

North Douglas HERALD

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2024 North Douglas County Fair

Story by Rusty Savage

Photos courtesy Ame Beard



The 2024 North Douglas Fair in Drain was an exciting and extravagant affair. The weekend was well attended with many exhibitors and 22 vendors.

Attendees were entertained with 10 artists, live, demonstrating their work. In the Car Art show there were 6 cars that were painted live

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Thank You Fourth of July Volunteers

The Fourth of July in Yoncalla was a beautiful day when many volunteers came together to make the day an enormous success. Yoncalla Beautification knows that it took many hours of preparation, planning and organizing to make our parade, rodeo, games, entertainment, food and fireworks to all come together so successfully. We also want to thank all the businesses for joining in the spirit of the day and decorating their businesses so patriotically. We shared this day (s) with hundreds of

spectators from around Oregon and beyond. You showed what Yoncalla volunteers are capable of achieving. Yoncalla Beautification wants to thank all of you who worked so hard to make the Yoncalla Fourth of July such a phenomenal success.



Sutherlin Central Park Splash Pad is Open



The Sutherlin Central Park Splash Pad is now open, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The hours will be amended as the season progresses.

YSD Staff Attends AVID Institute

Story and Photo by Chelsea Ross

writing, and improved thinking skills.

While attending the AVID Summer Institute, staff were provided the resources and strategies needed to promote student literacy skills so they are prepared for going on to college or entering the work force. While the District remains committed to taking a strategic approach to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for all students, the AVID program continues to provide a solid base for the staff to expand on their already strong skills in leading our youth forward.

What the world needs most are students who are able to analyze problems, recognize the power of individuals, think analytically, and be able to put these traits together to form their own dreams about the future. By participating in the AVID program, YHS staff are strategically placed to help students meet their goals for the future and beyond.

Upper Elementary staff at Yoncalla Elementary (grades 3-6) are also attending an AVID Summer Institute in the coming days. AVID Elementary focuses on closing the opportunity gap before it begins by teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age. Elementary students develop academic habits they will need to be successful in middle and high school such as learning about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy.



Even over their summer break, members of the Yoncalla High School staff took time to attend the annual AVID Summer Institute. AVID's (Advancement Via Individual Determination) mission statement fits closely to the Yoncalla School District Priorities in that AVID's mission states that they will "close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society." (<https://www.avid.com>)

In an effort to transform the learning experiences in grades 7-12, YHS brought in the AVID program in and have reaped the rewards that this program has to offer. The goal was to take a good teaching staff and give them the tools to empower their students to engage in academic conversations through reading,

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DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave.

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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

The heat of summer! It's been another one for sure. It is predictable these days, summer heat. Fire Danger and the health hazard is ominous but anticipated. Just like our views on life and liberty, there's not much of a worry until something threatens us with potential harm. We look forward to the summertime, from the depths of the winter but when it arrives, there's sometimes the anticipation that it may not bode well this time around. So we tread lightly, make preparations for coming challenges and move forward, maybe with optimism, sometimes without. But eventually the weather breaks, we see the new season coming and prepare for the change coming. It's a cycle for sure. A cycle that means continuation and change. All of our fears and hopes are embedded in the recurring knowledge of that change and the potential, good or bad, for some kind of disruption or the relief of continuation. It's been a hot one, but we're getting through it and it will be a distant memory once the seasonal change is upon us. It's still hot but the winter is looming. Is there relief in that or is it time to switch gears and face the coming change or wait until we're faced with the new paradigm, cold, rain and winter storms. It's always something, eh?

It has been an eventful summer, I hope you have been able to enjoy it. Maybe you took a vacation, enjoyed some rest and relaxation or maybe it was enough to get the garden going and hit the pool a few times. There has been a lot of activities available, opportunities to get out and enjoy the weather as best we can, rub elbows with our friends and neighbors and enjoy what we can. Enjoy the last gasp of summer because it's coming, the end of summer. So, with that in mind, soak up the sunshine and make the most of it. Even with the cautions we can invigorate our need to be productive and make things right in each of our worlds. It's not really a metaphor, it's just the continuation and evolution of our lives. The ebb and flow as it were.

