

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



Drain City Civic Center still a Source of Pride

Nearly 40 years of Community Service and going Strong

Story by Rusty Savage

The Civic Center located at 205 West "A" Avenue in Drain has been an iconic fixture for nearly 40 years, since 1985. Not only is it the home of the Mildred Whipple Branch of the North Douglas Library District but it has been central as a gathering place for a host of events, banquets, classes, workshops and meetings of every type.

Continued on Page 3

Drain's Food Place is Ray's Food Place

Right down on the main drag of Drain you will find the local grocery store. When I say local, I mean the only actual Grocery store anywhere around for miles. Yea, we've all heard about the dwindling grocery store phenomenon, You know, the small, family owned, often rural, grocer who has plenty of fresh produce, meats, a good selection of dry goods and staples as well as all the shelves full of the foods we love. Few and far between it appears. Not in the urban markets though, it's a different problem there. Corporate Grocers are looking to take over those markets and

Continued on Page 11



November Holidays **Veterans Day** November 11 **Thanksgiving** November 23

Editorial.....	3
City Desk.....	5
Community....	6
Rural.....	10
Veterans.....	10
Business.....	11
Crossword.....	12
School News..	13
Travel.....	14
Entertainment..	14
Vital Statistics..	14
Classifieds.....	15
Weather.....	15

North Douglas Elementary Middle Schools Annual Jog-A-Thon Friday, October 6th, 2023

Students of NDEMS were excited to participate in this years Jog-A-Thon. Not only for the exercise and competition, but also excited to boost funds which support positive student activities.

Pictured are, counter clockwise from bottom left, Bear Taylor, Sam Spurlock, Malachi Spurlock, William Alcantar, Kellen Colley, Isabelle Cobb, Grayson Raymond, Wyatt Ward, Addie Jurasevich and Oeste LeHolm.



Support our Advertisers - They make the North Douglas Herald Possible



*We have moved from our
old location - Around the
corner, down 1/2 Block*



Free Haircuts for Veterans on November 11th

HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 1 ish

Closed Sunday Monday

122 West "C" Ave, Drain Oregon

The North Douglas Herald Newspaper is published once a month in Drain Oregon. The North Douglas Herald is owned and operated by Oregonians, published and printed in the State of Oregon. It is our mission to bring the news and information that our Readers will find pertinent, useful and with some insight to our common values and sensibilities.

Total Print run of the Herald is currently 3500 issues. Subscriptions are currently at 2605. Subscriptions are free to Douglas county and Lane county residents. Out of County Subscriptions are \$7.50 for 6 months and \$12.00 per year. Subscriptions can be obtained on-line at:

www.ndherald.com/subs.html

Free Classifieds for Lane and Douglas county residents can be entered at:

www.ndherald.com/classifieds.html

To submit Photos, Recipes, Jokes, Cartoons, artwork and the like:

send email to editor@ndherald.com

All online submissions can be sent and delivered to the any one of the following departments:

editor@ndherald.com
submissions@ndherald.com
schoolnews@ndherald.com
classifieds@ndherald.com
reports@ndherald.com
churchdirectory@ndherald.com
citydesk@ndherald.com
news@ndherald.com
vitalstatistics@ndherald.com

If you would like to receive a bundle of newspapers to distribute to your customers or visitors to your location, please go to:

www.ndherald.com/locations.html

If you see breaking news or if you have a news report, you can email to news@ndherald.com. Any photo attachments should be in .jpg or .pdf format.

North Douglas Herald
PO Box 581
Drain Or 97435
541 221-3283
www.ndherald.com

November 1st, 2023
Volume 1, Issue #3
Total Circulation 3500
Mailing Circulation 2639

Editorial

by Rusty Savage

So that's what happens at the end of a month of talking and learning and listening and watching what is going on all around me. It buzzes around in my head and I struggle to organize and balance out all the data. Like the ripples in the pond when it rains. The rings undulate out and collide until they wash over each other and creates the patterns that eventually settle down. Acceptance is not always understanding, but it is natural progress.

Hard to believe that Christmas is bearing down on us. Wasn't it just the Fourth of July the other day? I got a load of wood in though and the cold and rain can try to get me if they want, but I'm ready for them. Thinking about Christmas, I get a warm feeling, thinking about family, kids and grandkids. It just goes around too fast, the season of giving, celebrating Faith and the promise of a new year. Getting ready for the big day, and it always seems to come to soon and go too fast. And then it's around the corner again before you know it. Oh well, it's a journey, they say.

November is a month of a couple of important holidays. Of course, Thanksgiving is a major shindig, no doubts about that. Some of us prepare for weeks or more with a big ol' turkey and all the fixin's and desserts. And there's football and naps, don't forget all the family and maybe there is a roadtrip involved too. Yea that's Thanksgiving.

But the other biggie is Veterans Day. Being a Veteran, it's good to see a day set aside to celebrate

"The man who does not read, has no advantage over the man, who cannot read"
- Mark Twain

and to be proud of your service. But I don't really think that is the point of Veterans Day. Yes, we honor the service of our Military Veterans on Veteran's Day. Maybe remembering that honor every day is not as easy as it would seem. Honoring the premise that a man, or a woman, for the love of their country would willingly give the full measure of their life, in theory and in essence, in service as needed by their Country. For those who have done just that and given some or all for this Country, they deserve our honor and we set aside one day to represent how we feel about the Veteran everyday. Parades for Veterans Day, that's a procession that marches right into our national pride. It's simple. You like your freedom? Thank a Veteran.

I hope that you enjoy the November issue. There is more I would have liked to have done. More that I could have written about and more that I would have liked to cover and report for you. I know there is more that you want to know and to find out about. So, it is for certain that I will be on the hunt for news to bring you. I'm also anxious to hear from you, do you have something to report? An observation or want to know the answer? Shoot me a kite to the Editor, I'll let everyone know what's on your mind.

That's is about it for this month. Don't forget, if a free newspaper is worthwhile, thank one of our Advertisers. Our Advertisers make it all possible, they support the newspaper being free so let's support them. Whenever you can, Shop Local.

Drain Civic Center

Continued from Front Page

It is very obvious that the Civic Center and the Mildred Whipple branch of the North Douglas Library District has many active supporters.

The history of our local library and a gathering place for the citizenry goes back 90 years or more.

The City of Drain has worked to help citizens reach for improvements and a comfortable style of living. By the same token, it is evident that citizens of Drain have contributed an extra measure of enthusiasm and no fear of investing sweat equity to achieve greater comfort and to elevate our residents general state of affairs.

On page 9 you will find a synopsis of the history and efforts that culminated in the Civic Center & Library that we have today.

The common thread that you find when looking through that history, is the passion of the individuals that brought the dreams to life. In spite of the conditions and circumstance, even the passage of time, they did whatever they could to see it through.

These dedicated and persistent citizens sought out the institutions and committees that would allow them access to City government. By the sheer momentum of their efforts and sincerity of purpose, citizen advocates made their common causes a part of the fabric of the community.

Looking back at the growth and community causes that defined the character of the little city of Drain, it's obvious that the grassroots here run deep. The City of Drain had a reputation of City officials and citizens working hand in hand to accomplish the furtherance of the communities well being.

In 1985, when the Civic Center was completed, the Civic Center Advisory Committee was created to guide, forecast and network with city officials to ensure that the focus and intentions of the Center would be serving the public at its best.

The advisory committee has been filled with individuals who are committed and forward thinking. They are focused on the minutia as well as the big picture.

In fact it had been a tradition for City government to really rely on these committees and boards to do the heavy lifting and provide the City with needed data and observations.

Besides the Civic Center Committee there is a Cemetery Committee that works in much the same way and in fact, that committees' efforts have a huge impact on the appearance and overall operation to cultivate and care for the Drain cemetery.

It's in light of these dedicated folks who give so much of their time and effort to hold stewardship over these public resources, that I am surprised to find the Drain City Council wants to eliminate the Citizen Committees for the Civic Center and the Cemetery.

There has been, now, several council meetings that has set forth efforts to do just that. At each of these meetings there has been a parade of citizens pleading and editorizing on the advantages and the need for these Citizen Committees as well as a tradition of Citizen involvement in our city government.

After a council vote in October it appeared that the committees were disbanded. It turns out that the decision wasn't final and there may be some sort of last gasp chance that this isn't a done deal. I haven't heard a good reason yet as to why these are being cut out. If you have an opinion, there is a council meeting on November 13th. Come down and express your opinion, or get informed.

Ann Campbell is one of our citizen advocates, she is on the Cemetery Committee. Below is the letter she read at the last Council meeting. I thought it was pretty compelling, what do you think?

Civic Center Meeting

My name is Anne Campbell and I'm a resident of Drain. I am also the chair of the Cemetery Committee. I am here to say that I was extremely disappointed that the city council voted to dissolve the Civic Center committee last week. This committee was created decades ago, when the civic leaders at that time felt it important that the citizens be given a voice in how their community center, the building that they themselves raised the funds for, was managed. The committee has been a very valuable source of information, offering suggestions and ideas to the city, and they deserved much better. The fact that this city council asked for public opinion on the matter, which by the way was 100% in favor of retaining the committee for four straight meetings, and still voted against it, is suspicious, secretive and a little sketchy. The cemetery committee faced the same fate, but was granted a work session to hammer out a new resolution. The chair of the Civic Center committee, Candy Vickery, asked for the same courtesy: a work session and a postponement of the vote until it could be discussed between committee members and council members, and the city council responded with silence, followed by a motion to dissolve the committee. There was no discussion. In addition, after the meeting, a city council member told Candy that she had been told that Candy was contacted five times asking for a work session. Chairperson Vickery stated that this did not happen. Why was this lie told to council members?

It appears that with the secrecy and dishonesty, there may be an ulterior motive to eliminating the committee. Does the city have other plans for the building and its use? Do they not want the committee to be aware of the plans?

It's hard to believe that this act was done solely in order to make things run more efficiently, as was stated by council. Council has also stated that the committee can still function, just as a volunteer committee and not be backed by the city. They will even give them a permanent place on the city council meeting agendas. But if they aren't listening to them now, as a city sponsored civic committee, why should committee members believe they would listen to them or value them as a volunteer committee?

