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Lee Letsch stands in front of all that remains of the foundation of her 8,700 foot barn that burned down Jan. 20, taking with it more than 20 animals.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

## Farmer starts over after barn fire

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

To this day, Lee Letsch still doesn't know what woke her up at 1:30 in the morning of Jan. 20. But once awake, alone this particular day on her farm off Salt Creek Road, the single mother of two began hearing something disturbing.

"It sounded like rushing water. Like I had a river running outside of my bedroom window, which I don't. And then you would hear crackling and just continued weird noises," Letsch recalled. "You get used to sounds in the night. And I live on a farm and

there's all kinds of noises. So I was like, that's not a normal sound."

Finally shaking off the lingering effects of sleep, Letsch went to the front of her house to investigate only to find her main barn fully engulfed in flames.

By the time she called 911, a sheriff's deputy was already on the way as a neighbor had already called in the conflagration. By the time the fire department arrived, all they could do was contain the flames in a controlled burn since it hadn't spread to nearby neighboring properties.

To contribute to the Letsch family's rebuilding efforts, go to [www.gofundme.com/f/help-lee-rebuild-after-barn-fire](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-lee-rebuild-after-barn-fire).

"There was no opportunity that I would have had to go in and get anything. As much as I would have wanted to, it was completely involved," Letsch said from inside the remaining storage barn that was untouched by the blaze. "We had 15 to 20 tons of hay and straw in there. Plus all the animals."

The Letsch farm, owned by her mother Patricia, had long been a home to show animals they helped use to populate the

local 4-H and FAA programs. Since her own two children have graduated from high school, they had been slowly reducing the numbers of animals on the farm. Still, the loss had been substantial.

Between the sheep, meat goats, buck and ram, Letsch counted a loss of nearly two dozen animals.

"So little over 20 animals plus our great Pyrenees dog,

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## Dallas adjusts fees to fund renovation projects

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

The Dallas City Council took the first two steps at their meeting April 6 in transitioning two of its buildings into new homes for city staff and its police department.

After voters last year vetoed plans to build a new \$17 million police station at the old Itemizer-Observer building, the administration pivoted plans to renovating the space as a new home for city staff. Meanwhile, they're developing plans to transform city hall into the new police station.

According to the staff report, these projects will be funded through a \$2.05 million inter-fund loan where the city's general fund would borrow money from another one of the city's funds. This loan would then be paid back over 10 years, including interest payments. The revenue for the loan repayment would be generated through a new Facility & Equipment Fee collected with the city's monthly billing.

"This fee is a \$5 fee. That would be the same rate from now and into the future until the council decides to change what this fee would be if that decision's ever made," city manager Brian Latta explained.

This fee is expected to generate \$474,000 in annual revenue.

To minimize the financial impact to the bill payer in Dallas, the city council also approved a reduction in its

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## It takes a few friends to upkeep an arboretum

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

Tucked within the sprawling confines of the 35-acres of Dallas' City Park, sits the quiet natural refuge of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

On April 11, the quiet confines of the 7 acres were disrupted by the work of volunteer members of the Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum fighting back nature from encroaching over the park's seven trails.

The Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanical Garden was founded in 1983 as a non profit organization dedicated to the planning and development of a recreational

and educational resource contiguous with Dallas City Park.

Dale Derouin, current president of the Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, said their organization sends out their email newsletter to about 30 volunteers a month. On a good day, they may get 10 people to help with upkeep projects. Derouin himself has been volunteering with the Friends since 2000, joining after he retired.

"I tell people I didn't retire, I just quit working for money," he said Saturday within the comfy confines of the Arboretum Center before heading out to help with trail maintenance.

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A visitor and his dog walk past Brian Fast, a volunteer member of the Friends of the Delbert Arboretum, while he trims back the tall grass along Rickreall Creek that flows through the natu

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# Polk County Deputy DA named DUII Prosecutor of the Year

Polk County Deputy District Attorney Kaylee Hudson has received the 2026 DUII Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force.

Presented at the organization's annual conference held in Bend, Oregon on April 2, this prestigious award recognizes outstanding professional achievement in the deterrence and prevention of driving under the influence of intoxicants in the state of Oregon. It is given to a city, county or state prosecutor involved in supervising or in the actual prosecution of DUII offenders.

Hudson's nomination by a cross-section of her peers in law enforcement cites that she, "exemplifies excellence in the prosecution of DUII cases through exceptional preparation, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public safety."

District Attorney Aaron Felton congratulated Hudson on her accomplishment.



Deputy District Attorney Kaylee Hudson

"We are extremely proud of the work DDA Hudson does to deter and hold impaired drivers accountable here in Polk County," Felton said. "This recognition of her ability and commitment is very well deserved."

The Oregon DUII Task Force is a statewide

organization that provides training and consultation to state, local, community and professional organizations involved with DUII training, enforcement, treatment, and prevention. DDA Hudson has been a member of the Polk County District Attorney's Office since 2023.

# Dallas Library hosts Indigenous flutist Peter Ali

The Dallas Library hosts a free musical concert by flutist Peter Ali at 6:30 p.m. April 17.

This free concert will feature Ali playing a variety of indigenous flutes. He will talk about the flutes, who made them, and how they came to him. He will perform both contemporary and traditional songs. He works with a variety of flutes from Native American Woodland, Plains, Toltec, and Mayan cultures. He also plays a Middle Eastern flute.

Ali is proud of his Indigenous flute playing, his Native heritage from Mexico and his opportunities to connect cultures. As he embarked on his musical journey, he also realized that his flute guided him on a spiritual journey as well.

"What I hope my music does besides put a smile on your face, that it puts you at ease, makes you calm, and heals your spirit," Ali said.

His mother was of Pima/Mayan ancestry and his father was an ethnic



COURTESY PHOTO

Native American flutist Peter Ali performs at the Dallas Public Library at 6:30 p.m. April 17.

Berber from Morocco. After mastering the flute, he learned that his grandfather had been a professional flutist in Morocco. He has played at venues and tribal gatherings throughout the country.

This free program is

hosted by the Dallas Public Library and funded by the Friends of the Dallas Library. You can contact the library for further information (503) 623-2633 or check facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

# Give blood, platelets with Red Cross get t-shirt, e-gift card

In April, the American Red Cross asks people to keep patients top of mind by making an appointment to give blood or platelets. The need for blood doesn't take a spring break, and acting now can ensure blood is available in the coming weeks at medical centers. Regular donors of all blood types and those looking to give for the first time are encouraged to make days brighter this spring for those in need.

April is National Volunteer Month, and the Red Cross celebrates the kindness of blood donors and those who volunteer their time. There is no substitute for blood — volunteer donors are essential to patient care. Blood Program Leaders and Blood Donor Ambassadors are the heartbeat of our work at blood donation centers and community blood drives.

Join the celebration of saving lives.

Book a time to give blood or platelets now by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

All who come to give through April 30 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a choice of merchant. See [www.RedCrossBlood.org/Hope](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/Hope) for details.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Polk County through April 30:

**DALLAS**

April 25: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Grocery Outlet, 258 Ellendale Ave.

April 27: noon to 5 p.m., Evangelical Bible Church Dallas, 1175 SE Howe St.

**MONMOUTH**

April 28-29: 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N Monmouth Ave.

# Conservation groups hold public meetings on forest protections

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Federal officials announced in August they would terminate a 25-year-old rule protecting from development on nearly 60 million acres of forests, including 2 million in Oregon.

Before issuing sweeping protections on more than 30% of U.S. Forest Service-managed lands in 2001, federal officials spent more than a year holding 600 meetings and received more than 1.6 million public comments.

But federal officials have not held a single public meeting since they announced in August an effort to terminate the 2001 Roadless Rule, which prohibits road construction, logging and mining on roughly 60 million acres of public land, including about 2 million acres of forests in Oregon. Forest Service officials did not respond to questions from the Capital Chronicle Thursday morning.

Instead, U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas — a Democrat representing Oregon's Willamette Valley and ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee's forestry subcommittee — and several conservation groups led by the Oregon chapter of the Sierra Club are taking up the mantle.

Salinas and the Sierra Club hosted a public meeting Wednesday at the Ecotrust building in Portland, where roughly 60 audience members could give verbal comments or submit written ones. It was one of three public meetings on the Roadless Rule they scheduled this month, including a Monday meeting in Bend with roughly 150 attendees, according to organizers, and another scheduled for April 14 in Eugene.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has so far opened a single three-week comment period since its leader, Brooke Rollins, proposed terminating the rule in August. Salinas told the audience a second comment period would open soon. The first public comment period brought in more than 600,000 comments, most of which expressed opposition to any rollback of the Roadless Rule.

"Our next opportunity for public comment will open any day now, and I will again use this opportunity to demand this administration change course," Salinas said.



Last summer, she introduced the Roadless Area Conservation Act to enshrine the rule in federal law, but it does not yet have enough support to pass. In the House, 78 of her colleagues have signed on as co-sponsors, including Oregon Democratic Reps. Maxine Dexter and Suzanne Bonamici, as have 25 U.S. Senators. The state's three other representatives, Democrats Janelle Bynum and Val Hoyle and Republican Cliff Bentz, have not signed on as sponsors.

**What roadlessness protects**

Roadless areas in Oregon include Iron Mountain in the Willamette National Forest, Joseph Canyon in Wallowa County, Tumalo Mountain in central Oregon and Lookout Mountain in the Ochoco National Forest.

Jared Kennedy, who works for the Greater Hells Canyon Council in Enterprise, said at Wednesday's meeting there are already 26,000 miles of roads across Forest Service lands in eastern Oregon, southeast Washington and north-central Idaho.

"That's more than enough miles of road to circle the Earth and then still drive to Portland from Enterprise and back," he said.

Some attendees had worked on passing the Roadless Rule and spoke at public meetings the Forest Service held in 1999 and 2000. Among them was Kristin Faulkner, who said issues that spurred the rule in the first place have only gotten worse, as climate change, declining snowpacks and biodiversity loss accelerate drought, floods and wildfire.

"Here we are 26 years later, or six presidential terms later, or a generation later, to again defend why we desperately need the Roadless Rule to remain fully intact more than ever before," she said.

She and others argued that intact forests have far-reaching benefits, including keeping water clean for fish and humans.

Nearly 90% of people in the West are served by public drinking water systems that rely on water from national forest and grasslands. Commenters also discussed the massive amounts of carbon forests take-in and store, and that would otherwise enter the atmosphere as gas, further increasing global temperatures and climate change.

The largest roadless area in the U.S., the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, holds 44% of all the carbon stored by the United States' national forests and is home to some of the last old-growth stands in the country.

A firefighter at the meeting discussed his concerns with more roads in forests given 85% of wildland fires are caused by humans, and 90% of those start within a half mile of roads, according to Forest Service data. Others discussed the already low funding and growing backlog of maintenance needs on existing roads in national forests.

Jordan Latter, a manager at Bark, a conservation watchdog group dedicated to protecting the Mt. Hood National Forest, cited a recent Pew Charitable Trusts report showing a \$6.4 billion road maintenance backlog within the National Forest system. He added that the roads in Mt. Hood alone need \$72 million of investment to be brought up to standard.

"And what is in the president's fiscal year 2027 budget proposal? \$73 million for road maintenance — for the entire National Forest system," he said.

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**U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas presents a \$1 million check to Dallas Mayor Rich Slack and members of the city council and city administration.**

## Rep. Salinas secures \$1 million for Dallas sewer service

On April 7, U.S. Congresswoman Andrea Salinas (OR-06) joined Dallas Mayor Rich Slack and City Manager Brian Latta to celebrate \$1 million in federal Community Project Funding that Rep. Salinas secured for the City of Dallas. The funding will extend the city's sanitary sewer system to the La Creole Node, a 222-acre area that could not be developed because it lacked sewer service.

"This investment will help provide the infrastructure to unlock more land in Dallas for new housing and economic development," said Salinas. "The expanded

sewer system will ensure our infrastructure keeps up with our growing communities while protecting public health and opening the door to new housing and jobs in our community. I'm proud to deliver these resources for Dallas and I will keep fighting to bring back investments that give our community room to grow."

The La Creole Node sits on the edge of Dallas but cannot support further housing or business development without a connection to the city's sewer system. Extending sewer service to the area will unlock that acreage for growth while

protecting neighboring properties from potential septic failures. The \$1 million federal investment, which was secured through the annual appropriations process, covers the cost of extending the city's sanitary collector sewer system to reach the node.

The same funding also supports the city of Dallas's Potable Water Reservoir Tank Project, which will construct a seismically resilient reservoir to ensure residents have a reliable potable water supply during emergencies. Both projects address critical gaps in Dallas's aging infrastructure.

## WOU hosts fifth annual Hispanic Serving Institution Summit April 17

Western Oregon University hosts the fifth annual Hispanic Serving Institution Summit on April 17. This year's summit will highlight how data can inform, align and advance commitment to serving students.

Following the previous four years, this summit invites local, state and national partners and all interested community members to share ideas and best practices for serving and supporting students.

This year, Marla Franco, Ph.D., will serve as keynote speaker. Franco has worked in higher education for nearly 25 years at public universities in California and Arizona, having served in various roles within academic and student affairs to champion greater college access and degree attainment among underserved and minority communities, which strongly informs her work

today.

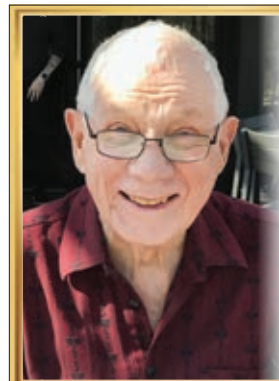
"We are pleased to have Dra. Franco share her expertise with our broader community. This work is important and having an open dialogue on how data informed decisions can help all of our students is crucial in higher education," said Cristian Mendez Garcia, assistant director of Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives.

Western is a Hispanic Serving Institution, with more than 27 percent of its undergraduate students identifying as Hispanic/Latiné. The goal of hosting these summits is to bring together the university, community, and regional and national partners to discuss what it means to be an HSI, how to collaboratively engage in this work, and why it is critical to the success of students and the greater community.

