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Elk Creek Glass Starts 2nd Year in Elkton

Story and Photos by Rusty Savage



Elkton, OR - Elk Creek Glass launched their art school and studio last year in Elkton. Elk Creek Glass is an art school and studio. They focus on teaching glass blowing and fusing in their two studios. One thing for sure, after meeting Avi Zohar and his wife, Heather, it is far from his first year in the business of glass blowing and glass fusion.



Elk Creek Glass has evolved from a decades long love of Glass blowing and ultimately Glass fusion that has fired his passion for working with Glass. After spending years in Southern Oregon working at an extremely high level of Glass making, his knowledge and experience extends to his ability to conceptualize and assemble an impressive array of material, equipment and technical know how to organize it into a highly creative and productive Glass Shop and a unique set of courses he designed to pass his knowledge on.

After working for many years in the highly stressful world of world class Glass works, where projects take many months and the quality and intricacies mean 10's of thousands of dollars worth of beautiful works

of art, sold around the world. At one point, Avi was creating art for solely for New York galleries where the highest quality of works are sold. As tends to happen, Avi became



more and more disillusioned with the high stress "Big Bucks" operation it takes to perform at that level. Big bucks he says, as in big bucks in your equipment, your materials and your overhead and it still gets harder and harder to get those "Big Bucks" to pay for it all and try to still make a living. Along the way he became a teacher which is where it turns out that his heart is anyway.

So, eventually, the time came where he and Heather wanted to continue that dream along with making a new one. And so they found the beautiful property on the edge of Elkton right on the Elk Creek and made the move of a lifetime. They then started making their mark on the new paradise ranch. Along with the dog, the chickens and farm animals and the

domestic improvements, Avi started building his workshop complex.

The first makeover began in the Chicken Coop. Completely revamped,



it became the "Hot Shop" where the glass is worked in the large ovens or "Glory Holes". With several size and type of ovens he can create pieces and parts for creating his beautiful fused glass pieces. Watching him work in this amazing workplace is reminiscent of craftsmen from an earlier time. Graceful yet precise and detailed he whips these brittle doodads out with out effort or fanfare.

In addition to the Hot Shop he then assembled parts and equipment

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First-ever Known US Case of Bird Flu found in a Pig in Central Oregon Farm

Story by Rusty Savage



Crook County, OR - U.S. Department of Agriculture officials say there is no concern about the safety of the nation's pork supply at this time. The first known case of avian influenza in a pig in the United States was confirmed at a small farm in Central Oregon on Wednesday.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, confirmed at least one of five pigs at Crook County backyard farm tested positive for the H5N1 virus — the same strain that's made its way across the country and has caused an outbreak in over 100 million poultry birds since 2022. Usually sick birds are euthanized to prevent them from entering the food supply.

Necropsies done on two other pigs showed no evidence of infection, but a swab taken from another pig, one of two "teacup mini" pigs that were co-housed with infected chickens inside a chicken coop, did test

positive. Those pigs were also euthanized and results of the testing of their tissues are still pending.

Pigs are sometimes called a "mixing vessel" for flu viruses, because they can be infected with both bird flu viruses and human flu viruses. If the animals are co-infected at the same time with two or more viruses, the viruses can swap genes, potentially creating a hybrid virus that is better able to spread to and among people than bird flu viruses typically are. This phenomenon, called reassortment, is what gave rise to the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

Because pigs can play this role, flu experts have been worried that the H5N1 virus currently spreading in cows in the United States could make its way to pigs — though any version of the H5N1 virus in pigs would be an unwelcome development.

USDA officials say the farm was

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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

It seems that we have been holding our breath as we clammer through this 2024 election cycle. At this point I just want to get through it, come hell or high water. Some think hell might be actually coming. To me that is doubtful. Thinking back to my first election experience, I voted for Nixon in '72. I was 18, had finished with Air Force Boot Camp and I was learning about computers and beginning to navigate adulthood. Then, after the election, that government drama called "Watergate" was all over the news and then a President resigned. That was my first Presidential election.

Since that time, in spite of - or maybe due to, the escalating cacophony of dueling factions ramping up their charges of doom and gloom (always from whichever faction or viewpoint is at bat), we find ourselves being shoe-horned into one box or another. Regardless of the side of the arguments you find yourself on, there you are with a pit in your stomach and ringing in your ears. C'mon, I'll give a little, you give a little and lets figure out where the middle ground is so that we can all eck out some liveable space here. My best friend used tell me his life motto was "Living well is the best revenge". Ultimately what he meant was that no matter how crappy it seems and what bitter pill is being forced down your throat, it still means more to find enough contentment and enjoyment in your life, however you may find it, to bring a smile to your face and a skip to your step.

Sometimes you find yourself in a more immediate pickle, like in your neighborhood or the local politics. You have issues that affect your home, your work, your streets, your kids and more, right there where you are? Then it becomes the time to get fired up. Not to argue and fight with folks, but to step out and seek remedies that you can be a part of. Action is wind that carries our intentions to some hopeful eventuality. Volunteering is a step of faith to the process of any betterment for those who live and surround us. Folks who convene together to chart and forge a course of action of help and improvement, are the ones making a difference. It is never a fatal injury to allow and promote all the voices who speak up and roll up their sleeves to help. All hail to those who walk the walk and a grain of sand for just talking the talk.

Here in my own little community I hear the rumble of concern and the whisper of the desire for some change. I'm sure there is good reason and it seems likely that there will be some sort entanglement or maybe obstacles to consider. I say that if more people can contribute, without exclusions, the likelihood of change and betterment is more certain. Pull together



folks.

I'm excited for the growth and encouragement the North Douglas Herald has experienced over the last year or so. We now have over 60 pickup locations across 2 counties. The locations run out of issues by the end of the month and now the plan is to stock our locations twice a month. Which brings us to another fork in the road to navigate. From 350 miles on the delivery route, now the mileage will run over twice that beginning this month. It means more production on the print run, higher delivery costs and more wear and tear on vehicles. Not a great prospect for the publisher of a free newspaper that we want to make available to as many Oregonians as we possibly can. It's a commitment that is the core of our journalistic persona.

Another immediate goal the Herald is eyeing, is to provide our Newspaper on proprietary racks at each of the pickup points. Some are wire racks for inside, some are enclosed so as to be outside. It keeps our papers organized and easy to spot at our locations.

Along with those logistical challenges, with growth comes the proposed addition of more pages and color in the coming months. Another commitment to our readers, to work each month to improve the content and quality of the Newspaper. And we can't forget how it is possible to make it all happen. Advertising. That is how we can still have a bottom line that enables us to keep the quality, quantity and the quest alive. The Herald is actively looking for advertisers to support us and we ask our readers to support our advertisers.

I am glad that we are supported in so many ways. I do have a wishlist though. The North Douglas Herald is looking for some motivated individuals to join the advertising sales organization. Sales skills are a plus, but motivation and initiative are paramount. The compensation is dependant on results oriented sales. Additionally, I am considering creating regional districts that can be managed along with the advertising base of the regions. It may be a business opportunity and I am anxious to hear from interested parties. You can contact me by email, editor@ndherald.com.

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Douglas & Lane County Public Safety Report

Scottsburg Fatal Shooting
Scottsburg, OR - Detectives are investigating a fatal shooting incident that occurred on Monday in Scottsburg.

On Monday, October 21, 2024, at approximately 12:00 pm, deputies were responding to a reported criminal mischief and assault in the 5000 block of Lutsinger Creek Road. While deputies were responding, 9-1-1 dispatchers received additional calls from the residents in the area reporting the incident was escalating and reports of gunshots heard. When deputies arrived, they located 58-year-old Darrel Dow Dodd unconscious with apparent gunshot wounds. Deputies attempted lifesaving efforts, which were unsuccessful.

Detectives with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene. Through the investigation, it was learned that Dodd was armed with a weapon, had broken into a residence and began assaulting and strangling a female known to him while threatening to stab her. Another individual attempted to intervene, but Dodd continued his attack. Dodd was shot twice by a third individual.

The incident is being investigated as a case of justified defense of another person, based upon the evidence and circumstances of the incident, although the investigation is ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, it will be forwarded to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office for review.

Firearm Accident Investigation

Tiller, OR - Douglas County Deputies investigated an apparent accidental shooting on Sunday evening in Tiller. Shortly before 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, 2024, deputies responded to the 32000 block of Tiller Trail Highway for a report of a person with a gunshot wound.

When deputies arrived, they learned 63-year-old Carolyn Hatley had sustained a gunshot wound after finding and handling the firearm. Ms. Hatley reported to deputies the injury was accidental and she was uncertain how the firearm discharged. She was transported to Mercy Medical Center for treatment of her injury. Deputies conducted follow up and have concluded in the incident was accidental.

In-Custody Death

Roseburg, OR - A Sutherlin woman died of an apparent suicide while in custody at the Douglas County Jail. On Monday, October 14, 2024, at approximately 5:40 pm, a deputy discovered a female adult in custody (AIC) unresponsive in a holding cell from an apparent suicide attempt. Deputies immediately summoned emergency services and began life saving efforts. The AIC, identified as 38-year-old Katrina Nicole Robertson of Sutherlin, was transported by ambulance but could not be revived.

"My heartfelt condolences are extended to Ms. Robertson's family," Sheriff Hanlin said. "The safety and security of those in our custody is of utmost importance to me as Sheriff. In the interest of providing an independent investigation into this tragedy, I have requested the assistance of an outside agency. I wish to thank the Roseburg Police Department for assuming this

investigation and conducting a thorough review of the facts." Any further information will be released by the Roseburg Police Department.

