



Anna Drain Park Project gets 21st Century Upgrade

Story by Rusty Savage Graphics by Kaitly Hardwick



The city of Drain is in the process of upgrading the Anna Drain Park into a magnificent public use project that will serve the community at large in high expectation. The Anna Drain Park is named for the wife of founder, Charles Drain. It has been here since 1948 along with the City Pool.

The Park project is an ambitious endeavor that will bring some surprisingly new and bright recreational elements to the current establishment. Drain has enjoyed the benefit of the Park and also the public swimming pool since 1948.

The city conducted surveys in 2019 during the creation of the City of Drain Parks and Open Space Master Plan (adopted in 2020). This master plan was used to guide the design for the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project. These surveys showed that residents have a strong desire for a splash pad, upgraded play equipment, trails, and additional covered gathering spaces. These were all prioritized during the park design process.

The splashpad is designed to be approximately 950-sqft, housed in a concrete slab measuring approximately 5800-sqft. The new pavilion will be

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Oregon Pinot Noir Uniquely Superb

Story by Rusty Savage

When you're talking about American wines, Oregon's Pinot Noir tops them all, rivaling even the finest from Burgundy. Its cool climate and diverse terroir makes a perfect crossroad for this delicate grape varietal. There are many vintages to this delicate wine so what is it about the unique Terroir of Oregon Pinot Noir.



A fresh harvest of dark, compacted clusters of Pinot Noir grapes, Photo courtesy of Knoll Vineyard

Before we go any further, it's important to understand what makes Oregon's Pinot Noir unique. Pinot Noir is among the four grape varieties that are most sensitive to their surroundings (i.e., terroir). In Oregon,

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Elkton Landmark A Pairing, to Dine for

Story by Rusty Savage



Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe has been a landmark in Elkton Oregon for many years. Originally started by Martin and Dayna Tomaselli, whose tradition of pastry baking has been a tradition that goes back over 40 years in Elkton. Initially Martin delivered his pastries in his VW bus. During their later years there, Marty and Dayna traveled extensively, delighting in bringing back to Elkton pastry delights and the tastes from the world over. It was in 2022 that Martin was ready to hang up his apron and after some heartfelt negotiations, in late 2023, Leslie and Steve Beckley, married for 33 years,

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The Last Stroll Oakland History - Bridging the Past and Future



On Sunday, April 7, 2024, the bridge that has stood for 99 years in Historic Oakland, Oregon, will become lost to time and relegated to the past. A celebration was planned for the community to say farewell with one final walk across the bridge and the opportunity to share years of collective memories. It is an early spring day and although clouds billow overhead, the blue sky prevails for the bittersweet occasion.

Story and Photo by Nancy Rodriguez
A scattering of red, white and blue, star shaped balloons, attached at intervals along the railing, are gently buffeted by a light breeze, adding a bit of color to the festivities. People stroll by pop up canopies that offer cookies, popcorn and brochures, giving it the look of a street fair but the

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Editorial

It's been one of those months. You know, sometimes, it seems like you just can't get a break. You get up, you go to work, you get the job done, then you head home and there's all that going on there and you handle it, have a bite to eat and then off to bed. The next day you get up and you get ready for the day and suddenly your thinking, "What the heck did I do yesterday? Or the day before." And then you set out to do it all over again. It feels kinda like the Movie "Ground Hog's Day".

Is it the weather? The time of year? Is it the old burn out? Well, today as I slog off to the office to wrap up the newspaper for the month, I realized that it's Spring and I'm done with Winter and I'm ready for a change. That's it, the seasonal change, and Spring is the change that we need after a wet, grey, wintery struggle. But Spring is so Fickle! Not so much a transition between Winter and Summer, but a half on, half off again scrimmage that gets you turned around and you don't know what to think of it so you just go through the motions.

What do you do? Well, just like the newspaper business where the news marches on, you get into step and find the who, what when, where, why and how and put it out there. Right now, when I realize I want sunshine and blue skies and no matter what I want, it'll get here when it gets here.

Like my dad used to say, when us kids were whining about the long boring car ride - "We'll get there when we get there!" End of story, buck up and get over yourself and get with the program.

So that helps, thinking about what it is that is the source of my discontent and then forgetting about it so I can get on with what's at hand. We get into ruts over the course of the year, or over the phases of our lives and if you don't stop to wade in the quagmire of those doldrums, you find that it changes on it's own. You are the only one who can lift yourself over obstacles and it's our responsibility to shoulder through the blahs and look forward to the tomorrows. Luckily, I can still see a morning where it look like some blue is seeping in over the horizon and, "Hey it might turn out to be a beautiful day"! And just like that, I'm not thinking about yesterdays gray, but looking for a brighter tomorrow.

So I'm finishing up the May issue, got a lot of great stuff to share with our readers and my mind is already moving on to the next phase.

Each month I get the opportunity to rub shoulders with a lot of folks and it makes the work fulfilling. People are interesting and they have interesting ideas and I really enjoy seeing how creative, industrious and helpful people are in general.

Living in an area that has some urban and some rural aspects of living, all within a short drive to, say the coast, gives some perspective to

Correction. Last month (April '24) on Page 6 in the voting article, we inadvertently mistyped Aaron Lymaths Council position 4 term as being 2022-2024 - it is not - it's 2022-2026.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Not-for-profit organizations do not belong to their founders. They belong to all the people. I am a board member of The Elk Creek Watershed Council (ECWC), where founder Jamie Mast considers his position as "founder" to give him ownership-like status of the organization with the right to dictate according to his political beliefs.

The ECWC has a set of by-laws, like all organizations, which spell out what is and is not allowed. Our by-laws specifically state that there is to be no "politics" involved in the decisions and actions by the board. Yet chairman Mast is forcefully pushing to prove a political point by dissolving the organization and using the money in the general fund to sue the state of Oregon over the Forest Accord legislation. He is angry that the State of Oregon is taking away his prop-



erty rights. However anyone feels about this, it is wrong to use this political motive to shutter the organization. Most of the other board members will do what Chairman Mast requests of them, but some see the departure from our mission and the dissolution of our organization over a political position, as a betrayal. What can I do to prevent the loss of an organization that helps landowners in the Elk Creek watershed get assistance and funding to make improvements to the riparian and in-stream areas of their property? The ECWC has, over the years, brought over \$5 million to our community since its founding in 2002 and benefitted salmon recovery in our system. Losing this vital non-political organization would hurt landowners and aquatic species.

2024 is an election year. We have the primaries, coming up and if your not registered to vote, well the general election is in November so, no excuse, get registered. We are Americans and we are self governed. If you are considering taking part in the experiment, you have to give your input. Vote. If you look out at the landscape and think it needs some direction or something needs to be fixed. Consider diving in and run for a position where you can be a part of the solution to the problems or circumstances that are on your mind or others. Join a committee or get on a council or find a voice to work with people who share your view. Government by the people and for the people desperately needs one thing. People.

So I hope you enjoy the May issue of the North Douglas Herald. We've scoured the region for the news and information that we have to offer here and as it goes off to the presses I am already getting ready to journey off into the stories and features for the next edition. Working the newspaper is a satisfying and enlightening kind of vocation. Especially important is to provide it to all who seek it. Free subscriptions no matter from where you are, I want to try to provide that service. It's not that easy, deadlines, late nights, lots of travel and the expense. Newspapers have a hard row to hoe, as my Dad would say. I just read that an average 3 newspapers a day go under in this country. This newspaper is brought to you, courtesy of our Advertisers, please support them. Believe it or not this whole shebang is run on a shoestring (I love quoting my Dad, he had some zingers) and we are actively looking for a new, to us, vehicle for delivery and transporting papers from the printer to the Post Offices and to nearly 45 pickup points on our 350 mile delivery route. If you want to donate to the cause, please use the QR with your phone, thank you in advance and see you next month.



