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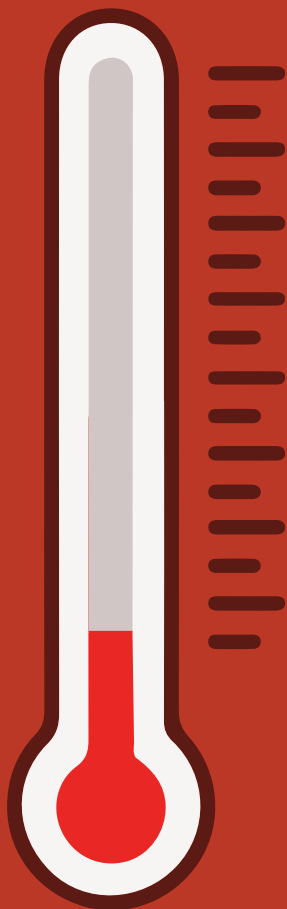


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My View

Sensational Slate and Worthy Causes

by Whitman Parker, Publisher



I'm pleased to present this month's issue with a special section on the 2020 Jacksonville City Council race. With so much news coverage on COVID-19, the devastating fires, economic challenges, national politics and other not-so-pleasant topics, it's refreshing for a change to be able to endorse an entire slate of candidates...this year's election includes an uncontested mayoral race and 4 candidates vying for 3 council seats.



Donna Bowen is running uncontested and will make a fine Mayor. I've known her for years and have watched her in action at the committee and council level and admire her ability to run a meeting and work with varied personalities and interest groups. She has big shoes to fill with the retirement of Mayor Paul Becker... yet I know she's the perfect fit for the job. When Donna takes the oath of office on January 5, 2021, the council will need to appoint someone to fill her remaining two-year council term. I'm hopeful that the runner-up in the council race will be appointed but understand that no mandate exists to do so.

On your ballot, the City Council ticket includes 2 incumbents—Steve Casaleggio and Mike McClain, along with first-time office seekers Scott Selbe and Andrea Lerner Thompson. As you'll read in their individual candidate statements, each possesses an excellent skill set that's needed to serve on City Council. As I've said during every race, the best city councilors are those who've served at the committee and commission levels and have gained contextual knowledge of how the city operates. Most importantly, good councilors have developed good relationships amongst our citizenry and with staff. Lucky for us, all 4 council candidates have distinguished service records and deserve your vote!

In addition to supporting the candidates, I encourage you to support the fundraising efforts by our Chamber of Commerce for Victorian Christmas. If you don't know, the month-long celebration is NOT paid for by the city and your help is needed this year. With the massive fundraising needs of our neighbor's in Phoenix and Talent, I hope you'll consider sending a portion of your generous donations to our Chamber of Commerce and helping light up our Small Town with Big Atmosphere!

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MEET YOUR 2020 JACKSONVILLE CANDIDATES

Donna Bowen - Mayor



As I sat down to write an introductory article of myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, I struggled to find something new, exciting, and inspiring in the sea of articles this election year. Nationally, everyone makes promises and pontificates lofty ideals along with some terrific and not-so-terrific ideas showing why they are better qualified than anyone else for the job. Not so much here in Jacksonville, thankfully. We love living here and all genuinely want the best for our city. My qualifications for the position are simple: my love of our city, my experience in city governance, and my willingness to continue to advocate for Jacksonville and the people who call this place home. I want the best for the present and the future of Jacksonville.

I am a native Oregonian, from Coos Bay, and a full-time resident of Jacksonville since 2008. I was a

Vice President of Operations for various brokerage firms including Foster & Marshall; Shearson, Lehman, Hutton; American Express; and A.G. Edwards. I have also been a small business owner and raised American Quarter Horses. My husband, Clark, and I restored and renovated our historic 1863 home here in Jacksonville, giving me my first experience with a city-appointed committee. That led to my serving on the Historic Architecture Review Commission for seven years, three as the HARC Chairperson. For the last two years, I have served as one of your elected City Councilors. I have also served on the Budget Committee for over five years, on personnel hiring committees, as Council Liaison to the Cemetery Commission and as current Council Liaison to the Committee for Citizen Involvement. I am Past President and a member of the Jacksonville Garden Club. My previous experiences include serving on the North Coast Cultural Collaboration in Humboldt County, California, and seven years with the Humboldt Arts Council, three of those years as President. I'm a Women's History Nominee from the American Association of University Women for my contribution to establishing the Morris Graves Museum of Art in the historic Carnegie Library in Eureka, California.

As Mayor, I expect to utilize and draw upon my past experiences in administration, organization, working within and balancing a budget, and showing measurable progress. I am known for and comfortable working to consensus, connecting people, coordinating multiple partnerships, and increasing public involvement. I consider important city issues to include: finding projects that will generate revenue for the city's coffers, finishing updating our city code, completing the renovation of the current Fire Hall, utilization of the second story of the City Courthouse, and managing growth responsibly, including traffic congestion. We also need to find ways to have a positive impact on existing businesses, attract new business, and continue to honor our heritage as a historic city.

We have an excellent city infrastructure in place to accomplish this, with an experienced City Administrator and staff, a hard-working City Council, dedicated Commissions, and Volunteers. I plan on building on these partnerships. I welcome your ideas and concerns. I hope you will take the time to share them with me. I look forward very much to serving as Mayor of Jacksonville and will do my best to serve honorably, ably, and fairly.

Steve Casaleggio - City Council (Incumbent)



I believe volunteer involvement is vital to Jacksonville and service on our City Council is the highest of volunteer work. That's why I seek a second Council term. First, though, some background: For 25 years, I was an attorney, working with elected officials and staffs to finance water and sewer systems, schools, public buildings and other improvements. I got pretty familiar with the needs and workings of cities.

Since retiring here fifteen years ago, I've been an active volunteer: a Boosters' Director, Club President and now Director in charge of projects. I've enjoyed hands-on work helping restore Peter Britt Gardens and the Arboretum, painting and cleanups at the Cemetery, restoring downtown benches and proudly showing off our City at home and history tours. For the City, I've served on the Transient Lodging Tax Committee and chaired the Parks, Recreation and Visitors' Services Committee. Since January 2017, I've exercised my volunteer spirit as a City Councilor, served as Council liaison to the Cemetery and Planning Commissions and helped staff drafting resolutions and ordinances.

My continuing concern is about sustaining the City's financial health. While we have managed thus far to preserve essential services on our woefully

tiny tax base, the future, clouded by Covid-19 and inevitably increasing costs, is at best uncertain. Doubtless, that future will bring difficult decisions over staffing and services. Councils, focused entirely on the City's needs and continued, enthusiastic volunteer support, will be essential.

Living in Jacksonville means enjoying a relaxed lifestyle among friendly people in an historic, but unpretentious setting. That setting could be changed for the better by the return of a museum. I've continued my campaign to use Old City Hall for that purpose once the Council meetings move to the Historic Courthouse-New City Hall. The new museum would offer yet more opportunities for volunteer participation in curating, staffing and managing. It's all about caring for Jacksonville.



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Mike McClain - City Council (Incumbent)



I am a fourth generation Oregonian who grew up on a farm/ranch outside the historic northeastern town of Joseph. My entire career was spent in education. For fifteen years I taught high school English and social studies, coached basketball, track and cross country and directed numerous school plays.

From teaching I moved into school administration

with my first job in Central Point some 38 years ago. I spent nine years as the principal of Crater High School and then finished my career as the Superintendent of Schools for the Central Point School system. Nine years ago, my wife, Kandee, and I made the five mile move from Central Point to Jacksonville, and we could not be happier.

Shortly after we moved here, we joined the Jacksonville Boosters Club and started volunteering for some of the organization's projects. This led to

friendships, more volunteer opportunities, and being asked to serve on the Boosters Board of Directors. I then served one year as President of the Boosters as well as one term on the Boosters Foundation Board of Directors. In addition, my wife and I are members of the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church where I served for six years as an elder, chaired three auctions to raise funds for the new church on Middle Street and chaired the large church Mexico Mission yard sale for three years.

My first experience with Jacksonville city government came when I was appointed to the Jacksonville Budget Committee in 2017. For the past two years I have served as the chair of the budget committee. In October of 2019 I was appointed to the Jacksonville City Council to fill out a term of a councilman who had resigned. This provided me an opportunity to see if I liked serving on the Council before deciding whether to run for the office. Simply put, I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the Council. My fellow councilors are intelligent people who always make decisions based on what is best for Jacksonville. When we disagree, we do it agreeably and always accept the majority decision. In addition, from my Council experience, I have come to truly appreciate the quality and competence of our staff. We are very fortunate.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the Council and to seeing the completion of several projects, not the least of which is the remodel of the second floor of the New City Hall. This will be a gem for the whole valley to appreciate. In addition, I would like to see the Council develop a multi-year fuel reduction plan for the woodlands that surround our city. Using the recent fuel reduction project done on the Panorama Point area in the Jacksonville Woodlands as our model, I believe we could receive grant support for this project which would make our city so much safer.

If I could snap my fingers and change one thing about our village it would be that all dog owners would pick up after their dogs just like we do with our two dogs. Nothing disgusts me more than to walk our fair city and see numerous piles of dog poop.

