seed Bulldogs take on second-seed Mountain View (5-0, 11-0) in a semifinal clash at McNary High School.

No. 1 Silverton hosts conference rival and 5th seed Wilsonville in the other semifinal matchup, at McMinnville High School.

Both games are on Friday at 7 p.m.

Wolves’ season ends in defensive battle against Central Washington

The Western Oregon football team’s season came to a close in a defensive battle with No. 25 Central Washington, 13-3, Nov. 16 at Tomlinson Stadium.

The score was tied 3-3 midway through the third quarter and with the Wolves (6-5 overall, 6-3 LSC) driving into Wildcat (8-3, 7-2) territory before a WOU fumble gave the ball back to CWU.

The Wildcats drove down inside the WOU 10, but the Wolves defense held and limited CWU to a field goal to make it 6-3 Wildcats.

WOU on its next possession went three and out. CWU started with strong field position at its own 47. The Wildcats put together the lone touchdown drive of the game, needing seven plays to score and make it 13-3.

The Wolves got into CWU territory one more time, but were forced to eventually punt on the possession. WOU didn’t threaten again.

Aden Murphy led the Wolves with a career-high 13 tackles while Mason Brown added 10. Aaron Woodard had an interception and added six tackles.



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Senior defensive linemen Gio Antonini (90) and Hector Cazares (92) catch their breath between plays in a defensive battle with Central Washington Nov. 16.

WOU, without quarterbacks Jordan McCarty and Kainoa Jones, were had just 125 yards of offense - including being held to two yards rushing. Michael Gibson III finished 14-for-27 for 123 yards passing with one interception.

Damon Hickok had a team-high five receptions for 72 yards.

DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eli Hess



Eli has been a powerhouse at quarterback, throwing for an impressive 1,225 yards with 12 touchdowns and only 2 interceptions. He’s a dual threat with over 500 rushing yards and 6 rushing touchdowns. Not only is Eli a star on the field, but he’s also a 4.0 student, exemplifying excellence in every way.



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Montrell Rice 11th Grade

Montrell Rice is a football standout. He’s in the 11th grade. In a recent game, Montrell had one touchdown pass and 18 tackles.

Congratulations Montrell!



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CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ty Cirino 11th Grade

Ty Cirino is an 11th grade student athlete. Ty recently placed 4th at the state cross country meet.

Congratulations Ty!



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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Nov. 20, 1974

Intergovernmental agreement reached between Polk cities

An intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the cities of Dallas, Monmouth and Independence was approved by Dallas City Council Monday night following several months of negotiations. The agreement, when approved by the other cities, will allow each city to use equipment owned by one of the other cities on a rental basis. The purpose of the agreement is to allow each city to use specialized maintenance and construction equipment, without each entity having to go out and buy such equipment.

New law to regulate parking on rural roads

Polk County Commissioners voted to draw up a resolution during their Tuesday board meeting to create an ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles on Polk County roads. According to the commissioners, several residents throughout the county have been parking their cars on the shoulders of the county roads,

causing a dangerous situation. Once the resolution has been written and passed, it will be sent to the District Attorney's Office and then will give the Sherriff Power to enforce the new ordinance.

Oregon College of Education basketball prospects

Coach Robert P. McCullough, starting his 16th year as head basketball coach at OCE, has narrowed a field of 50 candidates for varsity basketball action this season to 20. The 20 include six let-termen from last year's team, eight transfers from community colleges and two from last year's junior varsity team. Four more, all lettermen, are expected to turn out after the football season or will join the team later for various reasons.

40 years ago

Nov. 21, 1984

Police say DUII law helping

Law enforcement officers generally agree that the new DUII law may be helping cut down on the number of drunk drivers and is understood by the public, despite negative criticism about the law and its enforcement. "I'm not sure if it's psychological or not, but

there seems to be less people in the bars," said Sgt. Jim Harper of the Dallas Police Department. "At least there seems to be less cars parked outside of the bars." Some statistics are out on the number of DUII (driving while under the influence of intoxicants) arrests since the law took effect on July 1, but Maj. Richard Verbeck of the Oregon

State Police Traffic Division said it's too early to determine if a pattern has begun.

Sgt. Steele named top law officer

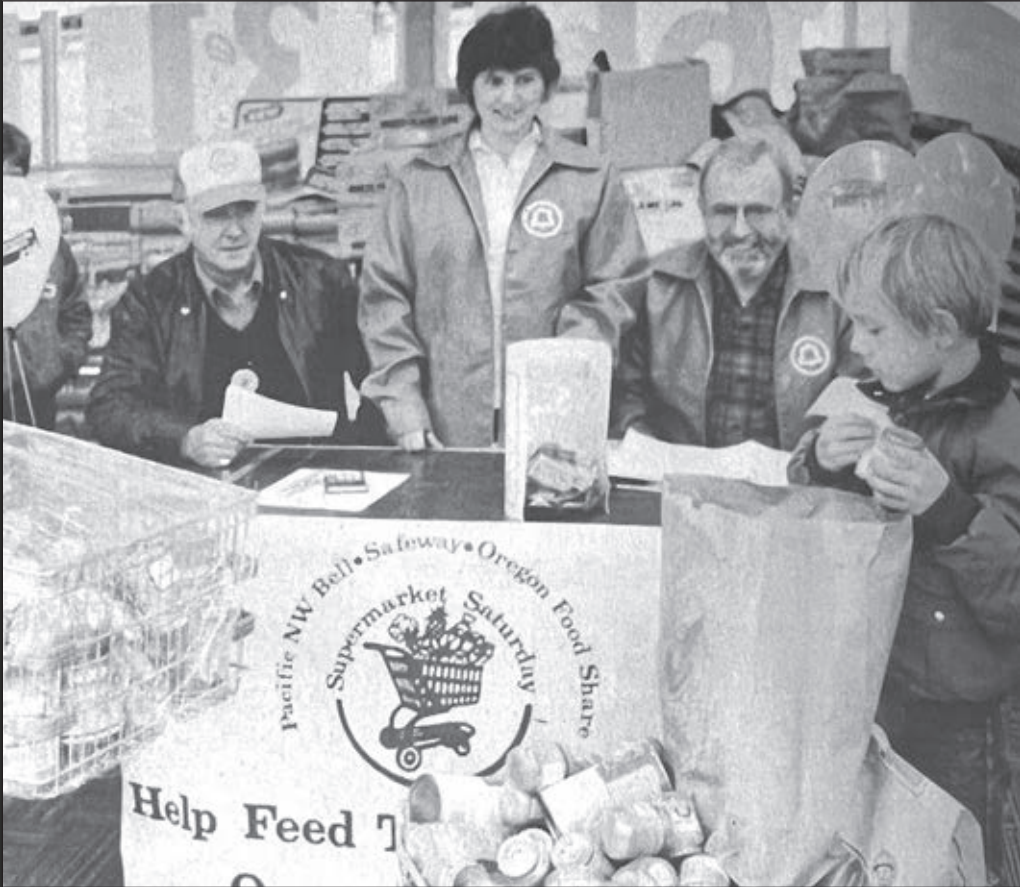
Sgt. Ray Steele of the Polk County Sherriff's Office was named the county's "Officer of the Year" at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night here Friday. Steele was selected from a field of five

candidates who represented the sherriff's office, Dallas, Monmouth and Independence police departments and the county's Oregon State Police patrol officers.