In addition to a keynote and workshop facilitated

by Franco, there will be a student panel, an afternoon of concurrent sessions and networking time for attendees. Registration is open to everyone through April 10. Register online at <https://wou.edu/dei/hsi-summit>.

This year's summit is supported by the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). OCF has supported Western's HSI Initiatives; both the HSI Summit and the upcoming Leadership Conference for high school students across the region on May 8. OCF's Latino Partnership Program centers the voices and experiences of the Latinos/x in their efforts by leaning into the strengths and collective wisdom of our communities across Oregon.



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# Investigating the Bible: Be Like Salt

By DAVID CARLSON  
PASTOR

Jesus told his followers, "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." (Matthew 5:13, English Standard Version used throughout).

In the first century, salt was used to improve the taste of foods, to illustrate purity, to preserve foods, and may have been used as money.

Jesus' first and often neglected lesson of comparing his followers to salt, is application. He did not say, "You are the salt for the church." Believers are salt when spread into the world, into families, into

the workplace, into society, into every corner of life.

**Salt improves life.**

The apostle Peter wrote, "Though you do not now see him, you believe in him, and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory...." (1 Peter 1:8).

William Barclay noted that some in the church have done the opposite. He quoted Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said, "I might have entered the ministry if certain clergymen I knew had not looked and acted so much like undertakers."

**Salt preserves.**

Salt draws out moisture from meats and vegetables, reducing bacterial growth. Likewise, Christian actions preserve society. French citizen, Alexander de Tocqueville, toured the

United States in the early 1800s and is known for writing about the American "experiment." He sought the source of America's greatness in its abundant natural resources, in its thriving commerce, and in its constitution, and each time found it was not there.

He said, "Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

**Salt is pure.**

The apostle Paul wrote, "For we are not like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by

God in the sight of God, we speak in Christ." (2 Corinthians 2:17).

The Greek word "sincerity" means literally "tested by the sun." The quality of marble statues was measured by placing them in hot sunshine. Any mistakes hidden by wax were exposed as wax melted in sunshine. And in a believer's life come tests.

Recently, Charlie Kirk's widow, Erika, shocked many with her words about the alleged murderer of her husband that she said at his memorial service.

"Our Savior said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.' That young man ... I forgive him," she said through tears. "I forgive him because it was what Christ did, and it's what Charlie would do."

**Salt was valuable.**

Today, salt is abundant. In the New Testament world, salt was rare and expensive. The Latin word for salt is the root of our word salary. Roman soldiers may have at times been paid with salt.

Jesus knew his followers would have difficulties that sometimes require sacrifice to love others. In Alice Grey's "Stories for the Heart," David Needham wrote of little Johnny, whose younger sister Mary, needed a blood transfusion.

She was ill from the same disease the boy had battled and beaten. They had the same blood type. His blood had life-saving antibodies. The doctor asked Johnny, "Would you give your blood to Mary?" Johnny hesitated and

trembled. He finally said, "Sure, for my sister."

The two children were wheeled into the hospital room. Johnny smiled at his pale and weak sister, but when the nurse inserted the needle in his arm and he saw the blood flowing down the tube, his smile faded.

When enough blood had almost been collected, Johnny asked the doctor with a shaky voice, "Doctor, when do I die?"

Only then did the doctor understand why Johnny had paused. He thought giving his blood would mean giving up his life.

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

## OBITUARIES



**David John Balzer**  
October 6, 1941  
March 31, 2026

David John Balzer, age 84, of Dallas, Oregon, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2026. He was born on October 6, 1941, in Dallas, Oregon to Curt and Helen (Peters) Balzer. David married Sharon Foster on January 16, 1966, and together they built a life filled with love, family, and cherished memories.

He enjoyed camping, creating beautiful stained-glass pieces, and watching NASCAR. Above all, David deeply loved

his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy.

David is survived by his wife Sharon Balzer and children: Lisa Wilmer of Dallas, Oregon; Curt and Shannon Balzer of Dayton Nevada; and Lori & Myke Castaneda of Dallas, Oregon. He is also survived by his sister, Pat Dunn of Jefferson, Oregon, and his brother Larry Balzer of Central Point, Oregon. David leaves behind his beloved grandchildren: Kelsey, Garrett, Caleb, Logan, Michael, Ava and Preston; and great-grandchildren Romi, Rudy, and one more on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curt and Helen Balzer, and sister Darlene Toews.

A memorial service will be held on April 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas, Oregon. David will be remembered for his kindness, creativity, and for the love he shared with all

who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held on April 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas, Oregon.



**Steven Robert Dunn**  
Dec. 13, 1948-April 4, 2026

Steve R. Dunn -- a carpenter, winery owner, world traveler and an Independence resident since 1971 -- passed away April 4, 2026, at his Independence home. His family and friends are inviting all who knew and loved him to a

celebration of life at the former Redgate Winery, now Elysium Botanicals, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence. The celebration starts at Noon on Saturday, April 25.

Born in Portland, he was raised with his younger brothers and sisters in the Willamette Valley, attending Mount Angel Boys Preparatory, then graduating from Silverton High School in 1967.

Steve's mother Margaret Bernice Hill, father Alva Ernest Dunn and brother Jim Dunn preceded him in death, as did his wife, Charlene Irving-Engblom, who died in 2022.

Surviving family includes his son Chris Dunn and his partner Amanda, of Portland, and brothers and sisters Peggy Prather, David Dunn, Kathy Chambers, Jodie Fleck, Linda Tinsley, Jon Dunn, Michael Teisl, and many nieces and nephews. He attended Salem

Technical School and Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University).

He was married to Andrea Case for two years beginning in 1971.

He married Barbara Schroeder in 1973. Their son, Chris, was born in 1975.

Steve earned his contractor's license in 1977 and worked as a builder for 10 years in Alaska, Washington and Oregon before joining the union in 1987. He retired from construction work in 2007. Even after retiring and founding a winery, he referred to himself as a carpenter. He was a member of the Carpenters Local #1065.

He married Charlene in 1996. The next year, the couple bought the vineyard property that would become Redgate Winery, built a house there in 1998, and planted grapes in 2006. Steve sold grapes the first year then began making wine

and building the winery over the next two years, which he operated until 2025. He sold Redgate to Elysium Botanical Wines and Vineyard.

The winery was one of the mid-Willamette Valley's premier locations for local live music. The new owners continue the tradition.

Steve was an avid traveler throughout his life, backpacking with friends around the world in his younger years, and in tours in his later years. Since 2022 he had traveled to Italy, Greece and Spain. In November of 2025, he took a 6-week tour including Portugal, Morocco, Germany, and a return to Spain.

He was a magnet for friends wherever he went, entertaining them with stories of his adventures. He will be long remembered for his kindness and generosity.

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# NEWS & VIEWS

## A failure in the “Public Participation Part”

By DAVID CARLSON  
PASTOR

On April 7, Monmouth City Hall’s hearing room was packed to capacity to let the City Council know they disapproved of plans – developed without involving residents of the city or county – to convert county farmland on Mistletoe Road, only one half of a mile west of WOU, into a 2,000 person housing development. The mayor and four city council members ignored the local voters and chose to enrich wealthy developers and California absentee owners.

Mayor Koontz, the city staff, and the city council worked for more than a year, working without most of the public’s knowledge to draft state legislation specifically written to obtain the farmland on Mistletoe

Road. State Rep. Paul Evans sponsored House Bill 2647, written for Monmouth to obtain the 80-acre Mistletoe tract. Governor Tina Kotek signed it into law in June 2025.

This development would attract thousands of cars for a new bedroom community, choking our streets on the way to their jobs in Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and Portland, and creating dangerous and lengthy traffic nightmares, while pouring tons of carbon dioxide into the environment.

In a recent Oregon Statesman Journal article, Mayor Cecilia Koontz said after the April 7 meeting, “The public participation part has been happening.” That’s a half-truth. When the state legislature heard testimony in March of 2025 on HB2647, the

people from Monmouth who testified in support, in writing or in person, were Mayor Koontz, City Councilor John Oberst, City Manager Rochelle Anderson (formerly Roaden), Community Development Director Suzanne Dufner, the absentee California owners, and wealthy contractors. They alone knew that the purpose of the legislation was to obtain the Mistletoe property. The actual location was never discussed specifically with the voters, nor with Oregon legislators. How would the public know they needed to be heard in Salem, if never told the truth?

The first city notice of their specific intentions came by letters sent to nearby homeowners starting December 2025. More than one longtime resident was never sent

a letter, including one of 57 years. Neither she, nor her husband, Dr. Jack Rye, an active community leader and beloved Athletic Director at WOU, was ever notified. A reasonable person can conclude that the city kept their specific plans hidden from public participation to thwart any possible community opposition.

At the April 7 meeting, only councilor Jason Ridgeway spoke out strongly against the swap, receiving 12 seconds of loud applause and cheers. The hearing is on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=645WEbA3-3M>. The microphones didn’t pick up the raucous support for Ridgeway, at the 2 hour 36 minutes point. You’ll only hear Mayor Koontz demand that the applause stop, “Please be

silent”! The city recorder had councilors Oberst, McKiel, Carey and Lopez vote first, who all voted “yes”, enough to pass the swap. The last two, Beltz and Ridgeway gave “no” votes.

Guiding principles of the Monmouth City Council are for the community to be “heard and understood, and their concerns are addressed, to be fair and honest.” When asked who believed they were heard and treated fairly by their City Council, only one of over 150 people in attendance raised their hand. Everyone else in attendance raised their hands, saying “no”.

Governor Kotek, Representative Evans, Mayor Koontz, and Councilors Carey and Lopez are all up for re-election this year. When you vote,

remember how little both the state and the city elected officials cared about “the public participation part”, and when the council voted against the will of the people.

The struggle to demand fairness and transparency is far from over. A concerned group of citizens opposing the action of the city council have a website, <https://saveoursmalltownmonmouth.com>, a non-partisan group made up of Democrats, Republicans and non-affiliated voters, farmers, environmentalists, and others, working together for a better city government. If you care about representative government, preserving farmland, and traffic safety – and you oppose government secrecy – we urge you to learn more. Join us in rejecting this development.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### VOTE YES ON FIRE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS LEVY

Vote Yes on Operating Levy 27-148 this May to sustain quick and reliable fire and ambulance services in the SW Polk Fire District.

As we all have experienced, costs for everything we need have gone up dramatically over the last six years. These increases greatly impact the operating costs of our emergency services. Voters who reside in the service area of the Southwest Polk Fire District are being asked to approve an increase in our property taxes via a new bond levy.

Passing this measure is necessary to maintain two fully staffed stations and one volunteer station in the district. Wildfires in

Western Oregon have significantly increased over the last few years, which has put a greater load on our faithful emergency responders. They provide life and property-saving services to suppress fires, fight wildfires, provide ambulance services, and more.

I’m voting yes on 27-148 not only for the protection of myself, my loved ones, and our property, but also for the protection of my neighbors, their loved ones, and their property.

Cullie Treichler,  
Dallas

#### JEREMY GORDON'S SKILLSET PAIRS WITH COUNTY VALUES

I am writing to express my support to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

As members of the agricultural community in Polk County, our family has worked with Jeremy to address the needs of Falls City infrastructure improvement and our ongoing business requirements. We found Jeremy honest and respectful in his requests. He is an effective collaborator who advocated for the town of Falls City. We were able to find resolution through respectful dialog that has helped Falls City address the needs of their deteriorating infrastructure.

In his role as Commissioner, he has taken that skill set and those same values forward to best serve a broader constituency, that of Polk County. His efforts in long range strategic planning have helped bring broadband access to rural Polk County. His advocacy for public safety is even handed and fiscally

responsible.

Jeremy is a hard worker who truly has our back. I hope you will join me in voting for Jeremy in the upcoming May election. A vote for Jeremy is a vote for fairness today and a vision for tomorrow.

Vicki Avery,  
Dallas

#### TRUMP IS PROVING FAR WORSE THAN HIS PREDECESSORS

My fellow Republicans, we need to either accept and praise Obama and Biden and what they did, or we need to reject Trump.

We are seeing record debt, record deficits, I mean he added \$2.5 trillion to the debt last year while only having a deficit of \$1.8 trillion. He spent \$700 million without oversight. He’s expanded government, expanded wars, raised taxes with tariffs, got mad when

SCOTUS took away some of his power, expanded and extended illegal spying of US citizens, caused inflation, lost jobs, all things we attacked Obama and Biden for.

So are we going to be hypocrites or realize we were fooled and try to save our party? And yes I supported Trump in 2016 and 2020. I’m so tired of ruining things for future generations.

Kevin Chambers,  
Monmouth

#### SUPPORT GORDON, BELTZ FOR THEIR PROVEN TRACK RECORDS

This letter is in support of electing Roxanne Beltz and Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

I have been a resident of Polk County since 1997 living in Falls City, Monmouth and Dallas and care deeply about this

community. I am most concerned that all people who live and work in Polk County experience quality of living in a secure environment where they are treated with respect and supported by the wider community.