Scott Selbe - City Council



I'm originally from Illinois. Up until 2015, I spent my entire life living in the northern suburbs of Chicago. In 1973 I attended the University of Illinois where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree, graduating magna cum laude.

In 1979 I was hired by a telecommunications company to write personnel policies and practices. A year later I

was moved to the employee benefits department where, via on-the-job experience, I learned the various facets of benefits design, administration and legal compliance. During that time, I also became a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist through course work developed by the Wharton School of Business.

During my 36-year career as a benefits professional, I worked at four different major corporations. The last 16 years I spent with Packaging Corporation of

America (PCA), a manufacturer of paper and corrugated products. As Executive Director of Benefits, I was responsible for the administration and legal oversight of our various pension, 401(k), health and insurance plans. I was also responsible for a budget of over \$150 million, including expense tracking and cost allocation to our various paper mills and box plants. My role required extensive interface with the corporate legal, accounting, treasury, audit, human resource and labor relations departments. Other significant duties included:

- Serving on PCA's Investment Committee, which selects and monitors the various investment funds for their pension and 401(k) plans;
- Developing and maintaining legal plan documents;
- Developing and editing employee communications and benefit handbooks, written to meet ERISA's readability standards (Employee Retirement Income Security Act);
- Participating in the collective bargaining process with their largest labor union, the USW, acting as subject matter expert and consultant to PCA's labor relations bargaining committee.

Retiring in early 2015, and at the encouragement of my sister and brother-in law (who've lived here

since 1992), I moved to Jacksonville that summer. It has always been my dream to live in a small town out west, and I can tell you Jacksonville has fulfilled that dream in every imaginable way. I love the fact that everything is so close, the people so friendly, the downtown so unique, and best of all, no stop lights! My girlfriend Brooks and I particularly enjoy walking our dogs, London and Bridges, throughout our beautiful neighborhoods.

In 2018, I was selected by the City Council to serve on a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the purpose of reviewing and revising Chapter One of Jacksonville's Comprehensive Plan. Later, I was selected to serve on a second CAC for the purpose of reviewing and revising the current draft of Jacksonville's Land Development Code. Evidently, my work on the CAC was recognized by certain city representatives, who encouraged me to run for City Council; and so, I have decided to run.

If you believe my background and work experience would make me an asset to our City Council, I would appreciate your vote. If elected, my initial goals would be to listen, learn, get along, and do my best at representing the collective interests of Jacksonville and its citizens.

Andrea Lerner Thompson - City Council



Almost five years ago, my husband, my two dogs, and I chose to call Jacksonville home; we wanted to live in a small city, but one with rich cultural offerings, an environment with natural beauty, and marked by the spirited involvement of citizens working to safeguard our rich history and lifestyle. I am running for the Jacksonville City Council because I believe a

city is only as strong as its involved citizenry. I am running because despite the partisanship of national politics, I believe on the local level we can work together to build a shared vision. I am running because eighteen years ago when my children were very small, I was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. I was terrified, and I made a pact with God: if I could live long enough to raise my children,

I would devote more of my energy to good works, to serving my community. My boys are now wonderful, young men in their twenties, and I continue to keep my end of the bargain. Finally, I am running because I wish to see more women in leadership positions.

We retired from northern California where I was Professor of American literature and Native American studies and Director of University Honors Programs at Chico State. I was elected for two terms to the Chico Unified School District Board of Education, serving twice as Board President. In Jacksonville, I have enjoyed volunteering with the Jacksonville Boosters Club where I am currently Club President. I also serve on the Board of the Boosters Foundation which annually donates thousands of dollars in grants to public and non-profit organizations in Jacksonville. In city politics I have chaired the Committee on Citizen Involvement since its inception. Both my professional and civic experience have given me tools to build consensus, to welcome opposing viewpoints, and to make thoughtful decisions. While I realize not everyone will agree with every decision, I pledge that people will always feel heard.

Over the next four years, there is much work to be done: the revision of our building codes must be completed with transparency and citizen involvement. We must address the following questions: How do we retain Jacksonville's unique character while accommodating inevitable growth? How does a city with a small taxable population base continue to offer high quality services despite the increased costs of public employees and insurance? How do we encourage tourism while maintaining the integrity of the community for its residents? What measures can we take to protect our resources and our unique historical dimension and ensure our residents the high quality of life to which they are accustomed? How do we deal with the challenges of COVID-19 and its effect on our businesses as well as our most vulnerable citizens?

These are not questions easily answered. Yet I believe I possess a pragmatic and thoughtful approach to the challenges that arise, a mindset wedded to teamwork and committed to embracing the active participation of our community.

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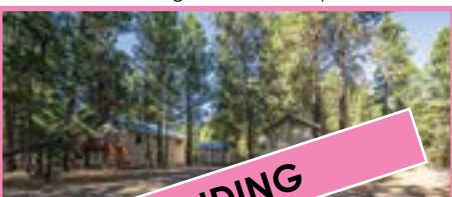
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News From Britt Hill

Britt Hill Now a Non-Smoking Venue

by Donna Briggs, President & CEO, Britt Music & Arts Festival

The unimaginable has happened. Rogue Valley communities have burned beyond recognition. Lives have been lost. Families have lost their homes. Business owners have lost their livelihoods. Gratefully, Jacksonville was spared for now. Oregonians take great pride in the many outdoor treasures our state has to offer and we must all take steps to protect our home. Britt Music and Arts Festival believes that we have the duty and responsibility to safeguard our community to the best of our ability. Over the past few years, it has become increasingly clear that we have only one choice.

We want to be part of the solution by helping to protect, manage and promote stewardship of our forests and communities. That commitment begins with making fire prevention a priority. Britt's leadership has decided to take decisive measures to protect our beautiful valley. In response to valid concerns around the hazards of patrons and employees smoking, and with the very real dangers of wildfires, **Britt Music and Arts Festival has made the decision to make our hill a non-smoking venue. Effective immediately, the smoking of tobacco products, cannabis, and electronic cigarettes is not permitted anywhere within Britt's facilities.**

Our goal is to make Britt as safe and healthy as possible. Smoke-free environments are simply safer for patrons, volunteers, and staff. Furthermore, musicians are particularly susceptible to the hazards of secondhand smoke and vaping products/e-cigarettes. This policy will benefit everyone and it is the right thing to do. We accept the risk that our non-smoking policy may prevent some

smokers from purchasing tickets to Britt concerts. A little lost revenue is a small price to pay to keep our valley safe.

Additionally, we have a broader goal of educating the public about the health effects caused by secondhand smoke and changing attitudes regarding smoking in ways that harm other people. Smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke of any kind are risk factors that can contribute to more severe COVID-19 symptoms due to their impact on underlying health conditions like diminished lung function, a weakened immune system, and the associated risk of respiratory illness. With COVID-19 and the ever-increasing fire risks, now is the time.

We are pleased with this decision and celebrate the announcement. Only 100% smoke-free environments can guarantee protection to patrons, volunteers, and staff from the toxins in secondhand smoke. Just like coronavirus, secondhand smoke spreads throughout a crowd, and a single cigarette butt thrown out carelessly could destroy our community.

The Britt Music and Arts Festival non-smoking policy will be strictly enforced. There will be zero tolerance. No first warning. If anyone is caught smoking or vaping any substance on the Britt property, they will be removed from the venue.

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The Unfettered Critic

All About That Bass

by Paula Block Erdmann & Terry Erdmann

Jacksonville sat silent this summer, with a stillness settling over us like dust motes, as though a phantom orchestra on an abandoned stage performed a concert of quiescence for our hollow ears.

It was a most disconcerting sound. A sound of sadness.

Call it collateral damage. Call it a sidebar to a pandemic. Call it a pain in the patoot. But for many residents of the city, the worst part wasn't the missing music—it was the missing musicians.

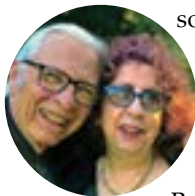
As most of you know, when the one hundred or so musicians flow into town to assemble as the brilliant Britt Orchestra, local families open their homes and their hearts to “put them

up.” Many of the musicians stay in the same home season after season, becoming beloved members of that family, an always welcome addition to the household. In the case of your Unfettered Critics, we’ve come to think of the guest suite in our home as “Dave’s room.” And hope always to do so.

You know Dave Anderson. He’s the guy with the ready smile standing at the far right edge of the Britt stage, holding that huge bass. He’s also the guy with the electric bass sitting in with our local bands at the Bella Union, or organizing the jam session at the J’Ville Tavern. Or just jamming alone at one of the bars, deep into the night. He’s the guy who practices new classical charts between concerts, with the deep rumble of his instrument resonating throughout the house so expertly that even our dogs sit up and listen. And he’s the guy who whips up New Orleans delights for us with the spice mixes he reveals upon each arrival.

But Jacksonville sat silent this summer. Several times throughout the weeks, we looked at one another and repeated that famous line from an ancient Cheech and Chong routine: “Dave’s not here.”

And neither was his bass. We missed that instrument and its deep, amazing



sound almost as much as we missed the man. Known as an “upright bass,” “standup bass,” “string bass,” “double bass,” “contrabass,” “doghouse bass,” “bull fiddle,” “bass violin,” and, in

Brazil, “big Rabeca” (don’t ask), it’s the largest instrument in the orchestra. Large enough to be troublesome. At one time, traveling bands strapped the things to the tops of their cars. Nowadays, Dave delicately chauffeurs his in an SUV. All the way from Louisiana.

