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## Yoncalla Rodeo - July 4-5 2024

New Location at 8501 Rice Valley Rd

Story by Ed Mussen



April Cherry blossoms in front of the Drain Civic Center, Mildred Whipple Library - Photo by Miriam Sisson

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The Yoncalla Rodeo and Equestrian Association (YREA) is gearing up for the 2024 annual Rodeo in Yoncalla, Oregon. The Rodeo returned in 2023 after the COVID outbreak and a re-structuring of the Board. The Yoncalla Rodeo will be held at its new location, located at 8501 Rice Valley Road, Yoncalla, Oregon. 97499. The Rodeo will also be returning to its regular permanent schedule this year on July 4-5, 2024. Feel free to drive by the Rodeo grounds located at the corner of Rice Valley Road and Eagle Valley Road. YREA is proud of the new rodeo grounds that were developed last year and we would love for you to take a look. Future plans will include creating opportunities for Jackpot shows, Roping events, Kids Rodeos, and many other activities.

This year, it is anticipated that the events returning to the Rodeo will be Bareback Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Bull Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and Tie-Down Roping, along with the always entertaining kids events such as Mutton Bustin, Calf Riding, and Jr. Barrel Racing.

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## Wine Growers Must Adapt Due to Climate Change

**New Wine Regions May Flourish**

*Story by Rusty Savage*

There's evidence that your favorite wines could soon be gone. It's true, experts say some of the world's historic wine regions, from Southern California to Europe, may disappear in the next few decades due to climate change.

Human use of fossil fuels warms the Earth and the rising temperatures fuels more severe weather, which affects the water cycle and safe zones. Some of the world's oldest wine growers are in coastal and lowland Spain, Italy, Greece, and Southern California. A recent Nature Reviews Earth & Environment research review, earlier this year, found these places especially vulnerable to climate change.

Unless storing your favorite wine in a permanent cellar, climate change will impact it. Growing season temperature fluctuations affect your favorite fermented grape juice's taste, alcohol content, and color, creating that spectacular beverage. Temperatures and water shortages are changing wines worldwide.

The study predicts that 70% of wine producing areas may lose viability if the world heats more than 2 degrees Celsius, the Paris Agreement's maximum warming above pre-industrial levels. Desertification and heat waves may wipe away 90% of Spain, Italy, Greece, and southern California's coastal and lowland wine areas by the end of the century. growth temperatures are opening new growth zones like the southern UK and Oregon and Washington,



while wine production migrate to cooler higher latitudes and altitudes.

The Nature Reviews Earth and Environment review paper's lead author, viticulturist Greg Gambetta of Bordeaux Sciences Agro and the Institute of Science of Vine and Wine, says, "It doesn't mean that the wine-growing disappears—and that's an important caveat—but it can get a lot more challenging." "If warming is limited, wine growers can adapt well. This applies to most regions."

Many locations will struggle with winemaking due to climate change. By 2100, only 76 years from now, California's net acceptable wine-producing area might shrink by 50%, according to the analysis. European wine-producing regions' permitted area may decline 20-70% depending on temperature. 65% of Australia's traditional

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Pelican Market, 75298 Pacific Coast HWY US-101

- Oakland**  
Bart's Oakland Market, 204 SE 1st St  
Tye Landing, 11424 Oregon HWY 138

- Sutherlin**  
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Smitty's Food Mart & Deli, 1367W Central Ave.  
Center Market, 1230 W Central Ave.  
Center Market #32, 206 E Central Ave.  
S-Mart, 333 E Central Ave.  
Central Food Mart, 1021 E Central Ave.  
Chevron/S-Mart, 1484 W Central Ave.  
DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave.

- Roseburg**  
Roseburg Tobacco & Food Mart, 2050 NE Stephens St  
I Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St

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# Editorial



You see a picture of an empty lot above. It is the lot where the Drain City Hall sat since 1954. Before that it was the home of the old City Hall, built in the 30's. As I have been looking at it, a strong sense of deja vu strikes me.

On that lot at one time, long ago, was something other than the City government building. It was an earlier time in the existence of this town. In the early 1930's a change came and an improvement was implemented. Progress came about from the old to the new and from that building an energy came and brought a new and improved beginning. Around it a town grew and prospered.

But like still water in the pond, it became stagnant and it was outdated. In the early 1950's the people saw a need to make a new change. It didn't come easy I'm sure. Evolution is like a deliberate instigator and so a new and better building was built and it was significant. The town around it thrived not just because of a new building but because of the people who imagined it and the worth it would bring. But through the march of time, no one noticed a zenith had been reached. As that building deteriorated, so flagged the enthusiasm and drive of the people. Then it sat empty and awaited it's desolate and crumbling fate.

Then it sat. My inner vision depicts its correlation with the people who once thrived and built anew and expanded the community with a building that would serve so well. The progress and opportunities each evolution of the building represented the expansion of a better life and growth. But like the old building, it seems that the people who forged the changes and improvements have diminished.

In recent years, as the town has also diminished and sluffed away, it is certainly the people who have averted their efforts from those loftiest of goals.

When I say the people, it's because looking back at the heyday, this town had no shortage of folks who offered their hand in the building of the future. Looking back since the 1954 dedication of City Hall, groups of people divvied up the chores of progress and with the City government as their spearhead, they make the future come to them. This culminated with the planning, fund raising and construction of the Civic Center in 1980's. Accomplished by mutual effort of a majority of the citizens and businesses in the community.

Time has passed and the groups of people - you would call them volunteers, waned. Committees that were strong and productive are now deemed weak

and the City is shedding them.

City government is small, especially in a small town. It seems that there is not much to work with and so the goals and efforts have dwindled to fit the receding coffers. It was leadership that brought about capital improvements through the efforts and cooperation of motivated people. Leadership inspires them to dream and build and grow.

That, I guess, is my point. Just like this town needs a new and modern City Hall to be erected on the old site. The City Government needs to be rebuilt with the vision and the leadership, to gather and influence the populace. To form committees and gather people to begin the work of the rebirth of this City. Because the change and improvement is too slow when it's left on the heads of a few. Who will arise to be a rallying cry to bring people together and seriously tackle the obstacles that have over run our enterprise? If not you, then who?

There is a city election coming in November. Up for grabs are 2 city council seats and the Mayors office. It seems to be a time to look for a new direction and I believe we should look for the leadership that brings people together. There are many out there who dream. Let's bring out the one's who can also dig deep and work for and lead our citizenry forward, promoting mutual efforts and standing alongside any and all that step up to homeplate of civic duty, responsibility and service, because there are many.

Well I am glad to get this issue out to our readers. We struggled a little last month and tried to augment our subscriptions with online subscriptions. Our downloaded version is has been running from 300-500 downloads, obviously it's not going to take the place of mailed subscriptions, as you can see, it's in your mailbox now. So I have decided to bite the bullet and by April 15th ALL subscriptions will be free - no matter from where you are. It's not easy and we have to work harder to make it happen - we are leaning hard on our advertisers - **Please Support Them.**

So I'm asking our readers to consider a donation to help us keep that mailing for free. If you can, scan the QR, there are rewards for your donation, a series of Certificates and such, but mostly the reward is the satisfaction of keeping this little endeavor alive. Thank you for your support.



## Letters to the Editor

**Actual Letter to the Editor** January 3, 2024  
Dear North Douglas Herald,

Entertaining though it may be to know the opinions of City Council members, former City Council members, Mayors, elders of the community and other interested parties about their incredibly detailed knowledge of arcane sections of testimony of various sessions of local current and past committee meetings in Drain, and the injustices contained there, complete with references to the Continental Congress at Carpenters Hall in Pennsylvania in 1774, I would rather talk about Raccoons.

Raccoons live in the cities but are rarely noticed. Life goes on around them and shoppers go to market, but rarely notice their small footprints in the snow. Perhaps the young intentionally step in their parents tracks, so the entire family might

remain cryptic in the community.

So it is with the hispanic community in the North Umpqua Valley... among us but Not noticed. their most brilliant holidays are mostly ignored. Their long history here reduced to a couple of pleasant eating establishments. I speak no Spanish; in order to show friendship all I can do is smile.

But This newspaper has an audience. How about it editor? What about making a Spanish speaking section in your delightfully brilliant North Douglas Herald?

Sincerely,  
Joanne Holland - Drain OR  
*I think I get your point, Joanne, and actually we caught a raccoon in the garden last year. As to our Hispanic neighbors, that is also a good point. We are going to see what can be done in the Paper to include our Spanish speaking friends and neighbors.*  
- Editor

## Government

Know your local Representatives!

### 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 Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**  
City Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 6pm

### Yoncalla

- Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**  
**Gene Vroman**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 04/11/24 - 6pm

### Elkton

- Mayor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 8:30am

### Oakland

- Mayor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7pm

### Sutherlin

- Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**  
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**  
Councilor **Lisa Woods**  
Councilor **Joe Grossman**  
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**  
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**  
Councilor **Gary Dagal**  
City Manager **Jerry Gillham**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7:15pm

### Reedsport

- Mayor: **Linda McCollum**  
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**  
Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**  
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**  
Council Position #4: **Allen Teitzel**  
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**  
Council Position #6: **Debby Turner**  
Council Meeting: 05/04/24 - 7:15pm

### Cottage Grove

- Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**  
Councilor Ward 1: **Chalice Savage**  
Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**  
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**  
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**  
Councilor: **Mike Fleck**  
Councilor: **Alex Dreher**  
Council Meeting: 04/17/24 - 6:55pm  
05/01/24 - 6:55pm

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## Fatal Crash on I-5

**Douglas County, OR** - On Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 3:00 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 99, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a pedestrian, Sally Kaye Bidlake (82) of Canyonville, was kneeling in the slow lane when she was struck by a northbound Toyota Sienna, operated by Miguel Santos (54) of San Mateo (CA). The pedestrian (Bidlake) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator (Santos) and passengers in the Toyota were not injured.

The highway was not impacted during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Canyonville Fire Department and ODOT.

