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Dallas massage business owner arrested, charged with prostitution

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

An investigation into a Dallas massage business resulted in the owner being arraigned on March 26 in Polk County Circuit Court on charges revolving around prostitution.

According to court records, Tsai Hsia Wu, a Chinese citizen and owner of Moon Spa at 164 SE Washington St., was arrested March 25 and is being held in Polk County Jail on \$250,000 bail. Wu, 63, currently lives in Dallas.

According to a probable cause statement, Dallas officers opened an investigation into Wu's

business in November 2025 following the executive director of the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists reached out to local law enforcement. He investigated the business, confirming he was offered sexual favors from an unidentified employee at the end of a massage. He also confirmed the business did not have a license.

His report indicated a second trip in March Of 2026 confirmed the business was still operating without a license. He also reported receiving another offer of sexual favors, this time by Wu herself. Investigators discovered

there appeared to be a living quarters in the business where they also found \$8,000 in cash.

According to court documents, Wu had a prior arrest for prostitution in Pennsylvania and an outstanding warrant.

Wu was charged with promoting prostitution, third degree sexual abuse, prostitution, and violation of a massage license or permit requirements.

Her next court date is April 2.

Anyone with further information about the business or its activities are asked to contact Dallas detective Jordan Schrock at (503) 831-3598.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Moon Spa in Dallas has been closed since owner Tsai Hsia Wu was arrested last week and charged with multiple counts revolving around prostitution.



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Protestors line the corner of Main Street at Ellendale Avenue Saturday participating in Dallas' biggest No Kings rally to date, according to organizers.

Dallas hosts biggest No Kings rally yet

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

A disaffected group of citizens began protesting the Trump administration from the corner of Ellendale and Main streets in Dallas back in February of 2025. They have returned every Saturday at noon, now led by Jen Jackson.

She said with their new counting system, the latest No Kings Rally March 28, held in conjunction with more than 3,000 protests nationwide, drew their biggest turnout yet in Dallas.

Volunteers go around and give each participant a "dot" sticker to add to the final tally. Jackson said the number came to 496, just shy of their goal of 500.

Jackson has since organized the rallies under the Indivisible Polk banner. With a growth in that many voices participating in the protests, Jackson said Indivisible Polk still has underlying themes that address misdeeds by those in government. "Everybody has a different

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Kiddies having a whale of good time at aquatic center

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Regular and new visitors to the Dallas Aquatic Center have something new to marvel at within the leisure pool.

In addition to being recently resurfaced, the pool now features one whale of a slide – literally – for the toddlers.

"I was there the other day

looking at it and they have their water wings and their life jackets on," Ann Hurd of the Friends of the Aquatic Center told the city council at their last meeting. "I mean these are, you know, little guys and they climb up the slide and then they kind of tunnel through the whale snout and out and go

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This screen grab from a Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center video shows the newly installed whale slide designed to be enjoyed by the leisure pool's youngest swimmers.

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News Briefs



SALEM POLICE MAKE ARREST IN WEST SALEM ARMED MENACING CASE

A Salem man has been arrested involving a February armed menacing case in West Salem.

On March 25, Salem's Strategic Investigations Unit detectives arrested Nafi Gelgelu, 19, of Salem, following a firearm investigation that began with a reported menacing incident in February.

According to the Salem Police patrol officers responded to a call in the 1300 block of Parkway Drive Northwest on Feb. 14, where the victim reported that Gelgelu, along with an unidentified male, had menaced him with a rifle and a handgun

following a dispute on social media.

Detectives from SIU continued the investigation and subsequently obtained a search warrant for Gelgelu's residence. On March 25, with assistance from the Felony Crimes Unit, detectives served the search warrant and located two AR-style rifles, as well as a 12-gauge shotgun, according to Salem Police.

Gelgelu was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail where he was lodged on charges of unlawful use of a weapon and menacing.

FALLS CITY MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER

A Falls City resident was sentenced today for



Terry Allwen

the 2024 murder of a Falls City man.

Terry Allwen, 63, was sentenced to life in prison after a jury convicted him on March 20 of second degree murder.

According to the Polk County District Attorney's Office, on May 31, 2024, Allwen was a tenant staying in a recreational vehicle parked on property in Falls City owned by Johnson. At approximately 9 a.m., the two men became involved in a verbal exchange over items of personal property. During the altercation, Allwen retrieved a shotgun from the trunk of his vehicle and shot Johnson

a single time, killing him.

Polk County Circuit Judge Norman Hill also sentenced Allwen for his convictions on manslaughter in the first degree, assault in the first degree, unlawful use of a weapon, and felon in possession of a weapon. Those sentences were ordered to be served concurrently with his life sentence. The terms of the sentence allow for a review by the parole board after 25 years. Allwen will also be required to serve a lifetime term of post-prison supervision if he is ever released from custody.

Polk County Chief Deputy District Attorney Matthew T. Wilson and Deputy District Attorney Connor Amundson prosecuted the case for the state.

"Mr. Johnson had many more years to spend with his family. His senseless murder destroyed the dreams and plans of so many that loved him," Wilson said after the sentencing. "I hope that the fact Mr. Allwen today received the maximum possible sentence will

bring the family of Mr. Johnson some relief and sense of justice."

Wilson also commended the work of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police "in their investigation that resulted in Allwen being brought to justice."

WEST SALEM MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN, IMPAIRED DRIVING

Kyler Miller, of West Salem, pleaded guilty to the charges of unlawful possession of a machine gun and driving under the influence of intoxicants during a March 23 appearance before Judge Monte S. Campbell in Polk County Circuit.

According to the Polk County District Attorney Office, on Jan. 17, at approximately 4 a.m., a witness contacted Salem Police to report an Audi sedan "doing cookies" on the grass field of West Salem Park. Responding officers located both the vehicle and driver, Miller,



Kyler Miller

23, several blocks from the park.

According to Salem Police, within the vehicle and in reach of the driver's seat was a loaded Glock .22 semi-automatic handgun modified to fully automatic with an attached ammunition drum. On further contact, Miller admitted to officers he had been consuming alcoholic beverages, which was confirmed by an Intoxilyzer sample.

Campbell sentenced Miller to three years of probation, 80 hours of community service work and ordered the weapon forfeited.

White-nose syndrome detected in bats for first time in Oregon

By ODFW

White-nose syndrome (WNS) in bats has been detected for the first time in Oregon in Columbia and Benton counties. White-nose syndrome is caused by an infection with the fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* that disrupts hibernation, causing early winter emergence, dehydration and starvation.

This finding follows the 2025 detection of *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* in bat guano collected at a roost in Clatsop County. Bats in Oregon have now tested positive for the fungus and have shown signs of the disease.

In March 2026, laboratory tests by the National Wildlife Health Center diagnosed white-nose syndrome disease in six Yuma myotis from Columbia County and one little brown myotis from Benton County. Both species are small insectivorous bats that are found throughout Oregon. The bats were found deceased in residential areas in late winter and reported to ODFW.

How does white-nose syndrome affect bats?

White-nose syndrome



PHOTO BY MARVIN MORIARTY/USFWS

Bats infected with white-nose syndrome are being found in Oregon now.

has killed millions of bats in North America since its detection in New York in 2007 and continues to spread. At least 30 states have detected the disease, and others have detected the fungus but no disease. The fungus spreads primarily through bat-to-bat contact and infects bats during hibernation. White-nose syndrome does not cause illness in humans or domestic animals, but

it can be inadvertently spread through contaminated clothing, gear, and equipment after recreating in or near caves or visiting sites like summer roosts or mines.

During hibernation the fungus grows on the bat's skin causing damage and irritation. Bats wake up frequently to groom it off which uses up critical energy needed to last through hibernation. Bats

with WNS sometimes leave their winter sites early and head to spring roosts where they may be found weak or dead from WNS.

WHAT IS ODFW DOING?

ODFW is coordinating with state, local and federal partners to learn more about WNS impacts to Oregon's bats. Since 2011, ODFW and federal partner agencies (National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) have surveyed for the fungus and white-nose syndrome across the state with the assistance of wildlife rehabilitators and the Oregon Department of Health. Surveys are completed throughout the year in places where bats spend the winter, spring sites where they raise pups, and other roost sites.

Agency biologists and the ODFW Wildlife Health and Population Lab are identifying additional sites near the detections and increasing bat population

monitoring and disease surveillance across the state. ODFW is also coordinating with wildlife rehabilitators and the Oregon Veterinary Disease Laboratory at Oregon State University who are screening bat patients and collecting samples.

HELP OREGON'S BATS

You can help protect Oregon's vulnerable bat populations:

- Disinfect shoes and gear after visiting a cave or other known bat roost before getting in your vehicle or leaving the site. Find detailed decontamination information and options at www.whitenosesyndrome.org.
- Report sick or dead bats to ODFW's Health Lab using the Bat Health Survey online at www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health_program/WNS/reporting.asp or by calling the health lab and leaving a message at (866) 968-2600. Never touch or pick up a bat with bare hands. Report

sites of known high bat activity using the Bat Colony Reporting Survey. Bat activity sites can include suspected hibernacula (places that bats hibernate) or roosts.

- If bats are impacting your home or another structure, exclusion practices can remove them safely and help prevent future entry. More information is available online (<https://myodfw.com/articles/help-oregons-bats-bat-friendly-home>), and some wildlife control companies specialize in bat-friendly solutions.

BATS IN OREGON

Oregon is home to 15 species of bat, including 13 that are Species of Greatest Conservation Need. Learn more about them in the State Wildlife Action Plan, which serves as a roadmap for protecting Oregon's at-risk species and their habitats.

Learn more about white-nose syndrome and how it affects bats at www.whitenosesyndrome.org.

Surge in gas prices approaching record highs

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 36.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.78 per gallon as of Monday, March 23, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

Prices in Oregon are 92.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.12 per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 27.0 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.227 per gallon, the highest level since Nov. 24, 2022.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$4.15 per gallon Sunday, March 22, while the most expensive was \$6.01 per gallon, a difference of \$1.86. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.15 per gallon while the highest was \$6.01 per gallon, a

difference of \$1.86.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 24.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.92 per gallon as of Monday, March 23. The national average is up 98.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 84.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Eugene- \$4.71 per gallon, up 26.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.44.

Salem- \$4.72 per gallon, up 34.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.37.

Portland- \$4.88 per gallon, up 36.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.51.

Seasonal factors leading to the continued increase in gasoline prices, combined with ongoing supply concerns tied to the continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, pushed both gasoline and diesel prices sharply higher, according to Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"It now appears increasingly likely that the national average price of gasoline will reach the \$4-per-gallon mark—potentially as early as this week—for the first time since 2022, while diesel prices are surging to multi-year highs, with some markets nearing record territory," De Haan said. "There are few signs of stabilization so far, as global oil prices continue to climb and early indications suggest consumers may begin to pull back in response to the rapid pace of increases."

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Blues guitarist Terry Robb comes to Independence April 17

Renowned blues acoustic guitarist Terry Robb is bringing a solo performance of his latest album "Howlin' Waters" to Independence at 7 p.m., April 17 at The Old Museum, 112 S. Third St. Pacific Northwest audiences well know Robb from his several decades as a top-tier, multiple award winning local bluesman with an international reputation. The Vancouver-born, Portland-based bluesman took home the Muddy Award for Best Acoustic Guitar so many times that the Cascade Blues Association finally attached his name to the trophy permanently. Recognition for his artistry doesn't stop there. The Oregon Music Hall of

Famer has been praised by Rolling Stone, Acoustic Guitar, Down Beat, Guitar Player, Vintage Guitar, Living Blues and Oprah's O Magazine, extolling his talents as a finger-picker, singer, songwriter, arranger and producer. He's toured the country with Buddy Guy, Steve Miller, Robin Trowler, and John Fahey, appeared on Late Night With Conan O'Brien, dazzled the crowd at the Rose Garden during Portland Trail Blazers games, and collaborated with the Oregon Symphony. During his multi-decade run in the spotlight – one in which he's released fifteen acclaimed albums – he's shown himself to be a master of nearly every



blues style and technique imaginable. From the notes for his new album 'Howlin' Waters', released on New Folk Records and distributed by MVD

Entertainment Group: "Howlin' Waters," the new album from Terry Robb, reinforces why he's regarded as one of the foremost acoustic blues guitarists of our time (or

any time!). Across thirteen glistening tracks, his acclaimed fingerpicking mastery brings a new level of flair and depth to a range of moods and styles that not only feel as current as any new blues today, but also offer direct touchstones to ragtime, jazz, folk/americana and even rock and roll. The way his songs all tie back to blues are a direct reflection of his roots." Robb said in a recent interview that musicians he listened to growing up were "delta blues guys who were fingerpickers." "In the '60s there was a big guitar thing coming around and there was also a big blues revival. A lot of the old recordings were reissued and rediscovered

by a new generation. Even the electric guys like Hubert Sumlin and John Lee Hooker were fingerpickers," Robb said. "I was never really comfortable with a flat pick. I play lots of different kinds of songs but my techniques come from leaning on blues guitar. A lot of my solo playing is influenced by people like Blind Blake and Reverend Gary Davis and from what I learned working with and producing John Fahey. Whether I'm playing bossa or ragtime it still comes out as blues." There is a suggested \$25 donation at the door of The Old Museum to support the artist. For more information, go to www.terryrobb.com.

