



# Oregon News Herald

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## North Douglas High School Senior Graduation 2025

Photos by Rusty Savage  
Graduation season explodes across Oregon, Congratulations and Best Wishes to the classes of 2025, their Classmates, Teachers, Educators, Families and Proud Parents.



## National Arbor Day Recognition

Reedsport is one of the four Cities Chosen as Tree City



Reedsport has been recognized for the past 21 years as a Tree City USA town. This recognition is a testament to our community's unwavering commitment to the planting, care and celebration of trees.


In an era where cities and towns are facing increasing challenges related to air quality, public health, and climate resilience, nurturing urban forests has never been more important. By prioritizing tree stewardship we've not only helped enhance Reedsport's beauty and livability, but we've also invested in a healthier, more sustainable future for our residents.



Reedsport Parks & Beautification committee planted 5 new trees for Arbor Day at Henderson Park on April 25. These trees will provide shade to the benches as well as help beautify the park. This project is supported with funding from Oregon Community Trees.








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- Thomas Jefferson

*“The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read,”*  
- Mark Twain

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Country Cabin Coffee & Laundry, 438 W “B” Ave Hwy38  
The Rose Bar, 413 Umpqua Hwy 38  
Mildred Whipple Library, 205 W. “A” Ave.  
Beaver Creek Unique, 416 W “B” Ave.  
Zolezzi Insurance Agency, 208 W C Ave  
CG Market, 333 W B Ave  
US Bank, 229 N 1st St  
Hacienda Viera, 237 West B Ave  
Brothers Cafe, 439 W B Ave  
Oregon News Herald, 301 N 1st St

**Yoncalla**  
Eagle Valley Supply, 2570 Eagle Valley Rd  
Food Center & Deli, 2580 Eagle Valley Rd  
Why Not Bar and Grill, 164 Main St  
Yoncalla Public Library, 194 Birch St

**Elkton**  
Arlene’s Cafe & General Store 14858 State HWY 38  
Elkton Station 14940 State HWY 38  
Tomaselli’s Pastry Mill & Cafe, 14836 OR Hwy 38  
Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 HWY 38 W  
Farm Pickins Mercantile, 326 1st Street

**Rice Hill**  
Buy 2 Arco, 614 John Long Rd

**Scottsburg**  
Riverbanks Speedy Mart 32841 State HWY 38  
LULD Library Box at Fire Station, 33237 OR 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.  
7-11 Store, 2011 Winchester Ave. US-101  
Oregon Coast Restaurant, 2165 Winchester Ave  
Harbor Light Restaurant, 960 Highway Ave

**Cottage Grove**  
Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd.  
Kwik Pik Market #2, 925 E Gibbs Ave.  
Daves Comer Market, 633 N 9th St.  
Safeway, 1500 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  
American Market, 911 E Main St

**Eugene**  
Dairy-Mart, 1495 River Rd #2  
Dairy-Mart, 2735 River Rd  
Dairy-Mart, 3620 River Rd  
Dairy-Mart, 2920 W 11th Ave  
Dairy-Mart, 4099 W 11th Ave  
7-11 Store, 3762 W 11th Ave  
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  
Classic Smoke Shop, 733 State Hwy 99 N  
The Embers Lounge, 1811 Hwy 99 N

**Springfield**  
Dari-Mart, 1950 Mohawk Blvd #48  
Dari-Mart, 220 W B St  
Dari-Mart, 1875 Main St  
Dari-Mart, 1554 M St  
Fins, 4090 Main St  
Dari-Mart, 6898 Main St #17  
Albertson Grocery, 5755 Main St  
7-11, 5808 Main St  
7-11, 1396 Main St  
Heartless & Hopeless Tattoo, 329 Main St

**Winchester Bay**  
Beck’s Winchester Bay Market, 245 8th St.  
Pelican Market, 75298 Pacific Coast HWY US-101

**Oakland**  
Bart’s Oakland Market, 204 SE 1st St  
Tye Landing, 11424 Oregon HWY 138  
Oakland Tavern, 104 Locust St

**Sutherlin**  
Kwik Pik Market & Deli, 551 W Central Ave.  
Smitty’s Food Mart & Deli, 1367W Central Ave.  
Center Market, 1230 W Central Ave.  
Center Smoke s, 1230 W Central Ave.  
Shop Smart Grocery, 811 E Central  
Center Market #42, 206 E Central Ave.  
S-Mart, 333 E Central Ave.  
Central Food Mart, 1021 E Central Ave.  
Chevron/S-Mart, 1484 W Central Ave.

