

Taking Time for a Ride on a Wonderdog

James Lorensen, 2, plays with Nimbus, who is being trained as a service dog, at Polk County Community Connect on Jan. 28. Nimbus' owner, Nina Davis, (not pictured) volunteered for the day with Jack's World Grooming in Independence. Davis spent most of her day trimming the nails of pets whose owners can't afford to get them groomed regularly. The Connect event also had resources for people to visit the dentist, get their bikes repaired, hair cut and have a hot meal, as well as pick up needed supplies such as flashlights and tents.



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POLICE REPORT

DALLAS Arrests/Citations
 • Charles J. Ruston, 29, of Dallas at the corner of Southeast Miller Avenue and Stettler Street on Jan. 26 on two failure to appear warrants.
 • Michael C. Singh, 28, of Dallas in the 500 block of Court Street on Jan. 26 on charges of failure to carry or present an operator's license, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

• Christopher R. Woodward, 34, of McMinnville at the corner of Southeast Ash and Main streets on a failure to appear warrant.
 • Kyle D. Prock, 27, a transient in the 100 block of West Ellendale Avenue on Thursday on a parole violation.
 • Joseph R. Bearden, 32, of Lafayette in the 200 block of Southeast Clay Street on Friday on a parole violation.
 • Jerry D. Carmickle, 61, of Falls

City in the 500 block of East Ellendale Avenue on Friday on a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Nicole L. Ferguson, 41, of Dallas on Southwest Rainbow Avenue on charges of failure to carry or present an operator's license and driving uninsured.
 • Brian A. Bennett, 49, of Dallas on Southwest Levens Street on Friday on charges of failure to return a suspended or revoked license, driving while suspended/revoked and driving uninsured.

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• Jonathan Myrie, 24, and Christian Ramirez, 21, both of Monmouth, at the corner of Jackson Street West and Stadium Drive North on Jan. 24 for second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Richard William Keith Kerns, 20, of Monmouth in the 200 block of Pacific Highway North on Jan. 25 for minor in possession of alcohol.

• On Jan. 25 at the corner of Pacific Highway South and Clay Street East, Brian Steven Connelly, 19, and Zachary Ramirez, 19, both of Happy Valley, for minor in possession of alcohol. Brendin James Gillies, 19, of Happy Valley also for minor in possession of alcohol and open container.

• Nicholas Rafael Alvarez, 37, of Monmouth in the 200 block of Pacific Highway North on Jan. 26 for unlawful possession of one to less than four ounces of marijuana and endangering the welfare of a minor.

• Joseph Andrew Orgovan, 62, of Monmouth in the 500 block of College Street South on Jan. 27 for second-degree criminal mischief.

• Abdulaziz Mueed Alerwi, 23, of Monmouth in the 300 block of Monmouth Avenue North on Jan. 27 for second-degree criminal trespass.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fair board work session is Saturday

RICKREALL — The Polk County Fair Board will conduct its annual work session discussion Saturday beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.
 The meeting, scheduled to run until noon, provides an opportunity to update the fairgrounds' business plan, plan for the future of the fairgrounds, and plan for the annual county fair in August.
 The public is welcome to attend and provide input at the meeting.
 For more information: 503-623-3048.

Drug court graduation set Monday

DALLAS — Polk County Drug Court will hold its next graduation ceremony Monday immediately following the 1:30 p.m. regular drug court session in Courtroom 1 of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St., Dallas.
 Ten participants are scheduled to graduate. The ceremony marks their completion of an intense program of comprehensive drug treatment and close supervision. Participants are held responsible for all of their actions by the drug court team, and by the end of their program are holding themselves responsible for all of their actions.
 The public is welcome to attend the graduation and learn more about Polk County Drug Court.
 For more information: Cory Folkert, 503-623-1877; email to cory.g.folkert@ojd.state.or.us.

'State of the Cities' address Feb. 11

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The mayors of Independence and Monmouth will present their annual "State of the Cities" addresses during the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce's monthly lunch forum, scheduled Feb. 11 at noon at Independence Cinema.
 Independence Mayor John McArdle and Monmouth Mayor John Oberst will update attendees on what's been happening and what is coming up in their respective cities at the event. A question-and-answer session will follow.
 Cost is \$11 for lunch and reservations are required.
 For more information: 503-838-4268; www.micc-or.org.

City recreation grant now available

MONMOUTH — The city of Monmouth will accept applications for its recreation grant until March 2.
 The \$500 grant is meant to encourage and support recreational activities and projects by individuals and nonprofit organizations in Monmouth.
 Past projects include triathlons at Western Oregon University or Easter egg hunts.
 "The idea is to let people be fairly creative," City Manager Scott McClure said. "If someone wanted to do a kid's yoga in the park and needed some help with that, that's what it's here for."
 The money is allocated from the city's general fund.
 For more information or to apply: www.ci.monmouth.or.us.

Independence parks plan underway

INDEPENDENCE — A steady stream of people attended the Independence parks master plan open house held Thursday, said City Manager David Clyne.
 Once completed, the 20-year parks plan will include a number of new parks and trails, including a two-mile stretch along the Willamette River.
 The city will continue to refine the plan and include public comments. Money to pay for improvements will likely come in part from parks system development charges, Clyne said.
 "There's still work to be done," he said.
 For more information: www.ci.independence.or.us.

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