## Fatal Crash in Douglas County

**Douglas County, OR** - On Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:37 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 124, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a northbound Subaru Outback, operated by Rodney Ash (76) of Seattle (WA), was passing a Freightliner commercial motor vehicle, operated by Kevin Mills (42) of Newberg, while negotiating a sharp curve. The Subaru contacted the left front corner of the Freightliner causing the Subaru to turn across the front of the CMV. The Subaru slid across the travel lanes, jumped over the concrete barrier, rolled down an embankment, and came to rest on its roof.

The operator of the Freightliner (Mills) was transported as a precautionary measure. The operator of the Subaru (Rodney Ash) was transported to an area hospital with unknown injuries. A passenger in the Subaru, Laura Patricia Ash (81) of Seattle (WA), was transported and later declared deceased at a local hospital. The highway was impacted for approximately two hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Roseburg Police Department, Roseburg Fire, and ODOT.

## I-5 Fatal Crash

**Douglas County, OR** - On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:22 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 127, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a Ford F-150, operated by Brian Surgeon (45) of Myrtle Creek, was merging onto southbound Interstate 5 when it struck a pedestrian, Christopher Zeutzius (47) of Lakeside, who was crossing the on-ramp. The pedestrian (Zeutzius) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Ford (Surgeon) was not injured. The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP was assisted by Roseburg Fire, Roseburg Police Department, and ODOT.

## Roseburg Man Stabbed

**Roseburg, OR** —According to the Roseburg Police Department (RPD), a 50-year-old Roseburg man was stabbed early in the morning, at around 6:00 a.m. on April 3, 2024. Police were called to the 900 block of NE Willow Street after receiving report that there had been a stabbing.

Officers arrived at the scene and found a 50-year-old man seriously injured from sustained stab wounds. Officers immediately began life-saving efforts before he was transported to Mercy Medical Center for treatment. According to officials, the Roseburg man was then later transferred out of the area to receive additional treatment for the injuries he sustained from the incident.

The suspect, identified only as a 20-year-old Roseburg man, fled the scene. Officials have not been able to locate the suspect despite efforts from multiple assisting agencies and a DCSO K9 track.

RPD states that the victim and suspect are known to each other and the suspect is still at large. Roseburg Police detectives, Douglas County Sheriff's Office detectives, DCSO deputies and Oregon State Police responded to assist and will continue to investigate the matter with assistance from the Douglas County District Attorney's Office. Officials say at this time there is no known ongoing threat to the general public.

## Stolen Goods Recovered

**Springfield, OR** — Springfield Police have arrested a 56-year-old man on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, after discovering that he had stolen more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise. SPD says, just before 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, a Springfield police officer responded to the Gateway Target after receiving report of a theft. The officer learned that 56-year-old Matthew Harway, of Eugene, had been at the store earlier that day and had left with over \$500 worth of electronics and appliances without paying.

The officer, who is a member of SPD's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), recognized Harway from a previous retail theft operation. Another member from the Crime Reduction Unit worked with the responding officer and were able to locate Harway at a Eugene residence, where he was apprehended.

Officers say, upon entry into the Eugene home, they located a "substantial amount" of stolen goods from multiple retail locations in Eugene and Cottage Grove, estimated value of over \$2,000.

Harway admitted to the thefts and also had outstanding warrants from both Lane & Marion County and was taken into custody. Harway was charged with Theft II and then lodged at the Lane County Jail for his outstanding warrants. Officials were later able to return the stolen goods to the rightful businesses.

## Bank Robber Arrested

**Eugene, OR** —The Eugene Police Department (EPD) has reported that on Tuesday, April 2nd a man was arrested on Highway 58 for reportedly robbing a bank. According to EPD, shortly after 9 a.m., 41-year-old Daniel Wayne Hall entered Banner Bank on W. 6th Avenue and robbed the bank of cash using a handgun before fleeing

the bank in a vehicle. Eugene PD quickly responded with patrol units and drones. Police determined suspect information, including a vehicle and its direction, and aired that to area police agencies, which led to the arrest of the bank robbery suspect on Hwy 58.

Oregon State Police then stopped Hall, who was eastbound on Highway 58 at milepost 3 at 9:25 a.m. and took him into custody. "The Eugene Police Department would like to thank the quick response time of local agencies to help get an arrest in less than 20 minutes," the department stated in a press release on Wednesday April 3rd. The investigation is ongoing. Hall was lodged on the following charges: Two counts of Robbery in the First Degree, Coercion, Menacing and Unlawful Use Weapon.

## Man Attacks Hospital Staff

**Roseburg, OR** – The Roseburg Police Department reports that a 30-year-old Sutherland man was arrested on the evening of Thursday, March 21st, after he allegedly attacked four Mercy Medical Center staff members.

RPD officers responded to the hospital at about 9:18 p.m. on March 21 after it was reported that a suspect, identified as Jordan Alexander Vogel, had attacked some hospital staff. During the attack, Vogel allegedly damaged a garage-like, roll-down door used during mental hold incidents and allegedly spat upon and punched several staff members, police said. Hospital staff reported to an officer that Vogel became uncooperative when they asked him to change into hospital clothing, according to the probable cause affidavit. The police report said that Vogel allegedly shoved the hospital worker into the roll-down door, tried to bite him, and punched the worker multiple times in the back of the head. Another staff member told police that Vogel spat in her eye and punched a third worker as Vogel fought during the struggle and a fourth staff member reported having a severe headache after Vogel allegedly punched her, the affidavit said. The police report said that Vogel refused to discuss the incident with a police officer without a lawyer present. Authorities said that Vogel was arrested and transported to the Douglas County Jail where he faces charges of first-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault, and harassment. Vogel's parole officer also requested that Vogel be charged with a parole violation, Roseburg police said.

## CA Man Rescued by SAR Using GPS to Avoid Travel Delays



**Azalea, OR** - On March 2, 2024, shortly after midnight, Douglas County 9-1-1 received a text-to-911 from an individual stating he had gotten stuck in snow after following his GPS and was in need of assistance.

Deputies learned 34-year-old Juan Carlos Torres-Esquivel of Santa Rosa, California had purchased a 1996 Ford F150 in Corvallis and was enroute to his residence in Santa Rosa when he encountered weather related delays on I-5. Google maps recommended a detour which he selected that instructed him to take exit 88, drive east on Upper Cow Creek for approximately 13 miles, and turn south onto Snow Creek Rd.

Torres-Esquivel made it approximately 5 miles up Snow Creek Road before sliding the passenger side of the vehicle into a deep ditch and getting the vehicle stuck in approximately 24" of snow. He was unprepared for the conditions and was unsuccessful in attempting to dig the vehicle out without a shovel.

Douglas County Search and Rescue was activated and responded to assist. SAR responded and was unable to make it to his location with the Snowcat due to a U-Haul truck being abandoned approximately 2 or 3 miles up Snow Creek Rd in the middle of the roadway. Members of the 4x4 team were able to maneuver around the U-Haul after airing down their tires and retrieved Torres-Esquivel.

Deputies provided Torres-Esquivel a courtesy ride to Seven Feathers.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers of the dangers of blindly following GPS devices.

"GPS devices are often set to direct drivers through the fastest route to their destination. Oftentimes, this means direction through non-maintained road systems, including forest roads," Lt. Brad O'Dell said. "Blindly following GPS navigation can potentially lead to dangerous situations and have serious consequences. Although travel delays can be disruptive, it is best to remain on routes that are maintained."

## Fatal Traffic Crash Claims Life of Riddle Teen

**Myrtle Creek, OR** - A Riddle teenager died in a single vehicle crash.

On March 1, 2024, at approximately 10:30 pm, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a report of a single vehicle crash with injuries in the 15000-block of North Myrtle Road in Myrtle Creek.

Deputies arrived on scene to find a 2006 Mazda sedan which had been traveling westbound at a high rate of speed in poor weather conditions. The driver, 17-year-old Brooke Leeann Dubuc of Myrtle Creek, lost control of the vehicle which rolled several times before striking a tree. A passenger, 17-year-old Jonathan Wylie Rosenstiel of Riddle, was ejected from the vehicle and trapped under the car when it came to rest. Rosenstiel was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS. A second passenger, 19-year-old Canyonville resident Avorie Dunsmore, was able to self-extricate from the vehicle. Both Dubuc and Dunsmore were transported to Mercy Medical Center by Ambulance.

The investigation is ongoing at this time. Anyone with information related to the actions of the individuals involved prior to the crash is asked to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4471 referencing case #24-1140.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Myrtle Creek Police Department, Douglas County District Attorney's Office, Umpqua Valley Ambulance, Myrtle Creek Fire Department and Joe's Towing.

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## Library Message From the Director “LULD is Growing”



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) is continuing to expand its materials and services. The library will soon be offering classes in which interested patrons will be taught how to research their genealogy (family history). LULD has a short trial version of Ancestry Library Edition available (through April 18th) in order to assess the public's interest in this genealogical resource. If enough people use it then LULD may be able to provide access through a regular subscription. Additionally, the library has been acquiring books about genealogical research and related topics, which are available for borrowing.

In addition to traditional library materials such as books, magazines, and DVDs, the library now has trekking poles (walking sticks designed for hiking), umbrellas, compasses, and pedometers available for borrowing. The funds for these items were provided by a grant from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU).

The library is in the process of developing a Pacific Northwest collection, which is primarily focused on books about or set-in the region. This section already comprises nearly 800 titles, with additional materials frequently being added. With grant funds provided by the Special District's Association of Oregon (SDAO), the library hired a college student as an intern to help organize the Pacific Northwest section.

Last year the Douglas County Circuit Court in Roseburg donated a microfilm reader to LULD and the library has since acquired older issues of the *News Review* and the *Oregonian* on microfilm through donations from Chemeketa Community College and Roseburg Public Library. The microfilm is still in the process of being organized, but LULD anticipates it being fully available to the public soon.

LULD is seeking to broaden the appeal of its collection by adding books from a variety of genres, so that people with many different interests can find what they want to read. If there is something that you would like to borrow that the library does not yet have in its collection, please let us know and we may be able to add it. Staff are very open to suggestions.