**Roseburg**  
News & Smokes, 457 NW Garden Valley Blvd  
Ridgeway Market, 1800 NW Garden Valley Blvd  
Safeway, 1539 NE Stephens St  
Roseburg Tobacco & Food Mart, 2050 NE Stephens St  
1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St  
Lil’ Pantry, 2611 NW Edenbower Blvd  
Buy 2 Arco, 2530 NE Stephens St  
Mini Pet Mart, 333 NE Garden Valley Blvd  
Mini Pet Mart, 2820 NE Stephens St

**Albany**  
7-11, 333 34Th Ave SE  
AM PM, 33200 OR-34  
Dari-Mart, 1005 Queen Ave SW  
7-11, 6190 Pacific Blvd SW

# Government

Know your local Representatives!

**Drain**  
Juneor: **Erin Sparhawk**  
Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**  
Council Position #2: **Open Seat**  
Council Position #4: **Katie Decker**  
Council Position #6: **Aaron Lymath**  
City Administrator: **Ken Strobeck**  
City Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 6pm

**Yoncalla**  
Juneor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**  
**Open Seat**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 6pm

**Elkton**  
Juneor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 6/12/25 - 8:30am

**Oakland**  
Juneor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 7pm

**Sutherlin**  
Juneor : **Michelle Sumner**  
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**  
Councilor **Lisa Woods**  
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**  
Councilor **Adam Sarnoski**  
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**  
Councilor **Gary Dagel**  
City Manager **Jerry Gillham**  
Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 7:15pm

**Reedsport**  
Juneor : **Linda McCollum**  
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**  
Council Position #2: **Clifton Jackson Jr**  
Council Position #4: **Sandra Rose Donnelly**  
Council Position #6: **Allen Teitzel**  
Council Position #6: **Rich Patten**  
Council Position #7: **Debby Turner**  
Council Meeting: 6/23/25 & 6/30/25 - 7pm

**Cottage Grove**  
Juneor: **Candace Solesbee**  
Councilor Ward 1: **Christine Hyink**  
Councilor Ward 2: **Randell Lammerman**  
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**  
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**  
Councilor: **Jim Settelmeyer**  
Councilor: **Darrel Wilson**  
Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 7pm

**County State & Federal**  
Douglas County Commissioners:  
**Tom Kress**(Chair) **Tim Freeman**  
**Chris Boice** **Jennifer Miller**  
Lane County Commissioners:  
Dist 1: **Ray Ceniga** Dist 2: **David Lovall**  
Dist 3: **Laurie Trieger** Dist 4: **Pat Farr**  
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Oregon House Representative:  
District 02: **Virgle Osborne**  
Oregon State Senator:  
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: **Tobias Read**  
Attorney General: **Dan Rayfield**  
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Oregon News Herald

# Editorial

By Rusty Savage

What a whirlwind the last month has been here at the Oregon News Herald. Events across our region has kept us busy with stories to tell and all with a background of demolition and construction at our new location here in Drain. A leap of faith has evolved into the opportunity to purchase the corner building at 301 N 1st St. Only 4 doors down from our old location, but heaps of work moving all of the Savage business interests the first couple of weeks and now to put together offices and retail space, well it’s been a challenge for this old man, for sure. But we’re excited for the future once it all comes together. Trying to upgrade and add to some of our equipment and capabilities is another fiscal hurdle on top of the escalating expenses. The Oregon News Herald, basically, is a zero sum profit endeavor. We run operate entirely on advertising dollars for production and distribution so that we can provide the news for free. As we strive to increase advertising revenue, we continue to feed the Herald out of pocket most months. Please support our wonderful advertisers, they make the Oregon News Herald possible. If there are any corporate sponsors who would like contribute to the support of providing FREE local news and information in print form to the public, please consider our cause for your support.

There is a new development that I hope will, not only increase our footprint across western Oregon, but may appeal to potential advertisers who will benefit from partnering with us to support the newspaper and to bring more business and organizational branding and messaging to our Readers. From Roseburg to Albany, including Sutherlin, Cottage Grove, Eugene and Springfield and on the Coast from Coos Bay to Florence - the Herald has, over the last 2 years, reached a total of nearly 5000 readers.

And what development is that, you say? The Oregon News Herald will be also publishing an extended electronic edition this month and next month, to over 40,000 recipients across social media, first in our current 75 mile diameter distribution area and then to all or most of western Oregon. The extended editions contain additional stories not published in our print edition and more photos and advertiser exposure with additional pages of material.