We love an apocryphal story about a joker who contacted every bass player listed in the New York City Musician’s Union Directory with a request to bring their instruments and meet him on 34th Street in front of Macy’s at high noon.

Think of it—one hundred-plus basses suddenly appearing during rush hour on the busiest corner in America. Oh, the humanity!

While you can buy a student instrument at Guitar Center, a good bass is hard to find, and a great one even harder. Dave’s is world-class, and world-famous as well. It was handmade in 1818 by Abraham Prescott, a New Hampshire master craftsman. Prescott began by making pipe organs for

churches. Many churches, however, could not afford an organ, so they began looking for other ways to reinforce the strength of their choirs. Prescott saw an opportunity and, in 1809, began building cello-sized “church-basses,” along with much larger “orchestral basses.” Dave (remember him?) calls his, simply, “The Prescott.”

In his other life, Dave has performed since 1996 as Principal Bassist with the Louisiana Philharmonic. And he’s been Principal Bassist with our own Britt Festival Orchestra each summer since 1994.

But not this summer. This summer Jacksonville sat silent.

Paula and Terry identify as writers, with an ever-increasing number of published works to support the supposition. They live a primarily pastoral life in the enchanted village of Jacksonville.



Dave Anderson among the Oregon redwoods.

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How to Stop the Coronavirus? Look to Rotarians and the Polio Virus.

Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary News by Peggy Carlaw

If you were a kid in the 1950s, you probably remember swimming pools and movie theaters being closed and your mom keeping you inside all the time. That was due to polio, an infectious disease most commonly affecting children under the age of 5. It typically spreads through contaminated water where it attacks the nervous system and leads to partial or complete paralysis or death. You may remember the photos of affected children on crutches, in wheelchairs, and in iron lungs.

Thanks to the pioneering work of Dr. Jonas Salk, we view polio as a thing of the past in the US. However, the World Health Organization (WHO) says that failure to completely eradicate the virus worldwide could, within 10 years, result in as many as 200,000 new cases every year.

Rotary has been working to end polio for more than 30 years and is a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Working with the WHO, the CDC, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Rotary has to date invested over \$1.8 billion and vaccinated over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

To start this effort, the GPEI partners launched National Immunization Days. The first was held in 1979 in the Philippines. Since then, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent. And on August 25, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the 45 countries in Africa, free of the wild poliovirus. The only two remaining countries with infections are Pakistan and Afghanistan.

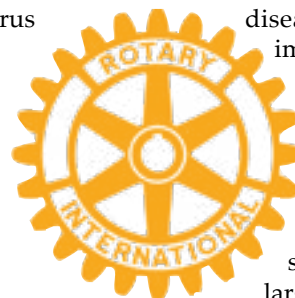
Although India has been polio-free since 2014, because of an increase in cases in neighboring Pakistan and Afghanistan, India held a National Immunization Day in 2020. In January, Dr. Sherry Neuman, a Jacksonville resident and member of the Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club traveled to the province of Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh, India.

Sherry and her team spent the first morning at the women's hospital where

grandmothers brought in newborns to receive two drops of the vaccine and have their fingernail painted with a marker pen to indicate they'd been vaccinated. The afternoon was spent vaccinating children at a teaching hospital.



Dr. Sherry Neuman administering polio vaccine



The second day, the team immunized children at schools in two different slums. The third day, they set up a card table on the street to immunize passing children, then traveled house-to-house looking for children without the telltale fingernail.

According to Sherry, "The experience of meeting Rotarians from the four Jhansi Rotary Clubs, their dedication and passion for eradicating this horribly crippling disease, and the opportunity to immunize babies and children is indelibly etched in my memory."

While Sherry and her team were in Jhansi, similar teams were working in other cities as well as being stationed at border crossings—large and small—to assure no children entered the country unvaccinated. Teams were onsite in train and bus stations to catch in-country travelers. And other teams were traveling on foot, bicycle, horseback, and elephant to reach the most remote areas of India. All told 2.5 million volunteers vaccinated over 172 million children.

So how will this strategy play out in terms of eliminating the coronavirus? The WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, have created COVAX, a global initiative to provide countries worldwide with safe and effective vaccines. They currently have nine under evaluation, including three from US companies. Once vaccines are developed, a supply-chain strategy worked out, and legal agreements with countries in place, National Immunization Days like those used for polio can be rolled out. In the meantime, Rotary will continue to focus on wiping polio from the face of the earth. You can find more information about Rotary's efforts at www.endpolio.org.



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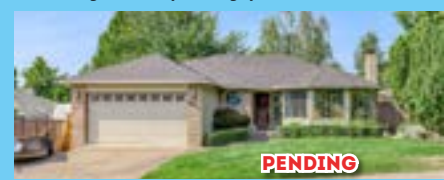
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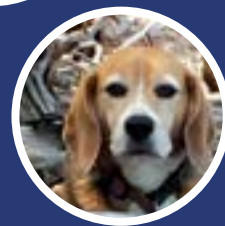
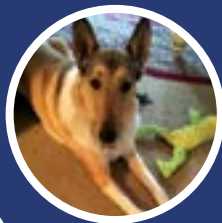
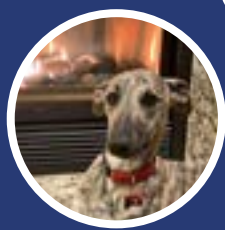


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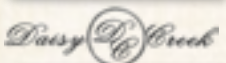
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Sensational Seniors

Bruce Gieg Still Celebrates Work at 87

by Mike McClain

When I arrived at the home of Bruce Gieg, my October “Sensational Seniors” subject, I found him in his shop, sitting in a folding chair and repairing the power take-off mechanism of a Valley View Vineyard tractor. After walking to his nearby home and getting most of the grease off his hands, his life story began to unfold.

Bruce was born on May 24, 1933 in San Fernando, California. His father was the superintendent for the Porter Estates, a 10,000-acre cattle ranch. Tragically, his father died when Bruce was only seven, so he had a fast maturity curve. His elementary and high school years were all spent in the San Fernando school system, but his main vocational training came out of school. Bruce remembers, “I started mechanical work on cars when I was fourteen. Then I kept pestering a man who had a welding shop to let me learn how to weld. He finally grew tired of me asking, so I started working in his shop and ended up welding for him for some eight years.”

After graduation from high school in 1952, young Gieg enlisted in the Army. Since the Korean War was on, Bruce was sent to Korea, first as an infantryman, but later he became a mechanic in the motor pool. Once his two-year military obligation was complete, Bruce returned to San Fernando and the welding business, but, after two years of this, he started a long career as a commercial truck driver. His first job was at Christine Rock and Sand for one year and then to Southwest Paving Company which in 1960 was bought out by Gulf Oil. Bruce was to stay with Gulf Oil until 1980. While he was a truck driver, he also did tire and mechanical work on his trucks, utilizing his early mechanic experience and his Army training.

Not long after he graduated from high school, he met a lively waitress at a café that he frequented. This was Terri Wadovich who became his wife on July 12, 1953. The young couple were blessed with three children, Deon (1956), Bruce Jr. (1960) and Mandy (1966). Jumping ahead to the Geig’s connection to Jacksonville, Terri was to become a fixture in our village, serving as the President of the Chamber of Commerce, being active in the Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club and for 19 years chairing the annual Victorian Christmas and Chinese New Year’s celebrations. Sadly, this strong Jacksonville supporter died in 2019 after living for close to four years in a Medford memory care facility.

The Giegs found Jackson County while visiting friends at the end of a vacation. They were immediately taken by the beauty and quiet of the area, found a house they loved on Tumbleweed Road out of Ruch and within a week made the decision to leave California and move to Jackson County. Bruce remembers, “The California traffic was horrendous, and the restrictions were especially difficult for truck drivers. Lowboy trucks and trailers had to be run only at night, so I was away from my family during much of the time when they were home. It got old, and I would never go back.”

Once Bruce and Terri resettled in Ruch, Bruce went job shopping. After a stint driving log trucks, Bruce settled in driving a truck for Price Chopper grocery store and eventually took a job

driving a tanker truck for Winkelman Oil of Medford. When Terri started working in the nearby Valley View Winery tasting room, she became a good friend of co-owner Ann Wisnosky, and this led to Bruce starting to do odd jobs for Ann, first at her home and then at the winery. This has resulted in a 36-year working relationship with Valley View, including part time and full-time employment. Remarking on Bruce’s strong work ethic, Valley View co-owner, Mark Wisnosky relates, “Early on when Bruce started working for us, he was still driving the oil tanker for Winkelman Oil. He would head to Eugene at 4:00am, get his tanker filled and deliver it to Medford. Back home he would take time to wash his truck even though he was not on the payroll to do that. He just thought it was the right thing to do. He would then grab a quick nap and then come over to Valley View to work in the field for several hours.” The work he has done for Valley View is varied as Bruce relates, “I do just about everything for the winery and this includes all the field work, the irrigation and keeping the equipment repaired and running. I enjoy being outside so this type of work suits me just fine.” He laughs when relating, “The funny thing is that I don’t even drink wine. Terri took care of that for the family.”

