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A good percentage of the town of Falls City showed up Saturday for the ribbon cutting by Kirk and Teasa Bathke (center) and the grand opening of their new cafe Backroads Coffee.

Falls City welcomes Backroads Coffee

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

Kirk and Teasa Bathke knew they were on to something when they eyed opening a coffee shop in the untapped market of Falls City. By unofficial head count, in a town with 1,057 residents, about 5 percent of the population was on hand for the ribbon cutting for Backroads Coffee on Saturday morning. And the number kept climbing as the new shop welcomed a steady stream of residents throughout the day waiting in line (sometimes out the door to the street) to sample a cup of the Bathke's finest

brew. Dana Henry ended up first in line when the doors finally opened to Backroads Coffee. He ordered up the basic: a regular black coffee. "I'm an old sailor, so I stick with what I know," Henry said. "You know, I've been here a few years, and I had been waiting all that time for them to open up." When he finally sat down out front and got his first sip, call him impressed. "It's really good. They did a good job," he said. "It's a good cup of coffee." The Bathke's had practice perfecting a brewed cup of coffee when they

previously operated Press Coffee for two years in Dallas. Then, like many other businesses, they were forced to close during the COVID pandemic in 2020. The coffee, to coin a phrase, was still percolating in their blood. Not ready to give up their livelihood, the Bathke's looked around to open another coffee shop. While some opportunities presented themselves, especially in Dallas, they kept one eye on possibilities in Falls City. For a simple reason. "I was born and raised here. Yeah, this is my home. About the first 30 years of my life here," Kirk said during lull in

service at Backroads. Then they learned of the building at 306B North Main St. That started as a nursing station for traveling doctors at the turn of the century and over the years also housed everything from a burger stand to a soap maker. It was perfect for a coffee house with its own drive through. "I just knew eventually I'd wind up back out here," Kirk recalled. "So, we kind of saw this building and thought about it. I'm not sure who suggested it first, my wife or me, but we just kind of saw it. And we went, man, that'd be

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County increases surveying fee up to \$20 for public land corner preservation

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

In an effort to help sustain the restoration of public land survey corners, the Polk County Board of Commissioners approved increasing the charge from \$10 to \$20 per recorded land instrument for the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund.

Polk County Surveyor Darren Blackwell, in an April 29 presentation to the board, explained that the county maintains about 3,900 public land corners and more than

2,000 corner records, and that a decline in recordings and growing restoration costs have cut the PLCP surplus. "What I'm proposing is a fee increase from 10 to \$20," Blackwell said, adding that the \$10 statutory cap was removed by House Bill 3175 and that the CPI-adjusted value of \$10 from 1987 would have accrued to around \$29 today. "Monies in the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund shall be used only to pay expenses incurred

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Dallas adds \$5 facilities & equipment fee to utility bill

By THE CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas has introduced a new \$5 Facilities & Equipment Fee to its monthly utility bill. This change will fund critical facility improvements while maintaining the same overall monthly cost for residents. The city offset the new fee by reducing the existing Stormwater Fee by \$5 per month. This adjustment results in no net increase to customers' monthly utility bills, reflecting the City's commitment to responsible financial stewardship and transparency. The new fee will directly support two priority projects that address

long-term community needs:

- Construction of a new City Hall located at 147 SE Court St.
- Renovation of the current City Hall building into a new Police Station, including essential seismic upgrades.

 "The Dallas City Council made a strategic long-term investment and business decision by creating this new fee," said City Manager Brian Latta. "The council wisely balanced the impact of the new fee on its residents, reducing the stormwater fee by an equal amount." In addition to the new

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Dallas theatre unearths the goods in 'Treasure Island'

By DAVID HAYES
 I-O Editor

X marks the spot on any map, promising a bounty of long-buried pirate's treasure. Dallas High School's theatre program hopes audiences follow the clues to Bollman Auditorium for their latest production "Treasure Island" and discover a swashbuckling good time. Adapted by Mary Zimmerman from the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, DHS's "Treasure Island" is directed by Hannah Fawcett. The veteran director said the production is one of the school's

largest with about 20 cast members and nearly 45 total students working to bring it to stage. And the keystone of any good pirate's tale? Sword fights. She said this is the first show in three years to feature proper stage combat. "It's such a great ensemble show, and we found that shows that feature a lot of stage combat, contrary to what you might think, really brings people together and it really encourages them to care for each other, because you have to watch out for your partner's safety on stage," Fawcett said. "That's so paramount in the process of

incorporating stage combat, so we were really interested in bringing that back into our theater." The tale of "Treasure Island" kicks off when a mysterious man delivers a dreaded Black Spot to an aging sea captain, plunging an innkeeper's son into a desperate race for buried treasure. Armed with only his wits against a dastardly crew of cutthroat pirates, young Jim Hawkins sets sail with the larger-than-life Long John Silver and a crew of swashbuckling rogues. Getting into character as the aforementioned antagonist, Ethan Singh

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The cast of the Dallas High School's "Treasure Island" look to the horizon for promises of a swashbuckling good time for audiences May 7-9.

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Independence man faces child sexual abuse material charges

An Independence man was arrested April 30 on child sexual abuse material charges following a joint investigation by the Oregon Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the Polk County District

Attorney's Office. Two additional indictments in separate ICAC cases were also obtained by the Polk County Grand Jury. Eric Spier, of Independence, was taken into custody following the execution of a search and arrest warrant at his

residence. The arrest was carried out by the Oregon DOJ ICAC Task Force with the assistance of the Oregon State Police and the Independence Police Department. Spier, 40, was indicted by a Polk County Grand Jury on 10 counts of

encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree. The charges stem from multiple cyber tips received by law enforcement reporting that Spier had uploaded child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to electronic service providers. Investigators subsequently obtained search warrants for Spier's accounts and discovered numerous CSAM images. "As District Attorney, I place the highest priority on protecting children in Polk County from exploitation," said Aaron Felton, Polk County District Attorney. "I am grateful for the commitment of AG Rayfield to

that shared value, which is reflected by our strong partnership in this joint investigation." State Attorney General Dan Rayfield said in a press release protecting children from exploitation is one of the most important things his office does. "These cases are a reminder that this threat is everywhere – in every community, on everyday apps and platforms. I'm proud of the ICAC team's work and for the partnership with DA Felton and local law enforcement in Polk County." In addition to the

Spier case, the Oregon DOJ ICAC Task Force obtained indictments against two other individuals on ICAC charges following a Polk County Grand Jury presentation on April 28. Details in those cases will be released following the service of arrest warrants. The Oregon DOJ ICAC Task Force investigates internet crimes against children, including the possession, production, and distribution of child sexual abuse material. Spier is scheduled for arraignment 1:15pm today in Polk County Circuit Court.

Dallas man arrested on multiple child sex abuse charges

Alexander Frey, of Dallas, was arrested April 28 on multiple counts of child sex abuse for incidents over the past two years. In late 2024 and throughout 2025, Dallas Police investigators received multiple tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). NCMEC receives information about the sharing of child sex abuse material (CSAM) from internet services providers and similar online platforms.



Alexander Frey
This information is eventually disseminated to the appropriate local law

enforcement agency for investigation. The DPD has detectives specifically trained to investigate these cases and tips involving CSAM. During this investigation, Frey, 28, was found to be sharing CSAM on multiple online platforms. Detectives continued investigating, conducting interviews and seizing evidence. A search warrant was obtained for electronic devices. During a subsequent search, evidence was obtained indicating Frey had sexually abused an 11-year-old child in-person.

On April 28, this case was presented to a Polk County Grand Jury. Frey was indicted on the following charges, and a warrant issued for his arrest.

- Two counts of Sex Abuse 1
- Two counts of sex abuse 1

Frey was arrested on the warrant and lodged at the Polk County Jail, where he awaits arraignment. Based on the investigation, there are concerns of potential additional victims. Frey's booking photo is being released to the public to aid in the identification of additional criminal activity. Anyone with information about the investigation is encouraged to reach out to Detective Jordan Schrock at (503) 831-3516. Dallas PD was assisted in this investigation by the Oregon Department of Justice, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Polk County DA's Office, and Oregon DHS-Child Welfare.

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LaCreole teacher earns classroom of the month

Farmers Insurance – Steele Insurance Agency recognized Sarah Ussery’s classroom at LaCreole Middle School as the latest recipient of the Classroom of the Month Award, honoring her outstanding dedication to students and her commitment to creating a supportive learning environment. Ussery’s classroom was

nominated by LaCreole Middle School Principal Tyler Lalack, who highlighted her exceptional ability to integrate social-emotional learning into her daily instruction. “Sarah meets students where they are, both academically and emotionally, creating a safe and welcoming classroom environment where

students feel supported and encouraged to grow with confidence,” Lalack said. “Her calm presence helps students stay grounded, even during challenging moments.” Her classroom is known for its thoughtful use of trauma-informed practices and the genuine empathy shown toward students who benefit from

extra care and attention. Beyond her classroom responsibilities, Ussery collaborates closely with agencies across the valley to ensure students receive the comprehensive support they need to succeed. Through these partnerships, her classroom helps build strong academic foundations while equipping students with critical social-emotional skills that will serve them long after they leave middle school. As part of the recognition, Ussery’s classroom received \$200

in classroom supplies, sponsored by Farmers Insurance – Steele Insurance Agency. The Classroom of the Month program was created to celebrate classrooms that go above and beyond for students and to support educators across the Dallas School District. “Classrooms like Sarah’s make an incredible difference in the lives of students every day,” said Zachary Steele of Farmers Insurance. “We are grateful for the opportunity to recognize

educators who show such compassion, dedication, and professionalism in serving our community.” Community members who would like to nominate a deserving classroom or educator for future recognition are encouraged to contact Steele Insurance Agency at (503) 751-1484. The Farmers Insurance Classroom of the Month program continues throughout the school year, recognizing outstanding classrooms across the district.

Pentacle Theatre presents Neil Simon’s ‘Rumors’

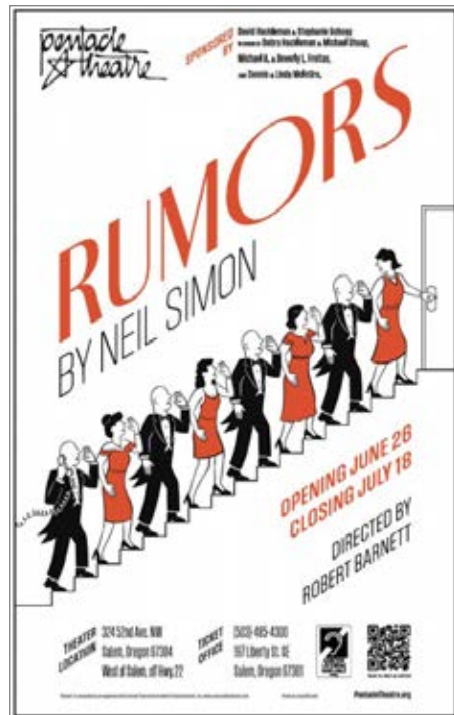
Tickets are now available for Pentacle Theatre’s next production, Neil Simon’s “Rumors.”

Directed by Robert Barnett, “Rumors” runs June 26 – July 18 at Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW.

The story starts at a large, tastefully-appointed Sneden’s Landing townhouse, where the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though it’s only a flesh wound, Charlie Brock’s self-inflicted injury sets off a series of events causing four couples to experience a severe attack of farce.

As their 10th wedding anniversary party commences, Charlie lies bleeding in another room, and his wife Myra is nowhere in sight. The first guests, lawyer Ken Gorman and his wife Chris, scramble to get “the story” straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

The cast of actors include:
 Ken Gorman – Ryan Snyder
 Chris Gorman – Sara Chaison
 Lenny Ganz – Scott Ramp
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 Ernie Cusack – Chris Alderete
 Cookie Cusack – Laura McDonald
 Glenn Cooper – Travis Brown
 Cassie Cooper – Elizabeth Ming
 Officer Welch – Todd Logan



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 Tickets range from \$24 to \$50 and are available online at www.tickets.pentacletheatre.org or by calling (503) 485-4300.

Students and people who hold an Oregon Trail Card are eligible for a 50 percent discount in select seating areas when buying tickets in person at the Pentacle Theatre ticket office, 197 Liberty St. SE, in downtown Salem.



Four tips for testing allergens in your baby’s diet

Delaying allergenic foods doesn’t reduce the risk of allergies. Early introduction can be part of a positive mealtime adventure.

