

# North Douglas HERALD

*Dedicated to Our Readers & the Residents of North Douglas & South Lane Counties*  
**Historic Oakland's Annual Vintage Car Show and Shine**



*Photos by Wayne Estes*  
 On May 11th the Oakland Community Theater presented it's annual Car Show and Shine fundraiser across historic Oakland. With 130 cars in attendance, it was a resounding success and a spectacular sight for the many attendees. With a beautiful sunny day and an excited crowd of car enthusiasts, it couldn't have been more perfect.



## Drain Open Golf Tournament

The Drain Open Golf tournament is an exciting 36 team event that helps fund scholarships for the Yoncalla, Elkton and North Douglas School Districts. This year it will be held on August 10th, 2024 at Bar Run in Roseburg, Oregon. Featuring 144 men and women from all over who will dust off their clubs and come together for this wonderful fundraiser that consists of raffle prizes, food, drinks, golf and lots of fun.

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## Russ & Charlotte Presents Beaver Creek Unique

*Story and Photos by Rusty Savage*



When you are driving through Drain on HWY 38, just off the HWY 99 intersection, you will find a most unusual establishment called Beaver Creek Unique. It's not that the place is unusual, it's a second hand bargain, thrift and resale store, and it is chock full of the

most unusual items.  
 Beaver Creek Unique is the brainchild of Russ and Charlotte Kaleese and has become a must stop location on the way to and from the Coast on Hwy 38. Charlottes mom, Thelma Orr, operated it, as a second hand/Antique store

of sorts, for number of years. Eventually Russ, who worked for the city of Cottage Grove and Charlotte worked for, and still does, Kendall Ford, began spending time and revitalizing

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The Rose Bar, 413 Umpqua Hwy 38  
Mildred Whipple Library, 205 W. "A" Ave.  
Beaver Creek Unique, 416 W "B" Ave.

**Yoncalla**

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Why Not Bar and Grill, 164 Main St

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Arlene's Cafe & General Store 14858 State HWY 38  
Elkton Station 14940 State HWY 38  
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**Scottsburg**

Riverbanks Speedy Mart 32841 State HWY 38

**Reedsport**

Jacks Barber Shoppe, 1199 Highway Ave,  
TRMF Smokes, 1898 Winchester Ave. US-101  
Don's Main Street Family Restaurant, 2115 US-101  
Recreation Station, 1575 Winchester Ave US-101 S  
Creative Mercantile, 392 Fir Ave.  
High Water Cafe, 427 Fir Ave.

Lower Umpqua Library, 395 Winchester Ave.  
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**Cottage Grove**

Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd.  
Kwik Pik Market #2, 925 E Gibbs Ave.  
Daves Corner Market, 633 N 9th St.  
Crafty Mercantile, 517 E Main St.  
The Book Mine, 702 E Main St.  
Dari Mart, 1200 E Main St.  
Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99  
Medication Station, 1041 N Pacific HWY-99

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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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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.  
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DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave.

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1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St  
Lil' Pantry, 2611 NW Edenbower Blvd

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# Editorial

By Rusty Savage

Well, it looks like summer is finally here. You know, you power through the winter and then tip-toe through spring, and Voila, summer plops on down. The thing is, it's easy to forget what all comes with summer and if you're not careful you might find yourself coveting that fall weather.

Not today though, let's embrace the warmth and feel the resurgence of activities that we can now embark. Getting the garden in, cleaning out the garage, we can reach out and make things happen, like the metaphor of summer's grand change from the previous season.

Looking around, I see it is happening. I see our communities shining in the sun and I am learning that it is from the visions and hard work of the citizens who are the "Doers". To quote the great Teddy Roosevelt; "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

It's the "Doers" that work with others, maybe they are leaders and maybe they are soldiers, workers. We know it takes all kinds working together but the truth is that many of us, most of us maybe, watch from the sidelines. Some will coach from the gallery to no one who is listening. Some may grumble and others will scream, but the "Doers" step forward. If we can step forward, it works the other way as well, and we can make ourselves into "Doers".



There is a very basic path to become a "Doer" in our community. Volunteer. You can be of help at the Food Bank, at Church, on a citizen or civic committee, any organization that is for the betterment or benefit of others. There are so many things needing done for our neighbors, community and environment that needs you and your attention. If you are looking for a cause, an outlet, can volunteer or just want to know where you can fit in, send an email to [citizens@ndherald.com](mailto:citizens@ndherald.com) or drop a line to North Douglas Herald PO Box 581, we'll find something to share.