Like the change of seasons, there is always change in the circumstances around us. The difference for us as a society is to roll with those changes and to also see where we can be a force in the positive and productive influence of any changes coming or changes needed. It's the voting season

16-year-old Killed in Eugene 2 more Shootings Investigated

Eugene, OR. - The Eugene Police Department (EPD) Violent Crimes Unit is investigating a homicide that occurred late Saturday night, July 13th, on the 300 block of E. 14th Avenue.

The EPD Violent Crimes Unit and Forensic Evidence Unit responded for an investigation, which is still in the early stages, according to law enforcement. The victim's name is Fernando Ismael Aguirre, age 16.

The crime occurred just before 10:49 p.m., according to a department news release. A juvenile was detained after leaving the scene in a car without its lights on. When police went to stop the vehicle, a pursuit began, and the juvenile was eventually caught in the Kinsrow area. Investigators were working to determine whether the juvenile had any relation to the case.

Two more shootings have been reported since Aguirre's death, including one in the 1500 block of Mill Street where property was struck. Another shooting occurred Tuesday night, July 16th in the 3600 block of W. 13th Ave. where a 20-year-old victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, according to Eugene Police.

As part of the investigation, detectives identified a suspect involved in those shootings as 18-year-old Christopher Lekoff, who was arrested Tuesday night in Springfield and later arraigned in a Lane County Circuit Court Wednesday for one count of attempted assault in the first degree with a firearm and two counts of unlawful use of a weapon with a firearm

Since then, Police in Eugene say they have been working to minimize acts of retaliation between two groups of individuals connected to the 16 year old's death. Young men and juveniles described as groups of teenagers or young adults appear to be on either side of the conflict and both sides were armed, according to a release from the Eugene Police Department. The involved individuals are described as teenagers or young adults in their early 20s who are armed.

"We can't provide many details due to the integrity of the investigations," said Melinda McLaughlin, a spokesperson for the department. "We are being vigilant, and these shootings are a high priority for EPD."

Investigators say they have not definitively tied the recent shootings to Saturday's homicide. If anyone is a witness or has information relevant to the incident, EPD asked that they contact Detective Trevor Hart at Thart@eugene-or.gov.



and as sure as many are consumed with national elections and our political views, we should also be looking to our local communities and the changes in local powers and leadership. In Cottage Grove, they just had a major recall effort and the results are pretty well in. Not one, not two but three council positions have just been upended. The City wants a change and they are going to get it. What's going on in your town or district? Probably no recall going on, but likely you have some choices for change in the coming November election. Are you registered to Vote? The deadline to register for the Oregon primary election is October 15th. What is the requirement for registering. You must be a US citizen, an Oregon resident and at least 16 years of age to register and you can vote after your 18th birthday. Don't procrastinate, be prepared.

Think about your local government. Is it serving you and your neighbors? Do you see changes that are needed or improvements that should be brought to bear? It's not just a right to be self governed, it's a responsibility. Are the leaders in your community leading or is it just the status quo? Look for the leaders that you want and deserve. If you aren't convinced that there are committed contenders for locale office, support them. If there are none that satisfy that criteria, then look for someone who has a message that does and support them. Or if you don't see results or potential, then maybe you should consider yourself a contender. Filing deadline for the November election is August 27th. Look for positions that are open and consider yourself a candidate for filling the needs and, or, the improvements and future of your community.