Soccer team takes two, wins championship

Two weeks of rain that canceled matches failed to rust the Dallas Fairview Market

Dragons soccer team or its play Saturday, as it capped its season with two wins to garner the championship of the Valley Youth Soccer Association. Rain still poured onto the playing field at Wallace Marine Park, but the turf was in good enough condition for soccer and for two Dallas wins, 4-2 in the first game and 6-1 in the championship game.



FILE PHOTO

This week's flashback is from Nov. 21, 1984: Supermarket Saturday, held at the Dallas Safeway store Saturday, collected \$736.56 in donations of foodstuffs and cash that will feed the hungry of the local area. The drive was sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell with employees supervising the collection, (left to right) Ted Flook from Keizer, Bonnie Frazier of Dallas and Tom Wilson of Dallas. Frazier's son, Andy, 7, also helped the drive.

Community Achievement



Polk County 4-H honors top participants

The Polk County 4-H program honored the following youth participants from the 2023-24 year at their Fall Awards and Recognition Night Nov. 14 at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

- Polk County 4-H Member of the Year - Jack Sparks
- 2024 Youth Choice: Leader of the Year - Samantha Bagby
- Marcia Eash Memorial Award - Hallie Sorenson
- Whitney Latham Memorial Award - Cambria Gilson
- G.O.A.T Award - Thomas Keck, DVM
- 2024 New Leader - Stephanie Sorenson, Greenthumbers and Polk County 4-H Ambassadors
- 2024 Distinguished Service - Stacy Tarver, Kountry Kousins

- 2024 Friend of 4-H - Kym Reeves, Flavio Tomoya and Dallas Animal Clinic
- 2024 Spark Award - Ila Robertson, Dashiell McNett-Barth, Maddie Sorenson and Dean Burwash
- Top Senior Book - Cambria Gilson, Lucky Livestockers
- Top Junior Book - Kaitlynn-Ann Collman, Ribbon Wranglers
- Top Intermediate Book - Malei Anderson, Treasure Trotters/Lucky Livestockers
- Acheivement - Lillian Jones, Pony / 4-H Expressions
- Citizenship - Kallen Collman, Ribbon Wranglers
- Leadership - Jackson Kent, Achievers/Kountry Kaousins
- Dairy/Toxophilite Archery Community Service - Natasha Sims, Achievers

- Record Book - Jay Dee Sinoir III, Ribbon Wranglers
- Public Speaking - Kalina Brotherton, Small Animal Express
- Natural Science - Dashiell McNett-Barth, Eclectic Clovers/Stitchin Pals/Greenthumbers/Toxophilites/White Feathers
- Engineering - Jack Sparks, Eclectic Clovers
- Flowers - Dean Burwash, Eclectic Clovers
- Foods & Nutrition - Lily-Ann Frank, Achievers
- Art - Hosanna Frank, Achievers
- Sewing (Clothing and Textiles) - Hallie Sorenson, Lucky Livestockers
- Home Ec - Maddie Sorenson, Green Thumbers
- Cavy - Jodi Brown, Ribbon Wranglers

- Goats - Daphne Toma, Trendsetters/Lucky Livestockers
- Livestock - Paisley Pegg, Lucky Livestockers/Willamette Valley Showstoppers/White Feathers
- Poultry - Callen Gilson, Lucky Livestockers
- Sheep - Litia Cook, Lucky Livestockers
- Rabbit - Elizabeth Neese, Small Animal Express
- Small Animals - Kaiden Collman, Ribbon Wranglers
- Cat - Alex Burwash, Eclectic Clovers
- Horse - Addilyn Casalegno, Spring Valley Riders
- Dog - Rebecca Neese, Small Animal Express/Polk County Canine Corps
- Swine - Lucy Walker, Lucky Livestockers

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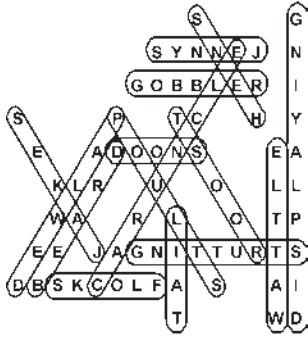
Perhaps the world's second-worst crime is boredom; the first is being a bore. — Cecil Beaton

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TURKEY TERMS



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Super Crossword

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCT. 23-29

- Wednesday, Nov. 20**
 - 7 a.m. - Library Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S
 - 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 - 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 - 11 a.m. - Mah-Jong, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 11 a.m. - Trip to CHS for Senior Luncheon, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 1:30 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 4 p.m. - Connecting With Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, Volunteer Hall, 144 South Warren St.

Thursday, Nov. 21
 - 8 a.m. - Mid Valley Coffee Club, for business owners, entrepreneurs and startups to connect, Indy Commons, 154 S. Main St., Independence
 - 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 9 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
- 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 - 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes, ages baby to two, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 - 11 a.m. - 10-minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 12 p.m. - Dallas Economic Development Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 - 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 12:45 p.m. - South Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 - 1 p.m. - Needle Craft, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 1:30 p.m. - Medicare Info Session w/Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 2 p.m. - 3rd Thursday Book Club discusses "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 - 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Nov. 22
 - 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10 a.m. - Listening Ear, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10 a.m. - Writers Workshop/ Drawing For Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
 - 10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/ Listening Ear/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 1 p.m. - Tai Chi With Cheryl/Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 4 p.m. - Kids Turkey Book Bingo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 - 5 p.m. - Teen Game Night, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 - 6 p.m. - Live Music: Midnight Express, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 - 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
- 6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 - 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.
 - 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Saturday, Nov. 23
 - 10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
 - 2 p.m. - Live Music: Mitch Lies Solo, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 - 6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 - 7 p.m. - Live Music: Lelan Hallahan, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St., Independence

Sunday, Nov. 24
 - 2 p.m. - Live Music: Kevin Hansen, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 - Monday, Nov. 25
 - 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/ Cribbage/caregiver support, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels/Card Making with Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
- 1:30 p.m. - Book Club, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 3 p.m. - Kid's Tuesday Crafternoon, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 - 5 p.m. - Kids Paint Event, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 - 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 - 6:30 p.m. - Dance: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 - 7:30 p.m. - Dance: Country Couples, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Wednesday, Nov. 27
 - 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 - 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 - 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 - 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

- Dallas School District seeks music instrument donations**

The Dallas School District is hosting a Musical Instrument Drive through Nov. 27. Donate new or gently used musical instruments to help schools grow their music programs. Instruments needed include trumpets, trombones, French horns, tubas, flutes, clarinets and saxophones. Drop-off locations are Citizens Bank (583 SE Jefferson St.) and Umpqua Bank (150 W Ellendale Ave.). Donations are tax deductible. For more information, contact Lu Ann Meyer at (503) 871-8989.