Let's talk about scams. Yea, it's something to stay on guard against because they are ruthless, folks. A friend just called me and told me of a scam that bilked her out of \$1000. She got a call, supposedly from her grandson in trouble. It's a scare story just like all the ones you hear about. The phone is lost in a wreck, there's a serious problem with the hospital and a Lawyer and the police or DA. Trying to be cautious but the emotional aspect caused her to drop her guard and though they wanted more, she sent \$1000 to a supposed Bitcoin account blonging to the jail. Once some family members got involved, the truth was figured out, but to late. To make matters worse she made a number of attempts afterwards to contact law enforcement and was left feeling high and dry. They will play on your emotions, don't panic. Talk to family or friends, right away and don't do anything till you do. Bitcoin or gift cards for a payment plan is definitely not going to be in your benefit, it's just not going to turn out OK. If you want to get Law Enforcement involved - call them first.

You know the 2024 elections are looming. Are you registered to vote? You can do it online or mail it in, get it done. November may seem like a long way off, but I think it can sneak up if you let it. Check in your communities and cities, what positions are coming up, what are the

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## Letters to the Editor

### Elk Creek Watershed Council Dissolution

A few years ago, my husband Brian and I were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to buy the property next to the farm where I grew up and where my mom and sister still live. This property is in North Douglas County and it is part of the Elk Creek Watershed area. It is beautiful land, with a creek running through it and a forest behind the house. I consider myself so lucky to be able to be back on this land, to take care of it, and keep it for future generations.

When we bought the property, we knew that our driveway, which goes over culverts in the creek and is the only way we can get to the house, would need to be replaced. The culverts are failing and they are not going to last much longer. Every winter the driveway sinks more, and it will not be long until the bridge collapses altogether and we won't have any way to get to our house. About a year ago, we started working with Lee Russell, the Executive Director of the Elk Creek Watershed Council, to figure out how to construct a bridge that would both be functional and also comply with the primary goals of the Watershed Council, which include encourage[ing] landowners to recognize and accept responsibility for that portion of the watershed under their stewardship and to take voluntary action in the interest of the watershed. Our creek, Pheasant Creek, is an important coho salmon spawning run, so we knew we needed to make sure that we were building the new bridge in a manner that would protect and foster the growth of wildlife. The new bridge would replace the failing culverts and improve access to the upper portion of Pheasant Creek where the salmon spawn. At the same time, we wanted to make sure that the bridge would be suitable for emergency vehicles to get to the house if needed (for instance, in the event of wildfires) and for log trucks to get to the forest if we decided to do any logging projects. In other words, this is not going to be a small project.

Lee did a great deal of work helping us identify and apply for grants that could help us fund this project, and he was successful. I know that he has done the same for a number of landowners in Douglas County over the years. We recently found out that we were one of about 25 projects that were funded, to the tune of \$140,000. One of the reasons that this project got approved is because it would have such a significant benefit to the fish, which is another of the Council's

primary principles (Fish are important to the economic, recreational, ecological, and cultural values of persons and communities within the watershed. ). This would be a lot of money for us as individual landowners to have to spend on a bridge, so we were really excited when we found out about the grant. Unfortunately, we found out almost immediately that we had to turn down the funding because the Watershed Council Board refused to sign the Agreement that would allow the project to go forward. Indeed, the failure of the Watershed Council Board to approve the project was the only thing standing in the way of our new bridge, despite the fact that this is exactly the type of project that the Watershed Council should be promoting.

It is my understanding that the Council's refusal to sign the Agreement was related to Chairman Mast's intention to dissolve the Watershed Council because of some personal vendetta against the state related to the Forest Accord legislation. In fact, the Council Board apparently voted to dissolve the Council, which was announced at the most recent meeting. While there is nothing that my husband and I can do to convince the Council to reinstate itself, I believe that the Council Board's refusal to back projects that are absolutely in keeping with the Council's stated mission and the dissolution of the Council just because it has political issues with a piece of legislation is in bad faith and is harmful to the very people and the land that it was formed to protect.

