

North Douglas HERALD

Dedicated to Our Readers & the Residents of North Douglas & South Lane Counties

High School Football is Back



*Story by Scooter Brown
Photos by Becky Gerrard*

Area High Schools are grinding into the 2023/2024 season with much anticipation. The competitive spirit affects our youth and supporting adults alike. We are looking forward to bringing you school sports action all year.

Pictured are the North Douglas/Yoncalla War Eagles playing against Bandan, in Drain on September 15th. The War Eagles fell to Bandon 14-31. OSAA photographer Becky Gerrard snapped some great shots

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2023 Annular Eclipse of the Moon blesses Oregon

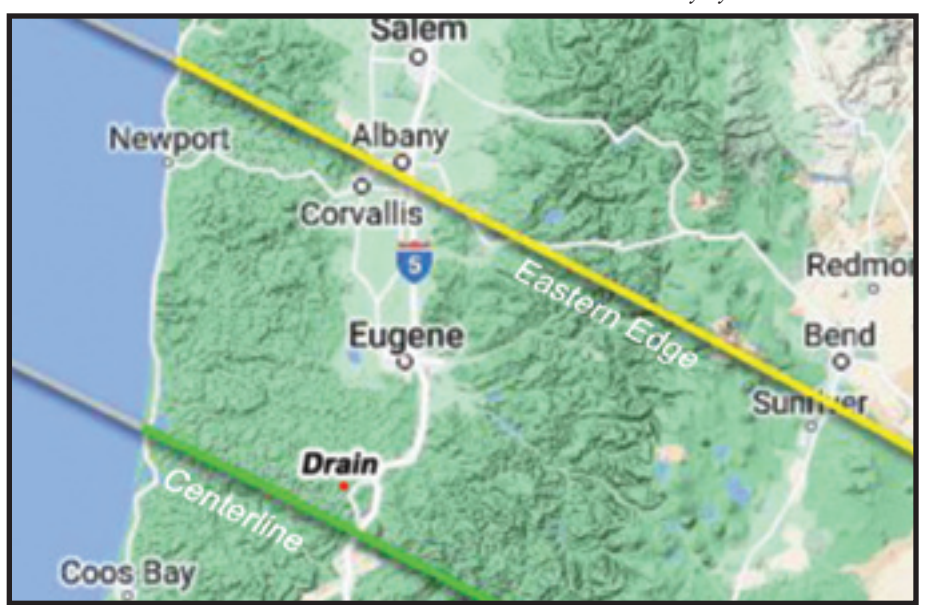
Story by Milo Van Elder

On October 14, 2023, an annular solar eclipse or “ring of fire,” will occur along a narrow path of annularity in Oregon. To experience the annular, or “ring of fire,” phase of the eclipse, you must be located within this path, with the “ring of fire” lasting the longest at the centerline.

For residents in North Douglas County and South Lane, this is spectacularly good news. Unlike the total eclipse in 2017, which was a bit of a drive and, indeed, somewhat of a hassle to find a place to hunker down and experience the totality of the moon blocking out the sun.

The difference in 2023 is that the Moon will never entirely cover the Sun during an annular, or “ring of fire,” solar eclipse, you must use special eclipse safety glasses or viewers at all times. Unlike during a total solar eclipse, there is never a time when

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Editorial

by Rusty Savage

I hope the second issue of the North Douglas Herald pleases our readers, as the first one seemed to. I have to thank the many who have called, written, emailed and stopped me on the street to show and express their enthusiasm for having a local newspaper again. I am very glad to be on this journalistic adventure with all of you.

As the Herald grows and matures, it is my expectation that the future will prove that printed news is not dead. As you read through this Paper and soak up information, I hope that our readers will get a little bit of a warm feeling of satisfaction.

Satisfaction in the sense that, sitting on a lounging chair or the couch or any favorite roosting place, you can enjoy reading the newspaper. No search buttons or endless feeds through the maze of internet and phone scrolling news. Just relaxing and reading through the local news items, some sports or community events and all the tidbits that make up 'what's going on around us'

Well thats about all I can say about that. I enjoy reading a newspaper for a little relaxation, I hope you feel the same way.

It's been busy these last few weeks. I have talked to a lot of people around North Douglas and in South Lane County. It's been a big part of my day, lately, whether I am talking to prospective advertisers and business related contacts, or just the folks I meet in a busy day.

People talk about the issues and instances that have some effect on them. Now, the more that I have been talking to so many folks, mostly but not all, in this North County, I have heard an equal portion of, good, bad and indifferent. I find that to be a pretty good balance of influence. Not only that but, it means there is still a

fair to good chance whatever happens, you'll have 1/3rd of folks who understand and only a third who probably dont.

What I mean by that is that it becomes apparent that there should always be the assumption that some will agree with you and some wont. But everyone is probably not going to and that shouldnt change or end the conversation.

Back to my point, Reedsport to Oakland or Winston to Cottage Grove or here in Drain, the people I have been talking to are mostly working folks who have something to say about something. There are so many things in our region that gets folks going.

I mean there are a lot of issues and the more I hear about things, the more it means to me to try look at these things. The great thing is, that it's about our day to day lives. Things are a combination of good, bad and indifferent all around us. It's not just all bad. Or good.

And the truth is, on an individual basis, its not just good, bad and indifferent, it's actually grades and shades of all.

So lets look at the good and the bad and the indifferent, which none truly are, and see what we find. We'll celebrate the good, try and tame the bad and be a better example to the indifferent.

Thats my goal as your Publisher and Editor of this Newspaper. Another thing about balance is that it promotes fairness and though it's taken a hit or two over time, I believe the American spirit is founded on the search for fairness.

Thats about it for this month, looking down at the galley, the October issue looks good, I hope you like it. And if you do, I'd like you to do me a favor. Support out Advertisers. We cant thank them enough for making it possible to bring you this paper for FREE. Show them your appreciation, and be sure to tell those who you dont see on these pages - how much you would like to see them here.



More football highlights from North Douglas War Eagles playing Bandon. War Eagles players can be seen, including Caden Reigard, Wyatt Reed, Jayden Churchwell, Tristan McMullin and Kyle Bilyew in these and front page photos, curtesy of Becky Gerrard, OSAA photographer.



Letters from the Librarian



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." - L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables

Fall has begun in earnest at the library. As the seasons change, remember our new hours reflect the earlier sunsets. Check out books and materials Tuesday, Thursday, Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Wednesdays Noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking for something to read after hours? Of course the wifi is on and works out to the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Your library card is also good 24/7 on the Libby app, where you can borrow audio and e-books from the catalog of more than 50,000 choices.

In the month of October, the library and community get ready to celebrate the library district's fifth anniversary of formation. The past five years have truly been a blur of opening, exciting programming, increasing hours, changing programming due to state mandated closures, reopening, and renewing our commitment to in-person and "virtual" offerings alike. From toddler story times to knitting groups, from summer reading to winter authors' events, from writing and technology classes to teen advisory boards, we have a lot of life going on inside the library building!

Speaking of the building, many of us have fond memories of this building and the community's efforts to create such a vibrant gathering place and library. At the time this building was in its planning stages, more than 35 years ago, the library itself was a branch of the Douglas County system and was housed in a small portion of the old City Hall building. Things were cramped --bookcases went to the ceiling!-- and hours were limited.

What a victory for the community to pull together and build this library and civic center building, donating it to the City of Drain to maintain and use as a meeting space and gathering place. For decades the County library branch operated here at the "new" Civic Center and Library, but when the County closed all of its libraries in 2017, the people of Drain and surrounding North Douglas community voted with an overwhelming majority to reopen a library as a special district. This permanent tax base allows the library to have stability for materials purchasing and library staff expenses. The building is still maintained by the City of Drain through a generous Oregon Community Foundation endowment. The County system may be gone, but libraries and communities are thriving. The North Douglas Library District is grateful for the continuing legacy of community support and involvement.

The library is truly a place where everyone belongs. And it's "more than books." Stop in, stay a while, and maybe even check out something new.

Miriam Sisson, Director
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Dollar General is Coming to Yoncalla

What's the Controversy?