Here are a few ways to make introducing common allergens an empowering and joyful experience.

- 1. Know the right foods to introduce.** Potential allergens include eggs, dairy, peanuts and sesame.
- 2. Introduce one food at a time.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises offering one new single-ingredient food at a time and waiting a few days before trying another. This allows parents to easily spot any reactions.

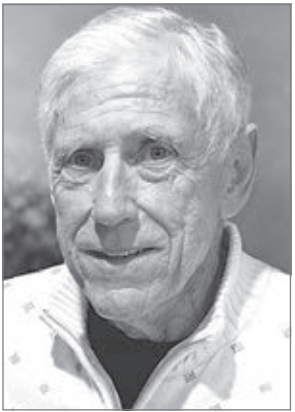
- 3. Know when to start introducing allergens.** According to the CDC, most babies are ready to begin solid food, including potential allergens, around six months of age. Make sure your baby has good head control and the ability to swallow without pushing food back out.
- 4. Approach your pediatrician when needed.** If your baby has severe eczema or a known egg allergy, chat with your pediatrician before other first exposures to common allergens to create a tailored plan.

Keep the mood relaxed during mealtimes — introducing a variety of foods is part of helping your baby stay safe, healthy and happy as they grow!

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OBITUARIES



Jimmy Chaney
Dec. 20, 1946 - April 20, 2026

Jim Chaney, age 79, of Dallas, Oregon, died peacefully on April 20, 2026, with his wife and daughter by his side. Jim was born in Springerville, Arizona, on December 20, 1946, to George and Bertha Chaney. The family moved to Dallas, Oregon, soon after, where he and his twin brother James played football, basketball, and baseball and were active in Troop 24 Boy Scouts. He often attributed any success in life to lessons he learned from his scoutmaster and coaches, who taught him that hard work and perseverance lead to success. Jim graduated from Dallas High School in 1966 and from OCE in 1972. He earned a Master of Science in Education in 1978. He served in the Oregon National Guard and retired from Farmers Insurance in 2010. On August 1, 1970, Jim married his high school friend and college sweetheart, Barbara Brandvold, and they were married for over 55½ years. He is

survived by his wife and his daughter, Stephanie Chaney, who brought him so much joy. Jim enjoyed playing golf, especially at Cross Creek Golf Course, where he was a marshal and starter for many years. He had three holes-in-one over the years and cherished his tee times with golf buddies. He also enjoyed Rock Steady Boxing for Parkinson's, where he met new friends who encouraged each other to keep up the fight. He was an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church for over 56 years. Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Stephanie; brothers-in-law Tom Brandvold (Sandy) and Ron Brandvold (Kelli); and sisters-in-law Carol Chaney, Donna Brandvold, and Patti Smith, plus numerous loving nephews, nieces, and grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Sr. and Bertha; brothers Don, George, and James; and sisters Ellen Miller, Dorothy Wilhite, and Betty White, and his brother-in-law, Ken Brandvold. In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to consider supporting the Dallas Booster Club or St. Thomas Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m., July 25 in Dallas, Oregon.



Judith "Judy" Marie Church (Cooper)
Sept. 16, 1940 - April 18, 2026

On April 18, 2026, at the age of 85, Judy passed away peacefully with family by her side, to be with her Lord Jesus. She had lived a life of love – which is the greatest commandment. Born in Hutchinson, Kansas, young Judy loved Shirley Temple movies, roller skating, and tap dancing. She even tap danced several times on a local radio show. Judy's parents had two more children before they divorced when she was 8 years old. After she finished 6th grade, her mother married an Army medic who moved the family frequently. They moved to New Jersey where Judy spent seventh grade. They returned Judy to Kansas to live with her grandparents for her eighth grade. The next year, the family moved to Long Beach, California. When Judy was in tenth grade, her stepfather left the Army and moved the family to San Luis Obispo, California.

Judy met Stanley in May 1959 at an evening service at First Baptist Church in San Luis Obispo. He proposed six weeks later on July 5th, and they married in August 1960. Stanley accepted a teaching position at Dallas High School in 1969, and the family settled on Salt Creek Road, where they raised their three children. Last year, the couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Judy's greatest joy was being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; and her nurturing spirit extended beyond her own family. She became an "adoptive" mother and grandmother to the friends of her children and grandchildren; and to the young people in Valley Baptist Perrydale, her church for more than 50 years. She deeply cared about the southeast Asian refugee families at Hurst's Berry Farm where she was a row boss for a few summers; fellow patients and staff during her successful cancer treatments; and many others. Judy blessed people with her famous pies and sculpted birthday cakes, handicrafts, photographs, artwork, and her gifts of genuine listening and caring. Judy was predeceased by her parents and her brother Don Cooper. She is survived by her husband Stanley; her sister Phyllis Roller; her brothers Curtis German, Dale Cooper, and Chris Jonas;

her son Cameron Church; her daughters Stephanie Newman (husband Jaime) and Brenda Schaffer (husband Brady); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial Service was at 10:30, May 2, at Valley Baptist Church of Perrydale, 7450 Perrydale Rd, Amity, OR 97101.



Paul "Tom" Balsbaugh

Paul "Tom" Balsbaugh, a resident of Dallas, Oregon, was called home to be with his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 22nd. Tom was born on January 13, 1938, in Tipp City, Ohio, the son of Paul and Blanche Balsbaugh. The family moved to Modesto, California when Tom was 7. He started working with his dad at age 16. Tom and his father made walnut harvest shakers for 24 years as a welder, painter, machinist, and assembler delivery. Tom married Carolyn Denlinger on June 24,

1956, in Modesto. They settled in Dallas, Oregon in 1981. Tom worked for Towmotor and Caterpillar from 1981-1989, operating drill press, mills and welder. He later worked at Burlbach's in Rickreall from 1992-1998 as welder and painter. Tom suffered a stroke 25 years ago. He had to medically retire. Tom has been a member of Faith Church for 45 years. Tom had been an usher and had helped on the service committee. Tom enjoyed woodworking. He worked on repairing chairs. He later enjoyed wood turning on his lathe. Tom liked fishing, hunting and camping. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, children, Joan Gentry, James Balsbaugh, Jan Constable and Sherri Grover 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, siblings, Sue Flora, Jean, Ann Mohler, George Balsbaugh and Carol Hively. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and grandchildren Ashley and Matt. Memorial Services will be on Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. at Faith Church in Dallas. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Christian School. Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence or share a memory with the family go to www.BollmansTributeCenter.com

DEATH NOTICES

- Lajuanna Sue Zimmerman**
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- Dorothy Leona Harrington**
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NEWS & VIEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JEREMY GORDON SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

As someone who has supported family members dealing with traumatic brain injuries, I am thankful for Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon's mental health services support.

His work with the Polk CARES Center has served to make mental health services more accessible to Polk County residents. Additionally, the work he has done with our regional health partners such as Willamette Health Council, Oregon Department of Human Services, and Salem Health serve to help people in need without having to utilize expensive emergency response resources.

I urge others who have or know someone who does now or could benefit from reliable mental health services to vote to re-elect Commissioner Gordon in May.

*Vickie McCubbin,
Independence*

A CORRECTION

A sentence at the end of my last week's Letter to the Editor ("A Good Samaritan?", April 29) didn't make sense. It read: "Evans offered in the future to seek 'broader engagement.'" He sounded different at his out house [underline added] April 7 in South Salem, where a group of us attended with his two supporters. Afterwards, I spoke with him and pointed to my elderly neighbor standing nearby, saying, "Your bill has disrupted the life of this good person." Evans responded, "She is not my constituent."

Here's what happened. My initial letter to the editor had omitted the April 7 location: "He sounded different at his April 7, in South Salem ..." I noticed the error the same morning and sent a correction, adding "at his Town Hall." The editor said he had caught the oversight and corrected it. Unfortunately, autocorrect must have changed his words, "Open House" to "out house."

I'm certain Evans does not have an "outhouse" in Salem, nor does he conduct meetings at that kind of location. My apologies to all for any confusion.

*David Pastor,
Monmouth*

JEREMY GORDON IS CLEARLY THE ADULT IN THE ROOM

I've met Jeremy Gordon twice: Once was over a land use question I needed help with. He got back to me quickly, knew what he was talking about, and got it sorted. The second time was at a recent candidate forum. Night and day difference between him and the rest.

Take a look at the voter pamphlet. It's honestly kind of surprising. Two candidates couldn't get

through their own statements without multiple basic spelling and grammar errors. This is a job dealing with budgets, policy and legal decisions. It's a serious role that requires qualifications.

And then there are the games. One candidate is suddenly using his middle name, "Gordon," on the ballot for the first time. That's transparently deceitful. Give me a break.

Another candidate is off, more focused on an old grievance than understanding the job.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Gordon is already doing the work. He knows the issues, responds to people, and shows up prepared. You can see it.

This isn't a job you figure out as you go.

We've got someone who knows how to do it. Please join me in voting for Jeremy.

*Brad Hanson,
Dallas*

Editor's note: The following letter accidentally ran last week without the author's name and city of residence. We are rerunning it this week in full.

TRUMP FAMILY BUSINESS DEALINGS IN UAE ISN'T NORMAL

There's always been some level of politics in Washington. Both parties have had their issues. But what we're seeing right now is something different and it's way beyond the line.

We now have a president whose family business has taken in roughly \$200 million from a UAE sovereign wealth fund, followed by another \$1.5 billion tied to the same network. The UAE also put \$2 billion into a crypto venture run by his sons. At the same time, the administration eased export restrictions and is now openly talking about helping the UAE if their economy takes a hit. No precedent for this exists in our history.

That's a direct and blatant overlap between public decisions and private financial gain. It's reckless, dangerous theft.

This isn't the Republican Party I was raised in. I grew up believing in personal responsibility, fiscal discipline and putting the country

first. You didn't use public office to benefit your family. That was a bright line.

We can argue about policy all day - taxes, spending, regulation. That's healthy. But this is about whether we still believe in basic standards and whether we hold our leaders accountable.

Continuing to support this kind of behavior ignores reality and basic ethics. It should be criminal. If this were happening under a Democrat, Republicans would be outraged, and rightly so.

At some point, we have to stop pretending this is normal. It's not. We need our country back.

*Barbara Wilson,
Monmouth*

JEREMY GORDON IS THE RIGHT LEADER FOR VET SERVICES

I am an Army combat veteran who will be voting to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner. Commissioner Gordon has demonstrated consistent commitment to ensuring our county has a responsive Veterans Services Office. It's vitally important to veterans like myself to have a well funded and supported VSO that provides assistance navigating service-connected disability claims, education benefits, locating military service and medical records, and VA medical enrollment applications. Commissioner Gordon is the obvious and rational choice to ensure our county VSO is proactively supported and prioritized.

Polk County veterans should join me in voting to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner this May.

*Nathan Christensen,
Independence*

CARLOS BARRIENTOS HAS COMMITMENT, LEADERSHIP TO BE COMMISSIONER

I am writing to express my strong support for Carlos Barrientos for Polk County Commissioner.

Carlos brings a straightforward and grounded approach to public service: he listens first, works collaboratively with residents, and stays focused on fiscally responsible solutions. He is running because he cares deeply about the future of Polk County and the quality of life of the

people who live, work, and retire here.

Polk County deserves leadership that brings people together - leadership rooted in common sense and committed to making practical improvements without placing unnecessary burdens on taxpayers.

Carlos' background reflects that commitment. With more than two decades in law enforcement and over 20 years of military service, he has managed complex situations, overseen significant public resources, and made difficult decisions under pressure. He has also administered grant funding in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, always with accountability and transparency.

Carlos believes the government should be efficient, respectful and open. Like many in our community, he is concerned about homelessness, the pressures facing small businesses, and rising costs. His goal is clear: a Polk County that is safe, fiscally responsible, and full of opportunity - where people feel heard, respected and proud to call this place home.

For these reasons, I support Carlos Barrientos for Polk County Commissioner.

*Juan Baez-Arevalo,
West Salem*

JEREMY GORDON IS A CARING LISTENER

I encourage voters to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner, Position 3. I've had the opportunity to meet Jeremy personally, and what stood out immediately was how many people greeted him warmly as we walked through town - a reflection of the relationships he has built across our community.

I was equally impressed by his genuine interest in listening to what residents care about most. He approaches his role with a clear commitment to serving all citizens, regardless of political perspective.

Jeremy has demonstrated thoughtful leadership and collaboration on complex issues, including the rollout of transitional housing, which has avoided many common pitfalls and been well received locally. He has also worked to secure

funding for much-needed rural broadband improvements without raising taxes.