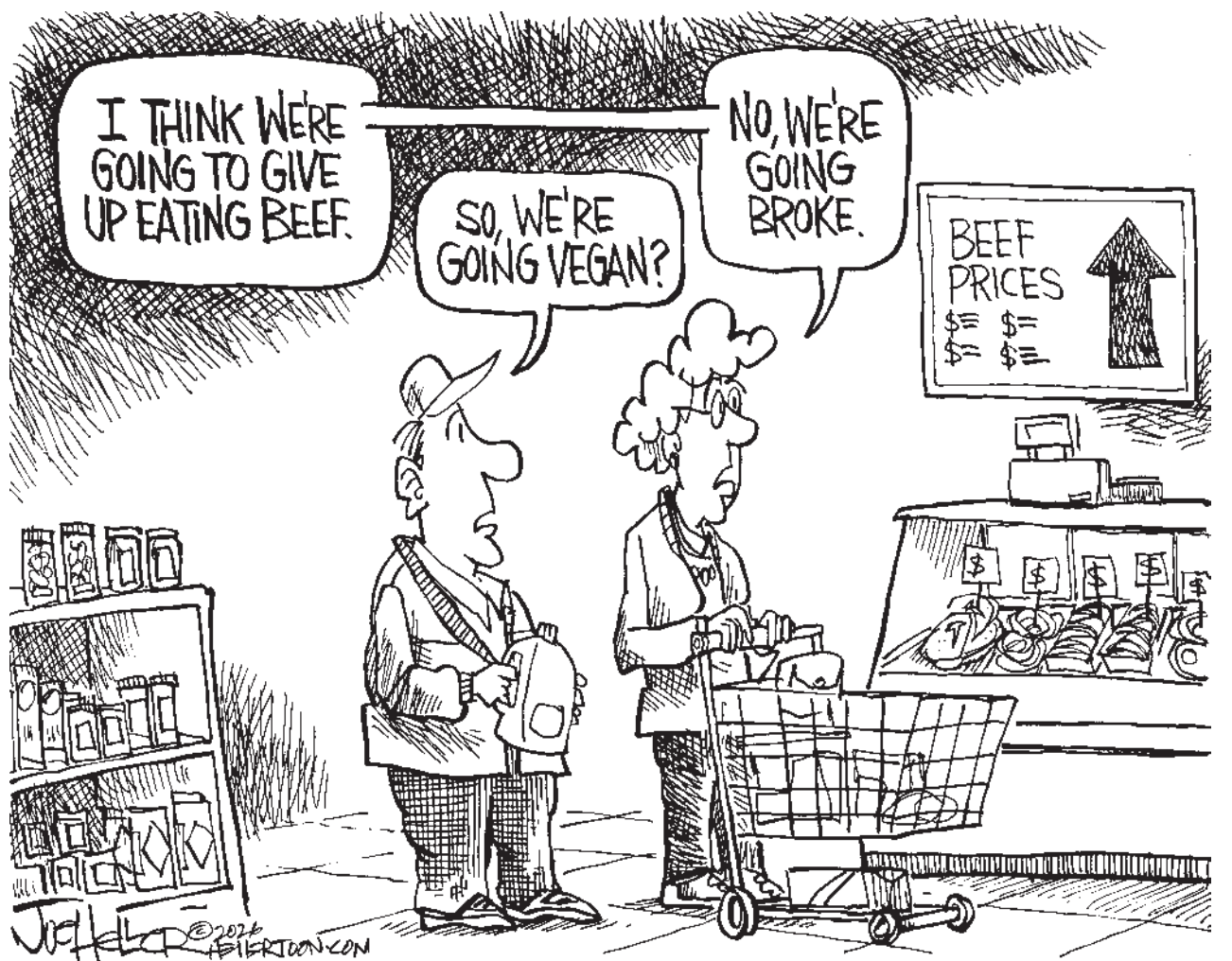
Roxanne Beltz and Jeremy Gordon have a proven track record of caring deeply for the people of Polk County and taking action to ensure that the people of Polk County are listened to and served. Just recently I sent some important questions to all the candidates that were running for both positions and Roxanne and Jeremy responded promptly and thoughtfully to each question.

Elect Roxanne Beltz and Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner!

Leanna Deters,  
Dallas

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: WORN AROUND THE NECK

Boots Lariat Rustler Stampede  
 Branding Rawhide Saddle Stirrup  
 Chaps Rodeo Saloon Wrangler  
 Hombred Roundup Spurs

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Brush is longer. 2. Painted area on fence is larger. 3. Shirt is longer. 4. Man has more hair. 5. Window is larger. 6. Hat is smaller.

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### Americanisms

“There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature.”  
 — Rachel Carson

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### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Elite roster  
 6 Yard tool  
 11 Attorney's job  
 15 Close loudly  
 19 Maui porch  
 20 Yankee Yogi  
 21 Penne — vodka  
 22 Inogone of comedy  
 23 Multivocal speaker who wrote "Unlimited Power" [1960]  
 25 Tooth-saving procedure  
 27 Takes effect  
 28 He convoked the Council of Trent [1468]  
 30 Via walking  
 33 Rolling car part, in Leeds  
 34 Suffix with Rock  
 35 Lead singer on the 2010 hit "Pumped Up Kicks" [1994]  
 39 And more: Abbr.  
 41 "Always on Time" rapper [1978]  
 45 Suffix with Rock  
 46 Aquanaut's abode  
 48 Equi- cousin  
 50 Bovine bellow

**DOWN**

51 B. DeMille  
 54 Director of "Wings," the first Best Picture winner [1896]  
 59 Santa — (hot winds)  
 61 Platoon VIP  
 62 Morale of "Freelack"  
 63 Liquidy Japanese bowful  
 67 Gave it a shot  
 69 Crime doers  
 73 When the people featured in this puzzle were born  
 77 Snifled (ground)  
 78 Tale  
 79 More prying  
 80 Political admin.  
 82 Dianne of "Parenthood"  
 85 — marche (cheaply, in Paris)  
 86 He played Jagger Cates on "General Hospital" [1972]  
 92 Finished  
 95 Color gradc  
 96 Hwy. offense  
 97 Overly long sentences

**QUADRENNIAL ARRIVALS**

7 Actress Mazar of "Younger"  
 8 Smile widely  
 9 Suffix with north  
 10 Hoarse  
 11 Rug  
 12 Healing plant  
 13 Skiing site  
 14 Classic neon diner sign  
 15 Mountain climber, e.g.  
 16 TV actress Anderson  
 17 Brazilian berry  
 18 African nation  
 24 Klemperer and Preminger  
 26 — rug (dance)  
 29 Raw metal  
 30 Quad VIP  
 31 Elis' college  
 32 Noisy fight  
 33 Merry song syllables  
 36 Stitch  
 37 Mai —  
 38 Right-angled annexes  
 40 Covert U.S. org.  
 42 Steak — (frozen beef brand)  
 43 Mauna —  
 44 Huge time stretch

47 What the number in brackets is for the people featured in this puzzle  
 49 Stockholm is its capital  
 52 Duing a single sitting  
 53 1996 Mario Puzo novel, with "The" Farming-related prefix  
 56 "Correct — I'm wrong"  
 57 Blanket for the legs  
 58 Rest atop  
 60 Tofu source  
 63 Everest, e.g.: Abbr.  
 64 — Jima  
 65 Remove from the cargo hold, e.g.  
 66 Fruit stone  
 68 Failing grades  
 70 Bit of precipitation  
 71 Lead-in to nuptial  
 72 Leb. neighbor  
 74 "And — word from our sponsor"  
 75 Chi-Town daily paper  
 76 Constricting snake  
 81 Part of DVD

83 Cram, e.g.  
 84 Novelist Morrison  
 86 "I've got it!"  
 87 Mother superior, e.g.  
 88 Five pairs  
 89 Sis or bro  
 90 Actor Hamm  
 91 Single-stranded cell stull  
 93 Bronie's Jane  
 94 Feast of skill  
 98 "Come Back, Little —" (1952 film)  
 101 Supple  
 102 "Exile" New Age singer  
 104 "For sure!"  
 105 Jargon suffix  
 107 "Bully the Vampire —"  
 108 Walk with a limp  
 110 "It's true!"  
 111 Aviator's guedpost  
 114 Connect  
 115 "Casablanca" heroine  
 116 Roman 1,551  
 117 Make anew  
 118 Cause of ruin  
 119 Mimicked  
 120 Chances  
 123 Ram's mate  
 124 Muhammad of the ring  
 125 Large  
 126 Money unit of Japan

### Weekly SUDOKU

		9	3	4	8	1		7
3	1		9		4			
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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 April 27, 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan was killed during a tribal skirmish on Mactan Island in the Philippines. Earlier in the month, he had met with the local chief on the Philippine island of Cebu, who, after converting to Christianity, had persuaded the Europeans to assist him in conquering a rival tribe on a neighboring island. During the ensuing conflict, Magellan was hit by a poisoned arrow and left to die by his retreating fellow fighters.
- On April 28, 1953, inventor Howard Ross received a patent for a useful, if rather curious, garment called a "double coat," with an outer layer that could be extended to cover two people at a time in athletic stadiums when it rained.
- On April 29, 1991, paroled felon Rodney King led police on a high-speed chase through the streets of Los Angeles County before eventually surrendering. Drunk and uncooperative, he resisted arrest and was beaten by three police officers who didn't know they were being filmed by a nearby citizen. Upon release to the press, the video triggered outrage around the country and started a national debate on police brutality.
- On April 30, 1977, more than 2,000 protesters carrying signs saying, "Split Wood, Not Atoms" and "Go Fishing, Not Fission" occupied the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant construction site in New Hampshire. More than half were taken into custody in what became one of the largest mass arrests in U.S. history.
- On May 1, 1958, the United States celebrated its first Law Day after President Eisenhower announced the observance to honor the role of law in the country's creation. Three years later, Congress followed suit by passing a joint resolution establishing May 1 as Law Day.
- On May 2, 1972, after serving nearly five decades as FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover died, leaving the agency without the administrator who'd turned it into an efficient crime-fighting machine.
- On May 3, 2007, shortly before her fourth birthday, Madeleine McCann of Rothley, England, disappeared during a family vacation at a resort in southern Portugal. Despite an international search, she remains missing.

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### CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals S

MOX MT TVFX EMCVXY MT  
 JZHXI HGZH PZOR HRSXY  
 LMWDC GZFX DXZIOXC ZEMWH  
 ER JZHLGVON "YXYZPX YHIXXH":  
 DZSX XIOVX.

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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.

	-	+	=	7				
+		+	+					
	+		÷	=	1			
÷		+		-				
	+		x	=	35			
=		=		=				
11		15		4				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

UH, REMIND ME AGAIN. WHAT THE HECK DID WE COME TO SEE? I KIND OF FORGOT AFTER THE 15TH TRAILER?

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### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

LIFE IN A BUCKET... BO GULLAN

BUCKET OF BALLS

BUCKET OF POPCORN

BUCKET OF BEERS

BUCKET OF CHICKEN

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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THE COW GOES... MOO

THE PIG GOES... OINK

THE DOG GOES... WOOF

THE KID GOES..... THE KID GOES..... I GUESS HE'LL JUST TEXT IT.

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is also known to residents as Hellas?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the least populated?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which show launched the career of comedian/actor Jim Carrey?
- MOVIES: What museum is featured in the movie "Night at the Museum"?
- HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
- MUSIC: Which song begins with the lines, "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy"?
- TELEVISION: Who starred in the title role of the TV drama "Designated Survivor"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only sport that has been played on the moon?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the language used in the novel "1984"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?

**Answers**

- Greece.
- Wyoming.
- "In Living Color."
- The American Museum of Natural History in New York City.
- April 22, 1970.
- "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen.
- Kiefer Sutherland.
- Golf.
- Newspeak.
- A tower.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

## FARMER

From Page A1

who was our livestock guardian dog,” she said. “So, yeah. I avoided coming home for weeks after it.”

The loss was a big blow to Letsch who grew up raising the animals since she was a child. The family has lived on the farm since 1992, around the same time she got involved in 4-H and FAA.

“When we moved out here on the property with my parents, I have two younger sisters, we raised cattle and showed horses,” Letsch said. “Through my experience in 4-H and FFA, I got involved in showing pigs with a neighbor down the road who needed some. She bought pigs for a mission trip and needed somebody to help her show them, so I volunteered.”

By the time she graduated high school eight years later, she had 58 sows of her own. By the time her son was two, she was looking to expand beyond raising the highly demanding pigs. They switched to meat goats, starting again small with just two. Five years later they ended up with 30.

Because we just kept going. It’s all these



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

**Lee Letsch, beginning the rebuilding process, pets Rose of the ‘Goldendale girls’ goats she recently purchased along with Buddy the buck. At the far right is a Muskovie drake duck, one of only two survivors of the Jan. 20 fire, along with a hen.**

animals, they just become a part of who you are. And so we got into the meat goat deal pretty big,” she said.

Her son Landon eventually wanted to show crossbred sheep. So they acquired and raised more and more sheep.

“And it’s been what we do. My kids did 4-H until they got old enough to do FFA, and they were both FFA members of Dallas. I went through FFA my entire career in 4-H as well,” Letsch said.

Then she made a career out of it. She started working for Oregon FFA in 2003 and never left.

“So for us, like the

farm, I mean, it started where we were raised and how we were raised. Responsibility, work ethic, taking care of something bigger than us. And then I wanted my kids to be part of that, and they were,” she said.

She still co-manages the Polk County Livestock Auction at the Polk County Fair.

“We are not the biggest auction in the state by any means. And our students work really hard to make ends meet with auction projects. And so for me, raising project animals for 4-H and FFA members, whether it was sheep or it was goats, or even back

when I was doing pigs, was all about providing a reasonably priced animal that they could take, grow, and take to the County Fair and not lose money in the end,” Letsch explained.

Unfortunately for Letsch, the loss from the barn fire was a constant, smoldering reminder. Even after cleanup and tons of sheet metal were cleared away, the fire still smoldered underneath as recently as last month.

But they didn’t have to begin the recovery and rebuilding effort by themselves. Letsch said the Salt Creek Baptist Church brought about 25 volunteers out to help with cleanup. They helped load her sister’s trailer with roughly 9,700 pounds of flattened metal.

“And they brought an excavator out and started picking up the rest of the metal and getting it all piled. And that went to Cherry City. I don’t know, a week and a half ago in this trailer, we’re loading the rest of the metal on,” she said.

The help didn’t end there. Letsch said people reached out about supplying dump trucks, excavators and other equipment to help with the cleanup.

But her best friend of 20-plus years, Betsy

Hartly, wasn’t content to provide the Letsch family physical labor.

“Knowing they are a family that really does not want to accept help – they give, give, give – but asking for and accepting help? It’s hard for them,” Hartly said.