So welcome to summer everyone, it was a long winter and Spring but now that it is here, let’s watch out for each other and mind the heat. Enjoy summer vacation or at least get out and partake of the endless joy of our great state of Oregon. Be mindful of fire safety, give your neighbors a hand if they need it and keep smiling. Trust me, it makes all the difference in this day and age.

Another little tidbit of news, the Herald has actually been featured in an online article by a couple of U of O students as a class project. As I have reported, many times, the newspaper industry is declining across our nation to the tune of 10 going out of business each week. The bulk of these, but not limited to, are rural and small circulation publications, creating News Deserts across the country. The class project was for students to fan out and get the stories from rural and small communities in Oregon and report on them. Journalism students, Denali Sleeper and Elise Haverland chose the Oregon News Herald and shadowed yours truly for a few days to make the following feature. <https://oregonsnr.aljournalism.wordpress.com/2025/05/01/tattoos-motorcycles-and-newspapers/>. I would like to thank them for the exposure and if you want to check it out and other articles on Oregon rural news publications, follow the link or scan the QR or <https://tinyurl.com/mpn5yk2b>.





# Letters from the Librarian

"But you know, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light." - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, JK Rowling



Recently our library and civic center building celebrated its 40th year. We marked the occasion with live music, cake from a local bakery, and visits from friends and library supporters near and far. It was a lovely day to remember the philanthropy and community spirit that built this place. It was also a chance to reflect on some of the events and programs that have taken place here -- weddings, tea parties, proms, father-daughter dances, country swing dances, taekwondo classes, 4H club meetings, the North Douglas Fair, the storied citywide yard sale, puppet shows, and reading parades.

While visiting with one guest, I made an offhand comment that I sometimes feel guilty that this place is thriving while many communities are

struggling to provide library services and gathering opportunities. That guest very wisely corrected me. In times of difficulty, we need joy more than ever. Joy in storytime, in seed libraries, and in Lego club. We are looking forward to so much this summer! Our theme is "Level Up at Your Library," and everyone is welcome to join for programming, reading challenges, and prizes. We'll give away hundreds of free books and learn some new games and skills. Sign up now at [ndld.org](http://ndld.org) or of course you're welcome to stop in the library Tuesday through Saturday to sign up in person.

Beginning June 17: Tuesdays at 1 pm we will have a teen program (including D&D games and tie dye!). We kick off all-ages programming on Wednesday June 18 at 1 pm with a local author party and lots of prizes. Thursdays at 4 pm we'll show movies, and play Legos. Adults can play along too on their own schedule and join others for Local Author Night on Friday July 25 at 5 pm. A full schedule of events is in this paper and available at [ndld.org](http://ndld.org) or printed at the library. Won't you join us to "level up" the joy factor this summer?

*"It is not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness." Peter Pan, JM Barrie*

Miriam Sisson, Director  
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## Yoncalla Beautification in Action



A member of the Yoncalla Beautification Committee (YBC) is shown placing one of many flower pots on new posts that now line Eagle Valley Road. The posts were manufactured by a YBC member and pot holders were manufactured by

Yoncalla High School shop students. A total of 40 floral arrangements are now in place with an additional ten pots scheduled for hanging. Several posts on Eagle Valley Road also will display seasonal banners.

## Lower Umpqua Senior Center in Reedsport



As the weather is changing, it's time to get out and have some fun. Come see us at the Lower Umpqua Senior Center at 460 Winchester Avenue in Reedsport to visit, have lunch, or enjoy the many activities that happen throughout the week. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 3:00, as long as there is a volunteer available.

The Senior Center begins the week with a little creativity and strategy. On Mondays the Art Group meets from 9:30 to Noon. Most in this group enjoy watercolor but all talent is welcome. Bring down what you are working on, or start a new one with friends. From Noon until 3:00 there is Mah Jongg with International Rules. All skill levels are welcome. At this point, Mah Jongg is played only on Mondays. However, if the group grows, they hope to gather twice a week.

On Tuesdays Meals on Wheels serves the senior lunch at 11:45. Lunch is available for those 60 years and up every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Senior Center asks for a \$3.00 donation, but will work with those in need. After lunch, stick around to play cards and games until the center closes. On the

first Tuesday of the month, the Senior Center Board of Directors meet at 12:30. Public is welcome.

Bingo is every Wednesday at 1:00. Make sure you arrive early so you can pick a good seat and get settled with your cards. There is no limit on how many cards you can get. It cost \$1.00 per card, \$5.00 for six cards, \$3.00 for a blackout.