The world we live in is not perfect but we can work towards that by standing up and taking a step out in faith and progress by making some difference, no matter how small. Improvement and progress is often measured in the little steps taken. We're all in this together, but not as sheep but as individuals who care and support our communities at large. Always forward, my friends, let's look to the future and make it the future that truly is our destiny. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

1 Killed, 1 Hurt in Fatal Crash

Roseburg, OR - A Roseburg man died and the passenger in his car was injured in a two-vehicle accident in Roseburg on June 11th. A Roseburg Police Department release said at approximately 8:40 a.m., officers and emergency personnel responded to the wreck at the intersection of Southeast Pine Street and Southeast Oak Avenue.

Public Information Officer Sergeant Daniel Allen said a preliminary investigation indicates a pickup, operated by 20-year-old Bowan Middlesworth of Azalea, was traveling eastbound on Oak Street through a red light when a subcompact driven by 69-year-old Gene Manor, struck the side of the pickup near the rear axle. Allen said Manor was declared deceased at the scene. The passenger in the car, 57-year-old Christopher Ronan of Roseburg, suffered a broken arm. Neither occupant appeared to be wearing their seatbelts. The operator of the pickup was not injured.

Traffic at the intersection was impacted for approximately 3 hours during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. RPD was assisted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team and Medical Examiner's Office, the Roseburg Fire Department, Umpqua Valley Ambulance and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

1 Fatality Crash on Bertelson

Eugene, OR - One person is dead after a car crash Tuesday afternoon, July 9th, in the area of 13th Ave. and Bertelsen Road in Eugene. A Nissan Versa crashed head-on into a Honda Pilot around 1:30 p.m., according to a release from the Eugene Police Department. The Nissan driver was transported to a local hospital, where they later died from their injuries. The Honda driver was transported to the hospital "as a precaution." Police officials have not yet released the name of the crash victim. Neither driver showed signs of impairment, according to the release. The Eugene Police Major Collision Investigation team is investigating the incident.

Man Arrested for Fire on BLM Land

Lane County, OR - On July 6, fire crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry responded to a half-acre fire that was spotted near the Willamette National Forest. BLM said the fire was lit by an unidentified individual as an attempt to destroy evidence after he had illegally dumped trash at the site the day before.

BLM's Chief Ranger for the Northwest Oregon district, Damian Hayes, said the small fire would have

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Government

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had devastating potential if it were not for the quick suppression by fire crews.

"It would have been a major issue, especially for anybody who might have been up in that area because there's only one ingress, egress out of there," said Hayes. "They would have been trapped up there."

Hayes said the agency takes both arson and illegal dumping crimes seriously. He urged the public to be aware that natural resource crimes are subject to both hefty criminal and financial consequences.

"If you illegal dump on public lands in Lane County, you will be arrested," said Hayes.

The ranger also said that any person found guilty of starting a wildfire, regardless of intent, is responsible for paying for the damage and suppression costs on top of serving any criminal sentences.

"If anybody's having any type of idea or interest in doing anything that is kind of above the line or clearly prohibited during this time of year with fire restrictions, do not do it," said Hayes.

The arson suspect was arrested on July 12 after officials said he provided a confession. To report illegal dumping or any other natural resource crimes, call the Northwest Oregon BLM office at (541) 683-6600.

Oregon Drug Kingpin Sentenced to Federal Prison

Eugene, OR — Victor Diaz-Ramirez, the leader of an international drug trafficking organization operating in Lane County, Oregon, was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison and five years' supervised release. in Portland Federal Court on Tuesday June 18th. Diaz-Ramirez was responsible for trafficking large quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine into the state between 2018 and 2020.

"While communities across our state continue to struggle with the ongoing drug crisis, there are criminal enterprises, like the Diaz-Ramirez drug trafficking organization, whose sole purpose is to profit from addiction and suffering. This far-reaching investigation demonstrates the deep commitment of all involved law enforcement agencies to combatting drug trafficking and keeping our communities safe," said Nathan J. Lichvarcik, Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office Eugene and Medford Branch Offices.