Vehicle vs. Motorcycle Fatal Crash

Riddle, OR - A Myrtle Creek man died in a motorcycle vs. vehicle crash on Riddle Bypass Road Friday night. Shortly after 10:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a report of a motorcycle vs. vehicle crash on Riddle Bypass Road near the intersection with E Street in Riddle.

Deputies, along with fire and ambulance personnel, responded to the scene. Deputies learned that 81-year-old Warren Currier of Riddle was operating a 2007 Toyota Tacoma southbound on Riddle Bypass Road when he began a lefthand turn onto E Street. As Currier made the turn, a collision occurred with a northbound 2024 Ninja Kawasaki motorcycle operated by 20-year-old Gage Matthews of Myrtle Creek.

Matthews was pronounced deceased at the scene. Warren was transported by ambulance to Mercy Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. The roadway was closed for approximately five hours as deputies conducted the scene investigation. Anyone who witnessed the incident or may have information useful to the investigation is encouraged to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4471 or by email at dco.pio@douglascountyor.gov. Reference Case #24-3959. The Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office, Riddle Fire District and Umpqua Valley Ambulance also responded to the scene.

Missing Man Safe

Lookingglass, OR - A man listed as missing out of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was located Wednesday evening, October 9, 2024, by California Highway Patrol.

Originally reported that Shane Patrick Thomas, 39, was listed as a missing person out of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He was last thought to be in the Sparks, Nevada area but indicated to family he would be back home within a few days on October 1st, 2024. He was traveling in a silver Suzuki 4d with unknown Oregon plates and thought to be with his Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy named Lucy. Shane has tattoos, is about 5'10" with blue eyes and long brown hair.

CHP reported that he was in good condition and not in need of any assistance.

Fatal Plane Crash Eugene Man Killed

Roseburg, OR - The pilot and sole occupant of a single-engine plane was killed Thursday morning while attempting to land on the turf runway of George Felt Airport in the 400 block of Felt St in Roseburg.

At about 11:30 am on October 3, 2024, 9-1-1 dispatchers received calls from witnesses working at the private airfield known as Felt's Field. The witnesses advised the pilot was attempting to land the small, yellow, fixed-wing plane when the crash occurred.

After running out of runway on the first attempt, the pilot circled around and attempted the landing again, according

to witnesses. The plane bounced off the ground, was launched back into the air and hit the top of a tree with the propeller before taking a nosedive to the ground.

Deputies responded with firefighters and emergency medical providers from Central Douglas Fire and Rescue and Umpqua Valley Ambulance. The pilot, Steven H. Kretsinger, 65, of Eugene, was pronounced deceased on scene. Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were notified of the crash. Kretsinger's next of kin has been notified.

EHS Student Arrested

Elkton, OR - On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 1:38 pm, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from the Elkton High School reporting they were in a self-initiated lockdown. The principal reported the lockdown was the result of a student on campus with a firearm. At the time of the call, the student's whereabouts were unknown.

Multiple deputies, along with Sutherlin Police Department and Oregon State Police responded to the scene. While responding, the school called back to indicate they believed the student was no longer on campus. Other area schools were placed in lockdown until the student could be located.

Deputies eventually contacted the student in the area of Azalea Drive in Elkton. A backpack was recovered, and a Glock replica BB pistol was located inside. The student, a 17-year-old male, was taken into custody and lodged at the Douglas County Juvenile Detention Center on the following charges:

- Disorderly Conduct I
- Menacing x2
- Probation Violation

The Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation working closely with school officials and agency partners.

Suspect Arrested for Menacing

Cottage Grove, OR - On October 21st at about 6:30 p.m., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in the 32100 block of Latham Road, south of Cottage Grove, for a dispute. The callers were able to exit the residence, leaving only Ashley Marie Carter, 34, of Cottage Grove, inside. As deputies investigated, they determined there was probable cause to arrest Carter for Menacing APA (Abuse Prevention Act), a mandatory arrest for law enforcement in Oregon.

Deputies attempted to deescalate Carter and gain cooperation, however she refused to exit and armed herself with a knife. Deputies applied for and were granted a search warrant to enter the residence to arrest Carter. Several less lethal tools were used, including a Taser. Carter was still uncooperative and attempted to hide inside the residence. K9 Hector was deployed. Carter then complied with commands and was arrested without further incident and was lodged at the Lane County Jail for Menacing APA, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Resisting Arrest.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Cottage Grove Police Department and Oregon State Police for their assistance on this call. LCSO Case #24-5665

Burglar Arrested near River Rd

Eugene, OR - On October 18th at about 2 a.m., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Maxwell Road, Eugene, after a resident heard their alarm activate and

discovered a broken window.

Once deputies arrived on scene, K9 Ripp was deployed to search the building. He quickly discovered a male, later identified as Adam Leroy Linday, 40, in a bathroom. Linday had barricaded the door closed. Deputies talked Linday into surrendering, and he was arrested without further incident. Linday was lodged at the Lane County Jail for Burglary in the 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree. LCSO Case #24-5601

The Lane County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit is funded by community donations. All donations go directly to the K9 program to supply food, veterinary care, and equipment. Learn more and donate at: www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/sheriff_s_office/about_us_-_now_and_then/police_services_division/k9_unit

Fatal crash on NW Expressway

Eugene, OR - On October 15th at about 7 a.m., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded with Eugene Police and Eugene Springfield Fire for a report of a crash involving two vehicles on Northwest Expressway south of Park Avenue in Eugene. The Lane County Sheriff's major crash investigation team also responded.

The crash involved a white 2013 Toyota Sienna minivan and a tan 2007 Chevy Trailblazer. Initial investigation revealed the Toyota was driving north on the expressway and the Chevy was driving south. The Chevy, for an unknown reason, crossed into the oncoming lane and the vehicles collided. The driver of the Toyota died on scene. The driver and passenger of the Chevy were transported to an area hospital, but the driver of the Chevy later died. Neither occupant of the Chevy were wearing seatbelts. The driver of the Toyota was wearing a seatbelt. The driver of the Toyota was identified as Amy Lyn Samson, 55, of Eugene. The driver of the Chevy was identified as Daniel Eugene Pina, 37, of Eugene. Additional investigation indicates the driver of the Chevy may have suffered a medical event while driving, leading to the crash.

The roadway was closed for several hours as deputies investigated and tow companies cleared the roadway. The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Eugene Police Department and Lane County Public Works for their assistance in keeping the roadway closed so deputies could focus on the investigation. LCSO Case #24-5523

Off-duty Deputy solves Burglary

Eugene, OR - In mid-September, an off-duty Lane County Sheriff's deputy learned a friend's shop had been burglarized, and quickly located a chainsaw stolen in the burglary for sale online. The deputy set up a meeting to "buy" the chainsaw (along with some on-duty deputies) in the River Road area of Eugene.

The suspect, later identified as Zachary Rivers, 38, changed the meet location and arrived in a different vehicle, but eventually produced the chainsaw in question. The deputy was able to confirm it was the stolen saw, and on-duty deputies arrived to arrest Rivers. A search of the vehicle yielded approximately 80 grams of methamphetamine, a large bag of Psilocybin mushrooms, large amounts of marijuana, scales, burglary tools (which appeared well used), stolen mail, stolen credit cards, and additional property from the burglary. Rivers was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of:

Letters from the Librarian

“It’s in those quiet little towns, at the edge of the world, that you will find the salt of the earth people who make you feel right at home.”

? - Aaron Lauritsen, *100 Days Drive: The Great North American Road Trip*



I love this quote about “quiet little towns” because it rings true for me as a librarian and as a human. Do you feel “right at home?” I hope you do. Especially in this season. Together, as a community, we near the darkest days of the year. We’ve weathered the change from late summer into autumn and now we’re truly in the blustery throes of fall-turning-winter weather. If we’re lucky, we’re cozy in our pre-winter routines. It’s not quite time to plan next spring’s garden, but it’s definitely never the wrong time to tackle our to-be-read stacks. Baking or cooking (from a new cookbook or a family favorite?),

playing card games and working puzzles, cracking open a new book, or listening to an old favorite while doing chores. This is the beauty of fall.

Together, as a community, we have a new set of local, state, and national leaders. We’ve navigated a contentious election season and maintained our relationships and our sense of neighborliness. In North Douglas county, we watch out for one another. I often observe that political or ideological differences matter little when it comes to our neighbors in Drain, Elkton, Yoncalla, Curtin, Cottage Grove. We have more in common than we harbor differences. Is this true from your corner of the woods? In the library, we’ve hung signs from September on that remind us to leave our political discussions at the door. Sometimes it’s hard to discern whether a topic is political, isn’t it? What I’ve found is that everyone wins when we focus on the subjects that are inarguably important to all of us: Children. Nature. Families. Freedom and faith. Do we have to agree on every level in order to respect one another? We do not. This is the beauty of community.

New in the library this month: “Patron” and “Staff Picks” are displayed (and they check out quickly!); the seed library has new winter crop seeds ready to plant; preschool storytime on Tuesdays at 11:00; a huge crop of new puzzles is available

for borrowing; more than 40 new books for all ages were added to the collection; BINGO on November 27 to kick off your Thanksgiving weekend.