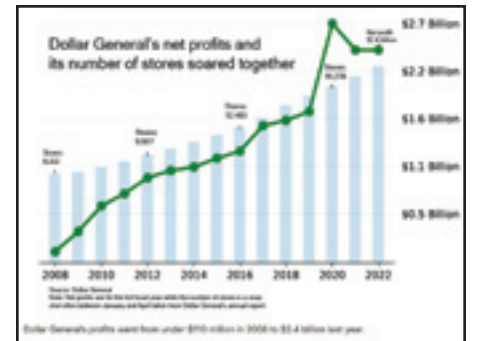
Story by Rusty Savage

Have you heard? The Dollar General is coming to Yoncalla. Yes its a done deal, I spoke to Shane Mast of Oregon Life Homes and he verified that the deal is done and Yoncalla will have a shiny new Dollar General store very soon. Once the new wears off of that news, you might want to stop and ponder the reality of what the effects of that convenient little establishment might be.

Dollar General went from 8,222 stores in 2008 to 18,130 stores in 2022. The chain holds the title for most retail stores in the U.S. and recently passed the 19,000 store milestone. Basically, Dollar General alone opens about three stores a day.

Some are betting that the rapid expansion is a part of a plan to get into small-town health care and even banking. It could also be to expand its practice of selling customer data, claiming access to rural customer info no one else has. Whatever the speculation, there is one blatant truth. It's simply about profits. Dollar General opens so many stores because profits grow with each and every one. Each time a new store opens it nets them an instant 20% return. Dollar General's profits went from under \$110 million in 2008 to \$2.4 billion last year.

You can't talk about Dollar Stores without talking about the "Dollar Wars". Dollar General is aggressively advancing on the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar territory (Dollar Tree owns Family Dollar. At this point it would appear that Dollar General is winning the fight and Dollar Tree is lagging behind. Dollar General sees room for 12,000 more



stores across the country. Dollar Tree is even more optimistic, believing the U.S. market can support another 15,000 Family Dollars and 10,000 Dollar Trees.

All in all there is a lot of energy and planning going into the expansion of these enterprises and the effects may have more impact on the communities than their bottom lines. For all of its intentions to bring economical choices to rural consumers, there are some facts that doesn't stack well with that business plan. Dollar General claims to offer customers affordable household essentials where other retailers won't go.

"It is not unusual for us to hear from communities, especially in rural areas, asking us to bring a Dollar General to their hometown," a company spokesperson said.

Lets start with the fact that every state in the contiguous U.S. has a dollar store in it. While most chains, like CVS and Starbucks, stick closely to big metro areas, Dollar General doesn't necessarily stick to that plan. Besides

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City Desk

Drain Citizen Committees at Risk

Drain - In Recent months, there has been an effort on the part of Drain City Counsel to eliminate the Citizens Committees that have worked for many years to steer and manage those resources and facilities.

It is the contention of the Drain Council that these are redundant efforts and their aim is to consolodate the management and control, without the input of involved citizens, It seems unlikely that eliminating dedicated and involved citizens, who are pivotal in the long running standings of these institutions, from the conversation will bring any benefit to the community at large.

The Drain Cemetary Committee and the Drain Civic Center Committee, both are staffed with long time residents who are invested in the community. If the City saves money and loses sight of issues that are important to its citizens, what's the upside? The City Council meeting of September 11, showed that there may be a widening divide between government and citizens.

Yoncalla Volunteer Water Conservation Request has Ended

Yoncalla September 29:

The City of Yoncalla would like to thank the users of our water system that conserved water during our voluntary conservation request. The City of Yoncalla is dropping our voluntary conservation request at this time, however, conservation of water is never a bad thing and always encouraged. During the summer months the city has located and repaired several large leaks throughout our water distribution system, upgraded our Adams Creek dam, and

worked with our engineering firm to find solutions for water storage throughout the future summer months. We are committed to providing safe and readily available water to all users of our system. We understand that the community water supply is an essential resource that plays a vital role in the well-being and prosperity of our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Yoncalla City Hall at (541) 849-2152.

“our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.”

-Thomas Jefferson to Dr. James Currie, January 28, 1786

Fire restriction for Douglas County is now a level 1 - low fire danger

Now Allowed all day:

Non-Industrial Power Saw Use: When allowed, each saw being used must have a shovel and a fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.

Cutting, Grinding, or Welding of Metal: When allowed, is restricted to areas that are cleared of flammable materials and a charged garden hose or a 2 ½ pound or larger ABC fire extinguisher must be immediately available.

Cutting, Trimming or Mowing of Dried, Cured Grass

The use of battery or electric string trimmers and the culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.

Power Driven Machinery not specifically mentioned above and used for any non-industrial improvement or development on private property is restricted. Each piece of equipment must have a shovel and a 2 ½ pound or larger ABC fire extinguisher. A one hour fire watch is required once work has completed for the day

Elkton City Hall

366 First Street, Elkton

Regular Meeting of City Council

September 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

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Regular Meeting of City Council:

1. Call to order
2. Minutes/ Bills
3. Visitors:
4. Communications:
5. Public Input:
6. Business New & Old:
 - City Report
 - TMDL
 - NHMP
 - Ordinance No. 182 Park Rules & Regulations
 - Notice of Admin Review
7. Goals Short Term/Long Term
8. Good of the order

UPCOMING EVENTS: Regular Council Meeting October 12, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Government Know who you're local Representatives are!

Drain

Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
Council Position #1: **Grant Vaughan**
Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**
Council Position #3: **Katie Decker**
Council Position #4: **Aaron Lymath**
City Council Meetings:
10/09/2023 - 6:00pm
11/13/2023 - 6:00pm
12/11/2023 - 6:00pm
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
Councilors:
Dan Wagoner
Gene Vroman
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
Council Meetings:
2nd Tuesday / month 6pm City Hall
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Council Meetings:
2nd Thursday, 8:30am
Next Council Meeting:
September 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**

Mildred Whipple Library Book Sale

Benefiting Nor4th Douglas Schools Food-Drives

The Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, have a self-serve used book sale in the lobby of the Drain Civic Center year round. The money raised from this book sale helps us support the library in many ways. We help fund programming including summer reading performers, sponsor children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, purchase books for the collection, and so much more.

However, all the money raised from our book sale during the month of October will be donated to the North Douglas El-

ementary and Middle School food drive for Thanksgiving food baskets. Then all the money raised during the month of November will be donated to the North Douglas High School food drive for their Holiday food baskets. For the entire month of December all the books are free! We are looking for a way to let local residents know about this and hope that your paper can help spread the word!

Thank you,
Valarie Johns, Vice-President
Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library
541-231-7901

Man Arrested in Tualatin for the Murder of Oakland Woman, Terry Dean

Story by Milo Van Elder



OAKLAND, Ore. - September 8, 2023, a man was arrested in connection to the murder of Terry Lea Deane, 78, of Oakland.

Deane's death on August 12th was reported as a suspicious death at a home in the 400 block of Coltrin Lane in Oakland. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office said investigators determined the death was a homicide. In the subsequent investigation, detectives identified Dwayne Michael Lauka, 45, as a suspect in her murder.

Lauka was arrested in Tualatin on Friday and was taken to the Douglas County Jail for second degree murder. According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, more charges are expected in the coming days.

Dwayne Lauka is a homeless person from the Washington County area with ties to the greater Portland area. He also frequents Douglas and Josephine Counties under several aliases. Those aliases include Sammi Alameer, Jason Myers, Dwayne Lauk, Dwayne Michael Luaka, Dwayne Michael Alshargabi-Lauka and Michael Eugene West.

Following Lauka's arrest, detectives are urging anyone with information on Lauka or his movements between Aug. 11 and Sept. 8 to contact DCSO at (541) 440-4458 or by emailing dcsio.pio@co.douglas.or.us.