"Drug traffickers like Mr. Diaz-Ramirez prey on our communities by peddling large amounts of methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine, often to our most vulnerable," said David F. Reames, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Seattle Field Division. "I am gratified that the hard work of DEA, the U.S. Attorney's Office and our many partners from law enforcement agencies across Oregon led to the lengthy sentence Mr. Diaz-Ramirez received in this case. Justice was truly served."

According to court documents, from at least March 2018 through August 2020, while operating out of Mexico, Diaz-Ramirez helped lead an international drug trafficking organization responsible for trafficking large quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine from Mexico into the United States. Diaz-Ramirez's organization used a network of associates to transport the drugs from Southern California to Oregon and deliver them to local distributors in exchange for cash.

As part of this investigation, law enforcement seized more than 178 pounds of methamphetamine, 12 pounds of heroin, six pounds of fentanyl, 18 rifles, three rifle optics, and ammunition. Investigators also forfeited approximately \$1.2 million from the organization, including more than \$400,000 in cash. In total, 35 people—including sources of supply in Mexico, couriers, local cell operators in Lane County, and first and second level distributors responsible for sales in and around Eugene—were charged and have been convicted for their roles in Diaz-Ramirez's organization.

On Aug. 5, 2020, a federal grand jury in Eugene returned an indictment charging Diaz-Ramirez with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. On Nov. 1, 2023, Diaz-Ramirez pleaded guilty to a one-count superseding criminal information charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

This case was investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS CI), DEA, FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, Springfield Police Department, Eugene Police Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Linn Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (LINE), and Douglas Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (DINT). It was prosecuted by Joseph Huynh and Judi Harper, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of

Oregon.

This prosecution is the result of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the U.S. by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multiagency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

Trooper Shoots and Kills Driver during Traffic Stop

Eugene, OR — The shooting happened at the interchange between Beltline Highway and River Avenue around 4:30 p.m. on June 11th. A press release did not specify on which road the shooting occurred, but a traffic advisory from the Oregon Department of Transportation on Tuesday afternoon said the eastbound off ramp from Beltline to River Avenue was "closed due to police activity."

Police said the driver did not comply with verbal commands after obtaining the gun from the passenger side of the vehicle, at which point an officer initially used a Taser when the driver reached for the gun, but the Taser had no effect. The Trooper then fired his weapon. Officials said emergency medical aid was "immediately provided" but the driver was declared dead at the scene.

Afterwards, the Lane County District Attorney's Office identified the person who died in the shooting as Timothy Edwards Wells, age 41. No other information was released. The officer was not identified, but the press release did specify that it was a male state trooper. The press release also did not give a reason for the initial traffic stop.

No officers were injured during the incident and the shooting has been under investigation by the Lane County Inter-Agency Deadly Force Investigation Team, with the Lane County Sheriff's Office taking the lead role. Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow has now ruled the shooting by the Oregon State Police Trooper during the traffic stop to be a justified use of deadly force and the shooting was in self-defense.

Detectives Investigating a Fatal Shooting in Glide

Glide, OR - On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, shortly before 10:30 p.m., 9-1-1 dispatchers received a 9-1-1 call reporting a male had been shot in the 400-block of Goodreau Lane during a neighborhood dispute. Bystanders were performing lifesaving efforts on the individual who had been shot. Deputies responded to the scene and initially detained the male shooter. The male who had been shot, 53-year-old Stephen Lynn Foster of Glide, was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office are investigating the incident along with the Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office. The other party involved, whose name is being withheld at this time, is cooperating with law enforcement.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Douglas County District Attorney's Office, Glide Rural Fire Protection District, Umpqua Valley Ambulance and REACH Air Medical Services. No further information is being released at this time.

Vehicle vs Pedestrian Accident Kills Woman

Roseburg, OR — Monday afternoon, July 8th, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Roseburg Police Department and emergency personnel responded to a report that a pedestrian had been hit by a commercial motor vehicle and trailer at the intersection of Southeast Stephens Street and Southeast Douglas Avenue.