In my opinion, the city has just thrown away a core group of civically active volunteers, and instead, has created a core group of civically active watch dogs. We all love our community and want to serve, and that is why we have to hold each and every member of our city government accountable for the decisions that they make that affect our community. Especially when they ask for public comment on an issue, receive dozens of comments at four straight months of council meetings, all of the same opinion, and they still vote the opposite.

Letters from the Librarian

"It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon."
— Sarah Addison Allen



It's getting pretty crisp out there.... I hope you're cozy and stocked up on books! In reading jargon, we call that stack of goodness a "TBR," or "to be read" pile.

It can never be too diverse nor too tall. Sometimes we have reading moods, and we might need choices. Sometimes we are about the finish the second in a series, and it's late Saturday afternoon, with the library not open again until (gasp) Tuesday, so that next book in the stack is a necessity!

November is for cookbooks and gatherings and gratitude. Are you a cookbook fan? Some of us love a chatty cookbook, in which we learn about the life and times of its author. Some of us want to skip right

to the recipe. Either way, the library is a great resource to try a new recipe or a new cuisine altogether. As of this writing there are 522 cookbooks in the Mildred Whipple Library Catalog, and hundreds more available through reciprocal borrowing. Of course, I'm partial to some of our book-based selections. Eat second breakfast like a hobbit? Attend a tea party like Alice in Wonderland or explore the hearty offerings of Outlander? All of these fictional worlds and many more are represented in the collection.

Oh! And while we are talking about cooking, the library is cooking up a big celebration for its fifth birthday this month. The North Douglas Library District opened its doors in November of 2018. We're so grateful for all of you and our community. Please join us November 10th and 11th to celebrate.

Miriam Sisson, Director
Mildred Whipple Library, North Douglas
Library District
ndld.org
541-836-2648



DRAIN, OR CHRISTMAS *Extravagana*



Events:

- December 2nd- Tree Lighting*
- December 2nd & 3rd - Train Show at Civic Center*
- December 9th - Christmas Parade*
- December 10th - Live Nativity*
- December 16th - Free Gingerbread House
& Pics with Santa*

Events. Courtesy of the Drain Chamber of Commerce



City Desk

Drain Demographic Data

Population in 2021: 1,186 (0% urban, 100% rural)

Population change since 2000: +16.2%
Males: 575 (48.5%) Females: 611 (51.5%)

Median resident age: 50.7 years Oregon median age: 40.1 years Zip codes: 97435.

Estimated median household income in 2021: \$52,294 (it was \$27,833 in 2000)
Drain: \$52,294 OR: \$71,562

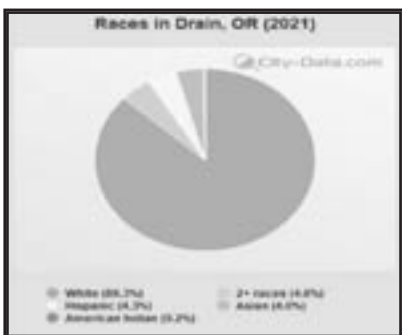
Estimated per capita income in 2021: \$24,996 (it was \$13,810 in 2000)

Drain city income, earnings, and wages data Estimated median house or condo value in 2021: \$232,000 (it was \$91,300 in 2000)
Drain: \$232,000 OR: \$422,700

Mean prices in 2021:
all housing units: \$225,913; detached houses: \$273,890; mobile homes: \$94,735 Median gross rent in 2021: \$845. March 2022 cost of living index in Drain: 88.5 (less than average, U.S. average is 100)

Drain, OR residents, houses, and apartments details

Percentage of residents living in poverty in 2021: 16.2% (16.8% for White Non-Hispanic residents, 18.8% for Hispanic or Latino residents, 100.0% for American Indian residents, 17.6% for two or more races residents)



51 residents are foreign born (2.2% North America, 2.1% Asia). This city: 4.3% Oregon: 9.8%

Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2021: \$1,580 (0.7%)

Nearest city with pop. 50,000+: Eugene, OR (29.2 miles , pop. 137,893).

Nearest city with pop. 200,000+: Northwest Clackamas, OR (124.8 miles , pop. 224,220).

Nearest city with pop. 1,000,000+: Los Angeles, CA (713.4 miles , pop. 3,694,820).

Nearest cities:
Yoncalla, OR (8 miles), Elkton, OR (14 miles),
Oakland, OR (19 miles),
Cottage Grove, OR (21 miles),
Sutherlin, OR (23 miles),
Roseburg, OR (34 miles),
Springfield, OR (37 miles),

Latitude: 43.66 N, Longitude: 123.31 W

“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

Oregon joins FTC lawsuit to break up Amazon

Antitrust lawsuit alleges that Amazon maintains a monopoly at the expense of small businesses

Story by Scooter Brown

October 16, 2023 Oregon and 16 other states have joined the Federal Trade Commission in its lawsuit to break up the online retail giant Amazon. Amazon is charged with illegally maintaining a monopoly, according to the antitrust suit the FTC has brought against the behemoth.

The FTC and 17 state attorneys general allege that the online retail and technology company is a monopolist that uses a set of interlocking anticompetitive and unfair strategies to illegally maintain its monopoly power. The FTC and its state partners say Amazon’s actions allow it to stop rivals and sellers from lowering prices, degrade quality for shoppers, overcharge sellers, stifle innovation, and prevent rivals from fairly competing against Amazon.

The complaint claims Amazon violates the law not because it is big, but because it engages in a course of exclusionary conduct that prevents current competitors from growing and new competitors from emerging. By stifling competition on price, product selection, quality, and by preventing its current or future rivals from attracting a critical mass of shoppers and sellers, Amazon ensures that no current or future rival can threaten its dominance. Amazon’s far-reaching schemes impact hundreds of billions of dollars in retail sales every year, touch hundreds of thousands of products sold by businesses big and small and affect over a hundred million shoppers.

The FTC and states allege Amazon’s anticompetitive conduct occurs in two markets—the online superstore market that serves shoppers and the market for online marketplace services purchased by sellers. These tactics include:

1. Anti-discounting measures

that punish sellers and deter other online retailers from offering prices lower than Amazon, keeping prices higher for products across the internet. For example, if Amazon discovers that a seller is offering lower-priced goods elsewhere, Amazon can bury those discounting sellers so far down in Amazon’s search results that they become effectively invisible.

2. Conditioning sellers’ ability to obtain “Prime” eligibility for their products—a virtual necessity for doing business on Amazon—on sellers using Amazon’s costly fulfillment service, which has made it substantially more expensive for sellers on Amazon to also offer their products on other platforms. This unlawful coercion has in turn limited competitors’ ability to effectively compete against Amazon.

3. Amazon’s illegal, exclusionary conduct makes it impossible for competitors to gain a foothold. With its amassed power across both the online superstore market and online marketplace services market, Amazon extracts enormous monopoly rents from everyone within its reach. This includes:

4. Degrading the customer experience by replacing relevant, organic search results with paid advertisements—and deliberately increasing junk ads that worsen search quality and frustrate both shoppers seeking products and sellers who are promised a return on their advertising purchase.

5. Biasing Amazon’s search results to preference Amazon’s own products over ones that Amazon knows are of better quality.

6. Charging costly fees on the hundreds of thousands of sellers

Continued on page 6

Local TOPS Chapter Celebrates 60 Years

Thanks to Kathy Finley

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is an international organization that is celebrating 75 years. It was started by a woman looking for support in weight loss by encouraging gathering with likeminded people. Her name was Esther Manz. She believed that encouragement and accountability were the keys to success. The organization is all about supporting those folks interested in getting and staying healthy by making smart changes in their eating habits. While it doesn’t promote specific weight loss plans it does encourage plans that provide a nutritious and balanced eating plan.

Chapter 0181 was started by Arlene Ammons of Elkton. Yes, THAT Arlene, that had the restaurant! She was famous for her pies and used to joke that she would “fatten em up” downstairs then

send them upstairs to join TOPS. Arlene had heard about the TOPS organization and wanted to provide one locally. The group began on November 4, 1963, and when it outgrew Arlene’s place in Elkton, the chapter moved to Drain where it has been ever since.

This is a very successful Chapter that boasts KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) members that have met their weight goals and kept them from as little as one year and one member for 30 plus years and everything in between. The Chapter merged with the Yoncalla group some years ago and continues to serve all of North County.

An open house to mark the occasion is scheduled for Monday November 20th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Church of Christ Annex in Drain. Light refreshments will be served.

Government

Know who your 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:
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**

State & Federal

Oregon House Representative:
District 02: **Virgle Osborne**

Oregon State Senator:
District 1: **David Brock Smith**

U.S. Senate Oregon:
Jeff Merkley
Ron Wyden

U.S House of Representatives:
District 4: **Val Hoyle**

Secretary of State: **LaVonne Griffin-Valade**
Attorney General: **Ellen Rosenblum**
Governor: **Tina Kotek**

It is important to know your representation in your State, Districts and Municipalities. REMEMBER it is vital to your freedoms to vote.

If you would like to have your own towns municipal officers listed please send title & names only to citydesk@ndherald.com



Community Pages

Protecting Children in a Digital Age

Keeping a watchful eye on your kids requires an increasing level of tech savvy many parents find intimidating. Not only are your kids vulnerable to bad actors online, but your family's personal information could be at risk, as well.

Learn how to protect your children and family in this digital age with these tips:

Elementary-Age Children

* Encourage open communication. Have conversations about what your kids see and do online and talk with them about potential dangers. Avoid lecturing in favor of an open exchange of information.

* Make their inherent interest in privacy work in your favor. Kids in this age group, particularly toward the middle school years, understand the concept of privacy and value it immensely. Use that context to help them understand what goes online is there to stay. Talk about what kinds of information should always be kept private, including identifying details like addresses and social security numbers.

* Stay on alert. Not all apps are completely safe (even the ones you can access from trusted stores) and not all filters are foolproof. Keep close tabs on what your kids are downloading by reading comments and reviews, and regularly monitoring what kind of content they see.