The Thoughts and Gifts Project is giving away free games

The Thoughts and Gifts Projects' annual Let's Play Giveaway, featuring free games and puzzles, runs
- through Nov. 27. Stop by their office from 1-5 p.m. at 427 Main St. E., in Monmouth, to select your free games and a puzzle. The Thoughts and Gifts Project encourages family and friends to disconnect from screens and reconnect with the fun of playing games. This giveaway is open to all youth, I/ DD individuals, and seniors who live in Polk County and are eligible for federal assistance. For more information, call (971) 289-6358.
- Dallas library hosts teen game night Nov. 22**

Youth ages 12-17 are invited to the Dallas Public Library for Teen Game Night, at 5 p.m. Nov. 22, located at 950 Main St. Enjoy an evening of fun games with a serving of ice cream.

Holiday Bazaar fundraiser comes to downtown Dallas Nov. 22-23

Tatum Ann Allen and Bonnie Beck are hosting a two-day holiday bazaar fundraiser Nov. 22-23 in downtown Dallas at 773 S Main St. The event features more than 15 vendors, a hot chocolate bar,
- tea and cider, and a portion of proceeds and donations going to Stuff the Truck. Donations sought for those in need include perishable items such as fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, Teddy Grahams/graham crackers, fruit in a cup like applesauce, mandarin oranges, peaches; organizers also seek pet food, new clothing, new toys, personal hygiene items, baby supplies especially diapers and pull ups and wipes, new books and laundry soap. This is an indoor event located on Main Street in Dallas. The building is behind the main buildings on the right hand side of Harvest Crossfit.
- Christmas Market Place arrives Nov. 23**

A Christmas Market Place will be open Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Western Interlock Training Center,

10395 Rickreall Road, in Rickreall. There will be crafts for gifts, stocking stuffers, baked goods, coffee beans, clothing, and so much more. Follow the event on Instagram at @christmas.market.place.
- Get your pet's photo with Santa Nov. 23**

Join 4 All Mutt Kind at Old Mill Feed and Garden in Dallas for pet photos with Santa Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 1313 Main St., photos are \$8, which goes towards local rescues in attendance, and you get a digital print of your photo. 4 All Mutt Kind will have pups to snuggle and take photos with, and volunteers will be there to answer questions about the adoption process or about the rescue.

Dallas Cinema presents 'The Shop Around the Corner' Nov. 24

Dallas Cinema presents a one-night only showing of the James Stewart holiday classic "The Shop Around the Corner" at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 at 166 SE Mill St. The 1940 romantic comedy, also starring Margaret Sullivan, features coworkers who are secretly and unknowingly pen pals falling in love. Tickets go on sale soon. For more information, go to www.dallascinema.com.
- Dallas Library hosts kids paint event Nov. 26**

Youth ages 8-12 are invited to join staff for a free, step-by-step painting event at 4 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Dallas Public Library, located at 950 Main St. Space is limited, so staff asks you

See **BRIEFS**, page B7

Local athletes earn fall all conference honors

- The following athletes from Polk County earned all-conference honors announced last week.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Defensive Player of the Year: Justin Hofenbredl

First Team: Hunter Rivers, edge player; Tyler Basey, linebacker (unanimous vote); Chase Eriksen, safety; Jack Strange, corner punter; Eli Hess, quarterback; Sean Ward, running back (unanimous); Izzy Mabry, guard; Jordan Braziel, defensive line, offensive tackle (unanimous)

Second Team: Garrett Bassham, edge; Grayson

Gardner, corner; Nic Walker, kicker

Honorable Mention: Izzy Mabry, linebacker; Talon Krieger, corner; Landon Holbrook, return specialist; Jack Strange, receiver; Grayson Gardner, receiver; Chase Eriksen, receiver; Asher Olliff, center; Isaac Sage, guard; Zack Nelson, tackle

CROSS COUNTRY

First Team: Kelsey Rodli, also second team all-state; Amber Green, also third team all-state

Second Team: Jazmine Irving
- VOLLEYBALL**

Honorable Mention: Calleigh Ottinger, Ava Woods, Ashlynn Firestone, Hanna Sigman

BOYS SOCCER

Honorable Mention: Romero Martinez, Carter Smith

GIRLS SOCCER

First Team: Annie Edmiston

Honorable Mention: Audrina Clappitt; Madison Barcroft

PERRYDALE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Second Team: Broden Ferguson, sophomore, defensive end; defensive line, offensive guard; Jordan Blair, senior, linebacker

Honorable Mention: Parker Reed, junior, linebacker; Holden Williams, senior, offensive end; Braylin Hodges, offensive line, senior

VOLLEYBALL

First Team: Myla Pearson, senior, first team

Second Team: McKenzie Freeborn, junior; Kennedy Laughlin, junior

Honorable Mention: MacKenzie Pelzer, sophomore; Sophie Roteman-Jackson, senior

Second Team: Tanner Stilligan, junior, defensive back

Honorable Mention: Avery Burgess, defensive end; Kyler Graham, defensive back

Special Teams

First Team: Chris Sickles, punter

VOLLEYBALL

First Team: Molly King-Groh, senior; Sofie Gonzalez, senior

Second Team: Nadia McKee, senior; Serenity Roberts, senior

Honorable Mention: Ariel Cooper, senior

PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO24-3134 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK NO. 24PB09400 Probate In the Matter of the Estate of COLEEN G. WALTON, deceased Notice to Interested Persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of his lawyer, Mari Bailey, at 2985 River Road South, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on November 20, 2024. William Brigham Walton, Personal Representative. Mari Bailey, OSB #900374 Attorney for Personal Representative 2985 River Road S. Salem, OR 97302 Telephone: 503-581-4670 Facsimile: 503-581-4638 E-mail: mari@maribaileylawyer.com Published November 20, 2024

PCIO24-3133 Aviso Público Noticia de Audiencia Pública Este es la segundo Noticia de Audiencia Pública con la Ciudad de Independence, Oregon. El propósito de esta segunda audiencia pública es para examinar los resultados de los proyectos con los ciudadanos y para tomar comentario de la ejecución de gobierno municipal en parte del proceso de cerrar la subvención. Cada audiencia debe tener suficiente tiempo y suficiente oportunidad para que los ciudadanos y grupos interesados puedan participar. La Ciudad de Independence está completando un proyecto de Rehabilitación de Vivienda financiado con fondos de la Community Development Block Grant del Oregon Business Development Department. La ubicación de los proyectos de rehabilitación de viviendas se encuentra en Independence y todo el condado de Polk fuera de West Salem. Está estimado que el Proyecto de rehabilitación de viviendas propuesto beneficiará a por lo menos 22 personas de los cuales 100% son de ingresos moderados o bajos. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo por la Municipalidad de Independence a las 6:30PM martes,10 de Diciembre, 2024 situado en 555 S Main Street, Independence. La agenda de la reunión se publicara antes de Diciembre 05 en: https://www.ci.independence.or.us/events/city-council-meeting/ Los comentarios escritos son bienvenidos y deben ser recibidos el lunes, 09 de Diciembre a las 4:00 P.M. en 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon 97351. Ambos comentarios, escritos y orales serán considerados el martes. 10 de Diciembre, 2024 en la audiencia pública. La ubicación de la audiencia es accesible para los discapacitados. Informe a Karin Johnson al 503.838.1212 si necesita alguna adaptación especial

para asistir o participar en la audiencia. Más información sobre el Oregon Community Development Block Grants, el proyecto propuesto y los pasados registros sobre la Ciudad de Independence en el uso de los subsidios del Community Development Block Grant están disponibles para la revisión pública en 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon en durante las horas regulares de oficina. Se requiere aviso previo, puede llamar a la Ciudad al 503.838.1212 para preguntar.