Sergeant Daniel Allen, Roseburg PD Public Information Officer, said the preliminary investigation revealed that the commercial vehicle and trailer, operated by a 35-year-old man, were stopped at a red light, facing southbound. The driver proceeded through the crosswalk when his light turned green. Allen said the vehicles struck a female who was walking within the crosswalk.

The woman was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Douglas County Medical Examiner. She has been identified as 59-year-old Linda Louise Stafford. Sergeant Allen said the driver was not injured and is cooperating with law enforcement. RPD was assisted by Roseburg Fire Department, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Two Vehicles Totaled After Accident in Roseburg

Roseburg, OR — A Roseburg Police report said at 2:45 p.m. on July 16th, a 44-year-old woman was traveling west on Northeast Alameda Street and entered the intersection with Northeast Stephens Street with the intention of continuing straight onto Northwest Stewart Parkway. An 81-year-old woman who was traveling north on Stephens Street thought she had the green light. The second vehicle collided with the rear driver's side of the first vehicle. Neither party was injured.

The second driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device based on an independent witness statement. The two vehicles were likely a total loss following the accident and both were towed from the scene.

Troopers Jail Man after Incident on I-5

Douglas County, OR — Troopers with the Oregon State Police jailed a man following an incident at the Cabin Creek rest area, at mile post 143 next to Interstate 5 on Saturday morning, July 13th.

An OSP report said just before 8:30 a.m. 42-year-old Jason Hall broke into a parked semi-trailer with a hatchet. Hall was confronted by two truck drivers and eventually was locked inside the trailer before breaking out through the roof. The suspect then accessed his own vehicle and ran over one of the truck drivers and also striking the semi.

Hall's vehicle became disabled, and the man jumped inside the vehicle of a good Samaritan, where he was eventually caught by law enforcement. Hall was taken into custody without incident.

The report said the injured truck driver and Hall were both transported to CHI Mercy Medical Center with injuries. Hall was charged with multiple crimes including assault, two counts of unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, reckless driving and reckless endangering. He was still at Mercy at last check, according to OSP, and will be taken to jail once he is medically cleared.

"Armed and Dangerous" Homicide Suspect Sought

Cottage Grove, OR — According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, 31-year-old resident Anthony Wesley Tyrrell was identified as the suspect in the murder of 29-year-old Rozaleena Faith Rasmussen. The victim was a missing person before her body was discovered in Cottage Grove, which is the place of residence for both Tyrrell and Rasmussen, officials said. There is a nationwide warrant for Tyrrell's arrest.

"Tyrrell is described as a white male adult with brown hair, brown eyes, weighing approximately 165 pounds and standing approximately 5'9" tall," the sheriff's office said in a release. "He was last seen with his head shaved and wearing a white shirt, black trench coat, black pants, and black boots."

Tyrrell is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to call 911 and avoid approaching or contacting him. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Motorcyclist Dies in 101 Crash

Douglas County, OR — On Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 1:32 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a motorcycle crash on Hwy-101, near milepost 207, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a northbound Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Johnny Ray Boles (43) of Notus (ID), attempted to pass in between two northbound vehicles that were occupying both the A and B lanes of travel. The Harley Davidson lost control, left the roadway, and ejected the operator into a guardrail. The operator of the Harley Davidson (Boles) was declared deceased at the scene. The highway was not impacted during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is believed to be unsafe passing. OSP was assisted by Gardner Fire, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and ODOT.

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Upon entering the Mildred Whipple Library, one is surrounded with color and light. Soaring east- and north-facing windows flood the library with bright sunshine or filtered beauty, depending on cloud cover of course.

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and during nearly silent hours upon hours.

Do you know what you won't find in the library, though? A political debate.