Besides assisting Terri with her Jacksonville volunteer obligations, Bruce is proud of the fact that he and Ed Hunt put up the Jacksonville Christmas tree every year for nineteen years, and he says, “It never once fell down in those nineteen years.” In addition to these volunteer activities, he spent many years helping maintain St. Joseph’s historic Jacksonville church and was instrumental in helping get Jacksonville’s Daisy Creek Winery up and running, happy to help out the owners, Russ and Margaret Lyon.

While Bruce lists work as one of his main hobbies, his main fun activity has been building race cars, something he started doing in 1955. While he built one Indy car in 1965, his focus was building sprint cars as the photos on his shop wall attest. Bruce had to take a four-month break from work, starting on December 20, 2019 when he underwent triple bi-pass surgery in Medford. His children insisted he needed to take a break, so he spent four months with his son in Louisiana and Alabama. But four months was enough. “I woke up one morning and thought, “I need to get home,” so I rented a car and drove home from Alabama. My daughter did meet me part way and we came back to Ruch together. I went back to work for Valley View but do not put in the 40-50 hour weeks anymore. I work at my own pace.”

Mark Wisnosky sums up Bruce Gieg the best. “I know that it is a cliché, but they just don’t make people like Bruce anymore. No matter who it is, even at 87, if someone needs help, Bruce is the person to go to. We had an employee who had only worked for us for a week and his car broke down. Bruce got it up and running for him and, typical of Bruce, at no charge. If he sees something that needs to be done, he does it and, as we say, he does it ‘the Bruce way’. Having him work for us so long and so well is a privilege and one we don’t take lightly.”

Mike McClain spent 32 years as a teacher and school administrator, retiring in 1999 as Superintendent of Central Point Schools. He and his wife re-located to Jacksonville in 2011 and are enjoying immersing themselves in this unique community.

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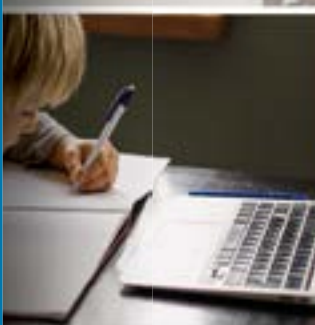
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Value in Giving

On Money & More by Erich & Matt Patten, Cutler Investment Group

For the past few years, this article has been a space where we shared insights into our world of finance. Finance is ever evolving, and there has never been a lack of things to write about. But given the events of the past week, we will not be writing about “What the Presidential election might mean for your stock portfolio.” Instead, let’s reflect on the value of money and the gift of charity. *“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” ~Winston Churchill*

After the fires raged through our neighbors’ and friends’ homes recently, charity was most needed. Essential goods to feed the newly homeless, diapers for babies, food for pets. The overwhelming response by our fellow citizens, to feed and house those in need, shows that we understand the meaning of the Churchill quote above. We all felt the pain and loss of those directly impacted. Our community has risen to the challenge to lift each other up, and to give what we can. Millions of dollars have already been donated and millions more will be needed to help our neighbors. Thank you.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” ~Mother Teresa

Charity doesn’t have to solve everyone’s problems. It can be impactful if solving even a small problem. As one piece of a community, the gifts of the individual are very powerful in the aggregate. Don’t be discouraged that your ability to give monetarily isn’t as large as another’s, be encouraged by what you can give to make a positive difference in someone’s life. Each gift is significant. Thank you.

“Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.” ~Henry David Thoreau

If you don’t have the means to give monetarily, know that charity is more than money. It is also your time, your efforts, and (maybe more importantly) your empathy. These were all showcased in Southern Oregon this year. This has been a challenging year on many fronts, but our community’s resilience has been evident throughout. Thank you for shopping and eating locally, when many businesses have been struggling. Thank you for accommodating your employees who are parents, balancing work and

childcare. Thank you for thinking about how you can make a difference in someone else’s life.

For those with the means to do so, monetary gifts as charity can be invaluable during times of crisis. Discussing the best way to make a gift, is something Cutler frequently talks about with our clients. As an example, a donor-designated Charitable Fund can be a valuable tool for gifting. This type of fund allows you to make gifts over multiple years, but to fully recognize the tax deduction in the current year. Other gifting strategies to think about include giving directly from your qualified retirement accounts and identifying specific shares with significant unrealized gains to donate.

Whatever your chosen path, we want to say how grateful we are for our community and neighbors. We have truly been in awe of our commitment to each other, and it makes us proud to call Southern Oregon home. Thank you.

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News From Jacksonville’s Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI)

by Andrea Lerner Thompson, CCI Chair

A central charge of the CCI is to ensure that Jacksonville residents are kept up-to-date and invited to provide input regarding Planning in the City of Jacksonville. When the recent Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was established to update Chapter 1 of the Comprehensive Plan, the CCI and the Planning Department hosted numerous town hall meetings to share the work being done.

Our newest CAC is doing very important work on revising the Jacksonville Development Code, and for the CCI, our challenge is to keep our citizens in the loop at a time when large, open meetings present serious risks because of COVID-19. At our CCI meeting on September 14, we will be discussing these challenges and ways to answer them. In the meantime, it is our hope that articles like this one can help the public stay in touch with the work of the CAC. As well, CAC meetings have remained open to the public (with required masks), and citizens are welcome to send any thoughts, questions, or input on this work to either the Planning Dept or to the CCI. As we move forward, the CCI and the Planning office will share this work at town hall events, whether virtual or real as safety concerns allow. Additionally, we are exploring an option of keeping the public apprised through the use of displays set up in certain locations.

At this writing the CAC has met a total of 6 times: June 17, July 8, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8. Please consult the City’s website for more upcoming meeting dates. Much of the recent discussion has centered on Article 2 of the Draft Development Code: Zoning Regulations. These topics are indeed substantial—the primary focus is on permitted uses: multi-family uses in residential zones, short-term vacation rentals, home occupations, etc. As the work continues, the CAC has settled on a template and organization of the document. While this might not seem like enormous progress, this work will ensure a document that is clear, coherent, and logically organized. While work is proceeding slowly, the challenge is the volume of this task and the important issues that require thoughtful discussion. As soon as the CAC has completed a rough draft, the CCI will work with them to find a format to share this draft with our citizens and to allow for their comments and questions.

The next few meetings of the CAC will continue to explore issues inherent to permitted uses. Planning Director, Ian Foster notes, “There is a lot to discuss, but it has been a particularly helpful exercise in testing how the draft code will work in practice.”

A Few Minutes With the Mayor

The Fire

by Paul Becker, Mayor of Jacksonville



The deadline for submitting this column was rapidly approaching as I finished what I hoped would be an appropriate topic as I near the end of my term as Mayor. Then disaster hit... a broadside of bad tidings for our people in Jacksonville and the rest of the Rogue Valley all the way out to Shady Cove. A firestorm literally blew through everything, leaving in its wake devastation comparable to an air attack bombing raid on our houses, our shops, and our centers of government and business. It is the morning after now and fortunately there have been no reports of any deaths. But the damage and personal loss to hundreds, if not thousands, of people is beyond measure.

Our City was spared such damage but the firestorm is a reminder of how vulnerable we are. If Jacksonville had suffered the damage that Talent or Phoenix did, the historic charm and quality that define the soul of our town would be lost in the rubble and ashes of the wind-driven carnage. Admittedly, I do not have a solution to prevent this from happening in the future. The fire crews, including our own people from Jacksonville, worked tirelessly in an attempt to save people in the path of the overwhelming windstorm with gusts reaching forty miles an hour. With these conditions there is little that can be done to save the many structures in the fire’s path.

I am going to call for a general review and design of procedures for evacuation and relocation of citizens in harm’s way. We already have two local churches designated as appropriate sites for evacuated and injured citizens in emergencies such as this. We need

to improve communication so that citizens have timely as well as accurate information as needed.

Our fire, police, and public service personnel deserve a big “thank you” for their aid and assistance as this disaster unfolded. They were there lending much-needed assistance and spent long hours in their battle against the wind and flames and maintaining law and order.

On the other hand, I think it appropriate to criticize our local media TV. As this fire broke and worked its way from Ashland, destroying parts of Talent and Phoenix along the way, not one, not one of our network stations canceled their regular broadcasting to cover the story. I can only say “shame on you all.”

What we got was social media with its mix of misleading information, rumors, and occasional fact. One such story going around Facebook said the terrorist group Antifa was claiming credit for the fire and resulting destruction. Perhaps they did. I don’t know. But how does this sort of story help those fighting the fire? We used to have a saying in World War II, “Loose lips sink ships.” It appears there are a lot of loose lips these days.

My heart goes out to those who have suffered in this tragedy. Homes, personal belongings, collections, memories... all lost to the sudden inferno sweeping down on them. However, we are a resilient people as well as a generous and caring people. There is comfort in knowing there are those who will help their neighbor-in-need, donating time and money to others who have lost everything! Every human tragedy brings out the best in the human spirit. We are better than the naysayers would have us believe!

Be Ready, Be Set, Go

With recent evacuation orders on everyone’s mind, here is a quick reminder of what the different levels of evacuation mean for you.