Polk County benefits from leaders who understand our needs and follow through. Re-electing Jeremy ensures that this important work continues.

*Jen Jackson,
Dallas*

LETTER MISREPRESENTED COUNTY TREASURE DUTIES

I question the accuracy and truthfulness of Mr. Mason's letter ("Treasurer seeks salary over service", April 29) regarding Polk Commissioner candidate Steve Milligan.

Mr. Mason states that the position of the Oregon County Treasurer "is not a full time executive position anywhere in Oregon." How then does Mr. Mason explain the Clackamas County Treasurer's duties, responsibilities and salary?

Mr. Mason claims "Polk County has been consistent with the statutory role of the treasurer." What Mr. Mason believes is factually flawed. Judge Wiles found the 2016 Polk County Board of Commissioners actions "unlawful". The 2024 court decision is clear:

"Absent the consent of the Polk County treasurer, actions to disempower and remove from the elected treasurer the authority, responsibilities, or functions of the office under the Oregon Constitution or statute, and to reassign such constitutional or statutory authority, responsibilities, or functions to an unelected employee who is not hired by and does not report to the treasurer, are unlawful."

The Polk County Board of Commissioners has chosen to not comply with the court order quoted above.

I fully agree with Mr. Mason's statement: "Public Office should be about service and stewardship, not a pathway to higher pay." I would add: meet the legal obligations of the office of County Commissioner.

Another Polk County voter has put it far more elegantly, "Treasurer Milligan has proven he will fight for accountability. As Commissioner, he will finish what he started: rooting out waste,

enforcing the Constitution, and holding power to account."

*E.M. Easterly,
West Salem*

JEREMY GORDON HAS COMMITMENT TO TACK TOUGH ISSUES

We are writing to encourage voters to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

As residents of West Salem, we have seen our community grow significantly over the past two decades. Along with this growth - and the rising cost of housing - we have also seen an increase in the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. These are Polk County residents who, for a variety of reasons, have found themselves without a safe and stable place to live.

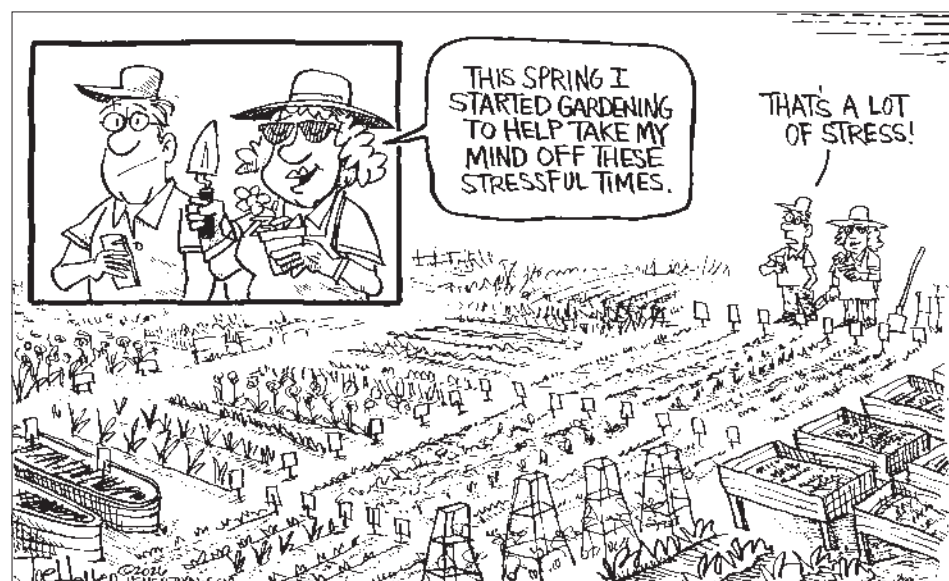
Homelessness is one of the most complex challenges our community faces. It is easy to talk about, but much harder to address in meaningful ways. Commissioner Jeremy Gordon has demonstrated a commitment to tackling this issue through partnership and collaboration. Working with local cities, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Willamette Valley Community Action, and other community partners, he helped form Partners Aligned Toward Housing Solutions (PATHS) to find solutions that keep seniors, families, and veterans housed.

Through these efforts, the PATHS program has established the first homeless youth housing site in Polk County, along with expanding rental assistance and transitional housing opportunities.

Jeremy Gordon brings both the skill and the willingness to work with people across political perspectives to address the issues facing our community. He is committed to what we all want: a community where everyone has access to basic needs - food, shelter, connection, transportation, economic opportunity, education, and safety.

Please join us in voting to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner this May.

*Lisa and Randy
Harnisch,
West Salem*



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April 28 - 61 44 0.00	May 2 - 67 49 0.00
April 29 - 69 38 0.00	May 3 - 89 50 0.00
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Teacher's desk is not as wide. 2. Student desk is holding two books. 3. Bookend is larger. 4. Blackboard is wider. 5. Girl is moved. 6. Door opening is wider.

Americanisms

"October is the month of painted leaves. Their rich glow now flashes round the world."

— Henry David Thoreau

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Super Crossword

TRAPPED WATER

ACROSS

- 1 Spot's foot
- 4 Motorcycle maker
- 10 ATM output
- 14 Battle
- 19 Driving hazard
- 20 Region in Spain
- 21 Actress Falco
- 22 Country singer Tucker
- 23 Kiting, e.g.
- 25 Is discovered doing a misdeed
- 27 Roomy auto
- 28 Bungle
- 29 Kind of pear
- 30 U.S. Shakers founder
- 31 Driving hazard
- 33 What a cyclist signals with an arm extended straight out
- 35 Attacked boxer-style
- 41 Boise is its cap.
- 42 Canon camera line
- 43 French assent
- 44 Been shut down, as a theater
- 47 Dropped a bit
- 50 Actor Davis
- 53 Focal point
- 54 Pull back (in)
- 56 Disney lion
- 60 Insulated drink cup
- 63 Bovine captured by Hercules
- 66 Actor Erwin
- 67 Chau En-singer Tucker
- 69 Railroad or bus terminus
- 70 Clean air org.
- 73 Loyalty program
- 78 Dust number
- 79 Rover's rope
- 82 Hugs, in texts
- 83 "Carte" start
- 86 "Super work!"
- 89 1985 Kentucky Derby winner
- 95 Like some questions
- 96 Bug's feeler
- 98 "— found it!"
- 99 Japanese fish dish
- 100 Door fixture
- 103 Overindulges
- 106 Director's cry
- 107 — Fridays
- 110 Partakes of
- 112 Bluegrass banjo pioneer
- 115 Was ruined financially
- 120 That woman
- 121 Copious arrival
- 122 Talks shrilly
- 123 Hamm on a soccer field
- 126 Make — in (do some work on)
- 130 Not educated by others
- 132 Downs an omelet, maybe
- 134 Subway unit
- 135 Ark builder
- 136 "Will do, cap'n!"
- 137 Subway unit
- 138 Direct at, as a remark
- 139 Be inactive
- 140 Frolicked
- 141 What remains if you remove all the consonants from 13 long answers in this puzzle
- 10 Implore
- 11 Latin "that is"
- 12 Nutlike Chinese fruit
- 13 The. in Tours
- 14 Tolerate
- 15 Tease
- 16 Detach by dissolving an adhesive
- 17 Cry to a rescuer
- 18 Eucharist-holding plates
- 24 Bistro's kin
- 26 Gondola path
- 29 "The View" co-host Joy
- 32 Comic's joke
- 33 Certain PC readout
- 34 Paid spots
- 35 Horn honk
- 36 "Be silent!"
- 37 Escalate
- 38 Sci-fi writer
- 39 "E pluribus —"
- 40 Cosmic cloud
- 45 Fun activities, in brief
- 46 White wine aperitif
- 48 Lacks being
- 49 "I call that as mine!"
- 51 Taxis gp.
- 52 Lifesaving pro
- 55 Carter of sitcomdom
- 57 Mongrel
- 58 Hard hit
- 59 Rival of Iams
- 61 Special glows
- 62 Needlefish
- 64 Sorority "T"
- 65 Just — (equally undesirable)
- 68 Wedding vow
- 70 Nervous the heavens
- 71 Sweat source
- 72 Ripens
- 74 "C" — la vie"
- 75 Pummel
- 76 Distress call
- 77 Xerox product
- 80 Gangly
- 81 Alma mater
- 84 "Deck the Halls" syllables
- 85 — Dhabi
- 87 "Deck the Halls" syllables
- 88 Winter illness
- 90 Dastardly
- 91 Ensnarers
- 92 Maritime rescue gp.
- 93 Drink quickly
- 94 Baby foxes
- 97 Makes ready, informally
- 101 Fictional belle
- 102 Disallow
- 104 Pudgy
- 105 Educ. inst.
- 107 Coils
- 108 Biological subdivisions
- 109 Like live balls
- 111 Daily ruling the heavens
- 113 Brought up
- 114 Language of Islamabad
- 116 How clothes are tailored
- 117 Follower of "You'd think so..."
- 118 1986 Indy 500 winner
- 119 Pick — pace
- 123 BLT addition
- 124 Bit of news
- 125 "FOO!"
- 127 Suffix with exist or differ
- 128 Final Four gp.
- 129 By way of, informally
- 131 Lead-in to cycle
- 132 Cochlea site
- 133 "See ya!"

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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Moments in time

- On May 18, 1974, India became the world's sixth nuclear power after successfully detonating its first nuclear weapon, a fission bomb similar in power to the American atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in Japan. The test occurred on the anniversary of the Buddha's enlightenment.
- On May 19, 1836, Cynthia Ann Parker, at about 9 or 10 years old, was kidnapped by Comanche, Kiowa and Caddo Native Americans in Texas. She was adopted into the Comanche tribe and later married a chief, by whom she had three children. Parker lived with the Comanches until Texas Rangers recaptured her and forced her to return to live among whites again.
- On May 20, 1506, Christopher Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain, at the age of 55, still erroneously believing that he had reached Asia. His last months were spent in poor health with what modern doctors suspect was Reiter's syndrome, and making futile attempts to recover his titles and wealth from King Ferdinand.
- On May 21, 1994, the Flavr Savr tomato made its first appearance in grocery stores. Engineered to delay ripening, it was the first genetically modified food product approved for human consumption in the U.S. and was priced at 70 cents more per pound than its more conventional counterparts.
- On May 22, 2004, Michael Moore's documentary film "Fahrenheit 9/11," a sharp critique of George W. Bush's foreign policy decisions, won the Palme d'Or, the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival.
- On May 23, 1783, following his own prediction that he would enter eternity courtesy of a lightning bolt, American Colonial patriot James Otis did indeed pass away when lightning found him as he stood in a friend's doorway. According to the Boston Gazette, he "expired without a groan."
- On May 24, 1915, Thomas Edison announced his invention of the telescribe, a device designed to allow businessmen to record telephone conversations by combining a telephone receiver with his phonograph. Though it was highly praised at first, it failed to catch on and was withdrawn from the market.

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: P equals W

XMC RISOGPHROYHJ OIPJ PGRH
FMOMQHJR TWW IPJ T ETMY
IU CYTFHUSW EIJZ XMYZR:
OPI-RPTJ, TYMQIJT.

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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.

-	x	=	12
+	+	+	
+	+	=	17
-	÷	-	
-	÷	=	1
=	=	=	
2	3	3	

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THERE'S NO PRICES LISTED AND I GUESS IT'S RUDE TO ASK, SO I'M GONNA POINT AT ONE AND IF YOU COULD JUST SMILE OR FROWN?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

INSTEAD OF HIBERNATING, THIS YEAR DENNIS AND I TRIED INTERMITTENT FASTING

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HMMM, WHERE IN THE DICKENS ARE MARGARET AND THE OTHER LADIES?

GERALD, DID YOU REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN WE LEFT?

HURRY UP WITH THOSE MIMOSAS. "TOXIC HOUSEWIVES" IS ABOUT TO START!

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the blue diamond necklace in "Titanic"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is New Zealand's national bird?
- MATH: How many sides does a tridecagon have?
- BIBLE: What is the first book in the Bible called?
- SPACE: How long does it take the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek god of the sun?
- ANATOMY: Where are the carpus and metacarpus located in the human body?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the dystopian novel titled "The Testaments"?

Answers

- "Heart of the Ocean."
- Theodore Roosevelt.
- The kiwi.
- 13.
- Genesis.
- 90-93 minutes.
- Helios.
- The hand.
- Three Gorges Dam, China.
- Margaret Atwood.