Susan Applegate

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Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**
Gene Vroman
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
Council Meeting: 05/14/24 - 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
Council Meeting: 05/09/24 - 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
Counselor: **Jan Wier**
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
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Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
Councilor **Lisa Woods**
Councilor **Joe Grossman**
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
Councilor **Gary Dagle**
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Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**
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Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
Council Position #6: **Debby Turner**
Council Meeting: 05/06/24 - 7:15pm

Cottage Grove

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Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**
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Councilor: **Alex Dreher**
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Man Arrested in Hatchery Break-In Kills 18,000 Salmon with Bleach

Gardiner, OR - A Gardiner man has been arrested in a burglary of the Gardiner, Reedsport, and Winchester Bay (GRWB) Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) hatchery.

The investigation began on Monday, April 22, 2024, when deputies were alerted that someone had forcibly made entry into the hatchery building. Once inside, the suspect had poured a chemical substance into one of the rearing ponds causing the death of approximately 18,000 smolt chinook salmon. Deputies processed the scene and began conducting a follow up investigation.

A container of bleach had been taken from a supply shed and emptied into a rearing tank with thousands of young, pre-smolt Chinook salmon. STEP president Deborah Yates told KLCC that a hatchery volunteer found the dead fish at feeding time, laying on the tank floor.

"Ironically, it was Earth Day," Yates said. "We were highly concerned that it was eco-terrorists."

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, around 6:30 p.m., a deputy patrolling the area observed a male walking south along Highway 101 near milepost 210. A short time later the deputy walked into the hatchery and observed that same male behind the locked gate and no trespassing signs. The male, identified as 20-year-old Gardiner resident Joshua Alexander Heckathorn, was contacted and interviewed by the deputy. During the interview, Heckathorn admitted to trespassing on the property and entering a storage location and handling the chemical bottle on Monday.

Deputies arrested Heckathorn and lodged him at the Douglas County Jail on charges of Burglary II, Criminal Trespass and Criminal Mischief. Due to the number of smolt chinook salmon that were killed in the incident, the Sheriff's Office is collaborating with the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife unit on the case.

"Solving this case is the result of collaboration and good policework," Sheriff John Hanlin remarked. "I am proud of the work done by the deputies and have full confidence that the investigation will aid in holding those responsible accountable for their actions."

The Sheriff's Office was also assisted by the Reedsport Police Department.

Body Recovered from the North Umpqua River

Idleld Park, OR - On April 19, 2024, Douglas County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue organized a large scale search in their ongoing efforts to locate 27-year-old Rachel Merchant-Ly of Idleld Park. Merchant-Ly was reported missing on Thursday, February 29, 2024, when she didn't arrive at Glide Elementary School where she worked as a kindergarten teacher. Later that morning, a Douglas County Sheriff's deputy located signs of a motor vehicle crash near milepost 41 on Highway 138E.

On Friday, March 1, 2024, Merchant-Ly's vehicle was recovered from the North Umpqua River, but she was not found inside. Since that time, searchers have conducted numerous searches by water, land, and air without success.

On April 19, 2024, searchers from Douglas County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue, Jackson County Search and Rescue and Lane County Search and Rescue organized to conduct further searching. Volunteer rafting groups and community members also organized and were coordinating with the Sheriff's Office efforts.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., a community member volunteer located a deceased body in the river approximately 7.5 miles downstream from the crash site. Deputies confirmed the presence of the body and began coordinating recovery efforts. The Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office responded and confirmed the body to be that of Rachel Merchant-Ly.

"I cannot thank the dedicated deputies, SAR Volunteers, agency partners and community members who have not given up on finding Rachel," Sheriff John Hanlin said. "Commissioner Freeman and I have been in personal communication with Rachel's husband, mother, father and extended family. They are extremely thankful for the efforts of everyone involved."

The Sheriff's Office was assisted throughout the investigation by Douglas County, Jackson County and Lane County Search and Rescue teams, the Oregon State Search and Rescue Coordinator, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation, Pacific Power, Weekly Brothers, North Umpqua Outfitters, Northwest Rafters Association, Douglas County Fire District #2 and all of the community members who volunteered their time.

Man In Custody Dies at Mercy Medical Center

Roseburg, OR - An adult male who had been in custody at the Douglas County Jail died at Mercy Medical Center on Monday, April 15, 2024. Deputies in the jail found 33-year-old Derek Michael Ruh unconscious and unresponsive in his bunk. Deputies initiated resuscitative efforts and dialed 9-1-1 for an ambulance.

Once EMS arrived on scene, they took over lifesaving efforts and transported Ruh to Mercy Medical Center. Ruh was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office is investigating the death. On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, an autopsy was conducted at the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office. Full toxicological screening is pending, but Ruh's death is suspected to be the results of a drug overdose.

Drug overdose deaths within the community have increased significantly over the past several years. Each overdose death is heartbreaking and has a profound impact on the lives lost and those who knew them.

"I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Ruh," Sheriff John Hanlin remarked.

Ruh had been taken into custody by the Roseburg Police Department on Sunday, April 14, 2024, shortly after 10:00 pm. He was being held at the Douglas County Jail on an arrest warrant out of Linn County.

Public Meeting Notice: Dog Control Board

Roseburg, OR - The Douglas County Dog Control Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 216, located at 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon 97470. The agenda meeting agenda can be located at: www.dcsco.com/dogboard

In compliance with ORS 192.610 to 192.690, we will accommodate any member of the public who wishes to watch the meeting. To view the live stream or post meeting recording, please visit: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/douglascountyoregon>.

Please contact the Sheriff's Office located in Room 210 of the Justice Building at the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave. Roseburg, OR 97470 541- 440-4449, if you need an accommodation.

Winston Woman Arrested for Animal Abuse/Neglect

Roseburg, OR - A Winston woman has been arrested on charges of animal abuse and neglect. Douglas County Sheriff's Office Animal Control deputies began an investigation early this week after receiving a tip of a horse that was reported to be mistreated at a property in the 600-block of Longhorn Lane. During the investigation, deputies learned the horse and property owner had no connection.

Deputies discovered a 3-year-old mixed breed horse, named Ace, who was found to be severely malnourished and in neglectful conditions. Ace's owner, 24-year-old Morgan Faith Fowler of Winston, surrendered the horse to deputies on Wednesday who took it to a veterinary hospital for examination and later to Strawberry Mountain Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. Overnight, Ace's condition declined to the point that euthanasia was necessary for humane care.

Deputies contacted Fowler Thursday afternoon and took her into custody for Animal Neglect I and Animal Abuse II. She was transported to the Douglas County Jail where she was booked on those charges.

"This is a very severe case of neglect and abuse," Sheriff John Hanlin said. "The Douglas County

Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation and will provide all relevant facts to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office."

Anyone who may have information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 541-440-4471 referencing case #24-1522.

Sheriff Hanlin expressed his thanks to Bailey Veterinary Clinic, Strawberry Mountain Rescue and Rehabilitation Center and to the deputies and volunteers who worked to save Ace and are now working on holding Fowler accountable. "These cases are never easy and I cannot thank those who have been involved enough," the Sheriff remarked.

Skier Rescued by DCS&R

Diamond Lake, OR - On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Douglas County 9-1-1 dispatchers received a report of a 57-year-old woman who fell and injured her ankle while cross country skiing near Mt. Thielsen with her companion. The victim was unable to bear weight on the injured leg and requested assistance.

Deputies activated the Douglas County Search & Rescue team who responded to the area along with volunteers from Diamond Lake Resort. Searchers used snowshoes to hike the four miles into the base of a tree line where they located the victim, Trina Reiter of Eugene and her companion just before 7:45 p.m. Searchers stabilized Reiter's injury, placed her in a litter and transported her back to the trailhead. They arrived at the trailhead shortly before 1:30 a.m., to a waiting ambulance. Reiter was evaluated by EMS at the scene and went to the hospital by private vehicle.

"This mission shows the dedication of our search and rescue deputies and volunteers who spent their Easter Sunday assisting someone in our community who was in need of their services," Lt. Brad O'Dell said. "This mission was very successful and Trina was extremely thankful for the care and compassion shown to her by Douglas County SAR and Diamond Lake Resort volunteers."

Douglas County SAR is a division of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office with approximately 90 active volunteers and two full-time Search and Rescue Deputies.

Suspect Arrested after Assaulting Roommate and Deputies

Eugene, OR - On April 25th, 2024, Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to the report of an assault that had just occurred at an adult foster care facility in the 90700blk of Prairie Rd. in Eugene. Deputies learned that a resident, 46-year-old Levi Nelson, was being violent with other residents and had intentionally struck another resident in the face.