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Be Set—Level 2 Evacuation: This level indicates there is significant danger to

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Thank You From Jacksonville Fire

by Wayne Painter, Fire Chief, Jacksonville Fire Department



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On September 8, all available resources of Jacksonville Fire were rallied to respond to the Almeda fire. Jacksonville crews, along with other regional departments deployed to the streets of Ashland, Talent and Phoenix to fight fire for several days. Immediately upon returning, a portion of our department was again dispatched to assist with the Obenchain fire.

We are working hard to assist other communities while still maintaining adequate emergency resources for Jacksonville.

We have fully realized the threat fire poses to our homes and communities.

We’ve seen the destruction and devastation it can bring. Cooperation of state, federal and local resources has kept the potential for an even greater tragedy at bay. The incidents reiterate the absolute necessity for all communities to prepare, maintain, coordinate, and properly fund robust and complimentary emergency response resources.

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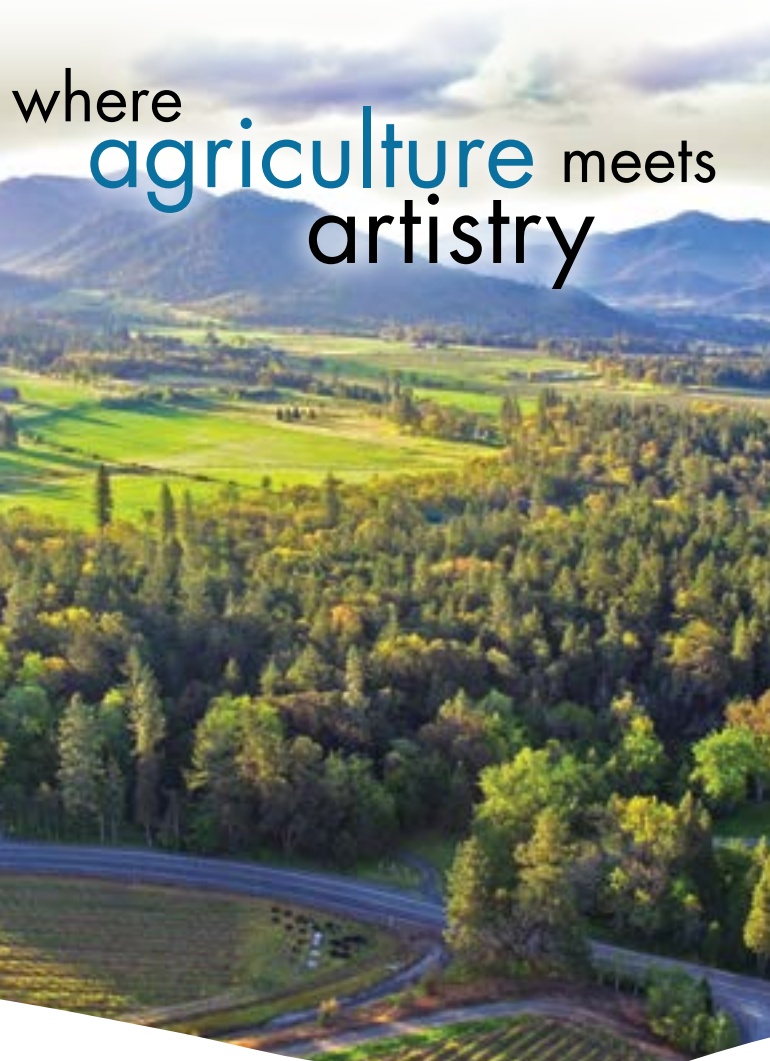
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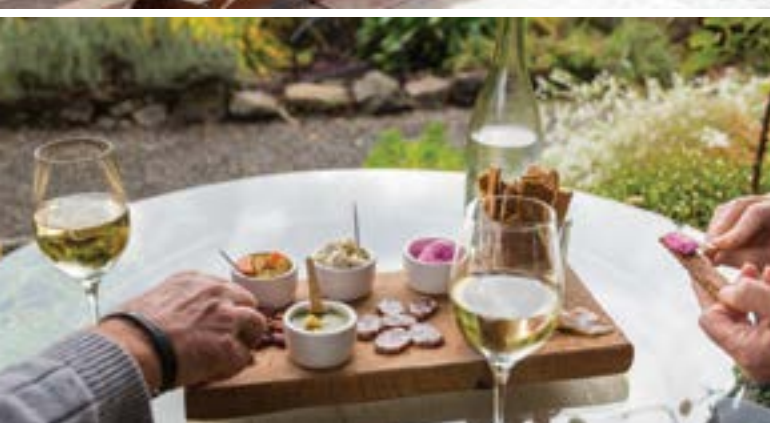


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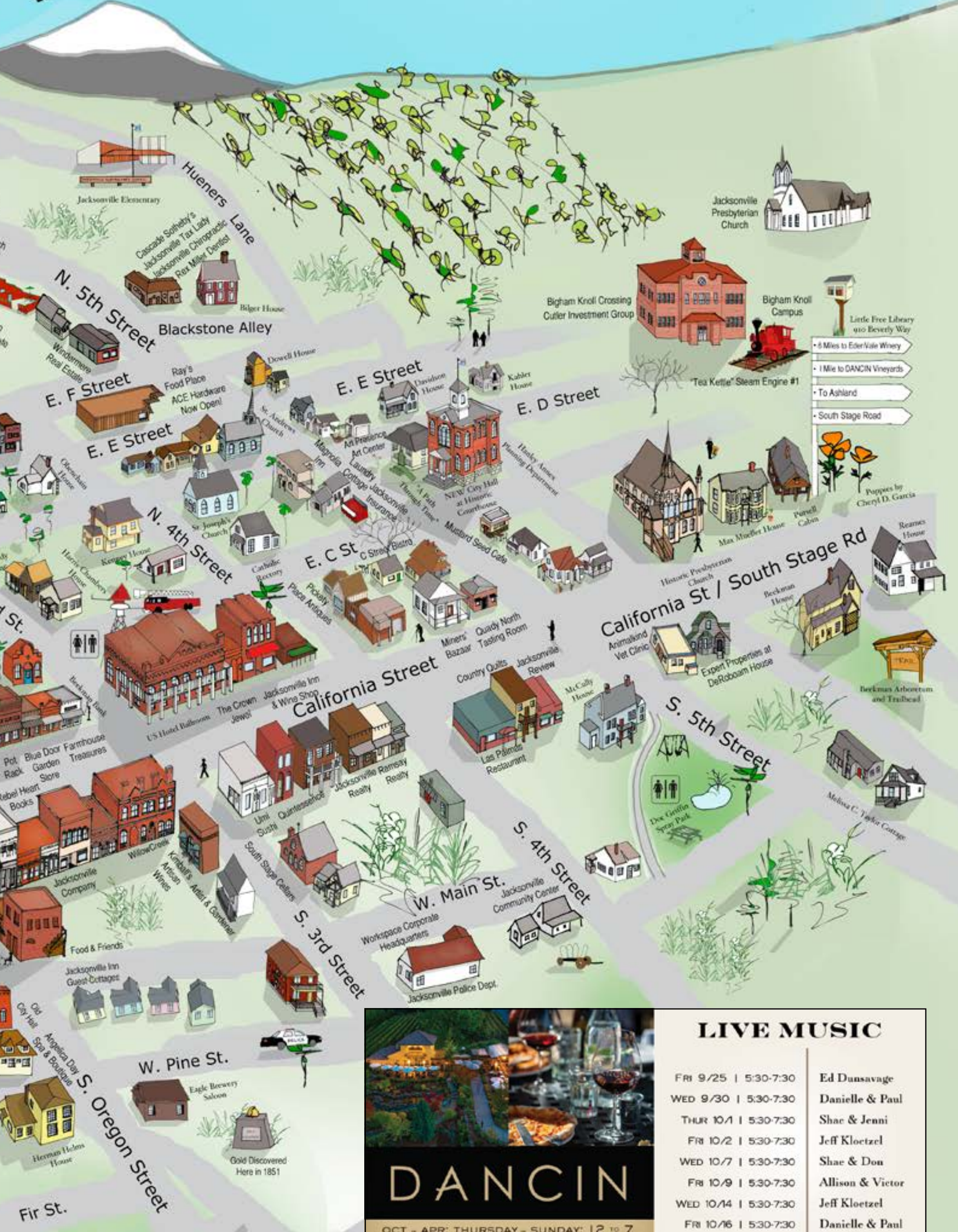
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The Adventures of Bob - Episode 11

Critical Illness

by Steve Yungen & Jeff Blum, Jones & Associates

Although summer activities had been limited due to Covid-19 precautions, Bob felt the last few months had passed quickly. He hadn't done any serious traveling since he returned from his big circle around the US in his motorhome, which was now parked in the driveway at the house of his nephew, Bud. He had, however, spent a lot of time getting better acquainted with Joanne, who lived on the property next door.

One hot summer evening in late August, Bob, Joanne, and Bud were sitting around a small fire pit in Joanne's yard. They had grilled a few hotdogs, had some sweet corn and cantaloupe from Joanne's garden, and they were watching the colors in the western sky as the sun set. Joanne had been unusually quiet and Bob sensed that something was bothering her.

"What's on your mind, Joanne?" asked Bob.