WOU Research Institute awarded Ford Family Foundation grant

By WOU COMMUNICATIONS

The Research Institute at Western Oregon University received its fourth Rural Facility Improvement Grant from the Ford Family Foundation, totaling \$1,482,500. This funding will support ongoing efforts since 2021 to enhance capital improvements for child care providers in Douglas, Klamath, Lake, Coos and Curry counties. This grant addresses a funding gap affecting early learning and care programs, particularly in

rural areas. While Oregon provides funding for essential health and safety equipment, significant gaps remain for capital improvements. Many early learning programs operate as small businesses, lacking the financial resources for costly enhancements before opening or expanding. Financial support from this grant will assist providers looking to license new child care businesses, expand existing ones, or make necessary capital improvements. Individual grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000, depending on project

needs and program qualifications. Providers may reapply for the Rural Facility Improvement Grant every two years, contingent on funding availability. The Ford Family Foundation retains the discretion to waive this requirement in cases of significant need within programs. "As we see a steady rise in applications from child care providers, it becomes increasingly vital to offer ongoing financial support," said Betsy Paniagua Chavez, Bilingual Project Coordinator. "Many of these providers are long-term business owners

seeking to maintain their current capacity rather than expand." Douglas County has emerged as the county with the highest number of grant applications, reflecting the pressing need for funding in the region. A recent case illustrates the impact of this grant. A program operating for three years faced significant ventilation issues due to dated windows from 1979, which compromised both safety and comfort. The grant provided funds to replace all the home's windows, significantly improving the

environment for children and staff alike. "This grant directly contributes to keeping child care programs operational, especially in child care deserts," Paniagua Chavez added. Funding from this grant will support various improvements, including:

- Flooring and painting enhancements
 - Mitigating water leaks and repairing fixed equipment
- OUTDOORS:**
- Purchasing play equipment and creating sheltered outdoor areas
 - Installing fencing and safety enclosures
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 - The Research Institute remains committed to improving child care facilities and supporting the valuable work of providers in these communities.

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Free job support available to Oregonians meeting SNAP work requirements

Mia MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Free employment and training services are available to Oregonians receiving food assistance and needing to meet new work requirements imposed by the Trump administration.

The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Employment Department, both WorkSource Oregon partners, are encouraging Oregonians receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or

SNAP, to seek free help at 37 Worksource Oregon centers across the state.

“Through case management and employment and training services, we work with each person to create a plan based on their interests, strengths and abilities,” said Jessica Amaya Hoffman, SNAP director at the Oregon Department of Human Services. “This helps them meet requirements while moving toward a career path that fits their goals.”

President Donald Trump in July 2025



COURTESY OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Employees with the Oregon Office of Resilience and Emergency Management pack food boxes at a warehouse in Salem.

signed a law requiring that adults aged 18 to 64 prove they are working or volunteering 80 hours a week to qualify for food assistance.

People who don't meet the work requirements may lose SNAP benefits after three months, and they won't have the chance to qualify again

until a new three-year period begins. The current three-year period ends in December 2027.

Oregon began rolling out the new federal rules in six counties last fall, and it has since expanded to the rest of the state.

Exemptions apply to some Native American individuals, pregnant women, people who can't work because of a physical or mental condition and individuals living with children younger than 14. People living in Crook, Gilliam, Jefferson, Lake, Morrow, Sherman

and Wheeler counties are also exempt because their county doesn't have a WorkSource Center.

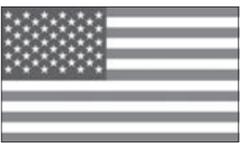
About 725,000 Oregonians received SNAP benefits in January 2026 — a roughly 50,000 decrease from January 2025, according to data from the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Mia Maldonado began working at the Oregon Capital Chronicle in 2025 to cover the Oregon Legislature and state agencies with a focus on social services.

OBITUARIES



Kenneth B Lang
1929 - 2026



Kenneth B Lange died peacefully at home in Keizer early Sunday morning, February 15, 2026 from prostate and lymphoma cancers, just shy of his 97 birthday. Born in Tacoma Wa, to Ben and Ella Lange, the family returned to Ella's roots in Dallas, Or. After Dallas High and OSU, began a 35 year Navy career as a Naval Aviator. Ken attained the rank of Commander, he loved flying and was a skilled pilot, ending his career with 10,500 flight hours. Retiring from the Navy and returning to Salt Creek area, he enjoyed snowbirding in Palm Springs area, marshaling at the Bob Hope golf tournament and traveling around the country enjoying rich friendships with beloved friends. His special love was Marge Lachenmeier who he met in church camp and cherished for 64 years. They had four children together; Rick (Lynette), Susan (Dale), Debbi (John) and Terri Lange. Ken and Marge welcomed spouses, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren with joy. They loved family trips, fishing, camping, and sharing great meals with family and friends.

Ken took an active role in Salt Creek Baptist Church wherever they lived. He loved his Lord and Savior and strove to be obedient to Christ's commands.



Larry Murray
Jan. 30, 1947 - March 18, 2026

Larry graduated from Dallas High School in 1965 and went on to serve his country in the United States Coast Guard. He built a long and dedicated career as a cable technician, working for Crestview Cable Communications for 30 years. Known affectionately by many as “the cowboy cable guy” or “Larry the cable guy,” he was a familiar and trusted face in the community before retiring in 2014.

On June 1, 1987, Larry married Mary Kay Murray in Prineville, Oregon. Though they later divorced, they remained connected through family and shared memories.

Larry lived a full and vibrant life, deeply rooted in the outdoors and his many passions. He loved hunting in the Ochoco Mountains, camping and fishing at Diamond Lake, Oregon, and Robinson Creek Campground in California. He enjoyed riding horses, participating in cattle drives, and working with leather—creating saddles, holsters, chaps, belts, purses, and more through his leather shop business. He also repaired boots and shoes, blending craftsmanship with practicality.

Music was a central part

of Larry's life. A beloved member of the local music community, he played guitar, harmonica, and cajón, often participating in open mic nights. He shared his love of music with others, especially his two sons.

Larry had a deep love for animals of all kinds and He was also a dedicated 4-H dad and a proud father of three children.

He is survived by his children: Blake Murray, Jamie Vermillion, and Dustin Murray; his son-in-law, CJ Vermillion; and his former wife, Mary Kay Murray. He is also survived by his siblings and extended family: Laura Lee and Dean Edwards, Les Murray, Joni, Mark Minahan, and Jill Przybyla. Additionally, he is survived by 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry forward his legacy.

Larry will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, creativity, love of family, and the music and laughter he brought into the lives of those around him.

Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. April 12 Sons Of Beer, in Prineville, Oregon.



Linda McMillan
April 24, 1950 - Feb. 1, 2026

Linda Louise McMillan, 76, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on February 1, 2026, at Salem Hospital. Born on April 24, 1950, in Boise, Idaho, she was the daughter of Dorothy and

Walter Randall and sister to Ron, Steve, Tom, and Casey Randall. Linda is survived by her daughter Brenda Owen (Keith) of Salem, Oregon, son Brent McMillan, and son Kevin McMillan (June), both of Monmouth, Oregon. Grandchildren Hailey Owen, Marissa Maceira, and Rylan McMillan, along with her precious companion dog Rosie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde McMillan, and her grandson, Kace McMillan.

Linda's professional career was dedicated to serving others. She worked as a secretary at Oregon State Savings & Loan in Monmouth, Oregon, at the Oregon State Capitol, and then with the Oregon Department of Revenue before finding her true calling at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. After retiring in 2015, Linda was asked to return for 1.5 years to train new employees. She then transferred to the Benton County Veterans Service Office, where she permanently retired in 2023. Linda loved her job and took great pride in advocating for veterans, helping them secure the benefits they earned through their service.

An avid quilter, Linda was involved with Grandma's Attic in Dallas, Oregon, where she took classes and created quilts that were often donated to CASA of Marion County. She was also active in the Peedee Women's Club, making quilts for those in need. Linda enjoyed spending time at both places as these women became dear friends. Linda supported Sable House in Dallas, Oregon, by donating essential items for domestic violence victims. She also made bibs for nursing home residents in Dallas, Oregon, and made donation items for Relay

For Life in honor of her father, Walter Randall.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held on Friday, April 3 from 1-4 p.m. at Green Villa Barn, 3215 Independence Hwy, Independence, Oregon. There will be a catered lunch, beverages, a slideshow, and an opportunity to share a memory of Linda, along with social time as we close out our day of remembrance.

Linda will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to others. She loved her friends and family very much. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew her.



Rena Lois Schmidt
March 18, 1931
March 19, 2026

Rena Lois Schmidt went home to be with the Lord on March 19, 2026, at the age of 95. She was born on March 18, 1931 to John and Lena (Unrau) Warkentin in Madrid, Nebraska.

She moved with her family to Dallas, Oregon in 1948, attended Salem Academy her senior year and graduated in 1949. After one year at Pacific Bible Institute in Fresno,

California she earned her nursing diploma from Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, OR in 1953.

She married Gladwyn Schmidt on March 30, 1954. They had 3 children together, Russ, Lori and Kim. Lois loved nursing, she worked at the Dallas and Salem Hospitals, Marion County Home Health, was Director of Nursing at St. Francis Nursing Home and finished her 40-year career at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem.

After retirement she volunteered at Salem Hospital for 15 years. She had the opportunity to travel with Gladwyn to many foreign countries as well as here in the US, which she greatly enjoyed. Other hobbies she enjoyed were reading, puzzles and needlework. She was also an active member of Grace Church in Dallas.

Lois is survived by her children, Russell (Holly) Schmidt, Lorraine (Kenneth) Schellenberg, Kimberly Forbes, 8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Preceding her in death is her husband of 50 years, Gladwyn Schmidt and son-in-law Steven Forbes.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on April 10 at Bollman's Tribute Center; a memorial service will be held on April 11 at 1 p.m. at Grace Church, both in Dallas, Oregon. A private interment will be at Salt Creek Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Camp Tapawingo or the Union Gospel Mission in care of Bollman's Tribute Center.

DEATH NOTICES

Kathryn Vance Ross
Aug. 16, 1940 - March 27, 2026

She was born in Wellington, Kansas. She had lived in Dallas for more than 30 years. Services will be held for free in June handled through Restlawn Mortuary.

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NEWS & VIEWS

New bipartisan legislation stiffens elude penalties

By **AARON FELTON**
Polk County District Attorney

I am pleased to report on an important public safety advance coming out of the recently concluded session of the Oregon Legislature. HB 4041, introduced at the request

of the Oregon District Attorneys Association, stiffens the penalties for persons convicted of the crime of eluding a public safety officer while driving a motor vehicle. It significantly increases the penalties for repeat offenders or drivers that

cause injury to another person while eluding law enforcement.

Representatives of Oregon's police chiefs and sheriffs testified that eluding them in a vehicle is one of the most dangerous behaviors they encounter. Innocent

persons are placed at risk, collisions occur involving other vehicles, and to the responding officers. HB 4041 increases the likelihood that drivers who fail to stop for a pursuing officer will be held accountable.

In Polk County, we

have seen how dangerous vehicular eludes can be. Several incidents have involved drivers reaching speeds of over 100 mph. It is all too common for these drivers to have consumed alcohol or other intoxicating substances as well. It is clear from

the strongly bipartisan approval of this legislation that lawmakers agreed that the serious nature of these crimes merited increasing penalties as an important step in supporting deterrence, accountability and common safety on our highways.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARIJUANA FARM REPLACED A PERFECTLY FINE LAVENDER FIELD

Your paper some weeks ago introduced two men who operate the marijuana-growing business on Hwy 99 north of Monmouth ("Brothers' growing CBD empire", Feb. 25). A couple thoughts come to mind.

Fifty years ago these men would've been impaled on flaming stakes by all right-thinking folk. Now they are heroes of capitalism. Quite a change and not what was envisioned by the smokers of that time. But so often do demons transform into angels, and vice versa.

Also, the CBD produced is often used to relieve tension and stress. But the new industrial buildings replaced a broad field of lavender, a plant that can also relieve stress. And the flowering field added a fortuitous beauty to an otherwise banal highway. I miss that beauty.

And should someone say, there was no money in lavender, I'd have to answer, "Indeed not."

DL Farnworth
Monmouth

SUPPORT THE SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING LEVY

The SW Polk Fire District covers 142 square miles and contains over 8,000 people. The services provided include fire suppression, hazardous materials response, ambulance services and wild land fire response. The communities of Bridgeport, Dallas, Falls City, Oakdale, Oak Grove, Perrydale, Rickreall and Salt Creek all rely on the well-trained men and women in this district to be available and equipped for emergencies and accidents of all kinds.

Equipment and training costs have risen considerably over time. New labor laws have driven overtime costs up by 400%. The number of calls has quadrupled in the last five

years! The increased costs for fuel, insurance and maintenance have strained the budget.

Please think about how important their services are. There is no better way to protect your family and your neighbors than by keeping the Southwest Polk stations fully staffed.

Please vote Yes for the operating levy.

Tom Jenkins
Dallas

JEREMY GORDON FOCUSES ON SOLUTIONS FOR ALL CITIZENS

I am writing to offer my strong support for Jeremy Gordon as a candidate for Polk County Commissioner. Effective county leadership requires sound judgment, a willingness to listen, and a commitment to the well-being of the entire community. Jeremy demonstrates those qualities.