Continuing in the library this month: Yarn Club on Wednesdays at 4:00; family movie matinees on Wednesdays at 5:00; LEGO Club on the first and third Thursdays at 4:00; YonDr Book Club on Thursday November 14.

We’d love to help you access physical and digital resources during open hours - stop in Tuesdays 10:00-6:00, Wednesdays 12:00-7:00; Thursdays 11:00-6; Fridays and Saturdays 11:00-4:00 to browse and borrow, to use the internet or computers and printers, or for help accessing audiobooks and ebooks on your device or ours. You can find us at ndld.org 24-7 or email info@ndld.org for help during closed hours. Call 541-836-2648 to renew materials or to ask questions. We love being in community with you.

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorns have roses.”

--Alphonse Karr, *A Tour Round My Garden*
Miriam Sisson, Director
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Elk Creek Glass

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and converted the Garage into the Fusing Shop. Here he keeps his stores of beautiful, some rare, glass sheets and assorted supplies for piecing together some absolutely stunning sculptures in glass for all manners of use and displays. Color and sparkle, twisting and fiery explosions of light reflect the unlimited artistic and technical aspects that result in amazing products that you want to showcase and ponder.

Finally, just about a year ago, the



stars aligned and they were ready to start bringing in the students. Classes in Glass Blowing and glass Fusion with Avi teaching and guiding his students along was underway. In addition to the excellent reviews of the classes, they made the shop available for rentals for student projects, with Avi guiding them along the way, still teaching and providing critical lessons and tips for maximum results and benefits.

Over the year, Avi Zohar, lead instructor and owner, said several students mentioned that they had glass blowing experiences at other shops in Oregon, but Elk Creek Glass is different. Elk Creek Glass is really emphasizing students learning and doing the steps. The focus is more on the process than final object. Other



shops were having students pick the colors and shape, but having studio staff do most of the work. Instead, Avi, has students gather the glass right out of the furnace, learn to manage and shape the glass on the pipe, add the colors, and even break the piece off the pipe when its done.



The pieces are unique and capture someone’s creativity and their daring to try something new and special.

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Lower Umpqua Library Announcements



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) now has five neighborhood library modules, out of a planned total of six. Please feel free to visit them and borrow a book or a DVD!

The neighborhood library modules are roofed bookcases, which are mostly placed throughout the library district’s rural hinterland, which provide books and DVDs to residents on an honor system basis. Each module is designed to hold approximately 150 titles and is equipped with a light that will allow for use after dark. LULD has neighborhood library modules:

- 1.) Near the fire station in Winchester Bay (Broadway Avenue and 6th Street)
- 2.) Near the fire station in Scottsburg (Highway 38 and Wells Creek Road)
- 3.) Near the intersection of Loon Lake Road and Elk Ridge Forest Road in Ash Valley
- 4.) In front of Smith River Store
- 5.) In front of the Highland Pool in uptown Reedsport

Placement of a sixth neighborhood library module is planned for Gardiner, but it is not yet setup. If you are interested in having a

seventh neighborhood library module placed on your land or in your community, please contact the library.

Staff and volunteers keep the modules full by periodically restocking books and DVDs. LULD will provide updates on this

item is available for checkout to library card holders for a period of up to three weeks and may be renewed for an additional three weeks unless requested by another patrons.

There are approximately 180 magazine and newspaper



project as additional neighborhood library modules are erected.

The library continues to offer traditional library material such as books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines for borrowing, as well as less conventional items such as WiFi hotspots and extenders, compasses, pedometers, trekking poles (hiking sticks), bicycle locks, computer accessories, and umbrellas. Each

subscriptions, which cover a wide variety of topics and interests. Please call, visit, or email the library for more information.

Alex Kuestner, Library Director/
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Winners Announced for ODFW Annual Stamp Art Contests



Salem, OR – The winning artwork was selected for the 2025 Waterfowl, Upland Game Bird, and Habitat Conservation stamp art contests. This year’s artwork was judged at ODFW Headquarters in Salem on Oct. 29 by a panel of independent judges. The winning artwork will be featured on collector stamps and other promotional items that support wildlife and habitat conservation efforts in Oregon.

first place went to Jeffrey Klinefelter of Etna Green, Ind., for his artwork featuring a ring-necked duck. Click here to view 2025 Waterfowl stamp artwork winners, People’s Choice award and other entries.

For the Upland Game Bird category, Buck Spencer of Junction City, Ore., claimed first place with his portrayal of the California quail. Click here to view 2025 Upland Game Bird stamp artwork.



A total of 21 entries were received for the Upland Game Bird, showcasing the California quail. For Waterfowl Stamp, 14 entries depicted Barrow’s goldeneye, ring-necked duck, and white-winged scoter. Additionally, 19 entries showcased select strategy species for the Habitat Conservation

Terri Neal of Portland, Ore., secured first place in the Habitat Conservation category with her depiction of an American pika. Click here to view 2025 Habitat Conservation stamp artwork.

Each first-place artist will receive a prize award of \$2,000 in recognition of their exceptional talent and contribution to wildlife conservation. The winning artwork will serve as the face of the 2025 collector stamps and various promotional items, with proceeds from sales dedicated to vital habitat improvement, research, surveys, and conservation projects.

Stamps and prints of the winning artwork can be purchased here. For more information about Oregon’s ongoing conservation efforts, please visit the ODFW website at www.odfw.com.



contest. In the Waterfowl Stamp category,

Elk Creek Glass

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Elk Creek Glass has adapted the school schedule this year, to only provide glass blowing in the Fall, Winter and Spring, after realizing the summertime heat is too difficult for new students. It takes time for students to get used to working in front of a 2000 degree glory hole with hot glass. It’s much easier for

students to concentrate on learning the glass working techniques when the weather is cool and it’s enjoyable to be standing in the heat of the hot shop.

Zohar is in the process of adding a new smaller furnace that will be easier for students to gather from and more affordable for the school to operate. That means they can be open more time each month and be teaching even more.

Things that were hits this last year included classes being booked by entire families. It’s a very exciting and intense activity and everyone ends up with a unique keepsake. Avi also had several families reach out to commission him to make a memorial piece of glass that included the ashes of a loved one. He surely didn’t expect that type of



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Community Pages

Lifepoint Oregon Hospital CEO Resigns Michael Mulkey Steps Down

Michael Mulkey, CEO of Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville, Ore., will step down from his role on November 1st. He is relocating to be closer to family, a spokesperson for Brentwood, Tenn.-based Lifepoint Health confirmed.

Mr. Mulkey has served as CEO of the 60-bed hospital since October 2022. He previously served as a chief strategy officer at Baptist Health System in San Antonio, according to a 2022 news release. On October 30th, Michael provided the following Departure Op-Ed.

Last week, I announced plans to leave my post as CEO at Willamette Valley Medical Center. As I shared with my team, this was a difficult decision for me and my wife, Tania, but ultimately the right one as we relocate to be closer to family. In my final days here, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the community of McMinnville and greater Yamhill County.

As I reflect on the past couple years here, there have been many defining moments and milestones that have strengthened our facility for the future:

We kicked off and completed a \$9 million expansion of the HR Hoover, MD Cancer Center expanding our community's access to advanced technology and exceptional cancer care.

We also launched our Healthy Person Program, which leverages advancements in artificial intelligence to detect and act on incidental findings, offering patients a better chance at early diagnosis and survival in their cancer battles.

We've become leaders in healthcare workforce development through our

new Nurse Residency Program and Paid Internship initiatives and were proud to be named Workforce Partner of the Year last month by the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership.

We welcomed more than 50 new providers to our medical staff and the community, including family and internal medicine, general surgery, OB/GYN and pediatrics.

We celebrated our 120th anniversary as a team and with more than 500 community members, while also marking this important milestone with our historic wall dedication and #120momentsofcare on social media.

Our "Make Moments Matter" campaign showcased the remarkable team we have at WVMC, bringing our faces and stories into the community and sharing the extraordinary care we provide.

I'm proud of all we have accomplished together during my tenure here and know I'm leaving this community with a stronger hospital and in the best of hands with Tracy Autler, CNO, Chris Brooker, CFO and our outstanding director team at its helm. You and your loved ones will continue to be cared for by a dedicated team of physicians, nurses and staff, who are proud to serve their neighbors, family members and friends, just as this hospital has for more than 120 years.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your local hospital CEO. It has been a true honor and highlight of my career. While goodbyes are never easy, my transition will be much smoother knowing that the future is bright for Willamette Valley Medical Center with the continued support of Lifepoint Health.

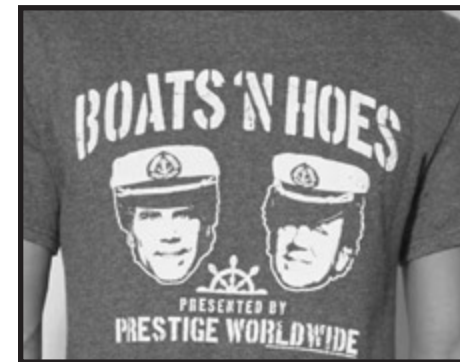
Thank you,
Michael Mulkey

Burglar Nabbed in Eugene Still Wearing Movie Shirt He Stole

Eugene, OR — The Eugene Police Department (EPD) arrested a man after he was caught breaking into a woman's apartment. On October 24, 2024, EPD officers responded to the 1080 Willamette Street at 10:41 p.m. after security reported a man was inside the parking structure, checking door handles.