"I received a call from my sister today," answered Joanne. "She found a suspicious lump on the side of her jaw and the biopsy determined it to be cancerous. The doctor thought it was a slow developing cancer, but recommended surgery to remove the lump next week. I'm concerned about her. She will have to take time off from her work and I'm not sure how well her health insurance will cover the medical costs."

"I'm sorry to hear that news, Joanne, but that makes me concerned about you," said Bob. "Sometimes, when cancer happens to one member of the family, the chances of it happening to a sibling are increased. You've been fortunate with your health, but you never know when this type of health scare can happen," reassured Bob.

"So, is there anything I can do to better protect myself?" asked Joanne.

"I know a solution," said Bob. "My advisor at Jones & Associates told me about a cancer policy that can complement a health insurance program. Although it won't help your sister, it

may be something you would want to consider for yourself." Bob continued, "I was surprised at how affordable the premium for the policy can be, and it can provide needed financial support if you are ever diagnosed with cancer. There is also a policy rider that can offer coverage if you have a heart attack or stroke. In the event of diagnosis, the policy would pay you, or your loved ones, a dollar lump sum that would help offset unexpected expenses, like travel or lost income, while you are receiving necessary treatment. It provides additional peace-of-mind," explained Bob.

"That sounds like something I can use," said Joanne. "I only wish my sister had received good advice like that, but I guess she doesn't have a good advisor like we have at Jones & Associates. I'll contact my advisor tomorrow," Joanne promised.

"I'm getting eaten by mosquitoes," complained Bud. "I'm going inside." And with that, the evening turned dark, except for the stars and the full moon.

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Tax Tips You Can Use

Unemployment Income is Taxable Income

by Kathleen Crawford & Angela Clague, Enrolled Agents, The Jacksonville Tax Lady LLC

With millions of Americans now receiving unemployment compensation, many of them for the first time, the Internal Revenue Service has reminded people receiving unemployment compensation that by law, unemployment compensation is taxable and must be reported on a their federal and state income tax returns. Taxable benefits also include any of the special unemployment compensation authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, enacted this spring. (this is from IRS bulletin IR 2020-185). This is not a change to the law, but many more people are using unemployment now and many people are receiving more than they would normally get.

Taxpayers can have tax withheld from their benefits now to help avoid owing taxes on this income when they file their income tax returns next year. However, withholding is not automatic. One must

"check the box" to have state and/or federal tax withheld.

It is true that many people have needed every penny of that money to keep going, but that hardship does not change the taxation of the unemployment. If you or someone you know has received unemployment this year, please tell them to put money away for taxes, because both the federal government and Oregon will want the tax due next April.

If a taxpayer took a loan from her 401K, the money is not taxable. If she subsequently was laid off or quit, that loan, if not paid back in full, becomes a distribution and is taxable.

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Fire Safety

by Sandy J. Brown, Windermere Van Vleet Jacksonville

With all of the fires that have devastated our community recently, fire safety is at the forefront of many property owner’s minds. The increase in population over the last century has pushed much of the growth into what used to be forest and grasslands. This trend has created a complex landscape that is known as the “wildland/urban interface.” The combination of ample fuel, dry climate and either lightening or man-made-caused combustion means wildfires will occur annually and pose a threat to many Oregon communities. People living in Oregon are more vulnerable to wildfires than in the past because more homes are located in and near forests or other types of flammable vegetation.

In Jackson County, these fire-vulnerable areas are identified on the County Planning Division’s “Hazardous Wildfire Area Map.” Within these areas, all new structures or additions to existing structures (except for minor exemptions allowed) are required to comply with Chapter 8.7, “Wildfire Safety Requirements.” Compliance with the standards is verified through a Fire Safety Inspection that is coordinated through Jackson County Planning Division and is required prior to issuance of building permits. Several of the primary fire-related issues addressed in Chapter 8.7 include the following:

- **Fuel Breaks:** A 100-foot minimum fuel break must be created and maintained around all new structures/additions. This includes a 50-foot primary fuel break and a 50-foot secondary fuel break around the primary fuel break. The primary fuel break should remove fuels that will produce flame lengths in excess of one foot. Trees should be spaced at least 15 feet apart and should be pruned to remove dead and low branches, as well as maintain an adequate distance from the roof. Dead fuels must be removed and flammable groundcover materials (e.g., bark mulch) may not be used in landscaping within 12 inches of buildings. Firewood piles, slash piles, and woodsheds need to be placed at least 30 feet from all structures.
- **Secondary Fuel Break:** The secondary fuel break should reduce the likelihood of a crown fire and lessen the overall intensity of a wildfire. Trees should be adequately spaced and small trees, brush, and dead fuels should be removed. Understory vegetation may include grass or groundcover less than 12 inches in height and low fuel volume, fire resistant shrubs (see Jackson County’s User’s Guide for drought and fire resistant landscape materials). An additional 50 feet, for a total of 100 feet, will be added to the secondary fuelbreak when the natural slope of the area within 100 feet of the proposed structure exceeds 20 percent—to be added to the area below and to each side of the proposed structure.
- **Roof Coverings:** All structures will have Class A or B roofing

- depending on the type of structure. Wood roofing of any type, including pressure-treated wood shingle or shakes is not allowed.
- **Access:** Fire safety access is required to be constructed to the applicable design standards, which requires a minimum of a 22 foot wide fuelbreak, which includes the driving surface, access that can support a fire truck, and a minimum vertical clearance.
 - **Chimneys:** All chimneys are required to have a spark arrestor.
 - **Address signs:** Address signs will be posted to be visible from both directions on the roadway providing the access.

For additional questions on fire-vulnerable areas within Jackson County, contact the Jackson County Development Services Department.

In the City of Jacksonville, the fire-vulnerable areas are identified as an Urban/Wildland Interface, an overlay district whose requirements are described in Chapter 17.40 of the Jacksonville Zoning Code. This overlay is typically located in the peripheral areas of the City. Typically, the interface is an area where residential development comes into contact with natural vegetation that can add to the rapid spread of a fire and increased fuels. Some of the fire-related issues addressed by the Urban/Wildland district include the requirement for two-street access, the use of low combustion construction materials, and the creation of fuel breaks, driveway length, grade, and design, and filing of fire-safety plans. For additional questions on fire-vulnerable areas within Jacksonville, contact the Jacksonville Planning Department.

The National Firewise Communities Program (Firewise) is a national program that encourages partnerships among communities, homeowners, private industry, and public agencies and officials to develop and implement local solutions for wildfire preparedness—before a fire ever starts. The Firewise program offers a series of steps that residents can take to improve the safety and resilience of their homes and landscapes to withstand a wildfire. When a neighborhood is prepared, firefighters can focus more of their resources on the main body of the fire—as opposed to individual structures.

There are already many Firewise neighborhoods in Jackson County including in the City of Jacksonville, but you do not have to live in the city to participate; the program is designed for everyone. Grants are available to assist eligible homeowners with cleanup around their homes. Contact the Oregon Department of Forestry at 541-664-6674 or your local fire district to let them know you are interested in becoming a Firewise community.

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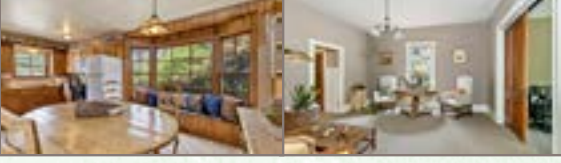


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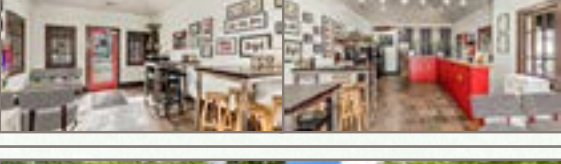
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Churning Butter and the Tools of the Trade

Speaking of Antiquing by Margaret Barnes, Pickety Place Antiques & Collectibles

Butter has been a mealtime staple for hundreds if not thousands of years. After the milking process, milk was left in a cool place to settle in shallow dishes of wood or ceramic. The settling dishes allowed the cream to rise to the top. Long-handled skimmers were used to lift the cream from the shallow dish while excess milk residue dripped off. The cream was placed in an earthenware or wooden churn.

Churning separates the butter fat from the butter milk. A churn dasher kept in constant motion in an up-and-down movement in an upright container is probably the most common type of churn. The churn dasher, also called a "plunger," was typically made of wood with a cross or a perforated circle at the bottom. A lid with a hole to fit over the plunger covered the jar or crock.

Another popular churn, and somewhat larger for larger quantities of cream, is the barrel churn. Some can be the actual size of a water or wine barrel, and some were smaller, fitting on a tabletop, a wooden lid that fit tightly and a hand crank on the side. The crank turned a shaft that had wooden paddles to beat the cream. This type is also called the paddle churn.

Glass jars with a crank and paddles were popular in America in the 1930's and '40's. These churns have a unique style and are quite collectible; they

were made for domestic use rather than farm use.

After the butter was churned, it was placed in a large, shallow, wooden or crockery bowl and worked with paddles called butter hands or butter paddles. Salt was added for flavor and preserving. The paddles were used to lift the butter into moulds or to make little balls of butter. Butter moulds were used to press out any remaining milk and to give it an attractive shape or design for use at the dining table. If the butter was for sale at market, it was given a design unique to the maker. Sometimes



the press or stamp was for a pat size, a single serving placed on a ceramic dish with cold water to keep its shape.

