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# REMARKABLE REPTILES

Expo bring hundreds of their devotees to fairgrounds

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For The Itemizer-Observer

Count Victoria Owen among those surprised by how popular Saturday's Reptopia Reptile Expo at the Polk County Fairgrounds turned out to be.

Owen is experienced when it comes to the world of snakes and slithery things. She owns Reptopia in Albany, and has rescued and rehabilitated bearded dragons and other reptiles for 25 years.

She also organized the expo, reportedly the first of its kind at the fairgrounds. Early indications are that attendance surpassed expectations.

"We were expecting maybe 300 people for the whole show. Well, I think we've seen more than 700 (paying customers) go through the door so far," Owen said, with several hours to go in the show. "We had a great response from the community, and everyone coming through the door says it's about time something fun happened in this area."

The expo drew hundreds of devotees, some 60 vendors, and filled three of four rooms in the main building. All this with little money spent on advertising.

"Give credit to our wonderful customers - and vendors - for spreading the word about our expo for months," Owen said. "It's been all word-of-mouth and social media. That's the only advertising we've been doing."

It appears at least one more reptile expo is in Polk County's future.

"We've already got our date booked for next year," Owen said.

Those entering the building found themselves surrounded. No vendor space went empty. Reptile lovers and the simply curious packed the aisles. Large reptiles clung to the backs of their vendors, or wrapped themselves around necks and arms. Even Caesar,



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Shanti Cain and Twinkie, an albino red-tailed boa, are both from Creature Teachers, one of 60 vendors at the first-ever Reptopia Reptile Expo held at the Polk County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

the No Drama Llama, made an appearance.

Creature Teachers was one of the first booths encountered as people entered the building. It was staffed

by owner Shanti Cain and several of her reptilian friends. Her prime location didn't happen by chance.

"I registered for this expo a year and a half ago. I reserved my spot so

I could be right up front at the gate. So when the kids come in, they can see it, and feel it and be close to it."

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# Senator Wyden brings town hall tour to Polk County

By DAVID HAYES  
 Itemizer-Observer

Since Oregon's U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden entered the office in 1996, he's hosted more than 1,000 town halls across the state. At number 1,073 in Polk County March 15, Wyden turned the microphone over to his constituents to hear what was on their minds in questions ranging from the border and spending to health care and Israel's war with Hamas.

He kicked off the proceedings extolling the importance of these town hall meetings when their elected senator is perceived to be unreachable across the country.

"You realize a lot of Oregonians think Washington D.C. for them might as well be Mars, because it doesn't have any connection to their life. So, the point of these meetings is to make sure everybody can get heard," Wyden said.

The first question touched on a hot-button topic right out of the gate - how the murder of University of Georgia student Laken Relyly allegedly by an illegal alien from Venezuela plays into the problem with the situation at the border.

"So, I was wondering, you as a senator, do you have any place to help correct this problem that we're having?" Wyden was asked.

While admitting the system is broken and that there was "plenty of blame to go around," over why that was, Wyden touted his votes for laws that have provided over \$136 billion over the last few years funding officers, technology, equipment, physical barrier at the border.

He also highlighted a bill written by Republican James Langford from Oklahoma that appeared to have bi-partisan support to pass "until Donald Trump came in at the end and opposed it."

"The answer to your question is there is no doubt that on these hot button issues - immigration, taxes, couple others - (there's a) tremendous amount of politics going back and forth. I'm of the mind the best



Oregon's U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden

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# State of Dallas is "good"



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Mayor Ken Woods Jr., updates the community on Dallas's well being at the annual state of the city March 14.

Mayor outlines accomplishments, goals for 2024

By DAVID HAYES  
 Itemizer-Observer

During scaled back ceremony March 14, Dallas Mayor Ken Woods Jr. assured his audience at the Civic Center that "the state of the city is good."

Woods read through a quick summary of the city's accomplishments over the past year and what residents can look forward toward in 2024 and beyond.

Expansion was his first key topic, as Woods first welcomed such new businesses as Dreamies Creamery and Open Road Transportation and the growing facilities at West Valley Hospital and the Dallas Public Library.

He pointed toward the acquisition of 791 Main St., calling it a "milestone in eliminating vacant spaces" where it will be incorporated into the city's economic revitalization plans by the Urban Renewal Agency to construct into a mixed-use building.

Woods also touched on the urban renewal project of the city installing

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You may also help by purchasing prize items for the graduates from the committee's Amazon Gift List Registry. Look in the registry as a custom gift for "DHS Oregon" with the subheading of "Senior All Night Party 2024". Make sure to put your business name in the gift message box.

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In partnership with American Express, the Backing Small Businesses grant program supports economically vulnerable and under-resourced small businesses with community reach.

This year, eligible small business owners can apply for \$10,000 grants for projects that grow or improve their businesses by building community, supporting their economic viability, or bolstering meaningful change.

Applications will be accepted now through April 7. The application period will end once 5,000 applications have been submitted, even if that occurs before the deadline.

If your businesses is interested in applying and would like a support letter from the Downtown Dallas Association, contact them at info@dallasdowntownassociation.org.

**Independence hosts park ground breaking ceremony April 2**

Join the city of Independence for a ground-breaking ceremony of Sunset Meadows Park, located at 889 Maple St., at 4 p.m. April 2. Giveaways and snacks are provided.

The park project will include installing Nature Play Equipment and seating suitable for picnicking by small groups such as picnic tables. A safety surface (engineered wood fiber or similar) will also be installed. The installation will include concrete work to tie the project location into the existing trail infrastructure and connect individual site elements. Funded through grants and System Development charges, this park will bring to fruition the vision expressed by the community during the 2015 Parks Master Plan, creating a new amenity for families in one of the city's newest neighborhoods.

Construction of the park is set to start this month and continue until October 2024.

**Teen Aviation Weekend provides students with confidence to soar**

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Nanima Spencer's interest in aviation flew to a higher level when she joined other teens in building a plane.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter at the Independence airport hosts two Teen Aviation Weekends each year. The first one is in October. The second in March.

Spencer participated in the first weekend, in part because of her father's urging. Bob Spencer, her father, is a pilot and EAA member.

But then something happened to Nanima that weekend. She discovered a passion.

"Yeah, I wasn't that interested in it" at first, Spencer said. "But then I just really got into aviation after it."

The catalyst for this transformation was a Van's RV-12 two-seater, and the team of teens that built it into a flyable machine from a kit.

"It was the teen build. They were building a plane, they finished the plane, and I was like, well, that's really cool," she said. "And then they mentioned that we could be a part of the new teen build, so I signed up for it."

That first plane, the RV-12, has since been sold to a mill owner in Ohio.

The second plane, the one being built, is a Jabiru out of Australia. Estimates are it could be two years before it's ready to fly.

The Jabiru is a partially built kit plane that was donated to the chapter. As of now, the plane consists of an unfinished fuselage, unattached wings and not much else.

EAA chapter members oversee teen builds. Work performed by students must meet government specifications and pass inspections.

Spencer not only wants to help build an airplane; she wants to fly them professionally. Though still in high school, she is training for her pilot's certification.

Aviation "just seems like a pretty fun career, and I didn't really have a career plan after high school," she said.

During Teen Aviation Weekend, experienced presenters, many with prestigious pedigrees within the industry, detail career prospects. In addition, teens receive training on everything from aerodynamics, to how to prepare



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

**Nanima Spencer sees aviation as her career path. Inspiration for this came while participating in the October Teen Aviation Weekend at the Independence airport. Spencer, a high school student, is pursuing her pilot's certification and is part of the teen build program. These programs are sponsored by the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.**

a flight plan, to "flying" simulators.

There's also a section where teens build their own hand-held gliders and then take them out for a test flight. It's a chance for the teens to put into practice what they've learned.

Thirteen teens are part of the current build. Work sessions last six hours, and are held Saturdays throughout the year, including summer months.

"You have to dedicate yourself ... and prove that you want to be here," Spencer said. "It's a real commitment."

Teen Aviation Weekend is popular. It draws participants from throughout the region. Twenty-eight teens, the maximum allowed, participated this past weekend.

"There's a lot of different directions a young person can pursue after participating in any of our programs. Teen Aviation Weekend, the teen build, or learning how to fly. All of which we sponsor here," EAA Trustee Maurice Gunderson said. "You don't have to necessarily be a career pilot. We've had people come through our program who ended up being airplane mechanics."

Gunderson said one former participant, a young lady, now studies mechanical and

aerospace engineering at Oregon State University. Her goal is to become a flight test engineer.

"This is STEM education. Science, technology, engineering and math," Gunderson said. "There are robotics competitions that high school students participate in. That doesn't mean they go into the robotics industry. Similar here. You can learn STEM skills with aircraft and then go a different direction. What's important is that students know there's a career path out there for them."

There are also industry-related jobs out there.

"This is probably the best time since World War II to be training for aviation," Gunderson said. "There's a bunch of reasons for this.

The demand for pilots and mechanics is higher than anytime I can remember.... Of course, everything STEM is in very high demand right now."

Bob Spencer added the first step toward developing a competent workforce is to generate an interest in aviation while a person is young enough to pursue a career in it.

"It's really hard for young people to learn about aviation as a career path. It doesn't come up in schools. It just doesn't come up," Bob



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

**A student gains hands-on experience with a Redflight simulator during Teen Aviation Weekend, sponsored bi-annually by the Experimental Aircraft Association chapter at Independence airport. This simulator is the most advanced of the three simulators owned by the chapter. Joe Mullanhan is the instructor.**

Spencer said. "We use this as a way of teaching students about flying."

Nanima Spencer grew up in a flying family. That's not the case for many teens.

"(Most) of the kids that came to Teen Aviation Weekend, and then onto teen build, (most) of these kids don't have a family history of aviation. So they've picked up that interest and motivation on their own and have pursued it, you know, with the help of their parents," Bob Spencer said. "It really is new, fresh

talent coming into general aviation."

So, Teen Aviation Weekend unlocks opportunity by showing teens how they can achieve their dreams, and giving them the self-confidence to pursue it.

"I can understand this. I can do it. And now I see where maybe there's a path for me in aviation," Bob Spencer said of the weekend's influence on teens. "It increases awareness to a point where teens can say I can do this."

**Dallas man killed in Klamath County auto accident**

A Dallas man was killed in an auto accident in Klamath County March 11.

According to the Oregon State Patrol, troopers responded to a two-vehicle

crash at 7:50 p.m. on Highway 58 near milepost 68.

The preliminary investigation indicated a Malkit Singh, 28, of Liberty Lake, Washington, was driving a Kenworth commercial motor

vehicle and trailer eastbound when his trailer slid into the westbound travel lane. A westbound Toyota Tacoma, operated by Michael Edward Davis, 57, of Dallas, struck the CMV trailer. According to

the OSP, Davis was declared deceased at the scene. A passenger in the Toyota, Kelly Jo Davis, 53, of Dallas, suffered minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

Singh also suffered minor injuries.

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# World premier concert features two Dallas alum

By **DAVID HAYES**  
Itemizer-Observer

The Salem Symphonic Winds latest concert of musical selections from the Middle East on March 24 has not one, but two artists with ties to Dallas that goes back decades.

Rebecca Fromherz will be the featured vocal soloist and narrator for the world premiere of Alan Hovhaness's "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" written and directed for band by Salem Symphonic Winds founding member John Skelton.

The collaboration of Skelton and Fromherz began at Dallas High School where he was band director when she graduated in 1996.

Fromherz would go on to acclaim within the world of operatic performances. However, she traces her appreciation of music to her childhood days in the church choir.

"I saw the value of music in school. In band, there was a sort of beautiful group of unique people who came together to make music. I really found a place in the band room and choir room," Fromherz said. "A friend challenged me to sing a solo at a talent show. It was so great, she said I should keep doing it. So, I did and here I am."

There were a few, notable stops along her journey to performing for aficionados

of the Salem Symphonic Winds. While still in high school, Fromherz won the Live at the Schnitz competition at Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, singing with members of Oregon Symphony. Starting to realize the power of music and how alive it made her feel, Fromherz auditioned for and was accepted to Oberlin Observatory in Ohio, where she further "learned about singing, about life."

Figuring out what to do next, while working in the French and German department at Calvin College in Michigan, Fromherz got a mailing for a master class at Carnegie Hall, featuring Christa Ludwig, a famous mezzo-soprano, who some believe to be one of best singers of all time.

"I told her I'd like to sing for her," Fromherz recalled. "She said, 'Oh, no, no, my dear. Not here in New York. I don't have time. But you can come to my villa in France and sing for me there.'"

Thinking she'd sing for Ludwig for 10 minutes then go back home to Oregon, Fromherz instead ended up studying with her for several weeks, getting inspired by her. That pivoted her into her career singing around Europe, performing opera.

"Opera is a genre of music that has always led to the core of who I am, and then

challenge me to flow that authenticity into the world. It called to me more than any other genre of music. I enjoy teaching people to sing other genres, but my heart is in classical music," Fromherz said.

She, now living in her old family home outside Falls City, Fromherz had found time over the years to return to the Pacific Northwest to collaborate with the Salem Symphonic Winds, a "wonderful group of musicians, directed by John Skelton, my band teacher."

Skelton taught band students in Dallas from 1974 to 2005. During those years, the DHS band traveled for performances in Washington D.C., Chicago, and tours to Canada, Europe and Japan.

"They earned several state championships and took pride in representing Dallas wherever they performed," Skelton recalled.

In between DHS's world tours, Skelton found time to be a charter member of Salem Symphonic Winds, which was first organized in 1975. He initially played euphonium in the group and served in various leadership positions. He conducted his first program with the group in 1991 and has been the primary conductor since 1997.

While he has arranged several pieces for the band over the years, including many



John Skelton



Rebecca Fromherz

more for their annual Tuba Holiday performances, one of Skelton's most ambitious projects to date was transcribing the work of Alan Hovhaness. He said translating some of the unique scoring of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" for orchestral strings to an ensemble of wind and percussion instruments was a challenge.

"I have tried to maintain the spirit achieved by Hovhaness in the work. In both published recordings of the work, distinguished male actors were the featured narrators: Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in the premiere performance and Michael York in a later performance by the Seattle Symphony," Skelton said. "I have chosen to feature Rebecca Fromherz as the featured narrator for the Salem premiere of the band arrangement. Rebecca is a wonderful actress and singer,

and I've been honored to work with her and monitor her advancement as an internationally acclaimed performer and teacher."

Skelton added Fromherz performs with a rare sensitivity and brings beauty to every appearance.