Jeremy understands that county government is responsible for services that affect everyone, including roads and infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and responsible stewardship of public resources. Rather than approaching these responsibilities through a partisan lens, he focuses on solutions that serve the long term interests of all who live, play and work in Polk County.

Throughout his work in the community, Jeremy has shown an ability to engage respectfully with people who hold a wide range of viewpoints. He listens carefully, asks thoughtful questions, and works to find common ground where progress can be made. That kind of approach is essential in local government, where good policy depends on cooperation and trust across political differences.

Polk County benefits when its leaders are grounded, pragmatic, and focused on outcome. Jeremy Gordon brings

those qualities to the table. His commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement makes him well suited to represent Polk County.

Kirsten Collins,
Dallas

ELECT ROXANNE BELTZ FOR NEEDED NEW COUNTY LEADERSHIP

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Roxanne Beltz as a candidate for Polk County Commissioner. It was my pleasure to serve with Roxanne for four years as a Monmouth City Councilor and throughout that time, I was consistently impressed with Roxanne's ability to find solutions to problems that not only helped the community at large but also made life easier and more affordable for individual citizens.

Roxanne is also an expert in municipal transportation and with her decades of experience in the field, I strongly believe she will be a leader in helping to find ways to get Polk County residents where they're going, both safely and on time.

I hope your readers will cast their vote for Roxanne for Polk County Commissioner on May 19. It's time for new leadership that puts our citizens first in Polk County.

Laurel Sharmer
Monmouth

RE-ELECT GORDON TO CONTINUE FIGHT FOR COUNTY PROGRAMS

I'm asking Polk County voters to join me to re-elect Jeremy Gordon as a Polk County Commissioner.

As a senior who has

been disabled for most of my adult life, I know what a challenge it is to get the services you need to survive. During the process I've met people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and wondered who looks out for them?

Most of us here in Polk County aren't aware that we have a county Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program. Its mission, to guide those with developmental disabilities in their choice of support that promotes well-being, independence and integration. County services provide case management and coordination of services, protective services and abuse investigation, licensing of adult foster homes.

Jeremy Gordon has been the leader of our county commission in supporting these programs. He also is a strong advocate for access to emergency equipment (generators, supplies) for people who rely on medical equipment for their health and well-being. Commissioner Gordon is a leader we need to keep working for us on our county commission.

We can make that happen, please add your vote to mine to re-elect Jeremy Gordon as Polk County Commissioner.

Ernie Yagger
West Salem

ELECT ROXANNE BELTZ FOR STEADY, EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

I'm writing to express my strong support for Roxanne Beltz as our next Polk County Commissioner.

Roxanne brings a clear set of priorities that reflect

what matters most to our community: a strong local economy, safe and healthy neighborhoods, and a government that is accountable and transparent. These aren't just talking points — they're goals she has actively worked toward throughout her career.

Her track record speaks for itself. As a Monmouth City Councilor and chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, Roxanne has demonstrated steady, effective leadership. She has also served as president of the Monmouth Business Association and held leadership roles across the Willamette Valley. Combined with 25 years of public service and experience as a small business owner, she understands both the challenges and opportunities facing Polk County.

What sets Roxanne apart is her commitment to listening and showing up for the people she serves. She understands that strong communities are built when people feel heard, connected, and respected.

Roxanne Beltz is ready to lead from day one with experience, integrity and common sense. I encourage my fellow residents to join me in supporting her for Polk County Commissioner, Position Two.

Michael Lind,
Dallas

MONMOUTH URBAN GROWTH PLAN IGNORES PRECEDENT

In 2025, Rep. Paul Evans wrote House Bill 2647, letting the city of Monmouth bypass safeguards for changing the city's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) by

swapping property inside the UGB with property outside.

Also in March of 2025, city staff, Mayor Cecelia Koontz and Council Member John Oberst went to Salem to testify in support, saying it was a "thoughtful and effective approach [bold in original written testimony] to addressing Monmouth's urgent housing crisis."

The city targeted 80 acres of farmland on Church/Mistletoe Road half a mile west of WOU to bring into the UGB and annex for medium density, multi-family "affordable housing."

The city failed to follow required notifications; signs weren't posted on Mistletoe Road until Jan. 21, 2026. They planned to quickly act at their Feb. 17 meeting. The city was careless.

The 80 acre parcel is not contiguous to the city boundary, a key requirement of the bill. Letters to the city from land use attorneys confirmed this error. However, the city is still pushing to "vote to approve" April 7 (exactly how it was listed in their future agenda). This is not just a threat to farmland — 1,000 to 2,000 new residents would overwhelm the city's roads and sewers, make longer traffic jams on Main Street and Highway 99, crowd local schools and stretch emergency services' capabilities. All these mean more taxes!

Last year, Monmouth grew by only 77 people. The only crisis is city leaders railroading a bad idea.

Come to city hall, be heard, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

David C. Pastor,
Monmouth



Temp/Rainfall

March 23	- 58	36	0.00
March 24	- 60	44	0.23
March 25	- 56	33	0.03
March 26	- 57	30	0.00
March 27	- 66	33	0.00
March 28	- 63	39	0.00
March 29	- 53	41	0.00
Total March 23-29	- 0.26		
Total through March 29	- 3.08		

Was President Trump right to preemptively strike Iran?

Yes - **35.2%**

No - **61.1%**

Not sure - **3.7%**



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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: I'VE BEEN ON MY — ALL DAY

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|--------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Camper | Easter | Hour | Returns |
| Chance | Ever after | Hunting ground | Thoughts |
| Couple | Face | Memories | Valley |
| Days | Holiday | New Year | |

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is moved. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Plates are moved. 4. Chair is taller. 5. Table is wider. 6. Boy is taller.

Americanisms



“Rice is great if you’re really hungry and want to eat two thousand of something.”
 — Mitch Hedberg

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Moments in time

• On April 13, 1012, a ransom of 48,000 pounds was paid by King Aethelred the Unready and British authorities to the Viking army led by Thorkell the Tall for the liberation of Canterbury, after a raid on the city and the capture of Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was murdered a few days later because he refused to let his followers pay for his release.

• On April 14, 1831, 74 soldiers from the 60th Rifle Corps, marching in step, caused the Broughton Suspension Bridge in Manchester, England, to collapse when their rhythmic footsteps led to the snapping of a poorly forged iron bolt in the bridge’s supporting stay-chains. Around 40 men were thrown into the Irwell River, but there were no fatalities, as the water was shallow. The unexpected incident led, however, to the British army’s prohibition of marching in unison while crossing bridges.

• On April 15, 1911, Walter “the Big Train” Johnson pitched a record-tying four strikeouts in a single inning for the Washington Senators.

• On April 16, 1946, auto racer Arthur Chevrolet, brother of Cbevrolet auto namesake Louis Chevrolet, died at the age of 61 by hanging himself in his garage in Slidell, Louisiana, following a long struggle with depression.

• On April 17, 1961, the Bay of Pigs invasion began when a CIA-financed and trained group of Cuban refugees landed in Cuba and attempted to topple Fidel Castro’s communist government. The mission failed completely, ending in the deaths of more than 100 and the capture of more than 1,100 men.

• On April 18, 2012, Dick Clark, the TV personality and producer best known for hosting “American Bandstand,” died of a heart attack at age 82 in Santa Monica, California. Affectionately dubbed “America’s Oldest Teenager,” he also hosted the annual holiday show “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve” and headed an entertainment empire that developed game, awards and talk shows, as well as made-for-TV movies and other programs.

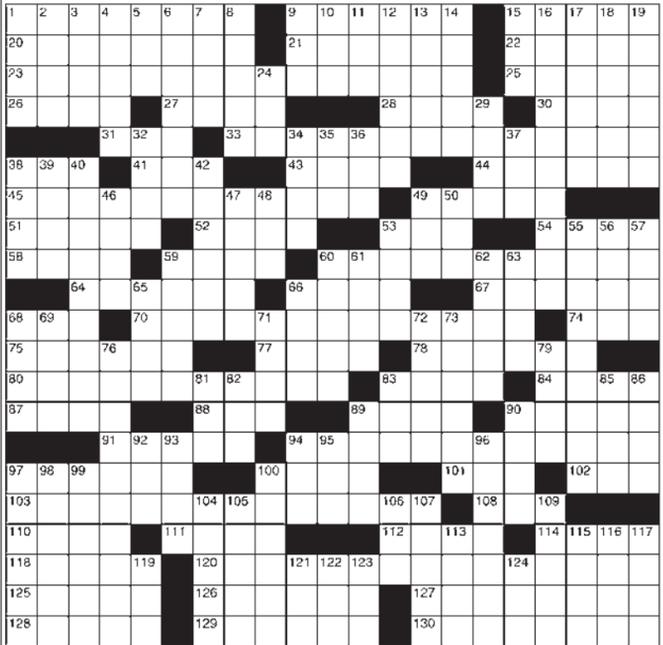
• On April 19, 2020, Turkey surpassed Iran as the Middle Eastern country with the most COVID-19 cases, with 86,306 infections, though Iran continued to experience the most fatalities from the virus.

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Super Crossword

LANGUAGE GROUP

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| ACROSS | 54 Gas brand in Canada | 100 Precious metal | 7 Bullet point | 46 Reader (magazine) | 90 Sport played on horseback |
| 1 Kneel, elbow or shoulder problem | 58 Speller’s clarifying words | 101 Pine — (disinfectant) | 8 Blood fluid | 47 Rodeo lasso | 92 Maui gift |
| 9 Pop’s Eason | 59 Mrs., in Essen | 102 Match unit | 9 Mu — shrimp | 48 Debt note | 93 Like much music of the ‘90s |
| 15 Koranic faith | 60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals | 103 5 and 10, but not V and X | 10 “— So Fine” precursor | 49 Jan. | 94 Bit of a giggle |
| 20 Make hostile | 61 Banjo | 108 Rejections | 11 Lifesaving sites, in brief | 50 Infant’s cry | 95 Corn serving |
| 21 “Onno” writer | 62 Hush-hush | 110 Short note | 12 Political exile | 53 Stair part | 96 Godzilla or Grendel |
| 22 Cheese, in Chihuahua | 63 Horse lather | 111 Banjo | 13 2020 U.S. Open winner | 56 Oscar winner | 97 Stratagem |
| 23 Instruments such as maracas and congas | 64 Like galaxies | 112 LAX listings | 14 Former U.N. chief Kofi Annan | 57 Swiss money | 98 Ultimatum ending |
| 25 Slow-moving mollusk | 65 “Well now!” | 114 Gp. for people 50 and up | 15 Mensa stats | 60 Entertainer | 99 City near San Diego |
| 26 “Little” girl in “Hairspray” | 70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C | 118 Intermingle | 16 Most fancy duds | 61 Banquet liquid holders | 100 Mendeleviev who created the periodic table |
| 27 Comment just after waking | 74 One or more Israelites | 120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle | 17 Found out, to Brits | 62 PC shortcut | 104 Self-description after a lifestyle change |
| 28 Certain food | 75 Promised singer | 125 Debate topic | 18 Italian cheese | 63 Tennis Arthur | 105 Runner Bolt |
| 30 “Nuts” | 77 Makes illegal | 126 “Pata Pata” | 19 Liquefied by heat | 65 Indian tea | 106 Zodiac lion |
| 31 Angry rock subgenre | 78 To a great doggo | 127 Frat party dispensers | 24 IRS hiree or Charlotto | 66 Old Thailand | 107 Ticket ends |
| 33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit | 80 The Bollywod film industry | 128 Make fun of a lawn | 25 Central point | 68 Folkie Phil | 109 Decal brand |
| 38 Upper-left PC key | 83 “Ask — questions ...” | 130 Wish | 32 Cuts, as a lawn | 69 Hard rain | 113 General site |
| 41 Anxious condition, for short | 84 Self-motivation mantra | DOWN | 34 Sign gas | 71 “Likely story!” | 115 A long time |
| 43 Tranquility | 87 Snow vehicle | 1 Indonesian island | 35 — cs Salaam, Tanzania | 72 “I volunteer!” | 116 Floor decor |
| 44 City in Ohio | 88 Bumped into | 2 Mongolia’s — Bator | 36 Pack-carrying equine | 73 “I haven’t gotten word yet!” | 117 Mexican money |
| 45 Famed ethnic lighters | 89 “Je —” (“I love you,” in Paris) | 3 Baptism or matrimony | 37 Address Issa or Charlotto | 79 Legal claim on property | 119 Inferior grade |
| 49 Uncool character | 90 Tranquility | 4 Expropriate | 38 Blogger Klein | 81 Little demon | 121 Smoked thing, for short |
| 51 Big meelles | 91 Skip off to the altar | 5 Rustic hotel | 39 “Je —” (“I am,” in Paris) | 82 Originally named | 122 Omelet meat |
| 52 Pop’s Celine | 94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri | 6 Pudding thickener | 40 Decorative enamelware | 83 Former space station | 123 Sumac of song |
| 53 See 130-Across | 97 Flax-colored | | 42 “Celebrity Rehab” host | 85 Nagging pain | 124 Assoc. |



Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals B

SR BNJ LWBZVK LRRUJWX,
 KBSUUJV LDT XSDPKUJC LVJ
 LUU PZTT AFTTSJK, S
 KFMMZKJ BNJC'VJ AJD MLUK.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Ron Swanson’s favorite food group in the sitcom “Parks and Recreation”?
- GAMES: In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
- GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
- MOVIES: What is Neo’s real name in “The Matrix”?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
- FOOD & DRINK: Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the most abundant metal in Earth’s crust?
- ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

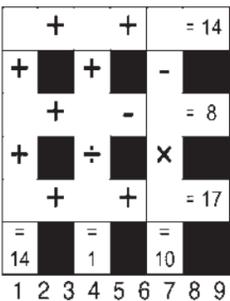
Answers

- Meat.
- Seven.
- Thomas Arab Emirates.
- Thomas Anderson.
- Gerald Ford
- “Jane Eyre” by Charlotte Bronte.
- Kellogg’s Corn Flakes.
- Transpiration.
- Aluminum.
- 33.

