



Devastating Rain & Floods Inundate the City of Drain & Across Oregon



Story by Rusty Savage

Oregon experienced a devastating rain and flood event in late February and early March. This leading to rivers, creeks and dams spilling over and flooding large swaths of many Oregon communities. Since Feb. 24, severe storms have caused significant flooding and landslides throughout the state.

On Sunday, March 16th, both, Elk Creek and Pass Creek, near Drain, surpassed 19.58 ft. which is 1.82 and .26 ft. over flood stage and inundated the community of Drain. Many homes and businesses experienced minor to major flood damage during the event. Some like the Drain Liquor Store was able to keep water at bay with sand bags, others, like the Drain Saw Shop, Date St Apartments, Dr Joann Holland Clinic and many garages and sheds, experienced major

flooding inside.

In Elkton, the Umpqua River reached a maximum stage of 39.05 feet, which is 1.85 ft. over the flood stage of 37.2 ft. Elk Creek reached 19.58 ft., .82 ft above flood stage. The Umpqua river swamped the Alfred S. Tyson Park. Flooding was significant from Elkton, Scottsburg to Kellogg.

In south Lane county the Willamette River crested at 16.1 feet, which was 5 ft. above flood stage, affecting Cottage Grove and vicinity.

In Albany even though the Willamette was at 20.09, which is below flood stage, Bryant Park was closed, and so was a section of Bryant Way near the city limits. Linn County also closed sections of four other roads because of high water. Benton County closed two. The Willamette River

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 Safeway, 1500 E Main St
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 Dari Mart, 1200 E Main St.
 Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99
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 American Market, 911 E Main St

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 Dairy-Mart, 2735 River Rd
 Dairy-Mart, 3620 River Rd
 Dairy-Mart, 2920 W 11th Ave
 Dairy-Mart, 4099 W 11th Ave
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 7-11 Store, 1107 S Bertelsen Rd
 7-11 Store, 895 River Rd
 7-11 Store, 3821 River Rd
 7-11 Store, 190 Hwy 99
 7-11 Store, 701 Polk St
 7-11 Store, 590 E Broadway
 7-11 Store, 445 Coburg Rd,
 Albertson Grocery, 311 Coburg Rd
 Market of Choice, 1960 Franklin Blvd
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 Dari-Mart, 220 W B St
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 Dari-Mart, 1554 M St
 Dari-Mart, 6898 Main St #17
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 7-11, 5808 Main St
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 Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

Whew! What a whirlwind March was. I'd been watching the weather across the country this year and it seems to have been phenomenal. Winter storms in the Midwest and the Northeast. Storms and tornadoes in the Midwest and Southeast. Floods everywhere from West to East and blizzards and rains as well. Talk about active weather patterns. But I was feeling pretty good about things here in western Oregon so far this whole winter. Then came the catastrophic rains, floods and landslides of March.

It was a sudden and violent turn of events across the Oregon region. It was only the evening before the 16th that I noticed any alarm coming across the Internet and Social Media. Duly, on Sunday morning we started monitoring rivers and creeks. But from the time we saw Elk Creek breach it's banks, there was little to do. Some folks evacuated, some didn't, our house was lifted on higher blocks in '98 and we felt like we could stay. We did OK, the water was a few inches from the top step when it finally receded. But many, especially in north Douglas, Jackson and Coos counties, had serious flood and landslide damage. For those who suffered property damage and loss, remember to reach out for help and resources, put our tax dollars to work.

As I clean up the mess in the back yard and, Oh man, the garage, I ruminate on the lack of preparedness that seems be the result of procrastination and the over riding doubt that something bad will happen here or now. HA! Not likely. Something bad is always happening somewhere so the best bet is to use a little common sense along with a good portion of 'Get up and Go'.

I had been watching and grumbling about the rain for months. I know the rivers and creeks can swell pretty quickly. I figured the ground was totally saturated, the snow melt is coming and I've been around and here long enough to know what may be coming. Pro-active is the word, or preparedness if you prefer. Of course you can't anticipate the unknown, but if there is mitigation possible, then we owe it to ourselves to at least be better, more observant and vigilant to see the potential problems and solutions.