"While Rebecca is now known for her teaching and vocal performances, I got to enjoy some of her formative years in Dallas music classes where she played flute, bassoon, mallet percussion, and tuba, sang in the choir, and performed lead roles in high school musicals," Skelton said.

Fromherz added "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," which also features other musical selections from Middle East, is significant, because it is a very important area right now in the world.

"Music is an important healing force in this time," she said. "What I love about this concert is that it shows us how to appreciate music, this timeless art form, that brings peace, understanding, takes the most terrible of human experiences, war, loss, atrocities, transforms it into beauty. Sometimes the most dark experiences make the most beautiful music."

## More information

Salem Symphonic Winds concert "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam"

3-6 p.m. March 24  
South Salem High School Rose Auditorium,  
1910 Church St. SE, in Salem.

To purchase tickets, go to <https://salemssymphonicwinds.org/events>.

## WYDEN brings town hall tour to Polk County

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politics is policy that is helping people," Wyden said. "So, I have tried to make my calling card working with both sides. If Langford's bill had come up on the Senate floor, I would have voted yes to have a debate, add amendments. In a very polarized kind of country this is what we're up against."

Another attendee was worried about the national debt and what Wyden was doing to combat the impression that Senator's just sit around in their offices all day doing nothing.

As chair of the Finance Committee and member of the Senate Committee on the Budget, Energy and Natural Resources, Wyden gave his assurance that his days, and long into the nights, were just recently consumed with completion of the latest tax bill. However, he said his hands were tied in what actions he could take. He explained that two thirds of all spending in the budget goes to social security, Medicare and the

entitlement care programs. And things like foreign aid comes to about just 1% of federal budget. However, he also gave the assurance that the overall budget had room for trimming.

"To cut the federal debt, you need to go the areas where the cuttin' is going to make the biggest difference... There's not a part of the budget you can't find savings. Not a single part of it," Wyden said.

Another attendee pointed out he agreed with Oregon's junior Sen. Jeff Merkley, co-writing a letter to President Biden to stop sending military aid Israel to encourage a cease fire with Hamas.

"Are you working with Merkley to bring an end to this slaughter?" Wyden was asked bluntly.

Wyden first gave his family history as a Jew, whose parents fled the Nazis in the 1930s. He said his father was an original member of the Richie Boys, who taught themselves English and wrote propaganda pamphlets. So, Wyden deeply felt the impact the Hamas attack on Israeli citizens on Oct. 7, "the biggest slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust."

Wyden said when it comes to the Middle East, he wears blinders. What he can do is

ensure aid is given to both sides in need without doing harm, to the Palestinians on one side, not Hamas, and the Israelis on the other.

"So, what I do with my time... is the trade aspects of a two-state solution go to our committee. Because I don't think you get anywhere without a two-state solution," Wyden explained. "Because you've got to have people with mutual respect. When I think about (during) my day - get the hostages out, and get the humanitarian aid in. And defeat Hamas."

Wyden also touched on ensuring the rich pay a fairer share of the tax burden through a "billionaire's tax," and also said he's working to prevent the expansion of a surveillance state, such as the

recent revelation "information brokers" revealed the location of 600 Planned Parenthood locations.

A local historian then asked Wyden what can be done to get young people more involved in civics when "they don't know first thing about American Government?"

Wyden brought the discussion back around to why he hosts town halls in every county around the state each year, including in as many high schools as he can.

"I tell people one thing you can do is take your kid on a tour of Washington D.C. Call our office, whichever public official, while you're there," he said. "By the way, I tell everybody who comes to a town meeting - looking around, I see almost

everybody my age. Bring young people to these meetings. Take them to lunch. This is a time to particularly get them involved and try to get young people excited about opportunities."

Wyden concluded by sharing, when he first joined the Senate in 1996, he never dreamed he'd have this kind of opportunity to include so many people helping him

make a difference in the lives of Oregonians. "What a fabulous privilege it's been. I don't have all the answers by a long shot, but I want you to know, as long as I have the honor to represent you in the United States Senate... I'll do my best to do it this way, not for the Dems, not for the Republicans, but for everyone, because it's the Oregon way," Wyden said.

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**Charlene Karlye Rogers**

Charlene Karlye Rogers, born in Vancouver, Washington, in 1944, left to be with her Savior on Jan. 26, 2024, at Salem Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, John Grewe, of Dallas, Oregon; sons Brent McNeil of Albany, Oregon, and Zan Tuck of Longview, Washington; four granddaughters, a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held on April 6, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 Fir Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon.

A reception will follow concluding the service for family and friends. Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family.



**Vaneta Person**

Vaneta was born June 29, 1940, to James and Leona Broadus in Iola, Texas.

She completed most of her schooling in Dallas, Oregon, but graduated from high school in Katy, Texas. After school, Vaneta came back to Oregon, where she met and married John Fitzgerald. Vaneta and John enjoyed raising their children, which includes Marvin, Kelly, Gary, and Terry.

When John passed away, she met and married Larry Person in July 2006. Vaneta and Larry shared many great years together, sightseeing and taking long drives.

Vaneta loved all her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; there are too many to count.

She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her sisters Cheryl and Gayle, and brothers Darrel, Randy and Greg.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Lloyd and Leslie.

There will be a Memorial Service for Vaneta at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Dallas, Oregon on March 24, 2024, at 3 pm.

Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family.



**Mary Magers**  
1942-2024

Mary Magers passed away peacefully this week in March. She will be remembered for her love of her family and her dedication to her husband Allen of over 50 years. She will also be remembered for her very kind and gentle heart with animals.

She is survived by her husband, sister, daughter, three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on March 25, 2024, at 12 p.m. Bollman's Tribute Center.



**Donald Ray Cox Jr.**  
May 11, 1975 - Mar. 12, 2024

Donald Ray Cox Jr. was born May 11, 1975, in Coquille, Oregon, and passed away March 12, 2024, in Salem Oregon.

Don leaves behind his adored son Elliott. He is also survived by his mother Nancy Cox, sister Terisha Mott, brother in-law Jason Mott and nephew Bronson Mott.

He enjoyed camping with his family and friends, taking his son kayaking and spending time outdoors. He was a proud father and friend to many. His humor and wit will be remembered by those to have known him best.

A celebration of life will be held this summer, date to follow.

Don's journey here on earth has ended, but his light will continue to shine in his son. Rest in Peace.

**Kenneth Chester Gardner**

Jan. 7, 1932 - Mar. 11, 2024

Kenneth Chester Gardner, a resident of Dallas, Oregon,

died on Monday, March 11, 2024, at Salem Hospital following a severe stroke on March 6.

Kenny was born on Jan. 7, 1932, in Portland, Oregon, the son of Wiley and Hazel Gardner. Kenny was an only child and his mother died when he was 2. He was raised on the family farm with his father and paternal grandparents. He lived in the same house for 90 years.

Kenny's great-grandfather, Samuel Judd Gardner, came west on the 1843 wagon train at age 17 and established the homestead (1844 Donation Land Claim). Kenny was the third of six generations to attend the Bridgeport School.

Kenny graduated from Dallas High School in 1949. He then attended Linfield College in McMinnville. Kenny served in the U. S. Army from 1954-1956 during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Frankfurt/Rein-Mein Airfield in Frankfurt Germany.

Kenny married Mary Lou Chambers on May 21, 1960, in the Dallas First Christian Church.

Kenny was a lifelong Farmer, Rancher, and Forester. He raised cattle, crops including, strawberries, sweet corn, green beans, peppermint, dill, clover, pumpkins, sugar beets, rye grass, fescue, grains, barley, wheat, and oats. They also had Gardner's Fresh Produce Stands, one at the farm and one on Fir Villa Road in Dallas. They grew an incredible variety of fruits and vegetables.

Kenny was past president of Polk County Shrine Club, Polk County Parks and Recreation board, charter member of Luckiamute Domestic Water Co-op and board member, Consumer's Power Inc. Board of Directors for over 50 years, SW Rural Polk Fire board member for 58 years, Election Board (Bridgeport Precinct) chair many years, Great Western Bank Dallas, Oregon, Board of Directors, Polk County Cattleman's Association, Polk County Sportsman Club.

Kenny's memberships included Masonic: Jennings Lodge #9 Dallas, Oregon (life member), Al Kader Shrine, Wilsonville, Polk County Shrine Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter, Dallas, Oregon, Elks Lodge #1950 and the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Kenny and Mary Lou loved traveling. They traveled to Canada, Germany, France, Switzerland, England and Hong Kong. They enjoyed cruises as well to Alaska, Mexico, Western Caribbean, Hawaii and Hong Kong. Their favorite destination was Hawaii where they enjoyed more than 40 trips together.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou;

daughter Nancy (Doug) Yancey; daughter-in-law Julie Gardner; granddaughters Madi Gardner, Ellie (Kade) Fast and Melanie Gray; grandsons Michael Gardner and McKenzie Gray; great-grandsons Evan Gardner and Blake Gardner; sister-in-law Freda Pankratz; brother-in-law Darrell (Patricia) Chambers; cousins Mary and Kathy; nieces and nephews Larry, Bryan, Ernie, Vicki, Brenda and Barry. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Jim Gardner.

Funeral Services will be on Thursday, March 21 at 11 a.m. at Bridgeport Chapel, 16930 Bridgeport Rd. Dallas, Oregon. Interment will be in Dallas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Childrens Hospital c/o Don Broxson PO Box 1162, Jefferson, Oregon 97352, or charity of choice. Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence or to share a story for the family go to [www.BollmansTributeCenter.com](http://www.BollmansTributeCenter.com).



**Donna May Melius-Sanders**

Apr. 5, 1936 - Feb. 26, 2024

Born and raised in Falls City, Oregon, Donna May Melius-Sanders was the second eldest of six siblings. She attended school in both Falls City and Dallas, started a family, and later moved to Salem, where she attended college and went out into the working world.

Years later she returned to her hometown of Falls City, where she settled into her retirement years.

She was a woman strong in her faith, always selfless, always loving and devoted to her family. She spent her time gardening, sewing, reading and studying family genealogy. She enjoyed music and self-taught, played the piano beautifully. Spiritual music was always close to her heart.

After struggling with her health, with family by her side, she was ready to meet her heavenly Father. She was 87 years of age. She leaves behind four daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved and adored her. She will be dearly missed, forever in our hearts.



**Robert C. Wilson**  
Jun. 16, 1929 - Mar. 7, 2024

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

Robert C. Wilson was born in Airlie, Oregon, to Silas Clyde and Caroline Wilson, the youngest of nine children. His early years were spent on the family homestead, but like many families during WWII, their home was claimed by the government and incorporated into Camp Adair. Bob survived many adversities in his youth, including losing his mother at the age of 9, being forced to move from their family farm at 13, and changing schools several times before graduating from Independence High School in 1948.

After graduation, Bob worked and attended Oregon College of Education while playing for their baseball team. In 1951, he was drafted by the Army, where he was an instructor for division faculty before serving in Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1953 and then served eight more years in the reserves. After returning stateside, Bob continued pursuing his degree and worked many different jobs to put himself through school. He had lots of adventures along the way, including playing baseball for a semi-pro team of local players.

Bob graduated from Linfield College in 1958 with a degree in business administration and moved to Roseburg that fall to begin working for Douglas County Welfare as a caseworker. In September of 1960, he entered the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Utah and earned his master's degree in 1962. He was a caseworker and administrator for Lincoln County Child Welfare until 1964, where he then became a family counselor for Yamhill County Mental Health. In September of 1967, he was named the director of mental health for Tillamook County, serving until 1988. He finished his 37-year career in the mental-health field as an alcohol and drug counselor for Linn County and retired in 1994.

Bob was committed to his work, but family was his first priority. He married the girl next door, Virdie Ward, in August of 1955. They had four children: Stanley (1957-66), Bryan (1959), Randall (1963), and Maureen (1970).

He enjoyed and cherished his time with his children and always stayed busy with hobbies and projects: sports, fishing, hunting, harvesting hay, raising beef cattle and taking care of rentals. Added blessings to the family included his son-in-law, Hossein, and four granddaughters who enriched his life: Sara-Jo, Milan, Aurelia, and Kiana.

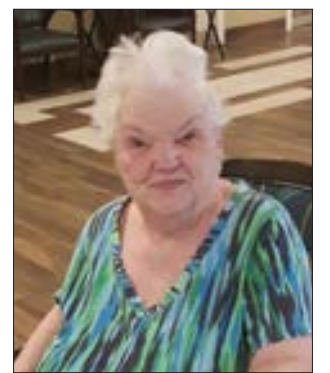
Over the last 30 years of "retirement," he continued to care for both his friends and family, renovate houses, and tend to his orchard and yard projects. He was the hardest worker with the kindest heart.

Bob passed away at his home, where he had received loving care from his family. He is survived by his wife, Virdie, of 68 years, and his children and grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and their spouses.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, March 30, 12 p.m., at City View Cemetery's Chapel, 390 Hoyt Street in Salem, Oregon. A gathering at the family home in Monmouth will follow.

**Tim Higgins**

Tim Higgins, a 1988 graduate of Dallas High School, died Jan. 13, 2024. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 27 2 p.m. at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 700 N Cascade Drive, Woodburn, Oregon.



**Florine Nordine**  
Mar. 2, 1937 - Mar. 2, 2024

Florine Nordine, 87, passed away peacefully in McMinnville, Oregon.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Nordine; parents Arthur and Hazel Waldron; daughter Debra Schultess-May; stepson Donnie Nordine; brothers Clark Waldron, Lester Waldron and Ted Waldron; and sisters Gloria Davis and Kitty Hera.

She is survived by her sons Kenneth 'Pete' Early and Douglas Schultess; stepdaughters Sugar Carlson and Natalie Carlson; stepson Gerald Nordine; and sister Nellie Carrillo.

A poem written for Florine by her son Pete:

"You were born on the same day you died  
87 years seemed to just fly by  
Now you have your wings  
So you can fly  
You will always and forever  
Be my guardian angel til' the day I die  
I love and miss you  
We will meet again in the sky."