So, after some arm twisting, Hartly spearheaded a GoFundMe drive to generate some funds to get the Letsch back on their feet raising more livestock for the next generation of 4-H-ers.

“I set the goal at \$7,500 simply as a starting point to help with immediate needs like cleanup and supplies,” Hartly said. “The tough reality is that their total loss is much, much greater – likely in the hundreds of thousands when all is said and done. Like many in agriculture, insurance won’t fully cover what was lost. This GoFundMe was a way for the community to come together and help them begin the long process of rebuilding.”

Letsch said they’re working with some contractors right now to figure out who’s going to do the rebuild and what that’s going to look like. She’s not sure what the rebuild will look like, but is sure it will be similar but downsized.

“So we are definitely thankful for the support that we’ve not only received from the people that financially supported the GoFundMe, but those that came from the church and those that have donated equipment and Ryan, one of our neighbors, who also happens to be the Dallas FAA advisor. He loaded the metal for Cherry City,” she said, adding they’re thankful for the people who jumped in. “And my kids who have continued to come over and help my mom just get things cleaned up so that we can figure out what the next step is and hopefully have it done by the end of this year.”

Letsch still awaits the fire marshal’s final report (initial suspicions are an electrical fire from space heaters) and also waits to hear the extent of coverage from her insurance.

Letsch said after years on the farm raising all these animals, the silence from their loss was palpable. But recently, the noises have started to return in the form of bleating from four new goats, staying temporarily in a converted shed next to Letsch’s house. The sounds indicate the continuing signs that life goes on at the Letsch farm.



# Worship Directory



## DALLAS

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

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

**St. Philip Catholic Church** — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor Pastor Email: [mpjinpdx@yahoo.com](mailto:mpjinpdx@yahoo.com) | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Phone: (503) 623-2440 - [www.stphil.org](http://www.stphil.org).

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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

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## INDEPENDENCE

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

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

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## FEES

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monthly stormwater fee by \$5 a month, thus creating a net zero dollars impact to the Dallas bill payer per month.

“So you’re reducing one fee while adding a new fee at the same rate so that the impact to the citizens that they pay on a monthly basis will be the same,” Latta explained before the vote for approval.

While the council unanimously approved the change to the stormwater fee, the same was not true for establishing the new Facility & Equipment Fee. Councilor Kim Fitzgerald was the lone no vote.

“I just wanted to say that I really appreciate the

work that was done and the clever way that things were put together and I really support this project,” Fitzgerald said. “But I wrestle with imposing a new fee. I know that we just reduced one fee but to make a whole new fee. I have a little bit of a problem with that.”

Fitzgerald added she fears it’s a tax that can go up with the unknowns to the total cost of the new police station renovation project.

Councilor Robert Spivey argued that the new charge is not a tax, but a fee that is implemented with serious consideration by the council while representing the best interests of their constituents.

“I don’t think we can always go out to a vote and that’s why it’s kind of

our job. That’s why we’re here is to make these decisions as hard as they may be,” he said. “We’re trying to do our very best with our judiciary responsibilities. I think that it’s really a creative solution, but it’s still a fee.”

With the council’s approval, the current storm water fee will drop from \$16 per month to \$11 per month, effective during the May 2026 billing.

According to the staff report, the reduction in the revenue generated by the stormwater fee was one the city could afford.

In the staff’s forecast analysis for the Stormwater Fund, the proposed \$5 reduction in this fee would result in a 16.67% or \$500,000 reduction in the beginning fund balance for this

fund over the five-year period. In addition, it would still leave the city with a “healthy \$2.5M contingency in this fund.” According to their analysis, the reduction would not delay any stormwater projects proposed to be completed over the next five years, though it could delay completion of high dollar stormwater projects proposed over the next 20-year period.

According to the staff report, based on two estimates from local contractors, the cost for the renovations should come in under \$2 million.

The solicitation period to design and construct the renovation of the I-O building ends in early May, Latta said. He expects staff to hire a contractor and start the work immediately.

“The bid document for the property at 147 SE Court Street... included a construction completion date of Jan. 31, 2027,” he added. “We feel that is a realistic timeframe to complete the project. City Hall staff would move into the building immediately after construction finishes.”

The staff report indicated the renovation of city hall into a police station would be more complex. Latta said since the existing building was built in 1936, the renovation work will focus on ensuring the building can survive a seismic event while providing efficient workspaces and meeting the long-term operational needs of the police department. The preliminary architectural and engineering work will

include cost estimates for the seismic upgrades.

Based on two estimates from Oregon Architecture & Engineering firms to perform a seismic analysis of the building and craft a conceptual plan for the renovation of city hall into a police station, city staff felt confident bids for this work would come in at less than \$50,000.

“The seismic work will be completed after securing a State of Oregon seismic rehabilitation grant,” Latta said. “We will begin applying for this grant in the 2027 cycle.”

With the green light for the creation of the Facility & Equipment Fee, the council will vote at their next meeting to approve a dedicated account to deposit the collections.

## ARBORETUM

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On the south and east borders, the arboretum nestles against Rickreall Creek, that, depending upon the season, can gently flow or rage past the nearby trails, such as the old Flume Trail, sometimes overflowing and flooding.

“There’s a marker in there that shows how deep the water was there in 2007,” Derouin said. “When I see kids there looking, I decide to help them. Tell them, ‘Can you imagine if you were standing here then? The water would be over your head.’ So it’s a very different place.”

To keep the Arboretum welcoming, Derouin said

the volunteers concentrate their efforts starting in March and work once a month through November. Their biggest project, like any other wild space in Willamette Valley he said, is weeding, followed by staying on top of eliminating the non-native plants choking out the natural growth.

“So, not quite year-round. We started up this year doing a little work in February. We really get going from the end of May through the end of Thanksgiving,” Derouin said. “Then there are a few die-hards, ‘Hey, this is a good day, let’s go down and do some weeding.’”

In addition to trails visitors use to stroll through nature, Derouin said the arboretum also

has creeks that people cast a line from to fish, and a beach that gets popular during the summer months.

“It’s a great place for little kids to play. In summertime, it’s not very deep. It’s just a nice, gradual hill,” he said.

The banks of said creek can get a little unruly over the winter. On this particular Friends volunteer meet up, Derouin and Brian Fast were armed with week wackers to fight back the encroaching growth.

Fast, born and raised in Dallas, said he’s been volunteering for about five years now.

“I used to walk these trails with my dog and kids all the time,” Fast said, ironically as another visitor walked past with

his own dog in tow. “But they’re all in their 30s now. So, since COVID, I started volunteering. I love it. It’s fun, like yard work. And I get exercise.”

Among the volunteers this Saturday, Pam Wetzel get deep within the bushes to saw back a non-native cherry tree and volunteer coordinator Cindy Smerdon took up shovel and trimmer herself to cultivate the path edges.

Derouin said the low volunteer turnout was likely due to the heavy drizzle throughout the morning. The rain can also detour visitors to the arboretum.

“On a typical day, when we’re down here, we might see at least a dozen people walking

through,” he said. “But sometimes it’s just because there are crowds of people. If you’re like this, you’re not getting so many because it’s not so sunny. Might be deterred by the rain.”

He added the arboretum offers residents perhaps a chance to travel back in time just feet from Dallas neighborhoods.

“It’s an easy way to see what wild Oregon used to look like,” he said. “So we’re trying to educate people and encourage them to stay on the trails but to poke around and look at the signs.”

The arboretum center has a fairly good library for visitors to peruse, he added. And Derouin invites them to look at

the Friends’ collection of bird nests and pictures to help expand the learning experience.

“I would just encourage people to come and visit and see what’s here and to see it in different seasons because it changes,” Derouin said. “The things that we see right now, like the Oregon grape, the state plant, it’s blooming right now. In a couple months, it will start getting berries. The birds will start coming to eat the berries. People can actually eat them too. They’re a little seedy, but we do. My wife and I make great Oregon grape jam.”

The volunteer Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum meet every second Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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## Young, retooled Central finding its identity

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

After a breakthrough season last year, Central knew changes were coming.

The Panthers tied Dallas for the co-championship of the Mid-Willamette Conference a year ago. But lost so many key players that a change in approach was needed.

Ace pitcher and elite slugger Lily McCormick was one of the key players lost to graduation.

“Lily hit 13 home runs last year and 36 for her career,” head coach Wes Seidel said. “She is redshirting this season at Western Oregon after injuring her knee in the preseason.”

McCormick’s 36 career home runs were the most ever for a Central softball player.

Little surprise then that this year’s team won’t be as powerful. Instead, the goal is to balance youth and experience while learning how to win in new ways.

“We set the bar pretty high

for ourselves coming into this year,” Seidel said.

That standard hasn’t changed, even as roster composition has. This team features five seniors and five freshmen, along with a junior varsity program that didn’t exist a year ago. The influx of young talent has brought energy, along with a few growing pains.

Central opened 1-8 against a challenging non-league schedule. They faced several high-level opponents while trying to find its rhythm.

“It’s taken us a little time to just be able to play together and get into a groove,” senior Sophia Beasley said.

Whether they’ve found their groove remains to be seen, but the Panthers did beat Class 6A Sprague on April 6. In the 15-2 win, the girls combined timely hitting, aggressive base running and steady defense in its most complete performance of the season. They also scored 10 runs in the seventh inning.

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Pitcher Tawney Snair is one of several key players who hope to lead the Panthers back to the state playoffs.



PHOTO BY WOU ATHLETICS

Sophomore Aliyah Taba races to win the 400 with a time of 56.79 at the John Knight Twilight event at McArthur Field.

## Wolves win 10 events, hit 9 WOU all-time top 10 marks at John Knight Twilight

By WOU ATHLETICS

The Western Oregon track and field team won 10 events and had nine WOU all-time top 10 marks at the John Knight Twilight April 10-11 at McArthur Field.

### MEN

Tate Herber ran the fastest 110 hurdles at WOU in 30 years with a time of 14.48 – moving up to No. 2 on the WOU all-time list behind only Alper Kasapoglu’s time of 14.37 in 1996. Teammate

Jackson McQuain moved to No. 6 on the WOU all-time list in the event at 14.68 as the duo finished 1-2 on Saturday.

Jack Burgett ran the fastest 100 in 25 years by a WOU athlete as he won the event with a time of 10.51 – the fastest since Mike Hinshaw ran a 10.50 in 2001.

Jacob Behrman moved from seventh to fifth on the WOU all-time list in the shot put with a distance of 54 feet, 7.5 inches (16.65 meters) to win the event. Ray Gerrard just missed the WOU top 10 by an

inch with a toss of 52 feet to take second.

### WOMEN

Aliyah Taba won the 400 with a time of 56.79 – moving her into the WOU all-time top 10 at No. 5.

Kyla Potratz in her first shot at the 3,000 steeple won the event with a time of 11:09.66 – good for fourth on the WOU all-time list. Teammate Charlotte Gardner took third with a time of 11:17.05

See **TRACK**, page B8

## Dallas builds momentum behind chemistry, culture

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

A challenging preseason has done exactly what the Dallas softball team hoped it would do: Reveal where growth is needed while reinforcing a foundation built on experience and chemistry.

The Dragons are defending co-champions of the Mid-Willamette Conference. They opened the year 6-3 against a non league schedule loaded with Class 6A schools.

This was a deliberate move designed to prepare the team for the game-to-game grind of league play. Coach Brandi Jackson said these games, including the losses, pay dividends.

“We always strive to play the best teams,” Jackson said. “Even in losses, there are learning opportunities. That’s how you grow.”

Growth is especially important for a roster blending veteran leadership with a large group of underclassmen. The Dallas roster features three seniors and four juniors, along with a deep sophomore class that offers years of experience, despite playing limited varsity minutes.

As a result, transition has been smoother than expected.

“The chemistry and softball knowledge are there,” Jackson said. “So we can really focus

on the game itself.”

Senior second baseman Ruby Halligan has seen that chemistry evolve firsthand. Now in her fourth year on varsity, she believes the Dragons are beginning to find their identity.

“We’re still adjusting because it’s a new lineup,” Halligan said. “But our chemistry is better, and we’re looking for better outcomes as we head into league play.”

That improvement has been especially notable at the plate. Dallas showed flashes of its offensive firepower during the preseason, including a three-game stretch where it averaged 16 runs per game.

“When one person gets a hit, it brings the energy up,” Halligan said. “It just keeps going.”

Junior pitcher Maddi Jones brings stability to the mound. A three-year varsity player, Jones relies on ball movement and her teammates.

“It takes the stress off you when you can trust your defense to make plays. It makes for a team effort,” said Jones, who describes her velocity as average.

That team-first mindset reflects a culture Dallas has built over more than a decade. A culture that’s centered on confidence, accountability and consistency.

See **SOFTBALL**, page B8



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Starting pitcher Maddi Jones powered Dallas to a 3-0 victory over Central in Friday’s league opener. The game pitted last year’s co-champions.

# PAGES OF THE PAST

## 40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1986

### Falls City seeks opinion on QRT

How to go about getting Falls City's Quick Response Team back into action in rural areas outside the city was discussed for over an hour at the city council meeting Monday night, but for now, council members agreed, all they can do is wait.

Outlining the legal questions of having a city-sponsored entity operating outside of the city limits, city attorney Lynn Ashcroft said the key issue is authority.

"The city's powers are delegated by the state through the Oregon Constitution and limited by its charter to operate within its boundaries," he said. "The only authority the city has to operate outside its limits is when the action is necessary to the functioning of the government and to meet the needs of its people."

### City receives \$226,600 state housing contract

The Dallas City Council approved a Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation contract and administrative agreement with the Polk County Housing Authority at its meeting Monday night.

With the approval, the city will accept a grant from the state for \$226,600 for 26 owner-operated housing rehabilitation projects.

In October, the council

authorized the housing authority to conduct a housing needs survey for the city of Dallas.

### Dragon boys leave Tigers in dust, 86-58

A young Dallas boys track team relied on its elder statesmen – three seniors and one junior – to leave Newburg in the dust during a dual meet Thursday.