I think our local governments owe it to us to follow the same advice, especially the pro-active part. Neighbors are prone to help their neighbors and their community. City's and Counties actually have an obligation to residents and citizens for just such observations and response. I found in reporting on different locations, that we had widely varying responses and or lack of.

Overall I see an energetic effort and evidence of emergency planning leading and addressing the problems as they are anticipated or when they arise. Then there are the reports of a lack awareness of the situation, leading to late and even non-responsive efforts towards information and communication or simply leaving it to the other powers that be. Require better from those who should be in charge and responsible for those important observations and decisions.



This is a 500,000 lb. transformer that is on a railcar. The transformer is going to Roseburg. The problem is the train bridge by my house can't take the weight, so they have to unload it and put it on a truck trailer to take to Drain, and then put it back on the train to Roseburg and then put it back on a truck trailer.

The truck trailer is over 100 yd. long. I told them not to leave it in Curtin too long, the local tweekers will strip it.

Oregon Public Safety

Sexual Predator Released



Roseburg, OR — A convicted sex offender, which the Douglas County Sheriff's Office says is at the highest risk of re-offending, was released from custody on April 2nd and allowed to return to Roseburg. Douglas County Sheriff's Office describes Uriah Shawn Strauss as a Level III sex offender with convictions of sex abuse and attempted rape.

The DCSO sent out a notification to the public about his release and some residents are concerned by Strauss' return to the area. The concern is that Strauss is a predator and has, again, been released with "a slap on the wrist" and residents fear for their safety.

This is not the first time Strauss has been in the news. In January of 2024, he was arrested for writing a letter to a minor, outlining his desire to start a relationship with her. DCSO says that Strauss has repeatedly targeted women he does not know, contacting them through various means, often stalking them in public places, and then attempting to assault them.

He has been released on special conditions where he is not allowed to communicate with people under the age of 18 or be near schools, playgrounds, or places frequented by children. DCSO is asking the public to report any misconduct by Strauss to them immediately.

2 Arrested for Burglary
Linn County OR, - On March 22, 2025, at 10:19 p.m., the LCSO responded to a burglary in progress in the 36000 block of Highway 228 near Brownsville. The caller reported two people going through buildings.

Deputies located a male and female on the property. The male, later identified as Ryan Rikala, 38, of Sweet Home, fled the area after a physical altercation with a deputy. The deputy heard a loud "pop" during the altercation, believed to be from a firearm. The female, identified as Stefani Brock, 34, of Crawfordsville, was taken into custody.

Deputies and additional officers from OSP and Albany PD quickly set up a perimeter. Deputies utilized multiple K9s and drones to search the area.

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Community Matters

Protecting Your Home from Storm Damage Essential Tips and Advice

The recent storm that swept through Douglas county and across Western Oregon brought with it a stark reminder of the power of nature. With high winds, heavy rain, flooding, and even mudslides and landslides, many homeowners found themselves facing significant damage to their properties. As we approach the storm season, it's crucial for homeowners to ensure their homes are well-protected against potential damage. According to Lynn McAllister, American Family Insurance Agent in Roseburg, these are some essential tips and advice to help you safeguard your home and navigate the complexities of homeowners insurance.

1. Review Your Policy Annually

Your homeowner's insurance policy should be reviewed at least once a year to ensure it provides adequate coverage for your home and belongings. Pay special attention to the coverage limits and any exclusions related to storm damage. This will help you avoid any surprises when you need to file a claim.

2. Understand Your Deductible

It's important to know the amount you will need to pay out-of-pocket before your insurance kicks in. Some policies have separate deductibles for wind and hail damage, so make sure you are aware of these details and plan accordingly.

3. Consider Additional Coverage

Standard homeowners' insurance policies typically do not include coverage for certain natural disasters. Depending on your location, you might want to consider purchasing additional coverage for the following:

Flood Insurance: Flooding is not typically covered under standard homeowners' insurance policies. If you live in an area prone to flooding, consider purchasing a separate flood insurance policy through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or a private insurer.