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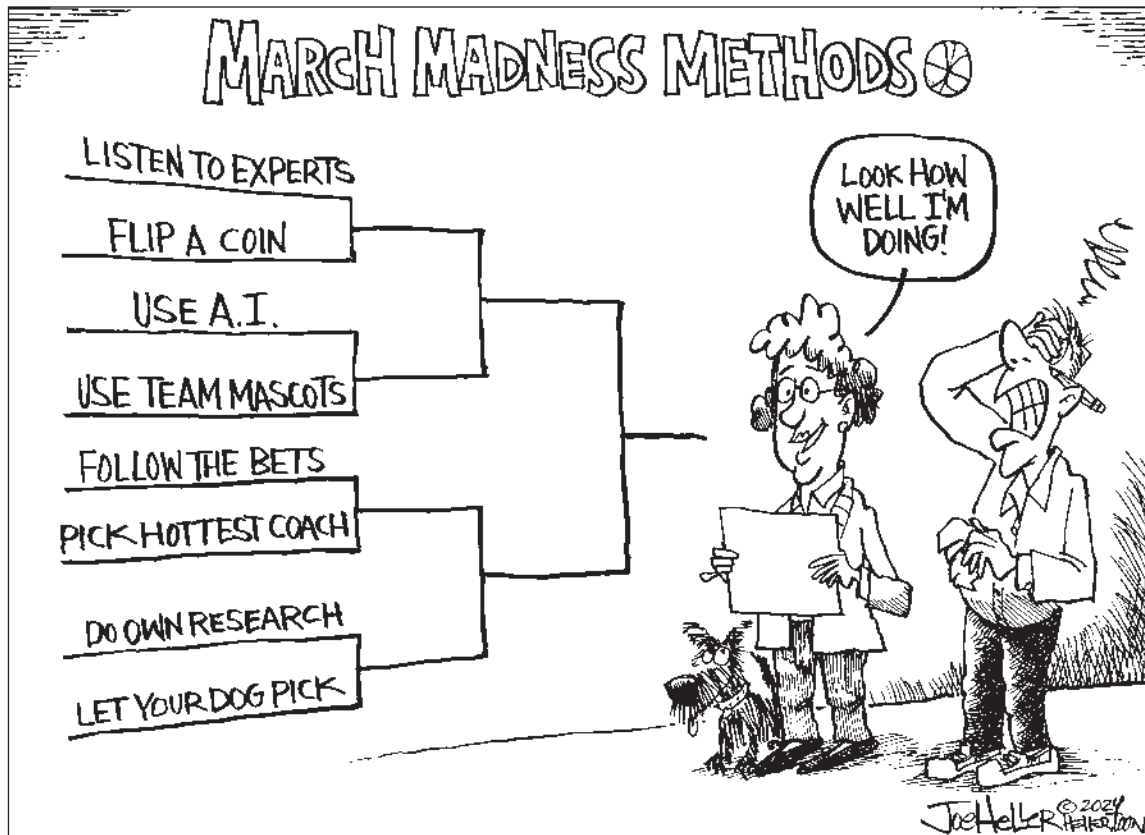
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## Letters to the editor

**Which ways does the wind blow in Polk County?**

About a month ago a letter to

the IO noted that opinions in Polk County seemed to be moderating. Maybe yes, maybe no. But for years, Thanksgiving has been the saddest holiday in Polk

County, as it's nearly impossible to find a turkey with two right wings.  
**Dan Farnworth**  
Monmouth

## TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH:



Is It Necessary To Stop Viagra After a Stroke?

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband had a small stroke last spring, causing a minor loss of vision in his left eye. He is 81 and an otherwise active man. He has even been told by several doctors that he can drive. One doctor told him to stop using meclizine and Viagra. Another physician said that he didn't see a problem with taking the meds. Both physicians are very skilled. Whose advice should he follow? -- M.M.

ANSWER: A stroke is caused by the death of brain cells, most commonly due to poor blood flow in the brain, and it's critical to avoid any medication that will increase the risk of stroke. Meclizine is an antihistamine medicine most commonly used for motion sickness and sometimes used for vertigo. Although it has been reported to cause blurry vision, the risk of taking meclizine in a person with a history of a stroke is minimal.

The situation with Viagra is more complex. A rare side effect of Viagra is nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION), affecting one in every 10,000 people over 50. A person with a history of NAION should not take Viagra.

There isn't good evidence that Viagra is dangerous for a person who had a stroke. One trial suggested that there was benefit in reducing the size of a stroke with Viagra. However, Viagra does lower blood pressure by a few points, so if your husband's blood pressure is on the borderline, this might be an issue.

I can't give you a definitive answer, but most authorities say that a man who is stable, has good blood pressure and is more than six months out from his stroke does need not stop Viagra.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: At 75, I developed stress urinary incontinence, but in the past two years, it has become more uncomfortable. My urogynecologist has recommended a urethral bulking agent called Bulkamid. Are you familiar with this procedure? Can you give any insight on the pros and cons? -- M.F.

ANSWER: My preferred treatment for female stress incontinence are pelvic floor exercises, ideally with the help of a pelvic floor physical therapist, as this has a very high patient-satisfaction rate without

the risk of medication or surgery. Unfortunately, they don't work for everyone. In women well past menopause, I look carefully for evidence of vulvovaginal atrophy and consider topical estrogen.

If these low-risk therapies are ineffective, then a visit to the urologist or urogynecologist is in order. The most common treatments include surgery, such as the minimally invasive sling surgery, and also the injection of a bulking agent into the urethra, like Bulkamid. Comparing the two, surgery tends to have higher patient-satisfaction rates, but the injection is less invasive. It has good results for most women, although sometimes additional injections are necessary (about 25% in a large study).

For younger women, especially those with fewer medical problems, surgical treatment is often recommended. For older women or those who aren't in good medical shape (or who just want to avoid surgery), the Bulkamid injection is a good option. Your urogynecologist can explain why they recommended Bulkamid over a urethral sling procedure.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.*

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## Fill the hole with a load of rocks

**Dr. GLENN MOLLETTE**

Sixty minutes reported, on Sunday evening Feb. 3, about a gap in our border wall. The gap is reported to be about sixty miles east of San Diego and is a global destination for migrants from around the world. The news source reported that during a four day watch they personally witnessed about 600 illegal entries come through the small gap.

According to the report people from China are the fastest growing number of illegal immigrants coming into our country. Over 37,000 just last year which is a growing number. Stories were told about people who had sold their houses and gave up everything to make the trip. The trip had cost one person \$14,000 and another reported the trip took ten days traveling through multiple countries.

TikTok has a video that provides all the details on where to find the gap and how to obtain the help needed in Mexico to get to the destination.

Who are these people? Are they simply well intended people who are coming here to make our country better? Is this a move to fill our country with Chinese soldiers who may be positioning themselves to attack America from inside? Hopefully, it's just a large group of people trying to escape from a bad country where life is not good.

The dumbest part of this "60 Minutes" story is the four-foot gap so many are coming through.

Reportedly, there isn't any federal money allocated to fix the gap. We've sent billions to Ukraine and Israel but we don't have any money to plug up a hole used by people who are essentially invading our country. We don't call them invaders, but they come illegally and in massive numbers. It may not feel like an invasion in Iowa but it does to people who live on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Why doesn't someone take a dump truck or two of rocks and close up that gap? If President Biden wanted to improve his dismal ranking in the polls, then he should coordinate such an effort. He and VP Kamala Harris could each drive a big truck of rocks and dump into the gap. I bet he would have an impressive convoy of people who would join him in the effort. I can't see how it would be that much of a strain on the federal budget. Of course he won't do that nor will any other politician. There is probably some kind a rule or law that forbids such an action.

One elderly man who owns property close to the gap fired a gun in the air because migrants were burning trees on his farm. He was arrested for trying to protect his property.

Fixing that hole in the wall seems like a simple common-sense thing to do. When you bring Washington into the process there is no common sense.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By **LUCIE WINBORNE**

- Using high-pressure, high-temperature techniques that mimic Earth's diamond-forming conditions, scientists can transform the carbon in peanut butter into sparkling gemstones. Chew on that!
- And speaking of chewing, snails have thousands of tiny teeth on their radula, the tongue-like organ they use for grinding up food, making them one of the earth's toothiest creatures.

- Mary, Queen of Scots, was history's youngest monarch, ascending to the throne at a mere 6 days old. Coming in at second place was Emperor Shang of China's Han Dynasty, who in 105 A.D. assumed his royal position at 100 days old.

## CORRECTIONS

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## WEATHER

RECORDED	High	Low	Rain
March 11	48	44	0.38
March 12	53	37	0.19
March 13	53	36	0.00
March 14	63	32	0.00
March 15	71	37	0.00
March 16	76	38	0.00
March 17	70	37	0.00

Rainfall during March 11-17 - 0.57 in.  
Rain through March 17 - 2.87 in.

- If stored correctly and not contaminated, honey can last for thousands of years without spoiling.
- A piano's frame is made of iron.
- Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire."
- One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.
- Some architectural structures, known as whispering galleries, have unique acoustics allowing a whisper at one end of the gallery to be heard clearly at the other end, due to sound waves following the curved surfaces.
- The "United States Postal Service Anthem," a unique song composed by (appropriately) Jack Stamp, is an official musical salute to the USPS, its employees, and its role in American life.
- In some WWII POW camps, the Nazis would allow Allied soldiers to play board games like Monopoly, even providing the games. The British exploited this opportunity by using compasses, banknotes, and real-world maps in place of standard boards and pieces, as a means of helping prisoners to escape.

Thought for the Day: "If no one ever took risks, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor."  
-- Neil Simon



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAR.20 - MAR. 27

### Wednesday, March 20

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Polk County Commissioners meeting, Polk County Commissioners' Conference Room, 850 Main St., Dallas
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Monmouth Senior Center Day Trips: Salem
- 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and young toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 11 a.m. - Mahjong, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 11 a.m. - Dress Like Fred Rogers Day on the MI Trolley, take photos & post to social media, free stickers to participants
- 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Center
- 5:30 p.m. - Dallas Park Advisory Board & Tree Advisory Board, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
- 6 p.m. - Independence Traffic Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Center
- 6:30 p.m. - Virtual Author Talk: Maria Smilios, author of "The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure

Tuberculosis", Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

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

### Thursday, March 21

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. Monmouth Senior Center Day Trips: Amity
- 10 a.m. - Cards/ Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Songs, bounces and rhymes, for ages under 2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
- 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 11 a.m. - Simple games/Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Center
- 11:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Knitting/ Needle Craft, Monmouth Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Third Thursday Book Club discusses "My Antonia" by Willa Cather, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
- 6 p.m. - Independence Parks & Recreation Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

- 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Center

- 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board virtual only meeting, <https://meet.google.com/emp-ebnf-qgh>
- 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S Warren St.

### Friday, March 22

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Writers Workshop/Drawing For Fun, Monmouth Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/ Listening Ear, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Tai Chi w/ Cheryl/Bingo, Monmouth Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Movie Matinee: "On the Basis of Sex", Monmouth Senior Center
- 5 p.m. - Tween/Teen Movie Night: "Spiderman - Into the Spideverse", Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 6 p.m. - Live Music: Joe Stoddard, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
- 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
- 7 p.m. - Live Music: Dave Upton, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St., Independence

### Saturday, March 23

- 10 a.m. - Wagon Wheel Doller's 41st Annual Doll Show & Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West, pre-sale starts at 9 a.m.
- 2 p.m. - Pysanky Egg Decorating, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
- 6 p.m. - Live Music: Rock and Roll Cowboys, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
- 7 p.m. - Live Music: Leland Hallahan, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St., Independence

### Sunday, March 24

- 10 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, Polk County Fairgrounds, Building C, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West, preview starts at 9 a.m.
- 2 p.m. Live Music: Kevin Habsen, Redgate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

### Monday, March 25

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - ASL Class/ Hand & Foot, Monmouth Senior Center
- 1 p.m. - Tai Chi w/ Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Center
- 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, for 5th-8th graders, Independence Library
- 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

- 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Works Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
- 4 p.m. - Age-Friendly Older Adult Listening Session, Monmouth Senior Center
- 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
- 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Center

### Tuesday, March 26

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Spring Break Hatching Dinosaur Hunt, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
- 9 a.m. - Polk County Commissioners Work Session, Polk County Commissioners' Conference Room, 850 Main St., Dallas
- 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
- 11 a.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 11:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 4 p.m. - Kids STEAM Event, kids ages 7-12 join in on fun, hands-on STEAM projects, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 12 p.m. - Pinochle/ Ponytail, Monmouth Senior Center

- 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S Warren St.
- 6 p.m. - Belly Dancing for Fun & Fitness, Monmouth Senior Center
- 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
- 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council Meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 7:30 p.m. - Basics of Social Dance, Monmouth Senior Center

### Wednesday, March 27

- 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Polk County Commissioners meeting, Polk County Commissioners' Conference Room, 850 Main St., Dallas
- 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Center
- 9:30 a.m. - Independence Municipal Court, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
- 10 a.m. - Four Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
- 10 a.m. - Tai Chi, Monmouth Senior Center
- 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and young toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
- 5 p.m. - MINET Board of Directors meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, Monmouth, or virtually <https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>
- 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Center

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Lions Club hosts annual spring flower sale

The Dallas Lions Club's presents their annual spring flower sale, offering hanging baskets, 10" and 12", for \$25 and \$30. They offer impatiens, ivy geraniums, fuchsias, calibrachoa and mixed-plus flats of zonal geraniums and patio planters. All the money raised from the sale stays in Dallas to support the Lions' work in the schools and to help those who cannot afford glasses and hearing aids. Orders must be in by 26 March by calling John Hamstreet, Dallas Lions Club President, at (503) 879-9038. Delivery will be before Mothers Day. Buyers will be notified of date and location.

### Monmouth Library hosts virtual author talk March 20

The Monmouth Public Library hosts a virtual talk by Maria Splios, author of "The Black Angels: The Untold Story of Nurses Who Cured Tuberculosis" at 6:30 p.m. March 20. This livestream event will be hosted simultaneously at the Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St., and the library 168 Ecols St. S.

### New Morning Bakery hosts Easter bunny hop/cake walk March 23

The New Morning Bakery is hosting a pop up Easter bunny hop and cake walk on March 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their Dallas location, 799 S. Main St. There will be Easter gifts, stuffed Easter balloon's, baskets, bunny boxes and more. Participate in the Bunny Hop/Cake Walk and win A luscious mini/cake (cupcakes).

### Library hosts Pysanky egg decorating March 23

The Friends of the Monmouth Library present a Pysanky Egg Decorating class from 2-4 p.m. March 23 at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S. Learn the art of Ukranian egg decorating.

This free class is limited to adults and registration is required. To sign up, stop by the checkout desk or call (503) 838-1932.

### March 24 Salem Symphonic Winds' concert features Dallas residents

Dallas resident Rebecca Fromherz will be performing as the featured vocal soloist and narrator for Salem Symphonic Winds' performance March 24 at 3 p.m. in the Rose Auditorium at South Salem High School.