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GO FIGURE!

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



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

OK, PERHAPS IT WAS BAD TIMING FOR ME TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I MISSED YOU WHILE YOU WERE OUT OF TOWN.



by Gary Kopervas

Out on a Limb



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Investigating the Bible: The Gift of a Disability

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

Franklin Graham is the son of Billy Graham and CEO of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian organization providing aid to those in crisis around the world. One of the ministries of the Samaritan's Purse is to give destitute children shoeboxes packed with toys and candies at Christmas.

During Christmas of 1995, President Bill Clinton prepared a presidential shoebox to be given to some child. That season Franklin Graham traveled to Bosnia with thousands of shoeboxes, including Clinton's. The war from Bosnia's declaration of independence from Yugoslavia had just ended. Many buildings in the cities were piles of bombed-out rubble; citizens and children suffered terrible injuries.

Graham wanted to find the special child for the President's gift shoebox. He did it with little Zlada Dich. She was in a hospital and had lost one of her legs to a mortar bomb. They found her hobbling down hospital corridors,

helping to cheer up other amputees. Perhaps the hardest of difficulties are physical, when our body is in pain or our abilities are severely compromised.

The apostle Paul had been uniquely blessed by God. He also suffered some continuing physical affliction.

"Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me – to keep me from exalting myself." (2 Corinthians 12:7, New American Standard Bible used throughout).

His response demonstrates actions to take when difficulties and suffering come.

ASK FOR HEALING

Paul wrote about his 'thorn in the flesh', "...I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. (2 Corinthians 12:8).

Biblical scholar William Barclay has the best description of this "thorn." Paul likely suffered from recurring attacks of a malarial fever common to eastern Mediterranean. With it, comes headaches

which are described as being like a "red-hot bar thrust upon the forehead."

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

For Paul, God's answer was no.

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.'"

Find the strength in the weakness. Paul wrote: "Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9,10).

Fanny Crosby was born in 1820. From a young age, she was gifted with rhyme, but not math. At age six, she wrote, "I abhor, I despise, it makes me sick, whenever I hear the word arithmetic!"

As an adult, she used her skill to write some 8,000 hymns, many of which are still sung today. What some do not know is that Fanny Crosby was blind from childhood. A

doctor treated her for an eye infection, and she lost her sight. She did not blame the doctor, who felt remorse his entire life.

Today, some believe that her blindness was congenital and not from the treatment. She never felt her blindness a disability. In fact, she felt it was God's gift. She said, "I could not have written thousands of hymns, if I had been hindered by the distractions of seeing all the interesting and

beautiful objects that would have been presented to my notice."

And her hymns take on new meaning, realizing she was blind. Here's the words of "My Savior First of All":

"When my lifework is ended and I cross the swelling tide.

When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;

I shall know my redeemer when I reach the other side.

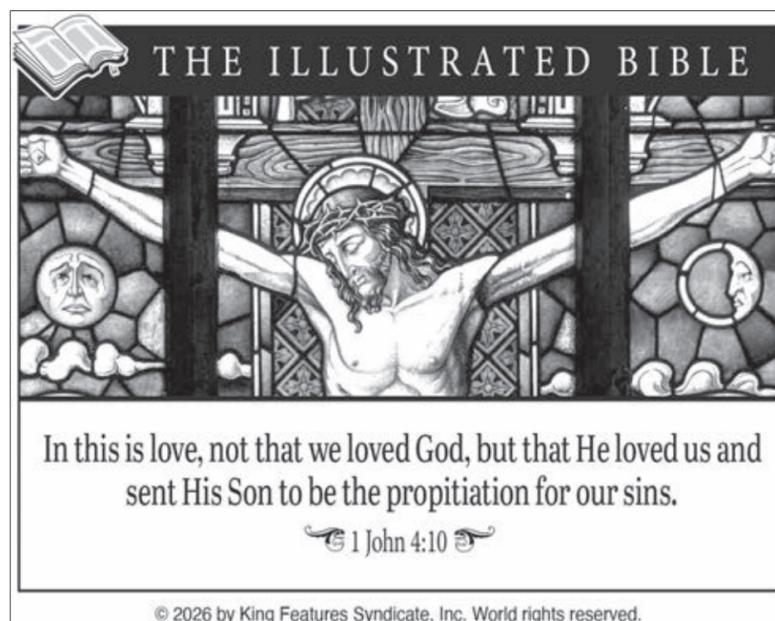
And his smile will be the first to welcome me.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him.

And redeemed by His side I shall stand. I shall know Him.

I shall know Him, by the print of the nails in His hand."

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



Worship Directory

DALLAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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No Kings protestors came to the Dallas rally armed with colorful, hand-crafted signs with general slogans against the Trump administration.



Sandra Stewart, of Dallas, makes her way up and down the No Kings protest line, rallying the participants through her bull horn.

PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

No Kings

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beef, but the overwhelming thing is that we're protecting democracy for everybody, not just Democrats, not just Republicans, not just independents ... we're trying to protect democracy and we share a concern that our democracy is at risk," Jackson said. "I know there are people who don't agree, but that's our shared thought, but you'll see specific things about the why, but there are specific reasons that we think that."

While many of the organized Indivisible rallies across the U.S. are well funded and feature professionally crafted posters and slogans, Jackson said the Dallas rally is completely organic. A glance up and down the four corners of the intersection confirmed a sea of hand-crafted placards denigrating the commander in chief, to their minds, acts more like a king.

"If you go up and down here, you can ask, but nobody I know here is being paid. Nobody. There's nobody," Jackson

said. "I've been to a bunch of protests since February. I have not gotten a paycheck. Nobody's offered to pay me. That's a very big myth that's out there, but nobody here is being paid."

She added there is no group bussing in protesters to the Dallas rally.

Another glance at the faces in the crowd confirms that a majority of the protestors are Generation X aged (41-61 years of age) and older. Jackson, 63, has concentrated Indivisible's efforts to recruit younger participants, especially from students at Western Oregon University.

"We are doing some tabling there and we've had an amazing reception from them. And we actually did a survey with them to talk about whether they have been to protests, because we want to understand, too," Jackson said. "Have they been to protests? Why not? It was about a third had been to protests, more than one. And some people had transportation issues. Some people were thinking they're more violent than they are. I mean, this isn't violent. And we're trying to



Some protestors wore cuddly costumes to appear less threatening during the No Kings rally.

convince them this is not violent. We are totally anti-violence."

Standing not too far from Jackson as she worked the crowd were 31-year-olds Michael and Ciera Logan who traveled from Independence to attend their first rally to show their support for the cause. Their animus toward the Trump administration, they said, was across the board.



"We're in a financial crisis. We are at an arbitrary war that's just hurting people. We have social groups of disadvantaged people that are being targeted for sentimental reasons," Michael said.

"I actually saw it advertised yesterday, and we just felt motivated to come out today," Ciera added. "It's incredible. It's been really exciting

to feel like there's a sense of community, and we're definitely planning to come back."

While Indivisible Polk has central grievances against the Trump administration from ignoring the Supreme Court granting it him "blanket immunity" to arbitrarily firing more than 20 attorney generals during the DOGE audits, attacks have grown more personal against the president.

Many protestors could be heard calling Trump a rapist and a pedophile. Dallas resident Sandra Stewart came to the rally armed with a bull horn, encouraging chants against Trump. She said she's been to more of these No Kings rallies than she can count. And what keeps her coming back?

"Donald Trump," she said while waiting for the light to change to head for the other side of Ellendale Avenue.

Her top grievance against Trump?

"Yeah, that Donald Trump is a rapist. A rapist, a child rapist. That bothers me the most," Stewart said.

Standing next to her, Charles Krogman chipped

in. "He's destroying the planet, destroying the economy. He's got no respect for democracy, the people. Yeah, we're slipping into a dictatorship," he said.

"So pretty soon, we're not going to be able to do this if we don't exercise our First Amendment right," Stewart added.

Regardless of the motivation for each individual protestor, Jackson, when asked how she personally felt about the growing turnout at the Dallas rallies, admitted the question affected her emotionally.

"I am so encouraged because there are people in my life that tell me there's nothing wrong. I don't understand. But when I see this many people in this small town that know there is something wrong and share my concerns, it encourages me, and it gives me energy to keep going when I'm discouraged and feel like how can any of us make a difference against a regime?" Jackson said. "So I think the main reason anybody shows up is to get energy for whatever they need to do next week and next month, even if it's just writing a check."

WHALE

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back to do it again. It's great."

The project was included in the city's capital improvement plan this fiscal year. According to city staff reports, the resurfacing project was initially estimated at \$85,000; however, the actual cost came in at about \$131,200.

To make up the difference, the administration shuffled priorities on upcoming projects at the pool. The city had also budgeted \$30,000 this fiscal year to replace the locker room floors and tinting the windows in the aquatic center. This project has been moved to next fiscal year, and the \$30,000 of funds for that project have instead

been added to the leisure

pool and slide project. In addition, the Friends of the Aquatic Center chipped in to fill some other gaps in project funding.

"So, Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center started raising money ... the first of December every year because that's when our bills go out to the banner businesses that like to pay the year before for the next year for the tax break," Hurd explained. "And so from the first of December until now ... we raised \$27,000 and \$12,000 of it paid for the spa and that was given solely by donors, patrons of the pool and then the other \$15,000 went to take the big fountain out and install the little whale

slide that the little kids just love."

Hurd also shared a video with the city council showing before and after images of the leisure pool and work completed.

"There was a crew in there from Portland and they had their jackhammers and their scrapers and they scraped off all the loose plaster and all the dirty plaster that was in there," Hurd said. "And unbelievably, concrete patches appeared and you could see the rebar. So it was really needed."

She explained the contractors installed three layers of plaster and when they filled it with water, the plaster finished curing underwater.

"And then the staff had

to go in every day and brush down all the sides to get all the dust that collected, you know, that let go of the sides and on the floor," Hurd said. "And then they opened it on March 9 and it's just been full ever since. And it's beautiful. It's all nice sparkling blue."

The videos from the project can be found on their Facebook page - Friends of the Dallas Oregon Aquatic Center. In addition, they plan to produce five more videos for it to be shown at the Independence Cinema.

A much needed update to the advertisement that usually runs before films. Hurd also shared other good news with the city council. She said contributing to the latest project

took their trust account

down practically to zero. "A couple hundred dollars maybe once these bills are all paid," she said.

But on March 14, the Friends received a \$5,000 donation in honor of Avery Shipley who died in January, who Hurd attributes telling her to start a non-profit for the aquatic center in 2018.

"And that \$5,000 donation is really going to start our pot going again," Hurd said. "And then also on Saturday, I found out we received a grant from Republic Services."

Encouraged to apply for the grant, Hurd "relented" and in return received \$1,050 that will go toward covering 50

swim passes and two one-hour 40-person private pool parties for nonprofits in Dallas.

I mean, for nonprofits that serve foster children in Dallas, which is CASA. Hurd explained at their annual fundraiser, among CASA's silent auction items are packages that include passes to the aquatic center.

"So that's going to pay for 50 swim passes at \$5 apiece. And then for two \$400 party passes. They keep the money from the silent auction and we pay the pool fee when redeemed. Now we have a grant that is going to pay for two of those. So it was a pretty exciting weekend for me," Hurd concluded.

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Fall in love with colorful, dazzling dahlias

By KYM POKORNY
OSU Extension Service

Dahlias are addictive — at least for Julie Huynh Moore, an Oregon State University Master Gardener volunteer who lost her home and all 1,200 of her dahlias in the 2020 Labor Day wildfires.

When Moore returned to her property nine days later, the ground was bare. Not one of the blooming dahlias had survived. A few weeks later, sprouts appeared, but the tubers were too small to produce quality blooms. Eventually, she removed them all.

Still, Moore wasn't discouraged. Her mother, an avid dahlia grower living on the Oregon Coast, had been storing 350 of Moore's tubers and replanted them at her home in Lincoln County.

Moore's love for dahlias began more than a decade ago when she and her mother decided to move on from their rose-growing days and explore a new hobby together.

"We used to grow roses, but my mom doesn't have a place for them anymore," Moore said in 2021. "We needed a new hobby. Dahlias are a way to spend time together. My



Photo by Amanda Loman

mom and I would drive more than two hours to Portland the second Tuesday of every month to go to the Portland Dahlia Society meetings. We'd play with dahlias and have a great time."

Moore has served as a judge at dahlia shows and has won numerous awards, including a coveted trophy lost in the fire. Some of her mementos were kindly restored by Larry Smith, a fellow member of the Portland Dahlia Society.

In 2024, Moore co-authored the OSU Extension publication *Dahlias in Oregon: Planting for a Parade of Late-season Blooms*.