On Thursday, Meals on Wheels senior lunch is served at 11:45. Ceramics Painting meets at 1:00. You can bring greenware that a member of the group will fire, or bring bisqueware to paint. There are a few basic paints available. If you want special colors or glaze, you will need to bring your own. After painting, a member of the group will take pieces home to fire.

On Friday, Meals on Wheels senior lunch is served at 11:45. Monday through Friday there are other fun activities for the community to enjoy. There is a pool table, books, horseshoes, puzzles and more. The Lower Umpqua Senior Center has free wifi. Give us a call (541-271-4484) or come down and join in all the fun! We would love to see new faces. Stacey Broussard, [seniorcenterboard25@gmail.com](mailto:seniorcenterboard25@gmail.com)

## Annual Rock and Gem Show in Reedsport

Our Friday through Sunday annual Father's Day weekend show is coming up. As a non-profit supporting the Library, Fire and Police, our income comes from this show. We have members from Florence to Bandon

and would love to expand inland. We start mid-May and run right up through the show. Cindy Wegner Co-chair advertising Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society

LOWER UMPQUA GEM AND LAPIDARY SOCIETY-NONPROFIT

ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW

JUNE 13 - 15

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND  
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CENTER

10AM FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY  
FREE ADMISSION, VENDORS, RAFFLE, AUCTION,  
GAMES, CONTESTS, PRIZES  
SUPPORT FUTURE ROCKHOUNDERS OF AMERICA



# Eugene and Springfield will soon have new AI-powered license plate readers that will make ‘digital fingerprints’ of cars

Story by Rusty Savage



Eugene and Springfield police have purchased license plate readers that use AI to make digital fingerprints of vehicles. Police say they’re a tool to gather objective evidence and they’ve already helped solve a violent crime.

The cameras consist of small black devices powered with solar panels and use AI to capture make, model, color, unique characteristics like damage or bumper stickers, as well as license plate numbers. According to the company, it can also make digital fingerprints of bicycles.

The data will go into a searchable database maintained by Georgia-based Flock Safety for 30 days. Flock Safety now has contracts with Eugene and Springfield Police Departments, as well as law enforcement agencies and homeowners

associations around the country. Flock is still in the process of installing Eugene’s 57 cameras, but EPD has already used the system to apprehend suspects in two crimes; a robbery and a double homicide.

According to the company’s terms of use policy, local governments own the data they collect and are also in charge of deciding who has access. Skinner said Eugene may look up specific vehicles on behalf of other departments or agencies, but it won’t allow direct access. But privacy advocates fear the system, linked to a nationwide network, may put Oregon’s vulnerable residents at risk.

A recent investigation from 404 Media found Immigration and Customs Enforcement had gained access to Flock data from across the country with the help of local police departments. They reported

that a sheriff’s department in Texas used Flock’s network of cameras in trying to locate a woman who had an abortion.

Eugene, and police departments across Oregon are looking into the technology, which may expose information about marginalized visitors and residents if they join Flock’s network. Even with restrictions on database access, partnerships with previously trusted federal agencies, like the FBI, could result in Flock data being used to enforce laws contrary to Oregon’s values.

Both Eugene and Springfield accessed the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Organized Retail Theft Grants to purchase the cameras. EPD states that Eugene’s cameras were primarily purchased to deal with retail theft, but police may use them for Amber Alerts and violent crime. The department also says there are no plans to use them for traffic enforcement, and they’ll be located

on major thoroughfares. Eugene Police’s Flock Camera system will fully launch in July.

Springfield PD bought 25 cameras that will be rolled out over the next few months. Springfield Police Lt. George Crolly said the cameras will be used for retail theft investigations, stolen vehicles, major crimes and Amber Alerts. He said the department will follow Oregon’s Sanctuary Promise Act, which bars law enforcement from helping with immigration enforcement. Springfield has, reportedly, bought 24 regular Flock cameras and one that can detect speed.

The Lane County Sheriff said the department is considering whether to purchase Flock cameras, but has not yet made a decision. Other cities across the region, including Oregon City and Florence, have started rolling out the system over the last year. Flock also sells its systems to private businesses, including some in Oregon.



Solar-powered, AI enabled security cameras like this one are appearing in Eugene and Springfield after the two cities signed a contract with the surveillance company Flock Safety.

# West Coast Game Park Safari Investigation finds Guns, Drugs, \$1.6 million in cash; Owner arrested

Story by Rusty Savage



The West Coast Game Park Safari in Bandon, Oregon, often referred to as a “safari park” and featured animals like tigers and lions, has been closed after a criminal investigation and the seizure of over 300 animals. Oregon State Police, along with local, state, and federal agencies, conducted a lengthy criminal investigation involving animal welfare and business practices. The park was closed after the investigation, and the seized animals were relocated. 310 animals were seized and relocated to sanctuaries and rescue facilities, according to the Oregon State Police.