I like to think that in our district we all have many things in common. Like the library, we are built with beauty and differences of opinion. In spite of our differences, and maybe a little because of our differences, in the library we focus on our common ground. You don't have to love books to enter the library, and you certainly don't have to love crafting or puppet shows to enter the library. You do have to be mindful of others' freedoms and rights to enter the library. This may mean that the one sign you didn't expect is a surprise. It says "Politics-Free Zone."

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One more thing... please do join us for our community's traditional "Family Night" dinner and puppet show. On August 7 at 5 p.m. we will host a "Super Silly Circus" from Dragon Theater Puppets and Princesses. The Friends of the Library will serve a free dinner, and library staff will have lots of door prizes and games for friends of all ages. Thank you for being a part of what makes the Mildred Whipple Library so beautiful.

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The Stewardship of Sutherlin, Oregon

The definition of stewardship is “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” At the 2024 Oregon Governor’s Conference on Tourism, the underlying message was one that reflected this in its commitment to the future of Oregon and to create for communities a secure and solid economic future through destination stewardship.

The City of Sutherlin is achieving this goal through the combined efforts and stewardship of those with a shared vision for the city. All working together and comprising the cornerstone on which to build the future is the city staff, city council members, the Sutherlin Downtown Development, Inc. (SDDI), the Chamber of Commerce and the community. Through their stewardship, they have brought to fruition the ‘Summer of Sutherlin’ and the city now offers a myriad of reasons to make the region a destination not only for a seasonal visit, but also a year round place to live, work and play.

The official season began with a family friendly event, ‘Movie Night in the Park’, showing the fan favorite ‘Goonies.’ The annual summer concert series, ‘Music Off Central’, brings an impressive lineup of bands to the Grand Central Stage in Sutherlin Central Park. The concerts are held every Thursday evening throughout July and August. In the midst of the music, on the third weekend of July, comes the Second Annual Sutherlin Throwdown, a combination BBQ contest, cornhole tournament, all encircled by food truck vendors, with local wineries and breweries pouring their liquid gold. The Throwdown is quickly gaining in reputation as one of the premiere events of its kind.

This month also saw the return of the Sutherlin Stampede Rodeo, on hiatus for several years, but welcomed back with much anticipation and enthusiasm. The Sutherlin Farmers’ Market is also a weekly event, held each Thursday, it continues to grow and thrive, providing a venue for local vendors from food trucks to handcrafts and musicians. The 36th Annual Blackberry Festival will return in August with three full days of events beginning on Friday the 16th, Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th. The

festival is a community wide event, ranging from a golf tournament, to a blackberry cooking contest, the classic car cruise through the streets of Sutherlin and many activities for the whole family.

The Umpqua Valley is 65 miles long from north to south and 25 miles wide from east to west. It comprises one-hundred valleys and is a world renowned wine region. Sutherlin is the gateway to Umpqua wine country and is a short distance from several of the 30 plus wineries within the valley. The local wines are an integral part of the celebrations hosted by the city.



The ‘Jewel in the Crown’ for Sutherlin is Ford’s Pond Community Park. Once a logging pond, it has been transformed into an urban oasis. Over a ten year period, in a collaboration between the Friends of Fords Pond and the City of Sutherlin, the 202 acres, once destined to become a receptacle for wastewater, has become a haven for waterfowl, walking paths and picnics.



A long-standing building sits in the heart of downtown Sutherlin, known as the ‘Old Bank Building.’ A sentinel to the changing times, it is the literal and visceral cornerstone to the renaissance of the city. Built of solid sandstone, it is a testament to the longevity and continued stewardship in guiding The City of Sutherlin into the future.

Roseburg Tradition - Douglas County Fair



The Fair’s calliope wagon was built in 1961 by Douglas County Fair Manager, Dick Turley and friend Jack Smith on an old Oldsmobile frame as a creative way to promote the fairgrounds.