The Dragons out-pointed the Tigers 86-58 in the opening Willamette Valley League meet for both teams at Dallas High School.

Dallas won 11 of 17 events in the meet. The Dragons host league favorite Canby starting at 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

## 50 YEARS AGO

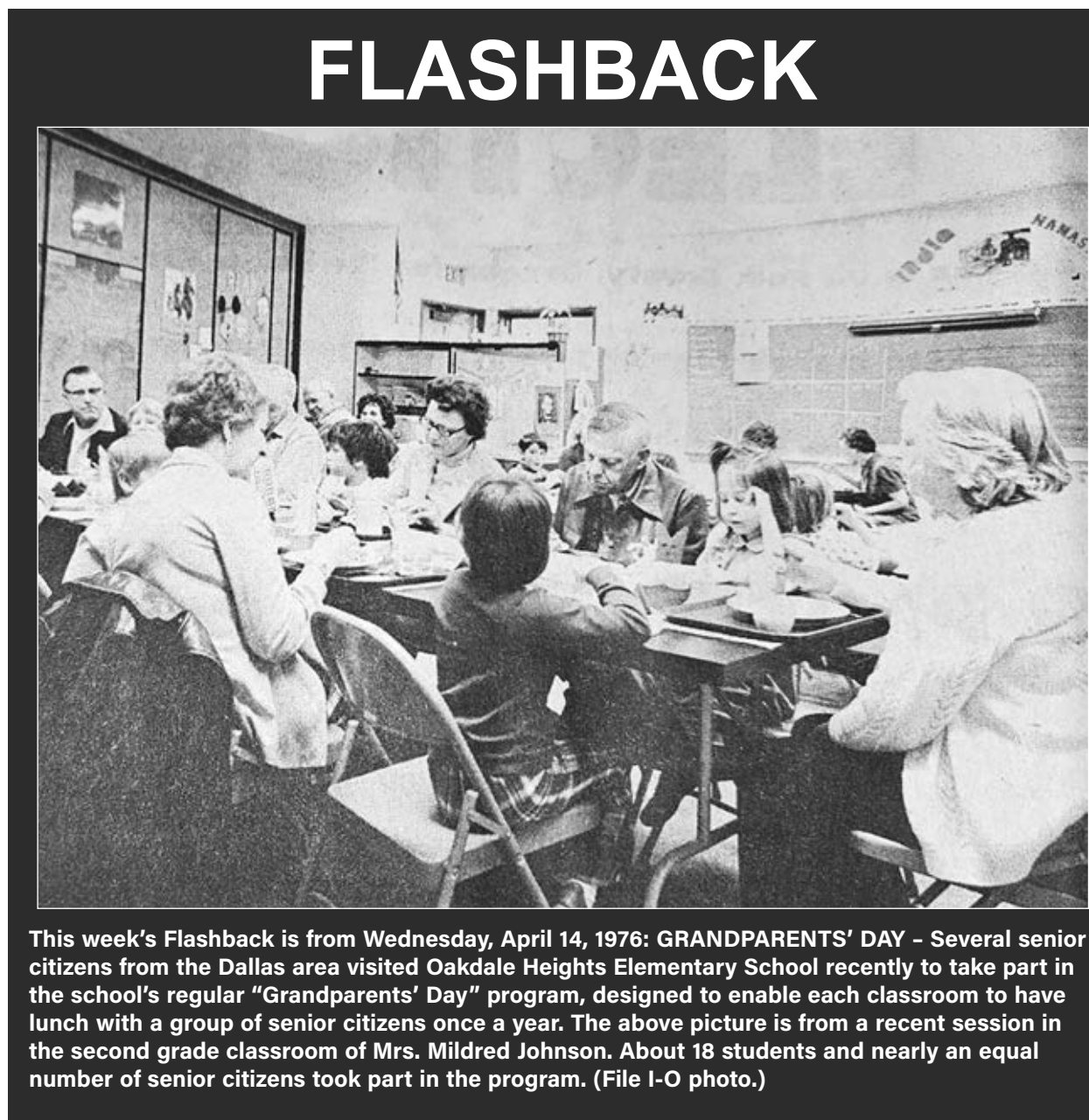
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1976

### School district election Tuesday

Dallas voters will go to the polls Tuesday, April 20, and cast their fate on part of a proposed school district budget totaling \$4.18 million. The proposed budget up for voter consideration totals \$2.33 million. This is the amount needed to operate Dallas schools next year in excess of the tax.

Dallas School District No. 2 has a tax base of \$319,000, which can be levied without voter approval. This amount represents 12 percent of the taxes required to balance the budget.

Approximately \$107,000 was cut from the budget proposal during work sessions of



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, April 14, 1976: GRANDPARENTS' DAY - Several senior citizens from the Dallas area visited Oakdale Heights Elementary School recently to take part in the school's regular "Grandparents' Day" program, designed to enable each classroom to have lunch with a group of senior citizens once a year. The above picture is from a recent session in the second grade classroom of Mrs. Mildred Johnson. About 18 students and nearly an equal number of senior citizens took part in the program. (File I-O photo.)

the 10-member citizen budget committee.

### Polk County Greenway is changed

The Polk County Board of Commissioners reversed an earlier decision on the county Willamette Greenway boundary at their regular meeting last week, opting instead to adopt the minimum boundary as designated by state law.

They had originally decided March 30 on a boundary 150 feet from the permanent vegetation line along the river. Following a reconsideration discussion last week, the board voted unanimously to set the Greenway boundary at 150 feet from the ordinary low water line.

The earlier decision was reconsidered because of public sentiment favoring

the minimum boundary.

### Dallas completes pre-season - starts CVL

Dallas High completed its non-league play last week and according to Coach Dan Johnson "our team is starting to jell. We made some defensive changes (Rob Cantonwine from centerfield to shortstop, Mark McGlathlin from shortstop to centerfield) and they seem to be helping the team."

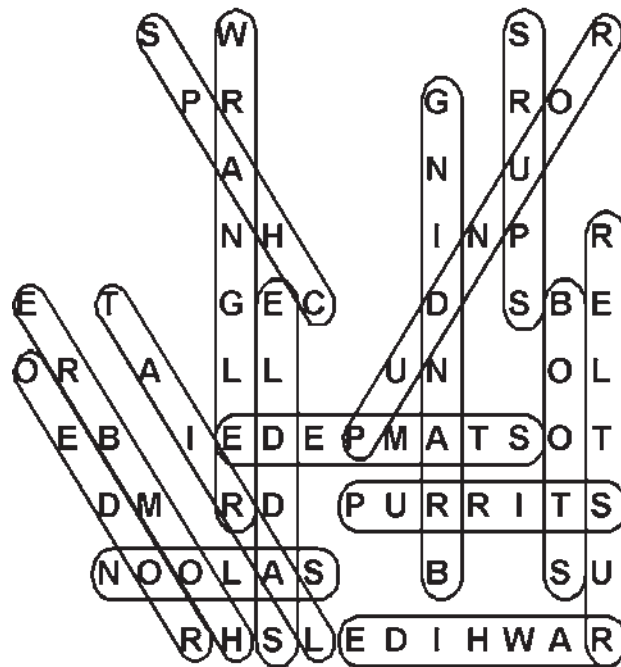
The coach will need his squad at top strength as the Coast Valley started play yesterday (Tuesday) and Dallas went against the strongest team in the league – the McMinnville Grizzlies. The next contest of the week isn't much easier. The Dragons go to Forest Grove Thursday to face the second strongest team on the west side of the CVL.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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## COWBOYS



### Go Figure!

answers

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
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Lake Ernie.

## Super Crossword

Answers

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# Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 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  
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House  
 6 p.m. - Free Workshop: Be Safe - Secure Storage, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Woodburn,

meeting Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 2:30 p.m. - PEARLS, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting  
 5 p.m. - Friends of the Library Spring Book Member Pre-Sale, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.  
 6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.  
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

8 a.m. - Yoga,

Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library  
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Friends of the Library Spring Book Member Sale, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.  
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.  
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Jesse Mead, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 Court St., Dallas  
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Rewind Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence  
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas  
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.  
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Native American Flutist Peter Ali, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics

Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Friends of the Library Spring Book Member Sale, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.  
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Whirled Peas, 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, APRIL 19**

2 p.m. - Live Music: JT Meier, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

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  
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee Training, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.  
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas  
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 7 p.m. - Dallas City Council Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.  
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/ Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 11 a.m. - Beginner Gel Plating using Acrylic Paint w/Spectrum Artworx, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 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

1 p.m. - Free Computer Class: Google Docs, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

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 p.m. - Imagine Our Future: Climate Art Showcase, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

# Community Briefs

**FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS FORUMS FOR OPERATIONS LEVY**

Southwest Polk Fire District is hosting a series of community forums to learn more about their proposed operations levy Measure 27-18 and how it impacts fire and emergency services in the community. The forums are at 5:30 p.m., with hot dogs and live demonstrations, on the following dates and locations:

April 15 - Salt Creek Community Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Road, Dallas

May 6 - Rickreall Community Fire Station, 9105 Rickreall Road, Rickreall

**GATHER FOOD PARK HOSTS LADIES NIGHT: SIP, SHOP POUR APRIL 16**

Sunstone Studio & Co. presents Ladies Night: Sip, Shop Pour, on April 16, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Gather Food Park, 995 Main St., Dallas. Pour your own custom candle, snack on charcuterie and shop the boutique after hours. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/4sUWIVv>.

**ABBY'S HOSTS 4-H FUNDRAISER APRIL 17**

Polk County 4-H Association hosts an Abby's Pizza Fundraiser at 6 p.m. April 17. A portion of dine-in and take-out sales between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Dallas Abby's, 174 W Ellendale Ave., will be donated to the Association to help support 4-H in Polk County!

**SOUL REMEMBERED HOSTS NEW MOON GATHERING APRIL 17**

The Soul Bridge at Soul Remembered presents New Moon Gathering, at 6 p.m. April 17 at 119 SW Court St., in Dallas. Come together to this free event to set intentions and release old energy.

**FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS ROCK & GEM SHOW APRIL 17-19**

The Polk County Fairgrounds presents the Wams River of Gems Rock & Gem Show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-18 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. This event includes over 25 vendors, club display cases, a fluorescent exhibit, guest speakers, demonstrations, plus games for the kids. Silent auctions take place daily, and on Sunday, there will be an oral auction which benefits a scholarship fund.

**DALLAS HOSTS ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 18**

Join the city of Dallas for a day of fun celebrating Arbor Day for the following events:

Ivy removal along Rickrall Creek from 9-11 a.m. Meet at the pickleball courts on the corner of LaCreole and Barberrry. Bring gloves and a water bottle.

Talk About Trees from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Hunter Arboretum (in City Park) for ages pre-K to second grade, and from 11 a.m. to noon for ages

3 -8, featuring a free hands-on, science-based program for kids presented by experienced facilitators.

**MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS BACKYARD WILDLIFE APRIL 18**

Monmouth Public Library presents Backyard Wildlife, presented by experts in ecology and animal behavior Erin Baumgartner and Patrick Aldrich, at 11 a.m. April 18 at 168 Ecols St., S., in Monmouth. Learn what constitutes problem wildlife, approaches for dealing with the most common challenges, and how to make space for wildlife in our gardens and outdoor living areas.

**CORNERSTONE TEAM HOSTS SPRING PARTY APRIL 18**

The Cornerstone Team Spring Party is at 11 a.m. April 18 at 201 NE Polk Station Road, in Dallas. Enjoy a Free Chick-Fil-A lunch, Kids' Bounce House, Inflatable Ax Throwing, and all adults entered in a raffle.

**GALAXY WON HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 21**

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

**TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY RETURNS APRIL 21**

Talk About It Tuesday," sponsored by the Polk County Democrats, meets in person from 6:30-8:00 p.m. April 21st. Join

them for roundtable discussions on topics from international to local. Just bring your integrity and empathy. For more information and to sign up for email notifications, go to [www.polkdems.org](http://www.polkdems.org), scroll to Step 2, and click on the link to their newsletter.

**PRINCESSES RETURN TO BIBBIDI BOBBIDI BALL APRIL 25**

When You Wish Events Oregon presents the Bibbidi Bobbidi Ball from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. You and your little ones to waltz the enchanting day away with all of your family's favorite magical Princesses, including The Ice Queen, The Ice Princess, The Island Princess, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, The Little Mermaid, Princess Beauty and Jasmine. There will be two enchanting sessions to choose from (11 am or 2:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$38.50. Everyone needs a ticket to the ball and each child must be accompanied by an adult. Limit 4 children per adult. Children ages one and under are free. Go to <https://bit.ly/47QGvTl>.

**FAMJAM RETURNS APRIL 25**

FamJam returns April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., presented by Polk County Family & Community Outreach and Mid-Valley Parenting. Come to the Polk County Fairgrounds for fun giveaways, activities, resource

connection, and kindergarten registration information.

**FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER APRIL 25**

The Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center hosts an Afternoon Tea Fundraiser, April 25 in Building B, 520 S Pacific Hwy. W., in Rickreall. Entry of \$35 a person includes an English Style Afternoon Tea with services at 11 a.m. and noon. RSVP to (503) 623-3048.

**HAZEL'S ON MAIN HOSTS PAINT YOUR PET'S PORTRAIT DAY APRIL 26**

Hazel's on Main hosts a Watercolor Paint & Sip event DIY Pet Portrait Class, presented by Paint With Magenta, from 2-4 p.m. April 26 at their Monmouth location, 105 Main St. E. Fun for all ability levels. Bring a print out of your pet. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/4sJbSYr>.