PCIO24-3132 PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The City of Independence is completing a Housing Rehabilitation project funded with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). The location of the project is in Independence and all of Polk County outside of West Salem. It is estimated that the Housing Rehabilitation project has benefited at least 22 persons of whom 100% are low or moderate income. A public hearing will be held by the Independence City Council at 6:30PM on December 10, 2024 at the City Hall, 555 S. Main St, Independence, Oregon. The purpose of the hearing is for the Independence City Council to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 4:00PM on December 09, 2024 at City Hall, 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon. The meeting agenda is posted by 12.05.24 at: https://www.ci.independence.or.us/events/city-council-meeting/ Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the City Council on December 10, 2024 at the public hearing. The location of the hearing is accessible to disabled persons. Please contact Karin Johnson at 503.838.1212 if you need any special accommodations in order to attend or participate in the hearing. More information about the Oregon Community Development Block grant program and the project is available for public review during regular business hours at Independence City Hall located at 555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon. Advance notice is requested by calling the City at 503.838.1212.

PCIO24-3131 NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH CENTRAL TALMADGE PLAN LA-2024-06 On Monday, December 2, 2024 (7:00 pm), the Independence Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider potential changes to the Independence Comprehensive Plan, development code, and maps to help implement the Central Talmadge Plan. Changes include revisions to the Future Land Use Map to change a small area

from the Residential designation to the Mixed-Use designation; revisions to the Independence Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Transportation Elements to incorporate the plan; amendments to the Independence Zoning Map to align the zoning

designations for the area with the Central Talmadge Plan; and amendments to the Independence Development Code to incorporate the plan. Details about the changes are available at www.ci.independence.or.us/plan-code-changes/. If the Planning Commission votes to recommend that the City Council approve of the document, the Independence City Council will consider the recommendation during a public hearing on January 28th, 2025. The Council hearing will start shortly after 6:30 pm. Public Hearing Locations: The public hearings will occur at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Karin Johnson, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the code changes is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. Staff reports for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearings. Physical copies of the documents may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit the testimony up to and at the public hearings. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearings. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns, by the close of the hearings. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Independence City Council or the Land Use Board of Appeals). Staff Contact: Individuals with questions about the changes should contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us.

PCIO24-3130 In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Edward Earl Larsen, Jr. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Polk County, State of Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edward Earl Larsen, Jr., deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the personal representative in care of Matthew L. Jarvis, of Jarvis Bridge Halttunen & Weyer, LLC, 201 1st Ave, W, Albany, OR 97321, within four (4) 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. DATED

and published: November 20, 2024. Susan R. Gilliam Personal Representative c/o Matthew L. Jarvis Jarvis Bridge Halttunen & Weyer, LLC 201 1st Ave, W. Albany, OR 97321 (541) 926-5504

PCIO24-3129 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of, RAYMOND TERRANCE ULVEN, Deceased Case No.: 24PB09642 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TYLER J. ULVEN has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 841 Saginaw Street S., PO Box 741, Salem, OR 97308, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. DATED this 11th day of November, 2024. Con P. Lynch, OSB #832779 Attorney for the Personal Representative Date first published November 20, 2024

PCIO24-3128 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No. 24PB09850 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of Ricky Glenn Zunck, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Angela D. Smith has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative in care of the law office of Brown, Tarlow, Bridges & Palmer, PC, 515 E 1st Street, Newberg, Oregon 97132, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published November 20, 2024. Angela D. Smith, Personal Representative ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Richard P. Brown, OSB #073289 Brown, Tarlow, Bridges, & Palmer, PC 515 E 1st Street Newberg, OR 97132 Phone: (503) 538-3138, Fax: (503) 538-9812 rich@newberglaw.com

PCIO24-3127 Tilson Infrastructure is proposing to construct a 150 ft Monopole Tower telecommunications tower facility located at 177 Prospect Ave, Falls City, Polk County, Oregon 97344 Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 032094-PR - CJ, EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at 219.313.5458.

PCIO24-3124 Public Sale Rickreall Mini Storage 10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE

AUCTION Will Be Held On 12/28/2024 At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Cliff Nichols-B-112

PCIO24-3123 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice West Salem Storage located at 650 2nd St NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 12/3/2024 at 10:00AM. Jacob Martin unit #72. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO24-3121 TS No. OR01000014-24-1 APN 08428-BC-06000 II 306085 TO No 240449840-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, NORTHWEST FAMILY INVESTMENTS LLC as Grantor to MATTHEW M. CHAKOIAN as Trustee, in favor of RAIN CITY CAPITAL OF OREGON, LLC as Beneficiary dated as of October 6, 2022 and recorded on October 12, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-011172 and the beneficial interest was assigned FIDELIS RESIDENTIAL BRIDGE LOAN VENTURE VI LP and recorded March 9, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-001579 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 08428-BC-06000 II 306085 BEGINNING AT A POINT 191.73 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 5 OF F.A. PATTERSONS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON, AND RUNNING THENCE WEST 130.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 140.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF "F" STREET; THENCE EAST 130.00 FEET TO 7TH STREET; THENCE NORTH 140.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SAVE AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH 70.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY. Commonly known as: 558 S. 7TH ST., INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 Both the Beneficiary, FIDELIS RESIDENTIAL BRIDGE LOAN VENTURE VI LP, 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: The secured loan obligation has matured April 9, 2024. Therefore, the unpaid principal, along with all remaining interest, fees, expenses and charges are all due and payable. 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 \$166,175.00 together with interest thereon from May 1, 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 February 26, 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: 09/19/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o Special Default Services, Inc. 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 (949) 225-5945 NPP0465851 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024

PCIO24-3120 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Case No. 24PB06978 In the Matter of the Estate of James Duane Patching, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Janice Patching has been appointed personal representative of the estate of James Duane Patching. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at: 1250 E Main St, Ste C Monmouth, OR 97361, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings, may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published November 6, 2024.

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

Beard

Caruncle

Dewlap

Displaying

Flocks

Gobbler

Hens

Jakes

Jennys

Poults

Roost

Snood

Strutting

Tail

Wattle

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals S

IPJF MW OWT LJBB NWGUSWMO
IPW NFWZN TNRVK JV RBBVUNN-
FXUJFRVK NTSNFJVLU?
J GUMRLRVU MXWZZUX.