Butter moulds were another reason to get creative. Some were intricately carved and painted in charming figural or geometric designs. These moulds were from France or Sweden, and are highly sought after, but they are not marked with any maker's markings.

With so many households wanting to get back to simpler times, and perhaps off-grid living, churning your own butter might be just the thing to explore.

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School Days...School Daze

Christopher's Angle by Christopher Kranenburg

March of 2020 marked the end of school as I knew it and the beginning of something new: virtual learning. Administrators, teachers and students scrambled to respond. Hours of online instruction took its toll on me last spring, but I had the hope that summer would come and then fall and then, well, school. People ask kids how we are doing. Well, I only can write about my own experience:

I start my day off as usual. I roll out of bed, shower, get dressed, and prepare for school, which is held in my dining room, in front of my laptop. I listen to my teacher lecture for an hour and a half, and my class is done. I close my computer and take my short break. I go to my backyard and stretch my legs and then complete any assignments I can tackle in the time that remains. I repeat this process until 3:30, when the school day ends. After spending a couple of hours on homework, playing with my brothers, and tending to my animals, my day is done. As I fall asleep, I pray for the motivation to carry on the next day and to start the process over and over and over again.

One day, I wake up to pain in my eyes. I go to the mirror and see that they are red and puffy from the daily, eight-hour dose of screen time I experience. Is this what life has come to? Starting my day thinking, "When will this day end? When will this virtual world end?" The question rings in my head like a bell for eternity. It's like running a race without knowing when to stop, writing a book not knowing when to end, and the words and story begin to lack their meaning.

"Chris, are you there? Can you hear me? Am I muted?" I hear.

"Yes...I can hear you," I say back to the screen.



I feel trapped. Trapped, is that what I am? A fly in a cobweb, a chicken held by a fox? Does the fly have a chance to escape? Will the fox ever loosen its grip on its helpless prey? Can I do anything to solve my problem? Numbers and math always have made sense to me. Math is something I understand. Problems have an answer. But virtual learning is a problem I cannot solve. My older brother copes by labeling different

doors in our house as classrooms for his various courses; he changes location throughout the day (he zooms in my room for his final class) but even he is losing stamina, and the virtual school year has just begun.

I know my teachers are doing their best; they are on screens for many hours: preparing, teaching, responding, clarifying.... Online school is a place I attend every day, because I have no choice. Maybe "trapped" is not the right word for it, it is more so...sadness. The things that complement learning, like human interaction, music and sports, have been stripped away. They are unique and something I took for granted. However, through this sadness, I realize I always have my family. My family and I will overcome this together, and no matter how bad things look, we can push through. That is what I must do. That is the answer. Push through, toward the light and away from the darkness. There always will be hope, and there always is the hope of a better future, one where we can learn in-person.

Christopher is a freshman at St. Mary's High School and a graduate of Jacksonville Elementary School. He's an accomplished musical theater student, a dedicated, multi-sport athlete...he's also a big and little brother and has been composing creative stories and graphic novels since he could hold a pencil.

Yoga for Resilience

by Lori Grable

As I write this, I am looking out the window to see, well, very little. It has been a harrowing week here in the Rogue Valley and it seems that those of us fortunate enough to keep our homes all know at least one family or individual that was not. Our air quality index is at a record high and all outdoor activities are canceled for the time being, but that is not what people are talking about. Instead, they are all talking about how we can pull together in a show of solidarity to help our community. I am so impressed with the businesses, individuals and families who are gathering donations and volunteering their time. However, I am not surprised because if I know anything about the residents of Jacksonville and surrounding areas, it is that we are kind, compassionate and resilient. We are a community with a lot of heart.

However, in times as challenging as these we all have moments where we feel lackluster or downright puny. Here is a practice that will help you tap into your inner strength.

Belly Pumping Breath—Start in a comfortable, seated position and take a few natural breaths. Bring your awareness to your lower belly. Now quickly contract your belly to push a burst of air out of your lungs. Then release the contraction so that your belly rebounds bringing air back into your lungs. Focus on the forceful exhales and allow the inhales to occur naturally. Start slowly and try 2-3 rounds of ten breaths. Then close your eyes and allow your breath to return to natural.

Plank Pose—Come to your hands and knees. Place your hands shoulder width

and spread your fingers. Ground all four corners of your hands and your finger pads. Step one foot back with your toes tucked, and then the other. You should be at the top of a push up now; or modify by placing your knees down a few inches behind your hips. Draw your low belly in, gaze down and keep your head in line with your spine. Hold for 5-10 breaths. Rest and repeat another once or twice.

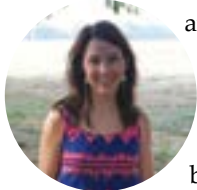
Mountain Pose—Stand tall with your feet parallel and beneath your hips. Press your feet down into the ground and lift the top of your head towards the sky. Relax your shoulders back and draw your belly in and up. It should feel like you are strong and steady, but also calm. Hold for 10 breaths.

Warrior One—From Mountain Pose, step your left foot back and place your left foot flat with your toes turned out about 45 degrees. Bend your front knee deeply but don't allow your knee to extend beyond your ankle. Keep your hips and shoulders squared straight ahead. Engage your core and lift your arms up alongside your ears. Take 5 deep breaths and change sides.

Finish by sitting or lying quietly for a few minutes. Either focus on the sensation of your breath or silently repeat a mantra such as "I am strong" to focus your mind.

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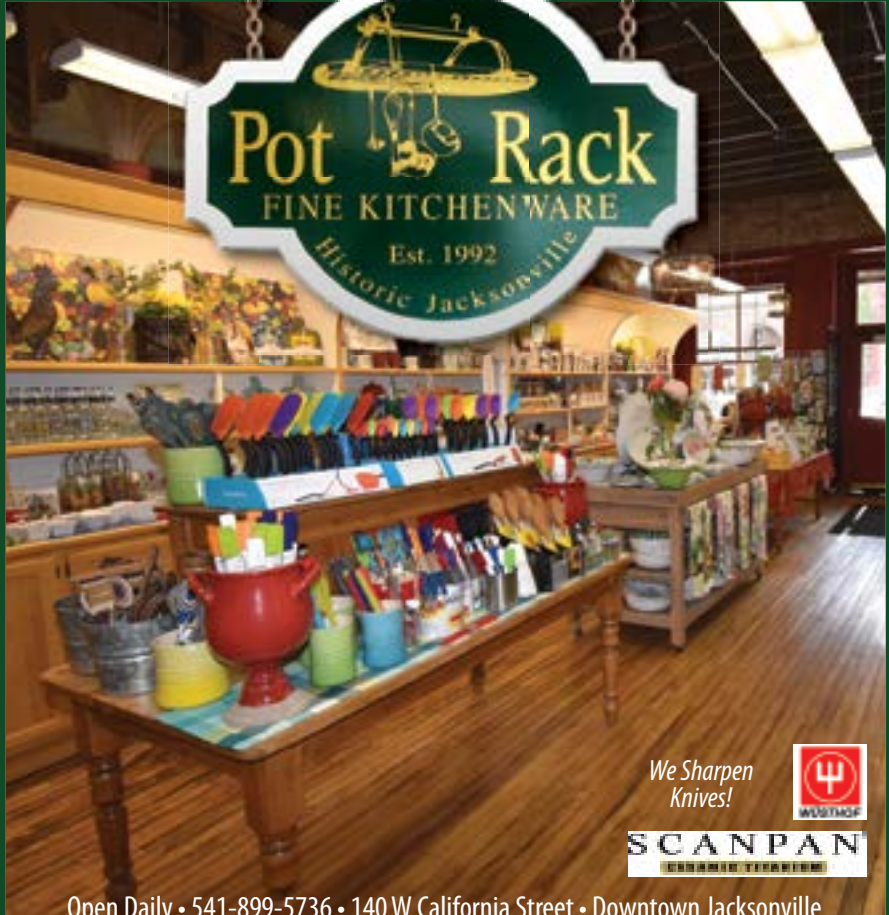


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Choosing Sides

A Cup of Conversation by Michael Kell



Apparently, there was a backlash among a few local folks to last month's column calling out human trafficking of our children and the unspeakable horrors visited among them. Imagine for a moment what kind of jaded, bitter soul objects to finding our babies and those stealing them because giving credit to a presidential administration that's making this a priority doesn't fit their politics. This is the world we find ourselves in, even our small-town world.

Operation Underground Railroad is a Non-Governmental Organization, paramilitary rescue unit staffed with ex-law enforcement, military and intelligence agency volunteers. These selfless heroes travel globally working in concert with local officials to find stolen children and dismantle sex-trafficking networks. The founder is a former CIA field agent who dedicated his life to freeing children from the horror of sex-slavery and putting their captors in prison or, in some countries, to face execution. Recently, the founder met with the President of the United States to coordinate domestic operations on a federal level. I just read a post by the founder stating the day after he met with the President, his organization lost a thousand monthly donors.

He then said when partisan hatred is of greater priority than freeing children from rape, torture and death, there is something very, very wrong with you. If the reality of trafficking children doesn't break the dark spell of political toxicity, lies and deceit, nothing will. God help us.