The case is still under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

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District 4: **Val Hoyle**

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Attorney General: **Ellen Rosenblum**
Governor: **Tina Kotek**

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Community Pages

Bingo Nights are Back



BINGO ! BINGO! That's right the Sunnydale Grange bingo night are back! The first bingo night is on October 2nd at the Sunnydale Grange Hall about 5 miles west of Drain in highway 38. Checkin starts at 6:30 and bingo play starts at 7. The cost is \$10.00 per card for 13 games. Special cash bonuses are paid to the winner(s) of the 1st, 7th, and 13th game. If you want to be a cash sponsor to one of these extra cash prizes,

contact Ron Galdabini at 541-942-4732. Being a donor will get your name on our monthly flier plus mentioned at the monthly bingo meet. Net proceeds from bingo night go toward sponsoring a scholarship to each of the local high schools. In 2023 two \$1000.00 scholarship were awarded. A schedule for the rest of the bingo nights and the exact amount of additional prize monies and the donors will be forthcoming.

**Have a local event or gathering to share?
Let us know, we would love to cover it**



Sunnydale Grange 877

The Sunnydale Grange met September 11th for their monthly meeting and dinner. The Grange members welcomed two new members, Pam and Don Gambocarto. They are filling two vacancies; Pam is our new Lady Assistant Steward and Don will be the Lecturer. It was announced that the Oregon State Grange is celebrating 150 years; having been established in 1873.

The participation at the North Douglas County Fair was discussed. A check in the amount \$500 is being sent to North Douglas School for the volleyball and basketball teams in appreciation of their help in our food booth.

It was stated that bingo will resume on Monday, October 2nd at 7pm. (Be there early to get your packets. 13 games for \$10. Daubers are available to buy).

The proceeds from the bingo go to scholarships for graduating seniors at Yoncalla and North Douglas schools. Last year we gave one to a graduate at each school. Sponsors are needed to assist in making these possible and members were asked to get in touch with last years' sponsors and new ones.

The meeting was closed with the singing of God Bless America.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross would like to thank our wonderful blood donors who took time to come to Drain's Blood Drive on September 15th and donate blood. Our goal was 32 units and we actually collected 34 units which will help 102 patients with life saving blood. Our next Drain Blood Drive is December 22nd. If you'd like to give a gift of life, contact Jacque at 541-836-2108.

DRAIN/YONCALLA

TOPS CLUB

(Take off Pounds Sensibly)

Weight loss support group meets every Monday morning at 8:50 a.m at Drain Church of Christ Annex, Second St. Drain - For info contact Cindy at 541-378-7801 or Lyn at 541-817-4746.

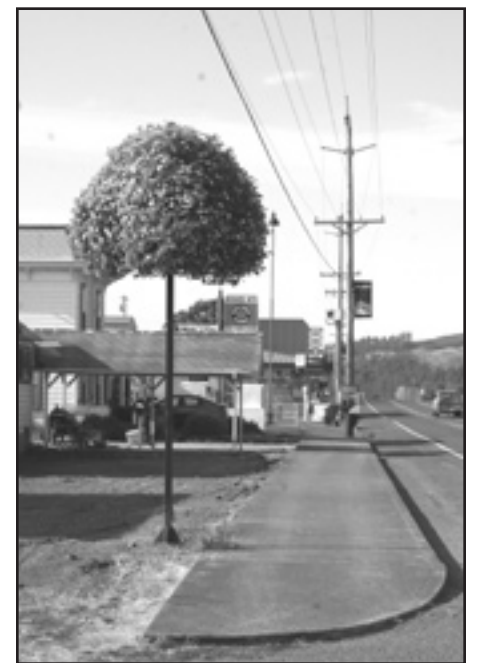
YONCALLA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Quarterly Report



It seemed and felt like a heightened holiday spirit in town over the 4th of July celebrations. The local businesses participated in the celebrations with wonderful holiday décor. Jeremy McDaniel's, Eagle Valley Supply, Main Street Espresso, The Yoncalla Deli, The Why Not Tavern, Health Revolution Chiropractic, Daisy Mae Grooming, John Halliday's wonderful flag display on Main Street, Transmission Repair, the Yoncalla Library and the Yoncalla City Hall . . . all participated and contributed to the holiday spirit! Thank you!!!! Leading up to the 4th of July holiday, the Beautification Committee sponsored a couple of "city-wide" clean-up days. The volunteer participation was wonderful and appreciated. The parade, firework's show and the special events at the Yoncalla Community Park greatly enhanced the holiday feel for us all . . . here in Yoncalla. The Parade crowd size was AMAZING!!

Have you noticed the hanging flower baskets around town? With the help of local sponsorships, the Beautification Committee was able to hang flower baskets on Eagle Valley Road, Main Street – the old Douglas Electric building, Yoncalla City Hall and at a few other local business locations. Most of these hanging baskets were donated by local citizens including: Mary Ellen Lasswell, Doris Bartlett, Terry and Bonnie Duncan, Dan Kingery, Carol Mogensen, Marilyn Kittleman, Ed Mussen, Dany Starr, John Halliday and Yoncalla Parks and Recreation – Many Thank you's! In these times of water conservation, Pauline Kingery and John Halliday have been donating the water for the hanging baskets. Guy Dodd has been instrumental in the life-support of the baskets for his daily watering efforts! The Yoncalla Beautification Committee planted and maintains the marigolds planted along the sidewalk in front of the City Hall while, also, keeping the vegetation in



check on the empty lot next to Main Street Espresso on Eagle Valley Road. We hope that these efforts help to present a more positive image to those passing through our community.

Please note the holiday and seasonal banners that are hanging on Eagle Valley Road and Main Street. Dan Kingery hangs and seasonally changes these banners sponsored by the Yoncalla Beautification Committee. Also, did you notice the "Eagle Tree" on Main Street next to the Post Office? Dan Kingery, again, debarked and cleaned these wonderful images and will add "oil" to them in the near future . . . greatly enhancing their appearance. The Committee's "Adopt-a-Street" program got off the ground with the volunteer efforts of Dany Starr, Carol Mogensen, Bonnie Rowland, Terry Duncan, Dan Kingery and Ed Mussen. Next Spring we will be hoping to add more volunteers to maintain the appearance of Yoncalla's streets.

The Beautification Committee is looking ahead to

the Christmas Holiday season. Similar to what we saw during the 4th of July celebration, the committee would appreciate the opportunity to coordinate with our local businesses, again, to create a "common" Christmas theme throughout our town. Please help to support our local businesses, especially in their efforts at displaying Yoncalla pride!

The Beautification Committee no longer has regular funding sources. With the help of some "carryover" funds, the committee now relies exclusively upon the sponsorship of our local citizens. Their monetary donations and volunteering of labor is generating our community pride! We hope you appreciate the committee's efforts and check out our Face Book page for current community pictures. Please feel free to share your ideas at one of our meetings held on the last Thursday of each month at the Community Center at 7:00 pm.

5 Garage Safety Tips

When you throw open the windows, you'll likely be spending more time with the garage door open, too. Make access to your outdoor equipment safer with these tips to get your garage ready after the warmer months.

Organizing clutter is part of the process, but cooler weather can also serve as a reminder to make sure your garage equipment and features are secure and functioning properly.

* Your garage floor tends to capture grime and grit from the outdoors, especially where your car sits. Take time to thoroughly sweep and mop, but also take stock of the floor's condition for any chips or other damage that may grow worse over time and pose a risk for tripping or other safety issues.

* Check your garage door performance. Ensure doors are rolling smoothly with no hitches. If you do happen to notice any abnormalities, it's a good time to investigate. In some cases, a little grease or a minor adjustment is all you need to get things back on track.

* Don't forget to check your garage door sensors, too. Colder weather means animals and children (and their toys) are more likely to find themselves in an automated door's path when it begins to lower. Ensure sensors are operating properly to prevent injury or property damage.

* Verify all outlets, lights and other electrical features are in proper operating condition and all wires are intact and free of damage or fraying.

* Ensure any poisonous materials,



such as paint, garden pesticides, cleaners and automotive fluids, are safely stored out of reach of pets and children that may have increased access to the garage during summer months. Also check for spills or

flammable materials. Taking time to safety-proof your garage can provide your family months of stress-free use. Find more tips for getting your garage in order at eLivingtoday.com.