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Moments in time

- On Dec. 2, 1972, the Temptations earned the last of their four chart-topping hits when “Papa Was a Rollin’ Stone” made it to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. The group was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1989.
- On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, marked the worst industrial accident in history. At least 5,000 people died immediately, according to official estimates, while approximately 20,000 died over time and another half-million were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city.
- On Dec. 4, 1917, psychiatrist W.H.R. Rivers presented a report titled “The Repression of War Experience” to the Royal School of Medicine. The report was based on his work at the Craiglockhart War Hospital for Neuroasthenic Officers, near Edinburgh, which was one of the most famous hospitals used to treat soldiers suffering psychological trauma after serving on the battlefield.
- On Dec. 5, 1776, five students at Williamsburg, Virginia’s College of William & Mary gathered at Raleigh’s Tavern to found a new fraternity they called Phi Beta Kappa, which was intended to follow strictly American principles rather than those espoused by England or Germany and in which members engaged in the kind of fervent political debate characteristic of the school’s student life.
- On Dec. 6, 1961, Syracuse running back Ernie Davis became the first African American player to win the Heisman Trophy, beating out Ohio State fullback Bob Ferguson. Earlier that day Davis had met John F. Kennedy at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, remarking that he’d “never thought I’d ever be shaking the hand of the president of the United States.”
- On Dec. 7, 2001, the blockbuster remake of the 1960 film “Ocean’s Eleven” opened in theaters. Directed by Steven Soderbergh, it spawned the profitable sequels “Ocean’s Twelve” in 2004 and “Ocean’s Thirteen” in 2007.
- On Dec. 8, 1942, Jeannette Rankin, a committed pacifist and the first woman elected to Congress, cast the sole congressional vote against America’s declaration of war on Japan.

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Super Crossword

“TAKE THAT!”

ACROSS

1 Painted news sources

7 Rival of Nike

13 More potent, as liquor

20 Supposed evil repeller

21 Stephen King’s “—Lo!”

22 Grow bigger

23 “The Client List” address

24 Result of vandalism

26 Match draw

27 “Them’s fightin’ words!”

28 Suffix with Canton

29 Right fielder

30 Officials at first or third

34 Inner self, to Jung

36 Quarterback Manning

37 Eight minus two

38 Nav. officer

40 Sweater with a pattern of raised bands

45 Ripens

47 Auto exhaust and such

52 River craft

54 Nav. officer

55 Rainbow, e.g.

56 Incentive

57 Cardiologist

62 Return to 000

63 Digital holiday greeting

64 Shipping box: Abbr.

65 Digital color inits.

67 Suffix with host

68 Kuwaiti royal

71 Pick upon parting

75 Italy’s Villa d’—

76 Prefix with partisan

77 Singer Des—

78 English law

79 Have an — mystery

81 Peter out

83 Belief that people are noticing you more than they really are

90 Total up wrongly

92 Source of 24/7 \$20 bills

93 Hot tub site

94 More subtle, as a point

95 Presidential hopeful’s bid

100 Old Icelandic literary work

101 Dais stand

102 Suffix with cannon

103 “Oh, gross!”

105 President pro —

106 Fighting it out

108 Thor and Indra

113 Spanish for “hand”

117 Fabled

118 “Symposium” philosopher

119 Peter out

120 Personal psychosocial conflict

123 Subsidies

127 Pop. flop of 1985

128 Catalog again

129 Manorial home

130 Whole number

131 Unlocked

132 What the starts of nine answers in this puzzle might be

DOWN

1 Lobby gp.

2 Comedian

3 Saloon

4 Upper crust

5 Holy artifacts

6 Canonized ninth-century pope

7 Savory jelly

8 — Vader

9 “You beat me this game”

10 Removal from office

11 Prayer ender

12 Russ. or Ukr., formerly

13 Prompt for the iPhone’s personal assistant

14 Nativeness to a certain region only

15 In the style of

16 Agatha Christie’s title

17 Telran locale

18 Kellogg’s waffle

19 “Cheers” actor Roger

25 Eight plus two

30 Ocean liner?

31 Pond slime

32 Tuscan city

33 Wood splitter

34 Oro or Hopi

35 Sponge up

39 Give a poker hand, e.g.

41 Toy with a tail

42 Sounds

43 Build a financial portfolio

44 Fly of Africa

46 Move miffed

48 Gives ear to

49 “Ltd.” cousin

50 15-season CBS series

51 They often work with DJs

53 List-limiting abbr.

58 For heaven’s —!

59 Snoops

60 Keep — head (stay calm)

61 “Have a bite”

66 Richard of “Primal Fear”

68 Nail coating

69 Item hanging above a crib

70 “Be there shortly”

72 Small racer in a groove

73 Grew irate

74 Religion in 17-Down

75 Escort in “The Hunger Games”

77 Brew colored from oxidation

80 Slightly amiss

82 Social skill

84 Pot’s partner

85 EarthLink or MSN

86 High no. for a valetictorian

87 “Is there no — this?”

88 Handed over

89 Trolleys

91 All-terrain motorcycle

96 How Jesus walked, miraculously

97 Aetna

98 What a H.S. dropout may earn

99 Syringe parts

104 Most crooked

107 At least one

109 Welcomes to one’s home

110 Of service above a crib

111 Snooped (around)

112 Arrive at

113 Skirt style

114 Yemen city

115 Pond wriggler

116 Previously

118 Job of some cooks

121 Dress fancily, with “out”

122 — Magnon

124 Magic of the old Giants

125 Adaptable truck, in brief

126 Corral

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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!

	+	÷	=	3				
-		-	+					
	+		×	= 56				
÷		×		÷				
	+		-	= 8				
=		=		=				
2		9		4				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of “Titanic”?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- TELEVISION: What are the names of the FBI agents on “The X-Files”?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story “The Gift of the Magi”?
- HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization created?
- SCIENCE: What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest of metallic elements?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is challah?

Answers

- Heart of the Ocean.
- Tunisia.
- Fox Mulder and Dana Scully.
- O. Henry.
- 1945.
- Nicotine.
- Benjamin Harrison.
- Lithium.
- Minotaur.
- A special bread in Jewish cuisine.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Americanisms

“The only time to eat diet food is while you’re waiting for the steak to cook.”
— Julia Child

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Amber Waves

IT’S TAKEN ALL DAY, BUT MY SNOW FORT IS DONE!

I’M SORRY YOUR WI-FI IS SLOW, BUT NO, THE ROUTER STAYS IN THE HOUSE.

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Runners, ruckers take to the street to show support for veterans

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Zachary Hammerle remembers the first time he ever rucked.

His introduction came last year at the Ruck N Run 5K, an annual event that caps Western Oregon University's week-long salute to its veteran community.

"I did not do rucking at all. And so last year, for the first time, I had a 45-pound bag, and it was very difficult," he said of facing the 3.1-mile challenge. "Seeing the finish line was nice. But not as nice as when my knees stopped hurting three days later."

Simply defined, rucking is walking at a brisk pace. Often people, such as those in the military, add weight to this brisk walk. Others up the fatigue-factor even more by

doing what Hammerle did last year.

"I ran it," he said. "I pulled it off. But it was way harder than I thought it would be. I don't remember what my time was, but I know it was slow."

Capt. James Hawthorne teaches military science at WOU. He knows a thing or two about rucking.