Fromherz will perform as narrator on the world premiere of a new band arrangement of "The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyam" by Aland Hovhannes. She will also sing two featured opera arias "Air de Salome" from the opera Herodiade by Jules Massenet, and "Glück das mir verblieb" from the opera Die tote Stadt. John Skelton, Salem Symphonic Winds artistic director and former Dallas band teacher of 31 years, wrote the new arrangement "The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyam" and will be conducting the concert. More information and tickets are available at [www.SalemSymphonicWinds.org](http://www.SalemSymphonicWinds.org).

### 4-H Polk County offers tied pillows class March 25

Oregon 4-H Polk County offers the Spring Break Class: Tied Pillows, March 25 form 11 a.m. to noon. Free for Polk County 4-H members, \$10/week for non-members. The class is geared for youth K-8. Registration required at <https://beav.es/cSw>.

### Monmouth Library hosts family game day March 29

It's family game day at the Monmouth Public Library from 2-4 p.m. March 29. Drop in to play some board games, card games or learning games. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The library is located at 168 Ecols St. S.

### Vietnam War Veterans Day honored March 29

The last Friday of March every year is recognized as Vietnam War Veterans Day. Vietnam Veterans, their families, and the public are invited to attend an informal ceremony at the oldest Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the state of Oregon located at Veterans Plaza in downtown Independence, OR near the amphitheater at 1 p.m. Mayor John McArdle will lead a brief history of how this national recognition was brought about. Vietnam Veterans, their families, and the public are encouraged to come and share what they wish with other Vietnam Veterans.

There will also be an update on the efforts to bring the Wall That Heals to Independence in 2025. The Wall That Heals is a traveling three quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.

### Dallas Alliance Church hosts Easter egg hunt March 30

Join the Dallas Alliance Church March 30 for their annual Easter egg hunt March 30, located at 775 E Ellendale Ave. There will be 10,000 eggs spread across three different, age-specific fields. The egg hunt is at 11 a.m. sharp. There will also be carnival games, coloring stations, prizes, pie the pastor opportunities, and many more fun activities, including an appearance by the Easter bunny.

### Polk County Democrats meet April 4

The Polk County Democrats meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To receive the link to any future Zoom meeting, go to [www.polkdems.org](http://www.polkdems.org). Sign up under "newsletter" (scroll down, step 2).

### WOU welcomes guest speaker Isaac Ford to Jensen Lecture Series

Isaac Ford Jr. will be as the speaker for Western Oregon University's Jensen Lecture Series on April 4 in the Columbia Room in the Werner University Center. The public is invited to attend a reception at 5 p.m. followed by the lecture at 5:30 p.m. Ford's book signing will take place after the lecture.

Ford is an author, independent diversity and inclusion consultant, motivational speaker and CEO of Isaac Ford Jr. & Associates, LLC., specializing in motivational speaking and diversity and inclusion training. The title of his lecture is "Up from the Bottom: Reflections of Forgiveness and Perseverance," which is based on his memoir "Up From the Bottom," which tells the story of trauma, tragedy and triumph and demonstrates the power of the human spirit to defy the odds regardless of one's circumstances.

### Tickets on sale soon for Spring Tea

Celebrate the new season at the Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center's annual Spring Tea, April 20 from 1-3 p.m. Celebrate renewal and new beginnings with delicious food, tea, music, and friends.

Tickets are \$30 and go on sale March 21 at 10 a.m. at the Monmouth Senior Community Center. Cash/check only please. For questions, contact Angie at (602) 819-1208.

### Scouts Troop 288 hosts meet and greet April 9

Scouts Troop 288, a linked boys and girls scout troop with separate scout leaders involved in the community, welcome you to join them on April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 S. Fir Villa Road, for a meet and greet. There will be stations where the scouts will be teaching knot tying, first aid, how to set up a tent and other activities. The troop is looking for youth 5th to 12th grade, who enjoy the outdoors, being involved in the community, and are not scared to earn

merit badges or Scout ranks. For more information, go to [www.dallastroop288.org](http://www.dallastroop288.org).


### Heritage Museum hosts Zwerdling Postcard Collection: Pictures in Nursing exhibit

The Zwerdling Postcard Collection: Pictures in Nursing is on display at the Heritage Museum through April 13. This selection of postcards span a century of images of nursing and nurses. It investigates the hold these images hold on the public imagination - then and now. The museum will highlight Margaret Macauley Richardson, a local nurse who served in the SpanishAmerican War. One of Margaret's nursing outfits, along with some photographs and personal belonging, will be on display, while a more extensive collection will be available on the museum's website. The Heritage Museum, located at 281 S 2nd St, in Independence, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Sunday and is closed Sundays.

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# INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE: Was Jesus wrong?

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

On Oct. 22, 1844, thousands of followers of Baptist minister William Miller waited on rooftops and hillsides for the rapture he had predicted. They were called Millerites and wore white robes; many sold all their possessions. The day came and no one was lifted to heaven. In recent times, radio minister Harold Camping had five different dates for the second coming, starting on Sept. 6, 1994. When each date came and uneventfully passed, he'd choose another.

Near the end of Jesus' earthly life, his disciples asked him for signs of his return and the end of the world. He described many calamities and then said, "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass

away until all these things take place." (Matthew 24:34 English Standard Version used throughout). Was Jesus wrong on the time of his second coming? The verses before and after his statement give the answer.

Jesus said there would be natural disasters, persecutions of believers, wars and rumors of wars, and the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem before the Son of Man returns in the clouds to "... gather his elect". (Matthew 24:31).

Many of the events Jesus predicted did occur during the first century. Cities were destroyed by earthquakes throughout the middle east. Persecutions and cruel death came when emperor Nero blamed Christians for setting

ablaze much of Rome in A.D. 64. There were wars in many parts of the known world. The ancient historian Josephus recorded the Roman siege of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70. Over one million Jews were killed. The temple was plundered, its massive stone columns toppled, and the debris burned beyond recognition. Jesus stated these things would occur before his second coming.

On the time of his return, Jesus said no one knows, not even himself. "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only." (Matthew 24:36).

To illustrate this he told the story of Noah: "For as were

the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man ... they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark." (Matthew 24:36-37).

Noah's contemporaries mocked him. When the rains came and never stopped, they were caught unprepared.

Jesus also compared the unpredictability of his return to a nighttime thief. "... [I]f the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:43-44).

Early believers hoped for the soon return of Jesus. At his last resurrection appearance with his disciples, they asked when he would restore the kingdom of Israel. He said, "... It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority." (Acts 1:7).

The apostle Paul thought he might live to see Jesus return. He wrote, "... we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep". (I Thessalonians 4:15).

Time passed, Jesus did not return, and the apostle Peter offered encouragement: "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as

one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief and then the heavens will pass away with a roar ... according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." (II Peter 3:8-10,13).

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

## POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### DALLAS

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

**Dallas Alliance Church** — 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, email [dacoffice@dallasalliance.org](mailto:dacoffice@dallasalliance.org); hours 9am to 3pm, Tu - Th, Closed for lunch 12 - 1pm; Lead Pastor — Gerad Neely, Youth/Children's Director — Miriam Lawson; Every Sunday classes for all ages at 9:15am, Morning Worship at 9:00am-10:30am., (Nursery provided for self-serve use during those times); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00pm in Ediger Hall and All church Prayer 7pm in Sanctuary; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00pm. Call for info on other ministries. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org)

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

**Dallas Church of Christ** — 691 NE Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, 503-623-879. Sundays: 9:30am Bible Classes for all, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Group Bible Talk, Wednesdays: 6:30pm Bible Study. Come to any, come to them all! Individual Bible studies gladly made by appointment. Web: [dallaschurchofchrist.com](http://dallaschurchofchrist.com).

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

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

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

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

Live Stream our 10:45am service at [www.graceindallas.online.church](http://www.graceindallas.online.church)

Visit our Website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org) for office hours, sermon downloads, event information, and more!

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

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

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

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

**St. Philip Catholic Church** — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor Pastor Email: [mpjinpx@yahoo.com](mailto:mpjinpx@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.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** — Welcome ! Our church is located at 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Our Web site is: [stthomasdallas.org](http://stthomasdallas.org). or look us up on Facebook **Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays for the 10:00AM service or find us live on Facebook. LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14, 2024. Lent represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring the temptation of Satan.**

**Our services for the next 2 weeks:**

**March 24-** Palm Sunday Fr. Tony Petrotta

**March 31-** Easter Sunday Fr. Tony Petrotta

**May God Bless you and your families this coming Lenten season**

**Trinity Lutheran Church** — 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas. All are welcome! Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sundays, Worship Service 10:00am, coffee hour with treats after service. Nursery available for parents to use. Play area for small children in sanctuary during worship service. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30am Sundays. Bible Study Wednesdays 1:00pm. Contact us at 503-623-2233 or at [questionsdallastlc@gmail.com](mailto:questionsdallastlc@gmail.com). Online at, [dallastlc.org](http://dallastlc.org) and streamed on Youtube @trinitylutheranchurch6821. Check it out! Office open M-F 10:00am-2:00pm.

Because God first loved us, we celebrate the gifts of Christ through worship, service, and community.

**United Methodist Church** — a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors, 565 SE LaCreole Dr, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Pastor Rev. Ruth Marsh. In-person Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Go to the website at: [umcdallas.wixsite.com/dallas-umc](http://umcdallas.wixsite.com/dallas-umc) for additional information.

**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** — 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Youth: Jeff Anderson; Children: Crystal Barker; Worship/Media: Jesse Ceballos. Sunday Service is at 10:00 am and online streaming at 10:00 am ([www.valleylife.love](http://www.valleylife.love).) On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, there is Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Ignite Youth, Rangers Boys Club, Mpaact Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery care. For more information, contact us at [www.valleylife.love](http://www.valleylife.love), [info@valleylifecenter.com](mailto:info@valleylifecenter.com) or 503-623-4116.

### FALLS CITY

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

### INDEPENDENCE

**Christ The King Church** — Service on Sundays 10 am 155 C St, 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

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

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

### MONMOUTH

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

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**Monmouth Christian Church** — 969 Church St W, Monmouth 97361. Office hours M-T 9a-4p. Phone: 503-838-1145. Join us for services on Sundays, 9am & 11am. Live ONLINE Service 11am. Please visit our website for more info or on how to join our online service. [WWW.MYMCC.CC](http://WWW.MYMCC.CC)

**St. Hilda's Episcopal Church** — 245 Main St. West, Monmouth. Contact Information: [sthildaschurch1@gmail.com](mailto:sthildaschurch1@gmail.com). Sunday Worship (Eucharist) 10:00 AM followed by fellowship. Our church services are reverent and relaxed. Our purpose is God's worship. 7:00 PM Wednesday, Evening Prayer online, contact us thru the email address above for access codes. Walk our labyrinth – behind the parking lot, it's still in development, but it works. Follow us on our Facebook page; St Hilda's Episcopal Church, Monmouth Or.

# STATE

## Mayor outlines accomplishments, goals for 2024

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underground utilities to serve the La Creole Node, improving Dallas's infrastructure.

"These two projects are focused on providing opportunities for business growth and development," he said. "The council's goal is to create more commercial, residential, and mixed-use development opportunities."

In addition, the city purchased the Itemizer-Observer building at 147 SE Court St., to convert into a police department.

"This much-needed police department will serve our current and 30-year operational needs once built," Woods said.

In addition to expansion, he highlighted maintenance projects already underway. The city's Street Maintenance

Plan will repair and improve the city's main byways and residential streets, including updating sidewalks.

"We have repaired and overlaid approximately 10 miles of city streets which represents about 15% of the city street system and will continue to do so over the next year," Woods said.

Woods then pivoted to what's ahead for 2024, mentioning the City Council identifying its priority goals during a retreat in February. Those goals are:

Be a healthy and fun community with things to do for everyone such as movie theaters, parades, trails, athletic events, parks, and restaurants.

Be a safe and resilient community with a larger water supply and with police, fire, and EMS response and capacity to meet the needs of the Dallas community now and in the future.

Be a growing and robust community with more industry, development, and commercial uses.

And to encourage managed residential growth in the community.

"We have made great strides towards all of these goals the City Council has outlined in just the past year," Woods said.

He said the City Council has for the past several years made it a top priority the redevelopment of the Dallas Mill Site, a 60+acre industrial site in south Dallas. The owners recently received a \$100,000 Industrial Lands Technical Assistance Grant from the Business Oregon Strategic Reserve Fund.

"This grant will be used to assist in the completion of design and engineering related to the North Fork of Ash Creek, which bisects the site and is a potential barrier to redevelopment," Woods explained. "A large and diverse Project Advisory Committee, representing a broad base of community stakeholders, will begin meeting in 2024 and help the

consultant, ODOT and the city shape the project."

The city itself received state funds to expand utilities within the La Creole Node, targeting another section of Dallas for future growth and expansion.

"The city is currently working on the design of the sewer lines and the design is planned to be completed by June of this year with construction to immediately follow," he said.

Woods then addressed areas where city's beginning general fund balance was projected to come up short without intervention. Rather than going with a new taxing mechanism like a levy or the creation of a Parks & Recreation District, the City Council instead implemented a public safety fee. This fee will be reviewed annually by the City Council to continue to fund the police, fire and emergency medical services, Parks and Recreation, Aquatic Center, library, Economic and Community Development, facilities, and Administrative

and Financial Services departments.

Another expansion project the administration has also targeted is increasing Dallas's raw water storage capacity with a new reservoir. It will be built downstream of the current Aaron Mercer Reservoir. But such a large project, Woods said, comes with additional costs to the community.

"This new reservoir will hold a little more than three times our current reservoir or roughly 1.4B gallons of water," Woods explained. "The city has applied with the state of Oregon Water Resources for increased impoundment rights. The city has necessarily increased water rates to support the construction of this project. With these rate increases, the city can effectively continue to grow and develop."

Woods finished by highlighting partnerships which have helped to continue move the city of Dallas forward. He singled out the Dallas

Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dallas Association by highlighting their assistance with the return of the Dallas Farmers Market May 4.

"This much-anticipated revival aims to provide a key connection between area consumers and our residents, bring additional activity downtown, and improve our tourism impact," Woods said.

"Our community's continued support is invaluable as we work together to make Dallas a place we're all proud to call home. Here's to another year of progress, collaboration, and a thriving community," he added.

Instead of taking questions from the audience, Woods invited them to fill out a Q&A card that could be answered later, more in depth by staff. The Q&A will be shared in the Itemizer-Observer in a future issue.

# EXPO

## hundreds of reptiles on display at fairgrounds

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Cain said of her tortoise and albino red-tailed boa, Twinkie.

Twinkie is a rescue animal. "Okay, (when) we got her ... Twinkie was morbidly obese and could not move. She weighed 61 pounds (at one time)," Cain said.