EPD states that the security officer confronted him and used a taser to hold him for officers, but he managed to escape and flee on foot. As officers were arriving, Central Lane 911 received a call from a woman who had arrived home to her apartment nearby, and discovered a man inside who was wearing her "Boats 'N Hoes" T-shirt from the movie "Step Brothers", EPD tells us. The woman screamed and the suspect fled the scene. Police were unable to track his whereabouts immediately.

Later on that evening, and EPD tells us that an officer located a man near 11th and Lincoln wearing a "Boats 'N Hoes" T-shirt. He was uncooperative and had to be taken into custody with the help of a taser.



EPD identified the man as Carlos Jesus Carter, 42, who had previous warrants for his arrest. The property was recovered and Carlos Carter was transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged on charges including his warrants and the following:

- Burglary in the First Degree
- Two counts of Unauthorized Entry Motor Vehicle
- Attempted UEMV (unlawful entry into a motor vehicle)
- Theft in the Second Degree
- Theft in the Third Degree

3rd largest Earthquake reported off Oregon Coast in past 10 years

Wednesday afternoon's 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck about 173 miles west of Bandon. A tsunami is not expected.

Portland, OR— A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck about 173 miles off the central Oregon Coast Wednesday, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). A tsunami is not expected, according to the U.S. National Tsunami Warning System. It was the third-largest earthquake reported off the Oregon coast by the USGS in the past 10 years.

- Aug. 29, 2019: 6.3 magnitude
- Aug. 22, 2018: 6.2 magnitude
- Oct. 30, 2024: 6.0 magnitude
- Sept. 5, 2019: 5.9 magnitude
- June 4, 2021: 5.9 magnitude
- Dec. 7, 2021: 5.8 magnitude
- Dec. 28, 2020: 5.7 magnitude
- March 26, 2024: 5.6 magnitude
- Jan. 28, 2018: 5.5 magnitude
- Nov. 27, 2016: 5.5 magnitude

The USGS said Wednesday's earthquake happened west of Bandon around 1:19 p.m. with a depth of about 6.2 miles. As of 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, 75 people have reported that they felt the earthquake, according to the USGS. A magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck off the coast of Oregon Wednesday afternoon, according to the United States Geological Survey.

Washington state emergency management officials posted on social media that while it can be scary to see a 6.0 magnitude quake happening near the Cascadia Subduction Zone, the one Wednesday was in the Blanco Fracture Zone, where quakes are quite common.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a 600-mile-long (965-kilometer) fault just off the coast that runs from Northern California to British Columbia. Tectonic stresses have been accumulating in the zone for more than 300 years, and seismologists say it could rupture at any time, causing a megaquake and tsunami.

First-ever Known US Case of Bird Flu found in a Pig in Central Oregon Farm

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noncommercial, and the animals were not intended to enter the commercial food supply. Officials say there is no concern about the safety of the nation's pork. All five pigs, as well as 70 birds at the property that also tested positive for the virus last week, were euthanized, according to a statement from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

"None of these animals that were affected on this farm or any of the farms in Oregon that have been infected have ever have ever entered the food supply," said Dr. Ryan Scholz, Oregon's state veterinarian. And our food does remain safe. Pork products remain safe. Meat products that are properly prepared remain safe. Eggs that are properly prepared, milk that's been pasteurized that you can buy at the grocery store remains safe.

There are other animals like sheep and goats at the farm that officials are monitoring for symptoms of the virus. Scholz said the virus is naturally present in migratory wild waterfowl, which is how it usually spreads to domestic animals.

"They [wild birds] serve as a reservoir for this virus," he said. "So anytime we see concentrations of wild waterfowl moving through our state, particularly in the fall and then in the spring during migratory season, the risk of exposure of domestic poultry to this virus through intermingling with wild waterfowl, which is what we believe to happen on this farm, is much higher."

Bird flu can spread to other wild and domestic animals. Unlike the name suggests, avian flu can jump to other animals, including wild mammals like seals, dolphins, mountain lions and grizzly bears. Earlier this year, scientists discovered the virus can jump to dairy cattle, though no cases have been reported in Oregon cattle. At least 14 states, including California and Idaho, have confirmed herds there have tested positive for the virus.

Avian influenza can be fatal to poultry birds like chicken, although health officials do emphasize the risk of bird flu in humans is low. But it is more likely to affect people who are in close, prolonged contact with sick animals.

"However, the risk remains low even in those settings, when appropriate personal protective equipment or PPE is used," said Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state state epidemiologist at the Oregon Health Authority.

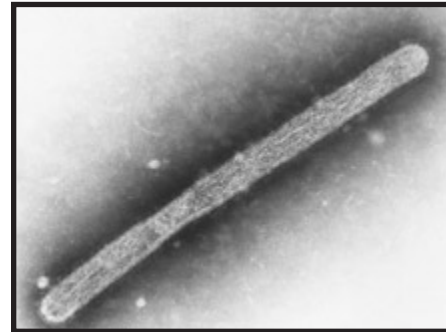
There have been over 40 outbreaks across backyard and commercial poultry farms in Oregon, where at least 127 people have been exposed to the virus, although to date, no one has reported becoming sick, according to Sidelinger.

"There have been no human H5N1 infections associated with outbreaks in Oregon. To date, no infections amongst people living in Oregon and no evidence of human-to-human transmission," Sidelinger said. "With that, we can say that the risk of avian influenza to the general public remains low."

Some scientists do warn that public health officials need to ramp up testing on farm

workers exposed to sick animals or risk cases going undetected.

A case of avian influenza has been



confirmed at a Clackamas County commercial egg farm, according to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The case was confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory on Monday, according to an ODA public document. Officials said Thursday that about 150,000 chickens were euthanized using carbon dioxide poisoning – an authorized method to cull poultry infected with the virus. Agriculture officials say the eggs from the affected birds did not enter the food supply. The same bird flu strain, the H5N1 virus, has affected over 100 million poultry birds across the U.S. since 2022, including nearly 800,000 commercial chickens in Oregon and several backyard flocks. Chickens were so affected in recent years that the virus was blamed in part for skyrocketing egg and meat prices.

At least two farmworkers in southeast

Washington tested positive for the virus after being in close contact with sick chickens at a commercial farm. Nearly 40 people across the country have tested positive for bird flu so far this year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most have reported only mild symptoms, like eye redness.

USDA officials have tested the virus found at the Crook County farm, and say it does not seem to have mutated or become more transmissible to people.

"USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories has conducted genomic sequencing of virus from the poultry infected on this farm, and that sequencing has not identified any changes to the H5N1 virus that would suggest to USDA and CDC that it is more transmissible to humans, indicating that the current risk to the public remains low," read a USDA statement.

ODA officials say the agency is coordinating with other state and federal agencies to implement a quarantine area at the farm, cleaning and disinfecting the area where the animals were and monitoring people who were exposed to the sick animals.

The pig confirmed to have been infected was one of five on a farm in Crook County in south-central Oregon that was experiencing an H5N1 outbreak in poultry. The pig did not display signs of illness, but was euthanized and necropsied — the animal equivalent of an autopsy. Tissue testing showed the pig "had virus throughout their body," said Ryan Scholz, Oregon's state veterinarian.

Cottage Grove Announcements

From Mike Sauerwein, City Manager



Annual Leaf Pick Up

Fall is here and City staff will begin the first round of the Annual Leaf Pick Up, starting Monday morning on October 28, 2024. Please go to Leaf Pickup Program to get additional information and guidelines on where to place your leaf pile. Brochures are also available at City Hall. It is important that you place your leaves in the designated City streets and approved parking areas no later than Sunday evening, October 27, 2024. This will ensure that you don't get missed as City Staff makes their rounds. Placing the leaves out any later will not guarantee that your leaves will be picked up during this round and you may have to wait until the next round of pick-ups, (listed below).

If property owners do not have street or parking sites that are approved for pick up or you are not able to get your leaves out before Sunday evening, you may take your leaves to the drop site at the Row River Water Treatment Plant, located at 3300 Row River Road.

Two additional rounds will take place the weeks of November 18th and December 2nd. Please take advantage of this program, as it helps keep our storm drainage system clean and operating properly. If you have any questions, call the Public Works Maintenance Shop, at 541-767-4100.

One Block Closure on 10th Street from Main to Washington Streets

On Monday and Tuesday, October 21st & 22nd, 10th Street will be closed from Main Street to Washington. Pacific Excavation will be restriping the crosswalk, turn lanes, and handicap parking spot. The closure will begin at 8:00 am and reopen once the striping paint is dry. On Wednesday, October 23rd, 10th Street will be closed in the same location to install the new water tower base in Bohemia Park. The closure will start at 9:00 am until the steel base installed. Traffic will be detoured around the closure on Washington east to 11th Street to

Main Street.

October Work Anniversaries

We are delighted to honor and celebrate the work anniversaries of our dedicated team members this October. Each of these individuals has played a crucial role in the success and growth of the City of Cottage Grove.

- Peter Keenan: 18 Years
- Michael O'Reilly: 17 Years
- Herb Hill: 8 Years
- Nathan Hendren: 7 Years
- Jessica Klarr: 6 Years
- David Belden: 5 Years
- Harley White: 3 Years
- Glenn Clark: 1 Year

We sincerely thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions are deeply valued by the City of Cottage Grove.