Watermelon Bourbon Glaze with Grilled Flank Steak



Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 cups watermelon juice (approximately 2 1/2 cups chopped watermelon, blended)
- 2 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1/4-1/2 cup bourbon
- 2 pounds flank steak or London broil
- 1/4 teaspoon cornstarch

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, reduce watermelon juice to 2/3 cup. Toward end of reduction, add garlic. Remove from heat, cool 10 minutes then add soy sauce, brown sugar, hot sauce and bourbon. Mix well.

Place watermelon-bourbon glaze in large zip-top bag. Add steak and massage to cover meat. Close bag and refrigerate 3-4 hours.

Heat grill to high heat. Remove steak from plastic bag and gently shake to remove excess glaze.

Grill steak 4-6 minutes; turn, grill 4-6 minutes, depending on thickness of steak. Remove from heat. Steak should be pink in center.

Allow steak to rest on platter or cutting board 10 minutes. Mix small amount of watermelon-bourbon glaze with cornstarch. In small saucepan over medium-high heat, add cornstarch mixture to remaining glaze and simmer 3-5 minutes. Reduce to medium heat until mixture thickens. Remove from heat.

Cut flank steak on bias into thin strips. Drizzle watermelon-bourbon glaze over top.

Source: National Watermelon Promotion Board

26 Counties receive \$26 Million for Homeless

Story by Milo Van Elder

Douglas County gets \$1.4 Million

Salem Sept 12, 2023 - Rural Counties in Oregon will now receive a portion of the over \$200 Million that the Legislature allotted to address homelessness in the last early session. Announced by Governor Tina Kotek on September 12th, 26 counties, including Douglas County, will be receiving a combined total of \$26 million. Designated to get people off of the streets, reducing car camping, alternatives to dangerous situations and housing or re-housing people, either temporarily in shelters or permanently in homes.

According to the governors press release on September 12th, "Homelessness is a crisis in both urban and rural communities throughout Oregon. This funding, tied to specific outcomes, will make a measurable impact in addressing this crisis in rural Oregon. And we can't stop here - I will keep pushing for concrete solutions that will support community needs going forward."

The Legislature, in House Bill 5019, designated it early in the session as part of \$200 million allocated to fight homelessness. It is expected to pay for 100 new shelter beds and get 450 households into stable living situations by June 2025.

The 26 counties were excluded from Kotek's emergency homelessness declaration in January. It targeted the counties with the highest increases in homelessness. Governor Kotek

allocated nearly \$80 million to large urban counties last April, including central Oregon and the Portland, Eugene, Medford, Salem and Ashland areas.

Each county, individually, applied by submitting plans and showing how the money will be spent. Additionally, they also had to declare a homeless state of emergency to receive money. Jefferson County did not make that declaration, stated Jeff Rasmussen, the county administrative officer. Jefferson County did receive money from the April allocation to central Oregon, but wasn't among the 26 counties in September 12th release, according to Rasmussen and a housing agency spokeswoman.

The governor's office received requests for a total of \$37 million, more than is available. So the \$26 million was divided up based on the applications and a formula developed by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department.

The Office of Emergency Management and the housing agency and will handle implementation details. The money will be managed by the Department of Administrative Services, which oversees contracts.

Elisabeth Shepard, a Kotek spokeswoman, expressed that the governor expects to closely follow progress around the state on fighting homelessness. "This is among her top three priorities," she said.

Breakdown on the 26 rural counties, funding and plan:

- Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa counties: \$1.2 million to re-house at least 33 households
- Benton County: \$2.4 million to add at least 50 shelter beds and re-house at least 31 households
- Clatsop County: \$3.8 million to add at least 80 shelter beds and re-house at least 33 households
- Columbia County: \$867,453 to re-house at least 20 households
- Coos County: \$1.9 million to add at least eight shelter beds and re-house at least 32 households
- Curry County: \$594,000 to re-house at least 14 households
- Douglas County: \$1.4 million to re-house at least 34 households
- Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties: \$2.1 million to add at least 25 shelter beds and re-house at least 40 households
- Harney and Malheur counties: \$1.3 million to re-house at least 34 households
- Hood River, Sherman and Wasco and counties: \$1.9 million to add at least 34 shelter beds and re-house at least 29 households
- Josephine County: \$2 million to add at least 16 shelter beds and re-house at least 31 households
- Klamath and Lake counties: \$1.4 million to re-house at least 38 households
- Lincoln County: \$856,178 to add at least 70 shelter beds and re-house at least 16 households
- Linn County: \$1.9 million to add at least 30 shelter beds and re-house at least 32 households
- Tillamook County: \$769,404 to add at least 20 shelter beds and re-house at least 12 households
- Yamhill County: \$1.3 million to add at least 14 shelter beds and rehouse at least 21 households



HEADSTONES & HOT CHOCOLATE

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Free pumpkins donated by Vagos Motorcycle club! Supplies limited- first come - first serve.

1:00 -4:30: pumpkin contest. For the sake of the children and tender souls, PG rated (or below) pumpkins only please !

4:45 pumpkin judging (pumpkins due by 4:30 for the contest). You may bring your own pumpkin from home if carved (or decorated) by you (synthetic pumpkins are also allowed). Prizes ! Location; Pavilion .

Free ghost photos sponsored by Jacks Barber! Portraits done by Tiffany Rose .

Tractor rides! Free! Time: 1-5 , sponsored by Ratman! Location: Pavilion

Live music: Check out music at the pavilion from 1-5 pm. Alder Street will be performing! Location : pavilion.

Costume contest :prizes ! Put on your Sunday best and let's see who has the most outstanding costumes. Extra points for lederhosen!

Cash prizes! Location: Pavilion Judging during the band break time.

Blake's Wicked Weiners : Sausages and hot dogs 1-5 pm

Beer Garden : Jack's Barber Shoppe will be providing a Beer Garden for our 21 and older guests. Beer MUST be consumed on the premises ?? 1-5 pm , location : pavilion, behind 205 West A Avenue Drain

Vendors : 1-5 pm in the pavilion behind the civic center (205 West A-Avenue Drain)in the pavilion

Jacob's Produce and Wares: dried apples/fruits, Jams, gifts, spices, blacksmith items. Free fresh squeezed apple and pear cider !

Trebuchet pumpkin hurling 1-5. \$5 to hurl a pumpkin. Location : the pavilion.

We will have fire dancing at dark (pending fire season being over) directly behind 105 West A Avenue,Drain. Later night visuals done by vm nelson mandala.

The event is being held outside rain or shine ?? We have a covered pavilion for the majority of the event other than the fire dancing .

Rural Report

The entire watershed of the Umpqua River lies in Douglas County. The heavily timbered county contains nearly 1.8 million acres of commercial forest lands and one of the oldest stands of old growth timber in the world. The forest products industry continues to play a significant economic role in the county.

NASA Imagery Maps Loss of Forest in Coastal Watershed Communities

Aerial mapping from 1997 to 2022 shows 31% loss of Forest, impacting water quality

Story by Scooter Brown

Oregon's coastal communities rely on drinking water from forested rivers and creeks, which have lost substantial tree cover during the last 20 years. Over 30% of the forested land in 80 of Oregon's coastal watersheds, nearly 600 square miles, has been logged during the last 20 years. That logging impacts many communities who rely on streams and creeks for their water supply.

Forests not only improve the quality, but also the quantity of surface waters. They prevent erosion, and filter, direct and store rain and snow that passes into streams. More than 80% of Oregonians, including most who live on the coasts, get some or all of their drinking water from surface water sources such as streams, rivers and creeks, according to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Young trees planted to replace logged mature trees also end up sucking up more water, further depleting surface water supply. Planting new tree stands requires spraying herbicides and pesticides, often from the air and that can harm water sources.

There's really literally hundreds of protections that are put in place when anything is harvested in the state of Oregon. Stream buffers and harvest practices that are very specific and nuanced with reforestation requirements and steep slopes protections."