Twinkie now weighs less than half that amount.

"She's healthy. But she still doesn't have the muscles to carry herself and move around, so she flops," Cain said. "We have to sit with her and work her muscles."

It will take time and effort, but Twinkie will regain muscle strength.

Cain's interest in reptiles grew from watching Steve

Irwin's exploits on "Crocodile Hunter" as a child.

"So, that's all I wanted to do, was to work with reptiles," Cain said. "And then I got down to college, and I started this business, and it's been what I've been doing for the last few years."

Spreading the good word about reptiles is what it's all about for her.

"People don't love them. People don't appreciate them. They need advocates," Cain said of reptiles. "People kill snakes by the hundreds because they're terrified of them, especially rattlesnakes. That's my soft spot. I love rattlesnakes."

Creature Teachers was established in 2016. Its mission is to combat misunderstanding through education.

"We go around and we do presentations at community centers, at libraries and anything else that's a type of outreach program," Cain said.

As for Tammy Gilman, her reptile of choice is so beloved it represents a large insurance company in commercials.

Gilman owns Cresty Clutch out of Whidbey Island, Washington. She brought with her 150 crested geckos. Another 70 remained at home.

"So, we breed geckos. We've been doing it for about two years. We found out about this show and decided to come down here," Gilman said. "We have 13 breeding pairs at home, some of their babies, and keepers that we're keeping for ourselves."

Babies are fed crickets and gecko food one day, adults are fed the next day. Not to mention routine care and the unexpected. Despite daily responsibilities, Gilman hesitates to call what she does a job.

"I'm always there with them," she said. "They're fun to hang around with."

Other vendors tell similar stories of bonding with their reptiles. But bad things happen

to good reptiles. Owners can't afford medical care for their pets. Owners move, or maybe they just lose interest. This is when Cassandra Ramsdell, and others like her, are needed most.

Ramsdell owns Ramsdell Reptile Rescue in Sweet Home. In rescuing reptiles, Ramsdell gained comfort at a time of personal tragedy.

"We saw a need for it," Ramsdell said of the rescue. "And it was a way to help me get past my mom, losing my mom."

The need for rescue support proved immediate.

"It got expensive. So we decided to buy a store to help feed the rescue animals, and it's working out really well," she said. "I'm having great success with my animals, and with my community, and with my community partners."

Ramsdell Reptile Rescue houses mainly smaller reptiles.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

**This crested gecko came all the way from Whidbey Island, Washington, to participate in the first-ever Reptopia Reptile Expo at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The event, which drew hundreds of reptiles and their fans, was on Saturday.**

"Leopard geckos are the most common surrendered animal in my rescue right now. I have close to 50 probably," she said.

Ball pythons, tegus and savannah monitors are also rescued at a high rate.

Adoptions generally take less than six months. But not always.



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**March 10-16**  
CLASS 5A

**Central High School**

**Softball**

- March 12: CHS 6, La Salle Prep 4
- March 14: Glencoe 18, CHS 1

**Baseball**

- March 13: CHS 10, Forest Grove 3
- March 15: CHS 4, Hillsboro 2

**Dallas High School**

**Softball**

- March 12: DHS 5, Canby 2
- March 14: DHS 6, West Salem 0

**Baseball**

- March 12: Canby 1, DHS 0
- March 15: Reynolds 3, DHS 2

CLASS 1A

**Perrydale High School**

**Softball**

- March 14: PHS 17, Vernonia/Jewell 7

**SCHEDULE**

**March 20-26**  
CLASS 5A

**Central High School**

**Wednesday**

- Mid-Willamette league meet
- McKay, West Albany at Track, TBD
- Newberg at baseball, 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

- McDaniel at Softball, 4 p.m.
- Baseball at Franklin, 5 p.m.

**Monday**

- Thurston at SB
- North Medford tournament, 10 a.m.
- US Cellular No. 8
- Softball at Eagle Point, Noon
- North Medford tournament
- Lithia and Driveway No. 8

**Tuesday**

- Redmond at Softball, 8 a.m.
- North Medford tournament
- US Cellular Field No. 5
- Softball at Yreka (CA), Noon
- North Medford tournament
- US Cellular Field No. 6

**Dallas High School**

**Thursday**

- McNary vs. Baseball, 5 p.m.

**Monday**

- Baseball at Gladstone, 11:30 a.m.
- Newport Tournament
- Frank Wade Field
- Barlow vs. Softball, 4 p.m.
- North Medford tournament
- Cellular Field No. 8

**Tuesday**

- Beaverton at Softball, 4 p.m.
- North Medford tournament
- US Cellular Field No. 4
- Astoria at Baseball, 4:30 p.m.
- Newport Tournament
- Frank Wade Field

CLASS 1A

**Perrydale High School**

**Thursday**

- Softball at Vernonia/Jewell, 3 p.m.
- Softball at Vernonia/Jewell, 5 p.m.



PHOTO BY CLAYTON JONES/WOU ATHLETICS

Arturo Alvarez pitched 5.1 innings for the win, giving up three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts.

## Wolves again split with Saint Martin's on Sunday to split series

**WOU ATHLETICS**

For the fourth GNAC doubleheader in a row, the Western Oregon baseball team split as the Wolves took game one against Saint Martin's 10-6 before falling in game two 3-1 Sunday at Saints Field.

In those four split doubleheaders in a row, the Wolves (11-13 overall, 6-6 GNAC) have also won the first game each time.

In game one, the Wolves trailed 2-1 heading into the

third when a six-run outburst highlights by a two-run single by Danny Alvarado made it 7-2 WOU. The Saints (9-19, 4-8) scored in the fourth before a two-run homer in the sixth by Justyn Herzog made it 9-3. Alvarado added an RBI double in the ninth to make it 10-3 before SMU scored three in the ninth to make the final 10-6.

Arturo Alvarez picked up the win, going 5.1 innings and giving up three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts.

Alvarado, a redshirt sophomore playing in his first game as a Wolf, led the way at the plate - going 4-for-5 with two doubles, three RBI and a run. Herzog finished 2-for-4 with the homer, two RBI and three runs while John Oleson went 2-for-5 with a run.

In game two, SMU scored three in the first and made it stand - though WOU threatened in the seventh and final inning. Oleson was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, Curran Mitzel followed with

a single up the middle and Herzog walked to load the bases with no outs. After a WOU strikeout, Spencer Six hit an RBI groundout to first to cut the Saints' lead to 3-1. But that's as close as WOU would get as SMU was able to get the final out of the contest without any more damage.

Jacob Memmott picked up the loss, going one inning and giving up three runs on four hits with a strikeout and a walk. Shane Bailey (2 IP, 0 R,

1 H, 1 SO) and Devin Bell (3 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 2 SO) combined to toss five shutout innings in relief - giving up just two hits.

The Wolves play a mid-week contest at George Fox in Newberg on 2 p.m. Wednesday and don't play against until host MSU Billings March 29.

## Wolves softball drops double header at Portland State

**WOU ATHLETICS**

The Western Oregon softball team allowed just eight hits in two games and kept it close, but fell 2-1 and 4-0 to NCAA D-I Portland State on Friday afternoon at Gordon Faber Field 4.

WOU (13-10) in game one got a strong start from Alivia Holden as the true freshman gave up just one earned run on three hits with two strikeouts and seven walks. But the Vikings (10-14) - coming off a pair of wins over Oregon State this week - scratched a run across in the first and took advantage of an error and a passed ball to score in the fourth inning to take a 2-0 lead.

WOU cut the lead in half when Maddie Doig blasted a solo homer to left with two outs in the seventh, but wouldn't get any closer. The Wolves had just one more hit in the game, a single by Lexi Carlos.

In game two, the Wolves again struggled to get anything going at the plate as PSU's Allicie Frost tossed a one-hitter with 13 strikeouts (Bella Valdes had WOU's



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY WOU ATHLETICS

Victoria Zimmerman breaks for second base in action against Portland State.

lone hit). Mackenzie Collins was strong in the circle for the Wolves, giving up just

two earned runs on five hits with three strikeouts and four walks.

WOU returns to action next Friday as it begins play at the

Tournament of Champions in Turlock, California.

# PAGES OF THE PAST

## 50 years ago Mar. 20, 1974

### Former Dallas resident earns Air Force medal

Heroism during aerial flight in Southeast Asia as a B-52 Stratofortress radar navigator has earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for U.S. Air Force Major Donald R. Coote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Coote of Dallas. Major Coote and his crew evaded enemy fighter interceptors and surface-to-air missiles while flying four-night bombing missions against heavily defended military targets.

### School board accepts high school project bid

The Dallas School Board last Thursday accepted the low bid from Contractor Willis A. Hill Inc., of Salem, for a total of \$1.56 million. The addition will include a new library at the high school, new classrooms, a little theater and parking and storage facilities. In commenting on the bid opening, Superintendent Gordon Kunke said that he was "not really very pleased," and that the bids were higher than expected.

### Historical society seeking museum commission

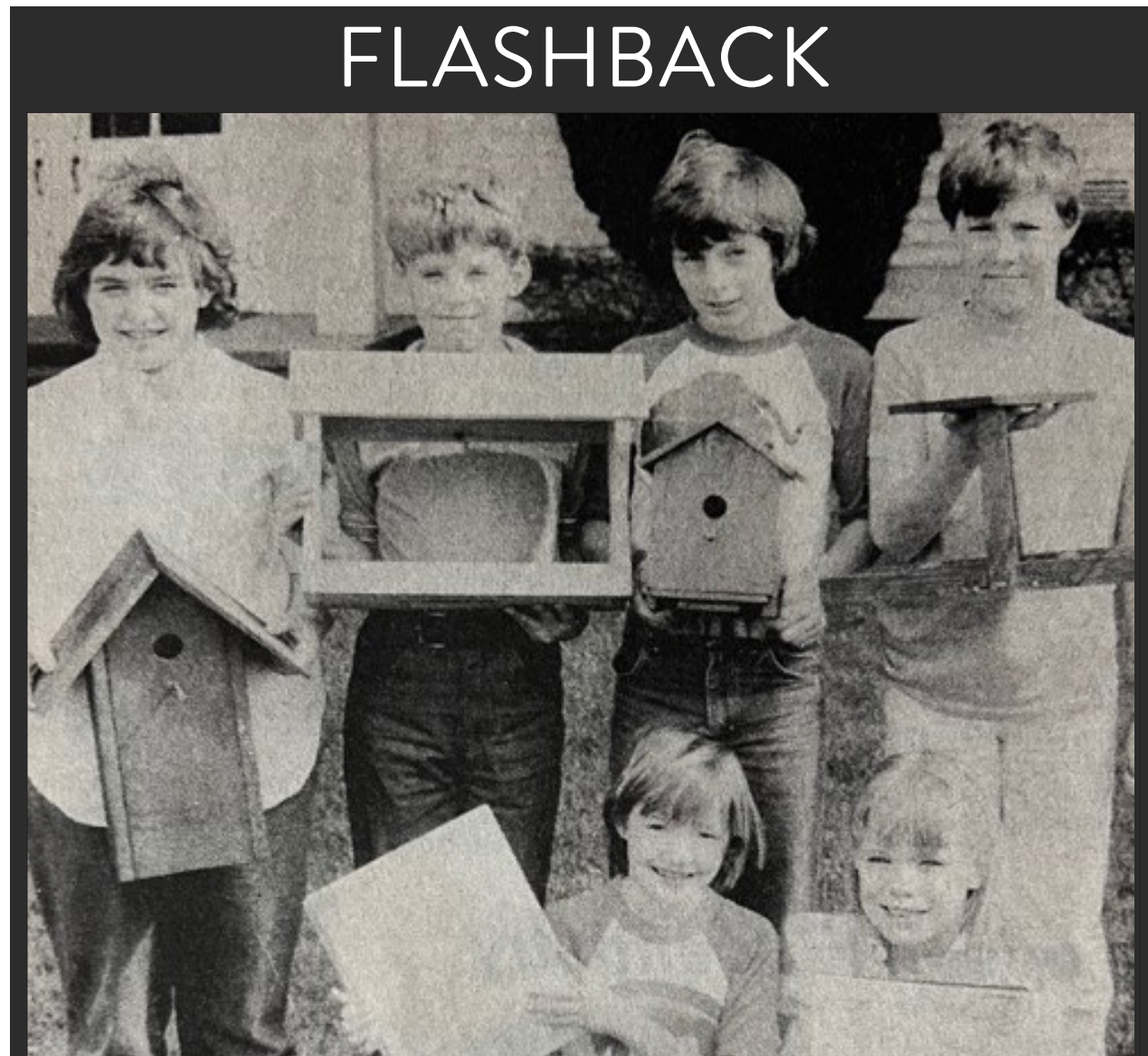
The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be asked to create a County Museum Commission to help preserve the history and historical artifacts of Polk County. A resolution requesting the formation of the Museum Commission was adopted at a recent meeting of the Polk County Historical Society. The Historical Society has preliminary architect's plans for an historical museum tentatively to be constructed at Nesmith Park adjacent to the county fairgrounds at Rickreall.

### Posey lethal - Dallas in state tourney

After playing 26 basketball games during the season, the Dallas Dragons finally earned a berth in the Class AAA high school basketball tournament at Memorial Coliseum in Portland. Dallas secured its state entry by trampling over the St. Helens Lions 55-50 last Tuesday at Clackamas Community College near Oregon City.

## 40 years ago Mar. 21, 1984

**Long-time dream comes true; Epperson named Miss Oregon**  
Debbie Epperson, 1980 Dallas High School graduate,



This week's Flashback is from March 21, 1984: First place winners at Rickreall Elementary School in the bird study and birdhouse building contest sponsored by Rickreall Grange are (left to right, front) Marcole Clement, first grade; Julie Archer, second grade; (back) Karen English, sixth grade; Nathan Serafin, third grade; Louis LaMotte, fifth grade; and Scott Fink, fourth grade.

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was named Miss Oregon U.S.A. Saturday at a Holiday Inn in Portland. Epperson will compete in May for Miss U.S.A. For Debbie Epperson. It was truly a dream come true.

### Chamber picks Berends as business student

Melissa Berends, 18, of Dallas, was named Monday "Business Student of the Month" by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Berends, the daughter of Bob Berends and Judy Schraeder of Dallas, is a senior at Dallas High School where she earned an honor roll grade point average of 3.76. At school she studied business-related courses including Marketing I and Marketing II.

### Oakdale choir attends festival

One hundred members of the fifth and sixth grade volunteer choir at Oakdale Heights Elementary School,

directed by Penny Purkerson, traveled to Eugene March 14 to attend the second annual Children's Choir Festival. The Oakdale choir was one of three that received special recognition for good behavior and cooperation during the festival. They were outfitted in red vests, made by several members of choir members.