Sewer Line Repair Project Beginning November 4th

The City has contracted with H & J Construction to replace three sewer lines using the pipe bursting technology. This is where a new line is pulled through the existing sewer line minimizing the amount of ground disturbance needed to replace the line. The first sewer line repair will be between Polk and Taylor from 10th Street to 13th Street. The second sewer line is between Jefferson and Madison from 10th Street to 13th Street. The final line is between Jefferson and Adams from 10th to 11th Street. The work is expected to take approximately 3 months to complete.

On Monday, October 21st, the City will hold a meeting with the effected property owners at City Hall in the Council Chambers starting at 5:30 pm. H & J Construction, Branch Engineering and City staff will be present to share project details and answer questions.

Quote of the day: *"These mountains that you are carrying, you were only supposed to climb"*
~ Najwa Zebian

Amendments to Reedsport Municipal Code Title 10

Land Usage: Division I Buildings and Construction

News Release Date

Thursday October 10, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Reedsport is considering amendments to Reedsport Municipal Code Title 10 Land Usage: Division I Buildings and Construction. The goal is to better align Division I Buildings and Construction (the code which governs Reedsport's Building Department) with Oregon Building Code. The proposed amendments will be discussed in three upcoming public meetings:

1. Work Session: Tuesday October 29th at 5:00pm: The Reedsport Planning Commission will discuss the proposed code amendments.
2. Public Hearing by Planning Commission: Tuesday November 19th at 5:00pm: The Reedsport Planning Commission will

consider whether to recommend the City Council adopt the code amendments.

3. Public Hearing by City Council: Monday December 2nd at 7:00pm: The Reedsport City Council will consider whether to adopt the proposed code amendments.

All three meetings will be held in person at Reedsport City Hall, with a videoconference option available for each. For videoconference login information, please visit: <https://www.cityofreedsport.org/meetings> and click on the meeting's agenda (or contact City Hall).

Questions? Please email planning@cityofreedsport.org or call the Reedsport Planning Department at (541) 271-3603 x 1010.

Elk Creek Glass

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business, but it's a special honor to be trusted to create memorial art.

Avi Zohar also teaches glass fusing. Fused glass takes various forms of cold glass like sheet glass, ground glass (frit) and sticks of glass called cane, and uses these like a mosaic to make images, patterns, and designs. The work is done "cold" so it appeals to a much broader batch of students that might have worried about the heat of glass blowing.

The glass fusing students come from a big range of backgrounds and ages. Most have no experience at all, and he teaches them the types of glass, the tools, and basics of design. Some students have had previous experience with stained glass and they already know how to cut glass. He's also had quite a few quilters take the class, and their experience with choosing colors and playing with geometric shapes and patterns has been exciting. They've really taken to glass fusing quickly.

Making garden art was the most popular fusing class over the summer, and Elk Creek Glass expects that will grow more next year. It's a great beginner project and students can make 1-3 pieces in a couple hours depending on how complex they go.

Glass fusing worked well for groups. The fusing studio could have 6-8 people in a class. They hosted a "tween" birthday party with the 11-13 year olds making some really wild garden art. There was also a company retreat for a small organization, where everyone learned the basics cutting and assembling glass together and each one made very unique pieces.

He is excited about starting into

year two for the school and he'll be launching the new classes in November. He will have a 4 week (one night a week) class on making ornaments, that will run in early December. He will also be launching a full "beginning glass fusing" course that will run for 8 weeks and teach several different techniques through many projects that students will make and be able to take home at the end of the course.

Avi finds that around the holidays, visiting families will book a session for their own private class, to make a memory together. He books both glass blowing and fusing on this custom schedule. Of course, there is an accumulation of example pieces that he makes throughout the year and these will be for sale in the gift shop at Elkton Community Education Center on Hwy 38 and some are also listed for sale on the website.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Good News for Yoncalla Beautification Projects

The Yoncalla Beautification Committee recently was notified that its Federal non-profit status has been renewed. This allows tax deductible status for all donations and contributions made to the Committee. Mary Ellen Lasswell, Committee president, received confirmation of how the non-profit status benefits the community when she received a phone call from an anonymous donor pledging matching funds up to \$5000 for community beautification projects. This pledge has the potential to become a \$10,000 donation. Public donations are vital for the completion of Beautification Committee projects as the committee has no base financial support.

At the October 24 meeting, Committee members conducted a brain-storming session to discuss proposed projects for the coming year. A current proposal is to increase the number of hanging flower baskets on Eagle Valley Road and Main Street. Metal posts for the baskets would be built by Yoncalla High School shop students. Another proposal is to update and replace signs listing services within Yoncalla. The Committee encourages attendance by anyone who has ideas for "improving the livability for our community while reflecting the pride of our small town." Beautification Project meetings are regularly held the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

The next meeting date is November 28th.



USWCD MEETING Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District November 14, 2024, 6:30 PM

As part of public policy, the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District will attempt to provide public accessibility to services, programs and activities. If accommodation is needed at this meeting please contact the Umpqua SWCD office at 662-1341 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/UmpquaSWCD/umpquasoilandwaterconservationdistrictmeeting>

You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 600-516-765, United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679

Telephone: (541) 662-1341, Email: rhonda@umpquasoilandwater.com

The next business meeting for the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for December 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



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Public Safety Report Douglas, Lane Counties & Statewide

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- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Theft in the 1st Degree
- Theft of Mail
- Possession of Burglary Tools
- Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Manufacture of a Marijuana item

Rivers was still in custody as of October 7th. LCSO Case #24-5080

LCSO & EPD Drone Team Arrest

Lane County, OR - About an hour past midnight on October 3rd, an observant Lane County Sheriff's deputy spotted a car in the Danebo area associated with Kristopher Robert Glenn, 38, of Veneta. Deputies have been searching for Glenn for some time, as he was wanted by the US Marshals. The deputy was able to see Glenn in the passenger seat, and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle attempted to elude, and deputies pursued. The vehicle finally stopped in the area of W. 18th Avenue and S. Bertelsen Road, Eugene. Glenn ran from the vehicle, however deputies and Eugene Police officers set a perimeter. The driver, Elise Catrina Lockwood, 33, was arrested without incident.

A Eugene Springfield Metro Drone operator from Eugene Police launched a drone. He observed an obvious heat signature of a person hurriedly moving to the north, and aired the information to deputies and police in the area. The suspect gave up running after spotting the drone and laid in the grass, waiting for officers. Glenn was taken into custody without further issue.

Both were found to be in possession of methamphetamine, and Glenn had been in possession of a realistic looking pellet gun. Lockwood was lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Attempt to Elude Police Officer by Vehicle, Reckless Driving, and Possession of Methamphetamine. Glenn was lodged at the Lane County Jail on new charges of Attempt to Elude Police Officer by Foot and Possession of Methamphetamine. Glenn was also lodged on failure to appear warrants for Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. He was also lodged for Failure to Appear in the 1st Degree and a parole violation. LCSO Case #24-5323

Fatal crash on Bob Straub Pkwy

Springfield, OR - On October 3rd at about 10 a.m., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a crash with injury that occurred in the intersection of Bob Straub Parkway and S. 57th Street, Springfield. Lane County Sheriff's major collision investigators also responded. The cause of the crash is still being investigated. Initial investigation indicates a Buick sedan with a single occupant was driving north on Bob Straub Parkway when a Prius with three occupants, including a baby, entered the intersection from S. 57th Street to turn south on Bob Straub Parkway. The Buick struck the side of the Prius. All occupants were transported to the hospital, however the driver of the Buick was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash and later died. The identity of the deceased is being withheld until next of kin have been notified.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Springfield Police

Department and Springfield Public Works for their initial response and traffic control during this investigation. LCSO Case #24-5328

Rape Suspect Arrested

Lane County, OR - In late January, Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to the River Road area of Eugene for a report of suspicious conditions. After reviewing evidence at the scene and area security camera recordings, the responding Deputies had reason to believe a sexual assault had occurred in the early morning hours.

The case was forwarded to Detectives at the Lane County Sheriff's Office for follow up. Detectives learned the victim was transient in the area and did not know the suspect. Evidence left at the scene was sent to the Oregon State Forensic Labs for DNA analysis.

On September 23rd, 2024, Detectives received information from the Oregon State Labs advising Curtis Lee Larmore, 38, was a DNA match. Detectives quickly worked to locate Curtis, and on September 26th, Detectives located Curtis in an apartment in the River Road area. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Rape in the 1st Degree and Sex Abuse in the 1st Degree. LCSO Case #24-0446

K-9 Team Seizes Fentanyl, Heroin

Douglas County, OR - Yesterday, an Oregon State Police K-9 team intercepted fentanyl and heroin destined for Portland.

On Oct. 22, 2024, at about 11 a.m., an Oregon State Trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 135 in Douglas County. During the stop, the trooper observed signs of criminal activity and deployed a drug detection K-9. The vehicle search resulted in the discovery of 5.8 pounds of fentanyl and 5 pounds of heroin with suspected fentanyl inside the vehicle.

The driver, Dago Rodrigo Rodrigues (22) of Oakland (CA), and passenger, Mateo Marin Peraza (20) also of Oakland (CA) were arrested for unlawful possession and delivery of fentanyl and heroin and lodged in the Douglas County Jail.

Fatal Crash on HWY 126

Lane County, Ore - On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 3:15 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a four-vehicle crash on Hwy 126, near milepost 19, in Lane County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a westbound Kenworth log truck, operated by Billy Lee Bales Coder (50) of Myrtle Point, was passing through the Knowles Creek Tunnel when a catastrophic engine failure caused an oil spill approximately 200 yards long before the vehicle exited the tunnel and parked along side the roadway.