Using data and satellite imagery from NASA collected between 1997 and 2023, four researchers from the agency's Oregon Coast Range Ecological Conservation Team were able to look at logging impacts in forests within 80 Oregon Coast watersheds identified by Oregon Wild.

It's safe to say that logging in the Coast Range wasn't done carefully and the aerial photos mapped by NASA clearly shows that.

Logging operations across the Oregon Coast Range and conventional logging practices pose a risk of contamination to surface water quality. According to NASA DEVELOP and Oregon Coast Ecological Conservation team, who partnered with nonprofit Oregon Wild to map the extent of clearcutting and commercial thinning in 80 Coast Range drinking watersheds between 2000 and 2022. This project used all available Landsat data from 1997 through June 2023 in Google Earth Engine. Sensors used include Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper, Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus, Landsat 8 Operational Land Imager, and Landsat 9 Operational Land Imager-2. The Continuous Change Detection and Classification (CCDC) algorithm was used with Landsat observations to identify clearcutting patches. Percent change in summer median Landsat Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

(NDVI) images were used to identify areas of forest disturbance including commercial thinning. The team concluded that logging, including both clearcutting and commercial thinning, impacted 31% of forested area in drinking watersheds and the intensity of logging remained consistent from year to year. Clearcutting occurred primarily on private land while commercial thinning occurred primarily on state and federal lands.

The bulk of logging in watershed forests during this time was on land owned by industrial logging companies, followed by state and federal agencies, tribes and local municipalities. Those companies, including Weyerhaeuser, Stimson Lumber and Roseburg Forest Products, use a method called clearcutting, defined by the NASA researchers as the removal of all trees in an area exceeding 2 acres.

Hopefully, the NASA analysis can spur efforts by some Oregon cities to buy and manage the forestland around their drinking watersheds. The state recently passed legislation to create a Community Drinking Water Enhancement and Protection Fund with \$5 million available for communities hoping to own or improve land around their source drinking water.

FEMA Grants \$2.2 Million to 4 Fire Departments for Recruitment - Including 2 in Douglas County

Salem, September 6, 2023

Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced that four rural Oregon Fire Departments, including two in Douglas County, will receive a combined nearly \$2.2 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for firefighter recruitment and retention.

Wyden said, "Firefighters have been working hard this past summer and year-round to protect lives and livelihoods throughout Oregon and they deserve quality pay and time-off". Wyden said the federal investment in Oregon is especially timely given firefighter's heroic work this summer battling blazes.

Merkley said, "As fires and emergencies can break out at any time, it's essential that we have enough firefighters available to meet the moment". Merkley said the funding will help protect Oregon communities by ensuring rural districts have the staffing and resources needed when disaster strikes.

A release said the grants come from FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, which awards grants to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies.

- The following funds will be allocated:**
- Over \$492,000 for North Douglas County Fire and EMS in Drain
 - Over \$611,000 to Tenmile Rural Fire District, northwest of Winston
 - Over \$309,000 to Siletz Rural Fire Protection District
 - Nearly \$770,000 to Stayton Fire District

DOUGLAS COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 1-3 • End of Summer Celebration
www.DiamondLake.net
- 1-4 • The Vineyard Tour - Cycling Event
facebook.com/TheVineyardTour
- 2,3 • Fort Umpqua Days
Elkton Community Education Center
www.ElktonButterflies.com
- 7-24 • Imagination is More Important Than Knowledge
UACT Thur, Fri & Sat 7pm & Sun at 2pm
Ticketed Event www.uact-theatre.com
- 8,9 • Camas Valley Fun Days
Mud Drags, Bike-ATV Races, Camping, Vendors 541-430-4254
Facebook.com/CamasValleyFunDays
- 9 • Harvest Dinner at Henry Estate Winery
541-459-5120
- 9,10 • Umpqua Valley Home Builders Assoc Showcase of Homes
CANCELLED - Will reschedule for 2024
- 10 • Comedy Night at Henry Estate Winery
541-459-5120 www.HenryEstate.com
- 15-17 • Winston Dillard Melon Festival
Riverbend Park 541-530-7862
243 SE Thompson St, Winston
Facebook/WinstonDillardMelonFestival
- 16,17 • Roseburg Gun & Knife Show
Douglas County Fairgrounds
541-957-7010
- 21 • Real Art & Faux Cocktails Class
Stockyard Social Hall, 127 NE 1st St, Oakland
from 5p-7p - Over 21 - Alcohol Free Event
- 22 • Paws for a Cause - Saving Grace Fundraiser
Melrose Vineyards
SavingGraceAdoptionCenter.org
- 22 • Millennium Magic Fundraiser For Camp Millennium
UV Arts Center - 6-10pm - Ticketed Event
Facebook.com/CampMillennium 541-677-0600
- 23,24 • Oktoberfest Tournament 2023
Veteran Suicide Prevention Fundraiser
Winstoncity.org/events/oktoberfest-tournament/


September continued

- 29 • Roseburg German Band
Myrtle Creek Elks Lodge 7-9pm
RSVP Ted: 541-860-2037

October

- 7 • Roseburg Blocktober Fest - Downtown
Art, music, makers, food, drink & family fun
facebook.com/roseburgblocktoberfest
RoseburgBlocktoberFest.com
- 7 • Elks Scholarship Golf Tournament
Myrtle Creek Golf Course
Contact Ted Romas 541-860-2037
- 8 • 22nd Annual Tea & Fashion Show
Douglas County Cancer Services 541-440-9409
Seven Feathers Casino and Resort
facebook.com/DouglasCountyCancerServices
- 12-22 • A Brothers Grimm Adventure
UACT - A Ticketed Event
uact-theatre.com for tickets & times
- 14 • Oktoberfest Elkton
Elkton Community Education Center
541-584-2692 • ElktonButterflies.com
- 14 • Woolstock Howl-O-Ween Dog Carnival and Discount Vaccine Clinic
Central Park, Sutherlin 541-315-5865
Facebook.com/UmpquaWoolstock
- 21 • Drain Oktoberfest
Facebook.com/DrainChamberOfCommerce
- 26 • Sutherlin Downtown Halloween Trunk or Treat
www.VisitSutherlin.com
- 26 • Halloween Spooktacular at Seven Feathers
www.SevenFeathers.com
- 26 • Fall Costume Carnival
Elkton Highschool Gymnasium 5-8pm
Facebook.com/elktonEEAR
- 31 • Halloween Street Fair and Carnival
Downtown and at Myrtle Creek Elks Lodge
- 31 • Trick or Treat Yoncalla
NDBetterment.org
- 31 • Haunted City Hall Trick-or-Treat
Downtown Oakland

November

- 11 • VETERAN'S DAY

- 11 • 68th Annual Veteran's Day Parade
Downtown Roseburg Time TBD
- 18 • Annual Sip and Stroll Wine Walk
Downtown Oakland
- 23 • Happy Thanksgiving
- 23 • Myrtle Creek Lions FREE Thanksgiving Dinner
Myrtle Creek Lions from 11am-3pm
- 24,25 • ODPW Free Fishing Weekend
Douglas County 115
- 24-26 • Art & Wine Weekend
Elkton Community Education Center
541-584-2692
- 24,25 • Thanksgiving Open House
Henry Estate Winery • 541-459-5120
www.HenryEstate.com
- 25 • Shop Small Business Saturday
Support your favorite, local small business
- 26 • Douglas County Tree Lighting
In front of the Roseburg Courthouse - 6pm
- Nov 30-Dec 3 • Festival of Trees 2023
Sponsored by Mercy Foundation
Ticket info: mercygiving.org or call 541-677-4818
- Nov 30-Dec 27 • Miracle on 34th Street
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December

- 1,2 • Reedsport Holiday Arts Festival
cityofreedsport.org
- 1-3 • Christmas Craft Fair
Douglas County Fairgrounds 541-957-7010
- 2 • Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade
Riverbend Park, Winston
wdfassociation.org
- 2 • Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling with Santa
Downtown Oakland, OR
- 2 • Sutherlin Tree Lighting - Central Park
www.visitsutherlin.com
- 2 • Grand Illumination Christmas Tree Lighting
Myrtle Creek facebook.com/97457NWE
- 2-16 • Winter Festival - Drain
facebook/DrainChamberOfCommerce
- 3 • Christmas Tree Lighting in Drain
facebook/DrainChamberOfCommerce
- 9 • Winston Christmas Ball
facebook/DrainChamberOfCommerce
- 9 • DR Johnson Memorial Timber Truckers Parade
Riddle to Myrtle Creek 6-8pm
facebook.com/97457NWE
- 16 • Holiday Celebration Tea
Historic Washington School, Oakland
- 16 • Sutherlin Timber Town Toyland Electric Light Parade
Central Avenue, Sutherlin www.visitsutherlin.com


More December events in our Winter Issue!