### Phillips, Rohrbacher named all-stars

Perrydale boys' and girls' basketball teams each

placed a member on the Casco League North all-star squad last week. Juniors Steve Rohrbacher and Cindy Phillips were both voted by league coaches as first-team players. Phillips received the highest number of votes on the girls' side. Pirates Shaun Davis and Amy Fowler both made second team, while Brett Buchholz and Kristi Cooper were voted honorable mention.

## Community Achievement

### PCSO welcomes new deputy Jacob Gilberto



Deputy Jacob Gilberto joined the Polk County Sheriff's Office last week, transferring from Colorado where he was working for a small law enforcement

agency. Sheriff Mark Garton performed the Oath of Office with Gilberto before he jumped into his training. Gilberto will train with the PCSO in the Field Training

Evaluation Program before attending the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training basic police academy. The entire process of training with the PCSO and

becoming certified by DPSST takes over six months and deputies remain on a probationary period for the first 18 months of employment.

## Dallas veterinarian receives meritorious service award

Dallas Veterinarian Dr. Tom Keck received the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association's Meritorious Service Award as part of their Awards of Excellence program at a ceremony held March 2 at the Oregon Veterinary Conference in Corvallis.

The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a veterinarian who has generously contributed time and energy for the advancement of the profession and community. Keck was a mixed-animal

veterinarian for 42 years and owner of Dallas Animal Clinic. In addition to treating a wide variety of animals, Keck served as a district director of the OVMA as well as president of the association in 2005.

As committed as he was to the care and treatment of his patients, Keck was equally passionate about advocacy, recognizing early in his career that it was important for the veterinary profession to have a voice before the Oregon legislature. Keck served as a

legislative ambassador for the association during much of his professional career. If he wasn't speaking during a legislative committee hearing, he was reviewing bills of interest and/or concern, assessing how they might impact the profession or the health and well-being of animal patients, and suggesting how best to approach the various legislation.

Keck also served in many roles on the board of the Marion-Polk Veterinary Association and served eight



Dr. Tom Keck

years on Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board, including one year as chair of the board.

### Mar. 20 - Mar. 27 Answer key. Puzzles can be found on page B5

**Super Crossword**

Answers

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Answers

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— Tom Stoppard

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# Spring whale watch week returns to the Oregon coast for spring break 2024

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week along the Oregon Coast Saturday, March 23 through Sunday, March 31.

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers will be stationed at 15 sites along the Oregon Coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily March 23-31. The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon Coast.

The spring event is three days longer than last year and might include better odds of seeing gray whales on their journey home from the calving lagoons in Mexico in light of today's announcement from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOAA announced the end of an Unusual Mortality Event, a significant die-off of the gray whale population,

that had affected the marine mammals since 2019.

"The latest counts indicate that the gray whale population has likely turned the corner and is beginning to recover. It's a perfect time for people to see them as they swim north with new calves to feed," said Michael Milstein, public affairs officer with NOAA Fisheries.

Researchers counted about 412 calves last year, which was almost double the number from the year before. That helped signal an end to the Unusual Mortality Event and a likely turnaround in numbers as the species begins to rebound.

An estimated 14,500 gray whales are expected to swim past Oregon's shores from late winter through June as part of their annual migration back to Alaska.

"Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whales are usually closer

to shore on their return trip, typically around a mile or so out, and the weather can be better for viewing. But don't forget your rain gear just in case," said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online at [https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp\\_walwhatching](https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_walwhatching).

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 23-31. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced



areas, knowing the tide schedule and keeping an eye on the surf at all times. Go to

<https://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety> for a list of safety tips.

For more information about coast parks and campgrounds, visit [oregonstateparks.org](http://oregonstateparks.org).

# WOU bridges workforce gaps through innovative career development program

Western Oregon University, in partnership with Uplift Oregon, and additional sponsoring state agencies, introduces the Career Mobility

Accounting Program, which is a professional development initiative exclusively for employees working for the state of Oregon. Specifically,

it provides professional development opportunities for state employees, allowing them to obtain industry-valued knowledge and skills for Accountant

I & II and Tax Auditing positions within the state at no cost.

The program has been purposefully designed to tackle the issue of filling vacant and challenging-to-fill positions by leveraging the existing talent pool within the state. It provides individuals with opportunities to broaden their skills, empowering them to seamlessly align with the requirements of these positions.

"Career Mobility supports the needs of the state workforce and provides no-cost education and guided support for state employees to develop professional skills to advance their careers," said Whitney Johnson, Career Mobility program manager with Uplift Oregon.

Western has partnered with Uplift Oregon to offer the

instruction for the program.

The following agencies are sponsoring partners: Service Employees International Union Local 503, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Housing and Community Services, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Revenue, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"We are thrilled to extend this professional growth opportunity to our state agency partners while supporting the workforce needs in our region by nurturing much-needed skillsets, continuous development, and success," said Western Oregon University Provost Jose Coll.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be qualified to apply for positions at the state within the accounting and tax fields and are encouraged to fulfill a minimum of two years of continued service. Participants will work with state agency HR associates to bolster their professional materials, explore open positions, and prepare for application and interview processes within their new desired fields of employment at various state agencies with vacancies.

There are approximately 30 participants in the 2024 cohort from a variety of state agencies. For more information about the Career Mobility Program visit the Uplift Oregon website [www.upliftoregon.org/career-mobility](http://www.upliftoregon.org/career-mobility).

## Talmadge Middle School Students of the Month February 2024



photos left to right: 6th, 7th and 8th grade

These students were chosen for demonstrating Kindness and Forgiveness

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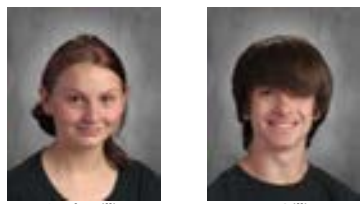
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## Falls City High School Students of the Month February 2024

The following students were chosen for having **School Spirit**

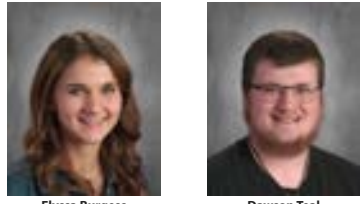
February's student of the month trait is School Spirit. School spirit means wearing school colors, going to school events, and participating in school activities. The feeling of being proud of Falls City High School.

- 9th grade: Brooke Willis
- 10th grade: Tanner Stilligan
- 11th grade: Elyssa Burgess
- 12th grade: Dawson Teal



Brooke Willis

Tanner Stilligan



Elyssa Burgess

Dawson Teal

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## Dallas High School CTE Student of the Month February 2024

### TIGHE LINSEY, JUNIOR

Nominated by Business teacher Michelle Zelenka

"Tighe is one of the outstanding leaders in the Business Management and Entrepreneurship class. His positive attitude, dedication to excellence, and willingness to help others sets a high standard for the class."



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## Lyle Elementary School Student of the Month February 2024

**Braxton Robertson:** Braxton was nominated by his teacher for the character trait of **Action**. Braxton knows when and how to act and he's doing a great job.



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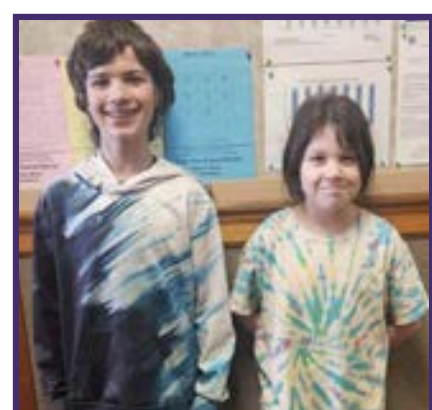
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## Falls City Grade/Middle School Students of the Month February 2024

Picture left to right

Middle School: **Karsen Stamy**  
Elementary: **Hazel Pellisier**

Our Falls City Students of the Month have demonstrated excellence as Mountaineers and have been an example to others by being **Safe, Respectful** and **Responsible**.



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## Dallas Police Department

### Thursday, March 7

- At 12:22 a.m., a report of theft on Ellendale Avenue.
- At 2:07 a.m., a report of a verbal altercation on Ellendale Avenue. Officers discovered no crimes were committed.
- At 2:53 a.m., a report of theft from Walmart. The case is under investigation.
- At 4:35 p.m., Noe Cortez was arrested, charged with theft, then lodged at Polk County Jail.
- At 9:09 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Main Street.

### Friday, March 8

- At 7:32 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.
- At 7:39 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 36 mph in a 20-mph school zone.
- At 8:06 a.m., Trey Leais was arrested and charged with strangulation, assault and harassment. He was lodged at Polk Count Jail.
- At 11:01 am, a motorist was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph zone on Miller Avenue.
- At 11:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph zone on Miller Avenue.
- At 1:26 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Godsey Road.
- At 2:15 p.m., a report of online fraud on Ewald Avenue.
- At 4:59 p.m., after a traffic stop on Ellendale Avenue, motorist Michael Ruggles was arrested at on a felony

warrant for assault. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

- At 5:31 p.m. a report of theft of beer from Safeway.

### Monday, March 11

- At 4:34 p.m., an electric bike was reported stolen from Dimick Street.
- At 8:05 p.m., a report of a theft of three vehicles White's Collision Service on Jefferson Street.
- At 11:59 a.m., a report of harassment on Lacreole Drive. The case is under investigation.

### Tuesday, March 12

- At 12:29 p.m., a report of loud music from a car. The owner agreed to turn the music down.
- At 12:33 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Ash Street. It was a verbal altercation only.
- At 7:45 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding in a school zone and for not having an operator's license.

### Wednesday, March 13

- At 10:08 a.m., a report of fraud on Ellendale Avenue. A counterfeit \$100 bill was passed by a younger, white female.
- At 1:22 p.m., a report of theft by an unknown juvenile on Rainbow Avenue.
- At 2:40 p.m., a report of attempted fraud on Court Street.
- At 5:40 p.m., a report of criminal mischief. Officers learned an unknown juvenile broke an outdoor chair and threw a jar of peanut butter.
- At 9:59 p.m., a report of a theft from Walmart.

## Independence Police Department

### Thursday, March 7

- At 1:48 a.m., an officer initiated a stop on a bicyclist riding without a headlight. The subject attempted to elude police for about a mile, then fought officers when they attempted to place him

in handcuffs. He was arrested and lodged for violation of probation.

- At 8:26 a.m., a report of trespassing on Main Street. Officer is still working to positively identify the suspect.
- At 11:13 a.m., a report of criminal mischief on 4th Street involving a neighbor dispute over dog defecating on the wrong property.
- At 7:36 p.m. a resident on Monmouth Street reported someone rang the doorbell and ran off.
- At 7:58 p.m., a report of someone yelling "stop hitting me." Officers found no one was in danger and individuals were playing hide and seek.

### Friday, March 8

- At 12:27 a.m., a resident on Maple Street reported someone was attempting to extort money from them via telephone.
- At 8:02 a.m., a commercial burglar alarm was triggered on E. Street. It later proved to be a false alarm.
- At 2:46 p.m., Andrea Mullins was arrested on Monmouth Street and charged with theft 2 for shoplifting multiple packs Pokemon cards.

### Saturday, March 9

- At 5:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving 51 mph in a 35-mph zone.
- At 3:32 p.m., Summer Ludvigson was cited for trespassing for setting up camp in an area clearly marked with no trespassing signs on Main Street.
- At 5:11 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Main Street.

### Sunday, March 10

- At 1:24 a.m., a motorist was stopped for no headlights on Main Street. The officer detected the smell of alcohol on the driver. The driver performed poorly on a field sobriety test and was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. The driver registered a BAC of 0.10%.

- **Monday, March 11**
- At 11:32 a.m., a report of theft on Monmouth Street.
- At 11:47 a.m., a report of a pouch found with methamphetamine. There was no apparent suspect information. The pouch was seized for destruction.

### Tuesday, March 12

- At 7:36 a.m., a motorist was cited for 42 mph in a 25-mph zone on Monmouth Street.
- At 8:11 a.m., a motorist was cited for 33 mph in a 20-mph school zone.
- At 8:58 a.m., a motorist was cited for 34 mph in a 20-mph school zone.
- At 1:07 p.m., a report of theft on Monmouth Street.
- At 2:54 p.m., a report of fraud on Thorpe Street.

### Wednesday, March 13

- At 3:28 a.m., a report of an audible alarm at a business on Monmouth Street. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Victory Camilo Montalbo was arrested and charged with trespassing for sleeping in a building with no occupancy signs and locked with a chain.

## Monmouth Police Department

- David Diaz, 36, was arrested March 14 on an outstanding warrant.

## Polk County Sheriff's Office

- Kaden Keannjay Adkinson was arrested March 8 and charged with post prison violation (unauthorized use of a motor vehicle).
- Rider Lee Allen was arrested March 12 and charged with a post-prison supervision sanction (assault 2).
- Austin James Brokow was arrested March 14 and charged with post prison violation (sex abuse 2).
- Michael James Compa was arrested March 14 and

charged with failure to report as sex offender.

- Kristopher Anthony Dixon was arrested March 14 and charged with violation of restraining order.
- Fred Clifford Dodson III was arrested March 11 and placed on hold for Benton County (theft 2).
- Peter Robert Furman was arrested March 15 and charged with parole violation (sex abuse1).
- Timothy Edward Gonzalez was arrested March 13 and charged with sexual abuse 1.
- Jessie Lamont Jones was arrested March 8 and charged with theft 2, theft 1, criminal mischief 3, two counts of criminal mischief 2 and felon in possession of weapon (restricted).
- James Lawrence Kleinschmit was arrested March 10 and charged with rape 1, sodomy 1, kidnapping 1, two counts of sexual abuse 1, burglary 1, theft 1, unauthorized use motor vehicle, robbery 3, two counts of sexual penetration 1, strangulation and assault 4.
- Trey Alexander Lewis was arrested March 8 and charged with strangulation (domestic violence), assault 4 (domestic abuse) and harassment (domestic abuse).
- Ivan Rosalio Mendez Perez was arrested March 11 and charged with bias crime 2, assault of a public safety officer, two counts of attempt to assault a public safety officer and sexual abuse 3, and was placed on hold for Benton County (attempt to commit Class B felony, assault 4).
- Troy Louis Menz was arrested March 14 and charged with attempt to commit class A felony, two counts of sexual abuse 1 and sodomy 1.
- Victor Camilo Montalbo was arrested March 13 and charged with theft 3, criminal trespass 2 and three counts of parole violation (reckless

endangering, reckless driving and fail to carry/present).