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THEATRE

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didn't have to rely on any stage makeup – that's a real beard he's grown out in preparation for the role.

"It just kind of grows, but yes, I specifically wanted to grow out my beard and make it look a little bit unkempt for the show," he said.

While the production is based on the book, many have made it to the silver screen. Singh said his Capt. Long John Silver was inspired by the 1950s Disney version of "Treasure Island."

"I have been having a lot of fun playing John Silver. He is such a fun character to play, you know, playing up the charm in the moments that you need to be charming and playing up the darker parts of his personality in other moments and playing with that is a lot of fun," Singh said.

Fawcett said the tale delineates a clear line between the good guys and bad guys. But then within the good guys and the bad guys, there are complicated characters

Dallas Theatre Presents Treasure Island

Bollman Auditorium
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and complicated motivations behind the action of each character, she added.

"I think that's why people keep coming back to this story," Fawcett said.

Senior Teagan Bodily, who plays the part of Mrs. Hawkins, Jim Hawkins mom, said this is the biggest ensemble production she's been in at Dallas since they presented "The Wizard of Oz" her sophomore year.

"'Wizard of Oz' was a lot more musical, and a lot more lighthearted as well. But I like the tone of this one," Bodily said. "It's very adventurous. There's a lot of peril, but also a lot of close, familial relationships between all the characters."

Fawcett added "Treasure Island" has one other key component setting it apart from the other large ensemble productions like "Wizard of Oz."

"It's pirates. What's more fun than pirates?" she said. "I keep telling the kids, imagine the elementary schoolers who are going to come to the show with their parents and their grandparents and the adventure that they're going to have. And that's who they're performing for, who I keep encouraging them to make their mark at."

Singh agreed. "There's a lot of fun. It's a daring adventure, there's a lot of peril ... there's danger and excitement, and it's just, it's a whole lot of fun," he said. "Hannah is doing a great job at making all the choreography and everything look super duper cool and clean and put together and just really exciting."

"Treasure Island" runs May 7-9 at the high school's Bollman Auditorium.

FEE

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fee structure, the city plans to pursue a seismic rehabilitation grant through Business Oregon for the seismic rehabilitation of the historic

city hall building. When awarded, the grant funding will support a critical phase of the police station renovation project, helping to offset costs and accelerate progress.

This utility billing update ensures that essential improvements

can proceed in a fiscally responsible way while continuing to meet the community's needs.

For more information about the Facilities & Equipment Fee or upcoming projects, please visit www.dallasor.gov or attend city council meetings.

INCREASE

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and authorized by the county surveyor in the establishment, reestablishment, and maintenance of the corners of government surveys under ORS 209," Blackwell said. "So it's very specific."

He explained that the county's beginning fund balance had once been as much as \$152,000. However, it has since fallen to about \$21,000 as of April 15 this year. He estimated the three-year average fully-burdened cost to restore a corner at about \$3,300. The number of recordings dropped from about 20,000 in 2021 to about 10,000 last year. Blackwell said this caused a reduction in fee collections tied to property recordings.

Board discussion focused on operations and transparency. Commissioner Jeremy

Gordon was curious about a couple topics, asking how often the county resorts to single-proportion reestablishments (according to Blackwell, only when necessary), and how owners are engaged

"Private surveyors often handle boundary disputes," Blackwell said.

One reason for the decline over the years, he added, was county staff can only visit between 70 to 79 per year.

According to the staff report, the commissioners can set the fee by up to \$20 and revisit the amount yearly as part of their

annual fee schedule.

Commissioner Craig Pope, having gone through the process himself of paying a surveyor for the extra work to certify these corners for his own needs, said he was happy with the language, especially not to exceed the \$20 part.

"We realize that getting this done is critical, making sure we have these corners established and easy to find so that anybody we hire for survey can get to them makes our lives a lot easier as consumers and private land owners," Craig said.

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Audrie (left) and Vivian Hanson offer up home made lemonade drinks at their Small Town Lemon booth.

Dallas Nights Debuts

The Dallas Downtown Association unveiled its rebranding of two popular events into one fun evening, Dallas Nights, on April 29 at the Dallas Amphitheater and Academy Building lawn. In addition to hosting 30 vendors, the evening had activities and the debut of the band Sweet & Juicy. Here a look of some of the images captured during the event.



Even dogs had to wait in line for their turn for treats.



The Face painting booth was a popular attraction all evening.



The bounce house featured a convenient window so parents could keep an eye on their participating kids.



Youth dance to their own toons at the floor, with lessons provided by Lora Michele Dance Studio.



Matt Paben and his son pitch the spicy virtues of their Flamin' Pagen's Hot Sauces.



Someone found an unique way to advertise upcoming music events.

COFFEE

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a good place too. Let's maybe ask about it. So, here we are."

The property is still owned by the city, who was eager to get new tenants leasing the building. After getting approved, all the site needed was little tender love and care to bring it up to modern

standards.

"It was falling back into the ground. There was no foundation. The foundation had all that big pile of rocks out there. But it was falling back into the dirt. So it had to be jacked up all the way, put on blocks, and then put a foundation board under it. So, basically, completely gutted," Kirk explained. "But it had some really strong bones. I mean, you

can't beat old growth for soil."

They developed a menu of classic caffeinated drinks from Americano and lattes to Chai Latte and Hot Cocoa. They also fine tuned some signature blends of their own, with regional themes, like the Rocky Road, Loggers Brew and the Golden Hour. For those customers looking to eat on the go along with their cup of

Joe, there's a food menu, some prepackaged, others made to order, like their waffles.

"Those are my favorite thing we have," Kirk said. "They're called sugar pearl waffles. And there's like a blue bun in the middle of that."

According to City Manager AJ Foscoli, Backroads Coffee is the first new business to open in Falls City in more than

a decade. The Bathkes were pleased to learn that tidbit.

"It's nice. It's good. Well, that was in our heart anyway, it's just to bring something, another awesome addition to the area," Kirk said.

He added that only time will tell if a coffee shop in such a small municipality will be sustainable, or even as popular down the road as it was on day one.

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"Time will tell. But I'm working on it. We kind of have a monopoly," he added jokingly.

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Wins essential in Panthers' playoffs push

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

A tough loss to league-leading Dallas did little to shake Central's confidence as the Panthers continued their push for a postseason berth.

Despite the 14-3 setback on Friday, Central remains in the playoff chase. The Panthers have little margin for error, however, as they hover near the cutoff line. Six regular-season games remain on their schedule.

Still, the Panthers are showing signs of progress, and it's these flashes that have coach Wes Seidel optimistic about his team's chances.

"We've shown it a couple of times; we can play really well," he added. "The offense has picked up, and we've got kids finding their stroke."

It's this increased production at the plate that has fueled Seidel's optimism. Sophomore Emery Lushenko and senior Maeci Brown are emerging as key contributors. The pair homered against the Dragons. Each has already exceeded last year's home run production.

Lushenko and Brown aren't the only Panthers finding their stroke.

"We knew there would be some ups and downs," Seidel said. "At times we're going to play really

well, and at other times we're going to show our youth."

Mistakes proved costly against Dallas, particularly with two outs. The Dragons turned these miscues into big innings.

"Dallas is a good ball club. They took advantage of our mistakes," Seidel said. "Against a really good team, mistakes hurt."

At the start of the week, the girls were 4-4 in conference, 7-12 overall. They are in fourth place, one game ahead of Corvallis and South Albany, in the conference standings. They are ranked 15th by the

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

A claw of Panthers await Maeci Brown's return after she hit a home run against the Dragons on Friday. However, Dallas had the most blasts, winning 14-3.

Top competition on tap as Panthers enter home stretch

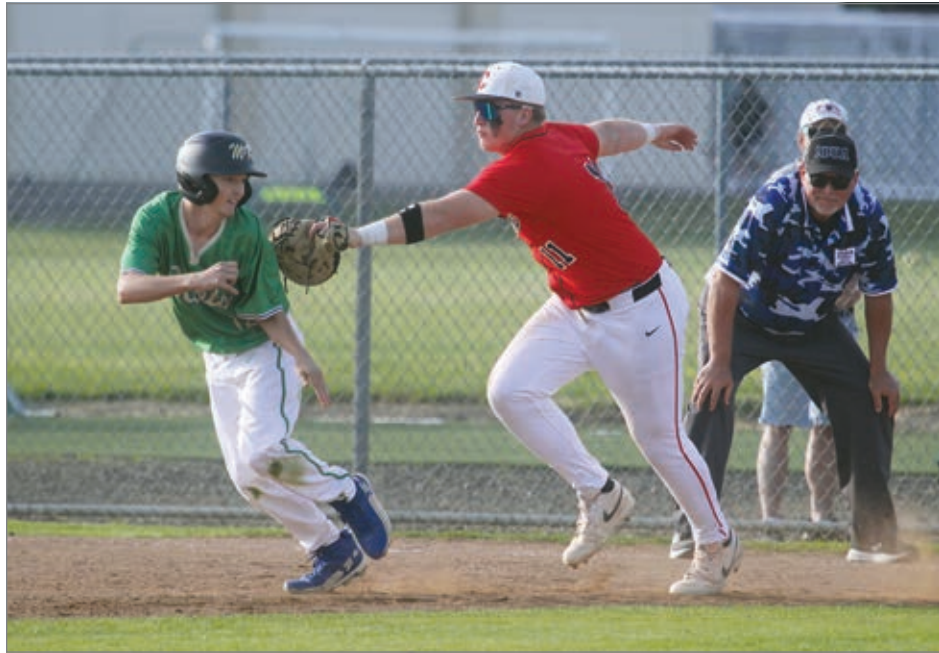


PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Central's Tyler Olafson picks off a McKay runner during Friday's 13-3 win.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Life is about to get a whole lot tougher for the Central varsity baseball team.

The Mid-Willamette Conference schedule makers have the Panthers facing West Albany, defending league champs Corvallis and Dallas in order. It's a six-game stretch that began earlier this week. These three teams have won 26 of their 30 league games so far.

Not that the Panthers are slouches. They are unbeaten after 10 league games and in a first-place

tie with the Spartans.

Central knew life in the MWC would be challenging. They began preparing for this not long after the first pitch of the season was thrown. After navigating a challenging preseason, one that included spring break games in Arizona, the Panthers emerged with a clearer identity of who they were as a team.

"We learned a lot about our team," head coach Ben Kramer said of the preseason. "We put ourselves in some tough situations, and it really showed us that everything starts on the mound."

The pitching staff has responded as a steady force, with starters consistently putting the team in position to win and relievers stepping in to finish games. This consistency has allowed the staff to settle into defined roles.

The offense has found its rhythm, as well. Batters have become more competitive at the plate, producing timely hits and demonstrating a mindset that emphasizes team over individuality.

The unbeaten streak has momentum in Central's favor as it

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Big inning carries Dragons past Silverton, 14-11

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Tommy Hess, who went deep twice in one inning, powered the Dragons to a 14-11 win over Silverton in varsity baseball from last week.

The junior outfielder led off with a solo shot and then capped the inning's scoring with a three-run blast.

In between home runs, Hunter Rivers singled

and Landon Holbrook doubled off the fence to keep pressure on the Foxes.

A two-out error by the visitors extended the inning for the Dragons.

Dallas coach Keeton Luther added his entire lineup found ways to get on base, thus setting the stage for the team's top hitters.

Hess and Rivers finished with four hits each, and Holbrook added

three more to round out a strong offensive performance by Dallas.

The Foxes bounced back two days later to win the rematch, 12-2, on their home field.

Dallas travels to Crescent Valley today (Wednesday) and to McKay on Monday.

The team's next home game is Friday, 5 p.m., also against the Royal Scots.

Dallas started this

week with records of 8-2 in conference, 11-6 overall. The boys are 14th in the OSAA rankings.

PHOTO BY LANCE
MASTERSON

During a pause in action in their match against Silverton, Dallas players receive some coaching advice. The Dragons prevailed 14-11 against the Foxes.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Dallas catcher Kadence Tullock had a pretty good game against Central on Friday. Not only did she provide good defense, but she also added three hits, including a home run, to help power the Dragons to a 14-3 victory.

Dragons get coach's 200th win

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas used a balanced attack and timely pitching to roll past Central, 14-3, on Friday.

With the win, the Dragons remain unbeaten in Mid-Valley Conference play. On Sunday, the girls were 8-0 in league, and 14-4 overall. They are ranked second in Class 5A by the OSAA.