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## Letters from the Librarian

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" - Mark Twain*



Spring, sprung. If you hurry you may still catch the cherry blossoms in front of the library. And there's no rush to "check out" the ever-growing seed selection in our free seed library. A generous donation of heirloom seeds from the Agrarian Sharing Network has arrived and is of course available for browsing and "borrowing," no library card required. Inside of the library, the weather is always good and books and materials are available to match your mood. Did you know that the library is usually able to find a book, even if it's not in our collection? When it's not available at the Mildred Whipple Library, we are happy to help search the Roseburg Public Library catalog as well, placing holds that are received every Wednesday. If that doesn't work, patrons can request titles for purchase in our monthly book ordering process.

As you're planning your springtime and summertime activities, remember that books go well with waiting for sports practices. Books go well with travel and with longer evenings in the garden or on the deck. Ebooks and audiobooks, more than 60,000 of them, are especially portable and free through the library's Libby app on your mobile device. Don't have one? Borrow one of our ereaders and you're suddenly able to carry 30 books at a time.

The Mildred Whipple Library is celebrating the season with a free concert in April and a flea market in May. Join us Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. for a matinee performance by the internationally acclaimed Diane Lou Azo and accompanists. This free afternoon event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will include refreshments, a raffle of locally curated gift baskets, and a chance to meet local author Bob Crites. Then in May, celebrate further by visiting our Friends of the Library flea market to benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library all day on May 18. Vendors will include housewares, handmade items, and of course the legendary Friends of the Library book sale.

The magical season of spring can symbolize fresh starts and new growth. The library is happy to be part of fresh starts! And we've lots of activities and materials to foster and help with new growth.

### Library Schedule of Events

#### Tuesdays

11 am Story Time

#### Wednesdays

3:45 pm Teen Advisory Board

4 pm Family Movie

4 pm Yarn Club

#### Thursdays

11 am Silent Book Club/Bring Your Own Book

7 pm YonDr Book Club (second Thursday of each month)

#### Fridays

10 am Clothes Closet

1-3 pm Kids Activity Club (first and third Fridays are Lego and second and fourth are games)

#### Saturdays

12-2 Garden Club (second Saturday of month)

### Special Events and Meetings

Friends of the Library: Tuesday, April 2 and May 7 at 4 pm

Budget Meeting/Budget Hearing and Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, April 10 and May 15 at 5:30 pm

## Roseburg Library Wine Presentation Local History & Info - April 11

Roseburg Public Library invites the public to a presentation on wine making, viticulture and the history of wine in the Umpqua Valley at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.



Presenter Joel Goodwillie, winery manager at Umpqua Community College's Southern Oregon Wine Institute, has 30 years of experience building successful winery and hard cidery businesses. He co-authored the federal Columbia Gorge American Viticultural Area application and co-founded the Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Association. Goodwillie also is knowledgeable in business, sales, marketing, customer relations, and strategic planning and implementation.

The Southern Oregon Wine Institute's mission is to serve the wineries of Southern Oregon as a resource for skilled winery workers.

The program, which will be held at the library located at 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Roseburg Public Library staff at 541-

Classical Concert: Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm  
Library Closed: Tuesday April 23-Saturday April 27

Flea Market: Saturday, May 18 8 am-3 pm

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### Shadows Along the Creek



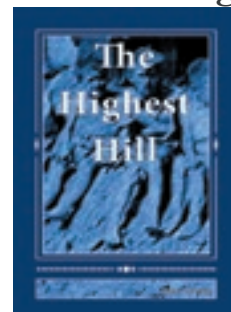
(Paperback) by  
Rusty L Savage  
2.6 out of 5 stars  
on Amazon  
**\$14.84**

Judson Ringo has not been dealt an easy hand in life. After losing his father, and nine months later his mother, he is left on his own at seventeen in rural 1890s Kentucky. He goes to Tennessee to live with his uncle, but instead of being treated like family, he is a slave. Judson faces each challenge as it comes, thinking only to survive. After four years in bondage, John Harrington dies and Judson is set free. He returns to his father's farm on a cold winter night, finds it in ruins, is suspected of murder, and begins life all over, finding strength in the midst of struggle and love in remnants of buried dreams. Martha Jane gets her buggy stuck in the mud on a cold winter night. She tries everything, but cannot get the buggy back on the road. She is all but ready to leave the buggy, when a horse and rider approaches. The hopes and dreams Martha Jane believed long dead come to life once more.

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### The Highest Hill



(Paperback)  
by Rusty L Savage  
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This is the story of two young brothers, Bobby and Jackie Ringo, who struggle to overcome the hardships of an unpropitious home environment in rural western Kentucky in the 1940s and 1950s. Their lives and futures are fraught with pitfalls and roadblocks, both debilitating and deadly. The reader will feel the dreams, aspirations and wonder of the youngest whilst living and growing up in very different time than our own. The boys, left on their own much of the time cope with a drinking and abusive father, barely escape being sent to reform school, struggle to stay in school, graduate and overcome their circumstance and to reach higher and higher to achieve a better life as kids and for their futures. Follow Bobby and Jackie through the early 1950s, starting at ages nine and twelve, through their high school years to a dramatic climax of personal and physical struggle with the "Ringo Streak" and its repercussions. If they survive, it'll be to eventually realize the true lessons of the Highest Hill which continues to reveal its real measure and meaning.

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### A Place to Die (Paperback)



by  
Rusty L Savage  
4.1 out of 5 stars  
on Amazon  
**\$15.66**

Johnny Ringo's brother was dead. "I'll get 'em Frank, I swear to you I'll get them". What a place to die, there on the frozen banks of the Rough Creek. The Law wasn't doing anything about it and Johnny had decided he would. It was 1938 and the county was full of Bootleggers. One of them "Shiners" did it. Johnny was gonna find out who and he knew how to do it. Trouble is there are a lot of prime suspects and a good deal of danger from any one of them. Johnny has a plan, if he can keep out of sight of the Sheriff long enough and keep from getting killed himself. He knows the woods and hills and he will find out what he needs to know.

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# City Desk

## Roseburg's City Recorder Amy Nytes Replaces Retiring Patty Hitt



*By Scooter Brown*  
The City of Roseburg welcomed new City Recorder Amy Nytes. Nytes (pronounced "NYE tuhs") began working for the City on Monday, March 4. She replaces Patty Hitt, who retired Thursday, Feb. 29.

"We are excited to welcome Amy to the team," said City Manager Nikki Messenger. "She has hit the ground running. She is a great addition to the team."

Prior to joining the City of Roseburg, Nytes served as the City Recorder/Administrative Aide for the City of Springfield since 2018. Her first role for that city was Administrative Specialist from 2013 to 2018.

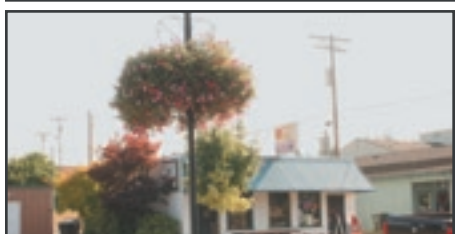
Nytes also worked as a front office supervisor for the Oregon Urology Institute from 2012 to 2013, a billing specialist for Women's Care in Eugene from 2009 to 2012, an escrow officer and escrow assistant with Western Title & Escrow in Eugene from 2003 to 2008, an escrow assistant and escrow officer for Evergreen Land Title Co. in Springfield from 2001 to 2003, and a staffing coordinator/human resources for Flex Force Staff in Eugene from 2000 to 2001.

She graduated from Yoncalla High School. Her parents live in Sutherlin. Nytes now lives on 2.5 acres with her fiancé, Steve Wages; a Morgan/Bureau of Land Management mustang cross named Bailey; two dogs and two cats.

## Yoncalla Prepares to Enhance Town with Flower Baskets

*by Carol Mogensen*

Members of the Yoncalla Beautification Committee have dirty hands from planting flowers in the hanging baskets that will line city streets this spring and summer. By Mother's Day, 16-inch baskets will line Eagle Valley Road and Main Street along with 12-inch baskets located throughout town. The Beautification Committee welcomes sponsorship of the 16-inch flower baskets at a cost of \$80.00 per basket. Smaller 12-inch baskets for personal use may be purchased for \$40.00. Anyone wishing to buy baskets or donate to sponsor baskets should contact the committee treasurer Doris Bartlett at (541) 315-0608 or P.O. Box 936, Yoncalla, OR 97499. The Beautification Committee appreciates donations received from the following: Mike and Linda Dickey (Dickey Living Trust), Tammy Eveland (Yoncalla Deli), Benton and Sasha Cameron (Northwest Community Builders), Gary and Liz Gilbert, Theresa Jones, Terry and Bonnie Duncan, and MaryEllen Laswell.



## Todd Vaughn Senate District #1 Candidate Public "Meet & Greet"

Saturday, April 20th 2-3:30 pm Abby's Pizza, Sutherlin  
Saturday, April 27th 1-3pm at Drain Civic Center

Senate District #1 GOP candidate Todd Vaughn will be meeting the public for a series of "Meet & Greet" events in April. Todd Vaughn is a resident of Tiller Oregon and is running for senate seat in Oregon senate District #1, against incumbent David Brock-Smith. In a field of 4 Republicans running in the Primary election on May 21st, Todd Vaughn has planned a number of events to interact with potential constituents and to get his message out to voters.

The Oregon Primary election GOP winner will then vie against any Demo-

cratic, Libertarian, Independent or other challengers for that seat in the November General Election.

The Sutherlin Meet & Greet, on April 20th, is open to the public and is from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at the Sutherlin Abby's Pizza at 1011 West Central Ave. Then Todd will be in Drain on Saturday, April 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Drain Civic Center, 205 West "A" Avenue. There will be light refreshments served. For more information please call Paula Estill, 541 836-7612

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## Drain Time Capsule From 1954



During the demolition of the Drain City Hall last month, it was discovered that there was a time capsule encased in the walls. It was damaged but the contents were preserved. The Herald will feature an in depth pictorial next issue.