WHY GROW DAHLIAS?

Dahlias are beloved for their variety and beauty. Intricate swirls of petals form blooms in 29 flower types, six size categories and 15 recognized colors. With names like pompom, collarette, mignon and waterlily, the forms are

as charming as the plants themselves.

"There is every size, every shape, almost every color," Moore said. "If you don't like a specific color, there are so many others. They can stay in a vase for quite a while, they're easy to grow, and they brighten up everyone's life. When I'm looking at soil and seeing green coming up, I get excited."

Some of Moore's favorites include:

- 'Ketchup and Mustard,' a 9-inch formal decorative in red and yellow
 - 'Holly Hill Golden Boy,' a miniature yellow ball under 4 inches
 - 'Pam Howden,' a 5-inch orange-and-yellow waterlily
 - 'Iris Blackheart,' a dramatic dark red and white 4-inch bicolor
 - 'Vernon's Obsidian,' a near-black orchid-form variety
- Moore, who owns Julie's Dahlias, shares the following advice for successful dahlia growing:

PLANTING AND CARE

- Amend the soil with compost, well-rotted steer or chicken manure, or add organic matter to the planting hole. Feeding the soil builds long-term fertility.
- Test your soil to learn what nutrients may be lacking. Dahlias prefer a pH of about 6.
- Plant after frost risk passes and soil has warmed — usually between April 15 and June 1, depending on your location. Mother's Day is a good rule of thumb, or plant when you put out tomatoes.
- Choose a sunny, well-drained site. Place the tuber

See **DAHLIAS**, page B8

Mild winters can bring early rose blooms — and earlier problems

By KYM POKORNY
OSU Extension Service

Mild winter weather will most likely coax roses into bloom early, which means dealing with the usual diseases and pests earlier, too.

When it comes to one of the country's most popular perennials, the "big four" problems are powdery mildew, black spot, rust and aphids, according to Jay Pscheidt, a plant pathology specialist with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Downy mildew, which looks strikingly similar to black spot, can also become an increasing problem.

"People are confusing them," he said. "It's difficult to tell the two apart."

What you're seeing on leaves

Black spot shows up as ragged black spots on leaves that often turn yellow and eventually drop.

The black spots caused by downy mildew are not as dark and can look angular. Under moist conditions, you might see a gray, downy-looking growth on the undersides of leaves.

As the name suggests, powdery mildew appears as a white powder covering leaves, but without the black blotches typical of downy mildew and black spot, Pscheidt said. It usually hits roses during the transition into summer's driest time, especially when dry days are followed by humid nights.

Rust begins in spring and peaks in early summer. It appears as orange pustules that can blanket foliage in worst-case scenarios.

APHIDS: SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE CONTROL

Insects are less of an issue with roses. Aphids are the main concern in Oregon and are fairly easy to control,



PHOTO BY JAY PSCHIEDT

Black spot is a serious disease that affects roses.

according to Gail Langellotto, entomologist and professor in the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences.

Her first step is to squish a few aphids with her fingers to release a chemical signal that attracts natural enemies such as lacewings, ladybird beetles and parasitoid wasps. Follow with

a strong spray of water from a hose to wash remaining aphids to the ground.

"Aphids are poor climbers," she said, "and are less likely to reestablish because they run a high risk of getting eaten by ground-roving predators, such as spiders and beetles."

Since aphid numbers can

explode on nitrogen-rich plants, use an organic fertilizer or a slow-release synthetic fertilizer that provides less readily available nitrogen.

Choose resistant roses and prevent problems. As for diseases, the best strategy is to start with disease-resistant cultivars.

"Buy 'fisherman roses,'" Pscheidt said. "The types that you can plant and then go fishing. Breeders are always coming up with new plants that resist pests. Local retail nurseries will generally have a good list for you."

Older varieties can also resist disease. OSU Extension's Pacific Northwest plant disease control handbook lists classics that fight black spot, rust and powdery mildew. Longtime favorite hybrid teas 'Just Joey,' 'Chicago Peace' and 'Mr. Lincoln' are included.

See **WINTERS**, page B5

Learn how to manage common spring garden pests early

By KYM POKORNY
OSU Extension Service

Freshly planted vegetable gardens can quickly become magnets for trouble.

Weeds, slugs, aphids and caterpillars often seem to appear overnight and can damage young plants before gardeners notice.

If you haven't planted yet, prepare the soil and wait one to two weeks for weeds to sprout. Hoe them out when they are small — about the time two true leaves appear. Allow another flush of weeds to germinate, remove them again and you'll have a cleaner start for vegetables. Continue weeding until crops are large enough to shade new weeds.

As you weed and plant, watch closely for pest and disease problems. Early detection makes management easier.

SLUGS

Slugs are currently active



PHOTO BY LYNN KETCHUM

A cabbage white butterfly,

and especially attracted to lettuces and members of the cabbage family, though they will feed on almost any vegetable seedling. Check under rocks, stepping stones and other moist hiding places.

Management options include:

- Drop slugs into a bucket of water.
- Use iron phosphate bait sold

under names such as Sluggo.

- Set traps by burying a margarine or yogurt container to just below the rim and filling it with beer to collect slugs overnight.

CUCUMBER BEETLES

Cucumber beetles are about a quarter-inch long and yellow with black spots or stripes.



PHOTO BY GERALD HOLMES

A cucumber beetle.

They chew holes in leaves and can kill emerging cucumber and squash seedlings.

To manage cucumber beetles:

- Maintain good garden hygiene by cleaning up at the end of the season and keeping beds tidy.
- Use floating row covers immediately after planting, draped over hoops and

sealed at the edges.

- Remove row covers once crops begin flowering.

If beetles are already present, consider planting fresh transplants and covering them right away. Pesticides are generally ineffective because cucumber beetles move quickly.

See **PESTS**, page B8

Community Calendar Jan. 21-28

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Polk County Commissioner's Candidate Forum, Polk County Fairgrounds, Building B, 520 S Pacific Hwy. W., Rickreall
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's

Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Spring Break Free Movie: "Zootopia 2", Dallas Public Library
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Flashback Salem, Elysium

Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Jessie O'Neil, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Rock 'n Roll Cowboys, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Ed Desmarteau, Divine Distillers and Infernal Restaurant, 915 N. Main St., Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9 a.m. - Polk Flea Market, Polk County Fairgrounds, All Three Buildings, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W., Rickreall
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Feel Good YaYa's, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, APRIL 6

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/

Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Dallas City Council work session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 7 p.m. - Independence Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for

ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2 p.m. - Polk County Museum Video Series: The Missoula Floods, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7 a.m. - Monmouth 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
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

HUNTER ARBORETUM RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

CHURCHES HOST GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 3

The Monmouth Community Church and Cultivate Community Church present a Community Wide Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. April 3 at 959 Church St. W, in Monmouth. Join in this year to welcome a member of the Jews for Jesus Ministry. He will be sharing about the profound foreshadowing of Jesus found in the passover. Can't make it in person? Join live online at <https://migooodfriday.online.church>.

CORNERSTONE VALLEY HOSTS EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 3

Cornerstone Valley hosts an Easter Egg Hunt from 3-6 p.m. April 3 at Gentle Woods Park, 600 Olive Way E., in Monmouth. There will be a visit by the Easter Bunny, more than 1,000 eggs, food, fun sensory stations and the hunt begins at 4 p.m.

CHS HOSTS EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 4

Central High School hosts an East Egg Hunt, featuring 25,000 eggs, at 11 a.m. April 4 at 1530 Monmouth St., in Independence. There will also be coloring pages, face painting, free food options and service by Tates Coffee & Juice Bar.

DDA HOSTS HOP AROUND DOWNTOWN APRIL 4

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts Hop Around Downtown from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4. Youth are invited to enjoy an egg hunt, story walk and Easter Bunny Visit. Start at Realty One WV at 764 Main St. and end at the Visitor's Center, 184 Oak St.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH HOSTS EASTER EVENTS APRIL 5

Join Easter Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. and Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on April 5 at the newly opened Cornerstone Church at 245 SW Church St., in Dallas, (across from Lyle Elementary School.) They are a small, friendly group of folks. The coffee pot is on.

WOU GIVING DAY RETURNS APRIL 7

Western Oregon University's Annual Giving Day: Howl from the Heart, is from midnight to 11:45 p.m. April 7. This 24-hour giving day unites Wolves across Oregon and beyond to celebrate WOU, connect with each other, and support dozens of programs, causes and student-centered organizations. Choose the areas you want to support, and your gift can unlock challenge funds for an even greater impact.

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS CLIMATE CAFE APRIL 9

The Monmouth Senior Community Center hosts Climate Cafe from 7-8:30 p.m. April 9 at 180 Warren St. S. The Monmouth-Independence Climate Group will host an open exploration of personal emotions around climate

anxiety in a supportive, "Café-Style" setting.

DDA PRESENTS ALL AGES DANCE APRIL 10

The Dallas Downtown Association presents a free all ages dance hosted by Lora Michele Dance Studio, from 4-6 p.m., April 10 at 939 Main St. This social dance includes fun music, games and cosplay photo contest with music by DJ Kdub. Learn more at: <https://www.dallasdowntownassociation.org>.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS TAIKO DRUM WORKSHOP APRIL 10

The Monmouth Public Library hosts a Taiko drum workshop at 1:45 p.m. April 10 at 168 S. Ecols St. Learn about Japanese Taiko drumming with Monmouth Taiko. Listen to the group play, then learn some techniques and get hands-on practice. Visit the library or call (503) 838-1932 to register.

ADULTS INVITED TO PROM FUNDRAISER APRIL 11

Sign up for an unforgettable night, Adult Prom: A Night Through Time, a fundraiser for Dallas High School All Night Party, at 7 p.m. April 11 at 685 Oak Villa Road. Music by DJ Audiologo. Dress for your favorite era. Single tickets are \$30, couples are \$50. For more information, DM Jessica Holbrook on Facebook.

DDA HOSTS BEAUTIFICATION DAY APRIL 11

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a downtown beautification day from 8-11 a.m. April 11. Meet at the Chamber/Visitor Center's office at 184 Oak St. Volunteers needed to help with

trash pick up, weeding and sidewalk sweeping.

FRIENDS OF THE DELBERT HUNTER ARBORETUM HOST MAINTENANCE PARTY APRIL 11

Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum invite anyone interested in helping maintain the arboretum grounds to join them from 9 a.m. to noon April 11. Come when you can, join in a variety of tasks, including spreading trail dressing, and stay for as long as you want. Meet at the arboretum center on Park Street. It's a great way to give back to your community. All are welcome.

MAIN STREET EMPORIUM HOSTS POKEMON POP UP SHOP APRIL 11

Pop Up Shop presents a Pokemon Pup Up Shop from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 11 at the Main Street Emporium, 857 Main St., in Dallas. There will be Pokémon Booster Packs, Booster Bundles and a limited number of Elite Trainer Boxes. Fill out a drawing card for your chance to win 1 of 3 sealed Pokémon products (Must be present to win and drawing will take place at noon).

DDA HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 14

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a bingo fundraiser Blackout Round for the Reading Nest, at 6 p.m. April 14 at Two Wolves Taproom, at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. This event is for ages 21 and older to buy in at \$15 and claim prizes. Bring any type of

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED HOMES

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This centrally located parcel in thriving Monmouth offers a variety of uses is available for redevelopment. The CO zoning affords the development of offices for business providing personal and professional services or a number of other applicable uses. **\$170,000.00** (#834422)

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PCIO26-198 PUBLIC NOTICE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Serving Seniors And Individuals With Disabilities The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has announced the availability of the 2027-2029 biennium Section 5310 Formula funds (\$2,366,565). Salem Area Mass Transit District (District) is a designated subrecipient by ODOT to oversee the distribution of Federal 5310 funds for Marion and Polk counties and is responsible for soliciting projects on a biennial basis. Section 5310 funds can be used for public transportation projects serving seniors and individuals with disabilities. Matching local funds are required for this grant. The match ratio is dependent on the type of project proposed. Projects must be listed in the Cherriots "Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan" (https://www.cherriots.org/media/doc/Cherriots_Coordinated_Plan_2024.pdf) dated March 2024; a list of eligible projects can be found in the tables of Chapter 6, beginning on p. 52. These funds support projects and services from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2029. Paper applications will not be accepted. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026. Submit the 5310-funding application using the subrecipient application form (https://www.cognitofirms.com/odot2_2027section5310formula subrecipientgrant application/). View application instructions (https://www.oregon.gov/odot/RPTD/RPTD%20Document%20Library/2027-29-5310-Application-Instructions.pdf) The STIF Advisory Committee (STIFAC) members will review grant applications and prepare a project priority ranking that will be presented at District's Board of Directors Meeting on May 28, 2026. Public testimony will be allowed during the STIFAC meeting which will be held online on May 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. For questions, contact Kirra Pressey,

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Executive Assistant, at clerkoftheboard@cherriots.org or (503) 588-2424. Si desea una copia de este aviso público en español, por favor visite la web (https://www.cherriots.org/grants/) o pro teléfono: (503) 588-2424.