Maybe like many of the people reading this paper, I did not appreciate the power that the Watershed Council had until it personally affected me, but I have learned a lot about it in the last few months. I am very disappointed in the decision to dissolve the Elk Creek Watershed Council, especially because of the reason for that decision, because to me, it would have made a lot more sense to replace the current Board members who no longer agreed with the Council's mission so that the Council could keep going. Since that is no longer on the table, we, along with other landowners and watershed advocates, will find a way to move forward. We will find a way to get our bridge built without the current Council who refused to sign on to our project and we will find ways to work with other landowners who care about the watershed and everything it protects. In the end, it will be even better in the meantime, I just hope we can get to our house.

Jennifer Duncan Hackett

*It is disturbing to hear about the dissolution of the Elk Creek Watershed Council. Mainly because there are a great number of citizens and land owners who believe and want to work for the conservation and improvement of our lands for the good of wildlife habitats and watershed improvements. There is the appearance of a disconnect between the administrative body and the managerial workings of this great effort. Many land owners are concerned to operate within a broad range of efforts to work around land use issues that benefit all of these rural areas. Some are narrowly focused on their own perceived land rights and unconcerned with the big picture. The Herald plans to bring you some important background and information on the importance and benefit of the watershed projects in coming issues.*

## 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 #5: **Aaron Lymath**  
City Administrator: **Aeni Stevens**  
City Council Meeting: 06/10/24 - 6pm

### Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**  
**Gene Vroman**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 06/11/24 - 6pm

### Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 06/13/24 - 8:30am

### Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 06/10/24 - 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: 06/10/24 - 7:15pm

### Reedsport

Mayor: **Linda McCollum**  
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**  
Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**  
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**  
Council Position #5: **Allen Teitzel**  
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**  
Council Position #6: **Debby Turner**  
Council Meeting: 06/03/24 - 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: 06/10/24 - 6:55pm  
06/24/24 - 6:55pm

## County State & Federal

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**Chris Boice** **Jennifer Miller**  
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Dist 3: **Laurie Trierger** Dist 4: **Pat Farr**  
Dist 5: **Heather Buch**  
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District 1: **David Brock Smith**  
**U.S. Senate Oregon:**  
**Jeff Merkley**  
**Ron Wyden**  
U.S House of Representatives:  
District 4: **Val Hoyle**  
Secretary of State:

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
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President: **Joe Biden**

*It is important to know your representation in your State, Districts and Municipalities. REMEMBER it is vital to your freedoms to vote. If you would like to have your own towns municipal officers listed please send title & names only to [citydesk@ndherald.com](mailto:citydesk@ndherald.com)*



## Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) Continues to Expand



Coos Bay Public Library donated shelves, which will provide additional space for LULD's collection. If there are any titles

that you would like the library to consider adding (books, DVDs, CDs, magazines etc.) then please call, visit, or email LULD to make your suggestions. We cannot guarantee that LULD will add any particular item due to such issues as shelf space and budgetary concerns, but the library does purchase many items based on patron feedback.

If LULD is unable to purchase a specific item that you would like to borrow then staff may be able to request it for you from another library system elsewhere in the country, or even internationally. Such interlibrary loan requests cost patrons \$5.00 each, which covers the cost of postage.

LULD will soon be adding books to its collection that were donated by the Library of Congress as part of its Surplus Books Program.

Due to increased public interest, LULD added a new page to its website that focuses on online genealogical (family history) research. Go to [www.luld.org/genealogy](http://www.luld.org/genealogy) for a list of free genealogy websites. The library has also been adding more books to its collection about this topic, which are available for borrowing. Please call or visit the library if you would like additional information or help with your research or to borrow any of these materials.

LULD has upcoming events throughout the month of 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 planetarium experience at the Reedsport Community Center (451 Winchester Ave), which will be held in cooperation between LULD, Southwestern Oregon Community College and the Reedsport Community Center. It will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am until 12 pm.
- LULD's Summer Reading Program will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and continue until August 21<sup>st</sup>. Children and teenagers are invited to read during the summer for the chance to win prizes.
- Father's Day outdoor book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held in the LULD parking lot from 10 am until 4 pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>
- A presentation by Cindy Farber at LULD on dealing with garden predators and disease and summertime succession planting at 10 am on June 15<sup>th</sup>
- The kick-off party and parking lot barbecue for Summer Reading Program participants will be held at LULD from 11 am to 1pm on June 19<sup>th</sup>

In July, LULD will host additional events such as Smokey the Bear and the Reedsport Fire Department. The July issue will contain the dates and times of these events.