"It's difficult. I don't know the caloric breakdown or anything like that, but I'll tell you this: You do work up a sweat, even if you're just walking with a 40-pound backpack," Hawthorne said. "That's what I think people think about folks in the army: Hey, they walk around with giant backpacks."

This year's trek began at the Peter Courtney Health and Wellness Center on campus, weaved its way to the Hoffman Road-Highway 99 intersection, then headed south to the finish at Main Street Park in downtown Monmouth.

American flags and student volunteers were stationed along the way to help walk ruckers on course.

Hammerle is assistant director of campus recreation. His

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Amber (left) and Gentry Harchuk, a retired Army veteran, show their support for veterans Nov. 16 by participating in the Ruck N Run 5K.

department joined forces with WOU's Veterans Services Department and its ARMY ROTC program to bring Ruck N Run, now in its fourth year, to campus.

Other events were held to help bring veterans and others from the WOU community together.

"There was a series of cultural events just kind of showcasing military support across campus and to also show people here in Oregon that the military community is here," Director Logan Doerfler, WOU Veterans Resource Center, said of last week's itinerary. "We might not have any bases, but we're still here."

These special events included a VFW uniform display at Hamersly Library, veterans breakfast and connect event, and a coming together of green-clothed members of the community.

"So, with 'Show Green,' we get as many people on campus who are wearing green as we can. We get them all in one place, and take a photo under that big old 25-foot flag in the center of campus, as a way to showcase support," Doerfler said.

Ruck N Run is held the Saturday after Veterans Day.

"This is the final, kind of capstone thing we do every year to finish off the week," Doerfler added. "We're doing

this to honor veterans during Veterans Week. And so it's fun to have the community be involved at as high of a level as we can, this being at a university."

Despite cool, cloudy and damp weather, an estimated 75 participants were on hand to show their support and to exercise on Saturday. Participant demographics largely included those with direct ties to the military, those who support the military, and those who enjoy 5K runs and walks.

"I love any event that supports veterans, that supports our military, that brings awareness," runner Amber Harchuk said. "So, I'm very glad to be here."

Harchuk is not a veteran. But her husband, Gentry, is a U.S. Army retiree. They ran the course together.

Hammerle is another non-veteran who appreciates the sacrifice men and women in uniform make for others. He sees that commitment on campus.

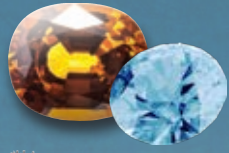
"I'm a military family kid. I love working with these guys because it gets me back into that cultural element," he said. "We work hard on projects here. They help us. They're always go-getters. They deliver whatever we need. So, I really appreciate whenever they do Veterans Week, and I hope the community does, too."

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Dallas Police Department Thursday, Nov. 7

At 2:50 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. It was a verbal disturbance.

At 3:11 p.m., Trenten Keele was arrested on Rainbow Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 5:35 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving while suspended and warned for no headlights.

At 11:27 p.m., report of a prowler on Laurelwood Drive. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

Friday, Nov. 8

At 5:58 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. It was a verbal disturbance and one individual had left when the officer arrived.

At 11:27 a.m., a report of harassment by phone on Court Street.

At 2:05 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.

At 3:02 p.m., a motorist was cited for expired registration on Main Street.

At 7:01 p.m., a report of trespassing on Orchard Drive. The subject agreed to leave after being told they would be arrested if they did not leave.

Saturday, Nov. 9

At 1:14 a.m., a report of a suspicious person knocking on doors on Ashley Street. An officer was unable to locate a suspect.

At 1:31 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle partially blocking the road on Fairhaven Avenue. Officers found an individual dropping off their girlfriend.

At 3:13 a.m., Jonathon Gutierrez was arrested on Washington Street and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 9:37 a.m., a report of a gunshot wound on Monmouth Cutoff. Alonzo Rowell was later arrested for murder 2, assault 1, unlawful use of a weapon and recklessly endangering another.

At 7:49 p.m., Jack Sacks was arrested and charged with criminal trespass on Orchard Drive.

Sunday, Nov. 10

At 8:52 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Hankel Street. The complainant reported someone pointing a paintball gun at them but said it may have been a vacuum.

At 12:45 p.m., a report of harassment on Levens Street. There were conflicting reports of a physical altercation.

At 7:12 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Main Street. An intoxicated person was given a ride home.

At 7:55 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Juniper Avenue. It was a verbal disturbance, and one party had left when officers arrived.

At 9:42 p.m., a report of a theft of vape pens on Washington Avenue. The suspect is unknown.

At 10:05 p.m., a report of a disturbance on Uglow Avenue.

Monday, Nov. 11

At 1:55 a.m., a report of trespassing on La Creole Drive.

At 3:13 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Main Street. Douglas Fraley was arrested on Ellendale Avenue for criminal mischief after shattering a door at Anytime Fitness.

At 3:50 a.m., a report of a suspicious person on Monmouth Cutoff. The officer searched and was unable to find anyone.

At 6:21 a.m., Mike Desirey was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and felon in possession of a firearm from a previous investigation. Desirey was also cited for refusal to take a test for intoxicants after refusing to provide a urine sample. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 9:42 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on Main Street. A car window had been broken out.

At 9:59 a.m., a report of a burglary on La Creole Drive. It was found to be a civil matter.

At 7:26 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Court Street. A witness saw a vehicle back into a sign and knock it down on the corner of Court and Main streets.

At 8 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Ellendale Avenue. Five juveniles were playing tag.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

At 4:42 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Oregon Trail Drive. It was an Amazon delivery driver dropping off packages.

At 2:46 p.m., a report of a theft of a laptop on Oak Street.

At 3:36 p.m., a resident on on Ellendale Avenue reported two fraudulent charges made to their debit card.

At 9:08 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Cortland Avenue. The disturbance was not physical.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

At 9:04 a.m., a report of fraud over the last two years on Orchard Drive.

At 10:31 a.m., a report of theft on Kings Valley Highway. The suspect emptied their pockets and paid for all items after officers arrived.

At 1:31 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving uninsured and warned for an unlawful turn on Ellendale Avenue.

At 1:47 p.m., a report of a theft of clothing from a locker on Holman Avenue.

At 2:12 p.m., a report of a suspicious person trying to enter through a gate on Coast Mountain Drive. The officer searched the area and was unable to locate anyone.

At 9 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. It was not a criminal disturbance.

Independence Police Department Thursday, Nov. 7

At 5:10 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on 17th Street. It was a verbal argument.

At 6:12 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash on Talmadge Road. The driver had misjudged the road and backed into a ditch.

At 6:59 p.m., a motorist on C Street was cited for driving uninsured and warned for illegal plate covers and not using the turn signal.

At 10:26 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving uninsured and warned for not registering the vehicle and not updating their address with DMV.

At 10:42 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Boat Landing Street. There was some shoving that occurred but no criminal activity.

Friday, Nov. 8

At 12:29 a.m., a motorist on Spruce Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and failure to register their vehicle. They were warned for failure to carry and present a driver's license, illegal alteration of a license plate (by using a registration sticker belonging to another vehicle) and failing to update their address with the DMV.

At 5:43 p.m., a business on Monmouth Street report of a suspicious person. The subject had thrown a sandwich at the staff and demanded they remake it, returning to the

store multiple times before being asked to leave.