Middle School and High School Kids

* Continue talking about privacy. You can never have too many conversations about privacy. What seems like harmless sharing on social media can be quite revealing. For example, frequent posts about visits to a favorite store or restaurant can allow a predator to begin tracking behavior patterns that make your child a target. It's also important for kids to understand how their privacy settings work. For example, settings that allow exposure to friends of friends make their visibility to strangers much broader than they may realize.

* Help manage their online reputation. Behaviors that once resulted in a day or two of hallway chatter can now live forever. Documenting mischief online is only fun until it spills over into real life and everyone sees those mistakes in full color - including prospective future employers.

* Be clear about your position on bullying. From the safe distance of a screen, it's easier for kids (and adults) to say things they'd never say in person. Teach your kids to handle problems constructively offline and avoid engaging in attacks on others through social media, email and other platforms.

College Students

* Reinforce the risks. Once they're on their own, kids may feel more liberated to make their own choices online. However, college students are easy prey for identity theft and worse. Remind them what's at stake if they fail to protect their identity and private information, like where they live and what they do on a regular basis.

* Teach smart practices. With all the independence that comes with college life, this is an ideal time for your student to take personal responsibility for his or her online security, including learning about virus protection, updating software, avoiding scams and backing up data.

If you're looking for more practical advice for everyday family matters, visit eLivingtoday.com.

Special Project Award For Reedsport Main Street Program

October 6, 2023 - Independence

The Oregon Main Street Conference on October 6th, gave a Special Project Award to the Reedsport Main Street Program for the Excellence on Main Program Award. The Special Project award is given to an activity or program that impactfully addresses specific goals or priorities of the local main street organization.

The Excellence on Main awards were created in 2010 to honor outstanding accomplishments, activities and people making a difference in historic downtowns and traditional commercial neighborhoods across the state. This year a total of 9 projects, activities, and people were recognized.

Reedsport City Manager, Deanna Schafer said, "We would like to thank Oregon Main

Street for the recognition and thank our Reedsport community for their support."

The project event was hosted as a progressive dinner of four meal courses held on May 5th 2023 and designed to engage participants with the community and communicate plans for the coming year. Each course served at 4 different business locations, with accompanying presentations highlighting Reedsport's Main Street's history, accomplishments and upcoming projects. This allowed participants to connect with business owners and learn about the program, while increasing foot traffic into downtown.

Rosa Solano, Main Street Director, stated, "We found ourselves trying to find ways to reconnect with our community and rebuild our volunteer programs". "We knew

we needed to be innovative in our approach and what better way than to bring it to the heart of our organization, our community businesses."



Aviva Health is excited to host the second Town Hall meeting at the Drain Civic Center on November 14th.

Enjoy a complimentary dinner and participate in a discussion about the health care needs of people living in Drain and the surrounding communities. Community members who join us will have the chance to win a \$50 Grocery Outlet gift card. Two winners will be randomly chosen.

DETAILS

Who: Residents of Drain and surrounding communities

What: Aviva Health North County Town Hall

When: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Drain Civic Center, 205 W. A Ave., Drain, 97435

Why: To share information about Aviva Health services in Drain and have an open discussion with the community about area needs

AGENDA

6:15-6:30: Doors open

6:30-7:00: Welcome and complimentary community dinner

7:00-7:25: Introduction of Aviva Health staff and brief presentation

7:25-7:55: Comments and questions from community members

7:55-8:00: Raffle drawing and closing remarks

Two Car Crash near Elkton Results in DUII

October 3, 2023 - Elkton

OSP reported a two vehicle crash, at 6:15 p.m. on October 3rd, on Highway 38 about two and a half miles east of Elkton. Both vehicles required to be towed from the accident scene.

The driver of a pickup was injured in the accident and was taken to CHI Mercy Health Mercy Medical Center by ambulance. After showing signs of intoxication, a search warrant was issued for a blood sample from the injured driver.

30-year old Brent Jones was charged with DUII, reckless driving, and three counts recklessly endangering another person. He was detained before being released later that evening.

Oregon joins FTC lawsuit to break up Amazon Antitrust lawsuit alleges that Amazon maintains a monopoly at the expense of small businesses

Continued from Page 5

that currently have no choice but to rely on Amazon to stay in business. These fees range from a monthly fee sellers must pay for each item sold, to advertising fees that have become virtually necessary for sellers to do business. Combined, all of these fees force many sellers to pay close to 50% of their total revenues to Amazon. These fees harm not only sellers but also shoppers, who pay increased prices for thousands of products sold on or off Amazon.

The FTC, along with its state partners, are seeking a permanent injunction in federal court that would prohibit Amazon from engaging in

its unlawful conduct and pry loose Amazon's monopolistic control to restore competition.

The states of Oregon, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Nevada, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin have joined the Commission's lawsuit. The Commission vote to authorize staff to file for a permanent injunction and other equitable relief in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington was 3-0.

Need a Holiday?

November has one Every Day!

November is a great month for holidays big and small. There are plenty of National holidays and International holidays to celebrate. As the month progresses, each November holiday and the special day seems to be a bigger and more important one than the day before.

On the threshold of the huge Christmas holiday season, we get a chance to slow down and give thanks for all that we have. Some people enjoy Thanksgiving more than any other holiday. Why? Simply because Thanksgiving is all about the "Four Fs": food, family, football, and fun. There's little stress until Black Friday when Christmas shopping begins with a frenzy online and in brick-and-mortar stores.

November Holidays - Monthly Celebrations

- Aviation History Month
- Child Safety Protection Month
- International Drum Month
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Caregivers Appreciation Month
- National Diabetes Awareness Month
- National Epilepsy Month
- National Model Railroad Month
- National Novel Writing Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- Real Jewelry Month
- National Sleep Comfort Month
- World Vegan Month

November Holidays - Weekly Events

- Week 1 Chemistry Week
- Week 3 Game and Puzzle Week

November 2023 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

November 1

- All Saint's Day
- Dios Los Muertos, a two day celebrations on November 1 and 2
- National Author's Day
- World Vegan Day

November 2

- All Soul's Day
- Deviled Egg Day
- Look for Circles Day
- Men Make Dinner Day – first Thursday of Month
- Plan Your Epitaph Day

November 3

- Cliché Day
- Housewife's Day
- Sandwich Day

November 4

- Book Lovers Day
- King Tut Day
- Check Your Blood Pressure Day
- National Bison Day
- Pumpkin Destruction Day
- Use Your Common Sense Day

November 5

- Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m
- Gunpowder Day
- Guy Fawkes Day

November 6

- Marooned without a Compass Day
- National Nacho Day
- Saxophone Day

November 7

- Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day
- International Merlot Day
- U.S. General Election Day

November 8

- Cook Something Bold Day
- Dunce Day

November 9

- Chaos Never Dies Day – you've got that right
- World Freedom Day

November 10

- Forget-Me-Not Day
- USMC Day
- November 11**
- Veteran's Day
- World Origami Day
- November 12**
- Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- Hindu Diwali Day
- National French Dip Day
- World Pneumonia Day
- November 13**
- Caregiver Appreciation Day
- National Indian Pudding Day
- Sadie Hawkins Day
- World Kindness Day
- November 14**
- National Pickle Day
- Operating Room Nurse Day
- World Diabetes Day
- Young Readers Day
- November 15**
- America Recycles Day
- Clean Your Refrigerator Day
- National Philanthropy Day
- November 16**
- Button Day
- Great American Smokeout
- Have a Party With Your Bear Day
- International Tolerance Day
- National Fast Food Day
- November 17**
- Electronic Greeting Card Day
- Homemade Bread Day
- Take A Hike Day
- World Peace Day
- November 18**
- National Adoption Day
- Occult Day
- November 19**
- Have a Bad Day Day
- Play Monopoly Day
- November 20**
- Absurdity Day
- Beautiful Day
- Universal Children's Day
- November 22**
- Go For a Ride Day
- Love Your Freckles Day
- National Jukebox Day
- National Tie One On Day
- November 23**
- Eat a Cranberry Day
- National Cashew Day
- National Espresso Day
- Thanksgiving – Eat, drink, and be thankful
- November 24**
- All Our Uncles are Monkeys Day
- Black Friday – Friday after Thanksgiving
- Buy Nothing Day
- Evolution Day
- November 25**
- National Parfait Day
- Small Business Saturday
- November 26**
- Shopping Reminder Day
- November 27**
- Cyber Monday
- Pins and Needles Day
- November 28**
- French Toast Day
- Make Your Own Head Day
- Red Planet Day
- November 29**
- Chia Pet Day
- Square Dance Day
- November 30**
- National Mason Jar Day
- Stay At Home Because You Are Well Day

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Douglas County District Attorney ask to repeal Measure 110

DOUGLAS COUNTY, OR

Back in November 2020, Oregon voters passed the ballot Measure 110.

The overlying sentiment of the drafters are that 1. Drug addiction and overdoses are a serious problem in Oregon. 2. Oregon needs to expand access to drug treatment. 3. A health-based approach to addiction and overdose is more effective, humane and cost-effective than criminal punishments. 4. Making people criminals because they suffer from addiction is expensive, ruins lives and can make access to treatment and recovery more difficult.

But in the 3 years since the measure has passed there has been calls to repeal that decision. M110 has not had the effects that were intended and the unintended effects are mounting, with

spiraling drug overdoses, rampant drug related crimes and scores of lives destroyed.

Douglas County officials are not only asking for the repeal of Measure 110 but also a return to the enforcement of Federal Drug Laws.

On Wednesday October 4, 2023 during their weekly business meeting, Douglas County officials signed and sent a letter to Governor Tina Kotek asking for the measure to be repealed. The letter was approved by the Commissioners at the Wednesday, October 4, 2023, Weekly Business Meeting, signed by all parties and sent to Governor Kotek, Members of the Legislative Assembly, US Attorney Wight, and Former US Attorney Billy Williams.