The search warrant revealed concerning conditions at the park, including a dead tiger found in a freezer, thin animals with visible bones, and a lioness in a small, poorly ventilated den. Three animals were euthanized due to their poor physical condition. Coos County officials are still reviewing the case and determining if further charges related to animal welfare will be filed.

During the search, authorities also found 44 firearms, about 80 grams of methamphetamine, and about \$1.6 million in cash. The owner, Brian Tenney, was arrested on drug charges.

The primary focus of authorities after the closure has been transporting the seized animals to new homes.

The West Coast Game Park Safari opened in 1968 and has been a popular family experience to thousands of visitors. In recent years it has declined in its animal maintenance and general appearance. Online reviews from prior to the closure indicated mixed opinions about the park, with some enjoying the interactive animal encounters but others expressing concerns about the animals’

welfare and living conditions.

While the West Coast Game Park Safari is no longer operational, there are other attractions in the Bandon area, such as the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge, which offers opportunities to observe wildlife. However, this facility does not offer interactions or animal encounters in the same way the game park did.

The investigation and closure of West Coast Game Park Safari brought attention to the need for stricter oversight and enforcement of animal welfare laws in Oregon. Advocates for animal rights are calling for changes in state laws to make it easier for local authorities to enforce animal welfare regulations at facilities like West Coast Game Park Safari.

Organizations like the American Zoological Association (AZA) and Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) are urging the public to visit only accredited facilities to ensure high standards of animal care. Only three are AZA certified in Oregon: Oregon Coast Aquarium, Newport Accredited through March 2027. Oregon Zoo, Portland Accredited through September 2026. Wildlife Safari, Winston Accredited through September 2026.





# North Douglas High School Career Fair 2025

May 8th 2025 signaled a major event for Students to explore. *“Biggest and Best year to date.” - Principal Brandon Haberly*



## Local Martial Artist selected as ATA Athlete of the Week



William Silva, an 11 year old 1st Degree Black Belt with Rogers Family Martial Arts in Cottage Grove, has been honored by the American Taekwondo Association (ATA) as their Athlete of the Week. ATA is the nation’s largest martial arts organization, with over 130,000 active members training worldwide. William was singled out

as Athlete of the Week; he will be interviewed on ATA’s podcast, ATA Nation, this Sunday. William achieved his Black Belt in December 2024. He has been competing nationally and internationally, and is now Oregon State Champion in Traditional Forms, Creative Forms, and Creative Weapons, and in the Top 10 in Traditional Weapons, Sparring, and Xtreme Forms. This placement qualifies him to compete in these areas at District Championships, to be held June 7, in Salem. Winning at Districts would then qualify him to compete at the Tournament of Champions, to determine the World Champion in these events, in Phoenix July 23 – 25. William is a very hard worker, who trains at the Rogers Martial Arts dojang at least 3 times per week, and at home and in private lessons additionally. He is always ready to volunteer to help other students, and has been an assistant in the ATA Tiger (4 – 7 year old) ring at tournaments, as well as being selected as an honorary guest judge at Rogers ATA’s last testing.

## School’s in Session

North Douglas Elementary School  
Student of the Month:  
Gracie Harris, Kindergarten



Gracie brings so much positive energy to the classroom! Her kindness shines through in how she interacts with everyone - always ready to share and help her classmates and teachers. She’s incredibly generous with her time and things, making her a true joy to be around.

North Douglas Middle School  
Student of the Month:  
Reece Bohlman, 6th Grade



Reece is an exceptional, fair-minded, and level-headed guy. He enjoys the things he earns but also enjoys watching others relish in the rewards of their efforts. He is a real treat to have in class