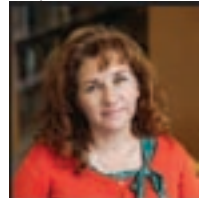
The library currently has job openings for which it is accepting applications: teen intern and substitute library assistant. Both positions are paid and are open until filled. Position descriptions and application forms can be found at [www.luld.org/employment](http://www.luld.org/employment).

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## Letters from the Librarian

*"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."* - Maud Hart Lovelace, *Betsy-Tacy and Tib*



When you think of "summer reading," do you conjure a vision of a sandy beach, a fat paperback, and an umbrella drink? Or possibly a backyard hammock and an audiobook? For some of us, summer reading means a list of books recommended by a teacher or required for professional development. For others, summer reading is all about leisure time or an escape to a page-turning adventure. Whatever "summer reading" means to you, I hope you'll make the library a part of your season's plans.

The library will be joining the rest of the state in a summer reading theme of "Read, Renew, Repeat."

This summer's activities for children, teens, and adults will feature crafts, snacks, free books, swim passes and other fun prizes. Come in, "check out" some of the fun programs we have planned, and take some books along with you when you leave.

Can't make it in? We'd be so glad to deliver! Call us at 541-836-2648 during open hours or send us an email at [info@ndld.org](mailto:info@ndld.org) and we will help you reserve books and other materials over the phone or through the online catalog, and then we'll deliver to your door anywhere in the district on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our hours this summer are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Miriam Sisson, Director,  
Mildred Whipple Library  
North Douglas Library District  
[ndld.org](http://ndld.org) 541-836-2648

## Yoncalla Public Library Notes

Summer is right around the corner and the Yoncalla Public Library's Summer Reading program is set to start on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a K-12 program that will run every Wednesday through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Activities will include journal design, camel rides, a birthday party for Smokey the Bear, and so much more. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the details.

We've added two new programs to our monthly schedule: Teen and Young Adult Book Club which will be the last Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm and Kindle Club every other Thursday from 6-7pm. Coffee Club, which is every second Saturday of the month from 10-12 is still going strong and we also have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) learning activities for children and teens every second Thursday of the month from 4-7pm. Our last STEAM activity will be July 11<sup>th</sup>.

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  
**\$14.84**

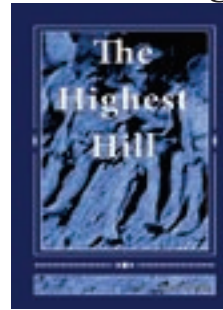
Judson Ringo has not been dealt an easy hand in life. After losing his father, and nine months later his mother, he is left on his own at seventeen in rural 1890s Kentucky. He goes to Tennessee to live with his uncle, but instead of being treated like

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.

**NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**  
<https://a.co/d/9NIFOYc>



### The Highest Hill



(Paperback)  
by Rusty L. Savage  
**\$13.66**

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.

**NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**  
<https://a.co/d/jivKij6>



### 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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**Rusty's Amazon Author Page**  
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Refreshments

# BEAVER CREEK UNIQUE

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# City Desk

## Drain Chamber of Commerce Updates

Story by Rusty Savage

The Drain Chamber of Commerce continues to work for the betterment and beautification of the town. At the May 19th Chamber meeting, members addressed a number of potential activities and events that will be of interest to everyone.

The first item to note, is the Victorian Garden Tea Tour beginning at Ame Beard's, 105 W 1st Ave in Drain on July 7th. With a theme of vintage Mad Hatter Tea, the tour will feature Passports of each stop with door prizes at the end. Wear your party clothes - costume contest. From 2pm to 5 pm, enjoy live music, tea, hors d'oeuvres, art and lovely gardens.

The Saturday Market at Rays parking lot is now commencing for the summer and is bringing some local interest.

The Chamber discussed several options for creating events or regular activities to direct visitors around town, from businesses to points of interest. Possibly by way of making maps or even postcards available around town or locations out of town, Sponsors and advertisers would help with printing and distribution.