Upon arrival, deputies attempted to speak with Nelson at which time he tried to grab one of the deputy's tasers from her duty belt. The deputy took hold of his arm at which time he pulled away and then began striking her in the head/neck area with a closed fist. Nelson grabbed hold of another deputy's holstered firearm as they struggled to get him under control. Deputies were able to eventually overpower Nelson and get him into custody without any serious injuries being sustained by any of the involved parties.

Nelson was transported and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges including Physical Harassment and two counts of Assault on a Public Safety Officer. LCSO Case #24-2123

Murder Suspect Arrested in California

Mendocino, CA - Early in the morning of April 25th, the Lane County Sheriff's

Office was advised by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in California that they arrested 49-year-old John Jay Kelley of Eugene on a warrant for Murder in the Second Degree. He was arrested without incident and the involved vehicle a silver 2008 Mitsubishi Outlander SUV bearing Oregon license plate #532PMQ, was recovered. Kelley is being held pending extradition to Oregon.

LCSO would like to thank the Oregon State Police, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and many other partners who assisted on this case.

On April 24th 2024, the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a deceased adult female at a residence in the 28000 block of Hwy. 36 south of Junction City. Upon arrival, investigators observed the deceased had suspicious injuries that may have contributed to her death.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office was looking for Kelley, a person of interest at this time. Kelley was considered armed and dangerous and a warrant was issued. UPDATE - Suspect arrested for murder in California. LCSO Case #24-2110.

Man Arrested After Dispute for Assault/Death

Eugene, OR - On April 24th at about 3 p.m., deputies responded to reports of a dispute with shots fired in the 1000 block of Cinnamon Avenue, Eugene. Eugene Police officers in the area responded with Lane County Sheriff's Deputies. A female was located at that scene with a gunshot wound. Investigators were quickly able to determine the identity of the suspect and located his vehicle in the 1000 block of Abbie Lane. Eugene Police SWAT responded and assisted in apprehending the suspect.

The female victim in this case passed away from her injuries. Her identity is being withheld at this time. Detectives identified the suspect as Izyk Paul Bartlett, 20, of Eugene. He was lodged in the Lane County Jail this evening on charges of Manslaughter in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The investigation is ongoing.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Eugene Police Department, Coburg Police Department, Junction City Police Department, and Oregon State Police for their assistance on this case. LCSO Case #24-2113.

Motorcyclist Fatality

Douglas County, OR - On Saturday, April 6, 2024, at approximately 5:26 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Hwy. 38 near milepost 30.5 in Douglas County.

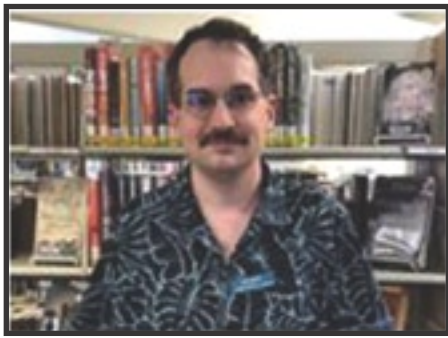
The preliminary investigation indicated that a Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling eastbound when the operator lost control while negotiating a curve. The motorcycle struck the guardrail before coming to an uncontrolled rest in the westbound lane of travel. Multiple motorists stopped and rendered first aid prior to the arrival of emergency services.

The motorcycle operator, Christopher Rein Schuerger (40) of Springfield, was pronounced deceased at the scene despite life-saving measures by a responding trooper and good Samaritans. Speed and wet roadway conditions contributed to the crash.

OSP was assisted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office, North Douglas Ambulance, Elkton Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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The library now has over 100 active magazine/periodical subscriptions available about a variety of topics, such as news (both foreign and domestic), genealogy, outdoor recreation, Oregon/local interest, travel, science, history, boating, comics, business, literature, and many more. While books are restricted to 25 checkouts at a time per person, magazine borrowing is unlimited. These subscriptions were either funded by grants or donated (by individual patrons or by groups such as the Friends of the Library and the Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society).

The library recently used grant funds to purchase bicycle locks, which are available for borrowing. These join other nontraditional objects that LULD has available for borrowing, which include trekking poles, compasses, umbrellas, pedometers, Wi-Fi hotspots, solar chargers, a keyboard, computer mice, a Blu-ray drive, and Wi-Fi extenders. In addition to these items that are available for checkout, USB flash drives may be purchased for \$3.00 apiece.

LULD has upcoming events throughout the months of May and June. These include:

- Pre-school Storytime will be held at LULD every Wednesday at 11 am
- Knit and Crochet Group will meet at LULD every Wednesday at 4 pm
- A presentation by Kameryn Brown at LULD regarding foraging and growing mushrooms at 10 am on May 18th. Please bring your own food safe containers
- A presentation by Carolena Pierce at LULD about vermiculture composting with worms at 10 am on May 25th
- A planetarium experience at the Reedsport Community Center (451 Winchester Ave), which will be held in cooperation between LULD, Southwestern Community College and the Reedsport Community Center. It will be held on June 01st from 9 am until 12 pm.
- LULD's Summer Reading Program will begin on June 15th and continue until August 21st. Children and teenagers are invited to read during the summer for the chance to win prizes. A similar program for adults is also in the works and more details will be announced in next month's article.
- A presentation by Cindy Farber at LULD on dealing with garden predators and disease and summertime succession planting at 10 am on June 15th
- The kick-off party and parking lot barbecue for the Summer Reading Program will be held at LULD on June 19th.

LULD received a grant to pay a teen intern to work at the library over the summer. The intern would focus on a project, which would be determined based on the needs and interests of both the library and the intern. Applicants for both this and for a substitute library assistant position are encouraged to apply by submitting applications to the library. Additional volunteers would also be most welcome. Many ongoing projects could use the help of volunteers.

Please call or visit the library for more information or if you have questions. LULD is open 10 am to 6 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

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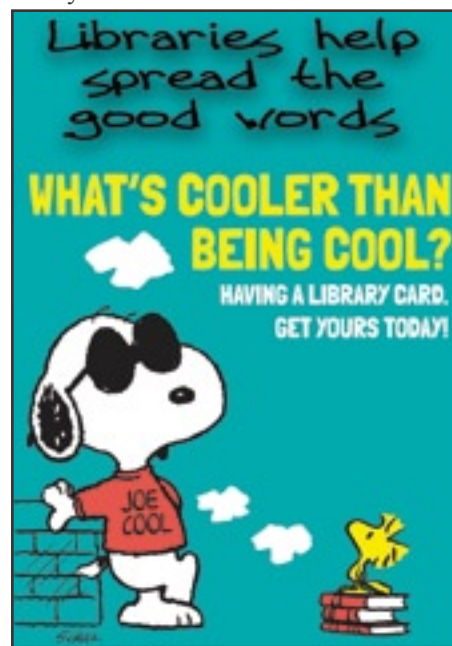
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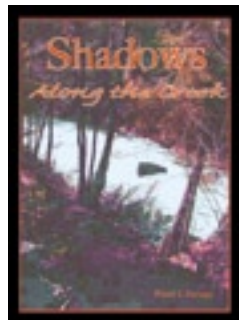
Spring is here and the Yoncalla Public Library would like to invite everyone to our upcoming Annual Book, Bake, and Bouquet Sale. This event will be held on **May 11th from 10am to 2pm** and all proceeds will go to the library.

Our monthly programs include Coffee Club, which is every second Saturday of the month from 10-12. This is a space to drop-in for a cup of coffee, get help with any technology needs, or just meet up for conversation. We also have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) learning activities for children and teens every second Thursday of the month from 4-7pm.

Follow us on Facebook for more information and to see what we're up to every week. Our hours are **M 1-5, W 10-4, Th 4-7, and Sat 10-2**. See you at the library!