A westbound Nissan Rogue, operated by Mary Helen Dale (65) of Florence, lost control in the oil slick and crashed into the Kenworth before moving off of the highway.

A westbound Toyota Prius, operated by Radiant Jaime Gaines (48) of Eugene, lost control in the oil slick, crossed into the eastbound lane and struck an eastbound Chevrolet HHR, operated by Christine Dorene Weathers (59) of Florence, head-on.

The operator of the Chevrolet (Weathers) was pronounced deceased at the scene. The operator of the Kenworth

(Coder) was not injured. The operator of the Nissan (Dale) was not injured. The operator of the Toyota (Gaines) suffered serious injuries and was transported to a local medical center.

The highway was impacted for approximately 9.5 hours during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is under investigation. OSP was assisted by Western Lane Ambulance and Fire, Mapleton Fire, and ODOT.

Fatal Crash on HWY 126E

Lane County, OR - On Monday, October 14, 2024, at 12:21 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 126E, near milepost 24, in Lane County.

The preliminary investigation indicated an eastbound Dodge Ram 3500, operated by Colton Lane Wellette (20) of Monroe, was pulling a gooseneck trailer loaded with bales of hydroseed. As the Dodge was negotiating a curve the trailer overturned spilling the load into the westbound lane. A westbound Toyota Corolla, operated by Sierra Marie Evers-Hellmich (37) of Eugene, collided with the debris from the over-turned trailer causing significant damage to the Toyota.

A passenger in the Toyota, Kurt Allen Hellmich (71) of Arcata (CA), was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Toyota (Evers-Hellmich) suffered reported minor injuries. Another passenger in the Toyota, Lynn Evers (76) of Arcata (CA), suffered serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

The highway was impacted for approximately five hours during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is under investigation. OSP was assisted by the Leaburg Fire Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and ODOT.

From Statewide

CG Murder Suspect Arrested

Portland, OR - In June, a deceased female was located in the Cottage Grove area who appeared to be the victim of homicide. Lane County Sheriff's detectives identified the victim as a missing person, Rozaleena Faith Rasmussen, 29, from Cottage Grove.

Detectives identified the suspect as Anthony Wesley Tyrrell, 31, of Cottage Grove. A nationwide warrant was issued for his arrest for Murder in the 2nd Degree. Detectives tracked Tyrrell to Portland, and worked with area agencies on the case. On Saturday, October 5th, Portland Police Bureau arrested Tyrrell on the warrant and additional local charges while investigating an unrelated incident. Lane County Sheriff's detectives are continuing to investigate the case while Tyrrell is in custody at the Multnomah County Jail.

For their assistance on this case, the Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Portland Police Bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Marshals Service, and Oregon State Police. LCSO Case 24-3453

Police Seek Video from Party Shooting

Josephine County, OR - Oregon State Police detectives are asking for witnesses to a non-lethal shooting to come forward with any video of the incident.

On Oct. 26, 2024, at about 2:00 a.m., police responded to a report of shots fired at a large party in rural Josephine County in the Spencer Creek area. An adult male

was taken to a local hospital by private vehicle from the party and was treated for non-life-threatening gunshot wounds to the abdomen.

Many of the party attendees were juvenile and intoxicated. However, all the individuals involved in the altercation that led to the shooting have been identified and are over 18 years of age. Multiple party attendees fled from the scene, resulting in two rollover traffic crashes with minor injuries.

Investigators do not believe there are any public safety threats stemming from this incident. Investigators believe multiple cell phone videos of the incident exist and are asking witnesses to come forward. Anyone with information is asked to contact OSP's Southern Command Center at 800-442-2068 or call OSP (*677) from a mobile device. Please reference case number # SP24-35006. The investigation is ongoing and OSP is not releasing the names of the parties involved at this time.

OSP Investigates Officer Shooting

Lincoln County, OR - On Saturday, October 19th, 2024, at approximately 12:22 p.m., the Lincoln City Police Department responded to report of a domestic disturbance between a male and female at the Motel 6, located at 3517 NW Highway 101, in Lincoln City, OR. Officers responded to the motel, identified the suspect, and discovered outstanding warrants for his arrest. The occupants of the room also appeared to be associated with a stolen vehicle located in the parking lot of the hotel.

At approximately 13:04 p.m., Lincoln City Police officers contacted the male suspect in the hotel room and he was noncompliant. During the contact, the suspect had two firearms in his waistband which he reached for and was shot by officers.

First aid was rendered at the scene and the suspect was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The deceased suspect is identified as Francisco Campos (36) of Woodburn (OR).

Per the Lincoln County Deadly Force Response Plan under Senate Bill 111, the Lincoln County Major Crime Team was activated for the investigation and the Oregon State Police has taken the role of the lead investigating agency. The Oregon State Police is being assisted by the Newport Police Department, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln City Police Department, the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, and the Lincoln County Medical Examiner's Office.

K-9 Team Seizes Crystal Meth

Linn County, OR - An Oregon State Police K-9 team seized a large quantity of crystal methamphetamine earlier this week.

On Oct. 8, 2024, at about 5:00 p.m., an Oregon State Trooper stopped a vehicle on Interstate 5 in Linn County for a traffic violation. During the stop, the trooper recognized signs of possible drug trafficking and deployed his drug detection K-9.

A search of the vehicle revealed 40 pounds of crystal methamphetamine in the trunk. The driver, Sheyla Jesmely Serrano Lopez (27) of Shafter (CA), was arrested and lodged in jail.

No additional information is available for release at this time.

The Oregon Rural Report

OSP Seeking Suspected Poacher



Yamhill County, OR – The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for help to identify a suspected poacher.

The suspected poacher was hunting in the Trask Wildlife Management Unit (Yamhill County) from Oct. 18-20 and again from Oct. 25-27. The male suspect is believed to be associated with an older maroon sedan, possibly a Honda, with a black damaged front fender.

The suspect shot numerous doe deer with a high-powered rifle from the roadway on private property. On one occasion, the suspect shot a doe from a residential front yard before fleeing the area. He returned after dark and recovered the deer carcass, ignoring posted "No Trespass" signs.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact OSP dispatch at 800-452-7888, *OSP (*677) on a mobile device, or by email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Please reference case number # SP24349341.

OSPFW Investigating Deer Kill

Douglas County, OR– Roseburg area Fish and Wildlife troopers are asking for the public's assistance to locate and apprehend the person responsible for unlawfully killing a buck deer and leaving it to waste earlier this week.

The preliminary investigation indicates the buck was shot multiple times with a handgun from the roadway. The incident occurred between 6 and 7 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2024, in the 500 block of South Deer Creek Road. The individual left the area in a vehicle traveling southbound on South Deer Creek Road.



Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Matt Bowersox through OSP Dispatch at 800-442-2068 or *OSP (*677) from a mobile device. Those with information can remain anonymous and a TIP reward for cash or preference points will be offered for information leading to a citation or arrest in the case. Please reference Oregon State Police case number #SP24344796.

OSPFW Investigating Yearling Kill

Crook County, OR – Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife is investigating the unlawful take and waste of a yearling buck deer in the Grizzly Wildlife

Management Unit.

On October 11, 2024, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife troopers from Prineville responded to a report of a deer which had been shot. The incident was reported to have occurred Thursday, October 10, at about 10:30 p.m. and occurred on McKay Creek Road/USFS 27 Road near the USFS 33 Road junction north of Prineville. The deer was shot multiple times with a 9mm. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a Chevy S10 or similar small pick-up truck.



The Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible for killing the yearling buck deer. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sr. Trooper Tayler Jerome via the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888, email TIP@osp.oregon.gov, or contact OSP dispatch at *OSP (*677).

OSPFW Find Waste of Cow Elk

Crook County, OR– The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is investigating the unlawful take and waste of a cow elk in the Ochoco Wildlife Management Unit and is asking for the public's assistance to identify the person(s) responsible.

On October 9, 2024, Oregon State Troopers from Prineville responded to a report of a cow elk that had been shot and left to waste near the southwest corner of Big Summit Prairie and within 75 yards of the USFS 42 Road. Troopers investigated and confirmed a bullet wound and no meat was taken from the elk. Troopers had witnessed the elk in the area three days earlier. It is believed the elk was shot between Sunday, Oct. 6, and Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024.



Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sr. Trooper Tayler Jerome via the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888, by email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov, or by contacting OSP dispatch at *OSP (*677). Please reference case number SP24-330774.



Report Wildlife and Habitat Law Violators

The Turn In Poachers (TIP) program is a collaboration among the Oregon State Police, Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Wildlife Coalition, Oregon Outfitter and Guides Association, and the Oregon State Marine Board.

The TIP program offers preference point rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of big game mammals.

Preference Point Rewards

- 5 Points: Bighorn Sheep
- 5 Points: Rocky Mountain Goat
- 5 Points: Moose
- 5 Points: Wolf
- 4 Points: Elk
- 4 Points: Deer
- 4 Points: Pronghorn Antelope
- 4 Points: Bear
- 4 Points: Cougar

The TIP program also offers cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of the following fish and wildlife species. Cash rewards can also be awarded for habitat destruction, illegally obtaining hunting or angling license or tag, lending or borrowing big game tags, spotlighting, or snagging.