The 2024 Douglas County Fair, it starts in less than a week! “Fair Time is Fun Time!” Douglas County Commissioners along with the Douglas County Fairgrounds staff and the Douglas County Fair Board encourage everyone to head on out to the 2024 Douglas County Fair - Wednesday, August 7 through Saturday, August 10, 2024! For more about the 2024 Douglas County Fair log onto their website at <https://douglasfairgrounds.com>. See you at the Fair!

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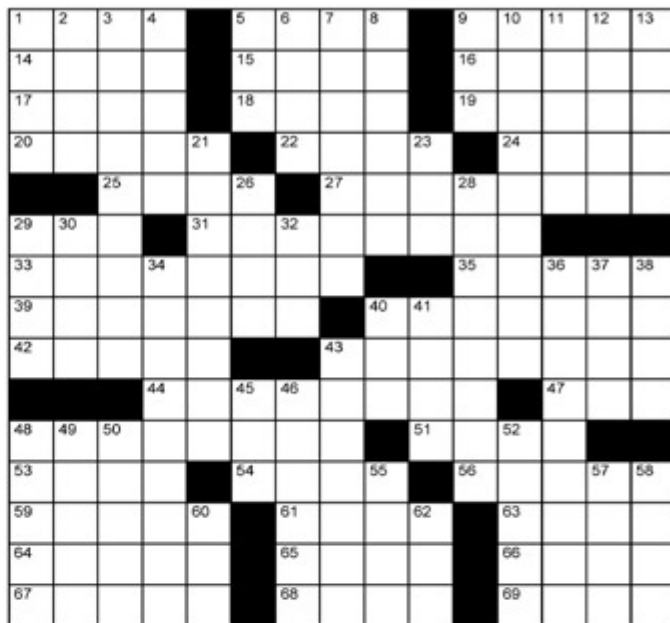


August Crossword Puzzle Sponsored by Studio Tattoo

July Crossword Solution

Across

- 1. Make an impression?
- 5. Diamond Head's home
- 9. Dog who played Eddie on "Frasier"
- 14. White as a ghost
- 15. Privy to
- 16. Garment worn by Flo and Alice
- 17. Like some tea
- 18. Talk like Daffy
- 19. Argue against
- 20. Pooch from Wales
- 22. Fix, at the vet's
- 24. Greet the day
- 25. Lady's man
- 27. Thirst quencher
- 29. ___ Day
- 31. Solidly built
- 33. Cold War competition
- 35. Full of back talk
- 39. ___ of limitations
- 40. Nutrition label unit
- 42. Church council
- 43. Wearing black, maybe
- 44. Trustworthy
- 47. Relax, slangily
- 48. Kind of wheel
- 51. Spreadsheet filler
- 53. Orchard fruit
- 54. Leaves home?
- 56. "Same here!"
- 59. Fort Knox bar
- 61. Edit menu option
- 63. Like Jack Sprat's diet



- 64. Do a salon job
- 65. Ruckus
- 66. Fender flaw
- 67. Public figure?
- 68. Can't stand
- 69. Conclusion starter

Down

- 1. Kind of proportions
- 2. Mexican fare
- 3. Religious leader
- 4. Beat around the bush
- 5. Painter's medium
- 6. Spanish cordial
- 7. Home for the sick
- 8. Post-vacation task
- 9. Damage

- 10. Game with a character named "Cavity Sam"
- 11. Elliptical path
- 12. Lush
- 13. Stage direction
- 21. Unwelcome visitor
- 23. Welcome word at a proposal
- 26. "___ does it!"
- 28. Educated
- 29. Physics calculation
- 30. Pretentious, perhaps
- 32. Cooler contents
- 34. Place for supplies
- 36. Armed ship of old
- 37. Lodgepole, for one
- 38. Burglar

- 40. Corn holder
- 41. New Year's word
- 43. Ink cartridge color
- 45. Beyond tipsy
- 46. Arrival en masse
- 48. Nutmeg, e.g.
- 49. Mortise's mate
- 50. Colonel's insignia
- 52. Diacritic mark
- 55. Cut and paste
- 57. Zingy taste
- 58. Not duped by
- 60. Take a stab at
- 62. Kind of deposit



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Reedsport PD

National Night Out- Aug 6th

Reedsport Police Department is inviting the community for a fun evening at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th.