At last, plans for the Drain City Wide Yard Sale has finally come together and it is on for August 10th 2024. Look for details in the July issue of the Herald and all the local notices.

A couple of final topics that are very creative and deserving of some planning and input. First, I know you have all seen the ugly boulder

laden curb endings that DOT installed earlier this year. One idea was to paint them or possibly have some contests or sponsorships to do colorful effects, scenes or even abstract art, reflecting Drain's personality and history. Outdoor themes or logging or agricultural influences. Let's get some folks on board with this fantastic idea. I see streams and turtles, fish trees and wildlife, wow.



Not a part of the Chambers agenda, but I know that Bonnie Pyles supports the notion that, the corner lot between Exclusively Bridal and Napa auto parts would be a perfect location for a town landmark of a Colorful, Drain themed, structure with a lighted Fountain. With the curve of HWY 38 winding past, it would be a statement that resonates the sparkling personality of our city.

The Chamber of Commerce is an important voice in our community as all of our citizen groups are. The next meeting is June 16th at 6:00 pm at Exclusively Bridal, 101 E. "B" Ave. If you want to get active and be part of a great effort, maybe you should stop by.

## 4 Way Stop coming for Drain Intersection

More construction for HWYs 99 & 38

Story by Rusty Savage

It was in April that the DOT approached the Drain city government to weigh in on their impending actions regarding the stop signs at the intersection of HWYs 99 and 38. It has been a 3 way stop for a very long time with no stop for west bound HWY 38. Their choice for the city council was a testing period of options that DOT offered. First was for only a 2 way stop on north bound 99 and south out of Dolar General, leaving 38 east and westbound with no stopping. I think it's a general consensus of the town that that is a very bad idea.

DOT made it clear that the present configuration of a 3 way stop is not going to stay, it's going to be changed, they have all kinds of reasons. So the only other option was turning the intersection into a 4 way stop, all sides. Being as that's the only 2 options, there was only 1 reasonable choice, a 4 way stop. Since that was the obvious choice, there seemed no need to do it so much as a test but to go ahead and vote to make the intersection a 4 way stop and it was unanimous. So, because of DOT rules, the

turn lanes will be taken out, the crosswalks will be altered and 4 stop signs installed. It was reported at the May Council meeting that the work should start by summer. Well, it is June so watch out for the coming construction mess, hopefully they'll get it right this time.



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# Community Pages

## Yoncalla

### Flower Baskets, Flags and Clean-up

by Mary Ellen Lasswell

The Yoncalla Beautification Project met on Thursday evening, May 23, at 6:00 at the Yoncalla Community Center. We are an organization that is dedicated to making Yoncalla a more attractive community. We invite anyone to join us who is interested in any aspect of beautifying Yoncalla, or perhaps fixing what is broken, or maybe cleaning up our town, or helping us to raise money. We are especially grateful to Bob and Lois Campbell for a very generous donation to Yoncalla Beautification. Watch for the American flags flying on Flag Day, June 12th, and Tenth Day, June 19th, and, of course, on the Fourth of July. Our mayor, Kat Wertz, is in charge of our parade and if you would like to enter a float or an entry, or receive any information concerning the parade, the contact person is

Doris Bartlett at 541-315-0608.

One last word. Yoncalla nearly did not have a Fourth of July parade because the Yoncalla Chamber of Commerce, who plans civic activities, has very few members. They really need you to help further their efforts in making our town a thriving, robust community that enjoys active, worth-while events. The Yoncalla Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Yoncalla Community Center. The contact person is Doris Bartlett at 541-315-0608.

In the meantime, enjoy the gorgeous hanging flower baskets that are faithfully watered every morning by Dorane Slocum, and enjoy our American flags flying over our town on holidays. We hope you appreciate the work of Yoncalla Beautification as we hold two city wide clean-up days on June 1st and June 29th in preparation for the Fourth of July. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Anna Drain Park Upgrade Follow-Up Grant Funding, Donations & Costs

Story by Rusty Savage

Last month we brought you the plans and development details for the city of Drain's ambitious Anna Drain Park upgrade and additions. To bring our readers up to date on the financial details of this project, the Herald has the following costs, donations and grant funding making the upgrade possible. The city has not yet been awarded grant funding from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department but remains very optimistic about the project.