**SPRING FLING DISCO COMES TO DALLAS CHURCH APRIL 28**

B<sup>2</sup> Community Care and Resource Connections of Oregon presents a Spring Fling Disco, from noon to 2 p.m. April 28 at Dallas Church, 450 Washington St. Bring your grooviest outfit, your best dance moves, and get ready to boogie with DJ Messiah, spinning funky tunes. Mingle, play games and make new community connections. Lunch and beverages provided. Dress in themed attire and enjoy

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**PCIO26-205 Notice of Self Storage Sale** Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 5/06/2026 at 12:00PM. Shelbi Smith Unit #8. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**PCIO26-207 Notice of Self Storage Sale** Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com) on 5/07/2026 at 10:00AM. Leah D Degroat Unit #A4216; Lisa Henkel Unit #A4266. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 4/15/26, 4/22/26

**PCIO26-208 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Dallas School District #2, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the District Office, 111 SW Ash St, Dallas, OR, 97338. Members of the public can watch the meeting by using the link posted on the Dallas School District website at [www.dallas.k12.or.us](http://www.dallas.k12.or.us) under the heading of Budget Committee Information or attend in person? The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. The Dallas School District Budget Committee is dedicated to the public comment process and all agendas will contain time allotted for public comment. If you wish to submit written public comment via email it must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. will be included in the next scheduled meeting. Please submit written public comment to [tami.larson@dsd2.org](mailto:tami.larson@dsd2.org) clearly marked with Budget Committee Public Comment in the subject line by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget document will be available on the Dallas School District website at [www.dallas.k12.or.us](http://www.dallas.k12.or.us) no later than April 28, 2026. A second Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026. Any additional meetings necessary will be announced at the May 11, 2026, meeting. 4/15/26, 4/22/26

**PCIO26-209 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT** The public hearing scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM has been canceled and rescheduled for May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM. The Polk County Hearings Officer will conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony on the following application: APPLICATION FOR: The applicant is proposing to establish a youth camp on the subject property, which is approximately 100.7 acres in size and is located within the Timber Conservation (TC) Zoning District. According to the Polk County Significant Resource Area (SRA) map, the subject property is also located almost entirely within the inventoried Black-Tailed Deer and Roosevelt Elk Winter Habitat area. The youth camp proposal includes developing private roads within this habitat area. Pursuant to Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) 182.070, "Roads" are listed as a conflicting use and require a Significant Resource Management Plan. The applicant has provided

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a Significant Resource Management Plan to be reviewed as part of this application. APPLICANT/OWNER: Sulamita Recreation Center APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: AKS Engineering and Forestry FILE NUMBER: CU 25-14 LOCATION: 7425 Gold Creek Road, Willamina, OR 97396 (T6S, R7W, Section 21, Tax Lot 100) REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: 1. Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 177.040(X), 177.050, 182.040(B) and (E), 182.050, and 182.070; and PCZO Chapter 119 2. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.457 3. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-006-0031 HEARING DATE & TIME: May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Hearing / Conference Room, First Floor, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Sidney Shorter. Phone: (503) 623-9237; Email Address: [shorter.sidney@polkcountyor.gov](mailto:shorter.sidney@polkcountyor.gov) The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237, in as far in advance of the meeting as possible, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. Written testimony may be directed to the Planning Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main Street, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338-1922. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing by hand-delivery to the Polk County Community Development Office. Mailed or emailed testimony is not guaranteed to be included in the record and the cost of copy fees may apply for printing electronic submissions. Please include File Number CU 25-14 in all correspondences related to this application. Written comments received by the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing will be provided to the Hearings Officer. Oral and written testimony may be presented at the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in a manner, which allows testimony in favor of the application, testimony in opposition to the application, general testimony, and rebuttal by the applicant. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the hearings body an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and applicable criteria, are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. In addition, a copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing, and will be provided at a reasonable cost, at the Polk County Community Development Department, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338; (503) 623-9237. NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR OR SELLER: ORS Chapter 215 requires that if you receive this Notice, it must promptly be forwarded to the purchaser. 4/15/26

**PCIO26-212 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK** Probate Department IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY E. FARRIS, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 26PB03079 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative, c/o Meghan V. Graf, Saalfeld Griggs PC, 250 Church St. SE, Suite 200, PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470, 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 Lawyers for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on April 15, 2026. s/Meghan V. Graf Meghan V. Graf, OSB #213304 Attorney For Personal Representative Saalfeld Griggs PC PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470 Ph:(503) 399-1070 Fax: (503) 371-2927 Email: [mgraf@sglaw.com](mailto:mgraf@sglaw.com) 4/15/26

**PCIO26-213 Notice of Central School District 13J Budget Meetings** for FY 26-27 April 28, 2025 Public meetings of the Budget Committee of Central School District 13J, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July

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1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held in April, May, and June, if needed, in the Henry Hill Education Center Board Room, 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon. Meetings can be viewed streaming on the "Info Central 13J" YouTube channel. The FIRST public meeting of the Budget Committee, will be on April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. No public comment will be taken at this meeting. An additional meeting of the Budget Committee will be held at a later date to take public comment. Information on submitting public comments and participation will be provided at a later date and be available on the Central School District 13J website. A copy of available budget documents may be inspected or obtained on or after April 27, 2026 at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon, at 5:00 pm or via email request to [pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us](mailto:pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us). or.us. Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent Central School District 13J <http://www.central.k12.or.us/> 4/15/26, 4/22/26

**PCIO26-214 PUBLIC SALE** Public Sale at Godsey Secure Storage, LLC, 1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 10:30AM Saturday, APRIL 18, 2026. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units will be sold as a whole. Call (503) 831-0234 for details. Contreras, Brayden E275 Dennis, Drew A034 Fowler, Josh E255 Trine, Andrew E242 Yeager, Jennifer E297 4/15/26

**PCIO26-215 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE** at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east of Godsey Road) 10 AM Saturday, April 18, 2026 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. Susan Edwards B036 Ashley Kasper F145 Shawna Lagow L391 Neal Read I205 4/15/26

**PCIO26-216 2nd NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS** Four public meetings with the Budget Committee of Perrydale School District, Polk County, State of Oregon, will be held to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in the months of April and May, 2026. These meetings will be held at Perrydale School District in High School wing, 7445 Perrydale Road, Amity, OR. The first meeting will be held April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the first meeting is to receive the budget message and public comment. All meetings will be open for public comment. The second meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The third meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The fourth meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m and will take place on an as needed basis. Public comment will be taken in person, written or in a phoned in format. Written and phoned in comments received by 1:00 pm on April 20, 2026 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on April 20, 2026. Comments in person, written, or phoned in, will be subject to a three-minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address to the District via phone message at 503-835-7575, or email to [cindy.cruikshank@perrydale.k12.or.us](mailto:cindy.cruikshank@perrydale.k12.or.us) Public comment must be scheduled no later than 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026 A copy of the budget document may be inspected online at <https://www.perrydaleschool.com/>, obtained by mail after April 13, 2026, via email request to [cindy.cruikshank@perrydale.k12.or.us](mailto:cindy.cruikshank@perrydale.k12.or.us) or phone request message to 503-835-7575. These are public meetings where deliberation of the budget committee will take place. Any person may provide comment at the meetings.

**PCIO26-218 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK** No. 26PB02762 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of LUKE RICHARD BRITTAN, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diane Elaine Gay has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Luke Richard Brittan, deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative through her attorney, Elena M. Farley of Martinis & Farley, at P.O. Box 3938, Salem, Oregon 97302, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain

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additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Elena M. Farley. Date of publication: April 15, 2026. MARTINIS & FARLEY /s Elena M. Farley, OSB #135713 Lawyer for Personal Representative: Elena M. Farley, OSB #135713 Martinis & Farley PO Box 3938, Salem, OR 97302 503-566-5800 Phone 503-566-6775 Facsimile [elena@mfarleylaw.com](mailto:elena@mfarleylaw.com) Personal Representative: Diane Elaine Gay 61 Ankeny Hill Road SE, Jefferson, OR 97352 503-931-7611 4/15/26

**PCIO26-217 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: JEFFREY DAVID MOORE, Deceased. Case No. 26PB02238 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned individual has been appointed personal representative of the above listed Estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, to the personal representative in care of Penna & James, LLC, 1206 Main Street East, Monmouth, OR 97361; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first publishes this 15th day of April, 2026 Melanie A. Mays Personal Representative 4/15/26

**PCIO26-195 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** Loan No: 0709144885 T.S. No.: 25-14948 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BRETT D. STOUT AND HEATHER STOUT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR RELIANCE MORTGAGE, LLC ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 7/6/2009, recorded 7/10/2009, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2009-008230 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 159650 LOT 1, BLOCK 4, ORCHARD VIEW TRACTS, IN THE COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 210 SE ORCHARD VIEW LN, DALLAS, Oregon 97338-9717 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 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 1/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, ad-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 the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$94,918.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 % per annum from 12/1/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 7/21/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Ore-gon Revised Statutes, at At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 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

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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 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation 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. For Sale Information Call: (949) 776-4697 website: <https://prestige-postandpub.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 2/27/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-002402 4/08/26, 4/15/26, 4/22/26, 4/29/26

**PCIO26-188 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.:** 25-75608 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by PATRICK A SCOTT, SINGLE MAN as Grantor to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INS CO., as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/3/2021, recorded 11/4/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-017533, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 8 in Block 1, in HAYTERS SECOND ADDITION to the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume B2, Page 48). The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1377 SW LEVENS ST, DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 139717 / 07532-DA-04700 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any

senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$24,267.78 Late Charges: \$952.34 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,592.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$874.50 Total necessary to cure: \$28,686.62 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$332,617.45 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 7/10/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 2/26/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47046 Pub Dates 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 04/29/2026

**PCIO26-186 NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING FOR BUELL RED PRAIRIE WATER DISTRICT** A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Buell Red Prairie Water District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held at the Buell Red Prairie District office, located at 5818 Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan Oregon. This meeting will take place on April 22nd, 2026 at 6:30pm. If needed, subsequent meeting will take place on April 29th, 2026 at 6:30pm. The purpose is for the Budget Committee to receive the budget message and to deliberate on the budget, accepting comments from the public is welcomed. Any person may appear at the meeting to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Submitted by: Kathleen Anderson Budget Officer 503-843-2885

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**PCIO26-206 TS No. OR09000027-23-1S 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 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 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, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a

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Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. 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

**PCIO26-211 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE** Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) APN 0201 132536 TS No. LO-53799-OR WHEREAS, on 5/23/2008, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Thomas R. Wilson and Marie E. Wilson, as Tenants by the Entirety as trustor in favor of Bank of America, N.A., a National Banking Association as beneficiary, and Northwest Trustee Services, Inc. as trustee, and was recorded on 5/30/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-006976, in Book XX, Page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder of Polk County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 2/23/2023, recorded on 3/3/2023, as instrument number 2023-001428, book XX, page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder, Polk County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 1/15/2026, was not made due to a borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/15/2026 is \$216,174.22; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24

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CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Law Offices of Jason C. Tatman as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 11/13/2018 as instrument number 2018-013155, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 5/8/2026 at 11:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: LOT 13 AND THE SOUTH 7 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 3, LYLE ADDITION TO DALLAS, DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 219 NW Hillcrest Dr., Dallas, OR 97338 The sale will be held at the Front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$224,547.53. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$22,454.75 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$22,454.75 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that

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are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$224,547.53, as of 5/7/2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if

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payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and <https://www.fincen.gov/rre-fags> Date: 4/1/2026 Law Offices of Jason C. Tatman U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner Rhonda Rorie, AVP rr@tatmanlegal.com 9665 Chesapeake Dr., Ste. 365, San Diego, CA 92123 (844) 252-6972 Fax (858) 348-4976 A-4870895 04/15/2026, 04/22/2026, 04/29/2026

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING			
FORM OR LB SD#1		PCIO26-210	
A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for City of Dallas for the current fiscal year will be held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The hearing will take place on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 15, 2026 at Dallas City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.			
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES			
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED			
<b>FUND: Facilities and Equipment Fee Fund (new fund)</b>			
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure - Indicate Org, Unit / Prog. &amp; Activity, and Object Class.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Facilities and Equipment Fee	60,000	1 Building Improvements	2,050,000
2 Transfer from Water SDC-Int'fund Loan	2,050,000	2 Operating Contingencies	60,000
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>2,110,000</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>2,110,000</b>
<b>Explanation of change(s):</b> On April 5, 2026, City Council approved Resolution No. 3563 creating a monthly \$5.00 Facilities and Equipment fee to support the general fund departments facilities and equipment needs. The above creates a new fund to account for the new fee and related expenses. To meet the immediate needs of renovations to two properties an interfund loan from the Water SDC is included.			
<b>FUND: General Fund</b>			
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure - Indicate Org, Unit / Prog. &amp; Activity, and Object Class.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Transfer from Storm SDC-Int'fund Loan	730,000	1 Fire Department-Capital Outlay-Vehicle	730,000
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>20,247,894</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>20,247,894</b>
<b>Explanation of change(s):</b> On March 2, 2026, City Council approved the purchase of a new ambulance, including the required medical equipment and supplies and the renumbering of an existing ambulance on to a new chassis. This will be funded through an interfund loan from the Storm SDC.			
<b>FUND: System Development Charges</b>			
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure - Indicate Org, Unit / Prog. &amp; Activity, and Object Class.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		1 Water Projects	(2,050,000)
		2 Storm Projects	(730,000)
		Transfer to Facilities and Equipment Fund -	
		3 Water SDC	2,050,000
		4 Transfer to General Fund - Storm SDC	730,000
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>16,959,265</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>16,959,265</b>
<b>Explanation of change(s):</b> Interfund loan transfers as stated above.			