- Jacobe Charles Owens was arrested March 9 and charged with attempted criminal trespass 1, attempt to commit crime (burglary 1) and probation violation (assault 4).
- Enrique Resendiz Ramirez was arrested March 14 and charged with two counts of failure to appear (theft 2, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle).
- Jaime Delgado Rodriguez was arrested March 13 and charged with three counts of theft 2, two counts of computer crime, two counts of theft 1 (by deception), two counts of forgery 1, two counts of criminal possession of a forgery instrument 1, and two counts of identity theft.
- Austin Wade Talerico was arrested March 13 and charged with probation violation (driving under the influence of an intoxicant, elude) and contempt of court.
- Drew Dean Warren was arrested March 13 and charged with post prison violation (20 counts of child sex abuse).
- Ronn Michael Wilson was arrested March 11 and charged with unlawful use of weapon and assault 4.
- Kurstin Marie Coon was arrested March 14 and charged with probation violation (DUII) and placed on hold for Yamhill County.
- Lacey Marie Everett was arrested March 11 and charged with probation violation (contempt of court).
- Michelle Anne Lockwood was arrested March 14 and charged with two counts of failure to appear (assault 4 – domestic violence, criminal mischief 2).
- Christina Amber Schmisek was arrested March 14 and charged with failure to appear (theft 2).

# Kicker claims top \$1.6 billion with a month to go before tax deadline

Oregon taxpayers have already claimed nearly \$1.6 billion of the record \$5.61 billion surplus revenue kicker tax credit being returned to taxpayers in 2024, the Oregon Department of Revenue announced.

The department also reported that it has received more than 950,000 tax returns thus far this year. Another 1.2 million returns are expected to be filed in 2024 and more than \$4 billion in kicker surplus remains to be claimed. The tax filing deadline is April 15.

"More than 1 million taxpayers still need to file and we are urging Oregonians not to wait until the last minute," said Megan Denison, administrator of the agency's Personal Tax and Compliance Division. "We also urge anyone who is owed a kicker to file and claim it."

The kicker—the largest in state history—is being returned to taxpayers through a credit on their 2023 state personal income tax returns filed in 2024. The credit is based on tax liability for the 2022 tax year. Taxpayers who have not yet filed a 2022 tax return, should file now so they can claim their kicker credit when they file their 2023 tax return.

### Who is eligible?

Taxpayers are eligible to claim the kicker if they filed a 2022 tax return and Oregon state income tax due before credits. Even taxpayers who don't have a filing obligation for 2023, still must file a 2023 tax return to claim their credit. The kicker is based on Oregon income tax paid in 2022, not federal income tax paid.

### Who is not eligible?

Taxpayers who have not filed a 2022 Oregon income tax return or did not have income tax due for 2022 are not eligible to receive a kicker. The same is true for filers who didn't complete the filing process last year because they failed to respond to letters from the department seeking more information.

### How is the kicker calculated?

To calculate the amount of their credit, taxpayers can multiply their 2022 tax liability before any credits—line 22 on the 2022 Form OR-40—by 44.28 percent. This percentage is determined and certified by Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. Taxpayers who claimed a credit for tax paid to another state would need to subtract the credit amount from their liability before calculating the credit.

Taxpayers whose 2022 Oregon income tax owed was adjusted by the department when they filed last year, should use the adjusted amount of tax when calculating their kicker.

Taxpayers should not guess at their kicker amount. They can determine the amount of their kicker using the What's My Kicker? Tool available on Revenue Online. To use the tool, taxpayers will need to enter their name, Social Security Number, and filing status for 2022 and 2023.

### What form should taxpayers use?

Residency status determines what form taxpayers should use. More information is available on the What form do I use page of the agency's website.

The 2023 Oregon personal income tax return instructions include detailed information

on how to claim the credit on Form OR-40 for full-year Oregon residents, Form OR-40-P for part-year residents, and Form OR-40-N for nonresidents. Composite and fiduciary-income tax return filers are also eligible.

Taxpayers should keep in mind that the state may use all or part of their kicker to pay any state debt they owe, such as tax due for other years, child support, court fines, or school loans.

Taxpayers can donate their kicker with a checkbox on their tax return to the Oregon State School Fund for K-12 public education, but they must donate the entire amount. The donation is permanent and cannot be taken back.

Taxpayers also have the option of donating part or all of their refund to any or all of the 29 charities approved by the Charitable Checkoff

Commission. Taxpayers use Form OR-DONATE to designate any amount or all of their refund to donate to charity.

Free tax preparation services are available for both federal and Oregon tax returns. Some software companies offer free software use and e-filing for eligible taxpayers. Visit the Department of Revenue website to take advantage of the software and free offers and get more information about free tax preparation services .

For more information, go to the Oregon surplus "kicker" credit page of the Department of Revenue website.

Visit [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email [questions.dor@oregon.gov](mailto:questions.dor@oregon.gov).

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# Puzzle answers on page B2

## MAGIC MAZE

### SECRET SERVICE CODE NAMES FOR PRESIDENTS AND FAMILY

Y K I F C Z W Y U R R P M J S  
 H E C Z X L A **RENEGADE**  
 U S Q N U M E L V K T J E G A  
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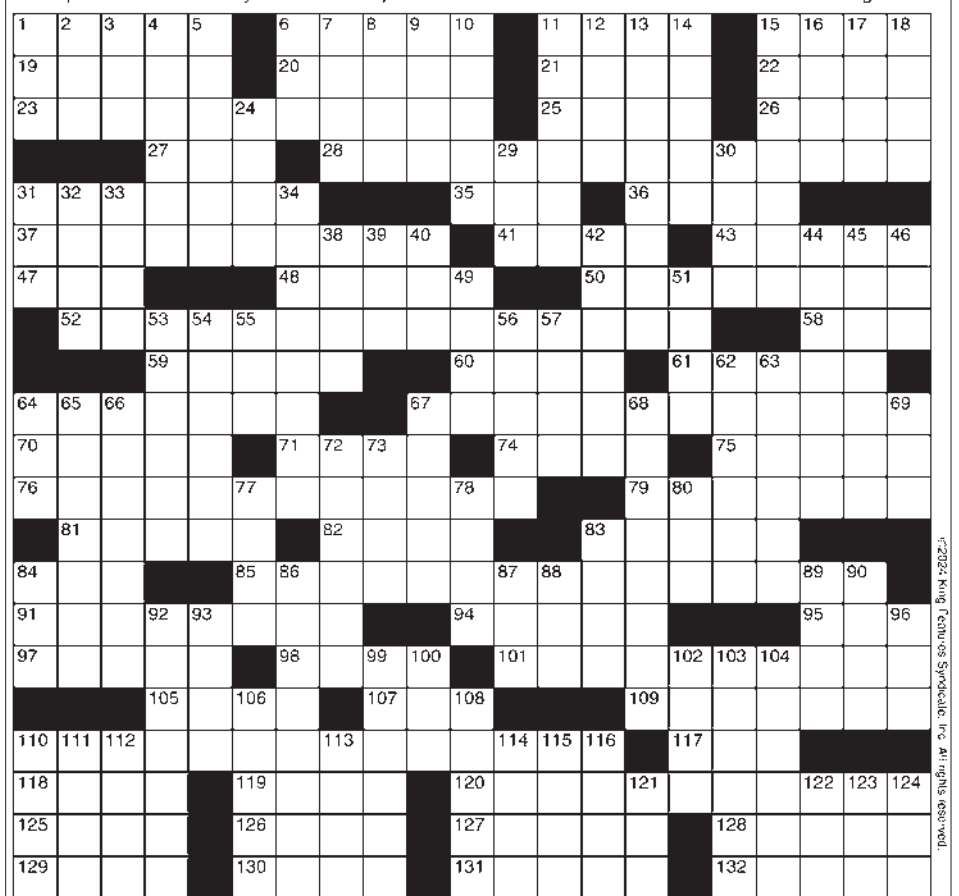
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: YOUR MOM'S MOM

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Eagle     | Lancer      | Passkey   | Searchlight |
| Evergreen | Lock Master | Rawhide   | Timberwolf  |
| General   | Mogul       | Renegade  | Volunteer   |
| Lace      | Muse        | Scorecard |             |

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## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
  - 6 Meanie's look
  - 11 In addition
  - 15 Eyelid hair
  - 19 Steel, e.g.
  - 20 Ancient Greek region
  - 21 Empty spaces
  - 22 World's fair
  - 23 Illegal detention
  - 25 Columbus is its capital
  - 26 British actor Guinness
  - 27 "Mind your — business!"
  - 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
  - 31 Without any variety
  - 35 Ingest
  - 36 Boston NBAer, for short
  - 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
  - 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
  - 43 Big antlered beast
  - 47 Opposite of dep., in an airport
  - 48 Thin porridge
  - 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
  - 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
  - 58 Cool monitor
  - 59 Middays
  - 60 Tiny arachnid
  - 61 J. — Hoover
  - 64 Like over-due birthday wishes
  - 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
  - 70 Wombs
  - 71 Bible book after Prov.
  - 74 Q-V linkup
  - 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
  - 76 Wedlock not based on love
  - 79 Cheer up
  - 81 Burros, e.g.
  - 82 — occasion (never)
  - 83 Paris' river
  - 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
  - 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
  - 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
  - 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
  - 95 Beauty of film
  - 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
  - 98 Former jets to the U.K.
  - 101 Bit of non-needed body art
  - 105 Sour plum
  - 107 Stage star Hagen
  - 109 Title for Kate Middleton
  - 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
  - 117 Even score
  - 118 Forum attire
  - 119 In the past
  - 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
  - 125 Coagulate
  - 126 Rebuke from Caesar
  - 127 Like a dweeb
  - 128 About, before a date
  - 129 At this place
  - 130 Lather (up)
  - 131 Gather up
  - 132 Hoodwinked
- DOWN**
- 1 Global finance org.
  - 2 Teacher's union, in brief
  - 3 Old TV ministry inits.
  - 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
  - 5 Whole lotta
  - 6 Knightly title
  - 7 Bulblike base of a stem
  - 8 — cat (two-base game)
  - 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
  - 10 Jewish potato pancake
  - 11 Relative of a guinea pig
  - 12 Lion portrayer Bert
  - 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
  - 14 "— Mio" transport
  - 15 Crude sheds
  - 16 Car shaft
  - 17 Project detail, for short
  - 18 Self at a pawnshop
  - 24 Opponent
  - 29 "I laut I — a puddy tat!"
  - 30 Shade trees
  - 31 Flip — coin
  - 32 DEA worker
  - 33 Irish money
  - 34 Biring about
  - 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
  - 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
  - 40 Bit of a bray
  - 42 Most polar
  - 44 Sea nymph
  - 45 Sovereign
  - 46 Letter two before iota
  - 49 VIP vehicle
  - 51 Margarine
  - 53 Deprives of weapons
  - 54 "Sorry, too busy"
  - 55 Bodily digit
  - 56 Big striped cat, in French
  - 57 A/C output gty.
  - 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
  - 63 Like low-quality eggs
  - 64 City
  - 67 Empty
  - 68 Having protruding hearing organs
  - 69 Yang go-with
  - 72 U.S. pres., militarily
  - 77 Inquires
  - 78 "Continue"
  - 80 Architect Maya
  - 83 Chiang Kai —
  - 84 Broody rock genre
  - 86 Investigate pryingly
  - 87 Very loudly, in music
  - 88 Miami loc.
  - 89 Stud money
  - 90 Old Storms and Trackers
  - 92 Paraphrase
  - 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
  - 96 Two, in Chile
  - 99 Maintenance job on a car
  - 100 Indy sponsor
  - 102 Ballet outfit
  - 103 Something very easy
  - 104 Vegas casino
  - 106 Some Siouan speakers
  - 108 MetLife rival
  - 110 Concern for a dermatologist
  - 111 Concern for a dermatologist
  - 112 Horror film lab assistant
  - 113 Twice tetra-
  - 114 "Psst" cousin
  - 115 — avis
  - 116 Some old Fords
  - 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
  - 122 Hosp. zones
  - 123 Ideal serve
  - 124 Young fella



## CryptoQuote

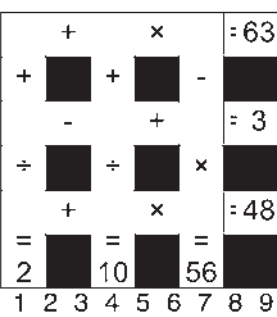
**AXYDLBAAXR**  
 is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

XS NPPIN OWXQSZPNN SW CP  
 KAWSPB XY WQP XNQ'S  
 VWXQV SW CP KAWSECZP ...  
 XS'N CPSSPT SW CP  
 KAWSECZP SGEQ GWQPNS.  
 — SWI NSWOOETB  
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## GO FIGURE!

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



DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

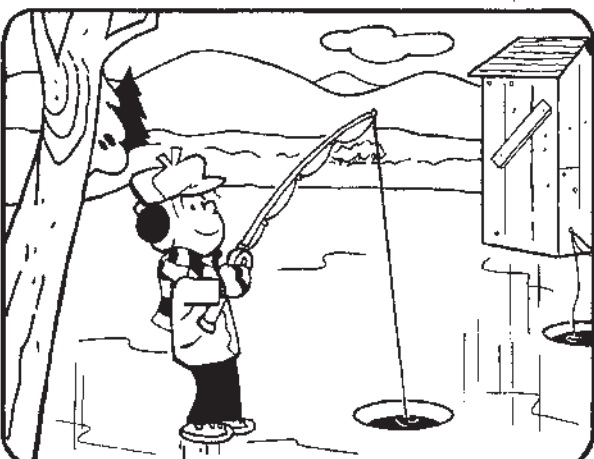
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hut is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Cap is different.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

• On April 1, 1988, a federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton, stating it had no "genuine issues" worthy of a trial. Although Clinton had denied any wrongdoing, a unanimous ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in May 1997 allowed the case to proceed, establishing a precedent permitting sitting presidents to be sued for personal conduct that allegedly occurred before they took office.

• On April 2, 1863, a bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, when angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon before wrecking nearby shops. The mob only dispersed after Confederate President Jefferson Davis made a personal plea and threatened to use force to break it up.

• On April 3, 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The court stated that discrimination against Blacks violated the 15th Amendment and that political parties were not private associations.

• On April 5, 2008, actor Charlton Heston, who won an Oscar for his starring role in "Ben-Hur," died of Alzheimer's disease at his home in Beverly Hills. Heston notably played Michelangelo, El Cid, and other heroic figures in Hollywood movies of the 1950s and 1960s.