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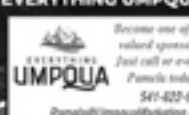
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Business Matters

Oregon Minimum Wage Has Increased Again

As usual, Commissioner Stephenson announced new minimum wage rates back in April of 2023. As of July 1st, 2023, Oregon minimum wage is \$14.20 per hour (standard minimum wage rate).

Other wage rates for special locations in Oregon have also increased as follows:

Portland Metro Minimum Wage: \$15.45 per hour

Non-Urban Minimum Wage: \$13.20 per hour

Under Oregon law, Oregon minimum wage will update each year, and each year such update will be calculated and an-

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Breaking Down the OFLA & Paid Leave Oregon

With Paid Leave Oregon benefits beginning on September 3, 2023, the Oregon Employment Department and the Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries have published a fact sheet to help navigate questions.

Set to answer common questions the fact sheet will cover the interaction between leave taken under Paid Leave Oregon and leave taken under the Oregon Family Leave Act ("OFLA"). Although Senate Bill 999, which amended both Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA, attempted to bring these two leave laws into alignment, there is still tension between the two laws.

Generally, employees are eligible to take 16 (or up to 18 weeks) of total leave—including both unpaid OFLA leave and paid leave taken under Paid Leave Oregon, during a Paid Leave Oregon benefit year. Additionally, if an employee's reason for leave qualifies under both Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA, the leave must be taken concurrently. However, employers may not require that their employees apply for Paid Leave Oregon benefits.

In a nutshell, this means that OFLA leave taken prior to an employee beginning their Paid Leave Oregon benefit year will not reduce the amount of leave under Paid Leave Oregon they may be eligible to take. Similarly, OFLA leave taken before September 3, 2023, will not reduce the amount of leave under Paid Leave Oregon available.

However, assuming that the employer's Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA benefit years are aligned, this potential for "stacking" is eliminated if an employee chooses to apply for and take Paid Leave Oregon first or concurrently with OFLA. But if an employee's reason for leave qualifies under both Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA, and the employee decides not to apply for Paid Leave Oregon benefits at the outset, then that employee is entitled to exhaust their OFLA leave (for up to 36 weeks of protected leave) and subsequently apply for Paid Leave Oregon (for up to 14 weeks of protected leave).

Now, if an employee's reason for leave qualifies under both Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA, but the employee does decide to apply for Paid Leave Oregon benefits at the outset, then that employee will concurrently exhaust their Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA leave and may take up to a maximum of 14 weeks of paid leave under Paid Leave Oregon and up to an additional four weeks of unpaid OFLA leave during the same benefit year.

On top of that, the fact sheet notes that, while OFLA permits an employer to require an employee to take parental leave all at once, Paid Leave Oregon allows parental leave to be taken intermittently. Accordingly, employers must allow employees using Paid Leave Oregon to take parental leave intermittently so long as they take time off in full day increments.

Dollar General in Yoncalla

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their urban stores, often within blocks of each other, Dollar general has no problem opening in the smallest or sparsest of counties. In rural parts of the country, as many as nearly half of Dollar General's stores are located in counties with less than 100 people per square mile. Due to the low overhead of the stores, it allows them to open up where no one else can. The stores sell little-to-no produce and hire few workers.

But dollar stores are also seeing some pushback from residents and neighbors nearby. At least 75 communities have rejected dollar stores since 2019. Advocacy groups believe the chains hurt communities in several ways, including pushing out grocers, creating dangerous workplaces with thin staff and exacerbating food deserts. Forcing out mom-and-pop stores. Providing fewer jobs while paying less. Harming public health. These are just a few problems attributed to dollar stores.

According to critics, stripping communities of wealth while offering little-to-no fresh food and giving back dangerous, low-paying jobs is the legacy that accompanies these establishments.

In separate statements, Dollar General and Family Dollar said their stores are compliments to grocers. Dollar General added, these types of bans only hurt customers who can rely on these stores to stretch budgets already squeezed by inflation.

It's true that plenty of shoppers love dollar store brands. And when it comes to the public health and economic consequences of the chains, some researchers say there isn't enough evidence yet to justify the villain label. Some believe the stores could even benefit rural shoppers who have few nearby alternatives for buying necessities.

So why does the dollar store expansion

seem to wear so heavily on the grocery store when there are plenty of worries for independent grocery stores. Trouble finding workers and fewer customers in shrinking small towns is enough of a problem.

In rural Kansas, grocery store owners labeled the dollar stores as the top challenge alongside competition from supermarkets in a 2021 survey. Some grocers said a dollar store opening nearby could cause a 20-to-30% drop in sales, a catastrophic decline when profit margins can be as little as 1-to-2%.

The risk of dollar chains closing grocers is about more than communities losing another business, according to Erica Blair, program manager for Kansas State University's Rural Grocery Initiative, which conducted the survey. Grocers often act as town anchors and gathering spots. Owners invest in the community, and money spent at independent grocers circulates back through the local economy. There's also the fresh produce that's rare-to-nonexistent in many dollar stores. In other words, a dollar store is no substitute for a grocer.

Dollar stores aren't winning the free market game over grocers. Instead they take unfair advantage of using their market size to negotiate better deals than small businesses receive. That Kansas Report says they often provide "cheater" sizes exclusively to dollar stores. These products look the same as the ones sold by grocers, just slightly smaller. For example, a Snickers at a dollar store could weigh two ounces less than those sold at a grocery store. While it might be priced cheaper at the dollar store, it might actually be more expensive per ounce.

Beyond what the stores sell inside, dollar store brands also provide fewer jobs and tax

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Hot Tea	2.00	2.50	3.00
Hot Chai	4.50	5.00	6.00
Breakfast Burrito			8.00
Breakfast Sandwich			6.50
Biscuits & Gravy	5.00		7.50

Cold

Milkshakes			7.00
Malts			7.50
Smoothies	5.50		7.00
Italian Soda	4.25		5.25
Root Beer Float			4.50
Frappuccino	5.00		6.00
Blended Chai	5.50		6.00
Iced Red Bull	5.50		6.50
Soft Drink	1.50		2.25
Ice Tea	1.50		2.25
Orange Juice			3.00
Bottled Water			1.50

Desserts

Soft Ice Cream	3.00		4.00
Soft Yogurt	3.00		4.00
Ice Cream Cone	3.00		4.00
Waffle Cone	3.00		4.00
Cookie - Big			3.00
Cookie - Small			.75
Rice Crispy Treat			3.00
Mini Banana Bread			4.00
Mini Pumpkin Bread			4.00
Raised Donut			1.50
Cake Donut			1.00
Danish			2.00
Brownies			3.00
Pies, 5 inch			7.95

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October Crossword Puzzle

- Across**
- Peter I, for one
 - Border plant
 - Call to a mate
 - Altar locale
 - Gibson garnish
 - Ice cream treat
 - Quarterback's option
 - Girdler material
 - Comedienne Imogene
 - "Halt!"
 - Verse of four measures
 - Show fear
 - Dead letters?
 - Kind of cord
 - Chill out
 - Unrefined
 - Energize (with "up")
 - Block
 - Hourly charge
 - Stake
 - Look after
 - Chowed down
 - Neglected boy
 - Abstain
 - From the age of chivalry
 - Plow's trail
 - "Gosh!"
 - Heart line
 - Smelly pranks
 - Desire
 - Fashion designer Chanel
 - Circa
 - Showy flower