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOM KRESS CHRIS BOICE TIM FREEMAN
 1036 SE Douglas Ave. Room 217 • Roseburg, Oregon 97470

October 4, 2023

Governor Kotek; All Legislatures; US Attorney for Oregon Natalie Wight, Former US Attorney Billy Williams.

RE: Repeal Ballot Measure 110 and Enforce Federal Drug Laws

Dear Governor Kotek, Members of the Legislative Assembly, US Attorney Wight, Former US Attorney Billy Williams:

While recognizing the importance of addressing issues related to substance abuse, we firmly believe that Measure 110's approach has had unintended consequences on our community. As representatives responsible for the well-being and safety of our residents, we join in urging the reconsideration and rescission of Measure 110 for the following reasons:

- Public Safety and Law Enforcement:** The decriminalization of certain drug possessions has compromised public safety by reducing the deterrent effect of law enforcement efforts. We believe a balanced approach involving both treatment and enforcement is essential to maintaining a safe and secure community.
- Accountability and Community Trust:** A decrease in the focus on law enforcement has eroded accountability, leading to an increase in drug-related criminal activities. Maintaining community trust in the justice system is crucial, and a comprehensive approach is necessary to strike a balance between enforcement and rehabilitation.
- Resource Allocation:** While we recognize the importance of directing resources towards addiction treatment, a solely treatment-focused approach has strained law enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking and related criminal enterprises. A balanced allocation of resources is vital for addressing the root causes of drug abuse.
- Collaborative Solutions:** We advocate for a collaborative approach that involves lawmakers, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and community leaders to develop comprehensive solutions that address the multifaceted nature of substance abuse. Such an approach will ensure that our community is better equipped to face the challenges posed by drug-related issues.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request that you consider the negative impact of Measure 110 on our county and support efforts to rescind this measure.

By working together, we can develop policies that effectively address the complexities of substance abuse while maintaining the safety and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to continued collaboration for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
 Commissioner Tom Kress, Chair
 Commissioner Chris Boice
 Commissioner Tim Freeman

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF,
 Sheriff John Hanlin

DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
 DA Rick Wesenberg

• Information (541) 440-4201 • BOC.Assistants@co.douglas.or.us

**Christmas is Just Around the Corner
Watch for the December Issue of the
North Douglas Herald for Your Latest
Holiday Fare with Seasons Greetings,
Gift Ideas, Recipes and Good Cheer**

**Support Your
Local Businesses**

Be Ready to Save a Life

Understanding the 2 Steps of Hands-Only CPR

Every year, 350,000 people die from cardiac arrest in the United States. However, hands-on emergency intervention like cardiopulmonary resuscitation – or CPR – from a bystander can make the difference between life and death in sudden cardiac arrest emergencies.

In fact, immediate CPR can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival, according to the American Heart Association. During the first few minutes an individual is suffering from cardiac arrest, chest compressions can help keep blood flow active and push remaining oxygen through the body to keep vital organs alive, which extends the opportunity for a successful resuscitation once trained medical staff arrive.

Because 88% of cardiac arrests – electrical malfunctions in the heart that cause an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and disrupt the flow of blood to the brain, lungs and other organs – occur at home, it is often a friend or family member who witnesses a child, spouse, parent or friend going into cardiac arrest. As survival can depend on how quickly CPR is started, compression-only

CPR, or Hands-Only CPR, is recommended for use by people who see a teen or adult suddenly collapse in an out-of-hospital setting such as at home, work or in a park.

“By equipping people with Hands-Only CPR training, we are empowering them to spring into action if a loved one needs help, as the majority of cardiac arrests occur at home,” said Dr. Anezi Uzendu, M.D., interventional cardiologist and American Heart Association volunteer.

As part of the World Restart a Heart Day initiative, the American Heart Association aims to increase awareness about the importance of bystander CPR through its Hands-Only CPR campaign, nationally supported by the Elevance Health Foundation, and offers these two simple steps:

1. Call 911 (or send someone to do that).
2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest of the individual experiencing cardiac arrest.

Using the beat of a familiar song with 100-120 beats per minute,

such as “Stayin’ Alive” by the Bee Gees, can help you stay on pace with the necessary compressions.

“Being able to efficiently perform Hands-Only CPR in the moment can mean the difference between life and death, and by following these two simple steps we can increase someone’s chance of survival from cardiac arrest,” said Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., board certified emergency medicine doctor and chief health officer at Elevance Health. “As a longstanding supporter of the American Heart Association, we remain focused on working together to improve health inequities in our communities by expanding access to training and increasing the number of people who learn and feel confident performing Hands-Only CPR to save lives.”



Umpqua Valley non-profits receive \$15K in grants from Pacific Power

Douglas County — Pacific Power announced on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, more than \$100-thousand in grant money is set to be dispersed across three states, and non-profit organizations in the Umpqua Valley are getting cut.

The Pacific Power Foundation is donating a total of \$112,000 in grants to serve affordable housing access, job training and rural economic development to ecosystem preservation, trail restoration and nature-based education.

The grants are part of a four grant cycle offered by the foundation. The foundation says this round of grants are focused on community enhancement and environmental respect.

“These organizations lift up our communities and protect our natural surroundings for future generations,” said Sam Carter, Pacific Power regional business manager. “It is an honor to support their inspiring work and help build communities where everyone can flourish.”

The following two grants totaling \$15,000 were given to local Umpqua Valley organizations:

Crater Lake Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust to expand its electrician pre-apprenticeship program for high school students to rural, minority and traditionally underserved communities and develop a mobile education unit that can take the technical classroom directly to rural schools.

Rural Development Initiatives to support Main Street Economic Vitality Hubs that help build networks of rural leaders and revitalize rural economies through training workshops, participant stipends, technical assistance and coaching.

Oregon Kicker 2024 “Largest in state history”

Story by Milo Van Elder

Salem OR - The Oregon ‘kicker’ is anticipated by Oregon taxpayers, who benefit when the state collects more than a certain amount of State tax revenue. \$5.61 billion in revenue surplus for the 2021-2023 biennium has been confirmed by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA). That’s pretty good news.

State officials claim the surplus is the “largest in state history”. Most Oregonians will receive a record-high kicker amount. Eligible residents can also claim the kicker as a refundable tax credit when they file state tax returns for 2023.

The Oregon kicker rebate is only possible once every two years. There is no credit offered when there isn’t a surplus in state revenue and so there are no guarantees for claiming a credit in 2026.

So, you if you qualify, here’s what you need to know about claiming the kicker in 2024 and how much you might expect.

The 2023 Oregon kicker credit is to be claimed in 2024 and is based on the 2022 tax year. The requirements are pretty simple. You must have filed a 2022 Oregon state tax return and you must file a 2023 Oregon state tax return, even if you are not required to. If you had tax due on your 2022 state return before any tax credits were applied, then you should qualify.

This means some Oregon residents may not qualify for the 2023 kicker. If you paid

no tax or received only non-taxable income in 2022, you cant claim the Oregon kicker credit in 2024.

The kicker rebate for Oregon taxpayers is 44.28% of 2022 state taxes owed before credits were applied. Higer wage earners will have higher state tax liability and receive a larger credit than those with lessor tax liability. Taxpayers with no 2022 state tax liability cannot claim the credit. It’s simple enough to calculate your kicker credit by multiplying line 22 of your 2022 Form OR-40 by 44.28%.

For some taxpayers the kicker amount may be less than calculated because Oregon can use part or all of the kicker amount to pay certain state debts. This can include:

- Child support
- State tax debt
- Some types of student loans
- Court fines

It may be noted that the entire 2023 Oregon state tax refund amount is subject to offset for the above debts, not just the kicker amount.

State tax refund amounts will be higher this year for many Oregonians with the new Oregon child tax credit for 2023. This fully refundable credit is known as the Oregon Kids Credit, worth up to \$1,000. There are strict income limits for claiming the credit, so not all families will qualify.

A Twist on a Classic Pie



While apple pie is a traditional seasonal dish, you can add unique flavor with this skillet version. Simply toss Honeycrisp apples with brown sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice then spoon between two pie crusts simmering in a thin layer of brown sugar and cinnamon then drizzle with caramel sauce for a deliciously gooey evening treat.

Skillet Apple Pie with Caramel Sauce

- 4 large Honeycrisp apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon, divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons butter

Continued on Page 10

North Douglas Library District, Mildred Whipple Branch is Drains' Pride and Legacy

Continued from the Front Page

Story by Rusty Savage

There is a legacy, in Drain, of the perseverance of its citizens to establish and maintain a Library for the community. In 1931 Lydia Eccleston returned to Drain from Missouri with her husband Fred. Lydia, being an avid reader since kindergarten, missed having a local library and was soon borrowing books from all over town.

Through the Methodist Church she met the Whipple family and in a prophetic turn of events was invited to use their extensive family library. It was in 1932 that Lydia and her Sunday school classmates, including Maude Cowles and Gladys DeMerrit took on the project of starting the first Library.

After writing to Harriet Long, the Oregon State Librarian, the books started coming in on loan and some donated. According to Lydia, "Some of the men from the Church built a nice, big bookcase with doors that could lock, and we were 'Open for Business'". The library was open two afternoons a week with 2 checkers at a time. The new library was popular and lots of books were lent out as the library settled into its Church home.

Some years went by before the librarians were able to secure a small room behind the Community Hall at the Fairgrounds. Then in March of 1934 the Drain Public Library was established there by the City of Drain. The first Library Board members were appointed by the City Council. Winifred E G Whipple, Mrs. Lyle Kolford, Mrs Edna Kenny, Jim Whipple and C Robert Miller were on the first Board and Dorothy Gerould and Edna Bowman were added to the library staff.

Drain's Library went from being open a few hours a month to a few hours a week and as the City became more involved they decided to move to the City Records office on C street. in the old Drain Creamery Station. The City Records became the book checkers. Eventually the City of Drain needed the building torn down for a new City Hall and the Library moved again, across the street and upstairs, above the H A Store building. The new City Hall was finished in 1954 and dedicated on September 18th of that year.

Then in 1956 The Drain City Library became a branch of the Douglas County Library System. Under an agreement with the City, the D.C Library system provided books and materials along with salaries and supplies, then the City provided the housing and utilities. Policy and hiring responsibilities were under the cooperative purview of a Douglas County Board and a local Drain Citizen Board.