Landslide Insurance: Mudslides and landslides are also not covered under standard policies. You may need to purchase a separate policy or endorsement to cover this type of damage.

Earthquake Insurance: Earthquakes can cause significant damage, and this is generally not covered under standard homeowners' policies. If you live in

an earthquake-prone area, consider purchasing an earthquake insurance policy.

These extra protections can be invaluable in the event of a natural disaster.

4. Document Your Belongings

Keep an updated inventory of your personal belongings, including photos and receipts. This documentation can expedite the claims process if you need to file a claim after a storm. Make sure to store this information in a safe place, such as a cloud storage service, email folder, or a fireproof safe.

5. Home Maintenance

Regular maintenance can prevent a lot of storm-related damage. Inspect your roof for loose shingles, clean your gutters to prevent water buildup, trim trees to avoid falling branches, and secure outdoor furniture and other items that could become projectiles during a storm.

6. Storm-Proofing Your Home

Investing in storm shutters, reinforcing your roof, and installing a backup generator are all effective ways to minimize damage and keep your home safe during severe weather. These measures can also potentially lower your insurance premiums.

7. Emergency Preparedness

Have an emergency plan in place for your family, including a safe room or designated shelter area. Keep an emergency kit with essentials such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, and important documents. Being prepared can make a significant difference in the event of a storm.

Advice for Homeowners

Stay Informed: Keep an eye on weather forecasts and alerts. Being aware of an impending storm can give you valuable time to prepare and protect your home.

Know the Claims Process: Familiarize yourself with the steps to file a claim with your insurance company. This includes knowing who to contact, what information you'll need, and the timeline for processing claims.

Work with Trusted Contractors: After a storm, be cautious of fraudulent contractors who may try to take advantage of the situation. Work with reputable, licensed contractors for any necessary repairs.

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Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) continues to expand its collection to meet evolving public interests. LULD now has chess sets available for checkout and other board games for in-house use. Please contact LULD if you would like to be involved in a game club. LULD plans to begin hosting meetings once enough people sign up.

The library is developing World Languages and Foreign Film sections, containing books, movies, and audiobooks in non-English languages. Additionally, LULD has many items that are bilingual (in both English and another language). While many of these are available in more locally popular non-English languages such as Spanish and Chinese, LULD also has titles in locally obscure languages such as Russian and Dutch. Please contact the library if there is a particular language that interests you. We may either already have items available in your preferred language or be able to add your suggestions to the library.

These new and expanded collections should not distract from the fact that LULD also has substantive juvenile, young adult, and adult books across a wide array of topics and format. These include 160+ magazine and newspaper subscriptions, thousands of DVDs and CDs, electronics such as Wi-Fi hotspots and computer accessories, and equipment for outdoor activities such as trekking poles and bicycle locks. Overdrive/Library2Go provides access nearly 50,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks.

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Yoncalla Public Library Notes

April is a busy month at the Yoncalla Public Library with author talks and Springtime STEAM activities for kids:

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April 19th at 12:30-Author Talk with William L. Sullivan, presenting a slideshow of his new book, New Hikes in Southern Oregon. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

April 24th Anytime between 4 and 6:30-STEAM Seed Starter Kits. For kids PreK-12th grade. Join us on the last Thursday of every month for STEAM activities through the month of June.

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

Veterans Corner

2025 Oregon Bills supporting Veterans

Oregon has a long history and tradition of support of our Military and our Veterans. It's a heritage that honors all Veterans but with a special allegiance to our own Oregon Veterans.

So it is concerning that Oregon ranks poorly as a place to live for military retirees. Property taxes and housing costs burden our veterans and many are leaving. These veterans, who are often living on fixed incomes and some of those are managing service-connected disabilities. We need to welcome and support our Veterans in Oregon. There is a lot at stake and without them, Oregon and our communities are seeing a losing a great resource. Besides the loss of pride in taking care of our Veterans, we also lose out in federal retirement dollars, not to mention skilled workers and potential community leaders.