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| 58. Unpleasant emanation | 9. Darkroom apparatus | 35. Tex-Mex staple |
| 59. Hangman's knot | 10. Click the OK button | 40. Nerdy one |
| 60. Air show stunt | 11. Knee-slapper | 41. PETA peeve |
| 61. Strengthen, with "up" | 12. Enough, for some | 43. Slight, in a way |
| 62. Dissuade | 13. Academic period | 44. Encourage |
| 63. Kitty starter | 22. Personal air | 46. Bullying, e.g. |
| | 24. Is no longer | 47. Kilt wearer |
| Down | 26. "Beat it!" | 48. Type of list |
| 1. Last call? | 27. Go on and on | 49. Desktop feature |
| 2. Cross words | 28. Watch | 50. Double-reed instrument |
| 3. Kind of press | 29. Square | 51. Kind of court |
| 4. Answer | 30. Mental lapse | 53. Congeal |
| 5. Inexpensive lodging | 31. Ballroom dance | 54. Hoopla |
| 6. Script direction | 34. Buddhist leader | |
| 7. South Beach, for one | 37. Range of frequencies | |
| 8. Suffix with theater | | |

Ring of Fire Eclipse in Oregon.



it's safe to look with unprotected eyes. In 2017 the disc of the moon was bigger than the sun. That's what created totality for 2 minutes. In October 2023 the disc of the moon will be smaller than the disc of the sun by about 6%, and people will be able to see the Ring of Fire for a full 4 minutes in the path of totality. The sky will get dark but not fully as dark as in 2017. Animals will get quieter and you'll be able to see shadows of trees and other landscape elements.

You'll get to see the sun appear as a thin ring, almost but not completely eclipsed by the moon. Annularity happens when the moon is at its furthest point from the Earth and passes between the Earth and the sun. The moon essentially appears smaller than the sun, causing the visible ring of light around it.

Wherever you are, make sure to protect your eyes while viewing with eclipse glasses and follow these tips on how to view a solar eclipse safely. Eclipse glasses are available for purchase at the OMSI Science Store, or stop by a Travel Oregon Welcome Center between Oct. 1 and Oct. 14 to pick up a free pair (while supplies last). During the annular phase, the sun shines brightly enough to damage your eyes if you view it without a protective filter. Use only an approved solar filter that blocks dangerous ultraviolet and infrared radiation as well as visible light.

The centerline of the eclipse will enter the U.S. in Oregon around Reedsport at approximately 8:05am PDT, with annularity beginning in that location at about 9:15am PDT. When it first touches U.S. soil on the coast on Saturday morning, having left the Pacific Ocean only about 5 minutes earlier, the eclipse will be very low in the sky. At only about five degrees above the horizon at the start of the partial phase and about 17 degrees during annularity, observers will need to find a location free of tall buildings, trees, and terrain in the direction of the Sun. Oregon's beaches will likely be a popular gathering spot within the 137-mile-wide path of annularity, but remember that the

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Sun will be rising in the east, not over the water. The maritime climate along the coast could also produce morning clouds and fog that might obscure the view.

For the area around Drain, annularity will occur around 9:16:29 am local time. The speed of the shadow at that time is around 6,913mph. The shadow will last about 4 minutes and 26 seconds. The moon's shadow will complete passage there at about 9:20:54 and the speed of the shadow will have diminished to about 4,670mph.

Better weather might be found farther inland in the valleys beyond the Coast Range, but even there morning fog might be a problem. Drain happens to be located just north of the centerline of the eclipse path, with annularity lasting for about 3 minutes and 55 seconds in the downtown area. Interstate 5 crosses the entire width of the eclipse path between the Coast Range and the Cascades.

Crater Lake National Park might be an appropriate place to view an eclipse and it's located relatively close to the centerline. If you decide to view the eclipse from here or anywhere else in the cloud-prone Cascades, make sure to check short-term weather forecasts in the days before the eclipse. Don't forget, it often snows here in October.

Beyond the Cascades, the path of annularity descends down into Oregon's high desert, which promises a relatively good possibility of favorable eclipse-watching weather. Klamath Falls is located between the centerline and the western edge of the eclipse path, with annularity lasting for about 3 minutes and 23 seconds in the downtown area.

The centerline of the eclipse exits the state at approximately 10:44am PDT, with annularity coming to an end in that location at about 9:23am PDT. From the Pacific Ocean to the Oregon-Nevada border, the Moon's shadow travels approximately 276 miles along the centerline in 3 minutes and 18 seconds at an average speed of 5,025 miles per hour.

If you have a newsworthy item to share with the Herald, you can send text and Photos to news@ndherald.com


Budget-Friendly Gardening Hacks

(Family Features) Gardening can be a simple way to beautify your yard, relieve stress and save money on your grocery bill, but like any hobby, you can get carried away buying necessary equipment. Fun, frugal and environmentally friendly, these tricks can help you create a cost-effective garden:

- Use a yardstick and permanent marker to mark inches and feet on the handle of your rake, shovel or hoe. The next time you plant, simply lay the marked handle along the row to create perfectly spaced holes for seeds.
- Line the bottom of a clay pot with a coffee filter to keep soil from leaking out the bottom.
- Use empty plastic water bottles or clear milk jugs to fill the bottom of large pots. They reduce the weight of the pot and require less soil to fill.
- To test your seeds to see if they're still viable for this planting season, place a wet paper towel inside a zip-top bag, drop in 3-4 seeds and wait a week to see if

anything grows.

- One way to help prevent weeds is lining your garden with a layer of newspaper. Just top two or three sheets of newsprint with a layer of pine needles, grass clippings or dried leaves for an eco-friendly and inexpensive weed barrier.
- Keep gardening twine handy. Nail a funnel to your potting bench with the spout pointing downward, feed the twine through and your string will never go missing. For a more portable solution, place a ball of twine inside a canning jar, make a hole in the lid and feed the end of the twine through the hole. Now, you can take twine anywhere, tangle-free.
- There is no need to buy expensive potting systems for starting seedlings. Place several cardboard toilet paper rolls inside a clean plastic clamshell, like those used for premade salads. Fill each cardboard tube with potting soil and plant. Once your seedlings grow too tall for the clamshell, simply tear off the top lid.



Good News Club

What is a Good News Club?

Good News Club® is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in which trained teachers meet with groups of children in schools, homes, community centers, churches, just about anywhere the children can easily and safely meet with their parent's permission.


As with all CEF ministries, the purpose of Good News Club® is to share the love of Jesus with the children and give them an opportunity to learn more about the Bible in a safe and fun way!

Specially trained Christians who are concerned for the well-being of your child teach the club. All club workers are screened as required by CEF's Child Protection Policy and thorough background check to ensure your child's safety.

Other Volunteers:
Sally Logan
Becky Greenman
Eric Reed
Alannah & Ashor Orr

For Your Information

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Elkton Good News Club Details

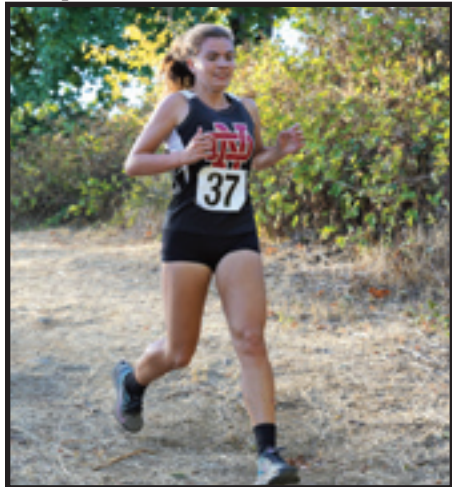
Day: Wednesdays when school is in session
Time: 2:15-3:15
Place: Elkton Bible Baptist Church
Beginning: October 11, 2023
Ending: May 15, 2024

Good News Club will be held at Elkton Bible Baptist Church. The Church bus will be used to transport children to and from the Club. Children will be returned to the school in time to ride the school bus home. If you have questions please call Betty Edwards 541-863-2562

School News

North Douglas HS Cross Country

Here's a few photos from the cross country meet in Oakland on September 3rd. North Douglas athletes are Wyatt Humphrey, Natalie Hescok and Marley Piscopo



We need your team and athlete photos and stats, please share. Send to: photos@ndherald.com or schoolnews@ndherald.com. By mail to: ND Herald, PO Box 581, Drain OR 97435.