Shadows Along the Creek



(Paperback) by Rusty L Savage
2.6 out of 5 stars on Amazon
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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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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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The library was founded on April 24, 1800, when U.S. Pres. John Adams approved the \$5,000 appropriated by Congress when the U.S. capital moved from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Washington, D.C. It was housed within the new Capitol building, where it remained for nearly a century. However, on August 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, the library's original collection of 3,000 volumes was destroyed when the British burned the Capitol as well as the White House. To rebuild the library's collection, Congress, on January 30, 1815, approved the purchase of former president Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books for \$23,950. On Christmas Eve 1851, another fire destroyed two-thirds of the collection. Many of the volumes have since been replaced.

City Desk

International Singer Diane Lou Azô Performs in Drain

Story and Photos by Rusty Savage

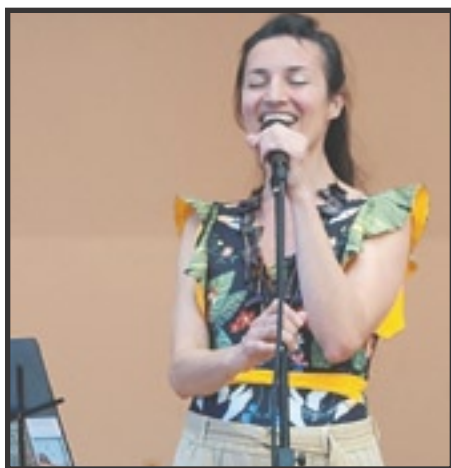
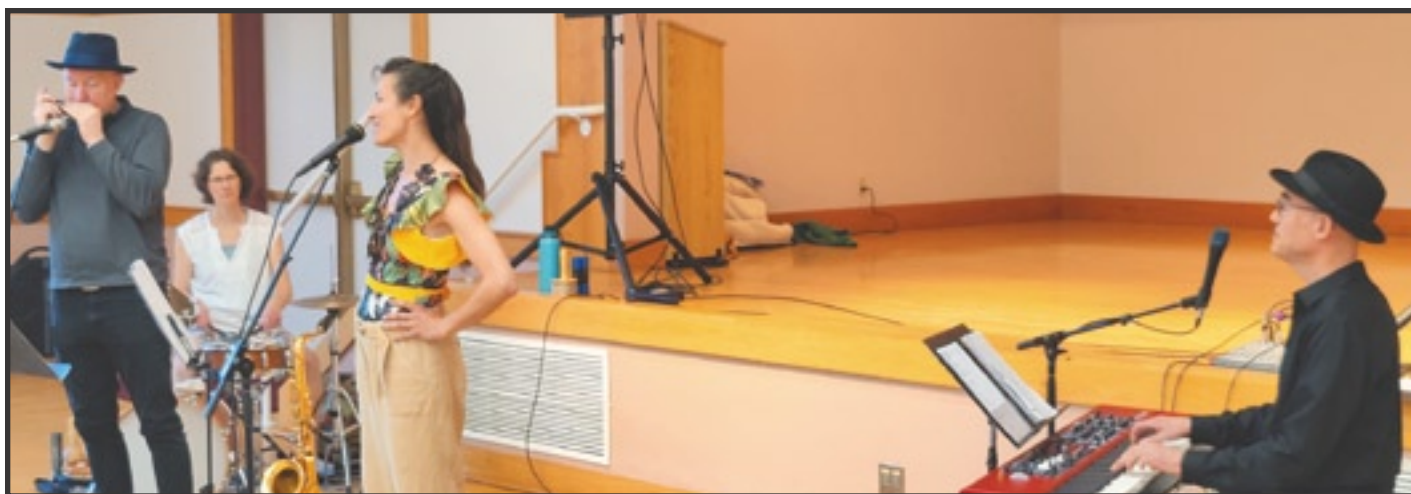
Are You Ready?

A call to readiness for North Douglas County. Announcing this message to, starting with, Curtin, Drain, Elkton, Yoncalla, Scottsburg, Oakland and surrounding rural areas. When mishaps occur, whether natural or unnatural, some folks get left high and dry, some don't. Some run to the problem to offer their help to neighbors and even strangers. The difference in most all cases is preparedness.

Do you want to secure your household for when something unexpected occurs? It's hard to know what to be ready for, but this is the time to do some preliminary planning. Look around your home, property, pantry, and list what you need to sustain your household for an unknown period of time. Next, stock up in case the predicted 9.0 occurs or any disaster, weather or fire event or any calamity - world ending or not.

Being alert to news, weather and crime/abduction news & information and knowing how to reach family members and neighbors is part of being prepared. More than a neighbor watch, let's become Neighborhood Ready.

Interested in forming a group for like minded preparedness, join us. Watch for future articles to, hopefully help folks be prepared and ready, maybe educate those looking to help themselves.



On Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:00PM, Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library presented the music of Diane Lou Azô and her band at the Drain Civic Center.

Diane is touring the States from her home country of South America, promoting her most recent album. Diane's music was a combination and mix of Latin and American Blues and Jazz and classic Brazillian folk music. Her performance was feisty and melodic and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The fundraiser for the Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library was a very enthusiastic musical performance by international singer Diane Lou Azô! The \$5 suggested donation per person, included raffle baskets, refreshments, and a Greet & Meet for local author Bob Crites. All proceeds from this event benefit the North Douglas Library District's DollyParton Imagination Library program, which provides a FREE book a month for children under 5 in Drain, Yoncalla, Elkton, Curtin, & Scottsburg,

Yoncalla's Hanging Flower Baskets

On HWY 99 and Main St Coming in May



Watch for the Yoncalla Beautification flower baskets to be hung on Hwy. 99 and Main St. on May 11th. The members are so pleased with how beautiful the flowers look even though they won't be trailing down the sides of the baskets for awhile. We all enjoy the anticipation of when the flowers spill over the sides. The Yoncalla Beautification Committee will also be putting up our spring banners on May 11th. Our members are very grateful

to all those who have donated to our organization and who have sponsored baskets. We are especially grateful this past month to the Yoncalla Chamber of Commerce for a sizable donation. We have no other source of funding other than donations and grants. If you would like to donate to The Yoncalla Beautification Project, contact the committee treasurer, Doris Bartlett, at 541-315-0608 or P.O. Box 936, Yoncalla, OR 97499.

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Community Pages

Anna Drain Park Project

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approximately 1000-sqft. About 4000-sqft of sidewalks will be added to make the whole park ADA accessible. The overall size of the Park is 1.58 acres, which measures to approx 250 ft x 280 ft.

Kaity Hardwick, Community Development Coordinator for the city of Drain, was responsible for the Park design, budget and grant application. This was all overseen by the city administrator, Jeni Stevens, who has previously managed capital development projects. Jeni also spent a lot of time working on this project and facilitated it from start to finish. The city's public works foreman, Harold Burris, also had a huge role in consulting for this project. He is the city utilities expert and helped guide the behind-the-scenes part of the park development (e.g., mapping out where powerlines and waterlines will go).