## Ethics Commission Investigating Cottage Grove City Council

*Story by Scooter Brown*

The state's Ethics Commission is investigating Cottage Grove City Council for alleged violation of the Public Meeting Law when hiring its new city manager in December 2023.

The complaints were lodged by Cottage Grove resident Johanna Zee, alleging that the decision to hire the new city manager was made without public input and behind closed doors. The complaints were filed with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) in January. OGEC is a citizen commission which enforces state laws including Public Meeting Laws.

In the complaint, Zee alleges that the hiring of the new city manager, Michael Sauerwein, was conducted during an executive session on Dec. 15, 2023. Under Public Meeting Law, decision-making is prohibited behind closed doors, and executive sessions are not open to the public, though the sessions are recorded, those recordings are not accessible to the public.

On March 22, the Commission's preliminary review findings were made public via a video posted on YouTube. The findings stated that there appears to be a "substantial objective basis" of violations, "by discussing compensation in executive session and in fact making a final decision" in executive session, according to investigator Andrew McIntyre. Some of the materials in the findings are confidential and it is still an ongoing investigation.

# Community Pages



## 2024 Oregon Elections: Vote - Run for Office

By Rusty Savage

As the Oregon Primary Election draws near, May 21st, the North Douglas Herald is hearing from a variety of sources. From folks inquiring about candidates, candidates messaging and campaigning for voters and general and specific questions from citizens on the nuts and bolts of and differences in the Primary election in May and the General election on November 5th.

Although, the Herald isn't endorsing any candidates at this time, we feel it's important to give our readers some insight on who is running for local and state offices as best we can. Additionally, because voting is a right, privilege and obligation of our citizens that isn't always easy to carry out. Generally it's due to a lack or loss of information and communication or perhaps some other obstacle. So here is what we came up with.

First of all you must be eligible to vote in the State of Oregon. To be eligible to vote you must be: a resident of Oregon, a US citizen (or will become one by Election Day) and at least 16 years of age (If you are 16 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.)

For Incarcerated Voters & Returning Citizens, in Oregon, you only lose your right to vote if you are currently incarcerated for a felony conviction. If you lost your voting rights because of a conviction, you could register to vote immediately after release. Your voting rights are not restricted by pretrial detention, misdemeanors, probation, or parole.

Voters without a traditional residence, you must provide a residence address on the voter registration form, but this address may be any location in the county that describes their physical location. This could be a shelter, park, motor home, or another identifiable place. The county clerk's office can be the mailing address of a person experiencing homelessness or residing where mail service is unavailable. Voters can pick up their ballot at the county elections office.

Next, you have to be registered to vote. To register to vote online you will need an Oregon driver license, permit or ID card number issued by the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV).

If you do not have an Oregon driver license, permit or ID card, you can still use the online voter registration application. The information you enter will display on a voter registration card (PDF document) that you will need to print, sign and deliver to your county elections office to complete your registration.

There is a registration deadline, a new registrant must submit their online registration by 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the 21st calendar day before an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

Alternative to Registering Online. Instead of registering to vote online you can complete a Voter Registration form and return it to your county elections office.

The voter registration deadline for in-person is April 30, 2024. By mail, it should be received by April 30, 2024 and Online is April 30, 2024. The absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline for in-person: May 21, 2024 and by mail,

it must be postmarked by May 21, 2024. The polls open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Elections for the Oregon House of Representatives and State Senate will take place in 2024. The general election is on November 5, 2024. The primary is May 21, 2024. For State Primary candidates, the filing deadline was March 12, 2024.

There are county and municipal elections that will take place both in the Primary and in the General elections. Candidates running for offices in the May election were required to have filed with Douglas county election officer prior to March 12th. For those who want to run for municipal office in the General elections, have until August 27th to file with City Elections officer.

In Douglas county, for the county offices, there are candidates for County Clerk - Dan Loomis (R), Samantha Frost (R): for County Sheriff - John Hanlin (Incumbent) (NonPartisan), Gregg Kennerly (NonPartisan), Brad O'Dell (NonPartisan): for County Treasure - Samuel W Lee III (R): for Justices of the Peace for Canyonville, Mabelle Briggs-Mayfield (NonPartisan) and for Reedsport, Kathleen K Miller.

The Primary candidates for State offices in the House and Senate who win their party bid in the May, will go on to the General election in November.

In the Senate races in District 1, Sen. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, faces a four-way primary fight in the 1st Senate District, which includes Curry and parts of Coos and Douglas counties. Brock Smith served six years in the House before he was appointed to the Senate in 2023 to finish the term of former Sen. Dallas Heard. His opponents are former Roseburg City Councilor Ashley Hicks, Navy veteran and frequent candidate Paul Romero and logger Todd Vaughn.

The neighboring 2nd District, which includes Josephine and parts of Douglas and Jackson counties, will feature a primary between Rep. Christine Goodwin, R-Canyonville, and Noah Robinson, son of disqualified Sen. Art Robinson, R-Cave Junction. A group of Josephine county voters sued late last week to keep Goodwin off the ballot, claiming she doesn't live in the district. Goodwin denied those allegations, and a hearing wasn't scheduled in time to affect the primary.

In the House races, for District 1 - Bret Cecil (D) is challenging incumbent Court Boice (R). In District 2 - Virgle Osborne is still in term. In District 4 - Richard Chasm (D) and Alek Skarlatos (R) are competing for the seat vacated by Christine Goodwin (R), who is retiring to run for State Senate. In District 9 - Erik Schuttpelz (D) running against incumbent Boomer Wright (R).

I am covering Drain municipal elections here, which will be on the ballots of the general election in November. The North Douglas Herald will dedicate the next few issues to try and cover as many local candidates in towns and cities across our coverage area. For this article, we'll cover the City of Drain.

To begin with, I want to thank the Drain Elections Officer, Penny Jenkins for her patience and thoroughness in providing details and information regarding her duties and the details and steps and requirements for elections in

Drain. Penny is also the City Recorder in her official capacity.

There are 5 elected public offices functioning in the City of Drain. The Mayor serves a 2 year term and the four Council persons serve 4 year terms. These are staggered so that every 2 years, two of the seats are open for election. In November, the Mayor and 2 council seats are up for election. At this time (the 3rd of April) There are no filings for these 3 offices. Of the offices open: There is the current Mayor, Erin Sparhawk. The Council position #1 is currently Grant Vaughn who was appointed 3/22 when it was vacated by the previously elected council person. Also Council position #3, Katie Decker, also appointed 9/22 due to vacancy. This is the protocol for vacated council seats - application to and then elected by the Mayor and City Council to serve the remainder of vacated seats term. Of the two remaining seats, Council position 2 - Kevin VanPelt was elected in 2022 and will serve until 2026. Council position 4 - Aaron Lymath was also elected in 2022 and serves until 2024.

According to Penny the process has 2 options. For any open office you can, either apply with the Candidate Petition Submission (CPS) and pay a \$10 fee or apply with the CPS and a separate Signature Form with at least 25 signatures and no fee. As with the requirements of the general election the deadline to apply is August 27th. You can pick up either of the forms and get detailed information at the Drain City Hall at 431 Payton Avenue in Drain, the same office where you pay your electric bill. Just ask for Penny and she will ensure that you are informed on the requirements for office and the general process and other details.

Our democracy is a citizen lead government and this is an opportunity for residents of Drain to lean in and be part of the great machinery of self governance. If you have eye to step out into a political career, local politics is the greatest introduction into that arena. Or perhaps you have a passion or dedication to serving, improving or leading in your community. You know, see a wrong and try to right it, have a vision and a will to achieve it, or maybe it's just your turn to try your hand at working to help make your community a better, safer and livable place for your family, business, neighbors and visitors.

So make sure to get registered to vote, learn about and support your candidates and consider petitioning for an office yourself. The democratic experiment requires participation and if you want to engage in yours and your childrens and neighbors future, well that's how we make it work.

Ballots and Voters Pamphlets will be mailed out 14-18 days prior to election day. You can mail your ballot as long as it is postmarked by November 5th, If you want to drop off your ballot, the ballot box is at City Hall and must be in the box by 8:00pm on November 5th. The ballots are then transferred to Douglas county elections office by 2 sworn election officials and is counted at the Douglas county Elections Office.

If you have questions about voting, wherever you are. Check with you city Elections Officer or with your County. If you can, look at the issues and the candidates, get informed. Voting is the first civic duty and it's essential.

## Drain Needs YOU! Be A Team Player Join A Committee

By Rusty Savage

Did you know that things can't get done without you? It's true, the things that we need and enjoy in this town aren't often the result of one individual's sole efforts. You've heard that it takes a Village? Well that's a little out of context because we're not talking about raising kids. I am talking about the committees and organizations that bring us the enhancements of our lives that makes a community thrive. Have you been dismissive of the value and need for, say the North Douglas Fair? It's because the Fair committee needs you to be a part of what can make it great again.

Have you been to the cemetery lately? Does it look OK? If not, it's because the Cemetery committee doesn't have you there to see to it's improvements and embellishments. What about the Civic Center Committee, are you waiting on them to come up with new ideas and events that you care about? It's because they need you to join them and become a part of the answer to your own questions.

See something needing to be done for this towns improvement? Yep, the Planning Commission is calling your name. What's up with the decline of businesses around here? Oh yea, that's what the Chamber of Commerce is for - but wait they need your input to get their momentum going.

There's no shortage of need for you to volunteer and join with like minded people, like your neighbors. No that need is long and there's an empty position just waiting for you to step up. You'll like the result, the feeling of belonging and the satisfaction of action.

There are plenty of committees and citizen groups looking for people and you will fit in somewhere, I have no doubt. Just today I had a couple of folks come to the office to talk to me about the group they want to form. After the Icemegedden in January, Snowmegedden a few years ago, recent wild fires and floods, well the truth is - folks get caught off guard and need help. There is no shortage of good people helping in times of hardship and disaster. This group wants to organize preparedness as well as gathering people and resources to get things done in those times. I promise, there is no shortage of groups that need you.

Want to know what's available? Where you might fit in? Do you have an area of interest? Do you want to find a cause. Shoot the Herald an email and I will try to point you in the right direction. You may not even know it, but you are needed. It's time to get involved. Send us an email - citizens@ndherald.com.