The Dallas lineup delivered against the Panthers. Maddi Jones, Kadence Tullock, and Ashaley Trine each recorded three hits. While Maeve Woolsey, Kyliegh Cram, and Tullock blasted home runs.

Dallas was able to pull

away thanks to steady pitching. Reliever Rachel Hansen allowed three hits and two runs in her four innings. She also struck out four.

Earlier in the week, Dallas routed Lebanon, 11-1, in four innings. The Dragons finished with 10 hits. Harlow Nelson and Jones each added two hits, while Ruby Halligan and Khadijah Tabib plated two runners each.

Jones dominated from the mound, as she struck out six in notching the win.

In other news, head coach Brandi Jackson recorded her 200th career victory. This is Jackson's 10th year leading the Dragons' program.

"Reaching 200 wins is a special milestone, but it's really a reflection of the people who have been a part of this program for years. I've been fortunate to work alongside incredible assistant coaches who have given their time, energy, and knowledge to help build something consistent and meaningful for our athletes," Jackson said. "This milestone belongs to the student-athletes from the past 10 years. Their work ethic, resilience, and willingness to be great teammates are what set the standard for our program."

Next up are conference

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PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1986

Dallas crash damages five planes

A plane crash at Card's Air Park in Dallas Saturday resulted in a fire and nearly \$100,000 in damage to five airplanes, but the pilot and passenger were able to walk away uninjured.

In a statement to the Dallas Police Department, pilot Lindy Sue Cloyd, Corvallis, said she was flying from Salem to Corvallis when she noticed bad weather over Salem and decided to land in Dallas. The 35-year-old stated she had never landed in Dallas before so she flew over the airport a number of times to get the feel of the airport.

County considers transfer station

Revalidating and revising Polk County's comprehensive land use plan may come a little bit easier and sooner after a state Land Conservation and Development Commission action Thursday.

The commission agreed that the county faces a big task in both bringing its plan back into compliance and completing a five-year review over the usual six-month period. It now

plans to notify the county in June on how much monetary support it will be able to offer.

Dragon golfers in fourth, eye third place

Going into the Willamette Valley League district match tied for fourth place, the Dallas High boys golf team has clinched its fourth place position and is eyeing third place.

The Dragons met up with the six other teams in their league Friday and McNary. The top five players from each team competed in the 18-hole tournament with strong competition for first place between McMinnville and Forest Grove. The fourth-place position is also hotly contested with Dallas, Beaverton and Canby, all vying for the same spot.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976

Errors cloud housing program

Evidence of mismanagement of funds, missing records, unpaid bills, and forged signatures on checks is casting an ugly shadow on a federal housing program in Polk County.

In theory, it was a great idea, but, as one

Independence creditor said, "the whole thing is typical of a federal program. Nobody seems to be responsible for anything."

The program in question is the Farmer's Home Administration (FHA) sponsored Self Housing Program. It was initiated so that lower-income families would have a chance to build and own their own homes.

Tom Newton files suit

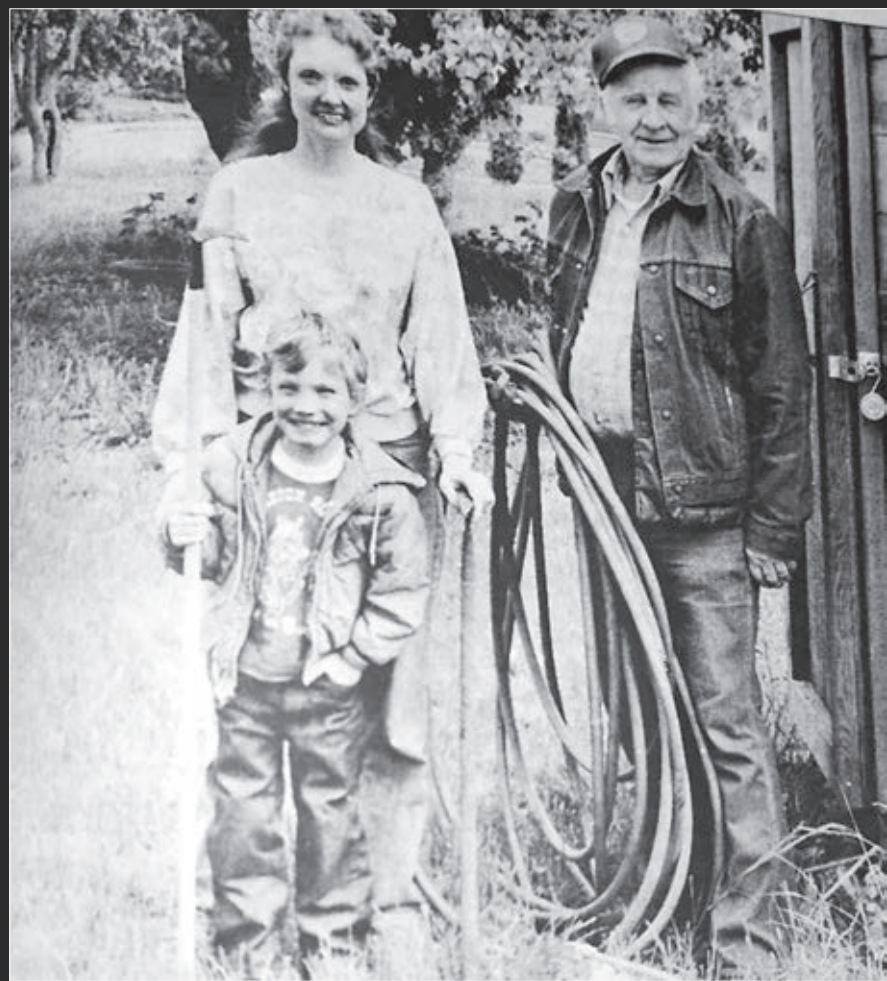
Former Dallas Family Federal & Loan president Thomas Newton, dismissed by the board of directors in July, filed suits in Polk County Circuit Court last week against the association and its directors totalling more than half a million dollars.

The two suits add up to \$549,850. ... The first suit seeks damages for statements made by the board president about Newton. ... The second suit seeks damages for alleged wrongful removal of Newton from the board of directors and the loss of salary.

Busy schedule nets DHS one victory

The Dallas High Varsity baseball team took advantage of some nice weather last week and was able to play all of their four scheduled Coast Valley

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, April 30, 1986: HEY, DIG THIS SPOT! - Community garden plots for amateur partners who lack space of their own are available through Dallas Resource and Referral Center. The community garden is located behind the Referral Center. DiAnna Hawkins and her son, Jacob (left) along with Eugene Golf are avid gardeners at the Community Garden. Canning and drying equipment for produce are also loaned out through the center. (File I-O photo.)

League games for that period.

Monday Astoria came to town and claimed a 5-1 decision. The next day, Newberg visited and was trounced 10-2. On Wednesday, the locals went to St. Helens and lost 10-2. Friday the Orange and Black visited McMinnville and the Grizzlies took the Dragons' measure 11 to 2.

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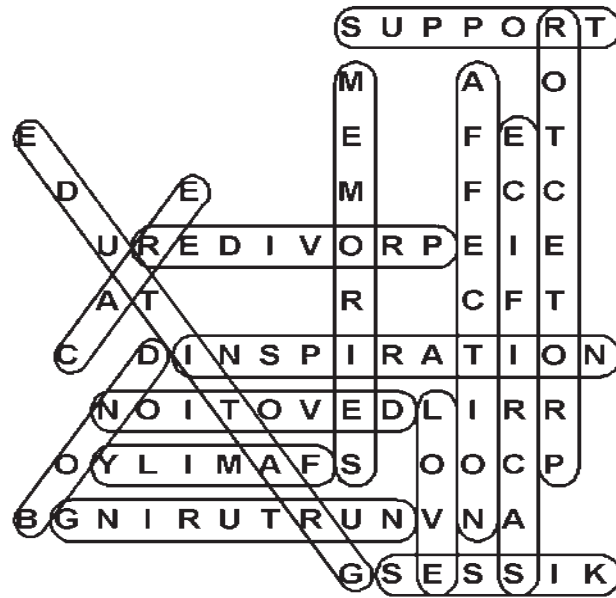
Big southwestern town whose citizens all own a pair of graceful pond birds: Two-swan, Arizona.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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OSAA.

This is a precarious position indeed, as only 16 teams see postseason action. Thus, each of the next six regular-season

games is crucial.

Seidel, however, has a game plan.

"We've got to win the games we're supposed to win and try to steal one from a top team," he explained.

Consistency, especially in key matchups, will

determine if the Panthers' season is extended.

Making a difficult run even more difficult, four of the team's next five games (as of May 4) are on the road. Stops include Lebanon, South Albany, Corvallis, and Crescent Valley.

The girls host West Albany on May 15, however.

Silverton is at Central on Wednesday, May 20, for the regular-season finale for both teams.

The final two home games start at 4 p.m.

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enters the gauntlet. OSAA agrees, as it has the Bulldogs ranked 11th, the Spartans second and the Dragons 14th.

The Panthers are ranked seventh. While each opponent presents unique challenges, Central will not change its approach. Adjustments will be made only as needed.

"We won't change a ton of stuff. Maybe our approach adjusts a little

based on who we're facing," Kramer said. "It's about staying true to what we do."

This mindset extends beyond individual games. While the team understands its long-term goals, the focus stays on the here and now. No looking ahead to upcoming matchups.

"You have to take it one game at a time, one pitch at a time. West Albany is a good ball club. They're always going to play good, clean baseball,"

Kramer said. "You can't play a game before it's scheduled."

The structure of the schedule adds another layer of intrigue. With its home-and-away format, teams must balance pitching rotations and preparation to accommodate each two-game series.

Central certainly didn't look past Friday's opponent, as they got past outmanned McKay, 13-3.

Joe Mendazona and Tyler Olafson provided much of the offense.

Mendazona went 3-for-4, with four RBIs, two runs scored, and a home run. Olafson added two hits in his three at-bats, along with three RBIs and one run scored.

The Panthers finished with 13 hits, including doubles by Josh Fitts and JT Girod, and a triple by Santi Alarcon.

McKay committed five errors, which allowed for three unearned runs for the Panthers.

The Panthers are 15-4 overall.

DRAGONS

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matchups at Corvallis and West Albany. The girls return home on Monday to face Crescent Valley, at 4 p.m.

Don't expect the Dragons to rest on their laurels.

"Our goals for the rest of the season is to continue to work hard, get better everyday, and play together as a team," Jackson said. "We focus on taking one pitch, one inning, and one game at a time."



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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget & URA Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics

Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - 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, MAY 8

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/Cards/Table 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
 1:30 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: Skip Jones Spirit of New Orleans, Dallas Rotary Amphitheater, 182 SW Academy St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Lucas Cole, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Ty

Curtis Duo, 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 p.m. - Live Music: Dallas Community Orchestra, Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 Howe St.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8 a.m. - Spring Bird Walk at JTE Tree Farm, free, sign up at www.luck-iamute.org/spring-bird-walk-j2e.html
 9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
 9 a.m. - Touch a Truck, Riverview Park at 50 C St., Independence
 1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Leanne McClellan Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence

Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, MAY 10

1:30 p.m. - Live Music: 6th Annual Country Mama's Day, featuring Skylyar Pelous of The Boondock Boys, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Curtis Clay Reynold, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 4 p.m. - Live Music: 6th Annual Country Mama's Day, featuring Nashville Recording Artist Jesse Leigh and her band, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, MAY 11

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. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6 p.m. - Dallas Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, MAY 12

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center

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Community Briefs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS FORUMS FOR OPERATIONS LEVY MAY 6

Southwest Polk Fire District hosts a community forum at 5:30 p.m. May 6 at the Rickreall Community Fire Station, 9105 Rickreall Road, to learn more about their proposed operations levy Measure 27-18 and how it impacts fire and emergency services in the community. There will also be hot dogs and live demonstrations.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE MAY 8-9

The 24th Annual Polk County Master Gardener Association's Plant Sale is from 9 a.m. May 8 to 2 p.m. May 9 at the Polk County Fairgrounds Events Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway West, in Rickreall. This free-entry event includes annual flowers, hanging baskets, perennials, house plants, trees & shrubs, vegetables, berries, native plants, herbs and a country store.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK RETURNS MAY 9

Touch-a Truck rolls back into Riverview Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9 for a day packed with family fun and excitement. Get up close and personal with all your favorite vehicles, from construction on behemoths to emergency service transports. As part of the festivities, a helicopter will land in Riverview Park. A quiet hour sensory (no horns or sirens) is from 1-2 p.m. for anyone with sensory sensitivities. The Monmouth Independence Family YMCA returns with their free Mother's Day card making station. Admission is free, but visitors are encouraged to bring food donations for the Ella Curran Food Bank.