# PUBLIC RECORD

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

## Independence Police Department

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
An officer parked on Monmouth Street observed a vehicle swerving within the lane, nearly hitting the sidewalk. The motorist who was following the vehicle indicated to the officer that "the driver is hammered and all over the road." The officer began following the vehicle and at one point the driver was using the middle turn lane for travel. Upon contacting the driver, Aureliano Calihua, who failed a field sobriety test. He blew a BAC of .11% and was transported to jail for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**  
Jesus Trujillo was spotted on a bicycle near the dog park by off duty law

enforcement and a chase ensued around Riverview Park, ending in a front yard of a residence on South 3rd Street. Trujillo was charged with disorderly conduct 2, two counts of escape 3, trespass 2 and possession of methamphetamine. An intoxicated male was reported to have arrived in a vehicle at a mini mart. Officers responded and observed an unoccupied vehicle with its engine running and headlights activated. Brien Rolfe was contacted inside the store. Rolfe performed poorly on a field sobriety test and ended up blowing a BAC of .10% at the police department. He was transported to jail.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**  
Multiple 911 calls were placed on a vehicle that fled the scene after hitting a trash can and a tree on Monmouth Street. Upon contacting the driver, Geoffrey Moss, officers smelled alcohol on his breath. Moss failed a field sobriety test and was taken to the police station where he blew a BAC of .02% and a drug recognition expert followed up as the observed level of impairment was not consistent with the low BAC reading. Moss was

cited for driving under the influence — misdemeanor, reckless driving, failing to perform duties of a driver in an accident with property damage, and driving while suspended - violation.

## Monmouth Police Department

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
Ordinance Violation/ Information: A caller reported a parking issue involving a recreational vehicle and a camper trailer parked near an intersection. An officer was monitoring both vehicles with the intent of starting three-day parking cases when the required time lapsed. The camper appears to be lived in.  
Overdose/Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person reported their significant other overdosing after taking pills and drinking alcohol, stating they only wanted to numb the pain. Medics responded and cleared the individual without transport. The officer connected the individual with crisis resources.  
Crash: A collision occurred at an intersection when one driver, who was stopped at a stop sign, drove into the path of

another vehicle that had the right of way. There were no injuries, and drivers were assisted with accident exchange forms.  
Driving: Report of a silver vehicle driving recklessly. After patrolling the area where the caller said it was parked, the officer was unable to locate the vehicle.  
Noise: A person reported a loud party at their neighbor's residence. The neighbor agreed to turn the volume down after an officer explained the noise ordinance.  
Noise: A person complained about loud neighbors drinking. An officer found the noise from one individual sitting on the porch was minimally audible and did not meet the city's unnecessary noise ordinance.  
Domestic Disturbance: A 16-year-old was involved in a physical domestic disturbance with their mother and brother. Neither the mother nor the brother wished to pursue charges, and the juvenile was counseled about their behavior.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**  
Suspicious Activity: Report of a fire outside the senior center. It was determined that a candle in a camper trailer made

it appear as if a larger fire was inside. The person inside was fine.  
Driving: A white sedan was reported speeding and passing on the shoulder of a highway. An officer patrolled the area but multiple white sedans passed, none driving poorly and was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.  
Harassment: A person in a group home reported receiving harassing messages and threats of exposure on social media after sending a photo to someone who claimed to be a minor. A staff member agreed to review the messages and send a screenshot to an officer.  
Patrol Request: A property management company representative called regarding a recreational vehicle and camper parked nearby, and reported people cutting through the property and residents experiencing late-night knocks. A request for night patrol was placed on the briefing log to help deter this activity.  
Thanks: A representative from a community organization asked an officer to pass along thanks to the local department for supporting their bottles/cans initiative, which helps under-privileged children get prescription

glasses.  
Assault: A parent reported that their 8-year-old child strangled them the previous evening after they tried to de-escalate them, causing the parent to nearly lose consciousness. The Department of Human Services was informed, and the child is scheduled to leave for another location soon.  
Suspicious Person: A person reported two males acting suspiciously outside two different financial institutions. An officer was unable to locate the described subjects.  
Crime: A peer support worker reported that an incarcerated individual, who is subject to a no-contact order, has been reaching out to the protected person's friends asking them to get the protected person to drop the charges. Follow-up is planned for jail calls.  
Domestic Disturbance: A person reported historical domestic incidents where an individual assaulted them while their baby was in the room. The person plans to report other incidents to another jurisdiction.  
Domestic Disturbance: Report of a person yelling and sounds of things

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being thrown at a residence. No disturbance was heard upon arrival, though children were audible inside. The individual complained about the officers' visit but would not answer the phone when called back.

**Found Property:** An abandoned moped was reported. A search did not indicate it had been stolen.

**Follow Up:** A person called regarding a previous disturbance and reported that an egg was thrown at their apartment door that night, causing no damage. The person did not want to pursue charges.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A resident reported an in-progress burglary with multiple people attempting entry. An officer found no one outside, no signs of forced entry, and a neighbor reported the resident was making a lot of noise. The resident displayed emotionally disturbed person behaviors and was assisted in securing their door.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** The same resident reported a second in-progress burglary attempt, claiming subjects associated with unoccupied vehicles were trying to enter. No signs of forced entry were found. The resident became upset and threatened to "take matters into their own hands."

**Found Person:** A caller reported finding an 80-year-old person walking around who was unable to recall their residence. The person was confirmed to be a resident of a nearby facility and was transported back to staff.

**Missing Person:** State Police located a missing person under a bridge. The individual was confirmed missing and removed from the records system.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A neighbor reported the resident from a previous calls was outside yelling at bushes, believing someone was inside them. An officer spoke with the resident about possible hallucinations and cautioned that continued behavior could lead to involuntary commitment.

**Check Welfare:** A passerby reported an elderly male had fallen inside his house and was unable to lift himself up. Officers assisted the male into his wheelchair, and medics checked a laceration on his arm.

**Citizen Contact:** A business representative requested an officer contact the occupant of a recreational vehicle parked on the street to ensure they stay off private property. An officer spoke with the person, who was cooperative and began cleaning up.

**Assist Other Agency:** A driving complaint led officers to stop a suspect vehicle. A county agency responded and arrested the driver for menacing and reckless driving.

**Driving:** A caller reported a large truck tailgating him on the highway. Due to a delay in the report, officers were unable to locate the truck

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**Assist Other Agency:** An officer assisted another agency on a domestic call. No action was taken by the local department.

**Tow:** A caller reported the repossession of a gray sedan, stating the

registered owner was unaware. The vehicle was towed by a recovery service and is located in a nearby city.

**Harassment:** A person called about their downstairs neighbor banging on the door after being yelled at for stomping. An officer explained the noise ordinance to the downstairs neighbor, who became visually upset and yelled before slamming the door.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person reported a friend missed dinner and sent a text saying they did not want to live anymore, then became unreachable. An officer contacted the friend via phone, who denied suicidal intent for that night and was encouraged to contact the reporting person the next day.

**Check Welfare:** A caller reported a neighbor's sliding door was open, no one answered, and a small dog was barking. The resident was later contacted and reported they were fine. The resident said the door was left open for the dog and thanked the officers.

**Suspicious Activity:** A resident reported seeing a transient male scoping out a neighbor's items. The male claimed to know the neighbors, then asked for cans. An officer was unable to locate the person.

**Check Welfare:** Report of someone screaming for help. Officers found two individuals playing a video game loudly with their windows open. There was no disturbance.

**Citizen Contact:** Report of fireworks being shot into the air. A person was contacted and warned for shooting off fireworks.

**Arrest:** An adult brought their son into the department for a referral regarding a third-degree theft case.

**Prowler:** A person reported seeing a heavy-set male looking into cars parked along a street. Officers checked the cars, finding no signs of tampering, and were unable to locate the male.

**Assist Other Agency:** A drug recognition evaluation was conducted at a correctional facility, and the person was determined to be impaired from cannabis and unsafe to have been operating their vehicle.

**Theft:** A person reported a laptop stolen from their car under confusing circumstances, believing the male who previously ran away must have returned later while they were distracted. Location data showed the laptop was last tracked at the scene around the time they were talking.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

**Assist Other Agency:** Officers assisted another agency with an uncooperative motorist in a driving under the influence of intoxicants case.

**Suspicious Activity:** An anonymous caller reported their neighbor was dumping gasoline on his lawn. The neighbor denied this, noting a snow blower smelled like gas. The officer could not smell anything.

**Illegal Parking:** A person reported two vehicles parked in a residential parking only zone. As they lacked local permits or registered local owners, both vehicles were cited for improper parking.

**Crash:** A driver called to report being in a crash earlier when pulling out of a driveway with an obstructed view, and was hit by another vehicle. No one was injured, insurance information was exchanged, and the driver

was advised on reporting requirements.

**Runaway:** A case manager reported a 16-year-old with behavioral issues ran away from a high school after a prohibited item was confiscated. The juvenile was entered into the records system as a signed runaway.

**Animal:** Report of an animal bite that occurred a few days prior, where a dog bit a visiting person on the hand. The bite was minor and determined to be due to the dog being territorial. The owner was instructed on the quarantine process and licensing requirements.

**Ordinance Violation:** An officer responded to a complaint about overflowing garbage and assorted debris next to a dumpster. The owner was contacted and confirmed they were aware and starting the clean-up process.

**Ordinance Violation:** The three-day parking violation process was initiated for a camper trailer parked near a complex. A three-day tow notice was left.

**Ordinance Violation:** The three-day parking process was initiated for an occupied recreational vehicle. An officer contacted the occupant and explained the ordinance. The occupant said they would move the recreational vehicle soon.

**Domestic Disturbance:** Report of a domestic dispute involving a person knocking/banging on windows. The person left prior to arrival. The complainant reported a separate incident where the individual stole cards and drained accounts days prior.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person was placed on a protective custody hold after breaking a roommate's door, tying a rope around their neck, and threatening to harm themselves or others if the officer left. Medics transported the individual to a hospital.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**Check Welfare/ Domestic Disturbance:** A probation officer reported their client, who has a history of domestic violence and observed bruises, left a voicemail requesting a welfare check. An officer found the male had left and the client agreed to come into the police department later that morning to discuss the history of incidents.

**Driving:** Report of a white sedan swerving and speeding. Officers checked a known address for a previous driver, but the vehicle was not found.

**Check Welfare:** A school agency requested a welfare check on children who had not been to school for a week. The parent was defensive but confirmed the three children appeared fine, though the officer reminded the parent of school attendance requirements.

**Animal:** An anonymous report of potential animal neglect was received. An officer found a 5-year-old dog with dry, flaky skin and small growths, but it was well-fed and happy. The owner explained they lacked money for a veterinarian. The officer provided contact information for a veterinary clinic and an aid organization.

**Illegal Parking:** A person complained about a commercial truck and trailer parked on the street, believing it was a traffic hazard. An officer confirmed the vehicle was not in violation of any parking ordinance.

**Check Welfare:** A caller

saw a female fall and requested a welfare check after the female declined help and continued walking back and forth on the sidewalk. Officers were unable to locate the female.

**Follow Up:** School staff found video footage of a stolen electric scooter from an earlier case. Two juveniles were identified, admitted to taking the scooter, and will be referred. Arrangements were made to return the scooter.

**Fraud:** A person was contacted via text claiming to be from a financial institution's fraud department. The person provided information through an online form which resulted in a large sum of money being sent to the suspect via a payment platform. The bank advised the person to file a report.

**Check Welfare:** Staff at a market called about a confused, stumbling male who was not wearing shoes and was bleeding. An officer located the highly intoxicated male at a park. He declined a ride and was told to go home.

**Theft:** A person reported a firearm was stolen from a safe and suspects another individual. A 12-gauge shotgun was entered into the records system as stolen.

**Follow Up:** An officer picked up the stolen scooter and brought it to the victim's residence, where they confirmed it was their property.

**Theft:** A person reported two handguns (a 9mm and an unknown 45mm model) were stolen from a residence. The person had not seen the guns in two years and suspects another individual. The 9mm handgun was entered into the records system as stolen.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**Crash:** A two-vehicle rear-end crash occurred in front of a residence after one driver backed out into the road and another driver's view was obstructed by the sun. A minor child in one vehicle was checked by medics and was fine.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person provided a suspect description for an ongoing hit-and-run case. The caller also reported observing odd activity at a residence, including scraping materials and items being placed in clear bags and given to people who stop by, and discussed possible ordinance violations.

**Check Welfare:** Report of a male who fell and was struggling to stand at an intersection. The male, who has cognitive and health issues, was trying to reach his wife. Medics responded, and his wife arrived on scene.

**Drug:** A person reported two females, possibly an adult and a teenager, consuming marijuana in a park. Officers were unable to locate the individuals.

**Check Welfare:** Crisis staff requested officers join them while checking on a person who made suicidal comments. An officer offered to park nearby for support during the visit, which later concluded.

**Crash:** A two-vehicle crash occurred when one driver ran a stop sign and was hit by the other vehicle, then crashed into a sign and a tree. The driver was confused on scene and was transported by medics.

**Trespass:** A person requested an ex-partner be trespassed from their residence for repeatedly

showing up after moving out. An officer planned to contact the individual but noted the trespass was not yet official.

**Trespass:** Staff at a church requested a person be trespassed from the property for causing issues while staying on a ramp. An officer contacted the person, informed them of the trespass, and offered a housing referral.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person staying at a rental property heard the front door open, someone go upstairs, and then heard someone run back down. The residence was cleared, and no person was located.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person reported a male and female digging through a dumpster. Officers were unable to locate the individuals.

## Polk County Sheriff's Office

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

At 1:26 a.m., a deputy stopped a motorist driving westbound in his lane towards him on Dallas Cutoff Road. The driver, who is not from the area, said she thought she was in a turning lane. However, she was cited for failure to drive right and for no operator's license.

At 3:02 a.m., deputies contacted three individuals in the park off Glenn Creek Road and informed them they were trespassing. They were informed to leave the park. They left driving a U-Haul.

At 6:44 a.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle blocking crash on Kings Valley Highway. They stabilized the scene until Oregon State Police took over the investigation.

At 6:53 a.m., a deputy investigated signs of timber theft/cutting standing timber off Gold Creek Access Road by taking some photographs and working with BLM.

At 11:27 a.m., deputies evicted a male subject from a residence on Marine Drive. He was advised to not return or he would be arrested for trespassing.

At 12:24 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a white Hummer south bound on Highway 99 that was unable to maintain a lane and nearly drove into a ditch. The vehicle was not located.

At 6:48 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Red Prairie Road for having plates that were not registered to anything. The plates were seized.