At 6:32 p.m., a motorist on 6th Street was cited for running a stop sign and warned for illegal cover of license plates.

At 7:02 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Ash Street. The officer was unable to locate anyone roaming the area as reported.

At 7:37 p.m., a motorist was cited for following another vehicle too closely on Monmouth Street. They were warned for improper display of registration stickers and failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 10:39 p.m., Elizabeth Montrae Chandler was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant after showing impairment on field sobriety tests. She registered a 0.04% BAC some time later.

Saturday, Nov. 9

At 10:29 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without insurance and warned for illegal display of license plates on Monmouth Street.

At 11:29 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was not maintaining its lane on Monmouth Street. Officers conducted standard field sobriety tests on the driver. After the tests, Bryan Vazquez Rodarte was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. He registered a .10% BAC. He also had two juvenile females in his vehicle with him who were referred for curfew violations.

Sunday, Nov. 10

At 1:06 a.m., a report of a suspicious person hanging out in a parking lot and possibly trying to open an apartment door on Ash Street.

Monday, Nov. 11

At 1:44 p.m., a report of a reckless driver almost hitting a mailbox. The officer located the driver who said they had hydroplaned.

Wednesday Nov. 13

At 5:39 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a business on Deann Drive. An individual went inside because the lights were on and the door unlocked so they assumed it was open.

At 8:30 a.m., a report of debit card fraud on Deann Drive.

At 8:33 a.m., a motorist was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver for a hit and run accident that happened Oct. 31.

Monmouth Police Department

Robin Lee, 54, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with assault, coercion and trespass.

Ricky Dean Sutton, 60, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

James Robert Pacheco, 38, was arrested Nov. 8 on an outstanding warrant and charged with unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Kristi Jo Lee, 36, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with unauthorized use of motor vehicle and supplying contraband.

Eleazar Martinez Orozco, 32, was arrested Oct. 26 and charged with driving while suspended, failure to carry/present and driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Sonya Wrighthouse, 35, was arrested Nov. 2 and charged with criminal trespassing 2.

Dale M McNally, 38, was arrested Nov. 11 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Alexander Yang, 29, was arrested Nov. 13 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Kaden Adkinson, 22, was arrested Nov. 13 and charged with theft 1.

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Joseph Richard Durant Jr. was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with theft 3 and resisting arrest.

Ricky Anthony Fontaine was arrested Nov. 14 and placed on hold for U.S. Marshals (dangerous drugs).

Douglas Lee Fraley was arrested Nov. 11 and charged with criminal mischief 2.

Earl Jerome Goll was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with assault 2, unlawful use of weapon and assault 4.

Jenny Denise Hummer was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with theft 2.

Christopher Ray Iske was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with criminal trespass 2, carrying concealed/possession of knife, interfering with police officer, failure to report as sex offender, and was placed on hold for Marion County (unauthorized departure, failure to appear - theft 3).

Jordan Ray Jessie was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with probation violation (criminal mischief).

Adam Christopher Koppenhaver was arrested Nov. 13 and placed on hold for Benton County (violation of release agreement, failure to appear - assault 4, contempt).

Kristi Jo Lee was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with unauthorized use of motor vehicle and supplying contraband.

Isaac Jacob Maeva was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with bribing a witness.

Michael Tyrone McQueen was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with post prison supervision violation (weapon use, aggravated harassment).

Kenneth Keith Muskevitch Jr. was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with post prison violation (possession of heroin) and was placed on hold for Marion County (failure to appear - harassment).

James Robert Pacheco was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and was placed on hold for Marion County (failure to appear - harassment).

Juan Carlos Ramirez was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with three counts of failure to appear (criminal mischief x2, escape 3).

Littlefawn Marie Redhorn was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with post prison supervision violation (possession of methamphetamine).

Alonzo E. Rowell was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with murder 2, assault 1, unlawful use of weapon, and recklessly endangering.

Jack Anthony Sacks was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with criminal trespass 2.

Heinz Walter Sassmannshausen was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with two counts of sodomy 1, two counts of sexual abuse 1, and coercion, and was placed on hold for Linn County (sodomy, sex abuse).

Jason Beau Slate was arrested June 12 and charged with post prison violation (assault 2).

Adam J Steele was arrested Nov. 14 and placed on hold for U.S. Marshals (parole violation - bank robbery).

Ricky Dean Sutton was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Davis Glen Tracy Jr. was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with assault 4 and was placed on hold for Marion County (failure to appear - DUII, reckless driving).

Jacob Allen Tunget was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with assault 4, probation violation (strangulation) and strangulation.

Stephanie Michelle White was arrested Nov. 14 and was placed on hold for U.S. Marshals and for Washington County.

Mary Lynn Wisby was arrested Nov. 11 and charged with post prison violation (escape 2).

BRIEFS

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to sign up early by coming by the library or calling (503) 623-2633.

Two Wolves Tap Room presents Drunksgiving Comedy Nov. 27

Soul of Wit presents Drunksgiving Comedy Nov. 27 at 8:30 p.m. at Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. Come enjoy a night of laughter at Two Wolves!! Great food and drink specials. For more information, go to www.twowolvestaproom.com.

Boondocks hosts wreath making class Nov. 27

Join The Boondocks staff for a fun day

with family and friends at their wreath making workshop, Nov. 27 from 1-4 p.m. Located at 280 N Main St., in Falls City, The Boondocks will supply everything you need to create your own holiday wreath. Registration fee includes all materials, a beverage of your choice and a yummy snack. Come make a memory that will last a lifetime. Call (503) 787-2700 for more information.

CHS hosts Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens Nov. 27

The Central High School ASBEC hosts a senior citizen luncheon, featuring a traditional Thanksgiving meal, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nov. 27 at the CHS cafeteria, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. There

will also be bingo and a raffle.

Wetzel Estate hosts holiday market Nov. 29-30

The Holiday Market at Wetzel Estate returns from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 at 17485 Highway 22, Dallas. Get some holiday shopping done while supporting local small businesses, artisans, crafters, and creators. There will also be complimentary warm Gluhwein to sip on while you shop.

Santa's Giving Project returns to Polk County Nov. 29

Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas while helping others this holiday season. Santa's Giving Project is sponsoring 18 children in five families this year. All donations collected

are turned into special gifts for the kids and also go to help the families out where needed most. Santa's Giving Project (with Mrs. Claus) will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Santa's Giving Project takes over the Independence Grocery Outlet Dec. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. And finally appears at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant & Saloon, located at 670 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, Dec. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon for breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Polk County Democrats host Talk About it Tuesdays

The Polk County Democrats will

continue their weekly "Talk about it Tuesday" discussion sessions through Dec. 10 at their office at 1115 Edgewater St., in West Salem. The group meets from 6-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your ideas for thinking globally and acting locally.

Windermere annual drive provides winter necessities

Windermere Real Estate brokers are teaming up for "Share the Warmth," providing essential winter items for those in need. As part of the annual campaign, the Windermere office in Monmouth will be collecting donations from through Dec. 20 to benefit the Polk County Warming Centers and Ella Curran Food Bank. This year, the

organizations are asking for all sizes of coats, sweaters, heavy sweatshirts, gloves, hats, beanies and new socks, as well as blankets and handwarmers.