The Library grew and made many improvements under the guidance of Edna Tranburg and Lois Strickland until 1958. Hazel Lamberson and others also worked towards expansion and increased hours, including Carol Henderson who steered the Library from 1959 to 1974. In the 1970's, in addition to books and periodicals, recordings and paperback books were added to the curriculum. Over these years of expansion and increased hours, many Drain citizens occupied the Library Board seats and contributed to its success.



Patricia Aldous became the Librarian in 1974 and continued to modernize the Library with Movie Projector, Screen and Cassette recordings and increasing the hours even further. In 1989 the Branch Librarians were Candy Vickery and Marlene Lee. The Librarians had many assistants from the community during all of those years.

It was the final move of the library to the Civic Center that established the location we all know and love today. The dream of the Civic Center and the Library is intertwined and surely grown from the same seeds. The reality started in 1983 with a Grant of \$260,000 from Mildred Whipple, a former 5th grade teacher in Drain from 1932 to 1938. As a community leader, it was a dream of Mildreds for a long time, and she said at the time that a library was one of the greatest advantages a city can have.

"It is a place for everybody, regardless of color, creed or age."

This is the same Whipple family that had been involved with the library for many years and whose family library was really the beginning of Lydia Eccleston's library aspirations. After the generous donation from Mildred, the State Library Board donated another \$201,000, leaving a total of \$900,870 to be raised by the citizens and fundraisers.

To say the community rallied is an understatement, spear headed by City officers, local businesses and tireless local supporters the dream was reached and the ground was broken. Along the way the old Drain Community Hall was burned down in a live fire training with 5 Fire Departments from the area. Finally a celebration and grand opening ceremony was conducted in January of 1985 with Mayor Grant Levins and Finance Manager Bill Lockyear and senator Mark Hatfield attending.

"It is a place for everybody, regardless of color, creed or age."

-Mildred Whipple

The library is truly a place where everyone belongs"

-Miriam Sisson

In March of 2017 the Library was struck with a devastating blow when Douglas County closed the county wide library system. The doors were closed with books on the shelves. But when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Concerned and determined Drain residents like Valerie Johns and many others, some already mentioned, went to work and forged a new path and breath of life in the old library. In spite of the odds, a ballot measure was put up and passed with a 75% majority. A special tax district was established which allowed permanent stable funding for the new North Douglas Library District, Mildred Whipple Branch. The Grand reopening was on November 10th 2018.

The Mildred Whipple Library is still a buzzing center for all ages and interests today. current Library Director, Miriam Sisson, says, "The library is truly a place where everyone belongs". It is a rich resource and environment for the community, which is well utilized and valued by many patrons. The Civic Center and Library are cohabiting just fine, a kind of synergy with community activities. The City established a Civic Center Committee in 1985 to assist and advise the City in the operation of the Civic Center.

So now there is a stable library, still growing and still relevant and still community supported.



Rural Report

Oregon seeks \$27M for Winchester Dam repair it says resulted in mass death of Pacific lamprey fish

Story by Scooter Brown

October 6th 2023, Douglas County, OR — Oregon officials are seeking more than \$27 million in damages over dam repairs they say killed more than half a million Pacific lamprey fish in what they've described as one of the largest damages claims for illegal killing of wildlife in state history.

In a claim filed in Douglas County Circuit Court on Friday, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said that recent repairs to Winchester Dam in the southern part of the state resulted in the death of at least 550,000 juvenile Pacific lamprey, an eel-like fish key to local ecosystems and of cultural significance to many Native American tribes in the region. The fish is also listed as a protected species in Oregon.

"The North Umpqua River's diverse fish populations are unique within Oregon and are of considerable social, cultural, and economic importance locally and regionally," the fish and wildlife department said in a news release. "The damages claim seeks reparation for the loss of a valuable public resource."

The complaint was filed against the Winchester Water Control District along with TerraFirma and DOWL, companies that were contracted, respectively, for dam repairs and fish salvage operations.

The department has accused the defendants, among other things, of unlawful killing of fish and negligence. The Winchester Dam was built in November 1890 and is in the National Register of Historical Places. Constructed from large timber cribs, the dam was originally built 4-feet high and in 1907 the dam was raised to sixteen feet. Winchester Dam provided water and electricity for the town of Roseburg until 1923. A former hydropower plant that is now privately owned by the water district's residents, who largely use it for water sports and recreation, according to the complaint. At 133 years old, Winchester Dam on the North Umpqua River is an aging facility that has been experiencing structural decline in the last decade.

These issues include leaking water through the dam face that present additional false attraction flow for migrating fish. Additionally,

the dam needs structural integrity testing per the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) requirements, which is a health and human safety issue.

Environmental groups have long criticized the dam, describing it as an old, disintegrating structure that kills or prevents fish including lamprey and salmon from swimming upstream.

Jim McCarthy, Southern Oregon Program Director of WaterWatch of Oregon, said he hoped the damages claim would mark a turning point for lamprey conservation.

"This is wonderful news for Pacific lamprey which, for too long, have been disregarded and treated as disposable, leading to dramatic declines," he said. "This is a win for Native American tribes which have worked so hard to raise awareness about the importance and value of these fish, and to restore them."

The complaint stems from repairs that the Winchester Water Control District requested last year.

To carry out the repairs, the district received authorization from the fish and wildlife department to temporarily drain part of the reservoir behind the dam and close the fish ladder. This, on the condition that it take steps to salvage and relocate fish and make a "sufficient effort" to ensure that no more than 30,000 juvenile lampreys were killed in the process.

When the water drawdown started on August 7, however, those salvaging efforts were not completed, stranding and exposing thousands of lamprey in the sediment, according to the complaint. Two days later, the fish and wildlife department determined that an emergency salvage operation was necessary and recruited employees from across the western side of the state to assist. At least 550,000 lamprey died as a result, the complaint said.

The incident was raised during recent legislative hearings at the state Capitol in Salem. State Sen. Jeff Golden, the chair of the chamber's natural resources committee, has requested that the departments of Fish and Wildlife, Water Resources and Environmental Quality submit a report to lawmakers in the coming months.

A Twist on a Classic Pie

Continued from Page 8

- 1/4 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, brown sugar
- 2 refrigerated pie crusts
- 2 teaspoons whipping cream
- caramel sauce

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, combine apples, sugar, 1 tablespoon cinnamon and lemon juice until apples are covered. Set aside.

In oven-safe, 10-inch nonstick skillet, melt butter. Add 1/4 cup brown sugar and remaining cinnamon; mix until combined. Boil 5-8 minutes.

In same skillet, place one pie crust over brown sugar mixture. Pour apples over pie crust. Cover apples with second pie crust. Cut slits in top to release steam. Brush whipping cream over crust. Sprinkle with remaining brown sugar.

Bake 35-45 minutes until crust is golden brown.

Drizzle with caramel sauce.

Work Out Tips that Keep You Fit & Healthy

Consider these popular ways to disconnect for a short while so you can take on busy days without feeling overwhelmed.

1. Stretch - After hours of sitting, stretching from head to toe can be a good way to get physically active if you're short on time and stuck at your desk. Neck, shoulder, arm, back and leg stretches are all easy ways to stand up and disengage from the computer. Another trick: practice wrist exercises to avoid injury or strain from typing.
2. Go for a Walk - If you have a few minutes to spare, leave the office or your desk at home entirely and head outside for a walk. A stroll through your neighborhood or the city sidewalks can provide the fresh air and physical activity your body craves.
3. Take Five Outside - On hot days when a mid-workday walk might not be the right refresh, skip it and simply find a shady spot to sit down. You can enjoy the benefits of fresh air and sunlight without getting too hot.
4. Rest Your Eyes - Follow the rule of 20s. If you're working a computer job, eyestrain may be a serious concern. Give them a break by looking 20 feet away for 20 seconds

every 20 minutes.

5. Enjoy a Favorite Snack - Push that office chair away from the computer and treat yourself to a bite of something you enjoy. For example, Nestlé rallies nut butter bombs are a perfect cure for those back-to-back video calls, delivering a balance of permissibility and indulgence while helping you rally through your workday. Available in three craveable flavors - raspberry peanut butter, brownie almond butter and salted cashew butter - the chilled delights combine decadent chocolate and smooth nut butter for a rich burst of flavor with no preservatives, artificial flavors or artificial colors.
6. Check in with Friends - Squeeze in a midday chat to catch up with a friend or coworker. Socializing is a feel-good way to take your mind off work even for just a few minutes.
7. Sip an Afternoon Coffee - If caffeine gives you that much-needed jolt to finish out the workday, head to your favorite local shop for a refreshing iced beverage. Pair it with a chilled snack like Nestlé rallies nut butter bombs for a perfect sweet and savory afternoon pick-me-up.

Veterans Corner

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After fighting in Afghanistan, former U.S. Army soldier Mauricio Hernandez Mata returned home with post-traumatic stress, which he says eventually led to getting in trouble with the law and being deported to Mexico — a country he had not lived in since he was a boy. On Wednesday, he and another deported veteran were sworn in as U.S. citizens at a special naturalization ceremony in San Diego.

The two veterans were among 65 who

Deported Veterans Return as US Citizens

have been allowed back into the United States over the past year ago as part of a growing effort by the Biden administration called the Immigrant Military Members and Veterans Initiative to make amends with immigrants who served in the U.S. military only to wind up deported. Hundreds of U.S. military veterans, including some who were charged with crimes such as drunk driving or theft, have been deported over the years in what immigration advocates and others have

Continued on Page 12

Douglas County Commissioners Issue Proclamation in Honor of Veterans and Military Families Month

Douglas County — The Douglas County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation on, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Weekly Business Meeting calling upon all citizens of Douglas County to celebrate and honor Veterans and Military Families Month.

The proclamation also recognized and invited residents to honor all veterans on Veterans Day and attend the 68th Annual Douglas County Veterans Day Parade.