The pre-planning for the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project began in 2018, when the city received a \$32,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to complete the City of Drain Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The city hired Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture & Planning as a consultant and collaborated with their consultant team to host a Parks Master Plan Open House, at the Civic Center on October 29th, 2019. During this event, residents saw presentations of the concept boards and gave detailed feedback. The finalized version of the Parks Master Plan identified the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project as a high priority development project and estimated the cost of it to be \$1.665 million in 2019. The actual estimated cost of the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project is \$1.245 million.

Staff began planning the park in September 2023, using all the surveying and pre-planning from the Parks Master Plan to guide the design for the current park project. During the planning process, staff included as many amenities identified in the Parks Master Plan as we could. One amenity staff couldn't include is an amphitheater. Though some residents expressed interest in an amphitheater, it became clear during planning that there is not quite enough room on the property for this. The decision to not move forward with this lowered the cost of the

project, making it more feasible for the city.

If the city is awarded grant funding from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the project will be funded through grants, donations, and city funds. The city applied for \$996,415 in grant funding from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Staff will be notified around November of this year if grant funds are going to be awarded. Staff also applied for \$25,000 from The Ford Family Foundation and are thrilled to announce that they've doubled our funding request and awarded the city \$50,000 for the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project. This project would not have been possible without a generous donation of \$30,658 from the Drain Church of Christ. This donation was received before any project planning began and the city is grateful for their commitment to bettering the community. The city has also received a handful of donations from private residents and business owners, totaling \$7,000. With all donations, grant funding, and in-kind labor, staff estimate this \$1.245-million-dollar project will cost the city under \$100,000.

An update from Kaity Harwick, Community Development Coordinator for the city of Drain, "I just wanted to pass along a very exciting update about the park grant. We've been invited to present our project to the Advisory Committee for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Local Government Grant Program. This means OPRD has completed their technical review of our application, it has been deemed eligible, and it has been forwarded to the Advisory Committee for further review. The Advisory Committee evaluates and scores all large grant applications to establish a priority ranking for grant funding. We will be presenting the project in the end of July, but we do not have a date set yet."

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candidates doing for you and your neighbors? What are the issues that are important to you and who is advocating those issues for you. See what positions are open and if you want to support someone for that then advocate for them. If you want to step up for a position, talk to your supporters and file for election. Democracy - it's an active participation concept.

There are still a lot of stories and information the Herald has to tell. Sometimes, like now, we have some limitations in the space we have for each issue. Costs are high, printing, mailing and distribution, and after 10 issues being subsidized by the Publisher's pocket book, I find myself having to stay within the budget that our advertisers provide and that means limiting pages - never the quality. I strive to bring you a publication that is high quality, both in content and appearance. To provide it to the readers for free, I look to advertisers and donations to make it possible. Please support our advertisers and if you can make a donation, it is sincerely appreciated. Use the QR code or go to our website and click the donate icon. [www.ndherald.com](http://www.ndherald.com).



## Drain Golf Tourney

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## ELKTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER Blooms & Butterflies Festival in Elkton

ELKTON, OREGON, May 24, 2024—Kick-off your summer by welcoming the butterflies back to Elkton at ECEC's annual Blooms & Butterflies celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The event begins with a 5K Butterfly Run/Walk along the panoramic Umpqua River at 9 am, and continues throughout the day with kids' activities, live music and a wide range of artisan vendors and information booths.

"Blooms & Butterflies is a great way for families to celebrate the end of the school year and check out all the fun, free activities ECEC has during the summer," said Executive Director Marjory Hamann. "It's also the beginning of our butterfly season, and people really get into it by dressing like a butterfly when they come to the event."

Run registration opens at 8:00 am. Early Bird registration for adults is \$25 and includes a Butterfly Run t-shirt. Kids ages 12 and under can run or walk for free. Registration increases to \$30 on May 31st, and walk-in registrations are welcome. Jen Champion from VISTA Wellness Center in Eugene will offer a drop-in yoga session so runners and walkers can stretch and cool

down when they return to the festival.

Musician Katie Sontag will lead a family singalong at 10:45, followed by a butterfly costume contest. The music continues at 11:45 with KT and the Love Notes. ECEC's Butterfly Steward, Barbara Slott will give a short talk at 1:15, and the popular local duo Decor'mm takes the stage at 1:30.