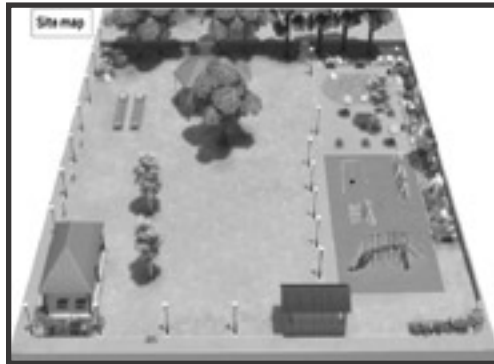
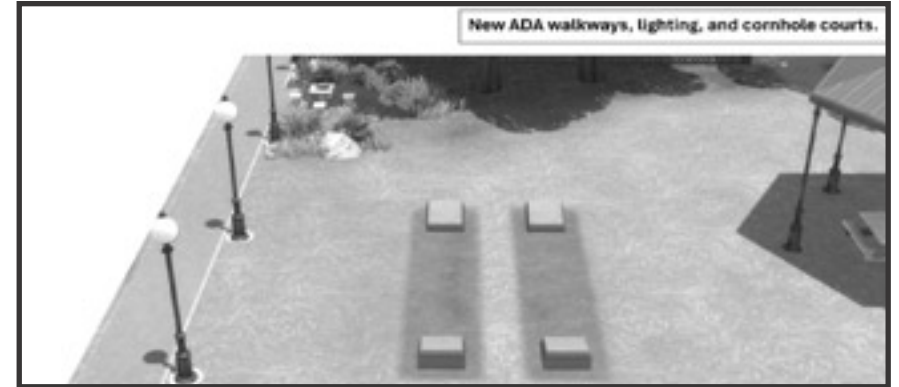
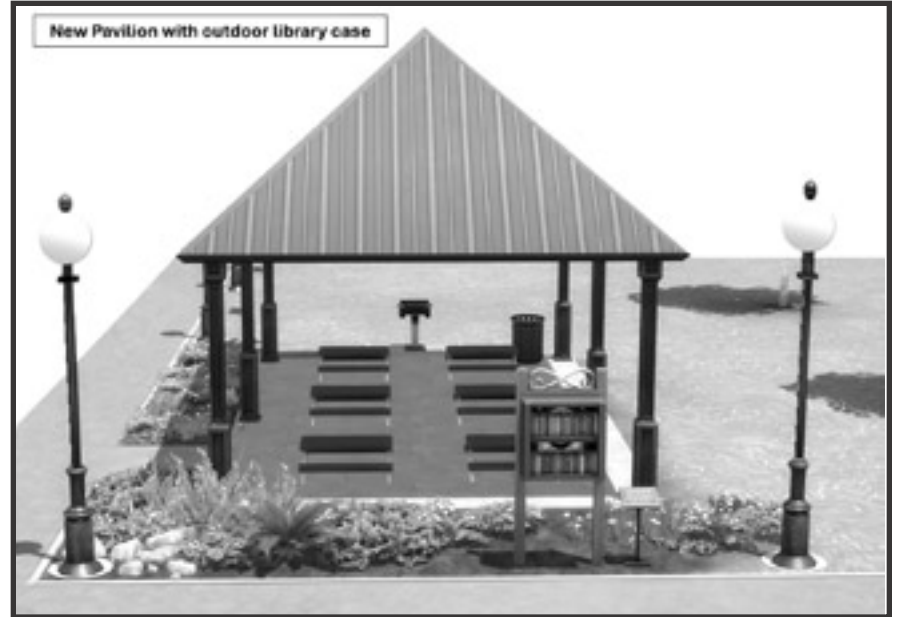
Kaity is in the AmeriCorps RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) program and is working with the City of Drain to complete a few miscellaneous projects, mostly pertaining to grant writing. The AmeriCorps RARE program is hosted by the University of Oregon, but all members are graduate level. AmeriCorps is a Federal agency for national service. The RARE program facilitates the interview process for service members and matches individuals to host cities. Here's some more info about RARE: <https://rare.uoregon.edu/>

Ms Hardwick commented, "The Anna Drain Park Upgrade project is one of my primary projects while I'm working with the city. One of the reasons I was matched

with the City of Drain is my educational background."

She went on to say, "I attended the University of Oregon from 2017-2022 and have a Bachelor of Science in Earth Science and Environmental Science, with minors in Geography and Anthropology. I did undergraduate research and field work on fuel loads and wildfire mitigation, I'm also working on the DEQ TMDL (Department of Environmental Quality- Total Maximum Daily Load) program, which requires cities to establish stormwater monitoring programs to help reduce pollutants in water bodies. The TMDL program is required by the state (due to the federal Clean Water Act) and all cities in Oregon are participating."

This new upgraded Park will be a significant renovation and addition to the facility. The overall improvement will not only be of wide use to the Drain community, it is also a major attraction for family events and gatherings, regionally. A feather in the cap for Drain residents and certainly will be a source of pride. Historically, it is just the kind of community based institution that Drain citizens have called and rallied for. Drain is a small community that enjoys a public pool, 1st class library and Civic Center and is striving to elevate the attraction and amenities of the town for the use and benefit of all. This new addition will be a bright jewel on the landscape and for the people to enjoy.



New splash pad with seating area

Only 48 of Oregon's School's will get Summer School Money

ODE doles out \$30M to School Districts and Charters for Summer Programs

Story by Milo Banks

The Oregon Department of Education has released the list of 48 school districts and 24 charter schools that will have access to a portion of \$30 million allocated for summer school during the short legislative session in February. The selected districts have until May 3 to submit their plans to receive their allocated money or to decline.

The state is allocating \$20,000 to \$1.5 million to each of those 48 districts, depending on the number of students served. The state's 19 education service districts this year will also each get between \$20,000 and \$80,000 to help support multiple districts within their boundaries, but overall, only about one-quarter of the state's 197 school districts will get additional funding. An estimated 48,000 students will benefit, according to a news release from Gov. Tina Kotek. There are more than 547,000 students enrolled in Oregon public schools.

Districts that get additional money will be able to pay for more credit recovery programs, tutors and other classes that can help students get caught up in key subjects and grade-level knowledge this summer. Others will likely have to limit some offerings.

The Oregon Department of Education prioritized allocating money for districts with high proportions of historically underserved students, and it focused on helping small and rural districts and spreading out payment based on geographic diversity, according to Marc Siegel, a spokesperson for the agency. Adjusting offerings

Eugene Public Schools is on a waiting list for \$1.5 million, as are some of the largest districts within different parts of the state, including the Portland, Medford, and Bend-La Pine school districts.

The \$30 million allocation from the Legislature is significantly less than the hundreds of millions that districts received in the two years immediately

following pandemic school closures and the \$50 million that Kotek wanted lawmakers to pass this session. Advocates for summer school had hoped the Legislature would continue a higher level of funding to get students caught up following more than a year of school closures and to address behavioral health issues exacerbated by the pandemic.

Most Oregon school districts have spent their portion of the \$1.6 billion of pandemic aid money sent to Oregon from the U.S. Department of Education. About \$319 million remains to be spent before the funding expires in September, according to state data.

During the summer of 2023 lawmakers did not allocate any additional money for summer school or community-based summer learning programs. Some programs that were staffed in 2021 and 2022 shut down in 2023. School districts and larger groups such as YMCA and Boys & Girls Club cut field trips and other offerings. A survey from the Oregon Afterschool & Summer for Kids Network, or OregonASK, a nonprofit network of educational groups, found that despite increased demand statewide, about half of community groups were forced to scale back programs without the additional state funding.

Districts are allowed to partner with nonprofit community groups and to use the money to collaborate on programming. Whitney Grubbs, executive director of the nonprofit Foundations for a Better Oregon, said she expects a "meaningful" level of district funding to reach community-based organizations, but that they'll need more in the future.

"It's an important start, but still nowhere near enough," Grubb said in an email. "Students in every community deserve access to summer learning, and many school districts and community-based organizations are spotlighting the overwhelming desire and need to do more."

Oakland Welcomes a new Bridge

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mood is subdued.

The Old Oakland Bridge, built in 1925, originally known as the Oakland Crossing, has spanned the years, providing safe passage over the Calapooya Creek and railroad tracks. Once deemed a "magnificent piece of highway engineering", it has now, according to ODOT, exceeded its "useful lifespan." Located on Old Highway 99 at the northern limits of Oakland, it is overshadowed by a new and pristine, two way bridge. Its moss-covered archways hold the memories of those who traveled in one direction to reach their destination with the expectation that the return trip would be a familiar one. Time does travel into the future but memories linger in the past, building a lasting structure that will endure and become the indelible history of a place.

Construction of the replacement bridge began in February of 2022, almost 100 years after the original bridge was put into place by November of 1925. It did not quite reach its centennial and being deemed unworthy of restoration, due to neglect and lack of funding for long term upkeep, it will be demolished in the summer of 2024. The final paving has been completed on the replacement bridge and the two lanes of traffic are now open. The traffic light controlling the direction of vehicles going to and fro across the Old Oakland Bridge is gone, taking with it the last vestiges of a time gone by. The new bridge has brought easier access to Historic Oakland with more convenience for travelers coming into town, but what remains, bridges the past to the future.

Elk Creek Watershed Council Meets

Community Resists Ending the Council

Story by Susan Applegate

On Tuesday evening, April 16th, the parking lot at Sunny Dale Grange was full. People from the communities of Elkton and Yoncalla, primarily, gathered to attend the Elk Creek Watershed council meeting to find out why would this organization that has helped our municipalities and landowners complete restoration projects that improve water quality and wildlife habitat, particularly for salmon, is choosing to close down.