The proclamation was presented by Commissioner Boice, on behalf of the Board and acknowledged that, "throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of the United States Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation, thus we know that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and protected at an incredibly high price."

A copy of the video presentation can be found on the Douglas County Government Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCountyGovernment>.



The 68th Annual Douglas County Veterans Day Parade

This year's Parade will be in downtown Roseburg on Saturday, November 11, 2023, beginning at 11:00 am.

The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade has a long-standing tradition of honoring our veterans on the Veterans Day Holiday and has been held in Roseburg every single year since 1955. The worthy and steadfast tradition has a well-earned title as "Oregon's Greatest Veterans Day Parade."

This year the Grand Marshals for the Douglas County Veterans Day parade will be National Guardsmen, as well as Gold Star Families.



Business Matters

Oregon to Receive \$157 Million for Broadband Infrastructure Expansion

Salem, OR—The United States Department of the Treasury announced that Oregon will be awarded \$156.7 million to expand broadband infrastructure across the state through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects Fund.

The funding will go to the Oregon Broadband Office, housed within Business Oregon, to secure high-speed internet access to an estimated 17,000+ new locations in the state.

"This unprecedented funding will strengthen Oregon's broadband infrastructure and expand access to quality internet service," Governor Kotek said. "This award, which is part of President Biden's Investing in America effort, will help rural and low-income communities across Oregon develop high-quality modern broadband infrastructure and expand access to telehealth, job opportunities, education, and so much more."

"This award is the latest in federal support towards broadband access and will enable Oregon to continue our work to close the digital divide and provide digital equity for all Oregonians," said Sophorn Cheang, Business Oregon Director. "We look forward to collaborating with our local and regional partners across the state as we put these funds to work for Oregon."

Average Personal Income for Douglas County



Personal Income in Douglas County, OR was 56657.00 in January of 2021, according to the United States Federal Reserve. Historically, Personal Income in Douglas County, OR reached a record high of 56657.00 in January of 2021 and a record low of 23733.00 in January of 1969. Trading Economics provides the current actual value, an historical data chart and related indicators for Personal Income in Douglas County, OR - last updated from the United States Federal Reserve on October of 2023.

Ray's Food Place is Drain's Food Place

Continued from the Front Page

don't have their eye on rural populations.

This is how it is in rural areas; One grocery store in Drain pretty well serves all of Northern Douglas County. Sure there are the little convenience stores, neighborhood markets and even the dollar stores. But they are actually not providing the really needed foodstuffs. The fresh vegetables and fruits, good healthy cuts of meat and fresh baked items, nevermind the myriad of food items that aren't necessarily processed quick heat items.

I believe that in times not so long ago, the grocery store or even general stores were a common intersection for the patrons, neighbors near and far. When that happens I think folks tend to congregate and visit with each others and as my Dad used to say, "Jaw a bit". It seems pretty natural that the local grocery store kind of helps in connecting folks in a rural area. Everybody eats and everybody, most anyway, go to the store so in the country, anyway, just about everyone is a neighbor.

In Drain, prominently on the main drag through town is Ray's Food Place at 308 N. 1st St. There is no other grocery stores around so that's where everyone goes, unless they are one of those who takes a trip to Eugene or Springfield and hits the Costco or whatever. I go to the store like everybody else but I'm one of those that beelines in and grabs what I need and then out the door I go. I decided to go take a trip to the store, just to check it out. First thing was getting inside, all it takes is a "Nice day isn't it?" to someone in the parking lot and the next thing your in a conversation. Not just me, by the time I got through the doors I saw 2 other encounters just like mine.

I wanted to take a new look at the store and I took a little time and walked up and down the aisles taking note of the scope and depth of foods, products and displays. Comparing in my mind, the difference between a full grocery and convenience type stores. Its obvious that the Grocer is out to provide a full compliment of food and general necessary goods.

I know Joe Fleshman, the Manager, and I stopped him to see if he would share a little of his experience and inside knowledge of being a grocer in a rural community.

"Sure, what do you want to know?" Joe, is a friendly guy and I know he's helpful because I can never remember where things are and he never fails to, happily, point me in the right direction.

Turns out Joe is originally from Medford and he has been with Ray's for nearly 25 years. He started out in Central Point in 1997 and worked a number of stores till he landed in Drain as the Manager.

Talking to Joe for a few minutes, it was obvious that providing for his customers was on top of his mind. He was telling me of the importance of having fresh vegetables and fruits and foods that are quality in not only food value but appearance and placement. He described the care spent to providing quality cuts of meat and the satisfaction of meeting customers shopping needs.

Joe went on to let me know that his staff was comprised of mostly local folks who take pride in their work and he expressed some pride in the fact that there wasn't a high turnover. Partly he attested that the Company, Ray's Food Place i.e. CK Market out of Medford is an employee owned company and amongst the benefits was a good feeling of working for a company that's invested in its employees and shows it. I see that there is a little bit of a pride in their work, I think.

Listening to Joe, I realized that my first assessment was about right. It's a hub, the Grocery Store, a hub for neighbors and local folks and travelers alike. Before he rushed off to do his Manager thing, he left me with this.

"Bringing fresh meats and foods and asking, 'what else are you looking for?' That's the point of being a grocer in a small community, good customer service. I have a lot of people shopping here and those customers are most important to us. It's my job and I'm always interacting with people, you know 'if we don't have it, let me know what you need, we'll try to get it'. And, of course, I love the fact that one minute I am busy with some chore and the next thing, I'm in a conversation with somebody about the fishing last weekend. It all adds up to a fulfilling day at work"

It's pretty well known how difficult the small rural grocery stores are struggling with surviving these trying financial times, with competition from corporate chains that can under price and out market them, and diminishing populations and general economic down turns meaning smaller margins and fighting to keep from going under. Read the following article on the history of Ray's, maybe there is good reason for this Grocery to surmount these obstacles and keep this social connection alive as well.

COUNTRY CABIN

COFFEE & LAUNDRY

438 "B" Ave HWY 38 Drain OR
 OPEN 5 am till 5 pm Daily
 Except last Monday of the month.
 Laundry room has same hours.

Hot

Latte	4.00	4.50	5.50
Mocha	4.50	5.00	6.00
Cappuccino	4.00	4.50	5.50
Americano	3.00	4.50	5.50
Drip Coffee	2.00	2.50	3.00
Hot Choco	3.00	3.75	4.75
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

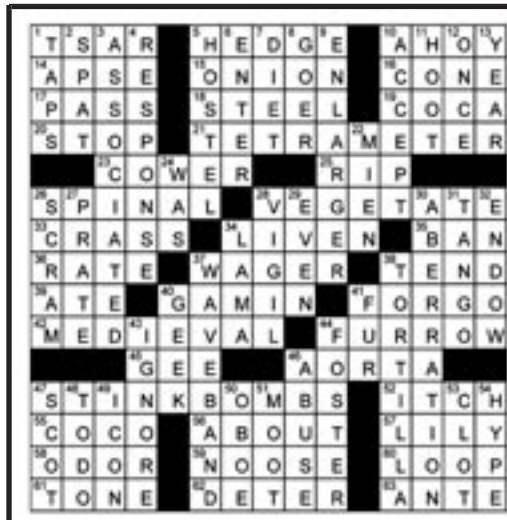
"Amazing Food & Drinks"

November Crossword Puzzle

- Across**
- Little terror
 - Wet bar?
 - Knife wound
 - ___ of thumb
 - Church V.I.P.
 - Bounce back
 - Soon, to a bard
 - Throw for a loop
 - Garbage hauler
 - Complex unit
 - Deadly mushroom
 - Schongauer work
 - Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
 - Tabloid twosome
 - Noble position
 - Retro phone feature
 - Established
 - Indigenous
 - Not quite right
 - Full of bounce
 - Fishing equipment
 - Like cows and sows
 - Campaign pro
 - Shrek, for one
 - Bomb
 - Certain tide
 - Computer capacity
 - Emphatic
 - New Year's Eve staple
 - X, in math
 - Tim Conway film, "The Billion Dollar ___"
 - Factory
 - Quitter's word



- Word sung on 12/31
- Concise
- Flu symptom
- Arborist's concern
- Numerical suffix
- Give the eye
- Down
- Hold steady
- Talk at length
- Follow follower
- Plant stem extension
- Mermaid's milieu
- Veteran
- Annex
- Animal fur
- Type of psychology
- Word in a 1978 John Irving book title
- "Get lost!"
- Kennel cry
- Primary color
- Cereal grass
- Dogcatcher's catch
- Evening bell
- "Brokeback Mountain" director
- CBer's term
- Dole (out)
- Tip, as a hat
- Brainchild
- Deserving of respect
- Word of advice
- Dry spell
- Mumbo-jumbo
- Pie preference
- Type of illusion
- Young raptor
- It may be framed
- Capture
- Likeness
- Locale
- Aromatic compound
- Chew the fat
- Rush follower
- Envelope abbr.
- Half a score



October Crossword Solution

Deported Veterans Return to US

Continued from Page 10

called an unfair punishment to those who took up arms in the name of the United States. Many are still struggling to find legal help to return, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. "After my deportation, yeah, I never thought this day would come," said Hernandez, 41, dressed in a black suit and tie after being presented his U.S. citizenship certificate. "It's definitely been a long road. I'm glad that we were given a second chance as anybody that is either American-born or fought for America should have." Leonel Contreras, 63, who joined the U.S. Army at age of 17 and served for a year in 1976, also was sworn in at the ceremony. "I feel very blessed," said Contreras, who was allowed back into the United States about four months ago. "I feel very happy

to be back on American soil." Both men spent the past decade living in the border city of Tijuana. Contreras was whisked away by U.S. immigration authorities who detained him at the barbershop where he worked in National City, south of San Diego. His life forever changed. He continued to work in Tijuana as a barber and found work because of his English at call centers helping answer questions from customers of U.S. companies. But it was not easy. During that time his two sons grew up, and he now is a grandfather. With his U.S. citizenship in hand, he said he is not looking back. "I just want to go to all the places I've