## Yoncalla Rodeo

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The Yoncalla Rodeo & Equestrian Association would like to welcome community members to join the association and help with the Yoncalla Rodeo. Volunteers are what makes the association a success and what also helps preserve the Rodeo way of life. It is not a requirement that members live within the Yoncalla area.

The YREA meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month at the Yoncalla Community Center located at: 400 Main Street, Yoncalla, Oregon. 97499. As the weather improves, the meetings will move to the Yoncalla Rodeo Grounds. Should anyone have any questions in regards to the YREA please feel free to give Randy Thompson a telephone call at: 541-784-8667. Follow our Facebook page for meeting reminders and updates for Rodeo sign-ups, dates/times, and volunteers and vendors opportunities.

# Wine Growers vs Climate Change

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vineyards may be useless.

Grapes have a complex reaction to heat. “You need a degree of heat to get through the ripening phase, get sugar accumulation, and get the ideal amount of development of some of these secondary compounds like anthocyanins and tannins—all the things that make wine exciting and interesting and have good mouthfeel,” notes UC Davis viticulturist and ecologist Elisabeth Forrester, who wasn’t involved in the new paper “Grapes suffer when temperatures exceed certain levels.”

Fruit damaged by extreme heat waves is less tasty. Sugars concentrate when grapes are desiccated at higher temperatures. Sugar boosts alcohol. Wine will get drunk faster due to climate change. Gambetta says, “Depending on who you are, where you come from, this can be bad. If a region has always defined a style, that will change the wine.”

High temperatures break down the volatile compounds that becomes gas, or the wine’s “nose”. “The profiles tend to get pushed to what sensory scientists would call the ‘cooked’ side of the spectrum: “jammy”, or like cooked fruit,” adds Gambetta. “This may be good. Some prefer these wines, which is fine. So it all depends on regional identity.”

For winemaking, warm days and moderate nights heat and cool grapes. Climate change is disrupting that cycle. “It’s actually the nights that are warming faster than the days,” says Forrester. No late-night fruit chilling. Daytime temperatures above optimum, destroys numerous essential chemicals.

Even without drought, higher temperatures dehydrate plants. Winemakers receive less grape juice due to lower yield. Drought lowers output. Gambetta says, “Over the past 100 years, Bordeaux, where I work, has had pretty steady rainfall.” Rising temperatures reduce agricultural water consumption.

Vineyards can be over-watered. Supercharged rainstorms and worldwide floods result from warming air holding more moisture. Grape roots lose oxygen if precipitation remains in a vineyard.

Even with 14 inches of rain a year, Mediterranean grapes like grenache can produce great yields and wines without irrigation. A vine may withstand a drought by defoliating or producing less. Because it won’t hurt the vine, it can recuperate after rain.

Wine-growing regions are suffering from more frequent and severe droughts due to climate change. “In 2022, which was outrageous by all definitions in Europe—in Portugal, and parts of Spain—they had seriously stunted vines, defoliated vines,” Gambetta adds. “Then you can get into this dangerous territory where you have not only catastrophic effects that season, but carryover effects to subsequent seasons.”

The review paper goes on to say “We estimate a substantial risk of unsuitability (ranging from moderate to high) for 49-70% of existing wine regions, contingent on the degree of global warming.”

With a 2°C global warming increase over pre-industrial levels, Southern California may no longer be suitable for wine production. Increasing temperatures by 2–4 degrees Celsius would place the region at “high risk of unsuitability.” The West Coast of the US produces 10% of the world’s wine and most of North America’s, so this is a big deal to the California wine industry.

“Overall, the net suitable area for wine production in California could decline by up to 50% by the end of the 21st century,” experts said. “Similar risks exist for Mexico, the southwestern United States and those regions of the east coast south of New Jersey.” Much of southern Europe has seen these same shifts and indicators.

Climate change could also spread insects and illnesses that affect farming and public health. Downy mildew and other grapevine issues are less frequent in drier regions, but outbreaks will emerge early and spread faster.

Adaptation to climate change is “mandatory,” say the scientists. Winemakers must choose grapes that thrive in diverse and changing climates and seasons. It’s vital to wine quality and global availability.

Scientific studies reveal that environmental factors affect acidity, alcohol, and pH. Wines have increasing alcohol and pH levels, but lower acidity, making the wine’s microbiology more unstable. The study suggests an “increased risk of microbiological spoilage”, leading to “overripe and/or cooked fruit aroma”.

Scientists say worldwide climate change plans are insufficient. In 2024, we already have record-breaking temperatures and a range of meteorological extremes, from out-of-season warmth to massive blizzards. The hottest year ever was 2023, and 2024 is barely started.

The global average temperature is 1.35 degrees Celsius greater than pre-industrialization averages. This does not mean we have exceeded the 2-degree Celsius barrier that scientists say might have dire repercussions, but we are close. The worldwide average was 2 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average for the first 12-month period in a row, so it’s on its way.

“One thing is certain,” the researchers concluded, “climate change will drive major changes in global wine production in the near future.” Being able to adapt to these adjustments is going to be vital.

Vineyards may customize irrigation. This is more expensive and may strain local freshwater supplies: Drought requires more water for everyone. Europe’s heat waves will still threaten all farming.

Warming may move vineyards north. According to the latest analysis, northern Europe and North America may need 80 to 200 percent more winemaking land, depending on climate. Winemaking is booming in Oregon, Washington, and southern UK.

Climate change will interrupt activities in such places too. Days-long heat waves topping 110 degrees Fahrenheit have hit the Pacific Northwest. Huge West Coast wildfires have already scorched vineyards.

Supply chain difficulties and climate change are rising wine prices. The bark of cork trees is gathered often to manufacture corks. Teams cannot safely remove bark from drought-stricken trees. Bottle glass prices are rising for wine as well.

Scientists examine plant cooling strategies to help vineyards adapt. Crops under grapes cool the fruit. A vineyard floor’s exposed soils heat up and reflect heat back into the canopy, according to Forrester. “I think we’re just beginning to understand the impacts of some of these truly extreme events because they’re recent and becoming more frequent.”

Winegrowers may amend plants but not weather. Heat wave water loss is reduced by reducing leaf biomass, while “canopy management” shades berries with leftover leaves. In several places, winegrowers are testing drought- and heat-tolerant grape varieties. Adding deeper root systems helps plants get soil water.

Gambetta says, “Changing the variety is a huge, huge lever, because varieties have huge variation in how they behave.” Much easier said than done. Bordeaux has a long tradition of great wines and a stable climate. New variants have been extensively studied. “Has there been an uptake? Growers alter? Gambetta replies no, they don’t. “They can’t just make a new wine and say, ‘Hey, listen, here’s my new wine,’ and expect it to sell well. Since these identities underpin whole regions.”

The grape paradox. Winemakers aim for the consistency their fans demand. Since they’re hardy, grapes may grow anywhere, from Bordeaux to Napa to Chile and South Africa. “It just is a plant that grows in a huge swath of climates,” adds Gambetta. “But climate change will pose serious challenges, especially to these traditional wine-growing regions.”

# What is an Oregon AVA?

## 23 Wine Regions in Oregon and What it Means

By Rusty Savage

Oregon is home to 23 federally recognized grape growing areas, known as American Viticulture Areas or AVAs. These wine regions are the backbone of the Oregon wine industry.

**Columbia Gorge AVA.** There are no nested AVAs inside the Columbia Gorge AVA.

**Columbia Valley AVA.** There are two nested Oregon AVAs inside the larger Columbia Valley AVA.

The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater AVA

Walla Walla Valley AVA

**Rogue Valley AVA.** There is one nested AVA inside the larger Rogue Valley AVA.

Applegate Valley AVA

**Snake River Valley AVA.** There are no nested AVAs inside the Snake River Valley AVA.

**Southern Oregon AVA.** The Southern Oregon AVA is home to the Rogue Valley, Umpqua Valley, and their respected nested AVAs.

**Rogue Valley AVA**

**Umpqua Valley AVA.** There are two nested AVAs inside the larger Umpqua Valley AVA.

Elkton AVA

Red Hill AVA

**Willamette Valley AVA.** There are eleven nested AVAs inside the larger Willamette Valley AVA. (Not listed here)

In North Douglas county, the Umpqua Valley is home to the Umpqua Valley AVA, nested within the Southern Oregon AVA. This is mainly the region encompassing the greater Roseburg area and on the north and northwest portion of this wine region, are the Red Hill AVA to the north and west and the Elkton AVA in the north and western region. Some of the outstanding qualities of these 3 AVA regions are listed below and may well foretell the future significance and influence on future wine production.

**Umpqua Valley AVA,** Douglas County, Established 1984

Umpqua Valley continues to evolve as new winemakers discover the area, bringing with them a passion for innovation and world-class wine.

**Location**

Umpqua Valley sits between the Coast Range to the west and the Cascades to the east, with the Willamette Valley to the north and the Rogue Valley, south. Named for the legendary fishing river that runs nearby, the appellation stretches 65 miles from north to south, and is 25 miles from east to west.

**Climate**

The Umpqua Valley can successfully grow both cool and warm varieties. It’s comprised of three distinct climatic sub-zones: 1) The northern area around the town of Elkton enjoys a cool, marine-influenced climate. It receives around 50 inches of annual rainfall, making irrigation unnecessary. Pinot Noir and other cool-climate varieties thrive here. 2) The central area to the northwest of Roseburg has an intermediate climate where both cool and warm varieties do well. 3) The area south of Roseburg is warmer and more arid, similar to Rogue and Applegate valleys to the south, making irrigation a necessity. Warm-climate varieties, including Tempranillo, Syrah and Merlot flourish here.

**Soils**

Umpqua Valley soils are as varied as the climate. Generally, they are derived from a mix of metamorphic, sedimentary and volcanic rock; though more than 150 soil types have been identified in the region. The valley floor levels have mostly deep alluvial or heavy clay materials, while the hillsides and bench locations have mixed alluvial, silt or clay structures — all

excellent for winegrowing.