Attendees can meet the community's first responders, enjoy free food, games, prizes, and much more. It will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lions Park on South 20th Street. The event is taking place in partnership with the Lions Club, Rotary Club, and Lower Umpqua Hospital.

Organizations that would like to have a table at the event can call the Reedsport Police Department at 541-271-2100.

North Douglas Fair

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during the event. Classes were given in fire performances and art classes as well.

The Fire Show was from 9:00 -10:30 Saturday night and featured 25 fire performers, 3 belly dancers, 2 aerialists, 1 contortionist, 6 laser and projection artists, live art and a DJ. Several hundred spectators managed to pack into the Fire Show and were dazzled with an inspiring show of fire, dance and delightful theatrics.

The 102nd annual North Douglas Fair did not disappoint and if you missed the longest continually running Fair in Oregon, make sure to put it on your calendar for next year.

Drain City Yard Sale Aug 10

The Drain City Wide Yard Sale is set for Saturday August 10th. Officially the site is at the Civic Center Park, but there will likely be yard sales all across town and even on the outskirts. Although there is no yard sale maps this year, some of the participants are the First Baptist Church on Payton Ave and Living Hope Outreach Church on West "C" Ave and I'm sure all it will take is a little drive through town to locate all the sales.

The Drain Yard Sale has been a tradition for over 18 years but the original planners have retired from the promotion, in late June, Mayor Erin Sparhawk, announced it was back on. Although there seems no actual sponsor for the event, the July City Council approved the event to take place at the Drain Civic center Park, behind the Center at 205 West A Ave. The park will open at 5am for set up - and the Sales will commence after 7am. The main admonishment from the Council is that all sellers are to monitor and clean up after themselves.

Even without official oversight by the City, the park will be available for anyone to set up and if past years are any indication, the entire town of Drain should be teeming with sale clusters all over town. Next year Katie Decker promises to plan and promote the yard sale as a benefit for local sports teams.



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Cottage Grove Recall is a Yes Vote for All

It appears that Voters in Cottage Grove have decided to remove three of their city council members from office.

Initial returns in the July 30th recall election shows that about 61 percent of ballots were cast in favor of ending the terms of Mike Fleck, Alex Dreher and Chalice Savage. The three councilors were on the ballot separately but the vote totals were nearly identical for each of them.

Initial results, for the recall election was at 37 percent turnout. Lane County Elections office does not plan to release another update until Aug. 6. The election was only open to voters living in Cottage Grove city limits.

Chief petitioner Michael Borke said supporters of the recall were unhappy with the council's handling of a number of issues, including a perceived lack of action to address the number of unhoused people living in Cottage Grove's public spaces.

Dreher, one of the targeted councilors, said even though results aren't official yet, she's accepted that the outcome will mean she'll soon have to vacate the office.

"Every ending is a new beginning," she said, adding that she plans to continue to look for volunteer opportunities to serve Cottage Grove, albeit in an unelected capacity.

"I am concerned that the chaos and division caused by the recall is affecting people who want to do business in our community, as well as our options to get federal and state grants," she said. "I mean, who will want to invest in a chaotic environment? It doesn't necessarily bode well."

If results hold, the remaining city council would still be able to meet until replacements are appointed or elected.

Borke said that's because he made sure his recall effort would still leave a quorum of elected officials even if it were successful. He said he hopes the new council members will listen to the concerns of the community.

"I hope that they bring a balance to the city council and that they truly, really look at the issues that are out there," he said. "You're not going to make everybody happy, but you can make a heck of a lot more people (happy) when more people have a say in what the process is."



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