## Vital Statistics

## Obituaries

## In Memoriam



**Beulah Sutton Everley**, a pillar of the Yoncalla community and beloved mother, sister, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2025, at the age of 89. Born to John C. and LaVeta Lucille (Neville) Sutton on June 24, 1935, in Sutherlin, Oregon, Beulah’s kindness and generosity touched the lives of many throughout her remarkable life. Beulah’s early years were spent in the scenic landscapes of Oregon. She graduated from Roseburg High School in 1953 and furthered her education at Umpqua Community College, where she completed two years of studies. On April 8, 1955, she married David Clingman in Roseburg, and

although their paths later diverged, she found love again and married Willis Everley on June 14, 1968 in Carson City, Nevada. Beulah’s professional journey was as varied as it was impactful. With a mind for figures and details, she worked as a key punch operator for the Department of Defense, a role that held great responsibility during the time. Her expertise in bookkeeping led her to Dr. Holtz and Weaver and later to Carsten’s furniture. Her love for books and the community eventually guided her to the Yoncalla Public Library, where she would retire, leaving a legacy of literacy and learning. Her dedication to service extended far beyond her professional responsibilities. Beulah was an active and cherished member of the Yoncalla Church of Christ, where she managed the books, taught Sunday School, and led the Vacation Bible School. The Yoncalla Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Library, and North Douglas Betterment all benefited from her involvement, and her efforts did not go unnoticed. Her community

recognized her service with the Citizen of the Year award, and she proudly served as the grand marshal for the North Douglas parade. Beulah’s interests created a tapestry of involvement that enriched not only her life but also the lives of those around her. She found great joy in attending children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events, supporting them as a constant presence on the sidelines. Her nurturing spirit extended into her roles as a Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, and 4-H leader. Alongside her husband Willis, she cultivated beauty through their shared passion for flower gardening, ensuring that their church was graced with fresh flowers every Sunday. She brought joy to many through her creative talents, creating beautiful cakes for numerous occasions, including the weddings of her own children. Beulah’s commitment to community growth was manifested in her instrumental role in fundraising to build the new Yoncalla library – a feat achieved without the use of tax dollars. A testament to

her selflessness was the warmth and comfort she stitched into each quilt she lovingly made for her grandchildren. Beulah served with distinction on the North Douglas Fair Board and headed the flower committee for many years, leaving a trail of blossoms wherever she went. Her heart for others was evident in her dedicated work as the local chair for the American Heart Association’s fundraising efforts. Her legacy lives on in her son Lyle and Sally Clingman, daughter Sheri and Rick Holtz, son Steven and Judy Everley, sister Jacqueline Parsons, and brother Frank Sutton, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Willis, sisters Annamae Roth, Maxine Blakeley, Donna Hopkins, Rita Pinard, and brother Duane Sutton. Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m. on May 17, 2025, at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. Interment will be at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

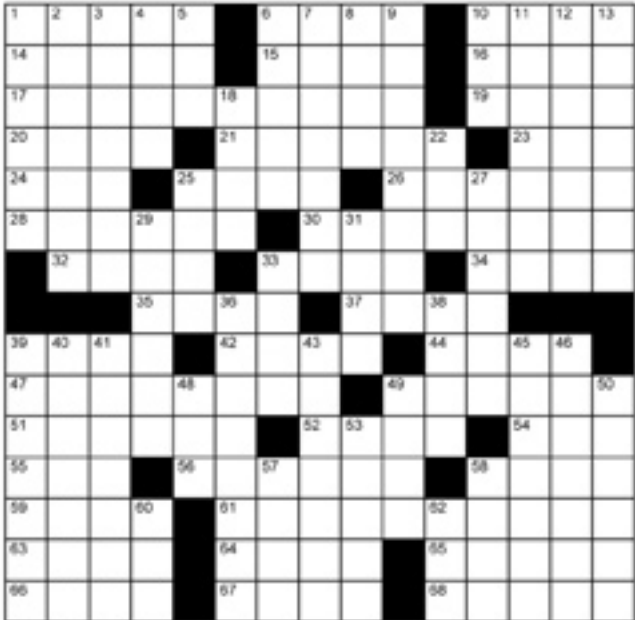


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## May Crossword Solution

Across

- 1. Wait state
- 6. Normal beginning?
- 10. Lot size, maybe
- 14. Archer's ammo
- 15. Erelong
- 16. Type of rug
- 17. Crowning ceremony
- 19. Tattered duds
- 20. Part of BTU
- 21. Grant
- 23. Director's cry
- 24. Over-the-hill horse
- 25. Bee or Em
- 26. Take on, as a challenge
- 28. Shocked
- 30. Prophetic
- 32. Engrave on glass
- 33. Make a sweater
- 34. Coastal bird
- 35. Blue hue
- 37. Have a hunch
- 39. \_\_\_-ran
- 42. Vegan no-no
- 44. Office note
- 47. Feature film preceder, once
- 49. Sarcastic
- 51. Move unsteadily
- 52. Forest dweller
- 54. Chic getaway
- 55. Polished off
- 56. Strip
- 58. Study all night
- 59. Name as a source
- 61. Breakfast melon



63. "I had no \_\_\_!"