PCIO26-197 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearing will be held at 7:00 pm Monday, April 20, 2026 on the following: Zone Change #ZC-25-03 Rezone the property at 103 SW Harder Avenue to medium-density residential (RM). Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov 4/01/26

PCIO26-196 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK

In the Matter of: DANA WOOD SHEPHERD, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB09838 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ethan Shepherd has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the personal representative at 477 Eaglet St. NW, Salem, OR 97304 or his attorney, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Gunn & Gunn, P.C., Attention Jana R. Gunn, PO Box 4057, Salem, OR 97302. Dated and first published: April 01, 2026. Respectfully submitted, /s/ Jana R. Gunn, OSB#012690 Of Attorneys for Personal Representative

PCIO26-194 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE

at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east off Godsey Road) 10 AM

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Saturday, April 18, 2026 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. Susan Edwards B036 Ashley Kasper F145 Shawna Lagow L391 Haley Loftus E115 Tera Munoz I327 Sandra Page I300, L440 Neal Read I205 Colton Sanford E111 Brian Selby L387 4/01/26, 04/08/26

PCIO26-193 PUBLIC SALE PUBLIC SALE AT GODSEY SECURE STORAGE, LLC

1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 10:30AM Saturday, APRIL 18, 2026. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units will be sold as a whole. Call (503) 831-0234 for details. Contreras, Brayden E275 Dennis, Drew A034 Fowler, Josh E255 Trine, Andrew E242 Yeager, Jennifer E297 4/01/26, 4/08/26

PCIO26-192 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATE INCREASE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING:

The Polk County Hearings Officer will be considering an annual solid waste collection rate adjustment request from Brandt's Sanitary Service for the Central East and South East Polk County solid waste collection franchise area. Brandt's Sanitary Service is requesting a 5% increase for all collection services. DATE AND TIME OF HEARINGS: Polk County Hearings Officer Thursday April 16, 2026, 1:00 pm LOCATION OF HEARING: 850 Main St., Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338. STAFF CONTACT: Christina Tisdell, Environmental Health Supervisor Phone (503) 623-9237 The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department, 503-623-9237, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. The staff report will be available for inspection at no cost and copies may be obtained at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection seven days prior to the hearing. The staff report will also be available on the Polk County website at www.co.polk.or.us. Any person desiring to speak for or against this requested rate increase may do so either in person or by representative at the public hearing. Written comments may also be directed to the Environmental Health Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main St., Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338-1922. Written testimony may be submitted prior to the hearing in the Polk County Community Development Department. Oral and written testimony may be rendered at the public hearing.

PCIO26-180 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 4/15/2026 at 10:00AM. Trina Parsons Unit #212. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-186 NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING FOR BUELL RED PRAIRIE WATER DISTRICT

A public meeting of

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the Budget Committee of the Buell Red Prairie Water District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held at the Buell Red Prairie District office, located at 5818 Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan Oregon. This meeting will take place on April 22nd, 2026 at 6:30pm. If needed, subsequent meeting will take place on April 29th, 2026 at 6:30pm. The purpose is for the Budget Committee to receive the budget message and to deliberate on the budget, accepting comments from the public is welcomed. Any person may appear at the meeting to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Submitted by: Kathleen Anderson Budget Officer 503-843-2885

PCIO26-185 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the City of Monmouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to consider amendments to the Monmouth Comprehensive Plan and adopt the Transportation System Plan. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Monmouth City Council regarding the adoption. The City Council then makes the final decision. A second public hearing before the City Council will be held on May 19, 2026. Individuals may attend the meeting virtually or in person. Additional information regarding how to attend the meeting will be posted with the agenda on the City's website at: www.ci.monmouth.or.us. The public hearings will be conducted in a manner that permits testimony from interested parties. Any person desiring to speak either for or against the proposal may do so in person or by authorized representative at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Written comments must be received by the City 48 hours in advance of the meeting and may be submitted by mail (151 Main St. E., Monmouth, OR 97361), or email to: ccrraig@ci.monmouth.or.us. A copy of the Transportation System Plan is available for inspection at City Hall. For more information, contact Carter Craig at (503) 751-0148.

PCIO26-168 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK.

Case no: 25DR19086. SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE, Unmarried & Unregistered. Petitioner: Michaela Louise Ruark and Respondent: Matthew Dale Bunn. To: Matthew Dale Bunn, Home Address: Unknown. Work Address: Unknown. Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has filed a Petition asking for: Child Support, custody, or parenting time. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE P A P E R S CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case, or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal paper called a "Response" or a motion. Response forms are available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your Response must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above within 30 days of the day you received this Summons, along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.

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Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 4/15/2026 at 10:00AM. Debra Harbaugh Unit #166. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-178 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

Pursuant to ORS 477.250, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the West Oregon District office conference room in Philomath, Oregon, on Friday, April 7, 2025, at 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, to receive oral and written comments from any interested persons with suggestions, advice, objections, or remonstrance's to the proposed budget for the forest protection district. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or submitted via USPS mail (Oregon Department of Forestry, 24533 Alsea Hwy, Philomath, OR, 97370 or email (Kristi.Freeman@odf.oregon.gov) no later than 5:00 pm on April 3, 2025. A copy of the tentative budget for the Forest Protection District may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact Kris Freeman at 541-929-9153 at least two working days in advance of the scheduled hearing. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, KC Kasey, STATE FORESTER 3/25/26 4/1/26

PCIO26-168 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK.

Case no: 25DR19086. SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE, Unmarried & Unregistered. Petitioner: Michaela Louise Ruark and Respondent: Matthew Dale Bunn. To: Matthew Dale Bunn, Home Address: Unknown. Work Address: Unknown. Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has filed a Petition asking for: Child Support, custody, or parenting time. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE P A P E R S CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case, or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal paper called a "Response" or a motion. Response forms are available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your Response must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above within 30 days of the day you received this Summons, along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.

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oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form, and you must show that the Petitioner's lawyer (or Petitioner if he or she does not have a lawyer) is formally served with a copy of the Response according to the service rules. Service rules are included in Instructions for Respondents, available at www.courts.oregon.gov. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636 or go to www.oregonstatebar.org. Date: 03/03/2026, Petitioner Signature: Michaela Ruark, Name (printed) Michaela L. Ruark, contact address: 542 NE Fern Ave. City State, ZIP: Dallas, Oregon 97338. Contact Phone: 503-400-0486. Appendix D - Statutory Restraining Order. (Attach to Summons per ORS 109.103(5)). NOTICE OF STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING THE DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS BETWEEN UNMARRIED PARENTS. REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. BOTH PARTIES MUST OBEY EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER TO AVOID VIOLATING THE LAW. SEE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING BELOW. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT: Under ORS 109.103(5) and UTRC 8.080, neither Petitioner nor Respondent may: Insurance Policies (1) Cancel, modify, terminate, or allow to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy that names either of the parties or a minor child of the parties as a beneficiary. Insurance Beneficiaries (2) Change beneficiaries or covered parties under any policy of health insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy. EFFECTIVE DATE: The above provisions are in effect immediately upon service of the Petition and Summons on the respondent. They remain in effect until a final judgment is issued, until the petition is dismissed, or until further order of the court. RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING Either Petitioner or Respondent may request a hearing to modify or revoke one of more terms of this restraining order by filing with the court the Request for Hearing re: Statutory Restraining Order form specified in Form 8.080.3 in the UTRC Appendix of Forms.

PCIO26-164 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO: 143549 OR LOAN NO.: ***1915**

Reference is made to that certain trust deed

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(the "Deed of Trust") executed by WILLIAM J. AVANZOLINI SURVIVING SPOUSE, as Grantor, to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE, CORP OF WA, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/28/2021, recorded 2/11/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-002656, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED DOC #318944, ID# 0228-453701, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 1065.3 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF J.S. TURNEY DONATION LAND CLAIM IN SECTION 21 OF TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE WILLIAMETTE MERIDIAN IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON, WHICH BEGINNING POINT IS ALSO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LAND DEEDED TO DONALD WATSON AND AUDREY E WATSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 118, PAGE 55, DEED RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE NORTH 225.00 FEET TO A POINT WHICH THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID WATSON TRACT; THENCE WEST 72.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEG. 45' WEST 239.00 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF GLEN CREEK ROD; THENCE EAST ALONG THE CENTER OF GLEN CREEK ROAD 152.8 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. APN: 247133 / 07321-AB-00700 Commonly known as: 1245 GLEN CREEK RD NW SALEM, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 8/1/2025 - 2/1/2026 Total: \$5,428.43 Late Charges: \$124.08 Beneficiary Advances: \$6,122.85 Total Required to Reinstated: \$11,675.36 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$182,616.82 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$175,745.34 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.5

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% per annum, from 7/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 7/2/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 2/18/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

BRIEFS

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books to donate for the blackout round.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS ROCK & GEM SHOW APRIL 17-19

The Polk County Fairgrounds presents the Wams River of Gems Rock & Gem Show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-18 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. This event includes over 25 vendors, club display cases, a fluorescent

exhibit, guest speakers, demonstrations, plus games for the kids. Silent auctions take place daily, and on Sunday, there will be an oral auction which benefits a scholarship fund.

GALAXY WON HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 21

Galaxy Won hosts a bingo fundraiser for the Dallas High School Bowling Team from 6-8 p.m. April 21 at 101 SE Mill St., in Dallas.

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB HOSTS EPIC DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE MAY 16

The Dallas Rotary Club will

once again be collecting shelf-stable food items to benefit the Dallas Food Bank on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rotarians will be at the entrances to Grocery Warehouse, Safeway and Walmart to hand out flyers and collect your donations. Donations may also be brought directly to our collection hub in the Les Schwab parking lot or to the Dallas food bank at 322 South Main St. If you have questions, contact Damon Langley at (541) 591-4660 or Eddie Nelson at (503) 623-3578.

WINTERS

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'Gold Medal' and 'Queen Elizabeth' grandifloras made the cut, as did well-known floribundas 'Playboy,' 'Sexy Remy' and 'Iceberg.' Early season care: simple steps that help

- Don't crowd plants. Space roses so sun penetrates and air circulates to dry foliage quickly after rain or irrigation.

- Clean up thoroughly. When pruning in late winter, remove fallen leaves and diseased stems.
- Water wisely. Use soaker hoses when possible. If using overhead sprinklers, irrigate so foliage dries before evening.
- If desired, spray early. Use an organic or chemical fungicide or pesticide early in the season. Always follow label instructions.

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

At 8:17 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for driving uninsured and received a written warning for speeding.

At 8:32 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

At 10:33 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

At 1:54 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

At 2:37 p.m., Sabrina Denn was cited and released on Alexander Drive for theft 3.

At 3:33 p.m., a motorist on Cherry Street was cited for speeding 60 mph in a 45 mph-zone.

At 4:08 p.m., a resident on Dimick Street reported multiple Post Office Parcels were broken into. Officers are waiting on further information.

At 5:27 p.m., a resident on Oak Street reported a white and brindle pit bull ran away.

At 6:49 p.m., the fire department responded to smoke in a structure on Mill Street. They did not request a police response.

At 8:44 p.m., Tyson Carey and Oliver Green were cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for theft 3.

At 9:32 p.m., an officer contacted a group of kids who were hanging out in the park field on Brandvold Drive and advised them of park hours.

At 11:09 p.m., Michael Charpentier was arrested on Orchard Drive on an outstanding Dallas municipal warrant for failure to appear - trespass 2. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

At 5:09 a.m., Charla Vaughn was arrested on Main Street in Monmouth and charged with criminal trespass 2. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 6:09 a.m., Charla Vaughn was cited and released on Jefferson Street for a Dallas municipal warrant - theft 3.

At 9:37 a.m. a stolen vehicle was recovered on Ellendale Avenue.

At 9:35 a.m., a subject was formally trespassed from a residence on Uglow Avenue.

At 11:57 a.m., a report that a subject was bit by two dogs on Miller Avenue after trying to break up a fight.

At 5:21 p.m., Kevin Lapsley was arrested on Washington Street and charged with disorderly conduct 2 and interfering with a health care facility. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:05 p.m., Charlotte Rattke was charged with criminal trespass 2 by a guest after she refused

to leave Best Western. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:47 p.m., a report of shots heard in the area of Dimick Street. Officers were unable to locate anything.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

At 9:03 a.m., a resident on Monmouth Cutoff Road reported a possible fraud, but is unsure if any money was lost yet. The resident will follow up with an officer on Monday.

At 2:45 p.m., an animal complaint in regards to dogs left unattended while owners on La Creole Drive are gone on vacation. An officer contacted the owner who advised someone is checking on dogs they have access to the backyard to come and go.

At 3:51 p.m., a report of a suspicious person wearing a trenchcoat with a camera at city park. Officers were unable to locate.

At 4:33 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while suspended - violation, no insurance and expired registration.

At 5:21 p.m., a late theft report from Walmart.

At 8:04 p.m., a motorist from Marion County was cited on Polk Station Road for speeding 41 mph in a 25-mph zone and received a written warning for driving while suspended - violation. The driver was also advised that if he gets stopped again for DWS he will be criminally charged for failure to carry and present an operator's license. His license was seized.

At 8:50 p.m., a motorist on Mistletoe Road was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 25-mph zone and for careless driving.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

At 9:26 a.m., a resident on Mill Street reported their cat was missing.

At 11:18 a.m., a report of a minor vehicle vs building crash on Shelton Street.

At 7:43 p.m., a report of a stolen bicycle found on Walnut Avenue. An officer returned it to its owner.