FRIENDS OF ARBORETUM HOSTS MAINTENANCE PARTY MAY 9

Join the Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum in helping to maintain the arboretum grounds from 9 a.m. to noon May 9. Come when you can, and join in a variety of tasks to help keep this jewel welcoming to all. 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.

MOSAIC CHURCH HOSTS BLOOM'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 9

Mosaic Church Dallas hosts Bloom's Women's Conference, from 5:30-9 p.m. May 9 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. Come ready for a night of soul-stirring worship, deep biblical teaching, and dinner shared with sisters in Christ. Tickets are \$35 and are available online at <https://bit.ly/4miyVqo>.

BAMBINOS HOSTS ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY APPRECIATION MAY 9

Bambinos Oregon's Annual Mothers Day Appreciation event is May 9 at 322 S Main St., in Dallas. It features a Swap & Shop and Car Seat Clinic from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., compliments of new friends Kissin' Kate BBQ.

SALT CREEK CIDER HOUSE PRESENTS COUNTRY MAMA'S DAY MAY 10

The Salt Creek Cider House presents its 6th Annual Country Mama's Day, from 1-7 p.m. at 14500 Salt Creek Road, just outside Dallas. Celebrate a fun-filled day packed with music, cider, food, laughter and sweet memories. Performing live will be Skylyar Pelous of The Boondock Boys at the outdoor stage from 1:30-3:30 p.m., followed by Nashville recording artist Jesse Leigh and her band from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3OxP8Md>.

DDA HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER MAY 12 FOR BAMBINOS

The Downtown Dallas

Association presents a Bingo event to benefit Bambinos at 6 p.m. May 12 at Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas. Buy in is \$15 to play, and participants must be 21 and older to buy in and claim prizes. Bring supplies for Bambinos for the blackout round.

POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOST TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY MAY 12

The Polk County Democrats Talk About It Tuesday meets at 6:30 p.m. May 12. Help call/text voters to remind them to vote. They will also have table top discussions of the topics of the day. Don't forget to bring your phone! For more information and to sign up for email notifications, go to www.polkdems.org, scroll to Step 2, and click on the link to our newsletter.

COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS 'KASSANDRA AND THE FOUNTAIN OF ATLANTIS'

Walk the Path Community Theatre presents "Kassandra and the Fountain of Atlantis" at 7 p.m. May 14-16 at Dallas Four Square Church, 976 SW Hayter St., Dallas.

HERITAGE MUSEUM SOCIETY HOSTS STORY NIGHT MAY 14

Heritage Museum Society hosts MI Story Night at 7 p.m. May 14 at the Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 S Main St., Independence. Join a cozy evening of stories, as local storytellers and writers share original works drawn from their life and experiences. Attendance is by invitation. To learn more, contact Marilyn Morton at marilyn97351@gmail.com.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES SOFTBALL GAME RETURNS MAY 15

The 4th Annual Battle of the Badges slow pitch softball match between Dallas Fire & EMS and the combined forces of Dallas Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office is at 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Dallas High School Softball Field. Tickets are \$5 and are

available for purchase at the Dallas Fire Department or on game day at the gate. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds go to the Dallas High School Senior All Night Grad Party.

HARVEST CROSSFIT HOSTS RELAY MARATHON FUNDRAISER MAY 15

Harvest CrossFit hosts a relay marathon for Compassion First from 7 a.m. to noon, May 15 at 761 S Main St., Dallas. Run, row, ski or walk a marathon as a team. Registration is \$30 per person. For more information, go to www.harvestcrossfit.com.

IN THE GARDEN FAIRE RETURNS MAY 16

The Dallas Garden Club's 6th Annual In the Garden Faire is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1175 SE Howe St, in Dallas. The proceeds from this event go back into the Garden Club community projects.

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 Outlet, 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.

4-H POLK COUNTY HOSTS 2026 LIVESTOCK LEARNING DAY MAY 16

Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts the 2026 Livestock Learning Day at 3p.m. May 16 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall. Both 4-H and non-4-H members are welcome to attend. The event features more than 30 sessions to teach participants about all things livestock

taught by registered judges, 4-H professionals, industry professionals, seasoned volunteers, and expert 4-H'ers and alumni. Classes include meat grading, wool evaluation, cheese making, Q & A with a vet, mock swine showmanship, nutrition and feed, and more. For registration, schedule and more information, go to <https://bit.ly/4mYYQDZ>.

VINTAGE MOTORCYCLISTS SHOW, SWAPMEET RETURNS MAY 16

The Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists show and swapmeet is at 10 a.m. May 16 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. The Oregon Moto Guzzi Club will also be attending. There will be over 125 vintage motorcycles and scooters on display. This year's feature salutes all makes, 250cc and smaller, 20 years old and older. Admission is \$5. There will be a Vintage Ride starting at noon on May 15 starting at the fairgrounds.

RICKREALL EVENT HALL HOSTS ROOTS & BLOSSOMING MAY 17

Rickreall Event Hall presents Roots & Blossoming - An Intuitive Art & Spiritual Connection Workshop, at 11 a.m. May 17 at 305 Nesmith Road, Rickreall. The event features a heart-centered day of ceremonial cacao, drum journey and intuitive abstract art. Registration required online at www.wayfinderwellnesstravel.com.

MONMOUTH HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 25

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PCIO26-243 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE GRAND RONDE SANITARY DISTRICT A public meeting of the Budget Committee for the Grand Ronde Sanitary District will be held in the Main Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and to receive the budget message and document. Time is reserved for public comment at 9:20 a.m. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 8, 2026, at the Polk County Public Works Office, 820 SW Ash St., Dallas, OR 97338 during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Dated: May 06, 2026

PCIO26-245 In the Matter of the Estate of Barry S. Warden Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB03380 All persons having claims against the above-identified estate must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of the notice to the personal representative at the address designated in the notice for the presentation of claims or they may be barred. Teresa Warden, Personal Representative c/o Sam Sears 570 Liberty St. SE, Suite 240, Salem, Oregon 97301 All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. This notice was published on May 06, 2026.

PCIO26-246 NOTICE OF CITY OF DALLAS BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court Street, Dallas, OR. The meeting will take place on Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and receive comment from the public on the budget and state revenue sharing. All testimony is electronically streamed and recorded via the City of Dallas YouTube Channel: <https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/dallasyoutube>. To submit public comment by live telephone, please call: +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 213 855 0622 This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may participate in the public hearing and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be obtained from the City Manager's Office by calling 503-831-3502 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or viewed on the City's website at www.dallasor.gov. The document will be available on May 5, 2026. Dallas City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the City Manager's Office, 503-831-3502. Published May 6, 2026.

PCIO26-247 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Ash Creek Water Control District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the biennial budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 will be held at Indy Commons, 154 S. Main Street, Independence. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to

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receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. To appear by telephone or other electronic means, contact Marilyn Morton at DistSec@AshCreekWCD.com no later than Noon, May 14, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the proposed budget may be inspected on or after May 14, 2026 on the District's website. 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-237 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH Probate Department Case No. 26PB00701 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of John Howard Wright, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sarah Nanette Wright has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 388 State Street, Suite 470, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on May 6, 2026. David A. Bearman, OSB# 170854 Attorney for Personal Representative 388 State Street, Suite 470 Salem, Oregon 97301 david@bearmanlawoffices.com Tel (503) 363-4459 Sarah Nanette Wright Personal Representative 5/06/26

PCIO26-240 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting 4 column x 2.5 inches 4/29/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-234 Notice Of Self Storage Sale Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on May 23rd at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Daniel Day unit A016, Logan Keys Unit 196, Jasen Stephens Unit 297, Mike Silver Unit 288, Matthew Brown Unit 180. 4/29/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-233 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 5/20/2026 at 10:00AM. Racheal Berry Unit #165; Christopher Slyh Unit #603. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 4/29/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-232 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 5/20/2026 at 10:00AM. Jean Butler Unit #062; Theodore Morris Units #126 & #A15; Christine Leek Unit #419. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply 4/29/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-248 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Hilltop Cemetery Maintenance 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 Buena Vista Fire Station #40, 11350 Church Street, Buena Vista, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 12, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This

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is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 11, 2026, by calling (503)485-2446, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

PCIO26-228 TEAMSTERS COUNCIL #37 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION v. VELVET E. FULLER; JOSEPH ABRAHAM SHINN; KEIRSTIN NELKE ROBERG; ALL OCCUPANTS; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SUMMONS - CASE NO. 26CV04265 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY (collectively, "Defendant"), the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For judgment for foreclosure and sale of the Property located at 2300 Lincoln Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304, and a declaration of amount owed and secured by plaintiff's Deed of Trust comprising of the unpaid principal balance of \$311,110.47, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$4,768.73 through January 16, 2026, plus interest accruing thereafter at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum (\$28.086 per diem), from January 17, 2026, until the date said judgment is entered; plus the title search cost of \$974.00; together with any additional sums required to be paid by plaintiff during the pendency of this suit for the protection of the Property and the plaintiff's interest therein; plus plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements incurred herein; plus interest on the total on the total sum in paragraph 1 at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full; 2. That plaintiff's Deed of Trust, dated January 20, 2022, recorded January 25, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-001078, Records of Polk County, Oregon, be declared a first lien upon the Property for the amount of the judgment prayed for herein; 3. For judgment and decree that plaintiff's Deed of Trust upon the Property be foreclosed, and that the title, claim, interest, or demand of defendants in said Property, and every part thereof, except their statutory rights of redemption, be foreclosed; 4. For judgment and decree that the Property, with all of its appurtenances, rights, privileges, and easements be sold on execution by the Sheriff for Polk County, Oregon, after giving notice as required by law; that plaintiff may be and become a purchaser at said sale; that the Sheriff give the purchaser thereof a Certificate of Sale and, unless the Property is redeemed before the expiration of the redemption period, a deed; that said purchaser have immediate possession of the Property, and every part thereof; and that said purchaser be entitled to such remedies as are available at law to secure such position, including a writ of assistance, if defendants or any other parties or persons shall refuse to immediately surrender possession to the purchaser; and 5. That the proceeds of the sale be applied as follows: first, to pay the costs and expenses of said sale; second, to pay the judgment of plaintiff; and third, the surplus, if any, be paid to the Registry of the Court subject to further court order. WARNING: You may get offers from people who tell you they can help you keep your property. You may get offers from people who want to buy your "redemption rights" or "all rights under

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ORS chapter 18." You should be careful about those offers, as a sale of your rights to a property in foreclosure may include your right to claim any surplus funds arising from the foreclosure sale. Make sure you understand any papers you are asked to sign. If you have any questions, talk to a lawyer or one of the organizations mentioned below before signing. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can give you information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1 (855) 480-1950. You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: <http://www.osbar.org>. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of the Honorable Timothy R. Park, Judge of the above-entitled Court made on the 30th day of March, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Polk County, Oregon. Date of first publication: April 22, 2026, Date of last publication: May 13, 2026. Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff FARLEIGH WADA WITT 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204-3136 (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwlaw.com 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-226 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR POLK EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Polk Extension Service District will be held in the Main Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and to receive the budget message and document. Time is reserved for public comment at 10:15 a.m. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 8, 2026, at the Board of Commissioners' Office, Polk County Courthouse, during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Dated: April 15, 2026 4/22/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-225 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Falls City School 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 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and public comments on the proposed budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 12 at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 4/22/26, 4/29/26,

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PCIO26-191 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR - 24 - 1004787 - RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KELLY CHAPMAN AND HEIDI CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 6/25/2004, recorded 6/28/2004, in official records of POLK County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2004-010419 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 562318 07529-AC-05200 LOT 11, BLOCK 3, NORTH OAKS ADDITION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 592 NW EVE DR, DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$43,300.19 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$218,668.97 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 7/30/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by

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payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KELLY CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower HEIDI CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-1004787-RM Dated: 3/20/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 .IDSPub #0313881 4/22/2026 4/29/2026 5/6/2026 5/13/2026

PCIO26-206 TS No. OR0900027-23-1S APN 359289 I 3201 TO No 1042865 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, ROBERT M CHODERKER, AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON as

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING		PCIO26-240
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Polk County Fire District No. 1, Polk County, State of Oregon. (District Name) (County)		
to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. will be held at the Central Fire Station. (Location)		
1800 Monmouth Street, Independence, OR (Address)	The meeting will take place on the 18th day of May 2026 at 6:30 PM. (Date)	(Time)
The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Budget Message and to receive comment from the public on the Budget.		
A copy of the Budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 11, 2026 at 1800 Monmouth Street. (Date) (Location)		
Independence, OR (Location)	between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Time)	(Time)
This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.		
The meeting will also be available via Zoom and the link is available on our website at www.polkfire.org		
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Trustee, in favor of ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary dated as of June 2, 2003 and recorded on July 7, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003-012867 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 359289 I 3201 LOT 7, BLOCK 3, LOWELL ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 2252 WESTFARTHING WAY NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Zions Bancorporation, N.A., successor by name change to Zions First National Bank, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became

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due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 10/01/2022 to 02/01/2026 at \$52,414.37 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$101.35 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$68,857.32 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.00000% per annum from September 1, 2022 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 30, 2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Please Note: Sale date has been moved to a future date as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street,

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Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other

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default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which

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is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Dated: 2/12/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0486315 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 04/15/2026, 04/22/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/06/2026

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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.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

An off-duty officer spotted John Hoy with a stolen bicycle trailer. When confronted, Hoy initially denied stealing the trailer but upon learning that the incident was captured on camera, admitted that he'd taken it. The trailer had been repainted and parts altered. Hoy was charged with theft 2, trespass 2 and the officer requested that the District Attorney's Office consider adding one count of criminal mischief 2 for the alterations made to the trailer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Multiple calls were placed by community members who spotted Michael Halloway yelling at traffic with his penis exposed walking down Monmouth Street. It is not believed that Halloway was manipulating his private parts for arousal to the public. He was charged and taken to jail on charges of disorderly conduct 2.