Jamie Mast, Chairman of the board, opened the meeting as usual and guests were able to speak following the business of the council. Everyone who spoke expressed support for the work the ECWC has done over the 20 + years and thanked the volunteer board members for their contributions. But moreover they questioned the reasoning behind closing the watershed council.

Heather McNeill from Elkton said she had sought out the help of the ECWC when she and a couple of neighbors had decided they wanted to make improvements within the riparian area they have along Elk Creek. She

said she is very disappointed to find there is a lack of will to continue. She expressed her willingness to help out and join the ECWC because she believes in the importance of what the organization is doing.

Everyone who spoke stated their desire to keep the organization viable and alive.

Daniel Robertson from Yoncalla said that the reason people don't normally show up for the meetings is because there is the assumption that everything is as going well as it has in the past, but when they learned that the organization is considering shuttering, they came out.

By the meeting's end, Jamie Mast told the room that he would take up leaving the organization in tact at an executive meeting. Board member Susan Applegate made a motion calling for the Elk Creek Watershed Council to remain but withdrew the motion when Jamie Mast asked if his agreement to further the discussion at another meeting was sufficient. The next meeting will be held at 7pm, May 21st at the Sunny Dale Grange.

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Rural Report

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District Meetings and coming Elections

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and they are held virtually. The only month that sometimes differs from the scheduled 2nd of the month is October, which is sometimes skipped and usually the meeting is one week later on the 3rd Thursday of October.

Elections are coming up.

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF THE UMPQUA

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that on November 5, 2024, an election will be held for the purpose of electing board director(s) to the following positions for the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District:

Positions:

Zone 1, 4 years; Zone 2, 4 years; Zone 3, 2 years;

At-Large 1, 2 years; At-Large 2, 4 years;

Zone boundaries, eligibility requirements, and copies of the required elections forms may be obtained by emailing rhonda@umpquasoilandwater.com or by calling (541) 662-1341.

Election forms and information may also be found at: <https://oda.direct/Elections>

Each candidate must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" and a "Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet" with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2024.

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Oregon Produced Pinot Noir among the Best Worldwide

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the state's varied geography ranges from coastal regions to inland valleys, which offers a plethora of microclimates to impact the grape and the wine it becomes.

Depending on where a vineyard is located within the state, annual precipitation levels can reach as low as 10 inches per year or as high as 110 inches per year. Temperatures also depend on location, but most locations experience a hearty 50 degree diurnal swing between day and night temperatures in the summer, which is excellent for balancing sugars and acids within the grapes.

With a rich history of geological activity, Oregon boasts over 1,000 distinctive soil types, with the widest portions of the state covered in volcanic soil. Vineyard elevations range from sea level to 2,000ft, and all must be conscious of the direction they face so as to gain optimal sunshine.

These variations in terroir translate to diverse aroma and flavor profiles in Pinot Noir, from fruit-forward to earthy and spicy. Tannins and color saturation are also impacted. This diverse range of outcomes is why so many Oregon wineries tend to produce single-vineyard Pinot Noir. The people behind the wine wish to invite you on a journey of the senses and welcome you into the world of terroir-driven wine.

The Elkton Oregon AVA is one of the coolest and wettest regions in Oregon and produces different varieties and different wine styles than other regions. Residing in the northernmost region in the Umpqua Valley AVA, Elkton enjoys a cool, marine-influenced climate, 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 well in Elkton. The Umpqua River weaves through the middle of the region, offering a cool afternoon

breeze during the growing season and vineyard soils there 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.

Wines produced from this region are more often from cool climate varieties made in a lush style, fuller in body with bolder fruit notes.

The best Pinot Noir from Oregon share four key characteristics:

Balance – Top Oregon Pinot Noir exhibit undeniably perfect balance. They masterfully combine the purity of fruit with complex savory qualities. Tannins and acidity are both present, while neither overpowers the other. These Pinot Noirs also tend to offer pleasant herbal and/or floral notes that tie the whole tasting experience together.

Aging Potential – The keen aging potential of Oregon Pinot Noir is another distinguishing factor. Deep tertiary elements reveal themselves with proper aging to offer a sensory experience like no other. Many vintages evolve gracefully over decades and make an excellent addition to any cellar.

Accolades – The fact that Oregon wines and producers consistently earn distinguished awards doesn't hurt the region's reputation either. These national and international celebrations help showcase the excellence of the wines produced in Oregon with a wider audience of wine connoisseurs.

Pairing Perfection – Oregon Pinot Noir also makes the ultimate pairing partner with a wide array of foods. Consider pairing them with dishes that complement their elegance. A few classic suggestions include roasted or seared duck, wild mushroom risotto, or cedar-planked salmon. Pinot Noir's fruity and earthy qualities also pair famously well with nutty cheese

including Gruyere, Parmigiano Reggiano, and even a bloomy Camembert. The natural acidity and nuanced flavors of Oregon Pinot Noir elevate these culinary experiences.

Determining the "best" is a deeply subjective process that varies from taster to taster. With many captivating styles of this versatile grape, there is much to explore before truly determining what you personally deem the very best of the best, here are two excellent places to begin:

1.) Earthy Characterized by notes of baking spices, mushrooms, tea, cedar, and tobacco and are often accompanied by velvety tannins, and full-bodied mouthfeel.

2.) Fruity Identified by delicate aromas, bright acidity, and intense fruit flavors, making them refreshing and easy-drinking.

Remember, factors such as personal taste preferences, past experiences, and cultural influences all come into play when determining what constitutes the "best" wine. What one individual finds exquisite, another may find unremarkable or even unpleasant. Additionally, the context in which wine is enjoyed—whether it's paired with food, shared among friends, or savored in solitude—can significantly impact one's perception of its quality.

Navigating the vast world of wine can be daunting, especially for those new to the scene or unsure of their preferences. As tastes evolve and palates mature, so too does one's definition of excellence in wine. Ultimately, the best wine is not determined by awards or accolades, but by the joy and satisfaction it brings to those who partake in its pleasures, making the pursuit of the perfect bottle a deeply personal and endlessly rewarding endeavor. Each bottle tells a story, reflecting the land, the climate, and the hands that crafted it. The next time you are in search of a wine that epitomizes elegance with depth, turn to the fine selection of Oregon Pinot Noir for a rewarding experience.

Veterans Corner - Enjoying your Freedoms? Thank a Veteran!

Oregon Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Eligibility Expanded For Veterans Pursuing Educational Or Vocational Training

Since January 2024, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has expanded the Oregon Veterans Educational Bridge Grant (VEBG) Program, greatly broadening financial assistance eligibility for veterans completing their educational or vocational training.

The VEBG was established by the Oregon Legislature in 2019 to provide financial assistance grants up to \$5,000 to eligible veterans to alleviate the financial stress during a gap period when required courses or training hours are unavailable, allowing them to remain enrolled in school or their apprenticeship training.

With the passage of House Bill 2271 in 2023, the Legislature expanded the program's eligibility to include veterans not eligible to receive federal GI Bill® benefits, meaning any veteran who is an Oregon resident and meets the definition of "veteran" defined in ORS 408.225, may now qualify for financial assistance using the Veterans Educational Bridge Grant.

Legislators also expanded the grant eligibility to include any career school licensed by Higher Education and Coordinating Commission (HECC), any apprenticeship registered with BOLI, and any On-The-Job Training (OTJ) program offered by a public employer.

The final and most significant addition was the option for eligible veterans to use

Bridge Grant funds to pay off debt on a student account that is preventing them from registering for future terms.

"This grant is an empowering option for veterans actively pursuing education or training after military service. Whether you are eligible to receive federal GI Bill® benefits or not, Oregon's VEBG funds can now help ensure the continuation of training and remove significant barriers to completing educational goals," said ODVA Director Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels.

"These eligibility expansions reflect our state's collective dedication to providing comprehensive support to veterans in their pursuit of education and vocational training, recognizing and addressing the distinct challenges they may encounter on their paths to success."

Veterans may also be eligible for retroactive funding (i.e., funding for a past term or training period) in certain circumstances. Any veteran who believes they may meet the new eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply.