• On April 6, 1917, following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe. Four days earlier, President Woodrow Wilson cited Germany's violation of its pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, as well as its attempts to entice Mexico into an alliance against America, as his reasons for requesting the declaration.

• On April 7, 1712, a rebellion of 27 Black slaves took place in New York City, with nine whites shot as they attempted to put out a fire started by the slaves. The state militia was called out to capture the rebels, and 21 were executed while the remaining six committed suicide.

## TRIVIA TEST

By FIFI RODRIGUEZ

### QUESTIONS

- LITERATURE:** What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In British royalty, what is King Charles's family name?
- TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

### ANSWERS

- Florin.
- Mountbatten-Windsor.
- "The Big Bang Theory"
- Arizona.
- Loose lips.
- Andorra.
- Hypothalamus.
- The head.
- Red.
- Tequila.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITES: LIVE GRENADE COURT, EXPLOSIVES MUNITIONS RANGES, AND FIELD COMBAT RANGES FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE CAMP ADAIR POLK COUNTY, OREGON** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, with support from Seattle and Omaha Districts will conduct a public meeting to provide details of the ongoing Supplemental Remedial Investigation (RI) of the three munitions response sites located at the former Camp Adair, a Formerly Used Defense Site, located in Polk County, Oregon. The public meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024, in two windows to allow greater flexibility for attendees, from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at the Polk County Museum at 670 South Pacific Hwy West in Rickreall, Oregon. The objective of the Supplemental RI is to supplement a 2018 RI and to determine the nature (how much, what kind) and extent (how large an area) of contamination from munitions and possible munitions constituents within the project sites. The Supplemental RI approach considers what is known about the site, both past and present, and community concerns in order to determine the next steps for the property. Former Camp Adair was used primarily for training between 1942 and 1945. Training activities included use of small arms, explosives, mortars, artillery, anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns, and support by tanks and Army Air Forces aircraft. Other uses of the camp from 1944 to 1946 included bombing and gunnery practice for Navy and Marine pilots. The public meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn the details of the investigation, provide an update of the first field season, and answer questions and address concerns. A brief presentation will be given and there will also be maps and displays. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives and project personnel will be available to provide information about the project and discuss the investigation. For technical questions about the investigation, please contact Project Manager Bridget Lewis at (816) 351-5180 or email: Bridget.M.Lewis@usace.army.mil or Technical Project Manager Todd Renkema at (402) 590-0021 or email Christopher.Renkema@usace.army.mil. Questions about the Formerly Used Defense Site Program and/or media queries can be directed to Seattle District's Public Affairs Office at (206) 764-6896. The results of the Supplemental RI will be used in a Feasibility Study to evaluate a range of potential actions for this site, called alternatives, in order to determine the best path forward for managing the site. Remember to practice the '3Rs': Recognize that any suspicious objects found in the area should not be touched under any circumstances; Retreat or carefully leave the area of a find, then; Report immediately what was found and its approximate location to local law enforcement.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT** In the Matter of the Estate of: Case No.: 24P801430 LONNY RAY ORMAN, Deceased. **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed LENHART ORMAN JR. as Personal Representative of the Estate of LONNY RAY ORMAN, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published 2024. Lenhart Orman Jr., Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St. Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department** Case No. 24PB02045 In

the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT C. FRIEDEMANN, Deceased. **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cynthia B. Friedemann has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the attorney for the Personal Representative at Willamette Valley Law Group, 494 State Street, Suite 430, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Willamette Valley Law Group, 494 State Street, Suite 430, Salem, Oregon 97301. **DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED:** March 20, 2024. Stephen E. Montgomery, OSB No. 153941 Attorney for Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK NO. 24PB00641 Probate** In the Matter of the Estate of LAWRENCE LEE WACKEN, deceased **Notice to Interested Persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of her lawyer, Mari Bailey, at 2985 River Road South, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on March 20, 2024. Efriede Wacken Personal Representative Mari Bailey, OSB #900374 Attorney for Personal Representative 2985 River Road S., Salem, OR 97302 Telephone: 503-581-4670 Facsimile: 503-581-4638 E-mail: marl@maribaileylawyer.com Published March 20, 2024

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 120946-OR Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*0019** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JOHN E. YOUNT, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT. COM, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 3/18/2022, recorded 3/30/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-003874, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 17, BLOCK 34, CHATNICKA HEIGHTS NO. 9, COUNTY OF POLK, AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: 361684 / 07319-AC-05500 Commonly known as: 3206 CARIBOU CT NW SALEM, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is: loanDepot.com, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: Total: 10/1/2023 - 2/1/2024 \$8,467.79 Late Charges: \$319.95 Beneficiary Advances: \$645.00 Total Required to Reinstale: \$9,432.74 **TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$284,286.46** By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$277,194.43 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.5 % per annum, from 9/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of

the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 111 SW Columbia Street #950, Portland, OR 97201, will on 7/16/2024, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 2/26/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1050 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 119228-OR Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*1334** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by WILLIAM S HARRIS AND JANIS D HARRIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 3/16/2018, recorded 3/21/2018, as Instrument No. 2018-003442, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 21, POLK STATION ESTATES, IN THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 14, PAGE 27) APN: 572639 / 07528-AC-02100 Commonly known as: 544 NE EVERGREEN AVE DALLAS, OR 97338 The current beneficiary is: Nationstar Mortgage LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: Total: 8/1/2023 - 2/1/2024 \$1,850.20 Late Charges: \$146.79 Beneficiary Advances: \$3,584.93 Total Required to Reinstale: \$10,581.92 **TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$206,894.39** By reason of the default, the beneficiary

has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$176,978.43 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.375 % per annum, from 7/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 111 SW Columbia Street #950, Portland, OR 97201, will on 7/16/2024, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 2/28/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1050 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-970378-BB** Reference is made to that certain deed made by, PAUL I. RITCHEY AND WANDA L. RITCHEY, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to L A W Y E R S T I T L E INSURANCE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 6/30/2009, recorded 7/20/2009, in official records of POLK County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2 0 0 9 - 0 0 8 6 7 3 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to NORTH AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK F.S.B. covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 168265 08509-00-01003 BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD, WHICH IRON PIPE IS 1733.16 FEET SOUTH AND 904.63 FEET EAST, MORE OR LESS, OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE JOHN BARROWS DLC #49, IN TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN IN POLK COUNTY OREGON; AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 24° 49'

EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD 158.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WEST 339.44 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 143.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EAST 273 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 3095 MISTLETOE RD, DALLAS, OR 97338-9549 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: **TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$8,849.20 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$138,147.68** Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2023, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 6/20/2024 at the hour of 1:00PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five

days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest PAUL RITCHEY 3095 MISTLETOE RD DALLAS, OR 97338-9549 Original Borrower WANDA RITCHEY 3095 MISTLETOE RD DALLAS, OR 97338-9549 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. **NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-23-970378-BB Dated: 2/5/2024 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0200852 3/13/2024 3/20/2024**





**PUBLIC NOTICES**

3/27/2024 4/3/2024

Public Sale Rickreall Mini Storage 10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 4/13/2024 At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Rebecca Huckaby B-47

**NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER LANDLORD'S LIEN:** Notice is hereby given that Highway 22 Storage pursuant to Chapter 87 of the Oregon Revised Statutes will foreclose a Landlords Lien on the property listed below, and subsequently hold a public auction online to pay accrued storage fees and other charges. The Auction will be held at Bid13.com and the auction will close March 29th, 2024, at 12:00 PM PST. Payment in full must be received by 5:00 PM PST, March 28th, 2024 to avoid auction. Jason Rock Unit M88

Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon 97338 on March 26th, 2024. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 12:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Phillip Allison - H30349, Jaime Givens- B0007, Brandon Hill-A0104, Kris Kutsch - A0122, Carrie Lewis - H20251, Tina Millard - H20219, Tina Millard - H20228, Tabatha Patchin -H30340, Garry Shelden - H30312.

**PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87** Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/22/24. The sale will be held at 10:00am by Shane Marx 6200 Poplar Ln. Independence, OR 2009 Mini Cooper VIN: WMWFM33529TU75229 Amount due on lien: \$3300 Reputed owner: Francesca Thales, Reliant Financial Corp DBA Gold Acceptance, Seattle Mini

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST EXTINGUISHMENT ORS 517.180** Notice is given to the mineral interest holder, as shown of record: Wolverine Exploration Company formerly American Quasar Petroleum Co. of New Mexico). The instrument creating the original mineral interest was that certain Memorandum of Oil and Gas Lease by and between John D. Lyon and Leona M. Lyon, Clyde R. Campbell and Patricia Campbell, and Mobil Oil Corporation, a New York Corporation, dated October 15, 1974, and recorded in Polk County, Oregon on May 29, 1975, in Book 72, Page 332, Book of Records. Mobil file No. OR-1232. Fifty percent of said interest was assigned by Mobil Oil Corporation to American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico, Assignee, by Instrument recorded June 16, 1982, recorded in Polk County, Oregon in Book 164, Page 1469, Book of Records. All of said

interest was then assigned by Mobil Oil Corporation to American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico, Assignee, by Instrument recorded March 02, 1983, in Polk County, Oregon in Book 169, Page 1038, Book of Records. Notice of Change of Corporate Name was recorded in Linn County, Oregon, in Vol 452, Page 822, by Jeffrey L. Stevens, Secretary of Wolverine Exploration Company (formerly American Quasar Petroleum Co. of New Mexico), a Delaware Corporation, certifying that effective July 22, 1987, a Certificate of Ownership merging American Quasar Petroleum Co. of New Mexico into Wolverine Exploration Company was duly certified to by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. A description of the lands affected by the mineral interest can be found in: The Memorandum of Oil and Gas Lease recorded, book 72, page 332 - 334, Polk County deed records. Name and address of the persons giving notice: Greenbelt Land Trust. PO Box 1721, Corvallis, Oregon 97339. Date of first publication: March 9, 2024 Statement of notice: Wolverine Exploration Company (formerly American Quasar Petroleum Co. of New Mexico) MUST submit a statement of claim to the Polk County clerk, Oregon, within 60 days after the date of the last publication of this public notice or the mineral interest of the holder referenced herein may be extinguished.

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-24-973306-RM** Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KYLIE DANNAE JONES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to TICOR TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR MID AMERICA MORTGAGE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/26/2020, recorded 10/26/2020, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2020-015804 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to CLICK N' CLOSE, INC. covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 07528BD01000 LOT 5, BLOCK C, DALLAS HEIGHTS ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 254 NE GERLINGER COURT, DALLAS, OR 97338 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such

action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$12,866.44 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$315,951.09 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 9/1/2023, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 6/20/2024 at the hour of 1:00PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named

in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KYLIE JONES 254 NE GERLINGER COURT DALLAS, OR 97338 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing

methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-973306-RM Dated: 2/1/2024 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0200775 3/6/2024 3/13/2024 3/20/2024 3/27/2024

Public Notice The City of Falls City is undertaking a Water Main Line Replacement Project funded through the Infrastructure Finance Authority of the Oregon Business Development Department's Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. A meeting will be held by the City Council at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024, at the Falls City Community Center, 320 N. Main, Falls City, Oregon, 97344. This meeting can be attended via remote access, the link and phone number are on the City of Falls City website at <https://www.fallscityoregon.gov>. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Jeremy Teal at 503-787-3631 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting

**FIRST NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Polk County will be held in the Main Conference Room, Polk County Courthouse, 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and to receive the budget message and document. The public meeting will continue on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Additional time is reserved for public comment at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2024. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 5, 2024 at the Board of Commissioners' Office, Polk County Courthouse, during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget

Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Please advise the Board of Commissioners (503- 623-9237) at least 24 hours in advance if you need special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting virtually. Dated: March 15, 2024

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# Oregonians will have 2-month window this spring to apply for an EV rebate

**By LYNNE TERRY**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
If you're interested in snagging a rebate for purchasing an electric vehicle, gear up to go auto shopping: The state will offer EV rebates for only two months this spring.

The Department of Environmental Quality announced Wednesday it will reopen the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program between April 3 through June 3. The department expects it won't have enough money to offer rebates longer than that. Last year, for the first time since the rebate program started in 2018, state officials suspended the program – in early May – because it didn't have enough money to meet the demand. Its total budget ended up being more than \$18 million, which went towards nearly 3,500 rebates or rebate packages.

This year the department expects to have up to \$8.5 million for rebates, according to Susan Mills, a spokeswoman for the Department of Environmental Quality. That money largely comes from 45% of the Vehicle Privilege Tax – 0.5% – that dealers have to pay on certain vehicles. Mills expects the department this year will be able to pay for 2,700 rebates for 2,500 households.

To qualify, residents have to buy or lease an electric vehicle during the two-month window. That means a car purchased on April 2 or June 4, for example, won't qualify. Oregonians have six months from the date of purchase or lease to apply for a rebate.

The program offers two types, ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

The state will pay a standard rebate of \$2,500 for the purchase or lease of a new EV or plug-in hybrid EV with a

base price under \$50,000. A new zero-emission motorcycle will also qualify. This rebate is open to everyone.

The state will pay up to \$7,500 for the purchase or lease of a new EV or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of a used EV or plug-in hybrid EV with a list price or original list price under \$50,000. This rebate has income restrictions: You can't earn more than 400% of the federal poverty level. That's just over \$60,000 a year for a single person and nearly \$125,000 for a family of four.

Consumers can track the availability of funds on the department's website. If the money runs out sooner than June 3, DEQ will shut the program down and applicants will be put on a waiting list and be paid when next year's pot of money is allocated in early spring.

More than 740 people were on the waiting list as of last October. By early March, officials had whittled that down to 560, Mills said. The department is still processing applications, she said.

In a release, a DEQ official called the program "a crucial part" of the state's overall climate plan, which is currently being reworked.

"Electric vehicles reduce air pollution and help improve air quality and public health," Ali Mirzakhali, state air quality administrator, said in the release. "We've seen fantastic success in EV adoption with the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program. It's a great way to lower the costs when purchasing or leasing those vehicles, especially for low- and moderate-income households."

Consumers who miss the purchase or lease window this year can still apply for a



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Oregon is offering rebates on purchases or leases of electric cars from April 3 through June 3.

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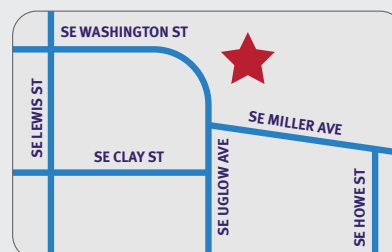


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