Cash Rewards

- Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) cash rewards:
- \$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, or Moose
 - \$1,000 Elk, Deer, or Antelope
 - \$600 Bear, Cougar, or Wolf
 - \$300 Habitat destruction
 - \$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
 - \$200 Unlawful lending/borrowing big game tag(s)
 - \$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
 - \$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
 - \$200 Spotlighting
 - \$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag

Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) Cash Rewards:

- \$500 Hawk, Falcon, Eagle, Owl, Osprey
- \$500 Cougar, Bobcat, Beaver (public lands only), Black bears, Bighorn Sheep, Marten, Fisher, Sierra Nevada Red Fox
- \$1,000 Species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under state or federal Endangered Species Act (excludes fish)

Oregon Outfitters & Guides Association (OOGA) Cash Rewards:

- \$200 Acting as an Outfitter Guide for the Illegal Killing of Wildlife, Illegally Obtaining Oregon Hunting or Angling Licenses or Tags, or Illegally Offering to Act as an Outfitter Guide as defined in ORS 704.010 and 704.020.

How to Report a Wildlife and/or Habitat Law Violation or Suspicious Activity:

TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (*677)
 TIP email: TIP@osp.oregon.gov (monitored Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
 For more information visit: www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/fw/Pages/tip.aspx

First Salmon since 1912 Spotted after Klamath Dams Removal

Klamath Falls, OR – On October 16, a fall-run Chinook salmon was identified by ODFW's fish biologists in a tributary to the Klamath River above the former J.C. Boyle Dam, becoming the first anadromous fish to return to the Klamath Basin in Oregon since 1912 when the first of four hydroelectric dams was constructed, blocking migration.

The salmon and others likely traveled about 230 miles from the Pacific ocean to reach the tributary only months after four Klamath River dams were removed to ensure fish passage from California to Oregon.

"This is an exciting and historic development in the Klamath Basin that demonstrates the resiliency of salmon and steelhead," said ODFW Director Debbie Colbert. "It also inspires us to continue restoration work in the upper basin. I want to thank everyone that has contributed to this effort over the last two decades."

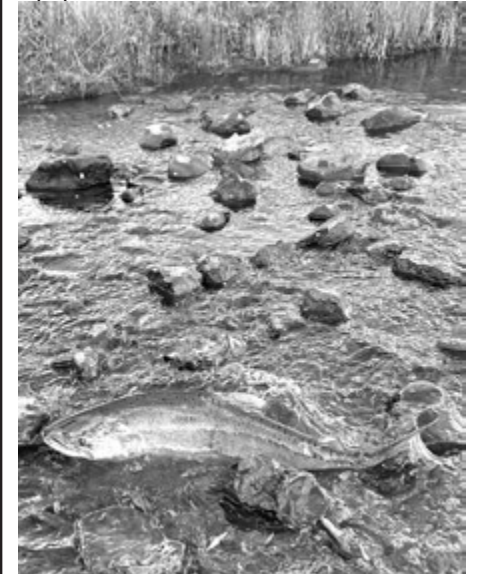
"The return of our relatives the c'iyaa'l's is overwhelming for our tribe. This is what our members worked for and believed in for so many decades," said Roberta Frost, Klamath Tribes Secretary. "I want to honor that work and thank them for their persistence in the face of what felt like an unmovable obstacle. The salmon are just like our tribal people, and they know where home is and returned as soon as they were able," added Frost.

"c'iyaa'l's are culture carriers," said Natalie Ball, Klamath Tribes Council Woman. "I'm excited for their return home and for us to be in relation with them again."

Fish biologists have been surveying the Klamath River and tributaries since dam removal as part of the agency's responsibility to monitor the repopulation of anadromous fish species to the basin in collaboration with The Klamath Tribes. Mark Hereford, ODFW's Klamath Fisheries Reintroduction Project Leader, was part of the survey team that identified the fall-run Chinook. His team was ecstatic when they saw the first salmon.

"We saw a large fish the day before rise to surface in the Klamath River, but we only saw a dorsal fin," said Hereford. "I thought, was that a salmon or maybe it was a very large rainbow trout?" Once the team returned on Oct. 16 and 17, they were able to confirm that salmon were in the tributary.

ODFW, The Klamath Tribes and other partners have been working together on this historic restoration project to monitor Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey once they are able to repopulate habitat above the dams.



A fall-run Chinook Salmon seen on Oct. 16, 2024, in a tributary of the Klamath River after removal of the dams marking the first fish to return since 1916. Photo by Mark Hereford, ODFW.

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Shari's Closes All Oregon Locations

Oregon-based chain was down to 17 restaurants after starting this year with 42.

Shari's Cafe & Pies, once the largest family dining chain in the Pacific Northwest, has closed all of its remaining locations.

Founded in Hermiston in 1978 by Ron and Sharon "Shari" Bergquist. The Company made several poor business decisions prior to the pandemic and never fully recovered. The casual dining establishment became the subject of tax liens, lawsuits and eviction notices, according to independent contractors owed tens of thousands by Shari's.

Throughout 2024, many Shari's locations closed with little or no warning. Yakima, Keizer, Tacoma, Boise, Lewiston all closed, fueling rumors of the impending end of an Oregon institution. Last month, a company-wide "pie-shortage" was reported in the press. When news broke Oct. 21, Shari's was down to 17 Oregon locations after starting the year with 42.

"I can confirm at this time that all Oregon Shari's are closed," Samuel Borgese, founder of Shari's parent company, Gather Holdings, is quoted by Willamette Week. But it was the Oregon Lottery that first confirmed Oregon's 17 remaining Shari's had closed. The agency's director, Mike Wells, sent an all-staff email confirming the closure after seeing rumors on social media. The Oregonian reached staff members in California, Idaho and Washington who said locations in those states were still open on the evening of Oct. 21. Wells was in a position to know because the agency drew a large chunk of revenue from the restaurant's video poker terminals — \$7.45 million in 2023. Earlier this year, Shari's bank account with the state lottery went dry and the state shut down its access to gambling until a bond was paid. OPB reported that as of this week, Shari's owed the Oregon Lottery \$900,000.

Shari's served what it called "fresh Northwest comfort food," notably, specialty pies like chocolate cream Supreme and marionberry cheese. Most locations featured a six-sided building design and were open 24 hours. At the time it was sold to Fairmount Capital near the turn of the millennium, Shari's operated 97 locations in seven Western states with around 4,000 employees.

In 2018, Oregon Business featured Shari's in "The Non-Foodie Restaurant Survival Guide," a feature about unpretentious casual restaurants working to stay afloat amid a "restaurant apocalypse" that shuttered locations of fast food and fast-casual restaurants that were once household names, like Applebee's and Subway. Borgese, identified in that story as the new CEO of Shari's, which at that time had 90 locations in six states, said he had recently overseen a menu refresh and rebrand, both focused on the chain's Northwest roots.

"I think the company strayed away from it for a number of years and, therefore, may have lost some of its loyal customer base that liked the fact that it was a Northwest brand," Borgese told OB in 2018. "I've embraced that, and we're seeing a good response." He also stressed that while the restaurant was seeking to bring in younger customers, he would not chase millennial customers with "gimmicky" tactics.

Ron Bergquist was a Hermiston architect with a vision for a 24-hour diner with a hexagonal layout (the design was intended to maximize window space while minimizing the distance between diners and the kitchen, according to the Oregon Historical Society). Shari herself developed a menu rich with traditional comfort food like country-fried steak and pie. The chain spread first to Sherwood and Newberg. When the Bergquists sold to corporate owners in 1985, the chain stood at 33 locations and annual sales of \$30 million.

Larry Curtis is credited with providing stable leadership as president from 1984 to 2008, when he was succeeded by former Black Angus CEO Bruce MacDiarmid. The company was sold several times to restaurant consortiums over the next decade. In 2018, the brand acquired struggling California sister chains Coco's and Carrows, with a combined 60 locations, in a deal that was never announced to the public.

"Shari's was an Oregon institution, and a longtime Lottery retailer," Wells wrote in his email to Oregon Lottery staff. "With the closure of all restaurants, the financial risks in continuing to partner are simply too great."

25 Million in Federal Funding for Port of Coos Bay Intermodal Project

WASHINGTON, DC — On October 16, 2024, U.S. Representative Val Hoyle and U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, announced \$25,018,750 in federal funding for the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port (PCIP) Terminal Planning Project. The investment comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects (INFRA) grant program.

"I am thrilled today that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded over \$25 million for the Port of Coos Bay Intermodal Project," said U.S. Representative Val Hoyle. "This project has the potential to bring over 8000 jobs to Southwest Oregon's coastal communities and to strengthen our nation's supply chain. Today's announcement brings us one step closer to rebuilding the South Coast as an economic engine for the state and introduces more pathways to the middle class." She added, "I would like to thank Secretary Buttigieg, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the White House, and my partners in Congress for their support and persistence to help bring this project closer to fruition."

"Today's \$25 million announcement takes a significant step forward to landing this Port of Coos Bay project that will ultimately generate thousands of good-paying jobs on the South Coast and extend huge economic and environmental benefits throughout Oregon," said U.S. Senator Ron Wyden. "There's still more work to be done, and I am committed to keep pressing the case along with Congresswoman Hoyle and Senator Merkley to provide all the federal investment

this project has earned and fully deserves."