**Topography**

The complex topography of the Umpqua Valley is a result of the collision of three mountain ranges of varying age and structure: Klamath Mountains, Coast Range and Cascades. Many say the area should not be thought of as a single valley, but, rather, more accurately the “Hundred Valleys of the Umpqua” because it is made up of a series of interconnecting small mountain ranges.

**Varieties Grown**

Albariño, Baco Noir, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Dolcetto, Gewürztraminer, Graciano, Grenache, Malbec, Merlot, Muscat Canelli, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Syrah, Tempranillo, Zinfandel.

**Elkton AVA,** North Douglas County, Established 2015

Winegrowing in Elkton dates to the early ’70s when Ken Thomason began planting cool climate whites and Pinot Noir. The first winery was established in 2000. Currently, there are six licensed wineries and 8 commercial vineyards, totaling 96.5 planted acres.

**Location**

Located in North Douglas County, the AVA is 33 miles from the Pacific Ocean, with the Cascade Range to the east, Willamette Valley to the north and Rogue Valley to the south. A part of the Umpqua Valley AVA, it is named for the town of Elkton and claims the northernmost and lowest elevation region in the Umpqua.

**Climate**

Elkton Oregon is the coolest and wettest region within the larger Umpqua Valley and produces different varieties and different wine styles than the rest of the larger AVA. Elkton enjoys a cool, marine-influenced climate with a longer growing season than the rest of the Umpqua. The region receives about 50 inches of rain each year.

**Soils**

The AVA is dominated by the coastal mountain geology, lying over a combination of sedimentary, volcanic and metamorphic rock from the middle Eocene. More than 50 different soil series or complexes are present, made up of mostly residual clay and/or silt loam soil or cobble-rich alluvial deposits from the Yamhill and Tyee formation, and the Umpqua River terrace.

**Topography**

Elkton Oregon contains a wide range of terrain dissected by the broader meanders of the Umpqua River. The majority of the AVA falls below the 1,000-foot contour and includes the river bottom land — elevation 130 to 160 feet — as well as river terraces and foothills near the river — also 130 to 160 feet.

**Varieties Grown**

Baco Noir, Chardonnay, Gewürz., Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Syrah.

**Red Hill AVA,** Douglas County, Established 2005

The Applegate and Scott families, pioneers of Southern Oregon, settled at the foot of Red Hill in the mid-1800s. Jesse Applegate planted Douglas County’s first established vineyard in Yoncalla in 1876.

**Location**

Red Hill Douglas County is a sub-appellation of the Umpqua Valley near the small town of Yoncalla, which lies about 30 miles north of Roseburg and parallels Interstate 5. It encompasses 5,500 acres

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# Rural Report

## Oregon's AVA's

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and is a single-vineyard AVA — one of just a few in the country — with Red Hill Vineyard planted to 220 acres of vines.

### Climate

Red Hill Douglas County has a relatively mild climate, with daytime averages of 75°F during growing season (as opposed to regions farther south that can experience highs of 105°F). The marine influence reaching this area also provides a wetter climate than the surrounding Umpqua Valley area. Thanks to its higher elevation, the area generally enjoys a frost-free growing season.

### Soils

Red Hill Douglas County is dominated by iron-rich, red volcanic Jory soils, which were formed from ancient volcanic basalt and consist of silt, clay and loam soils. They are mostly deep and well drained to the 15-foot depth.

### Topography

Elevation in this area ranges from the 800-foot contour line to 1,200 feet, the maximum elevation for quality grape production. Geologically, Red Hill is part of the Umpqua Formation, which is composed of basalts similar to the volcanic rocks on the Pacific Ocean floor. It has many rising domes that give it an undulating appearance.

### Varieties Grown

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Riesling.

# Wine Growing in Elkton - North Douglas County

Story by Rusty Savage

The Umpqua Valley AVA sits between the Coast Range to the west, the Cascade Range to the east, the Willamette Valley to the north, and the Rogue Valley to the south. It's near everything, and entirely unique.

The Umpqua Valley's winegrowing history dates back to the 1880s when German immigrants who had worked for the Beringer Bros., the oldest continuously operating vineyard in Napa, planted the first wine grape vineyard in the Valley. In 1961, Richard Sommer established HillCrest Vineyard near Roseburg and sunk Oregon's first Pinot noir vines into the ground. Like his Willamette Valley peers, he ignored the pessimists in California who said Oregon was too cold and wet to grow Pinot. In fact, the Umpqua Valley has one of Oregon's more diverse regional climates, successfully growing both cool and warm varieties.

Post-prohibition, Richard Sommer established HillCrest Vineyards near Roseburg in 1961. He planted Oregon's first Pinot noir vines into the ground as well as Riesling and small amounts of other varieties, despite being told by his California (Davis) cohorts that it was impossible to successfully grow wine grapes in Oregon. Obviously, they were wrong.

Just eight years later, in 1969, Paul Bjelland of Bjelland Vineyards founded the Oregon Winegrowers Association

in the Umpqua Valley. During the '70s, new wineries opened, including Henry Estate, whose winemaker Scott Henry developed his eponymous world-famous trellis system, which increases grape yield, among other benefits.

The northern area around the town of Elkton enjoys a cool, marine-influenced climate and receives around 50 inches (125 cm) of annual rainfall. Pinot noir and other cool-climate varieties thrive here. The central area to the northwest of Roseburg, has an intermediate climate where both cool and warm varieties do well. The area south of Roseburg is warmer and more arid, similar to the Rogue and Applegate Valleys to the south. Warm-climate varieties, including Tempranillo, Syrah, and Merlot thrive here. Growing season temperatures vary dramatically from north to south creating a gradient of opportunity for winemakers and wine drinkers.

The Elkton Oregon AVA is the coolest and wettest region within the larger Umpqua Valley AVA and produces different varieties and different wine styles than the rest of the larger AVA. The northern area around the town of Elkton enjoys a cool, marine-influenced climate. The Elkton Oregon AVA has a cooler, but milder and longer growing season than the rest of the Umpqua Valley AVA and receives much more rain annually, about 50 inches. Pinot noir and other

cool-climate varieties thrive here.

The Elkton Oregon AVA is situated 33 miles (53 km) inland from the Pacific Ocean. It is wholly within the Umpqua Valley AVA, which in turn lies within the larger Southern Oregon AVA. Elkton Oregon is the northernmost region in the Umpqua Valley. The Umpqua River weaves through the middle of the region, offering a cool afternoon breeze during the growing season.

Elkton Oregon vineyard soils are predominantly residual clay, silt loam soil, alluvial deposits and river terraces around the meandering Umpqua River. Clay soils retain water very well, resulting in less of a need to irrigate and lower yields.

In contrast to the rest of Southern Oregon, wines produced from this region are more often from cool climate varieties made in a lush style, fuller in body with bolder fruit notes than those produced in the Willamette Valley.

The future of Winegrowing and production in The Elkton AVA and this region are poised to experience phenomenal growth and consequence to the entirety of the Wine industry, not just in Oregon. As climate change affects Europe and California, to its detriment. The nature of our climate, soil and terrain will contribute to the quality, quantity and diversity of wine to quench the thirst of markets, likely world wide.

## Secretary of State Launches Public Information Campaign for May Primary Election

Story by Milo Banks

With the May Primary Election right around the corner, the Secretary of State's Office is launching a public information campaign aimed at providing Oregon voters with accurate and trusted information about elections.

"False information is as prolific as ever, meaning it's more important than ever that Oregonians know where to get accurate information from a trusted source," said Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade. "Voting in Oregon feels good, and this is just one way we're spreading the word."

This campaign is part of a larger initiative with the Secretary's In Oregon, this campaign includes: Continuing the success of our public service announcements done in partnership with Happylucky, a Portland-based design firm. These include animated videos, radio spots, and graphics for print and social media in the most commonly spoken languages in Oregon.

These PSAs are a fun way to inform voters with

accurate information from an official, trusted source. In 2022, the campaign generated a 259% increase in the number of people visiting OregonVotes.gov. Research shows this approach can limit the impact of false information.

The latest PSA highlights all the ways we work to keep elections accurate, safe, and secure. Previous PSAs have shared information about closed primaries and the postmark rule. The Elections Division encourages media outlets to air these materials as part of the effort to combat false information.

The Legislature allocated \$150,000 for the 2024 PSA campaign. The Secretary of State's Office is working with Gard Communications on the PSAs, which launched today.

A social media campaign designed to reach voters with accurate information in easy to understand — and easy to share — formats. You can follow the campaign on

the Election Division's Facebook and Twitter.

The Elections Division continues to share plain language information on how elections in Oregon work and debunking common myths. The division's website, OregonVotes.gov, is the best source of accurate information from a trusted source that strives to keep Oregonians informed and answer any questions.

### What you need to know about the May 2024 primary election

The deadline to register to vote, update your voter registration, or register with a political party is April 30, 2024.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties in Oregon choose to hold closed primaries. That means you won't see those candidates on your ballot unless you are a registered member of the party. Ballots will be sent out starting May 1, 2024. Election Day is May 21, 2024. Ballots must be received by 8 p.m. or postmarked

on this day to be counted. Return your ballot in the mail, at a county clerk's office, or at any of the secure, official drop boxes available throughout the state. Your ballot will be routed to the county in which you are registered to vote for processing. The postmark rule, passed in 2021, allows ballots postmarked on or before Election Day to count even if they are received up to seven days later. These ballots are not late — they were cast on time and will be counted alongside every other vote cast before 8 p.m. on Election Day. For this reason, election results may be delayed because it will take a few days for all the votes to be counted. Preliminary results will be available on the Secretary of State website starting at 8 p.m. on Election Day. The last day for the Secretary to certify election results is June 27, 2024.

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By Bonnie Pyles

After 29 years in business, Bonnie Pyles (Morgan) is turning over the management of her store, Exclusively Bridal, to her granddaughter Morgan Heuer. Bonnie started the store on April 16, 1995. With the purchase of the Evans Shop from Jigs Evan's, she started remodeling the once western wear store into a bridal store. Bonnie has been selling gowns to brides in the surrounding counties of Douglas, Lane and Coos ever since. But it went beyond there to all of Oregon, and into Washington and California. Even girls in Alaska, Montana, Florida and Japan have purchased gowns from Exclusively Bridal, to name a few.