Continued on Page 14

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

November 2023 Weather Forecast Sponsored by Travis Williams

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 ☁ 67° 47°	2 ☁ 67° 45°	3 ☁ 66° 45°	4 ☁ 66° 49°	5 ☁ 67° 48°	6 ☀ 65° 42°	7 ☁ 67° 49°
8 ☁ 66° 49°	9 ☁ 66° 48°	10 ☁ 67° 48°	11 ☁ 65° 42°	12 ☀ 70° 44°	13 ☀ 70° 44°	14 ☀ 67° 47°
15 ☀ 68° 46°	16 ☀ 70° 45°	17 ☀ 69° 43°	18 ☀ 66° 45°	19 ☀ 67° 42°	20 ☀ 67° 42°	21 ☀ 64° 43°
22 ☀ 66° 40°	23 ☀ 60° 44°	24 ☀ 63° 45°	25 ☀ 65° 45°	26 ☀ 67° 44°	27 ☀ 66° 43°	28 ☀ 65° 45°
29 ☀ 64° 44°	30 ☀ 63° 43°	31 ☀ 65° 42°	1 ☀ 63° 43°	2 ☀ 63° 41°	3 ☀ 62° 35°	4 ☁ 54° 37°

The Rose *Great Food*
Live Music
BAR & RESTAURANT
413 Umpqua HWY38, Drain Oregon

THE PIZZA **\$13**
237 West "B" Ave, Drain Oregon

School News

2023 OSAA 1A Volleyball State Championship Round 1 Wednesday, October 25th

N.D. Vs Eddyville @ N.D.
First Set 25-15 Warriors!
Second Set 25-11 Warriors!!
Third Set 25-17 WARRIORS!!!



N.D./Yoncalla WarEagle @ Rogue River Chieftains 10.06.2023

War Eagles(62) win over Chieftains(30)



Oregon Attorney General Rosenblum, Bipartisan AG Coalition Sue Meta (Facebook and Instagram) for Harms to Youth Mental Health

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum today filed suit against Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, among other brands. The federal complaint, joined by 33 states and filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, asserts that Meta knowingly designed and deployed harmful features on Instagram and its other social media platforms that purposefully addict children and teens. All the while, Meta falsely assured the public that these features are safe and suitable for young users.

The attorneys general assert that Meta’s business practices violate state consumer protection laws and the federal Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Further, these practices have harmed and continue to harm the physical and mental health of children and teens, fueling what the U.S. Surgeon General –America’s top doctor – has deemed a “youth mental health crisis” that has ended lives, devastated families, and damaged the potential of a generation of young people.

“These platforms are not safe for our young Americans, and Meta knew that! Yet, instead of taking steps to mitigate these harms, Meta misled the public and hid the extent of the harms to mental health suffered by young users addicted to the use of its platforms,” said AG Rosenblum.

The complaint further alleges that Meta knew that young users, including those under 13, were active on the platforms, and knowingly collected data from these users without parental consent. It targeted these young users noting, as reported in a 2021 Wall Street Journal article, that such a user base was “valuable, but untapped.”

While much of the complaint relies on confidential material that is not yet available to the public, publicly available

sources including those previously released by former Meta employees, detail that Meta profited by purposely making its platforms addictive to children and teens.

Its platform algorithms push users into descending “rabbit holes” in an effort to maximize engagement. Features like infinite scroll and near-constant alerts were created with the express goal of hooking young users. These manipulative tactics continually lure children and teens back onto the platform. As Aza Raskin, the original developer of the infinite scroll concept, noted to the BBC about the feature’s addictive qualities: “If you don’t give your brain time to catch up with your impulses . . . you just keep scrolling.”

Meta knew these addictive features harmed young people’s physical and mental health, including undermining their ability to get adequate sleep, but did not disclose the harm nor did they make meaningful changes to minimize the harm. Instead, they claimed their platforms were safe for young users.

These lawsuits are the result of a bipartisan, nationwide investigation. Oregon is joined in the federal lawsuit by: Arizona, California, Colorado (lead state), Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee (lead state), Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Filing lawsuits in their own state courts are the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont. Florida is filing its own federal lawsuit.

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.

NDEMS Students of the Month

Abel Loughead, North Douglas Elementary Kindergarten October Student of the Month.

Ethan Whiteman, Morth Douglas Middle School October Student of the Month.

Abel is a wonderful student who is always on task, kind and helpful. He always does his best to be sure his work is done accurately and on time. Abel is a very kind and helpful student who is a joy to have in the classroom. *-Mrs. Ward*

Ethan is always polite and respectful to teachers. He takes time to ask how their day is going and always participates in classroom activities. Ethan always has a positive attitude.



Travel/Entertainment




The Rose BAR & RESTAURANT

November Line up
Friday Night November 3rd
TimberWolf

Saturday Night November 11th
Karaoke

Daily & Weekly Food & Drink Specials
The Rose Bar & Restaurant
413 Umpqua HWY 38, Drain OR

If you have or know of an Event, Get Together or Shindig, let us know, send an email to reports@ndherald.com or send to ND Herald, PO Box 581, Drain OR 97435



ADAM MILLER
Folk Singer & Storyteller

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
1:00 PM

South Douglas Library, 205 West "A" Avenue, Drain, Oregon

On Saturday November 11th at 1 pm The Mildred Whipple Library will host Adam Miller, a folk singer and storyteller. Both days' events will include giveaways, door prizes, and lots of fun for all ages.
Drain Civic Center
205 West "A" Avenue, Drain OR

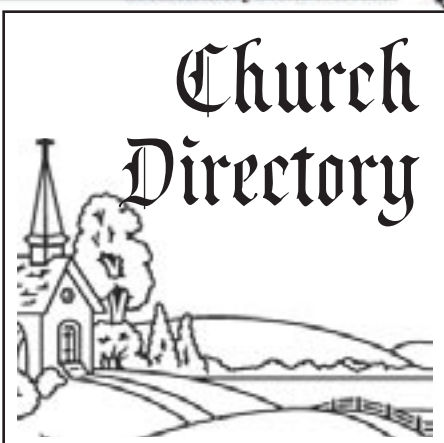
Dessert Social and Old-Time Fiddlers on Sat, Nov 4

Lookingglass Grange Community Center, 7426 Lookingglass Road, Roseburg
Potluck pie & desserts from 1-5 PM. Bring an item to share. Soft serve ice cream, coffee, tea & lemonade provided.
Old-Time Fiddlers will perform from 2 to 4 PM
Come listen to great music and visit your neighbors. Maybe even dance a little.
Everyone welcome!
FOR MORE INFO:
Anne Smith, drymountain@hotmail.com or CALL 503-541-5075
Tammy, lookingglassgrange@gmail.com



Drain Civic Center
205 West "A" Avenue, Drain OR

Friday the 10th at 1 pm we will welcome the Singing Creek Center for a Kalapuya Ways presentation. Learn about Kalapuya traditions in a dynamic presentation and enjoy Native flute music.



DRAIN

Assembly of God Church
975 Drain Section Rd
541 836-2369
Sunday Service 10:30am

Gateway Family Fellowship
Church of the Nazarene
337 C Avenue
Sunday Sch 9:30am Worship 10:45am

YONCALLA

Assembly of God
1008 Hayhurst Rd
541 849-2800
Sunday 10:30am Wednesday 5:30pm

Church of Christ
225 Birch St
Sunday School 9:55am
Sunday Worship 10:45am

ELKTON

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

Elkton Christian Church
344 3rd St PO Box 430
541 802-9506 www.elktonchristian.com
Sunday Sch 9:30am Worship 10:45am

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.

Vets Return to US

Continued from Page 12
dreamed of seeing, like the Grand Canyon and possibly Mount Rushmore," he said. Hernandez said his deportation came after unspecified "irreverent actions and mistakes I made due to my PTSD." He declined to give more details. But he said after he was allowed back into the country a year ago, he was determined to get his U.S. citizenship to be able to go to the grocery store and not feel "terrified" of being picked up and sent back to Mexico. His 7-year-old daughter hugged him after he was sworn in amid cheers from a crowd that included more than a dozen veterans from various branches. Then he turned and kissed his wife. "I've always been an American, the difference is now I'm an American citizen and I have all the rights that any American born citizen has," Hernandez said. "And it was important to me to have those rights just to prove the point, the point being that anybody that's willing to lay down their life, their sanity, and give everything that they hold dear for American freedom should be eventually at one point in their lives considered a U.S. citizen."

Ray's Food Place, the Grocery Chain Built by Ray

Story by Milo Van Elder

This story begins with Raymond (Ray) L. Nidiffer coming out to Brookings, Oregon, from Utah in 1956. In 1957, Ray bought out C&K Market, buying out Kimberly. Nidiffer replaced Kimberly and jointly operated the 3,200-square-foot store with Collins at its original location until 1963. They then moved the business to a 10,000-square-foot building close by in Brookings. In 1967, the business incorporated as C&K Market, Inc. The company incorporated in 1967, taking its name from the Collins and Kimberly partnership, the new corporation was set up as C&K Market, Inc.

In 1969, Collins decided to retire and sold his interest to Ray. When Nidiffer took over the business, Brookings had the reputation of being a fairly insular community, run by a few families and people. As the sole owner of the corporation, Ray and a strong group of employees began growing the company. Although Ray was a relative newcomer, the business took off under his leadership. He built up the company's administrative and operations staff and began steadily to acquire other stores in small communities throughout southern Oregon.

Most of the stores that the C&K Market leased or operated had been owned by individuals who were retiring. The company also became a member of United Grocers, a retailer-owned wholesaler, which supplied Sentry stores, and ran most of them under the Ray's Sentry Markets

banner.

Nidiffer considered each new acquisition in terms of its size, age, volume of sales, and location, concentrating mostly on small supermarkets in rural locations. The strategy proved a wise one, and, by 1988, C&K had become the 62nd largest private company in Oregon, still closely held and managed. C&K's senior management met in Brookings, Oregon, every Monday, and Nidiffer, an amateur pilot, frequently visited his 23 stores in his Beechcraft Baron twin-engine plane.