For more information about the Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Program or to apply, visit the ODVA website at <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/agency-programs/grants/Pages/Educational-Bridge-Grant.aspx> or email the program coordinator at ebg@odva.oregon.gov.

Established in 1945, the Oregon

Department of Veterans' Affairs is dedicated to serving Oregon's diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service members. ODVA administers programs and provides special advocacy and assistance in accessing earned veteran benefits across the state. Learn about veteran benefits and services, or locate a local county or tribal veteran service office online at oregon.gov/odva.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

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Who is the Right Financial Institution for my Small Business? From the CCD Business Development Corporation

Small businesses contribute to local economies by bringing growth and innovation to the communities where they are established.

They are the engine of our economy.

When thriving local businesses remain in a community over time, they can make great contributions to the overall quality of life. Along with paying taxes that support the community, the owners and employees of these businesses are usually quite dedicated to improving the places where they live and work.

That's why it's beneficial for them to establish a relationship with one financial institution for all their personal and business banking needs. While

the basic menu of available products is comparable from one institution to another, there's no mistake the fact that the right relationship manager can be a tremendous asset to any business.

Your relationship manager should be an integral part of your business just as your attorney or accountant is. They can help you navigate the ever-changing business landscape, so you can take advantage of opportunities for success.

Whether you're just starting out or ready to take the next step in your business, the relationship you establish with your bank can set the tone for financial success.

SBA Loans

The 504 program is earmarked for healthy, established businesses. It provides financing for land and building purchases, building construction, long-term leasehold improvements, and major equipment purchases.

Oregon Business Development Fund Loans

The OBDF is a revolving loan fund that provides term fixed-rate financing for land, buildings, equipment, machinery, and permanent working capital. Participants must create or retain jobs and must typically be a traded-sector business in manufacturing, processing, or distribution.

Revolving Loan Programs

CCD Business Development Corporation's

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program covers Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, and Josephine Counties. These programs were created to assist with business financing when other financing is not available or a traditional financial institution is looking for a partner to assist their client.

Business Loan Matrix

If you would like to see all our loan programs, please view our business loan matrix. Our matrix highlights the key components of our programs including eligibility, project types, equity requirements, interest rates, collateral requirements, amounts, fees, and terms.

CCD Business Development Corp (541) 672-6728
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A Fine Pairing: Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe and Knoll Vineyards

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made their own step of faith and they bought the business.

The Beckley family has been in the Elkton area since the 1840s and at least 5 generations of Beckley's have worked around logging as well as the cattle industry in Western Oregon. In November of 2023, Steve, without any experiencing in restauranting, dived in and began working with Leslie, who has a 30 year background in Real Estate. Steve recently retired from logging after over 30 years in business. They poured their hearts and efforts into revitalizing the local landmark. During the Pandemic they built a greenhouse and chicken coop with the hope to provide fresh produce for the restaurant in the "Farm to table" tradition. It's important to them to use as many local products as possible.



Tomaselli's sits on a prominent corner of Oregon Highway 38 in downtown Elkton. Known for years, since 1981, for delicious pastries and breads and about 10 years ago added the wood-fired pizza oven., Martin leveled up with updated menu's and added menu items to the delight of his customers. Since Leslie and Steve have purchased store, they made their own mark and are leveling up themselves. By keeping all of the staff, including Cara, Chef and General Manager and Nelson, they have managed



to maintain the flavor and atmosphere as well as utilizing skills that have contributed the legendary reputation preceding them. Cara has been with Tomaselli's for about 18 years and growing strong. The Beckley's are continuing the Tomaselli tradition of themed Friday night dinners, recently having a Prime Rib night and a Cajun night, reservations are recommended for Friday night dinners. There is espresso, delicious



coffee drinks and of course amazing pastries, especially for those early birds.

Leslie and Steve both understand the importance of maintaining heritage and traditions as well as the marketing imperative to keep the business growing and improving it's products and services. As to the products, well the food is superb. With a continuing effort to provide mouth watering pastry and bread products, the result is a veritable cornucopia of delights that daily sell out. The cafe menu is equally stacked with genuinely good and healthy choices. Some of the in house specialties include some fantastic sauces and even especially exquisite ice cream and desserts. And there's no comparison to the artisan pizza's from the wood fired oven. The ambiance of the main dining rooms and patio dining adds to the overall atmosphere of comfort and reverie. Everything is made from scratch and that includes in house smoked meats. Whether stopping in for a bite or beverage to take out on the road, or to have a nice sit down meal, there is something for everyone. Including ready made items to take home and cook with such as in house sauces and other goodies.

With almost no downtime, the Beckley's have transitioned a local staple into a must visit gathering place. As part of the marketing plan, Tomaselli's is increasing their days and

hours of operation and reaching out to a larger audience. Tomaselli's is open from 7am to 7pm Wednesday through Saturday and 7am to 6pm on Sunday. With the traffic to and from the coast, Tomaselli's is a great stopping point coming and going from Reedsport, Roseburg, Eugene and parts unknown. Definitely worth the stop.

And, as if there isn't enough to digest on it's own, the Beckley's also own Knoll Vineyards and plan to integrate a memorable wine experience and enhancement to the mix of taste and tradition. Currently you can pick out a bottle of their wonderful Pinot Noir to take home or enjoy with your meal. Knoll Wines include, Pinot Noir, Syrah Rose, Alicante Bouschet, White Pinot Noir and soon will have Chardonnay. They also sell a variety of Italian and local wines. Tasting is available, calling ahead will enhance the experience and there are a number of percs that are designed to satisfy the connoisseur and wine enthusiast. Future excursions into the winery experience is in the works. Including Guest Chef appearances, with wine pairing for their dishes, from Knoll Vineyards and other wineries. These events will be announced on social media and to members, watch for announcements from Knoll Bistro.

Leslie and Steve Beckley began planting



grapevines on their Elkton property in 2018 and produced their first Knoll Vineyards vintage in 2021.. All the wines are made on-site from estate-grown grapes. Their 30-year-old barn houses the winery. Knoll Vineyards is the venture of a fifth-generation Oregon family with a long tradition in ranching and forestry. The 30-acre vineyard uses regenerative and organic practices to nurture a sustainable agriculture environment.

Leslie was sure to remind me that logging is in their blood, back 5 generations. "We are serious tree farmers. I think it's pretty cool that I just planted an 86 acre parcel, I've owned since the 80's, entirely into Redwoods. We have planted Redwoods in areas over the years and had great success."

May Crossword Puzzle Sponsored by Studio Tattoo

Across

- 1. Bedouin's mount
- 6. Gather, as crops
- 10. Masticate
- 14. Rolex rival
- 15. Linchpin's place
- 16. Hot issue?
- 17. "Easy Rider" ride
- 19. Cooker
- 20. Bard's "before"
- 21. White clay
- 22. Like a desert
- 23. DC insider
- 25. Tight
- 26. Say "No way!"
- 27. What combines do
- 29. Out, in a way
- 31. Engine lifter
- 32. Flower part
- 33. Dickens character
- 36. Like some pitches
- 38. Pizza seasoning
- 40. "It's no ___!"
- 41. Bellhop, often
- 43. Mortise insert
- 44. Badge earner
- 45. Guard at the gate
- 46. Eczema symptom
- 48. Some years are this
- 50. Deck (out)
- 51. Methane's lack
- 52. Strapped for cash
- 54. Satirical magazine since the 1950s
- 56. Prime-time hour
- 57. What 'A.D.' stands for



- 59. Fine-tune, as muscles
- 60. Lasting impression
- 61. Linenlike fabric
- 62. Doomsayer's sign
- 63. Soccer immortal
- 64. Straight and tall

Down

- 1. Invitation word
- 2. Formless
- 3. Crater maker
- 4. Kind of trip
- 5. Carefree adventure
- 6. Dress fabric
- 7. Leave out
- 8. Everglades critter
- 9. Ball-__ hammer

- 10. After-hours shop sign
- 11. Any port in a storm
- 12. Day or thing starter
- 13. Draw to a close
- 18. Kind of cow
- 24. More or ___
- 26. Computer keyboard key
- 27. Biblical pronoun
- 28. Zigzag, e.g.
- 30. Black gunk
- 32. Bratty attitude
- 33. Marceau's forte
- 34. Artificial
- 35. Small equine
- 37. Scooby-__