At 7:53 p.m., a motorist from Falls City was cited for speeding on Bridlewood Drive 62 mph in a 45-mph zone.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

At 9:33 a.m., Jessica Martinez was arrested on Church Street on an outstanding Polk County warrant. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:24 p.m., officers investigated a physical domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. They spoke with two subjects allegedly involved. Both denied it was them involved. No visible injuries were seen.

At 9:56 p.m., officers investigated a report of a subject slumped over in a vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. The subject said they deliver newspapers through the night and was just taking a nap before starting the shift.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

At 2:22 a.m., a Dodge Ram was repossessed on A Street.

At 10:38 a.m., an officer responded to a report of an oven fire at an apartment on Dimick Street. The fire department had the fire mostly

out by the time the officer arrived. The fire department handled the investigation afterwards.

At 6:40 p.m., a report of a lost medium black/white border collie dog. It was added to the dispatch critter file and animal control was advised via email.

At 7:44 p.m., officers responded to a report of a verbal domestic dispute on Miller Avenue. Officers contacted a subject in the apartment but saw no signs of distress. The subject denied there was any disturbance.

At 9:08 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight on Veazie Street. They talked with half of the subjects involved. There was no articulation of any crimes. They were unable to locate the other half of the subjects involved.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

At 4:53 p.m., a community member reported finding a young juvenile with a disability on Monmouth Street. An officer recognized the juvenile and returned him to his parents.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

At 1:54 a.m., officers responded to an alarm call from a business on Monmouth Street. It was a false alarm.

At 5:20 a.m., officers responded to a late report of a runaway who stole their father's vehicle on Wisteria Street. Both the juvenile and vehicle were entered into LEDS as stolen/missing, respectively.

At 6:24 p.m., officers investigated a report of a possible fight on Monmouth Street. It ended up being a group of juveniles just playing rough with each other. No crimes were committed.

A civil agreement between a customer and Matthew McWilliams became criminal when McWilliams moved the customer's vehicle to another location and continually stalled on producing the vehicle for pick up over the course of several months. The victim had paid over \$1,000 for repairs. On March 20, McWilliams was taken into custody in the 400 block of Independence Highway and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and charges are pending as more victims have reached out to the police department.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

An officer stopped Emmanuel Gutierrez-Silva on South Gun Club Road at Monmouth Street. Gutierrez-Silva was known to have outstanding warrants out of Polk and Yamhill counties. Gutierrez-Silva was issued new court dates.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Kristopher Dixon continually called his victim while in jail, attempting to persuade them to not cooperate with prosecution. Dixon received six charges of violating a restraining order.

At 2:58 p.m., officers responded to a report of ATV and dirt bike racing down Sassafra Street. They spoke to the operators who stated they would not do this any

more.

An anonymous report was made of Jose Gallegos Sandoval violating a release agreement by being at his victim's residence in the 700 block of White Oak Circle. Upon contacting the untruthful victim, a Polk County Deputy who was covering the rear of the building witnessed Gallegos Sandoval climbing out the back window. Gallegos Sandoval was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail, where he was charged with violating a release agreement.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

At 9:24 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was warned for using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle and for failure to carry a driver's license.

At 3:10 p.m., a resident on Spruce Avenue reported fraud to their phone account.

At 8:17 p.m., a late report of a burglary on Arbor Court.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

At 12:19 p.m., officers investigated a report of an emotionally disturbed female subject on C Street who had thoughts of killing herself. She was voluntarily transported to Salem Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

At 9:36 a.m., officers responded to a report of a motorist on Monmouth Street with an open beer container and a bong. They were unable to locate the motorist.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

CITCON: A person came to the office seeking law enforcement to verify their identity (by examining a passport and license) as part of an application for dual citizenship in another country.

NOISE: A person reported ongoing issues with a neighbor, including recording their vehicle and being yelled obscenities at. The person also claimed to receive a one-second-long threatening voicemail from the neighbor but could not describe the threat. Investigation of the phone number revealed a different person who denied making the call.

CITCON: A person called about a scam phone call received by their relative. The scammer claimed to be from state police, stated the relative missed a jury duty summons, and threatened immediate arrest if they did not report to a county jail address right away.

CITCON: A person came to the office requesting information on their criminal history for an employment background check. The individual was described as animated, raising concerns of potential impairment or an emotional issue. The person eventually refused to consent to field sobriety tests and left.

ANIMAL1: A person reported two loose dogs. Officers contacted the owner, confirmed ownership, reminded the owner of the loose dog ordinance, and issued a warning to keep them contained.

DRIVING: A person reported a silver van speeding and nearly causing a collision while pulling out of a driveway, then tailgating their vehicle. The complainant was upset because a child was in the car and expressed a desire for more traffic control in the area.

FRAUD: A person reported a fraudulent transaction of \$9,080 withdrawn from a financial account using a military ID and a state ID card. The financial institution had footage of the suspect and was already refunding the money.

DRIVING: A report was received of a blue vehicle nearly hitting a barrier and other vehicles on a highway before pulling into a nearby business.

WELFARE CHECK: A welfare check was conducted for a two-year-old child who consumed a relative's medication. Poison control advised the situation was not urgent. The child's mother advised that they were taking the child to the hospital to be checked out.

WELFARE CHECK: A person reported hearing a male screaming. Officers arrived but could not hear anything and were unable to locate the source of the yelling, which the reporter said had stopped just before arrival.

Arrest: An individual was arrested based on a municipal warrant for contempt of court and was subsequently cited and released.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

AOA: Assistance was provided to another agency. Officers detained a person for probable cause for trespassing until the other agency arrived and took custody.

Civil: A person sought assistance retrieving personal belongings from an ex, citing a protection/no contact order that prevented direct contact.

DOA: Personnel responded to a natural death of a 73-year-old with an extensive medical history who was signed up for hospice care.

INFO: A person reported that a neighbor was allegedly assaulted by a group of 6 to 7 people following a large party, who reportedly pushed, yelled, and kicked the male before others intervened. The reporting person did not know the victim, who had not yet reported the assault. Extra patrol in the area was requested due to ongoing parties.

EDP: A crisis line worker reported receiving a call from a person stating they "could not do this anymore" following an argument with their juvenile daughter, then hanging up. Personnel responded, and while approaching the residence, met the subject's mother, who advised that the situation had calmed down and police contact might escalate things. The mother later confirmed everything was fine and that the subject would call the crisis line back.

EDP: A person reported that two male subjects in their 20s broke into their home, slapped them, and demanded a book the person wrote about "Rituals." The

complainant stated this was the third time this event had occurred.

FRAUD: A person reported that someone hacked into their cash account, stole \$2,885, and then deleted the account. The person has already reported the issue to the relevant financial and tax institutions.

OFFICER ASSIST: Officers performed a vehicle unlock service for a person.

FRAUD: A person reported receiving a fraudulent call from someone claiming to be from the county office, stating there was a warrant for their arrest for missing jury duty and demanding a payment of \$3,000. The person hung up and reported the incident and did not lose any money.

DUII: A business manager reported an intoxicated female inside who attempted to drive away in a grey SUV. Officers contacted the female, who was visibly intoxicated, and advised her not to drive. The subject later attempted to leave in the vehicle, was stopped, refused to continue field sobriety tests after being unable to perform them, and was arrested. She registered a blood alcohol content of 0.27% and was lodged at the county jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person.

NOISE: A report of a loud group of people at a park. Officers arrived, spoke with the individuals about park hours and the noise, and they agreed to leave.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A person reported a subject with a flashlight going through a dumpster in an empty lot, noting that in the past, subjects had entered her property to do this.

ARREST: An individual was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested on an outstanding county warrant for failing to appear for a traffic offense/driving under the influence.

NOISE: An anonymous report of a party was received. Officers observed a group of 5 to 6 people leaving the location, talking loudly and laughing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

AOA: Responded to assist another department with an unconscious 37-year-old female, with another person yelling to call the police. Officers assisted medical staff with chest compressions until relieved, and the female was transported to the hospital.

ANIMAL: A person reported a loose brown dog, possibly a bull breed, running in the street.

MISSING PERSON: A person reported another person as missing again. The missing person was last seen on Feb. 17 and last checked in by phone on Feb. 20. Details of clothing were provided, and the missing person was entered into records.

AOA: Assisted another department to check for a suspect vehicle involved in a minor hit and run. Officers contacted the residents, who admitted to being in the vehicle.

ANIMAL: Two people reported a loose and

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aggressive black and white bull-breed dog that reportedly charged one of the callers and their pet.

DISTURBANCE: Two juveniles, ages 16 and 15, were reported fighting.

EDP: A person with a history of emotional distress reports called to claim their phone was hacked by a former partner's new companion.

DRIVING: Report of a green SUV with two occupants allegedly smoking drugs in a parking lot.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON: A person reported a salesperson with aggressive tactics was asked to leave their home, leaving behind a large bag of samples. The person was concerned the salesperson might later accuse them of theft.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

T-STOP: A black pickup truck was stopped for speeding. The driver and passenger were covered in blood. Officers followed the individuals to the hospital, where it was confirmed that the passenger had been drinking, fallen, and split his head open, and the matter was determined to be a medical, not criminal, incident.

AOA: A female individual was located and cited and released for a municipal warrant regarding failure to appear on a trespassing charge.

AOA: Officers assisted another department regarding an inaudible alarm call, finding nothing suspicious.

DRIVING: A person reported a black sedan drifting, unable to maintain speed, and braking hard, last seen turning into a business parking lot. The vehicle was located and the driver was found sleeping in the driver's seat. The driver stated they were tired from driving and pulled over for a nap. No signs of impairment were found.

CITCON: A business reported that food items were being dumped in their dumpster, leading to increased charges.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A person reported that their vehicle was stolen by an acquaintance who had been given permission to drive it two days prior but failed to return it or communicate.

EDP: A person attempted to harm themselves by tying a cord around their neck. The cord was removed. The person expressed being upset about new roommates moving in soon and financial issues.

PHONE SCAM: A person received a text message scam claiming they had unpaid parking tickets and containing a link.

ANIMAL: A lost black dog was found in a park and returned to its owner.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A person reported that their ex-partner, who was waiting for a custody order to be signed by a judge, texted them

saying they were waiting outside the residence and would not leave until their daughter spoke to them. The daughter did not want to see the ex-partner. Officers responded to mediate.

PROWLER: A person reported an adult wearing black banged on a window next to the front door and then left. No damage was reported.

FRAUD: A person reported that someone attempted to make multiple transactions at a local business using their card information. The person did not lose any money and had already notified their bank. The information was reported in case of future incidents.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

AOA: Officers assisted another department regarding a prowling report of two individuals in a backyard.

WELNESS CHECK: A welfare check was requested due to yelling and a suspected burnt chemical smell coming from an apartment. Officers arrived, heard no disturbance, and found the occupant airing out their apartment. The occupant confirmed they were fine and then shut the door.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON: Report of a male on a bicycle in a park near children, wearing distinctive clothing, using an electronic nicotine delivery system, and playing vulgar music.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE: A verbal dispute occurred between two people after one refused to get involved in an argument about the other's child custody agreement. No physical altercation took place. The person who called stated they wanted officers to deescalate the situation. The other party was gone upon arrival.

EDP: A person tied a thin rope around their neck. They were upset about running out of medication and conflicts with a new roommate. The person was held for transport and taken to the hospital by medical staff.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A juvenile pet-sitter noticed items moved and lights on in the home and reported suspicious activity. Officers searched the home and found no signs of a crime. The owner of the home explained that their relative had visited the previous day without the sitter's knowledge, suggesting the sitter became anxious due to the unexpected changes. No damage or missing valuables were reported.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

OPEN: Officers observed a front door open with lower-level lights off. Upon approach, the door closed. Officers knocked and verified the occupant was fine.

AOA: Assisted county probation and parole in checking a residence for a person who was prohibited from having contact with the occupant due to probation terms. The occupant informed the visiting officials that the subject was not there.

FRAUD: Report of financial abuse involving

a person and their representative payee/relative. County Adult Protective Services noted discrepancies and large sums of missing money that the person should have received.

TRESPASSING: A person with medical issues was refusing to leave a location after not receiving the care they desired and was verbally aggressive with staff. After speaking with the person, they agreed to leave and not return, and were officially banned from the property for the remainder of the day.

CITCON: A person reported a white van ran a stop sign, cut off their spouse's vehicle, followed the spouse to an apartment complex, and yelled at them. The van then began work at the complex, possibly plumbing.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A person called to report suspicion that a local market was selling vaporizers to underage individuals, based on information from their daughter. The person became anxious during questioning and disconnected the call, stating they would call back later if they felt better about making a report.

DRUGS: A person reported their roommate was smoking drugs in their shared room, having smelled it and seen drug paraphernalia. The person also observed other residents potentially smoking substances on campus and reported this to staff.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

CITCON: A parent reported that their 10-year-old child had not returned home after a visit the previous evening.

HIT AND RUN: A late report of a hit and run to a parked vehicle was filed after the owner discovered damage to the windshield, headlight, and driver's side area.

CIVIL: A person came to the office to discuss a child custody issue with the child's father, who resides in another state.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

At 3:07 a.m., a motorist fitting the description of a driving complaint was stopped on Crouchen Street. The deputy learned the driver was not involved in the driving complaint; however, he did not have insurance and was driving while suspended and was cited accordingly.

At 7:19 a.m., a motorist on 16th Street was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20 mph-zone.

At 8:36 a.m., a motorist on 16th Street was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20 mph-zone.