64. Get the pot going

65. Speck in the sea

66. Fender bender result

67. Fortune teller

68. Over yonder
9. Comment on, in a way

10. Berne's river

11. One of a cereal trio

12. Bar fixture?

13. Tampa's time zone

18. Have an edge against

22. WWII female

25. Pale as a ghost

27. Butcher's offering

29. Approach boldly

31. Break in relations

33. Kind of pad

36. NBC show, "\_\_\_ Got Talent"

38. Ruler of the east

39. Stomach remedy
40. Danger for small boats

41. Add sugar to

43. How some prefer their pasta

45. Govern badly

46. In theory only

48. Roulette bet

49. Software test version

50. Germ cell

53. Aromatic compound

57. Wind instrument

58. Brit's bludgeon

60. Chow down

62. Liquored up

Down

- 1. Manuscript gap
- 2. Period when forging began
- 3. Dream guy
- 4. Tony Lama item
- 5. Part of MYOB
- 6. Eucharistic plate
- 7. "Friends" actress
- 8. \_\_\_ canal



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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

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### SPRINGFIELD

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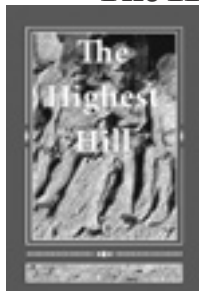
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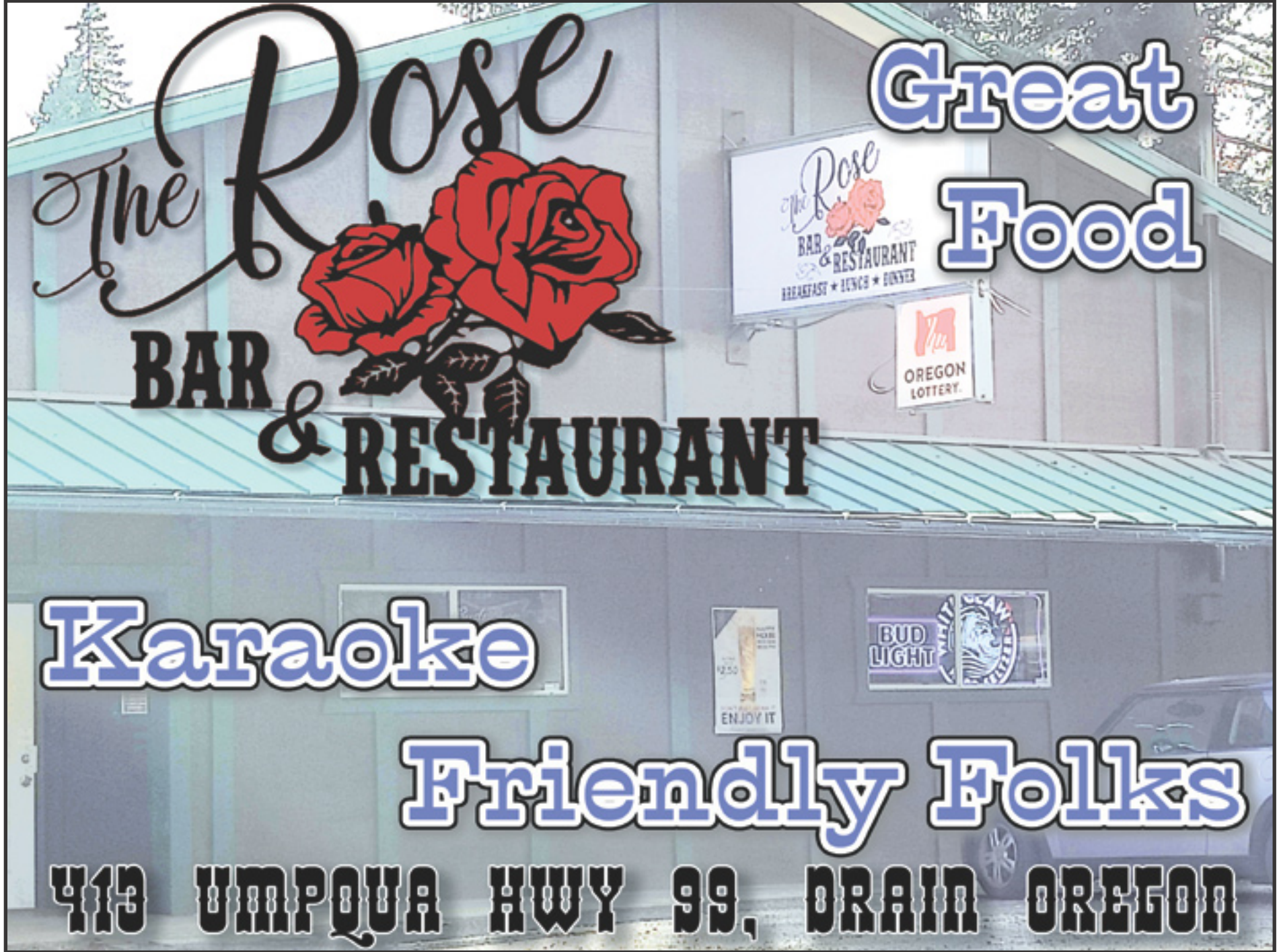