Danny Fierro was charged with theft 3 (shoplifting) after hiding \$36 worth of items under his jacket as he exited a grocery store in the 1700 block of Monmouth Street. Loss prevention officers detained Fierro and after initially refusing to identify himself, Fierro was cited and released, with the understanding that he cannot return to Waremart for 100 years.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

At 7:01 p.m., a male subject on Monmouth Street was cited for open container in a public place (public library parking lot).

At 8 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for illegal window tint and obstructed license plate.

At 9:48 p.m., an officer investigated a report of males arguing and cursing sounds like they were fighting at a residence on 8th Street. The officer contacted a male who was taking his frustrations out on a punching bag. No crimes committed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

At 6:55 p.m., a report of a subject buying a beer and having a hard time walking prior to driving

off on Monmouth Street. An officer was unable to locate the subject vehicle.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

At 4:06 p.m., officers responding to a late domestic disturbance in the 800 block of South 3rd Street found that Jose Rincon had hit his domestic partner. Alcohol was thought to have been a factor. The victim had a bruise on her face. Rincon was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail where he was charged with assault 4.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

At 11:35 a.m., a resident on South 7th Street at G Street reported seeing an SUV hit a car parked on the street in front of her house that was captured on her security camera. The suspect vehicle was spotted parked on South 8th Street shortly after and the driver was attempting to remove his damaged front bumper. The driver was identified as Patrick Darty and he said he was Door Dashing when he looked down at his phone and struck the vehicle. While being patted down, Darty was found to have a pipe that contained a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Darty was arrested and taken to jail where he was charged with failing to perform duties of a driver in an accident with property damage, unlawful possession of controlled substance and got a traffic citation being on his cell phone while driving.

At 5:17 p.m., officers responded to a report of a motorist driving all over the road on Corvallis Road. They were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 6:41 p.m., officers investigated a report of a dead body in a sleeping bag on F Street. They found no dead body. Just a wet, soggy sleeping bag.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Domestic Disturbance: Police investigated a verbal domestic incident involving a knife. One person reportedly had the knife during the incident but left prior to law enforcement arrival. Probable cause was generated for menacing, and police went to the person's residence, but they were not there. The person called later and provided a vastly different account, claiming they were attacked and had physical marks, but refused to meet, stating they were driving to work. The responding party requested photos with date and timestamps for the injuries and planned a

later meeting for further investigation. The person was also trespassed from the residence.

Check Welfare: A check welfare request was received from a father for his daughter. Law enforcement was unable to locate her. Contacting other family members (all estranged) revealed that the person and their father do not have a good relationship, and the family requested that law enforcement not provide the father with the location.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported a series of suspicious activities involving two males, a female and a dog. The group was seen walking in the area and seemingly watching properties. On one occasion, one of the males was sitting against a neighbor's fence and appeared to be watching the reporting person's house. A 14-year-old resident allowed one of the males inside to retrieve their dog, which had somehow entered the backyard. The resident requested extra patrol, and a vacation house check was suggested, but it was not completed because a roommate was expected to be home.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported that an assault victim and two friends arrived at her apartment asking for the victim's property. The resident explained that the police department had the victim's backpack and that nothing else was there. One of the friends was yelling about the assault, which frustrated the resident. The resident was encouraged to call if the issue continued. The victim's parent was contacted and encouraged to instruct the victim not to go to that location.

Arrest: A motorist was stopped for driving while holding a cell phone. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license - misdemeanor. The driver was arrested and transported to jail.

Found Property: A wallet was found by campus security and turned over to law enforcement. Initial attempts to locate the owner or associated family members by phone were unsuccessful. An attempt was made to return the wallet to the owner's residence, but they were not home. The wallet was then placed in the department's safe for later return.

Assist Other Agency: Assisted another police department with a crash where a pedestrian was directing traffic. The driver was instructed to move the vehicle out of the highway, and witness information was collected to pass on. There were

no injuries, and the people involved worked on calling for their own tow services.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

DUII: A driver was stopped for failing to drive on the right of a divided highway. The driver showed signs of impairment and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. The person was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and provided a BAC of 0.23%. The person was lodged and also charged with two counts of recklessly endangering another person.

Citizen Contact: A person called to inquire if they needed to renew their sex offender registration this year, believing they only had a five-year registration requirement. A review indicated there was no expiration date. The person was advised to contact the State Police Sex Offender Registration unit for further information.

Runaway: A father reported his daughter missing, believing she was with another juvenile.

Law enforcement contacted the other juvenile's mother, who stated the missing person had shown up at her house that morning needing a place to stay, as the mother's own daughter had been taken to a detention center. The mother allowed the missing person to stay until she was off work. The father was notified of the missing person's location so he could pick her up. Prior to picking the missing person up the juvenile ran away again. The juvenile was entered as a missing person.

Ordinance Violation: A vehicle was towed by a towing service for a 7-Day Parking Violation. The towing was reported to Records for input.

Animal: A resident called to report a neighbor's dog for frequent barking. The dog was not barking when law enforcement arrived. The ordinance was explained to the caller, and they were asked to call back when the dog was actively barking.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported a male yelling and swearing at juveniles. The reporting person intervened and was then threatened by the male. The reporting person and the juveniles were gone before law enforcement arrived. The male was spoken to and denied anything happened, but was warned for disorderly conduct.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance between two people. The incident started when one person ruined a lawn

mower by putting gas in the crankcase, leading to a fight over the week. One person later bought a knife and threatened to slash the other person's tires, leading to a minor physical altercation when the other person tried to take the knife away. Both parties denied fighting, but camera footage captured the event. Both were cited and released for disorderly conduct 2. One person was trespassed indefinitely from campus property by both the city police and the university.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person who had self-harmed and started taking pills before spitting them out was taken into custody on a police officer hold and transported to a medical facility. The person was cooperative throughout the process.

Domestic Disturbance: A domestic incident occurred between three family members (a person, their mother, and their step-mother). One person was determined to be the primary aggressor and was lodged and charged with two counts of assault 4 and interfering with making a report.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Arrest: A person was cited and released on an outstanding failure to appear warrant for theft from another jurisdiction.

Alarm: A silent alarm was triggered at a store. An employee was opening the store and struggling to shut off the alarm. Nothing unusual was found.

Animal: A dog owner was contacted regarding his dogs' barking. The owner was told the dogs needed to go inside and that if continuous barking complaints continued, a citation would be issued. The owner acknowledged the warning.

Arrest: A driver was located and stopped. The driver was arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor, and was lodged.

Animal: While conducting a traffic stop, three dogs — a German shepherd, a pit bull, and an unknown mix — ran past and toward a man and his young daughter (4-6 years old). The German shepherd barked, growled and lunged at the girl. The father intervened and kicked the dogs away. The dogs were later contained in a nearby facility's bathroom. The dogs' owner's brother, who was watching the animals, was cited for dogs at large.

Driving Complaint: Complaints were received about a two-door sedan unable to maintain its lane and speed. The vehicle reportedly pulled into a parking lot. Law enforcement was unable to locate

the vehicle upon arrival.

Elude: Law enforcement attempted to stop a red sport bike for illegal alteration or display of license plates. The rider fled at high speed (about 100 mph) before stopping. The rider was later identified, arrested and charged with attempt to elude, reckless driving and was cited for several violations. The motorcycle was released to the family.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported being kissed and touched by a male without her consent at a laundromat. The person did not wish to pursue charges but requested that the male be spoken to. The male was located and admitted to the kissing but claimed he did not know the person was uncomfortable. He agreed to keep his distance from the reporting person.

Prowler: Two residents heard tapping at their windows. One looked outside and saw a male in the backyard. The male walked up the side of the house and left through the front yard. A search of the backyard, workshed, and surrounding area was unsuccessful. The residents were asked to call back if they noticed anything missing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Driving Under the Influence: A driver was stopped for suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and failure to drive within the lane after being observed driving onto and parking on a curb. The driver showed signs of impairment and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. The person was arrested and provided a BAC of 0.17%. The person was lodged and charged with DUII and two counts of recklessly endangering another person.

Missing Person: A person reported her 89-year-old husband missing. He had walked away from home, was diagnosed with dementia, and was a fall risk. An officer located the missing person and brought him home. A photo of the person will be added to their profile.

Assist Other Agency: Assisted a police department with a knock and talk on a person who had probable cause for criminal mischief. There was no answer at the residence.

Sex Offense: A person reported that her ex-husband had been caught viewing child pornography twice during their relationship, with incidents occurring in two different cities, one of which was in April 2025. An initial report was taken. The

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ex-husband is unaware that this was reported.

Theft: A person reported that his black and white mountain bike, valued at \$900, was stolen from a hall sometime within the past two days. The person did not have the serial number for the bike.

Intoxicated Person: A business owner called about intoxicated patrons from a nearby pub playing cornhole in front of her business. Law enforcement arrived and separated one person who was arguing with the pub's customers. The pub's representative eventually agreed to move the cornhole game to keep the peace. The business owner also voiced complaints about other issues, such as accessibility and smoking. After law enforcement left, the business owner called again about the cornhole game, and she was informed there was little more that could be done if the patrons moved the game back.

Sex Offense: A person reported that her neighbor's children told her that their father has photos of her 8-year-old daughter on his laptop. The daughter occasionally visits the neighbor's home to see friends. A report was completed, and the agency hotline was notified.

Arrest: A person was cited and released for an outstanding municipal warrant from another city.

Theft: A person paid a contractor \$175 for yard work and another \$175 for pressure washing. The contractor completed the yard work but not the pressure washing. The contractor left equipment as collateral but sent someone to retrieve it while the reporting person was at work, and is no longer responding to communication.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Alarm: Officers responded to a hold-up alarm at a credit union. Nothing suspicious was found upon arrival, and bank staff confirmed it was accidental.

Assist Other Agency: A cross-report was received regarding an adult supplying vaporizers and marijuana to a 16-year-old while at her residence.

Noise Complaint: A person reported that a male was playing his music too loudly. Law enforcement spoke with the male, who agreed to turn off the music and leave.

Sex Offense: A sex offense report was taken.

Assist Other Agency: Assisted another police department with a call involving a 12-year-old group home client who has severe behavioral problems and called 911 claiming to be kidnapped. Other callers reported him fighting a staff member. Law enforcement assisted a staff member by contacting the manager for additional help. The client was yelling obscenities, destroying the staff's van, and hitting the staff member during the incident. Another staff member arrived and transported the client home.