At 8:37 a.m., a mountain biker reported that he believed someone was camping in the Larson Spur Road area. A deputy drove up and walked the rest of the road on foot, finding some graffiti and an old camp fire but no one present.

At 8:54 a.m., a deputy came upon a two-vehicle

accident on Highway 22 at Oak Grove Road. The driver who pulled out and hit the other motorist was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 9:26 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near milepost 18 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:40 p.m., deputies received an alert to look for a possible intoxicated driver from the Spirit Mountain Casino traveling eastbound on Highway 18. The vehicle was registered out of Aloha. The information was passed to Oregon State Police.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

At 8:50 a.m., a contractor reported that over the last few months various tools seem to be going missing from a jobsite on Anderson Road. A new security camera recently installed captured last night footage of what appeared to be an elderly female walking around the construction site and ultimately taking a few handfuls of nails. The contractor was not interested in pursuing charges at this point but wanted the incident documented.

At 1:36 p.m., a male subject had just arrived to target shoot on South Bridge Road but pulled out to a spot with no backstop. A deputy warned him for unsafe shooting and he understood. He left to find a safer spot to shoot.

At 3:52 p.m., a resident on Enterprise Road reported receiving a call from a private number of someone pretending to be a PCSO deputy and that she had warrants out and needed to pay \$7,000. A deputy spoke with her and she confirmed she was not out any money. The deputy informed her that this was a common scam and she did not have any warrants.

At 4:18 p.m., a resident on Davidson Road shared security footage of a suspicious person trespassing on his property. The resident did not report any damage or stolen items from his property and did not want to pursue charges, only to document the incident.

At 4:21 p.m., a female pit bull was turned into the PCSO. The dog had no collar and was transported to the kennels.

At 4:56 p.m., PCSO was advised of a structure fire on Wallace Road. A deputy attempted to find evidence of arson, but didn't find anything of evidentiary value. This is the second fire at this location recently so it was likely either recklessly or intentionally set. The deputy did find and contact Brittany Swanson on the property who denied any involvement in the fire. However, she was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant and was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 5:24 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for driving 10mph under the speed limit and not moving over to the slow lane.

The driver, smelling of marijuana, barely passed

a field sobriety test. However, he was arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor and transported to Polk County Jail.

At 6:29 p.m., a homeless male subject was acting odd in the bushes along Wallace Road watching children play soccer. He was asked to move along and complied.

At 7:27 p.m., a motorcyclist was stopped on Monmouth Cutoff Road after failing to stop on Washington Street. The driver failed a field sobriety test and was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

At 7 a.m., a deputy located a camper on Mill Creek Road occupied by two individuals and a dog. A male subject told the deputy they had been there about a week but were looking for a permanent place to stay. He was cooperative and said he had been burning the trash that was there before the deputy arrived. The subject was cited for criminal trespass 2 and was given a TMA map that shows the private properties/rules for the properties in Polk county.

At 9:07 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway stated he had "blowed up his vehicle" and asked for a tow. A deputy called for towing and they were en route to help him.

At 9:16 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:35 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:55 a.m., a deputy attempted to contact a male on foot on Pacific Highway who was obviously trying to evade the deputy. He made multiple turns to evade the deputy and when the deputy tried to find him he had vanished.

At 10:38 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a female subject on Salem Dallas Highway punching her white pit-bull in the face multiple times. The subject and her dog were gone by the time a deputy arrived. A store employee shared security camera footage and it appeared the dog was trying to jump out of the truck to attack people and the owner was holding onto the dog trying to keep it in the truck. The footage did not show the owner punching the dog.

At 12:09 p.m., a male subject on Glen Creek Road reported receiving a scam call from someone saying he had a warrant. A deputy assured him it was a scam and he was not wanted.

At 4:35 p.m., deputies responded to a driving complaint with possible disturbance on Main Street in Falls City.

They contacted Ramon Cisneros who was extremely intoxicated in the driver seat of his vehicle. They removed Ramon from the vehicle and placed him in a patrol car, where he ended up vomiting all

over himself and the inside of the car. He was taken into custody for further investigation after talking to many witnesses.

At 5:21 p.m., deputies covered Dallas police on a disturbance at West Valley Hospital, where a subject was intoxicated and armed with a knife. By the time a deputy arrived, Dallas police had the subject in custody. Kevin Lapsley was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct 2 and interfering with a health care facility. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 5:51 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle unattended, in the ditch on Highland Road. The deputy contacted the registered owner. Her mother, who had been driving at the time, reported she was driving westbound on Stapleton Road when an eastbound SUV came at her, driving in her lane. She said she tried moving over and when she hit the gravel it sucked her into the ditch. The owner advised AAA was en route.

At 4:23 p.m., a report of a semi truck that crashed into a light pole and was blocking the northbound lane of Wallace Road was forwarded to Oregon State Police, as it occurred on the highway.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

At 12:43 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a female subject sitting on the Independence Bridge ledge area. The deputy contacted the subject, who was just sitting there vaping and was not in a very talkative mood.

At 1:39 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Dallas Cutoff Road. The driver performed poorly on a field sobriety test and was taken into custody. At the jail, he blew a BAC of .9%. He was cited for DUII and reckless driving and released to a sober driver.

At 8:53 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 31 mph over the speed limit.

At 12:01 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Road reported hearing three shots fired, with one of them possibly hitting the house. A deputy looked around the exterior part of the house, yard, gutters, and deck but did not see any impact marks or shell fragments. A neighbor stated he did not hear anything.

At 12:07 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on Joe Day Way. A female subject reported a male subject, who had left the area on foot, had hit her in the head, shut her leg in the car door, squeezed her fingers making them hurt, and threw a mustard bottle at her. The deputies developed probable charges for assault 3 - domestic violence and criminal mischief 3.

At 2:19 p.m., a resident on Champlain Drive reported seeing on his security camera two males attempting to open his front door. He heard the two males talking about jumping the fence. He was able to ask what

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PESTS

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APHIDS

Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects — often green, but sometimes black, gray or red — that feed by sucking

juices from leaves and producing sticky honeydew. They tend to cluster on the undersides of foliage.

For mild aphid

problems:

- Squish insects by hand.
- Wash them off with a strong stream of water.

For moderate infestations, consider insecticidal soaps, which must directly contact the aphids to work. Encourage natural predators such as ladybugs, lacewings and hover flies by avoiding broad-spectrum pesticides and planting a diverse mix

of flowering species.

Aphids are usually most troublesome in July and August, so broccoli, cabbage and other early brassicas may be harvested before populations build.

Cabbage white butterfly White cabbage butterflies lay eggs on the

undersides of leaves. The larvae — green caterpillars often camouflaged against foliage — can tunnel into cabbage heads and damage other brassicas.

Management options include:

- Use row covers early

in the season to prevent egg-laying.

- Apply insecticidal soaps or products containing Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) if larvae are present.
- Plant a new crop under a row cover and removing it only for harvest.

DAHLIAS

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with the eye facing up, 6 inches deep and 2 to 3 feet apart, depending on plant size. Cover with 2 to 3 inches of soil and gradually backfill as shoots emerge.

- Stake early. Insert a sturdy stake next to each hole at planting. Position the stake at the end where the eye is emerging to avoid damaging the tuber later.

Tie stems at intervals as they grow.

FERTILIZING AND WATERING

- Fertilize with steer manure or a balanced fertilizer (e.g., 10-10-10 or 16-16-16) when plants begin to emerge. Switch to a lower-nitrogen option later or use foliar feeds such as fish and seaweed. Reapply one month after planting and again one month later. Stop fertilizing by mid-August.
- Water after planting, then only when rains

stop. Once established, water evenly — never allow the soil to become soggy, as tubers may rot. Check soil moisture by sticking your finger in up to the second knuckle.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- Deadhead spent flowers to promote more blooms. To grow long-stemmed blooms for arrangements, disbud by removing the two smaller side buds below the main flower.
- Watch for slugs and

earwigs. Slugs love young dahlias — bait or trap beginning two weeks after planting and continue all season. To control earwigs, reduce moisture and remove debris. Moore uses iron phosphate slug bait early in the season and a product with Spinosad later, when earwigs become active.

WHAT TO DO AFTER FROST

Dahlias bloom until the first frost, after which the plants die back. At

that point, you can either leave tubers in the ground or dig them up for winter storage.

To overwinter in place:

- Cut stalks to 2 inches tall.
- Cover with 4-6 millimeter black plastic and mulch.
- Ensure excellent drainage — moisture is more dangerous than cold.
- Some gardeners leave hollow stalks intact and secure with a rubber band to help prevent rot.

TO LIFT AND STORE TUBERS:

- After a hard freeze, cut stalks to about 6 inches.
- Dig up tubers and wash off soil.
- Dry for 24 hours on a tarp or newspaper in a sheltered space like a garage — avoid concrete, which wicks moisture.
- Separate clumps into individual tubers with eyes.
- Store in cardboard boxes or crates lined with newspaper. Layer tubers in vermiculite or sawdust.

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they were doing and they took off. He does not have the system recording. He advised his neighbors and asked deputies to patrol his street a little more.

At 6:31 p.m., a motorist on McNary Street was cited for speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:37 p.m., a deputy investigated an alarm triggered at a winery on Hopewell Road. The deputy found the tripped door standing wide open and cleared the building. There was no sign of entry. The deputy secured the door on the way out.

At 10:18 p.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

At 12:39 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Highway 99. The driver was covered in blood and her passenger (husband) had a significant laceration to his forehead and was also covered in blood. The passenger had been drinking at a party when he fell and split his head open. The deputy escorted them to West Valley Hospital for emergency medical attention.

At 6:49 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle unable to move and blocking Brush College Road due to a man hole without the cover. A car with a flat tire was blocking the northbound lane. The deputy stood by as the driver replaced the flat tire. Then found the manhole cover in two pieces, replaced them over the hole and placed a cone over the hole and contacted Salem

Public Works.

At 7:55 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Wallace Road. A vehicle was blocking and the driver had complaints of back pain. The deputy controlled traffic and gathered information for OSP.

At 7:58 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of trespassing on Salem Dallas Highway. The deputy contacted Robert Anderson who had an outstanding statewide felony warrant from the Oregon State Parole Board. He was taken into custody and transported to Polk County Jail.

At 10:12 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:47 a.m., a black lab dog was found loose on Richardson Road. A deputy took the dog to the county kennel.

At 1:05 p.m., a dog owner retrieved a dog from the county kennel. He was issued a citation for unlicensed dog.

At 3:40 p.m., a deputy covered Independence Police on a suspect apprehension on White Oak

Circle. The deputy spotted the suspect climbing out of a window in the back of the apartment. The deputy placed the subject in handcuffs and officers transported him to Polk County Jail where he was charged with violating release agreement (domestic violence).

At 7:02 p.m., a resident on Harmony Road was cited for two counts of dog public nuisance/no license. The owner had obtained an electric dog collar.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

At 9:12 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of someone laying on the side of Gibson Road with unusual behavior. It turned out to be a pile of trash.

At 10:56 a.m., a male subject came into the PCSO to do his yearly sex offender registration; however he was a month and a half late. Due to medical reasons, a deputy criminally cited and released him for failure to report.

At 11:04 a.m., a report of a motorcycle going at a high rate of speed and passing unsafely on Hoffman Road. Deputies

were unable to locate the motorcycle.

At 1:01 p.m., a resident on Gooseneck Road reported a theft that occurred two days ago. A dirtbike and quad were stolen by a known male subject who also had access to the vehicles. The dirtbike was valued at \$350 and the quad was valued at \$1,000.

At 7:28 p.m., a motorist on Highway 18 near milepost 26 was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:11 p.m., a deputy came across a vehicle broken down on Coville Road, apparently due to a lack of coolant. The occupants did not have cell service so the deputy let them borrow a phone and they called someone to come help them.

At 9:19 p.m., a deputy contacted a couple in their car at the trailhead on Coville Road. The deputy warned them for trespassing and also recommended they keep their clothes on when they are parked in public places.

At 10:08 p.m., a vehicle stopped on Glen Creek Road for probable cause

of trespassing in Wallace Marine Park. Driver Jamie Alcorn had an outstanding felony warrant for parole violation. He was arrested and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:33 p.m., Samuel Snider was arrested on Elmwood Drive and charged with assault 4 - domestic violence and harassment - domestic violence after attacking his mother and juvenile brother.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

At 6:43 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for crossing over the center line and fog line multiple times. The driver only had a driver's permit. She was cited for driving with no operator's license.

At 7:18 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:59 a.m., a deputy came upon a motorist on Clow Corner Road who said her car had broken down. She said she already had a tow coming in approximately 30 minutes.

At 2:02 p.m., a motorist on Riddell Road at

Clow Corner Road was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 5:36 p.m., a male subject reported being scammed out of \$500 after trading it for fake gold. The unknown suspect had approached him at the 7 Star in Falls City. The suspect said he was from Dubai on vacation with his family when he lost all of his money/wallet and needed gas money to get back to the embassy. The victim provided vehicle information and a deputy is checking with 7 Star for security footage of the suspect.

At 7:24 p.m., deputies covered Dallas Police on a suspected physical domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. Officers were unable to locate the involved parties. Deputies spoke with two subjects who denied being involved and they showed no signs of physical injuries.

At 9:24 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped near milepost 21 for crossing over the fog line multiple times. The driver was cited for no insurance.

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