High School Football is Back

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of #4 Hunter Vaughn carrying the ball and the War Eagles fighting it out with their opponent.

Well the season has begun and it's time for Football. Here are some game scores and October North Douglas HS Game schedule. Let's support our teams.

W 38-36 8/31/23 vs. Culver
W 54-37 9/8/23 @ Clatskanie
L 14-31 9/15/23 vs. Bandon / Pacific
L 34-60 9/23/23 @ Gold Beach

Scheduled
10/6/23 7pm @ Rogue River
10/13/23 7pm vs. Illinois Valley
10/20/23 7pm vs. Oakland @Yoncalla HS
10/27/23 7pm @ Reedsport

Elkton Elks HS Volleyball Game Scores & Schedule

W 3-0 8/25/23 vs. Prospect Charter
W 3-0 8/26/23 vs. Crow
W 3-0 9/5/23 vs. Crow
W 3-0 9/7/23 vs. Glendale
W 3-0 9/9/23 vs. Reedsport
L 0-3 9/9/23 vs. North Douglas
L 0-3 9/12/23 @ Myrtle Point
L 0-3 9/14/23 vs. Umpqua Valley Chr
L 1-3 9/19/23 vs. Days Creek
L 0-3 9/20/23 @ North Douglas
W 3-0 9/26/23 @ Milo Adventist Acad.

Scheduled
10/3/23 6pm vs. Camas Valley
10/5/23 6pm @ New Hope Christian
10/10/23 6pm @ Pacific
10/12/23 6pm @ Powers

Elkton Elks High School Football

We dont have photos this month but we are looking forward to them. Below are previous game scores and October Game schedule.

W 40-20 9/8/23 @ Days Creek
W Forfeit 9/15/23 vs. Gilchrist
W 47-12 9/22/23 vs. Glendale
Go Elks, they are hot this year. Come out and support your team.

Scheduled
10/6/23 3pm vs. Prospect Charter / Butte Falls
10/13/23 3pm vs. North Lake
10/20/23 3pm @ Powers
10/27/23 3pm vs. Alsea



North Douglas 4H Club would like to invite anyone interested in joining our club for the new 4H year, to an informational meeting.

The meeting will be on Saturday October 14, 2023 at 10:00 am the Drain Pool Building.

We will discuss what 4H is, what projects are available and the schedule for the new 4H year.

All youth ages 5 and up are welcome to join.

Ages 5-8 are Cloverbuds, 9 and above are regular 4H members.

Please bring all your questions.

Shari Fontana 661-706-2603

September Students of the Month

North Douglas Elementary and Middle Schools

Delilah Nelson, North Douglas Elementary 1st Grade September Student of the Month

Evelyn Ranor, North Douglas Middle School 6th Grade September Student of the Month



Delilah is kind, helpful, and prepared. She personifies what it means to be responsible and comes to school each and every day ready to learn. Delilah is helpful to others, and I can depend on her to always be working her hardest. – Miss Dooley

Evelyn is new to North Douglas and seems to be settling in nicely. Evelyn is extremely organized and takes great pride in the equality of her work. She is also quite the artist. Welcome Evelyn, so glad you are in my class.– Mrs. Shipley

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"Headstones and Hot Cocoa"

Author Shannon Applegate will read aloud from "Living Among Headstones" at this family-friendly event.

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Minimum Wage

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nounced no later than April 30th. The calculation is based on "any increase in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for All Urban Consumers for All Items from March of the preceding year to March of the year in which the calculation is made. This amount is required to be rounded to the nearest five cents" per the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

The minimum wage update comes as the second major wage update for the state of Oregon this year, the first being centered around agricultural overtime in Oregon, which stated that as of January 1st, 2023

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employers must start paying out overtime to agricultural workers that work 55 hours in one workweek. "Businesses should look at modern payroll solutions and software, as well as compliance services such as labor law poster subscriptions to ensure that they manage compliance. These types of updates to legislation are quite frequent in Oregon, so an adaptable solution that can keep up is crucial in order to avoid legal trouble," said the president of GNSA, Katharina Fink. Businesses looking for more information on Oregon payroll software or other questions regarding Oregon payroll laws and processing should contact GNSA today.

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Assembly of God
1008 Hayhurst Rd
541 849-2800
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225 Birch St
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Sunday Worship 10:45am

ELKTON

Elkton Bible Baptist Church
(541) 584-2808
420 2nd St
Sunday Worship 10am

If you would like to see your Church listed in the directory, please send email to: churchdirectory@ndherald.com. Or send US Mail to: ChurchDirectory North Douglas Herald PO Box 581 Drain OR 97435 Include: Name, address, phone & worship hours - 4 lines only.

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Obituary

In Memorial

Dennis Haldeman was born in McMinnville, Oregon to Roy and Velma Haldeman on April 29, 1933. He graduated from Drain High School in 1951. Dennis joined the airforce in 1953 and served our country for 4 years. On July 27, 1952, he married Eleanor Clark in Drain at the Methodist Church with the service performed by both the ministers of the

Church of Christ and the Methodist Church. They had 4 children, Mark, Greg, Janet and Julie. Dennis attended University of Oregon and then finished his education at OTI in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in machining. He enjoyed his family, golfing, and fishing. They enjoyed a lot of traveling. Passing away August 22, 2023, he is survived by his wife, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and many other close relatives. The memorial service was September 14, 2023, at the Willamette Memorial Garden in Portland, Oregon.

Barbara Joyce Perini was born April 4, 1934 in Cottage Grove, Oregon, to John Perini and Ina Gunter Perini. Barbara graduated from Drain High School as valedictorian of her class in 1951. She married Tommy Titus on November 27, 1954. They had 5 sons; their first son died in infancy, and she is survived by sons Tom, Terry, Tim and Todd. She was widowed in 2018. Barbara was devoted to her family. She raised a garden, canned and sewed, and she enjoyed making crafts. A memorial service was held in Eugene, September 23, 2023.

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66° 49°	66° 48°	67° 48°	65° 42°	70° 44°	70° 44°	67° 47°
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
68° 46°	70° 45°	69° 43°	66° 45°	67° 42°	67° 42°	64° 43°
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
66° 40°	60° 44°	63° 45°	65° 45°	67° 44°	66° 43°	65° 45°
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
64° 44°	63° 43°	65° 42°	63° 43°	63° 41°	62° 35°	54° 37°

Dollar General

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revenue. Smaller store footprints compared to dollar stores reduce property taxes and the chains get tax subsidies from some communities. Keeping prices and costs low means hiring fewer workers without as many hours.

Some stores may have just one employee punched in at a time. This type of understaffing creates the stores' notoriously messy aisles littered with unstocked merchandise boxes. Inspectors with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have found merchandise blocking fire extinguishers and tripping hazards regularly created by blocked aisles. For this, and other reasons, the agency has hit Dollar General for more than \$15 million in fines since 2017. These are a roadmap for the dangerous and tragic situations often read about in the news lately. Combine all of this with lax security, and it makes the stores a target for robberies and violence on staff and customers. It is noted here that Dollar General and Dollar Tree has not invested in even basic safety features or prevention.

So that was a lot to digest and I'm not sure what it means to us here around Yoncalla and in North Douglas or South Lane Counties. I know that, as a community, we would always like to have our choices and options open. We do want convenience and competitive pricing, as well as abundance in style and choices of goods. We don't want to live in a food desert and we want our establishments to respect our community, provide working wages and environments and be a worthwhile neighbor in the community.

Stay tuned till next month for part 2, where I will take a deep dive into some of the topics mentioned here and some information for consumers and neighbors to contemplate, regarding OSHA and Employee complaints, as well as more on security and in depth look at the effects on communities.

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