The state of Oregon gives full property tax exemptions to nonprofits and religious institutions, some who pay nothing. Yet veterans, many who've earned homeownership through decades of service and Veterans Administration loans like the GI Bill, are being priced out of their homes.

Currently, in session at the Oregon Legislature, lawmakers are considering several bills to expand property tax exemptions for veterans. Among others, is HB 2050, HB 2361 and HB 2395. There are groups out there opposing these bills, to which I say "Shame". Supporting veterans is an

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March Flooding in Drain, Douglas County and Across Oregon

in Corvallis crested at 32.84 feet, which was 2.84 feet above the flood stage. Daily rainfall recorded at the Hyslop weather station between Albany and Corvallis totaled nearly 4 inches from March 10-16. The biggest daily reading was 1.15 inch on Sunday morning.

Roseburg received 3.47 inches of rain between 1 AM on March 16th and 1 AM on March 17th, smashing the previous daily record of 0.87 inches set back in 1932. The deluge was a record breaker, claiming the title of the wettest single day in March history. The old mark was 2.29 inches from March 21st, 2012. The heavy rain flooded towns, washed out roads and turned hillsides into streams of mud. The Galesville Reservoir near Azalea, was operating near capacity after 4 to 5 inches of rain fell between March 14 and 16. According to Douglas County spokesperson Tamara Howell, the storm pushed the Galesville dam to its limits on March 17 and 18, filling the 42,225-acre-foot reservoir to the brim. The dam prevented multiple

communities from more-disastrous flooding, according to Douglas County.

The Galesville Dam "...acted as a major flood-control device, saving the communities of Glendale, Riddle, Myrtle Creek and Winston from even greater flooding and additional damage," Howell said.

The Coquille River at Myrtle Point in Coos County experienced moderate flooding, with a flood stage of 35.0 feet, and some sections of Highway 42 downstream from Myrtle Point and along the highway to Powers were affected.

On March 18, Gov. Tina Kotek declared a state of emergency after parts of Oregon were hit with a series of floods and landslides that overwhelmed neighborhoods and prompted several water rescues, including one that claimed the life of a Jackson County woman.

According to Kotek, the floods affected communities in southern Oregon since late February, including Clackamas, Coos, Curry,

Douglas, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Multnomah, and Malheur counties along with an active flood threat that could impact Harney County.

Many of these Oregon Counties also declared states of Emergency during and after the flooding

and landslide event.

For continued support, assistance and guidance, it is recommended all residents and businesses to contact local county representatives and websites for information and resources for loss and damages from flooding.



Above, Elkton town Park flooded by Umpqua river on March 16. Photo by Avi Zohar

Below, top row from left Yoncalla from Drone footage, Yoncalla on Eagle Valley Rd, HWY 34 near Corvallis, Below, bottom row from left, Roseburg in the city limit, Row River Rd near Cottage Grove



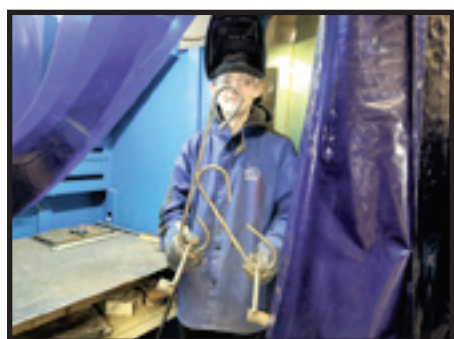
Yoncalla Sprucing Up for Spring

Spring has finally arrived in Douglas County. Thanks to generous donations made to the Yoncalla Beautification Project (YBP) an additional 28 hanging flower baskets will line Eagle Valley Road and Main Street this spring and throughout summer. The result should be an anticipated total of 40 colorful baskets.

New posts and flower basket holders, as well as new civic signs, are being made by Jess McHaffie's Yoncalla High School shop students. Once the flower baskets are in place, they will be watered daily by Dorane Slocum.