"From the very beginning, it's been a wonderful venture! I thank God for making it succeed," says Bonnie. "I've met so many wonderful people and have had the privilege to help them with one of the most important days of their lives." There came a time when I realized I was helping the daughters of my brides find their dream dress! What a beautiful feeling to have the second generation trust me with their own special moments." Bonnie will still be working at the store. She is just cutting back her hours.

"Morgan has practically grown up at the store. She has been an entrepreneur from a very young age. Selling blackberry shortcakes at the age of 6, dreaming up the idea of selling brides photos of themselves, shopping for their gowns at age 9, along with bringing back the Cake Castle Cookies and making a business of it to pay her own way to Washington DC at the age of 12. For her Senior Project she designed eight wedding gowns and had them manufactured. They were presented at a fashion show in Eugene and were sold at the store. Morgan has modeled 108 times on the runway since she was two years old. Several years ago,

she started running the fashion shows for Bonnie. "I've always known Morgan would be a good addition to my business. Her talents, abilities and marketing skills are management material. I am excited for the future," says Pyles when asked about her granddaughter.

"As a little girl I would always ask my grandmother when she would give me the store. I didn't think of the possibility, that I would get the opportunity to manage it as I got older. Growing up in this shop has led to so many wonderful opportunities for me, and I am beyond grateful for my grandmother's faith in me to manage the store that she has invested blood, sweat and tears into. I just pray that God guides us through this adventure and that most of all I make my grandma proud," says Morgan.

Dorothy has been alongside Bonnie every step of the way. "Being her mother, it has been an honor to work with her and I have taken a lot of pride in the business as I have seen it grow over the years", said Dorothy. She used to work the floor, run the tuxedo area, do the linen washings and ironings, and the bookwork. Her current age is limiting some of the things she can do, but she is still very much a part of the business as she does most of the office work and helps with sales at the counter.

The seamstress for Exclusively Bridal has been with the business for 27 years. Sherri Tinnes has been dedicated to being the best in the industry. A lifetime friend of the family she has been much more than just an employee, donating her time outside of her job description. Sherri and her expertise will continue with Exclusively Bridal.

The Bridal store will be 29 years old April 16. Exclusively Bridal is looking forward to celebrating their 30th anniversary next year, bigger and better than ever.

## Oregon AG Acts To Stop Kroger-Albertsons Merger

Story by Milo Banks

In February, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum joined the Federal Trade Commission and a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general from across the nation in acting to block the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger.

Oregon, the FTC, and the other AGs filed to enjoin the merger in U.S. District Court in Portland. This followed a vote by FTC commissioners Monday morning; it is the result of thorough investigations by the FTC and the states into the proposed merger's anticipated effects.

"We are doing this to protect Oregon consumers and workers," said AG Rosenblum. "We believe this proposed merger would hurt both, and we're doing our part to prevent it from going forward."

Kroger and Albertsons are the nation's two largest grocery chains. In Oregon, the two corporations operate 176 stores, serving nearly every community in the state. Kroger operates 51 Fred Meyer and 4 QFC stores, while Albertsons operates 96 Safeway and 25 Albertsons stores.

The lawsuit seeks to block the proposed Albertsons-Kroger merger. The FTC, Oregon, and the other states participating in this legal action allege the proposed merger would violate the federal Clayton Act. That act prohibits acquisitions which may substantially lessen competition.

"If big grocery stores are allowed to reduce competition this way," said Rosenblum, "they can charge higher

prices for food for no good reason and reduce services, including in their pharmacies. They can also slow the growth of employees' wages, or even reduce some of those wages. Working conditions and employee benefits can suffer, as well. In short, there's no good for consumers or workers in this proposed merger — and lots of bad."

Oregon Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission investigators found compelling evidence that direct, head-to-head competition between Kroger and Albertsons has forced the two chains to compete vigorously against one another — both on price and on the quality of goods and services offered at their stores. This competition has also benefitted workers, by producing higher wages, better benefits, and improved working conditions.

"This supermarket mega-merger comes as American consumers have seen the cost of groceries rise steadily over the past few years. Kroger's acquisition of Albertsons would lead to additional grocery price hikes for everyday goods, further exacerbating the financial strain consumers across the country face today," said Henry Liu, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

Joining Oregon and the FTC in the lawsuit are Arizona, California, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Colorado and Washington have already filed lawsuits to stop the merger in their respective state courts.

## ODFR Encourages Consumers to check with their Insurance Carriers about Lowering Premiums if Credit Improves

Story by Scooter Brown

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) has issued a \$200,000 fine against State Farm after the company failed to send notices over the past six years informing its insureds of their ability to request an annual credit check, which could affect their premiums. Half of the total fine will be suspended and waived after three years if State Farm complies with all terms of the final order.

This case serves as an important reminder that Oregon law allows consumers to request an annual rereate from their insurer, which could lead to lower premiums, but will not increase them.

State Farm self-reported the violations to DFR in July 2023, informing the division that notices were not sent out due to a system error. Because of that error, the notification required by ORS 746.650(5) and OAR 836-080-0438 were not sent to customers purchasing new automobile insurance policies between Dec. 5, 2017, and Feb. 23, 2023. Specifically, State Farm did not notify the affected consumers at the inception of their coverage that they may have received a lower rate if their credit history or the credit factors used in their credit-based insurance score were more favorable, and that they had the right to request a rereate of the policy no more than once annually. State Farm notified the division that the issue was corrected on Feb. 23, 2023, for any customers purchasing new policies after that date.

As part of DFR's final order, State Farm agreed to send a notification to all affected consumers who remain customers of State Farm, approximately 134,690 consumers. State Farm began sending notices on Jan. 2, 2024, through a mailing that is separate and apart from the annual policy renewal documents or any other communication. The

mailing also includes a statement that Oregon law requires State Farm to provide a notification to customers at the inception of the policy. All mailings must be completed no later than June 30, 2024.

The division, part of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), encourages all consumers to check with their insurance agent or company to see if a credit check would lower their insurance premiums. Consumers are allowed to do a rereate once a year and if their credit improves, their insurance rates may as well. Rereating due to credit may result in either improving or no change to a consumer's insurance costs, but will not negatively affect it.

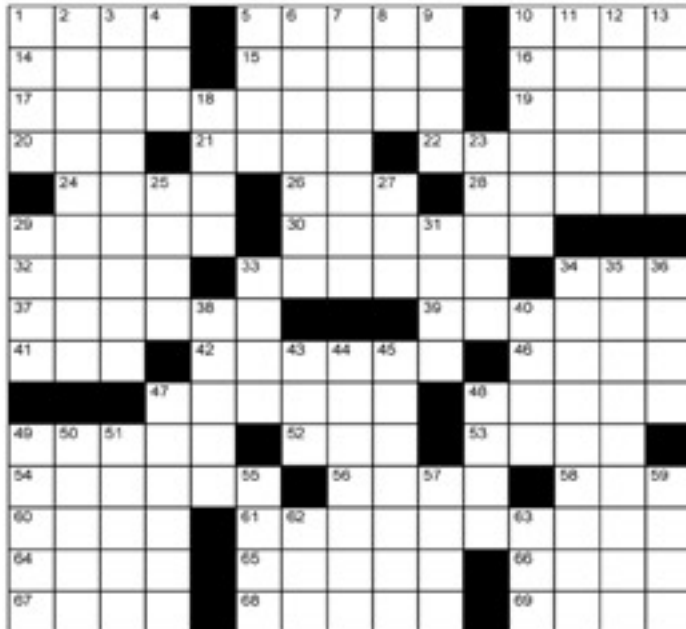
"We commend State Farm for self-reporting this violation and taking steps to rectify the situation," said Andrew R. Stolfi, Oregon's insurance commissioner and DCBS director. "It is important that Oregon consumers know their rights. State law permits insurance companies to use an individual's credit history to determine how much they pay for insurance, so it is critically important that consumers know they have the ability to lower their insurance premiums with positive credit."

Consumers with questions or complaints can contact DFR's consumer advocates at 888-877-4894 (toll-free) or email [dfi.insuranchelp@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:dfi.insuranchelp@dcbs.oregon.gov). Consumers can look at their credit reports each calendar year for free by accessing it online, by phone at 877-322-8228 (toll-free), or by completing and mailing the Annual Credit Report Request Form. If any errors are identified, consumers have the right to correct incomplete or inaccurate information with the credit reporting agent that provided the information.

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**Across**

- 1. Second to none
- 5. Hurling weapon
- 10. Like some testimony
- 14. Fond of
- 15. Caddie's offering
- 16. Firefighting need
- 17. Film based on a novel, e.g.
- 19. Teaspoonful, maybe
- 20. U-boat, briefly
- 21. Send out
- 22. Weight watcher
- 24. \_\_\_\_ of passage
- 26. Black gold
- 28. Foul
- 29. Beauty parlor
- 30. Hang around
- 32. The "U" in I.C.U.
- 33. Trusted teacher



- 34. De Niro film, "City By The \_\_\_\_"
- 37. Dermal affliction
- 39. Part of PTSD
- 41. Kicker's aid
- 42. Fasten (to)
- 46. Mark of a ruler
- 47. Take the pulpit
- 48. Evaluate, as ore
- 49. Cartoon hedgehog
- 52. Fish delicacy
- 53. Wedding wear
- 54. Throat soother
- 56. Back of the neck
- 58. "The Hundred Secret Senses" author
- 60. Farm cry

- 61. Type of pact
- 64. Ship's backbone
- 65. Supply party food
- 66. State with conviction
- 67. "What \_\_\_\_?"
- 68. Four-legged laughter
- 69. Smart-alecky

**Down**

- 1. Skewed view
- 2. Marathoner's trait
- 3. Hold firm
- 4. Lonely place?
- 5. Emulated Spitz
- 6. Leafstalk
- 7. Book version
- 8. Long \_\_\_\_

- 9. Tear to bits
- 10. Cry of dismay
- 11. Alex Haley classic
- 12. Strong suit
- 13. Distrustful
- 18. Prom attendee
- 23. Like some gases
- 25. Shopper's aid
- 27. Blitzed
- 29. Feeder filler
- 31. Reggae great Peter
- 33. Pal, in Perth
- 34. Easily offended
- 35. Moving stairway
- 36. Grayish
- 38. Month for some Pisces

- 40. Bailiff's request
- 43. Old salt
- 44. Monkshood
- 45. Lessen the value of
- 47. Predicament
- 48. State categorically
- 49. Feed, as a fire
- 50. Large bay window
- 51. Canonical hour
- 55. Carve in stone
- 57. Medic or legal starter
- 59. Small salamander
- 62. Beam of light
- 63. Keg opening

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## Great Food Live Music

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413 Umpqua HWY38, Drain Oregon

# School News

Send your School & Sports news to [schoolnews@ndherald.com](mailto:schoolnews@ndherald.com)

Highlights from the 2024 Boys & Girls State Championship in Baker City. Congratulations North Douglas Warriors  
- Courtesy of North Douglas Boosters



# North Douglas Students of the Month

**5th Grade, Reece Bohlman,  
North Douglas Elementary School**



Reece is a model student when it comes to good citizenship. He's always kind and respectful to his peers and staff, works hard during class time, and always has a positive attitude.