In 1997, Ray decided to retire and passed the responsibility of running the company to his son, Doug Nidiffer. Raised in the grocery environment, Doug has spent most of his formative years in the industry. Doug has continued his stewardship of the company and the ideals set forth by his father Ray, continuing to acquire and build new store locations, while updating and remodeling existing locations.

In 2005, Doug's son, Alan Nidiffer, re-joined the company after earning his degree at Oregon State and has served in various roles, most recently as Executive Vice President. The company continues to evolve and in 2014, Karl Wissmann joined the grocery chain as its CEO and led its more recent revitalization.

January 25, 2021 C&K Market completed a transaction to become 100%

employee-owned through an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) trust. This enables employees to receive retirement benefits linked to the company's future equity value. The plan was established on December 29, 2020.

"At our core, we're a community grocery store that proudly serves its neighbors," said Karl Wissmann, president and CEO of C&K Market. "We tailor what we offer to meet the needs of each community we serve. That commitment continues through our Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which allows us to maintain our independence and lets employees benefit from our success."

C&K Market, Inc. now operates about 38 supermarkets in small to mid-sized rural communities with populations of fewer than 10,000 in southern Oregon and northern California, mostly under the name Ray's Food Place. Some stores are called Price Less Foods and Shop Smart. The chain's competitive strategy is to operate quality grocery stores in niche, underserved markets. Stores are fully equipped with grocery, meat, dairy, produce, and health and beauty aid departments and offer multiple brands at varying price points. Currently, more than 1,200 people are employed by the company, which is now employee owned.

Vital Statistics



on November 18, 1928. Gilbert was well known for his sense of humor, kindness, and passion for everything he set his heart on.

Gilbert Allen Yearous, a devoted family man, passionate forester and lover of life, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2023, in his birthplace of Cottage Grove, OR. He was born

Obituary In Memoriam

He graduated from Cottage Grove High School and went into the forest industry. He managed timber where he oversaw the planting and logging of trees, as well as the production of firewood. He served in the National Guard, was a long-standing member of the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge.

Gilbert is survived by eight children, son Paul Yearous of Cottage Grove, daughter Virginia Smith of Cottage Grove, son Mark Yearous of Creswell, daughter Kathleen Moore of Cottage Grove, daughter Yvette Blue of Cottage Grove, daughter Madelyn Baker of Idaho Falls, ID, daughter Gina Yearous of

Roseburg, OR, and stepdaughter Maria Goins of Creswell, OR; 25 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Gilbert is preceded in death by both his parents Roscoe and Nora (Hull) Yearous, life partner Ella Velasquez, daughter Connie Smith, ex-wife Lorriane McConnell, stepdaughter Kathy, and all his brothers and sisters.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 29 at 2:00PM at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E Washington Ave. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Support Your Local Businesses

North Douglas

Classifieds

South Lane

Free Classified Ads

Real Estate:

Get your message out to 5000 sets of eyes for FREE. Currently we mail over 260 newspapers in home to Drain, Yoncalla and Elkton and more. Free to residents of Lane & Douglas counties. Go to www.ndherald/classifieds.html

For Rent:

General For Sale:

1991 Ford f350
7.3 turbo diesel, 2wd, 362000 miles.
reliable \$7000.00 obo Drain Or
Call David at 541-836 2168

Brand new household overstocks
liquidations, custom apparel,
tumblers and laser engraved gifts!
407 S. Front Street Unit C Creswell
Open to the public Wed-Fri 11-6

1993 Harley Davidson
Custom Bagger Softail
All new Reconstruction
\$6000
Rusty 541 221-3283

Country Moving Sale
Yoncalla Area
Lumber, Plywood, Steel, Pipe'
Building Supplies, welding Supplies
541 849-3487
Call 7am-8pm for directions

Help Wanted:

Seeking Work:

In Search Of:

Looking to buy junk cars
Condition does not matter
Cars will be recycled
Free pick up and removal
Contact Nathan at (541) 510-2074

Business Card Directory



Elkton Outfitters

Darrell Moore
Salmon, Steelhead, Bass,
Shad & Perch
P.O. Box 491
Elkton, Or. 97436
541-817-7656
elktonlive@me.com

The LOOSE CABOOSE



Gifts, Souvenirs & Collectibles
Curiosities/Red Rose Tea Wades

Grace Almaas
(541) 836-7505

525 N. 1st
Drain, Oregon 97435

American
TATTOO Cycles
Sales Service Accessories



Custom Harley's
Custom Parts
Custom Builds
Used Bike Sales
329 N 1st St
Drain OR
541 221-3283



exp REALTY
Pearl's Home and Land Realty
Pearl Hergert Heaton
Realtor
541.510.5004
pearlselling4u@gmail.com
pearlhergertheaton@exprealty.com
License #:201234186

DRAIN SAW SHOP, INC.
COMPLETE CUTTING SUPPLIES
& Lawn Mower Repair
Shane Laycock
P.O Box 712 - 325 West A St. Drain, OR 97435
STIHL Phone: 541-836-2423 Husqvarna

BEAVER CREEK UNIQUE



DRAIN OREGON
CONTACT RUSS/CHARLOTTE
541-228-6044 / 541-914-9973

Help Beautify America - Get a Tattoo



by Appointment

BRIGHT COLORS



WORLD FAMOUS TATTOOING FOR OVER 48 YEARS

ARTISTIC COVERUPS SAFE AND EXPERT TATTOOING BY CUSTOM SPECIALIST

RUSTY SAVAGE AND MISTIE SAVAGE

541 221-3283

541 232-5907

329 N 1st St, Drain Oregon www.studiotattoo.com

We work by appointment - you can contact us by text with your request & any images you send. A little back and forth with ideas & sketches until we're ready to give you a price and schedule you an appointment

POSTAL CUSTOMER

PSNET STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Albany, OR
PERMIT NO. 188

ECRWSS



Ray's FOOD PLACE

Employee Owned!

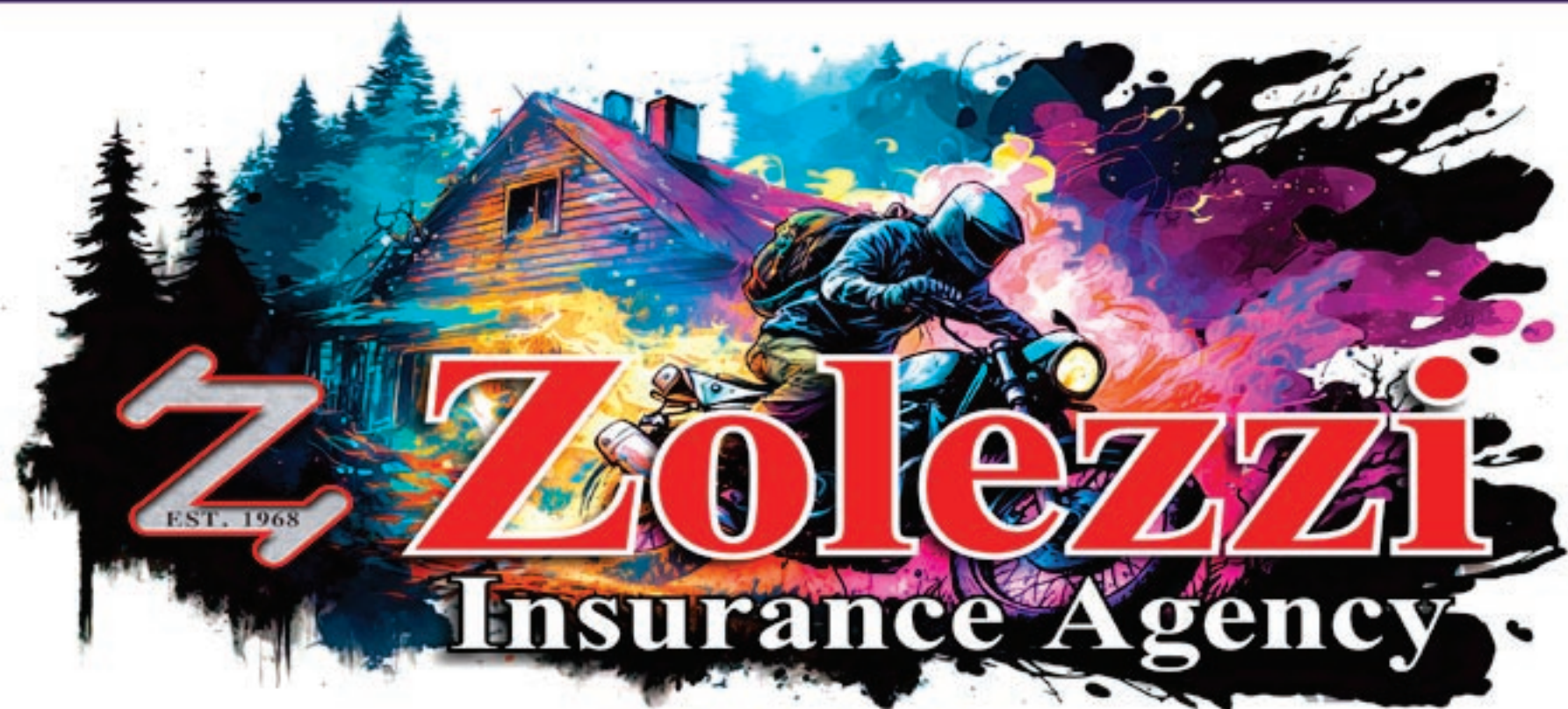
PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

STUFF the TRUCK



HELP US COLLECT 6,000 BAGS OF GROCERIES
Let's bring in a big haul for our LOCAL food banks this holiday season!

Ray's Food Place • 308 N 1st St, Drain, OR 97435 • 541-836-2622 • 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM • GORAYS.COM



Zolezzi Insurance Agency

3 Locations:

208 W C Ave
Drain, OR 97435
(541) 459-2250

112 Eagle Ct
Sutherlin, OR 97479
(541) 836-2177

777 Maple St
Florence, OR 97439
(541) 997-3455

Since 1968, Zolezzi Insurance Agency has been serving policyholders throughout Oregon.

"A Better Brand of Insurance Service"

www.zianw.com