Theft: A person reported that a welder and a tool box were stolen from his yellow school bus. The bus was parked in front of a power and light office building. An attempt was made to retrieve camera footage from a nearby business, but their cameras only record during the day. A request was made for follow-up to

check for camera footage at a construction company.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported that during the repossession of her vehicle, the tow driver lifted the vehicle while her baby was still inside. Law enforcement located the driver, who initially denied lifting the vehicle with the child inside. The reporting person and a witness confirmed the vehicle was lifted with the child inside and the driver refused to drop it. The driver later admitted to lifting the vehicle but claimed he waited for them to take the child out and never drove with the child inside.

Found Property: A black children's bike was found abandoned at the skate park.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Arrest: A person was arrested for failing to register as a sex offender. The person had been living at an apartment for over a month, had filled out a rental application, and was added as a resident. The person was cited and released.

Driving: A vehicle was reported for speeding (50-70 miles per hour) and being unable to maintain its lane. Law enforcement located and stopped the vehicle for speeding. The driver denied the reported driving behavior and did not show signs of impairment.

Arrest: A male associated with a parked vehicle was located. He had an outstanding failure to appear warrant from another county for driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was arrested and lodged.

Suspicious Activity: A complainant reported a group of juveniles running through a field and screaming. Law enforcement contacted three juveniles (ages 10, 12 and 12), who stated they were playing in the field. When asked about a shopping cart found behind them in the bushes, they claimed they found it in the road and moved it. They were advised about trespassing and the theft of the shopping cart, and were told to return the cart. They were later observed walking with the cart toward a local store.

Animal: A person called after finding a stray cat that he believed belonged to someone in the apartment complex. The cat had entered his apartment, but he could not keep it long. Law enforcement advised they would direct a caller to him if someone reported a missing cat, but also suggested that the cat would likely find its way home if released.

Overdose: Law enforcement received a report of an unconscious male in a smoking tent, possibly having taken something and not responding to a sternum rub. Upon arrival, the male was in and out of consciousness and was given an overdose reversal drug by medics. Staff reported the person had taken a large quantity of prescription medications and had told them not to call medics or administer the drug. The person was transported to a medical facility by medics.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Patrol Request: A person called to request a speed trailer and extra patrol in an area for northbound traffic, reporting that drivers entering the area often exceed 50 miles per hour. The speed trailer will be placed later that day or the next morning.

Emotionally Disturbed

Person: Crisis services and a subject's friend reported that a male subject was making suicidal statements and was depressed. He had been texting and speaking with them but stopped responding. Law enforcement spoke with the male by phone, who confirmed he was suicidal but would only say he had a few options when asked for details. The male mentioned he had barricaded the front door and did not wish to speak with anyone. Crisis services were informed that law enforcement would not respond and that it was not safe for them to respond, particularly because the male was known to possess a firearm.

Citizen Contact: A person reported feeling unsafe around her new housemate, citing ongoing physical and verbal fights. The house manager confirmed that both people have been problematic and attempted to start altercations, but they have a safety plan in place. Law enforcement will make in-person contact with the reporting person the following day due to her prior appointment.

Check Welfare: A check welfare was requested after a service delivery driver could not contact the resident. Law enforcement was also unable to make contact and checked area hospitals without locating the person. While on scene, a relative arrived who had access to the home's cameras. Reviewing the camera footage showed the person left the residence with friends earlier that morning.

Assist Other Agency: Law enforcement responded to a report of an intoxicated female getting into a vehicle. The female was found passed out on the backseat floor of the vehicle, which had a strong odor of alcohol, and she showed numerous signs of impairment. She stated she had drinks after work and was sleeping it off. She was strongly warned against driving and appeared to order a ride-sharing service since she had no friends or family available to pick her up.

Stolen Vehicle: A person reported that her mother entered her apartment uninvited, took her car keys, and stole her car. An investigation revealed through text messages that the vehicle was a rental car paid for by the caller's parents' insurance, and it was a month overdue for return. The mother took the car to return it. Law enforcement will follow up with the mother.

Driving: A driving complaint was received about a white vehicle drifting and almost driving into a ditch. An officer followed the vehicle and developed probable cause for a stop. The driver was contacted and addressed regarding the driving complaint. The driver was not impaired and was warned for the violations.

Suspicious Activity: A resident requested an officer after her motion lights activated and she heard someone knocking at her door. She lives in an apartment above the garage, and her landlord was out of town. An officer responded and checked the area. The property was clear and the house appeared secure. She was advised to call back if necessary.

Crime: A person reported receiving a phone call from a female involved in two recent cases where he was the

victim. The female told him to go to court and say the incidents were a misunderstanding, or else she would report him for sexual harassment and sending unwanted intimate photos of himself. The incident is under investigation for Tampering with a Witness and Coercion.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Law enforcement discussed ongoing issues with a person who was an emotionally distressed person with a clinician. The clinician and another care provider attempted to gain rapport and provide resources near the person's residence. The officer was later informed that they were unable to contact the person, who was not responding to messages. Due to safety concerns, they left the location.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

At 7:49 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for failure to display a front license plate.

At 10:08 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 3:34 p.m., a motorist on Oakdale Road was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured.

At 7:16 p.m., a female juvenile subject was arrested on Pine Street in Falls City and charged with minor in possession of alcohol/marijuana.

At 10:16 p.m., deputies investigated a business alarm on Kings Valley Highway. They found all the doors/buildings were secure and nothing suspicious was seen.

At 10:49 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 11-20+ mph over the speed limit and also received a written warning for expired registration stickers.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

At 12:03 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped and cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55-mph zone. In addition, the driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and driving with no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 1:36 a.m., deputies investigated a crash notification on Corvallis Road. Nobody was around the vehicle, a 2016 Chevy Silverado with Washington plates, and the driver side door was open. The pickup was off the eastbound shoulder in between two trees with heavy front end damage, two flat front tires, a cracked windshield and damage to the driver side bed panel. The driver was not around, but a six pack of Coors Banquet beers were spotted tossed about and the vehicle had an odor of an alcoholic beverage. A tow truck was called.

At 6:54 a.m., a motorist on 1st Street in Falls City was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the 20-mph zone and she was warned for no registration.

At 10:50 a.m., deputies went out to 1700 Edgewater Street and entered through the east entrance through the gate and under the bridge. They found Carly Whitmore and an unidentified male together; however the male fled on a bike. After the male got away, they arrested Whitmore and charged her with trespassing and

transported her to Polk County Jail.

At 1:58 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a male lying in a ditch on the side of Highway 22. The subject stated that he just got out of the hospital. A deputy provided him a phone to call a ride and he managed to get someone to come pick him up.

At 9:52 p.m., a juvenile was arrested on Academy Street and was at Yamhill County Juvenile Detention where he was charged with two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, harassment, criminal mischief 2 and two counts of disorderly conduct.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

At 1:56 a.m., a resident on Valley Creek Road reported hearing shots fired nearby. Due to a delay in response, when a deputy called later, the resident reported not hearing any shots since 1 a.m.

At 4:27 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Corvallis Road. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation for failing to provide proof of insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 8:30 a.m., a deputy contacted the driver of a vehicle with its hazards on, partially blocking Corvallis Road. The driver said her truck had broken down and she had a tow truck enroute. The deputy waited until the tow truck arrived due to the truck being in the roadway.

At 11:25 a.m., a resident on Talmadge Road reported three rottweilers chasing his cows. He fired one shot into the ground to chase them off. A deputy tracked them to the owner's residence in the 6400 block of 13th Street. She said the dogs dug a hole underneath the fence and got out. The deputy warned her for dogs at large.

At 11:58 a.m., a motorist on 13th Street in Independence was cited for operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device (texting on a cell-phone while at a stop sign).

At 1:25 p.m., a deputy notified the Dallas Pawn shop of a recently stolen E-Bike.

At 1:16 p.m., a deputy provided backup during a DUII traffic stop on Perrydale Road. The driver, Timothy Robinson, had slurred speech, unsteady balance and a silver tiny cap from a mini liquor bottle on the floorboard. Robinson failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail, where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and blew a BAC of .18%.

At 8:15 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Independence Highway. A deputy learned the driver fled the scene on foot. The deputy located the driver and placed him in handcuffs then waited for OSP to arrive and take over the investigation.

At 8:54 p.m., a deputy responded to a noise complaint on Harmony Road where the involved were shooting guns into the air and lighting off fireworks. The deputy arrived in the area, all was quiet and did not observe anyone in the area or any noise.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

At 12 a.m., a deputy covered OSP on a DUII investigation on Wallace Road. The State Patrolman arrested the driver for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and

a passenger was cited and leased for providing fake ID.

At 1:04 a.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle for failing to signal a turn on McNary Avenue. The driver appeared intoxicated and performed poorly on a field sobriety test. She was lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for recklessly endangering another person.

At 10:53 a.m., a deputy observed black smoke while driving on Highway 22. Several subjects waved the deputy down as he got close to the smoke. A burn had gotten out of control and caught a small trailer on fire. The trailer was within 10 feet of a shop. A tree was starting to catch fire, threatening the shop. The residents on scene got some hoses and put water on the fire. The deputy helped them to contain the fire until SW Polk Fire arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

At 11:30 a.m., a deputy investigated a single vehicle crash on Kings Valley Highway. The driver said the axle on her trailer broke off and sent her off the road. She didn't need medics and she was the only one in the vehicle. The deputy held the scene until OSP arrived and took over.

At 5:20 p.m. a motorist on Highway 223 was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for an expired temporary tag.

At 9:37 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for the speeding.

At 10:26 p.m., a deputy stopped a lot of people in West Marineview Park. One of them, Jeremy Pattison, was cited and released on an outstanding warrant out of Marion County.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

At 3:14 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Independence Highway. They held the scene until OSP arrived then provided traffic control until the road was clear. OSP went to the hospital to investigate the driver.

At 7:14 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone and for no operator's license.

At 8:01 a.m., deputies responded to a 90-year-old dementia patient who walked away from his home looking for his dog. A deputy located him at Warren and Ash Creek streets and gave him a ride home.

At 4:26 p.m., deputies responded to a residential burglary alarm on Ballard Road that showed front and back door activations. The front door was slightly ajar but did not appear to be forced. All of the other doors were secured. The residents arrived a few minutes later. Deputies cleared the house but did not find any indication someone had gone inside.

At 11:08 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 20-30+ mph over the speed limit in a 55-mph zone and for no insurance. She was also warned for expired tags.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

At 1:16 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway

CALENDAR

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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 Spring 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
 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7 a.m. - Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 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
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Connecting

Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget & URA Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

POLICE

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was cited for speeding 95 mph in a 55-mph zone.
 At 7:56 a.m., a motorist on West Perrydale Road was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 20-mph in a school zone.
 At 8:21 a.m., a motorist on Bethel Road was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph in a school zone.
 At 1:46 p.m., a deputy investigated an alarm at the impound lot on Ash Street. The deputy did not see anything in the impound lot, however he did notice the door for the boat barn was unsecured and slightly cracked. He secured the boat barn.
 At 4:45 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a black and white dog along the road. The dog, which had no collar, was deceased off the northbound shoulder. It was most likely hit by a car.
 At 6:03 p.m., a deputy covered Monmouth police on an investigation a youth was being kidnapped on Monmouth Street. They learned

the juvenile was a client at Augusta Care and staff members were the one keeping him from riding off on his bike.
 At 11:19 p.m., a deputy contacted four juvenile occupants of a vehicle in West Marine Park after hours. The windows were rolled down with a very large cloud of smoke coming from the vehicle. Three occupants were cited for minor in possession of marijuana. The driver, not a minor, was cited for driving under the influence of an intoxicant, marijuana.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28
 At 6:42 a.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle blocking crash with injuries on Bethel Road. They stayed on scene until OSP no longer needed them.
 At 7:22 a.m., a deputy observed an improperly positioned parallel parked vehicle near the Scorpion Gorge sign on Black Rock Road. One occupant, Rachael Walsh, originally gave her sister's name, Valerie, but could not remember the year she was born. Rachael Walsh was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant and for giving false

information. She was lodged at Polk County Jail without incident.
 At 8:34 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver, Emily Woods, was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for two warrants out of Marion County.
 At 1:31 p.m., a deputy stopped a motorist in the 1100 block of Orrs Corner Road after witnessing the driver make several traffic violations. The driver was cited for an unsafe pass on the left and was warned for speeding and failing to obey a traffic control device.
 At 7:13 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a road struck deer on Salem Dallas Highway. The deer was on the side of the road, not in the lane of travel, and was up against the concrete wall in the shoulder.
 At 9:44 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for expired registration. The driver, while not the registered owner of the vehicle, was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

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