- 39. Lady's escort
- 42. Never-ending
- 44. Mosquito barrier
- 45. Potato, slangily
- 46. "See eye to eye", e.g.
- 47. 1,000 kilograms
- 49. Love to pieces
- 51. Not duped by
- 52. Door fastener
- 53. Look (over)
- 55. Atkins, for one
- 58. Scratch up

April Crossword Solution



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
61° 38°	67° 41°	62° 43°	67° 42°	60° 41°	58° 42°	60° 39°
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
64° 43°	62° 44°	63° 42°	63° 48°	65° 47°	65° 42°	69° 47°
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
62° 44°	67° 46°	63° 47°	63° 44°	64° 41°	68° 47°	67° 49°
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
74° 49°	69° 44°	66° 42°	64° 45°	66° 44°	73° 46°	69° 41°

Great Food Live Music

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413 Umpqua HWY38, Drain Oregon

North Douglas Students of the Month

Kindergarten, Ryler Smart

6th Grade, Lexi Wells



Ryler has worked hard to make improvements in his behavior and ability to engage during lessons. He works very hard to improve his abilities in both reading and math. Keep up the good work Ryler!



Lexi is a very honorable student who always works from a place of integrity and self-discipline. She doesn't require a large amount of management because she is very self-sufficient and motivated.



Nearly 40 preschool students from Yoncalla spent time Wednesday celebrating May Day at the Old Applegate House in Yoncalla. The house which was established in 1852 is the oldest home in Oregon continuously owned by the same family. Students participated in a tour, Maypole demonstration along with making personal May baskets. North Douglas preschoolers participated in a field trip and activities last December.



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Event Calendar
 May 10 Timberwolf 8 pm
 May 3 karaoke
 June 14 Timberwolf
 July 19 Timberwolf

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20th Oakland Oregon Car Show & Shine Sat May 11 8 am - 3 pm
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 Every month on the SECOND SATURDAYS, The Sunny Sky Boys will be jammin' on guitar and mandolin from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at the Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market! Jerry Ashford & Joe Ross play a lively variety of Classic Jazz, Bluegrass Hoedown, and Western Swing music. Special guests often sit in with them on bass, fiddle, banjo and/or vocals.
 Open every Saturday, year-round, 9 am

-1 pm. Produce, plants, artisan crafts, soaps, jams, hummus, kombucha, handmade pottery, local honey, jewelry, prepared food and delicious baked goods, woodworking, candles, soaps, spices, flowers, all produced locally in and around Douglas County. Local producers come together every Saturday to share their goods and promote their products. This is a family event that promotes thinking locally and supporting your neighbors. Umpqua Valley Farmers Market was voted 2021's voted Outstanding Large Market by the Oregon Farmers Market Association.

Second Chance Blues Band
Second Chance Band LIVE at 20th Oakland Oregon Car Show & Shine
Sat May 11 11 am - 2 pm
 Second Chance Band LIVE at 20th Oakland Oregon Car Show & Shine from 11am - 2pm on Saturday, May 11.

Bloomapalooza Iris Festival
Sat May 11 11 am - 4 pm
 Bloomapalooza Iris Festival May 11th, 2024 Terringer Farm, 14244 Little River Rd, Glide OR. Music is from 11 am - 4 pm, and will include: New Age Phonograph ~ Blues Rock ~ www.newagephonograph.com ... and Others

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!'

Music for Two Pianos
Sat May 18 3 - 5:30 pm
 Whipple Fine Arts Center at UCC, 1140 Umpqua College Rd, Roseburg, OR
MUSIC FOR TWO PIANOS: The Umpqua Symphony Association hosts internationally-acclaimed classical pianist Dr. Alexander Tutunov in concert with Dr. Brian Hall featuring music for two pianos. The concert will include music by Rachmaninoff, Poulenc, Bach, Bolcom, and others. Join us for a rich and dynamic musical experience by this pair of exceptional musicians in the intimate

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 Saturday, May 18, 2024, 3:00 PM
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 Tickets: \$25 in advance (online) or \$30 at the door.

A Crooked Hand: a film-noir era detective comedy featuring the Umpqua Singers
May 29 - June 2
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 Umpqua Community College Visual and Performing Arts presents A Crooked Hand: a film-noir era detective comedy featuring the Umpqua Singers.
 It will be presented in the Whipple Fine Arts Center on May 29th through June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with matinee performances at 3:00 p.m. on June 1st and 2nd. Admission is at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, with students admitted for free.

The SUNNY SKY BOYS at Sutherlin Prepare Fair & Fun Festival
Sat Jun 8th 10 am - 4 pm
 Central Park Sutherlin, Oregon, Sutherlin, OR 97479
 The SUNNY SKY BOYS at Sutherlin Prepare Fair & Fun Festival
 Saturday June 8 from 10 am - 4 pm at Sutherlin Central Park

Exciting news for those in Douglas County! There will be a Sutherlin Community Preparedness Festival on SAT Jun 8 from 10 - 4 pm at Sutherlin Central Park with neighborhood preparedness information, interactive demonstrations and activities, live music, food & fun! State Representative Virgle Osborne and Sutherlin Mayor Michelle Sumner will be keynote speakers, and The Sunny Sky Boys (Jerry Ashford and Joe Ross with special guests) will perform entertaining classic jazz, western swing, and bluegrass tunes on guitar and mandolin. Don't miss out on this great event sponsored by Thundering Water, Upstream Healthcare and Sutherlin Emergency Management. Come together as a community and learn how to stay safe and prepared for any situation. There will be over a dozen booths and about ten emergency vehicles to check out.
 INFO: 541-529-0204 (Dennis Riggs)
 ADDITIONAL CONTACT: Heidi Marks, Interim Executive Director | Thundering Water 541-680-8833 | hmarks@thunderingwater.org



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Vital Statistics

Patricia Lynn Thompson



Patricia "Pat" Lynn Thompson, 73, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away April 11, 2024. Pat was born in Roseburg, Oregon to parents Fred Harley and Evelyn Marie (Roper) Cady. She graduated from Yoncalla High School in 1969. Pat married Jerry Thompson in Cottage Grove, Oregon on September 19, 1969. She worked at Mr. B's in Curtin as a waitress, the Flower Basket in Cottage Grove, and she retired from Oregon Medical Group after 25 years. Pat really enjoyed sewing. She made over 200 blankets for all of her family and friends. She also made several costumes. She loved to

attend the sprint car races to support her son Jeff, grandson Tyler and many of her favorite drivers. She enjoyed taking trips to the coast and searching for hidden floats. She loved to cook and to play bingo. Pat is survived by her husband Jerry Thompson of Cottage Grove, OR; son Jeff (Amanda) Thompson of Harrisburg, OR; daughter Stacia (Rickey Barros) of Salem, OR; sister Mary Cady -Prender of Silverton, OR; brother Randy Cady of Alvadore, OR and brother Raymond Cady of Yoncalla, OR. She also leaves behind her 4 grandchildren who were her pride and joy: Makenzie (Thompson) James, Austyn Thompson, Tyler Thompson, and Gracelynn Barros. She was preceded in death by her father Fred Cady and Mother Evelyn Cady. There will be a memorial service held June 2, 2024, at 2:30 PM at the Cottage Events Venue 2915 Row River Rd., Cottage Grove, Oregon. There will be a private burial at Comstock Cemetery, Curtin, Oregon. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

In Memoriam

Bobby Ray Scott Jr



Bobby Ray Scott Jr passed away suddenly on April 6th 2024. He was a resident of Drain but grew up in Visalia California. Bobby was a pipeline welder and a welding inspector when he retired. Celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Christopher Rein Schuerger



Chris "Gas Can" Schuerger was killed on his motorcycle on April 6th in a single-vehicle crash on Hwy. 38 near milepost 30.5 in Douglas County. Chris was born on June 5th 1983 in California.. He was an Army combat veteran. Chris moved to Oregon from Texas to be closer to his 2 kids in Springfield. Chris will be missed by his family and friends.

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