Another YBP project made possible by donations will be replacing worn-out USA flags, which are flown during federal holidays, with new flags. Currently, YBP also is working with the City and high school to coordinate a city-wide cleanup day.

People wishing to purchase or sponsor flower baskets or to make tax-free donations to YBP can do so by contacting YBP treasurer Doris Bartlett at 541-315-0608. Meetings are held at the Community Center at 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday each month and are open to the public.



Are You Ready

For An Emergency?

These past few months we've seen news of devastating wildfires, hurricanes, tornados and flooding – many with Level 3 evacuations which means "Go Now." If you have lived through a natural disaster, you realize the importance of being prepared BEFORE the disaster happens. Don't plan on going to a store at the last minute or after the fact for much needed supplies.

Get a kit together, make a plan and be informed. Have enough supplies and equipment to get you through at least three days without electricity, water or trips to the store. But a 14-day kit is even better! It's good to have a "go bag" for home and vehicles such as a backpack or tote with wheels.

What to put in your emergency kit? Every household is different. How about a flashlight with spare batteries, a battery-operated radio, water for 3 days, medications, socks, shirts, blanket, small tool kit, first aid kit, pet food, spare eye glasses, hearing aid batteries, granola bars, coloring books for the kids. Don't be overwhelmed by a huge list of items – add a few items each week.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step in preparing your neighborhood and community. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a program that educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers over the age of 18 in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light first aid and light search and rescue in order to support professional responders.

Lower Umpqua CERT team covers Reedsport,

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Schools' in Session

**North Douglas Elementary School
Student of the Month
4th grader Nicholas Nelson**



Nicholas is a true friend to his classmates, and he is kind as well. He has volunteered many times to help me pick things up around the room, help others who are struggling or take things to other teachers for me. I can count on Nicholas to be on task and doing his best. He sets a great example for others to follow. I'm so glad that he is in my class this year!

**North Douglas Middle School
Student of the Month
7th grader Rilee Mast**



Rilee Mast is a very hardworking, kind, and smart student. She is always there to help someone if needed and gives 100% on her work every day. She is a great role model to other students.

Oregon News Herald will print your school students awards and achievements. Send Photos and info to - schoolnews@ndherald.com

April Crossword Puzzle Sponsored by Studio Tattoo

March Crossword Solution

Across

- 1. Ballroom move
- 5. Skirt feature, sometimes
- 9. M, to Einstein
- 13. Study aide
- 15. Garden walkway
- 16. Death notice, briefly
- 17. Addams Family's Fester, e.g.
- 18. Law firm newbie
- 20. Something huge
- 22. Seller of Alaska in 1867
- 23. UPC part
- 24. Foreshadow
- 25. In the direction of
- 28. Big bully
- 29. SNL segments
- 30. Refinery residue
- 31. Scruff of the neck
- 35. Biblical boat
- 36. Understanding
- 39. Greyhound, e.g.
- 40. Commuter line
- 42. Right on the map?
- 43. Seize illegally
- 45. Abstract style of the '60s
- 47. In a monotonous way
- 48. Merlot, for one
- 51. "___ here long?"
- 52. Embroidered hole
- 53. Success at the expense of others
- 57. Anteater's cousin
- 59. "The Audacity of Hope" author
- 60. Big cat
- 61. Palindromic term of address

62. Xbox enthusiast

63. Repair, as clothing

64. Nose out

65. Tear apart

Down

1. Concert memento

2. It can be hard to carry, for some

3. Cut into glass

4. Skunk

5. Sudden gush

6. Whip's blow

7. "___ a deal!"

8. Leaving no stone unturned

9. Wet

10. Put down

11. Peaceful protest

12. Place of another

14. Penitent's emotion

19. Rudely terse

21. Neil Simon's couple

24. Chris of "Jurassic World"

25. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.