Guests can explore local history at Fort Umpqua, a life-size replica of the Hudson's Bay

Company's southernmost fur-trading outpost from the mid-1800s, and observe native butterflies in the ECEC Flight Room throughout the day. The Elkton High School FFA will host a BBQ fundraiser at lunchtime, and ECEC's student-run cafe will be serving deli sandwiches, espresso, smoothies, and homemade baked goods all day. Youth ages 1-18 can get a free meal between 11:30-1:30 during the event, and throughout the summer.

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## Beaver Creek Unique

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the place in their spare time. It was a time consuming "Hobby" that they enjoyed and worked It was several years into working the store part time and on weekends that Russ found himself in a dilemma. A workaholic all of his life, Russ found himself more engaged and truly with purpose when he was putting around at the "Hobby", than he was at work. He was at a point where retirement was an option and he realized he was ready to make a leap of faith.

"All in or all out, that's me," says Russ, "and that was it, here I am."

Russ and Charlottes journey to their unique establishment was quite circuitous. Russ was a hometown boy from Drain, graduating Drain High School in 1973. Starting in High School he first worked at the old Keith Roberts Ford dealership. His love of cars brought him to purchase his cherished 67 Mustang in 1977. In 1980 he began working for the city of Cottage Grove. His position with the city grew and evolved over the years, finding him involved with many of the civic projects that transpired over his years there.

Russ and Charlotte met at the Drain skating rink while still in school. Charlotte remembers, "He thought I was cute so he knocked me down while we were skating." Married in 1976, they raised their 2 kids, Clint and Corrine. Living on their property outside of Drain, the Kaleese's worked and built their property while

Charlottes Mom ran her store there in Drain. It was 2019, after 39 years, when Russ officially retired and they started seriously managing the store in their spare time and by 2021 they opened full time.

Finding it a labor of love, it wasn't long before the prolific and eclectic collections and displays began to set them apart from the run of the mill antique and second hand stores you normally run in to. Not to mention the friendly and affable atmosphere Russ and Charlotte bring to the arena of americana and collectable treasures. A Pickers paradise. Along with their excellent location it wasn't long before they began to attract a steady stream of excited shoppers and collectors and touristy visitors.

June 14th, 15th and 16th is the 5 year anniversary celebration for Beaver Creek Unique, you dont want to miss it. Plenty of parking and refreshments and a celebration for the family. Find some coupons here in the paper and come on down.

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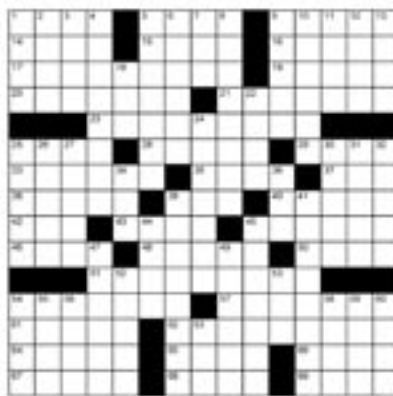
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  - Up to snuff
  - American anchor
  - Alter word of old
  - World Cup cry
  - Battery cell
  - Applicability
  - Type of sentence
  - Make intelligible
  - One way to listen or follow
  - River ride
  - Minor need
  - Hard to rattle
  - Kid's claim
  - Agree to, as terms
  - Coupler
  - Bumped into
  - Bake, as eggs
  - Go for the gold?
  - Old saying
  - Till bill
  - Like some vaccines
  - Scoplane's anchor
  - As a result
  - Prefix for section or state
  - Tape, say
  - Track event
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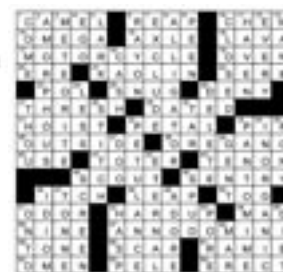


- Down
- Devil
  - Alpine goat
  - Food for sea anemone
  - Making big item
  - 2004 Meg Ryan film, "the Ropes"
  - Hood worn on "The Handmaid's Tale"
  - Resinous deposit
  - End of a rice
  - Chocolate substitute
  - Still wrapped
  - Southern dish
  - Adorned one
  - Withhold from, often
  - Vegas "lady"
  - Payment to a writer
  - Social division
  - Reddish yellow
  - Cupcake topper
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