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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
78° 48°	76° 49°	74° 48°	77° 46°	75° 48°	74° 50°	79° 51°
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## SMITH-LUND-MILLS 2025 Funeral Home of the Year

### Oregon Funeral Directors Association Honors Chapel with its 2025 Award

Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium has been awarded the 2025 Funeral Home of the Year Award by the Oregon Funeral Directors Association (OFDA). The honor was presented during the OFDA's annual conference held this May in Hood River, Oregon.

Marc Lund, owner and manager of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, accepted the award on behalf of its dedicated team. The recognition celebrates a commitment to compassionate service and professional excellence in funeral care that began over a century ago.

"This award is a reflection of the incredible dedication and service our staff brings to every family we serve," he said. "We are deeply honored to be recognized by our peers in the funeral service profession."

Marc's father, Doug Lund, began working with the funeral chapel – one of Cottage Grove's oldest continuously operating businesses – back

in 1964. Marc recalls that 30 years ago this month, a desire to work with his father brought him back to the family business to continue its legacy and tradition of service.

Since then, the business has expanded to include the operation of Fir Grove Cemetery and a mobile gravedigging service for other pioneer cemeteries in the area. Marc and his wife, Christina Lund, also purchased Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium and Cemetery in Eugene in 2015, extending their legacy of care and community service across Lane County.

"We've tried to carry on the principles and traditions we started with – taking care of our customers, and working with a kind, caring, compassionate and professional staff," Marc said. "You have to have the right people, who have the best interests of the community at heart and who strive for excellence and professionalism."



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Programs are geared for all ages unless otherwise specified.

JUNE	June 17 June 18 June 19	Tuesday @1 PM: Teen D&D Session 1 <b>**Teen Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: Kick Off Party + Children’s Author Visit Thursday @ 4 PM: Lego Club
	June 24 June 25 June 26 June 28	Tuesday @1 PM: Level Up Life Skills <b>**Teen &amp; Adult Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Tween & Teen Movie! <b>**Teen Program**</b> Saturday @12 PM: “Bring Your Own Book” Book Club <b>**Adult Program**</b>
JULY	July 1 July 2 July 3 July 4	Tuesday @1 PM: Board Game Club Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Lego Club Friday: Library Closed for 4th of July holiday
	July 8 July 9 July 10 July 12	Tuesday @1 PM: Teen Tie Dye with Victoria <b>**Teen Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Tween & Teen Movie! <b>**Teen Program**</b> Saturday @12 PM: Garden Club <b>**Adult Program**</b>
	July 15 July 16 July 17	Tuesday @1 PM: Teen D&D Session 2 <b>**Teen Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Lego Club
	July 22 July 23 July 24 July 25 July 26	Tuesday @1 PM: Level Up Life Skills <b>**Teen &amp; Adult Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Tween & Teen Movie! <b>**Teen Program**</b> Friday @5 PM: Local Author Night <b>**Adult Program**</b> Saturday @12 PM: “Bring Your Own Book” Book Club <b>**Adult Program**</b>
AUGUST	July 29 July 30 July 31	Tuesday @1 PM: Board Game Club Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Summer Reading Craft Make Up / Repeat A Craft
	August 5 August 6 August 7 August 9	Tuesday @1 PM: Friendship Bracelet Bookmarks <b>**Teen Program**</b> Wednesday @1 PM: All Ages Story & Craft Thursday @4 PM: Lego Club Saturday @12 PM: Garden Club <b>**Adult Program**</b>
	August 12 August 13 August 14	Tuesday @1 PM: Teen D&D Session 3 <b>**Teen Program**</b> Wednesday @5 PM: Family Night, grand prize giveaway Thursday @4 PM: Tween & Teen Movie! <b>**Teen Program**</b> @7 PM: YonDr Book Club <b>**Adult Program**</b>

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