At 7:14 p.m., a motorist on Gooseneck Road was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

At 4:26 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a vehicle in the ditch in the 18800 block of Falls City Road. It was unoccupied but had hit and damaged a mailbox. The residents it belonged to wanted to press charges. The vehicle was taped off.

At 9:42 a.m., a deputy had to brake hard to avoid hitting a pedestrian on Main Street in Dallas who did not obey the do not walk light. The deputy educated him on the law/purpose of the signs because he did not want to see him get hit. The male was appreciative and said he didn't even look at the sign.

At 2:16 p.m., a resident on Salt Creek Road reported an unknown suspect had tried to open a bank account in his name through Central

Willamette Credit Union. The resident wanted a case number for his bank.

At 6:33 p.m., a report of a horse stuck in a fence on Sawtell Road. A deputy called the complainant who stated he drove by again and saw the horse was gone.

At 7:14 p.m., Phillip Gallagher turned himself in to the PCSO on his outstanding Morrow County secret indictment warrant for rape 1. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:42 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Ferns Corner Road. When they arrived, the vehicle had already left the scene. The complainant stated the vehicle had crashed into a ditch then drove off.

At 9:01 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on Fernwood Court. After speaking with the two subjects involved, the deputies saw no signs of injury on either party or any evidence of a crime.

At 9:05 p.m., a business owner on Pacific Highway reported being a victim of online fraud. The complainant reported her business website showed approximately \$177,000 worth of fraudulent gift card purchases.

At 10:33 p.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving while suspended - violation.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

At 2:19 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:59 a.m., a report of a dog loose again on Church Street in Falls City. Its owner was contacted and cited for no dog license.

At 10:14 a.m., a motorist on Falls City Road was cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit in a 20-mph zone.

At 11:56 a.m., a subject was cited on Bridge Street in Falls City for improper use of a motor scooter.

At 12:11 p.m., a motorist on Oakdale Road was stopped for having a damaged, partially obscured license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 1:31 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of 10 vehicles driving the wrong way around the roundabout on Clow Corner Road. The deputy did not observe anyone driving the wrong way.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

At 1:53 p.m., a deputy responded to a vehicle vs bicyclist accident on Highway 223 at Bridgeport Road. The driver stated he hit the bicyclists going about 5-10 mph. The bicyclist stated he was sore and had a road rash on his legs. He opted to get checked out at West Valley Hospital.

At 5:09 p.m., a motorist stopped to talk with a deputy parked on Pacific Highway. She asked where she was and which way was south. She apparently had not eaten/drank water in about 11-12 hours. She left Waldport trying to get to Oak Grove before the sun came up this morning to reach her son. Deputies contacted the son. Medics were called and determined she was hypertensive with a blood pressure over 200 with pre-stroke potential. The medics transported her to the hospital.

At 10:20 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding

## CENTRAL

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“I think we all just finally clicked together,” senior Ariannah Williams said. “We were working with each other, not by ourselves.”

In their next outing, against Newberg, the bats did their part while the pitching didn't keep pace. The result was an 18-17 loss.

These performances

offer a glimpse into the Panthers' offensive potential, and how the team must play if it wants to string together wins.

Unlike last season's lineup, which relied heavily on power and totaled more than 30 home runs, these Panthers are all about manufacturing runs. With less power, Central has shifted to small-ball, emphasizing bunting, situational hitting and manufacturing runs.

“Our kids have done a

fantastic job buying into that,” Seidel said.

Defensively, the focus has been just as sharp. With younger pitchers stepping into larger roles, the Panthers know run prevention will depend on consistency in the field.

“We are not going to have as many strikeouts this year,” Williams said. “So we're just really prepared as a defense to defend our field.”

Even with the early losses, optimism

surrounds the program's direction. The addition of 18 freshmen across the program, including those already on varsity, created competition at every position.

Competition has bridged the gap between veterans and newcomers. Rather than creating division, it has pushed the entire roster forward.

“They've competed with each other, but built each other up at the same time,” Seidel said.

Having entered league

play, focus has shifted from growth to results. The Panthers' goal is to win a second title and make the state playoffs.

This season carries added meaning. It marks Central's final year in the Mid-Willamette Conference, giving players one last chance to compete against familiar rivals.

“It's kind of sad, but it's exciting too,” Seidel said.

**Notes:**

Here's a list of

returning Panthers who were named all-conference and/or all-state following last year's very successful season.

**All-League**

**First team:** Tawney Snare, DH, utility; Ariannah Williams, outfield.

**Second team all-league:** Sophia Beasley, infielder.

**Honorable Mention:** Maeci Brown.

**All-State**

First team: Williams, outfield.

## TRACK

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— moving her up a spot and keeping her at seventh on the school's all-time list.

Adele Beckstead moved to ninth on the WOU all-time list in the 5,000 with a time of 17:47.31 to take second in the event.

In the pole vault — Alecia Lemeza moved her No. 5 mark on the WOU all-time list up two inches to 10-8.

### EVENT WINNERS

#### Men

Jack Burgett — 100 (10.51)

Tate Herber — 110 hurdles (14.48)

Landon Theisen — 800 (1:52.56)

Easton Pomrankey — 1,500 (3:54.75)

Ray Gerrard — discus (171-03)

Jacob Behrman — shot put (54-7.5)

#### Women

Aliyah Taba — 400 (56.79)

Kyla Potratz — 3,000 steeple (11:09.66)

Guinevere Rydberg — Hammer (158-00)

Izzy Boyd — Shot Put (42-9.75)

## SOFTBALL

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With league play beginning, the Dragons are even more focused on execution. Dallas expects to contend for a conference title, with West Albany, Silverton and Central among their challengers.

Not that they're worried about other teams.

“We just want to play Dallas softball,” Jackson said. “If we do that, good things will happen.”

**Notes:**

This is Jackson's 11th year as head coach of the Dallas softball program.

Dallas defeated Central 3-0 in Friday's opener of the Mid-Willamette

Conference. Dallas is 1-0, 7-3 overall. They have outscored their 10 opponents by 60 runs, 78-18. They are also OSAA's sixth-ranked team in Class 5A.

The Dragons defeated Grant, Century, and Barlow. But lost to Roseburg, Century and Oregon City. All are Class 6A schools.

## BRIEFS

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games and dancing for a chance to win giveaways.

**FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS SABLE HOUSE BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 28**

Forest Pass Brewing hosts a Bingo Fundraiser for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. April 28 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. The \$15 buy gets 10 cards for 10 rounds and a black out round.

**SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS PANCAKE FEED MAY 3**

The SW Polk Fire District hosts a pancake feed May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Rickreall Community Station, 9105 Rickreall Road. Join the firefighters for pancakes and fire engine rides. No ticket purchase necessary. Donations are appreciated.

**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.

**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/4mivVqo>.

**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.

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

The Dallas Rotary Club will once again be collecting shelf-stable food items to benefit the Dallas Food Bank on May 16 from 10

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

## POLICE

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76 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 11:03 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance between roommates on Perrydale Loop Road. Both parties accused the other of being the primary aggressor but the physical evidence did not support one side of the story over the other. One roommate agreed to move out and not return as of tonight.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

At 2:24 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 coming the wrong direction right at a deputy was stopped. The driver stated he was confused and in turn took the wrong way exit and was driving in the wrong lanes. He was cited for driving the wrong way.

At 10:21 a.m., a resident on 50th Avenue reported hearing the sound of booms nearby, not sure if they were guns or field cannons. A deputy contacted two male subjects sitting in a side by side in the 200 block of 50th Avenue. One admitted it was him shooting his shotgun that made the booming noise. The deputy concluded they had been operating the shotgun in a safe manner, but also re-established the fact that they need to be mindful of shooting guns this close to the highway.

At 10:27 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of roofing materials and boards near the railroad tracks on Rogers Road, blocking the road. The deputy was unable to locate any materials.

At 11:27 a.m., a set of keys, with a KIA car key, KIA key fob, and an orange Dragon Ball rubber lanyard with four unlabeled keys, was found on Fir Villa Road and turned

into the PCSO.

At 2:18 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a four-vehicle head on crash, at Perrydale near the Highway 22 intersection. One driver admitted to going 65-mph in a 55-mph zone and failed to negotiate a turn, striking three other vehicles. All the vehicles involved were towed. There were no major injuries. The deputy developed probable cause for DUII charges against the at fault driver.

At 2:18 p.m., deputies responded to a report of trash dumped in the road on Clow Corner Road. A deputy found three piles. All of the piles consisted of wood, tiles, and faucet heads and some regular trash. The deputy took photos and evidence then contacted county Public Works about the trash.

At 6:03 p.m., deputies investigated a single vehicle non-injury rollover crash on Corvallis Road. The crash was a result of the driver's low blood sugar. A crash report was provided to the driver and his parents. They transported him to the hospital.

At 8:09 p.m., a deputy responded to a report a motorist left the casino intoxicated. The deputy stopped the motorist on Salon River Highway at milepost 21. The driver was going 65 mph in a 55-mph zone, not fast enough to be cited, and showed no signs of intoxication. He also said he was cut off at the casino because of an argument with his wife, not because of drinking too much.

At 10:11 p.m., a motorist reported a vehicle aggressively following him, tailgating and flashing its high beams at him on Airlie Road. Once officers stopped the suspects, they claimed they thought the victims were trespassing and were following them to try to identify them. They never called 911 despite having a phone

in the vehicle. A deputy arrested the driver, John Howard, and charged him with menacing and reckless driving.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

At 3:29 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped for expired California registration. The driver stated he just bought the vehicle today. He was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.

At 7:41 a.m., Lee Roy Hartman was arrested on Bassett Street on an outstanding parole violation warrant and was also charged with being out of compliance on his sex offender registry, and possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 1:46 p.m., deputies investigated a report of harassment on Bridge Street. A resident reported Micah Fournier shoved him at the listed location over a dispute of a weed-wacker. Fournier denied shoving the victim and was only trying to retrieve the “stolen” weedwacker. However, video footage from a witness's cell phone showed the entirety of the altercation, confirming the shove. Fournier was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail, where he was charged with harassment.

At 2:16 p.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured. She was warned for speeding and expired registration. The vehicle was towed.

At 4:32 p.m., a deputy trespassed James Maley from a residence on Grand Ronde Road per a request of the homeowner.

At 6:10 p.m., a deputy located a red vehicle traveling slowly on Kings Valley Highway and smoking. The driver, Braden Barr, showed signs of

impairment and failed a field sobriety test. He was transported to Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant - marijuana.

At 7:24 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on Ellendale Avenue for over an hour with a dog inside. They were unable to locate the vehicle.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

At 12:47 a.m., a deputy contacted a vehicle driving through the parking lot and informed the two occupants in the vehicle that they were trespassing in the park off Glen Creek Road. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 7:18 a.m., a deputy responded to a single vehicle rollover crash just north of Pacific Highway. The deputy stayed on scene until fire and OSP arrived to take over.

At 7:45 a.m., a deputy located a single license plate mounted to a trailer on Glen Creek Road that was confirmed to be stolen out of Salem. The plate was seized and returned to the DMV.

At 11:59 a.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported being the target of an attempted fraud where scammers attempted to get him to pay a fine of \$7,500 for missing jury duty.

At 1:07 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was stopped for improper use of a temporary registration permit. The vehicle had the wrong license plates and they were seized. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance. The vehicle was towed for no insurance.

At 2:28 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Helmick Road for failure to maintain a lane. The driver did have a driver's license and instead provided a Mexico ID card. The driver was

subsequently issued a citation for operating a vehicle without driving privileges and warned for failure to maintain a lane.

At 5:22 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of trespassing on Main Line Road. Two subjects had gotten stuck behind a gate after it was locked while they were “exploring the wilderness.” They were warned for trespassing.

At 11:01 p.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to maintain a lane. The vehicle had an 8-year-old child in the backseat. The driver failed a field sobriety test and was arrested. A family member picked up the child. At Polk County Jail, the driver blew a BAC of .23% and was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless endangering.

At 11:50 p.m., a deputy investigated a call of a two vehicle, non-injury, non-blocking crash on Independence Highway. The deputy gathered the drivers' information and turned the scene over to OSP.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

At 1:37 p.m., deputies investigated a residential burglary alarm on 55th Avenue. They contacted the residents and a female subject advised they had accidentally tripped the alarm.

At 9:31 a.m., deputies found James Maley trespassing at the American Market on Grand Ronde Road. He was uncooperative with commands and was exhibiting many pre assault indicators. A deputy pepper ball blasted Maley and took him into custody without much issue. Maley was lodged at Polk County Jail, where staff located a bag of suspected methamphetamine on his person.

At 2:14 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on Stapleton Road. The driver self extricated and was uninjured,

showing no signs of intoxication. She had successfully negotiated the curve just adjacent to listed, but said she looked down to flick cigarette ash and her tire caught in the gravel ditch, resulting in her crashing into the ditch and coming to rest on its side in the driveway of listed. A tow truck was called.

At 2:43 p.m., a deputy observed a vehicle without a displayed permit and stopped them on Black Rock road at Mile 7. The passengers were looking for Valley of Giants and google maps brought them to Black Rock which was permit only. The deputy escorted them back to Falls City and warned them for trespass 2.

At 3 p.m., deputies responded to a fully engulfed house fire on Independence Highway. Fire personnel reported a bystander was interfering with their fire fighting duties. They contacted Michael Fouch who was extremely intoxicated. After asking Fouch if he started the fire, Fouch attempted to assault the deputy. After a scuffle, Fouch was transported to Salem Hospital and will be lodged at Polk County Jail and charged with attempted assault of a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest, and two counts of harassment.

At 7:54 p.m., a motorist on Parry Road was stopped for driving suspended. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation. The driver also had an outstanding warrant out of Dallas Municipal. He promised to turn himself in for the warrant.

At 8:08 p.m., deputies investigated a report of harassment on Church Street in Falls City. Jennifer Bullis was arrested and charged with harassment and possession of a controlled substance and was lodged at Polk County Jail.