**7th Grade, Harper Frey,  
North Douglas Middle School**



Harper is a model student in terms of schoolwork and citizenship. She is incredibly calm and kind, and she is also invested in making her school a better place, which she demonstrates by being active in leadership and helping in the kitchen.

## Oregon expands career readiness with \$7.6 million investment in hands-on learning for 74 schools

*Although this Press Release from Oregon Department of Education seems to be good news for Oregon schools, it is to my dismay that there is not one of these 74 schools in Douglas county and only 2 in Lane county. It seems that having great need for programs such as this does not necessarily mean that their consideration and priorities are directed adequately or fairly.*

- Rusty Savage

Salem, OR – Seventy-four Oregon high schools—serving more than 36,000 students—have secured career readiness grants totaling \$7.629 million, Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams and Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson announced today.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization Grant funds from the State of Oregon will serve diverse communities around the state, with programs focused on advanced manufacturing, agricultural science, business, computer science, construction, cosmetology, engineering, firefighting, health sciences, hospitality, media and natural resources.

In total, the 31 grants help to create or expand CTE programs focused on high-wage, high-skill and in-demand fields such as Health Care, Manufacturing and Construction. These programs provide valuable access to experience, expertise and additional forms of support to the communities they serve and give students relevant education and preparation for career and postsecondary learning experiences.

“As the class of 2023 graduation rates indicate, CTE moves the needle on student success,” said Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams. “CTE keeps students excited about both their school day and their future. These classes build a life changing bridge between the school experience and high-quality, well-paid careers in fields ranging from accounting and astrophysics to welding and zoology.”

Students who pass CTE courses graduate at higher rates when compared to the general student population. According to the most recent data for the Class of 2023, CTE concentrators (across all student populations) graduated at a 95.0% rate, 13.7 percentage points higher than the state as a whole.

In 2011, the Oregon Legislature established a competitive

grant program entitled the CTE Revitalization Grant which strengthens the alignment of Career and Technical Education, workforce development and economic development. In July 2015, Governor Kate Brown signed House Bill (HB) 3072 and HB 5016, authorizing \$9.0 million for the Oregon Department of Education to continue the CTE Revitalization Grant program. During the 2023 legislative session, \$7.629 million was allocated for CTE Revitalization.

The CTE Revitalization Grant Advisory Committee—comprising representatives from organized labor, trade organizations, education and Oregon’s business, labor, industry and trades communities—reviewed 66 applications totaling \$16 million in requests. The committee prioritized applications based on geographic diversity, community partnerships and programs that lead to high-wage, in-demand occupations, especially for historically and currently marginalized students.

“We’ve witnessed a remarkable transformation that transcends statistics and elevates lives through CTE,” said Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson. “The graduation rates among participants of these CTE programs not only surpass state averages but also symbolize the power of equitable investment in education. This isn’t just about closing achievement gaps; it’s about dismantling barriers and ensuring that every Oregon youth, regardless of background, has access to the opportunities that CTE provides.”

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) jointly appoint the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Advisory Committee. Additional information on grant criteria and additional summaries of the projects selected for this round of funding can be found on the CTE Revitalization Grant web page.

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*Event Calendar*  
 April 12 Timberwolf 8pm  
 May 3 Karaoke  
 Last Karaoke until the Fall  
 May 10 Timberwolf  
 Great Food Every Day

**The Rose Bar & Restaurant**  
 413 Umpqua HWY (38), Drain

**FRIDAY APRIL 26 from 6 - 8 PM**  
**THE SUNNY SKY BOYS**  
 Little Brothers Pub, 428 SE Main St, Roseburg, OR 97470  
 The Sunny Sky Boys will be jammin' on guitar and mandolin from 6 - 8 pm at Little Brothers Pub! Jerry Ashford & Joe Ross play a lively variety of Hillbilly Jazz, Classic Country, Bluegrass, and Western Swing music. Special guests often sit in with them on bass, fiddle, banjo, pedal steel and/or vocals. All ages welcome! Little Brothers Pub (428 SE Main St, Roseburg, OR 97470) offers micro-brewed beers, local wines, sandwiches, burgers, appetizers, snacks & live music. No cover but tips are sincerely appreciated. Call the pub at 672-0912 if you want to reserve a table.  
<http://www.littlebrotherspub.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Little-Brothers-Pub-117365864949977/>  
 Info: Joe Ross at email rossjoe@hotmail.com

the Umpqua Valley and surrounding regions. Formerly called Glaser Vineyard, the venue is both family and dog-friendly. Winery Hours are FRI-SUN 12 - 6 pm. On Sunday April 28, The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers will be jamming acoustically from 1-3 pm prior to the Sunny Sky Boys playing (from 3 - 5 pm)/ More INFO also at: <http://www.josephjanewinery.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/josephjanewinery/>  
 EMAIL glaserleon@gmail.com  
 TEL. 541-670-0698

**MAY 18-19, 2024**  
**Fly In Pig BBQ** at Myrtle Creek Airport will be a sanctioned BBQ competition by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association on May 18th & 19th, 2024 at the Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport. BBQ, VENDORS, LIVE BLUEGRASS, WESTERN SWING & COUNTRY MUSIC (featuring THE SUNNY SKY BOYS and others) & MORE FUN for all ages!  
*'Imagine if pigs had wings, how good they would taste!'*

**DIVISIONS:**  
 •Fire Departments/First Responders  
 •Pro teams/commercial  
 •Backyard - Local BBQ'ers giving it a go!  
**CATEGORIES:**  
 •Brisket  
 •Ribs  
 •Pork (Pulled Pork)  
 •Chicken  
**AWARDS**  
 Minimum \$10,000 total purse  
 •3 places for each division  
 •People's Choice - Best BBQ & best beverage vendor  
 •Reserve and Grand Champion overall  
 \* Each competitor will pay an entry fee  
 Contact Mike Farnworth 541-680-2896 for more detailed info!

**SUNDAY APRIL 28 from 3 - 5 PM**  
**The Sunny Sky Boys** (Jerry Ashford & Joe Ross) Perform on the First Sunday at JosephJane Winery, 155 Lower Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg, OR  
 At JosephJane Winery, The Sunny Sky Boys (Jerry Ashford & Joe Ross) perform on Sunday April 28 from 3-5 pm. Special guests will join them for a full Western Swing dance band sound. Enjoy classic hillbilly jazz, toe-tapping swing, grooving classic country and hard-driving traditional bluegrass music played on guitar and mandolin. The two hot award-winning pickers present a wide range of material "From Chester to Lester" with even a few colorings of Celtic, Country & Classical. Wine, Beer, Cider & Wood fired pizza available for purchase. JosephJane opened in March 2018, offering a fine selection of wines from grapes grown in



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## Church Directory



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 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

Drain Church of Christ  
 2nd and D street  
 541-836-2315  
 SS 9:30am/Svc 10:30am/W&T 6pm

**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

Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 278 Douglas St  
 Saturday Worship 10am -12pm

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

Elkton Christian Church  
 344 3rd St.  
 elktonchristian@gmail.com  
 Bible study 9:45 Worship 10:45

*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.*

More items from the Drain City Hall Time Capsule . The old City Hall and 1954 Police Cruiser and 9/18/54 edition of the Enterprise



## Amazing Food & Drinks

Hot		Cold	
Latte	4.00 4.50 5.50	Milkshakes	7.00
Mocha	4.50 5.00 6.00	Malts	7.50
Cappuccino	4.00 4.50 5.50	Smoothies	5.50 7.00
Americano	3.00 4.50 5.50	Italian Soda	4.25 5.25
Drip Coffee	2.00 2.50 3.00	Root Beer Float	4.50
Hot Choco	3.00 3.75 4.75	Frappuccino	5.00 6.00
Hot Tea	2.00 2.50 3.00	Blended Chai	5.50 6.00
Hot Chai	4.50 5.00 6.00	Iced Red Bull	5.50 6.50
Breakfast Burrito	8.00	Soft Drink	1.50 2.25
Breakfast Sandwich	6.50	Ice Tea	1.50 2.25
Biscuits & Gravy	5.00 7.50	Orange Juice	3.00
		Bottled Water	1.50



## COUNTRY CABIN

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Desserts	
Soft Ice Cream	3.00 4.00
Soft Yogurt	3.00 4.00
Ice Cream Cone	3.00 4.00
Waffle Cone	5.00 6.00
Cookie - Big	3.00
Cookie - Small	.75
Rice Crispy Treat	3.00
Mini Banana Bread	4.00
Mini Pumpkin Bread	4.00
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Cake Donut	1.00
Danish	2.00
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395 Winchester Ave Reedsport OR

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**Notices:**

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TECP Classrooms, Respite and MORE!

**Wanted; New Members**

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