26. Creole veggie

27. Online prefix with -pedia

28. Great time

30. Flat replacement

32. Go up against

33. Knitting stitch

34. Perceive

37. In the ____... (for now)

38. Christmas crackler

41. Area prone to flooding

44. Marine hazard

46. ___ Piper

47. Attorney's charge

48. Bailiwick

49. Eagle's home (var.)

50. Exorcist's target

51. Ecological community

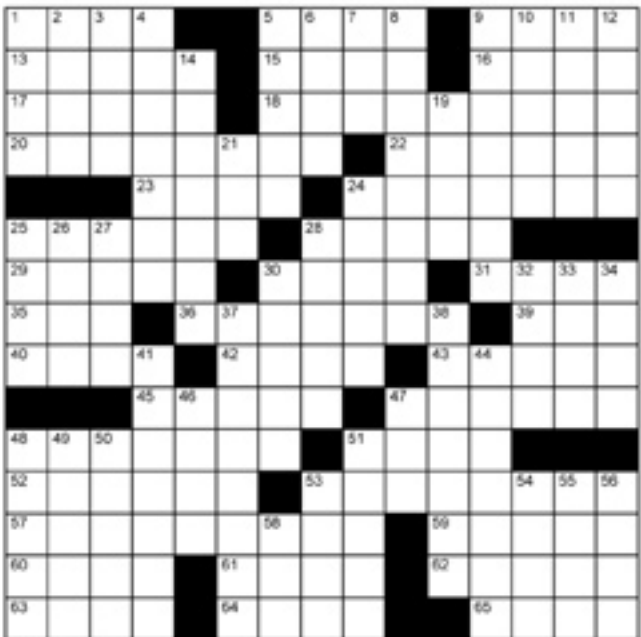
53. Stars and Stripes, e.g.

54. British title

55. Word said before opening the eyes

56. Fabric quantity

58. Little fella



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Great Food

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
62° 36°	64° 37°	65° 40°	65° 42°	64° 43°	56° 37°	57° 38°
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27	28	29	30			
58° 37°	58° 38°	59° 40°	58° 38°			



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obligation and responsibility.

These bills are smart, targeted steps to support and keep veterans thriving in our communities. Of course this won't solve all of the shortcomings and deficiencies within our Veteran community, but they move us in the right direction.

Please contact your representatives and lawmakers to voice your support of veterans and urge them to do the right thing. Support Oregon Veterans in honor of their support of our freedoms.

Emergency

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Winchester Bay and Gardiner. Interested in becoming a volunteer? Now is your opportunity to learn how. Meetings are generally the 3 Saturday of each month from 9:00 – Noon at the Reedsport Senior Center across from City Hall.

If you're interested in CERT training and becoming a CERT member contact Terry at 541-662-0095. The next scheduled training is in April. Come see what you can do to help your family, community and business.

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Public Safety

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A firearm was located along the route Rikala fled and he was located in a wooded area north of the burglary. He then jumped into the river and swam to the opposite side where Rikala was taken into custody without further incident.

Rikala was lodged at the Linn County Jail for Burglary 1, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Resisting Arrest. Brock was lodged at the Linn County Jail for Burglary 1 and Conspiracy. The LCSO was assisted by OSP, Albany PD, Corvallis PD and Brownsville FD.



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541 836-2369
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Gateway Family Fellowship
Church of the Nazarene
337 C Avenue
Sunday Sch 9:30am Worship 10:45am

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

YONCALLA

Assembly of God
1008 Hayhurst Rd
541 849-2800
Sunday 10:30am Wednesday. 5:30pm

Church of Christ
225 Birch St
Sunday School 9:55am
Sunday Worship 10:45am

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

ELKTON

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

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

EUGENE

Saint George Orthodox Church
202 Hillview Lane 1
Eugene, OR 97408-5018
541-683-3519

SPRINGFIELD

East Side Baptist Church
4045 Commercial Ave
(541) 654 4568
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If you would like to see your Church listed in the directory, please send email to: churchdirectory@ndherald.com. Or send US Mail to: ChurchDirectory Oregon News Herald PO Box 581 Drain OR 97435 Include: Name, address, phone & worship hours - 4 lines only.