"This \$25 million federal investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a historic win for Oregon's rural South Coast and our entire state and is the kickstart that Coos Bay's transformative container port project needs. This project will create thousands of good-paying union and permanent local jobs, boost the economy, and help address bottlenecks in the national supply chain, while cutting greenhouse gas emissions," said U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. "I have long championed this critical project alongside Representative Hoyle, Senator Wyden, Port leadership, and a diverse community of stakeholders, and together we advocated to the highest levels of the Biden administration to ensure this federal commitment. Today's win moves the Port of Coos Bay forward toward the vision of becoming the first fully ship-to-rail port facility on the West Coast and is a testament to the power of collaboration and never giving up—the Oregon Way.

In addition to creating thousands of jobs in a rural area that has been too often overlooked, the PCIP project will benefit the nation's supply chain by easing congestion at West Coast Ports. It will also be the nation's first ship-to-rail port on the West Coast, meaning the facility will not need to rely on trucks to move cargo. The project is also anticipated to use renewable energy sources to provide green electricity, which will allow for the use of electric-powered cargo handling equipment, vehicle charging, and onshore power. The Port will be fitted with electric power plugs to power ships at berth (known as "cold ironing") during the process of unloading."

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Veterans Corner

Statewide Veterans Ceremony

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs will honor all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces during its Statewide Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in view of the Oregon State Capitol Building.

This event will feature remarks by dignitaries and special guests along with ceremonial elements including a color guard, singing of the national anthem, a wreath laying and the playing of "Taps."

The celebration will honor Oregon veterans of all eras and will be hosted at the Oregon State Capitol State Park located on Court Street Northeast in Salem — directly in front of the main

entrance of the Oregon State Capitol Building.

The event is open to the public and uncovered seating will be provided for attendees. Accessible pathways and seating areas for those needing accommodations will also be provided. Attendees are reminded to plan accordingly for Oregon weather.

For those unable to attend, the event will also be livestreamed on ODVA's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/odvavet. If you have any questions about this event, please contact ODVA at (800) 692-9666 or visit www.oregon.gov/odva.



VA Education Bridge Grants

Apprenticeships, OJT, Career Schools

Are you a veteran looking to finish your Oregon based apprenticeship, other on-the-job training, or secondary career school certificate, but need financial assistance? Consider applying for the Veterans Educational Bridge Grant, offered by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Eligible veterans can receive up to \$5,000 in funds if they are experiencing a delay in their training progress. Funds may be used for household expenses, emergency needs, or in any other way that assists the recipient to resume their training.

If you are a veteran, an Oregon resident, and unable to complete your academic/training program due to scheduling issues or debt on a student account, please consider applying for the Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Program. Learn more at <https://www.oregon.gov/.../Pages/Educational-Bridge-Grant.aspx> Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to Host Statewide Veterans Day Ceremony at Oregon State Capitol Park

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School Days

North Douglas Elementary School
Student of the Month:



Avery Swafford

Avery is a kind and helpful student. She is respectful to her teachers and classmates. Avery is always willing to help her peers and her teachers. She is a joy to have in the classroom.
—Mrs. Ward

North Douglas Middle School-
Student of the Month:



Vincent Sartin-Bratton

Vincent displays his respect for others every day in the classroom. He always raises his hand before speaking, he is polite in his interactions with others, and he's always aware of his surrounding and respects other people's space. Vincent is a great student and respectful citizen.
—Mr. Ghelfi

North Douglas High School
Student of the Month.

Ryan Patten

Congratulations to our Students of the Month



Obituary In Memorium



Sunnie lived in Scottsburg, Oregon where her pioneer

family had settled, the Hedden and Sawyers families. She preferred to be known by her nickname and her pioneer family name of Hedden. She spent her middle years in Modesto, California near her mother, but came back to Scottsburg to her proud roots. She was very proud of her heritage. Sunnie was a beautiful person, always helping others, community minded, and had a very heart-warming smile. She had a way of making everyone feel welcome and at ease.

She ran the Farmer's Market in Reedsport and Winchester Bay for almost 20 years. It was her passion. She loved bringing good produce and other items to the market so others could enjoy. She really knew her peaches! She also had a love of plants and flowers and spoke highly of a 150 yr old wedding rose of her great-grandparents. She noticed the beauty all around her. She had a personal relationship with God and had a faith not

many have.

Sunnie worked tirelessly to establish a warming center in Reedsport and often was involved with the free soup program at the church as well. Sunnie also gave of herself when she co-organized the Senior and Disabled Transportation Program that existed for many years and she was the driver that took seniors and disabled people on regular fun outings and to shopping and doctor appointments. These two community programs alone were invaluable to the community and no one has stepped up to fill those shoes. Sunnie was golden, and one of a kind.

She was a wealth of folk wisdom and how to treat ailments naturally. I think her favorite remedy was beet water, the water that is left after beets are cooked in a pot. She said it was very nutritious and helpful to many ailments.

Sunnie was interested in genealogy of her own family but also the families of Douglas County and she was an honored guest at the dedication of the new Scottsburg bridge recently. She possessed a wonderful memory and could remember how people were interconnected.

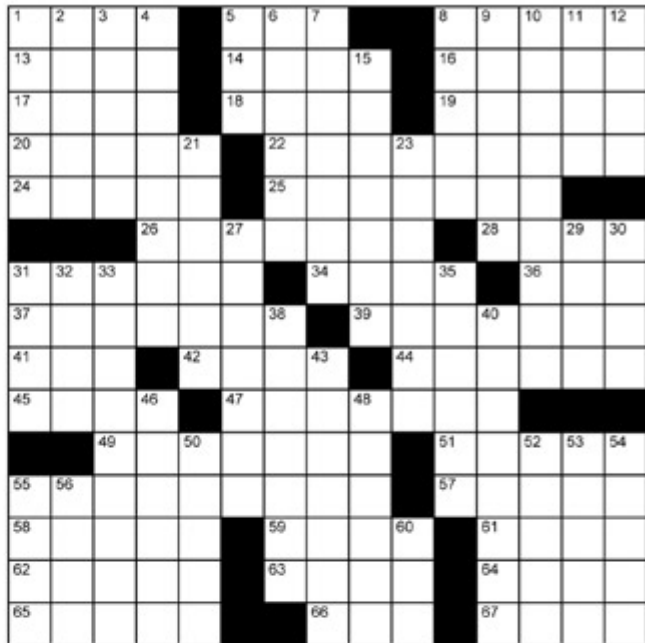
Sunnie fought many health battles, broken bones, heart disease, infections, pain, and multiple Cancer. She fought bravely and without complaint. And she continued on with grace that others could do well to emulate. There were times she did without, because of living on a fixed income, and yet, she always asked how others were and helped others as long as she could. She was a proud beautiful lady.

We miss her so much. We hope she is in a sunny garden somewhere with her favorite pets and love all around. She will be a part of us. Sunnie made the world a better place.

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Across

- 1. Get cracked
- 5. "Have some"
- 8. Indy entrant
- 13. Overdue
- 14. Not up
- 16. "Dreams from My Father" author
- 17. Old-time outburst
- 18. Mysterious character
- 19. Hand-dyed fabric
- 20. Bond villain Goldfinger
- 22. Smother
- 24. Stable sound
- 25. Mistake in print
- 26. Conference site
- 28. Sprawling story



- 31. Enter the picture
- 34. Sandy hill
- 36. Like sushi
- 37. Climbing plant
- 39. Hopeless feeling
- 41. Sun follower?
- 42. Symphony member
- 44. Lean
- 45. Flock members
- 47. Go-between
- 49. Becomes fond of
- 51. "Laugh-In" co-host
- 55. Brought in, as crops
- 57. Cashless deal
- 58. Studio sign
- 59. "National Velvet" author Bagnold
- 61. Malarial fever
- 62. Determined
- 63. "How ___!"
- 64. Pinochle play
- 65. Decorative jugs
- 66. Con's confines
- 67. Culturally showy
- Down**
- 1. Fresh from the shower
- 2. World Court city, with "The"
- 3. Video game pioneer
- 4. Family tree
- 5. Something to lend
- 6. Problem drinker, e.g.
- 7. Like some professors
- 8. Sci-fi droid
- 9. Computing device
- 10. Boat with two hulls
- 11. Radiate
- 12. Autumn tool
- 15. Rip off
- 21. Penny pincher
- 23. Obesity
- 27. High-pitched voices
- 29. Horse's stride
- 30. Out of whack
- 31. Top spot
- 32. Ship's front
- 33. Get through
- 35. Accompany to a party
- 38. Revel noisily
- 40. Scenic view
- 43. Totally gone
- 46. Jesus, for some
- 48. Chemical salt
- 50. Joanna of "Growing Pains"
- 52. Make a bet
- 53. Legally of age
- 54. Down-and-out
- 55. Nozzle site
- 56. From scratch
- 60. Place to hole up

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Karaoke	Saturday Nov 9	9pm
Karaoke	Saturday Nov 16	9pm
Karaoke	Saturday Nov 23	9pm
Karaoke	Saturday Nov 30	9pm

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Sat. NOV. 23: Bay Area Contra Dance
Saturday, November 23, 6:00-9:00
A delightful evening of joyful contra dance.
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Sun. NOV. 10: Folk Extravaganza
Sunday, November 10, 6:30-8:30PM
South Coast Experienced Folk Dancer Party
Full Dance Program w/ teaching, requests - Recorded Music - Free
Bamdon Senior Activity Center
1100 11th Avenue SW, Bandon!
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Sunday Worship 10:45am

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278 Douglas St
Saturday Worship 10am -12pm

ELKTON
Elkton Bible Baptist Church
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420 2nd St
Sunday Worship 10am

Elkton Christian Church
344 3rd St.
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