To contribute, stop by participating Windermere offices to drop off donations. The Windermere office in Monmouth, located at 150 Main St. E, is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can also be taken to the following drop-off locations:

- Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. uth Fitness Club, 165 Main St. E, daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For a full list of participating Windemere offices, go to <https://helpsharethewarmth.com>.

Panther Kids nearly sweep in Lowell



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Vienna Diehm applies a crossface before turning her opponent over.

The Panthers Kids wrestled in Lowell this past weekend with 16 out of 21 participants placing in the top three.

"Many of the third and second placers lost only by a couple points or a costly mistake," said head coach Vidal Pena. "It's good to see that at the beginning of the season, so that we know what needs to be done to make that next step on the podium."

“Kids can learn to correct those mistakes and turn those

kind of losses into wins,” agreed assistant coach Skyler Holstad. “My uncle Van (Holstad) used to say, ‘I hate to lose more than I like to win.’ Panther kids will start getting it.”

1st place finishers: Fabian Contreras-Vidal, Grady Lewis, Ezekiel Bolt, Eli and Noah Vidal.

2nd place finishers: Spencer Raymond, Vienna Diehm, Easton Fugate, Leif and Xander Vidaña.

3rd place finishers: Ryan Enoch, Rowan Cook, Aaron Acosta, Tyler Fields, and Vincent Dilorenzo.

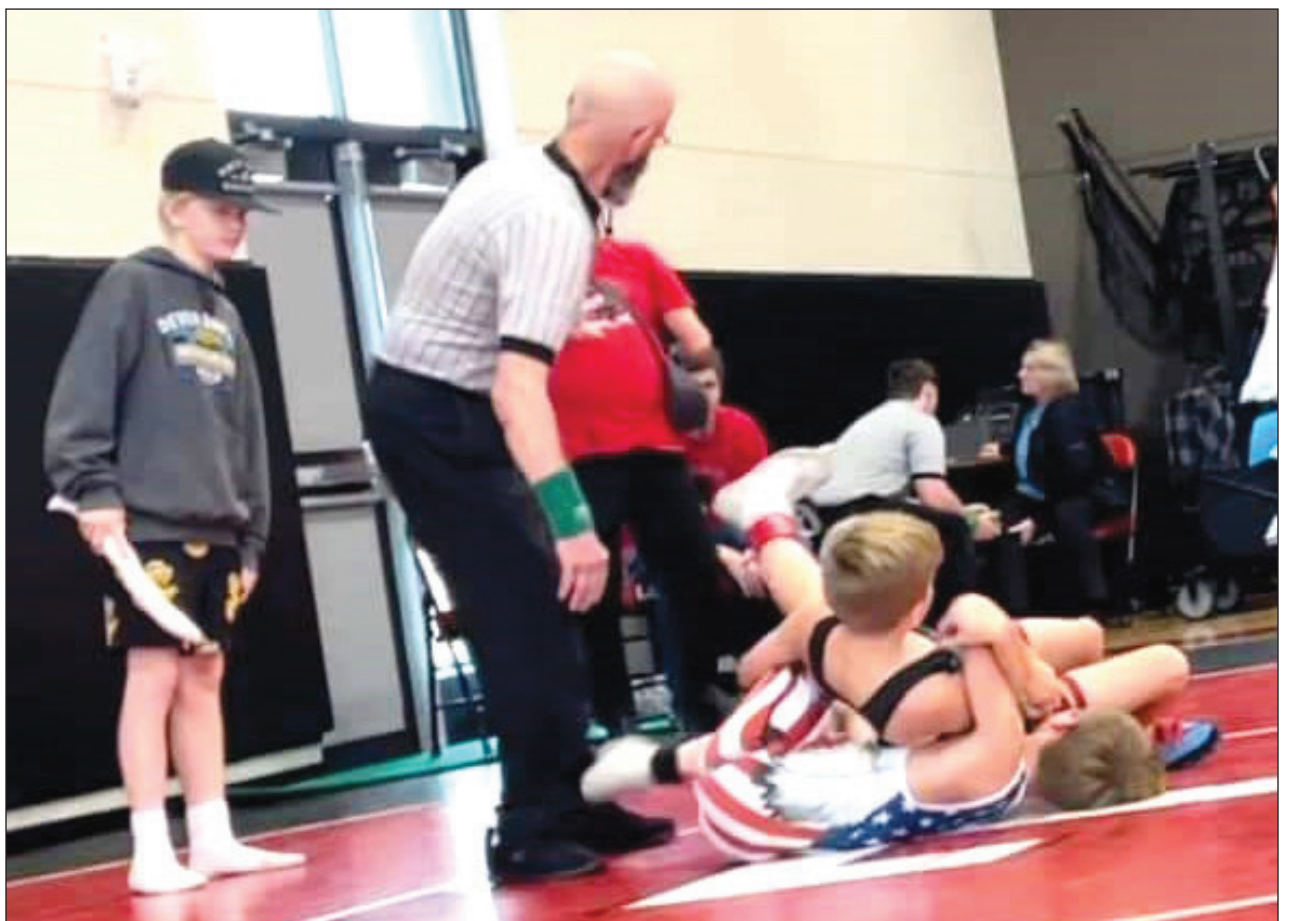
Next up for the Panther Kids is the Willamina Kids Tournament on Nov. 23.



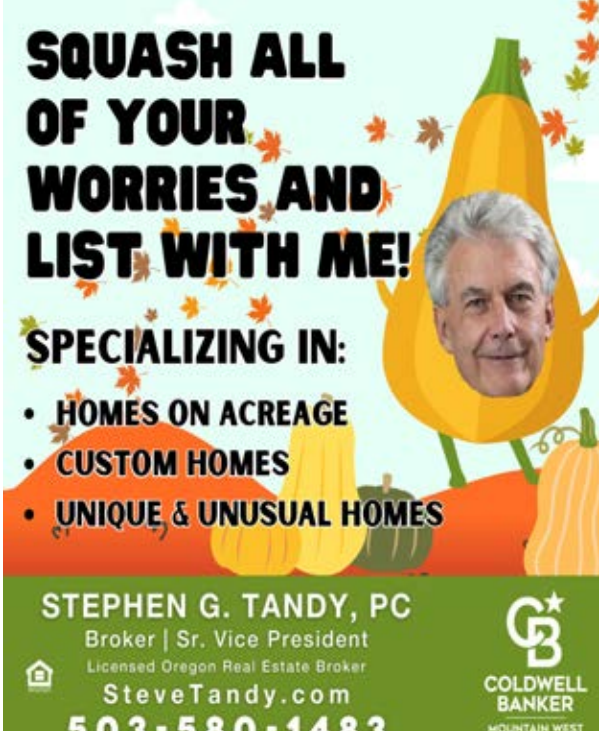
Noah Vidal gets a pin.



Fabian Contreras-Vidal keeps his opponent from rolling through.



Aiden Fugate angles for a pin before time runs out.



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