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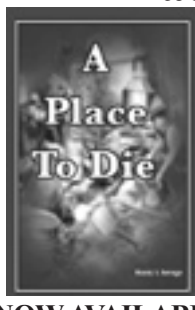
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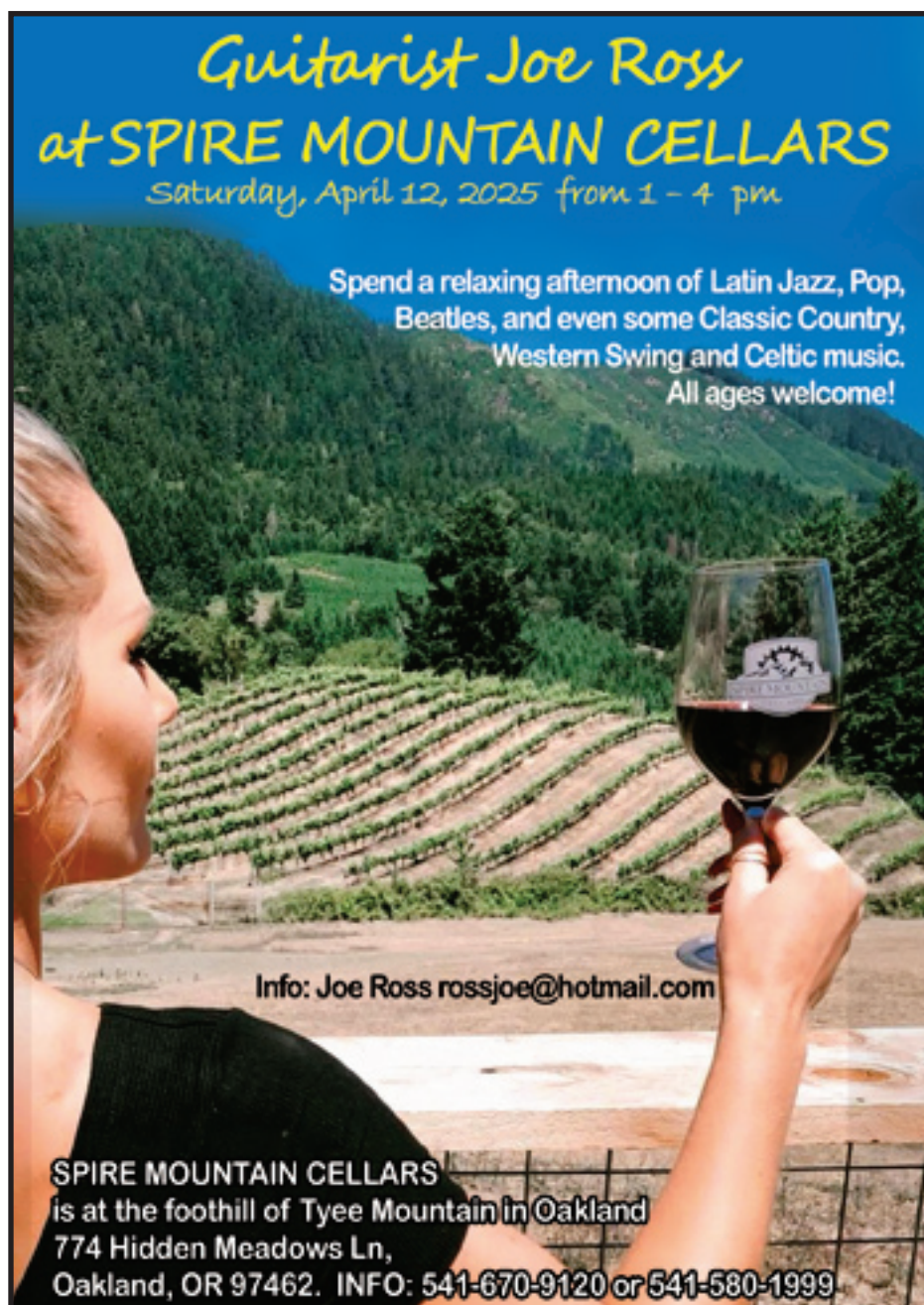
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