There is an organization called Redemption Ridge established a few years back to address the fallout of trafficked survivors. Redemption Ridge is a local, self-funded live-in care home, comprehensive in scope and first-class in accommodation and trauma care. The girls in care are unbelievably damaged, recently rescued from sexual slavery by local law enforcement task forces specific to human trafficking.

The girls are stolen as runaways or by open abduction up and down the I-5 corridor. Law enforcement finds the ever-moving slave houses of filthy profit, arrest the traffickers and free the girls. It's a revolving door, though,

because there's not enough care facilities to rehabilitate the girls who end up falling through the floor of a broken system then back on the street. The testimony of the girls brave enough to tell their story is not fit to print. I've heard them first hand. It is an unspeakable evil, right here in our backyard, happening right under our noses. The state governments make helping these girls next to impossible bureaucratically and offer next to nothing in financial help. Think about that for a moment.

There is a sick, hollow-eyed, pasty-faced creature with an Ivy League law degree in the California State House Assembly who just sponsored a bill allowing adults sexual access to children over fourteen as long as the adult is not more than ten years older than the child. The last time I checked, a fifteen-year-old is still a child. Hey mothers, how do you feel about a twenty-five-year-old adult having legal sexual access to your fifteen-year-old child? The bill passed the House and sits on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature. I wouldn't raise hamsters in California much less children. Evil is now crawling out of the shadows, testing humanity's tolerance.

However, there is hope. Suppressing truth is like hiding a beach ball under water. One might keep the ball hidden for a while but eventually it's going to rocket out of the water and smash you in the face on the way to sunlight. There is a great awakening coming and a reckoning to an evil so dark it can hide in plain site because its reality is incomprehensible. The truth will shake us to our very foundations and nothing can stop it now regardless of what happens in November.

At the end of our days, history will judge a nation by how we treat our most vulnerable. Righteous judgement is an entirely different conversation. What side of history will you be on? To those complaining in futility to the publisher of this platform for allowing truth to be heard, it's still not too late for you. Not yet.

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Caring for the Caregiver

Being Grateful in Caregiving

by Joyce McPartland

Taking care of my parents is not a job, it's a journey.

For caregivers, the day-to-day responsibility of providing loving care for your parent, grandparent, spouse, partner, close friend, or other close relative can be emotionally and physically exhausting. Especially if those you are caring for are dealing with the challenges of dementia. You may face strains on your time, finances, energy, and emotions. For me, the greatest challenge is the emotional part: the difficulty of seeing my father's gradual loss of abilities, including his ability to communicate. This anticipatory grief that I have experienced is gradual, and a reckoning with the disappearance of who my father used to be.

One of the most effective tools to help me cope with my caregiver stress is gratitude. While I don't feel grateful for the challenges, *I am* grateful for the person I'm caring for, and the relationship that we enjoyed together for so many years. Recognizing gratitude allows me to shift my perspective and reminds me to be appreciative of what my father provided for *me* during my entire life. Not everyone gets the opportunity to give care back to their parent, and when I remind myself to be grateful for this, I am also able to value my undertaking and affirm: Yes, I am providing my father with excellent care.

I'm very grateful that I was able to bring my father from Southern California to Southern Oregon to live near me. He is now in close proximity to his family and is able to participate in all of our family activities, birthdays, and holidays. And, since he lives in his own apartment, he is also able to meet with his friends and pursue his own activities. I am also grateful for his friends at his fitness center, where he goes to exercise every day, who all love him and take good care of him. This makes me feel secure that there is someone else whom I can trust to let me know should he fall or have any type of difficulty. It can be hard to relinquish control and rely on others, but having a village mentality is necessary—in part because caregiving isn't all about *me* and my control of the situation. It's about my father and his needs and well-being. He no longer has the ability to be who he used to be, so I must be the one willing to change and provide for *his* needs, which includes community and a feeling of independence.

My dad and I still have the ability to have nice long conversations about what happened 60-70 years ago. Funny how the long-term memories are still intact. And luckily during these times, I've been able to write down many of his stories. I've tried recording him while he's talking, but for some reason people tend to clam-up as soon as the recorder goes on, so that didn't work. If you want to give this a try, you may have to ask 20-Questions to get your conversation going, even when you're inquiring about the "good old times."



Instead of asking "how was it when you were growing up?" you may want to be a bit more specific, such as, "What games did you play as a child? What was your relationship with your grandmother? What was your experience in the war? How did you meet my mother?" Once I got him talking, many more questions ensued, and lots of laughter.

I'm also extremely grateful for the occasional out-of-town visitors who provide a much-needed respite to both of us. My dad, for one, gets tired of the same old person taking care of him day in and day out; he always welcomes someone new to see, to talk to and visit with, and to have a little fun for himself.

Something else that helps me along in this journey are my close friendships, particularly with other caregivers. They are my support network. I have three really good friends that I can talk to about anything, and we do. We're able to confide in each other on a regular basis. Two of these friends are through email and phone calls, and the third one I meet in person on a regular basis. And we don't just talk about our caregiver stuff, we also talk about films, books, restaurants, food...always food. A support network, whatever yours might look like, can provide everything from a weight off your shoulders to problem solving to inspiration and laughter.

Since I've been caregiving my dad for over six years, I have gained a good deal of knowledge and experience in the field of caregiving. And I have to say that I'm very grateful that I have the ability to share this knowledge with others. Caregiving itself is not exactly a passion of mine, but the knowledge that I've gained and the ability to share it is tremendously gratifying.

Living with gratitude doesn't mean ignoring negative feelings; those feelings will still be there. Being grateful and having a positive outlook is a way to remind yourself that there are also some worthwhile things to appreciate even during these challenging times. Make sure that you are listening to yourself—to your mind, to your heart, and to your body. And when you need time to recharge, go for it, and do not feel guilty for needing to take a break.

I just want to tell you, fellow caregivers, that you are doing a superb job taking care of your loved ones. You may also be creating a new tradition in your family for your kids to carry on: a tradition of caregiving for their aging loved ones.

Joyce McPartland is caregiver for her 93-year old father. She lives in Jacksonville with her husband Brian, spends her time gardening, volunteering with the Jacksonville Garden Club, hiking our local trails, reading, and most especially, spending time with her five grandchildren. You can reach Joyce at 541-218-1216, or email at joycelmcp@gmail.com.

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Sightseeing

Clear Vision, Living Independently—Top Priorities for Older Americans

by Julie D. Danielson, O.D., Jacksonville Vision Clinic

Fluctuations in vision are often one of the first health changes adults notice as they get older. Although these changes can be bothersome, even more troubling problems could be lurking beneath the surface and cause vision loss. According to the American Optometric Association's Eye-Q Survey, the inability to live independently would concern older Americans the most if they developed serious vision problems. Following are some tips to help older Americans safeguard their vision.

Schedule a yearly eye exam—Comprehensive eye exams by a doctor of optometry are one of the most important preventive ways to preserve vision, and the only way to accurately assess eye health, diagnose an eye disorder or disease, and determine the need for glasses or contact lenses.

Common eye conditions in older adults that can be detected through a comprehensive eye examination include age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and dry eye. The number of adults with these eye conditions will increase as the population of older adults grows—according to the U.S. Census Bureau's estimates, 72 million Americans are expected to be over the age of 65 by 2030 (compared with 46.2 million Americans in 2014).

Focus on healthy lifestyle choices—Following basic healthy eating habits can help ward off diseases and maintain existing eyesight. Enjoying a diet rich in the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin can improve eye health—these can be found in spinach and other

green, leafy vegetables, as well as eggs. Other “power foods” for the eyes include fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin C and fish containing Omega 3 essential fatty acids, such as salmon. An optometrist can discuss vitamin therapy options for patients experiencing vision problems and for preventive treatment. Also, avoiding cigarette smoke, monitoring blood pressure levels, exercising regularly and wearing proper sunglasses to protect eyes from UV rays can all play a role in preserving eyesight.

Adapt your surroundings—Older adults can ease the stress on their eyes by making some simple changes:

1. Stay safe while driving. Wear quality sunglasses for daytime driving and use anti-reflective lenses to reduce headlight glare. Limit driving at dusk, dawn or at night if seeing under low light is difficult.
2. Use contrasting colors. Define essential objects in your home, such as light switches and telephones, with bright colors so they can be spotted quickly and easily.
3. Give the eyes a boost. Install clocks, thermometers and timers with large block letters. Magnifying glasses can also be used for reading when larger print is not available. Text size on the screen of smartphones and tablets can also be increased.

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A Heartfelt Message of Hope

by McClane Duncan, ND, Siskiyou Vital Medicine

My fellow Oregonians, so far 2020 has been quite a year, hasn't it? The combination of lockdowns, government mandates, social unrest, politics, and now destructive fire and smoke is surely unprecedented in my lifetime. I feel as though I have been watching the last 3 seconds of a tied championship game since February: exhausting. Speaking with members of our community and patients, I know that I'm not the only one experiencing heightened levels of stress. People are ready for a break. Although, with the media continuing to fan the flames of divide, I believe we are in for more upheaval coming this Fall regardless of election results. How are you holding up? How are you dealing with the stress?

As a primary care provider, I see a lot of people who are dealing with these stressors in a million different ways and it has provided me with a lot of insight and given me an appreciation for vulnerability and the capacity of the heart. The main and maybe the most important conclusion that I have come to, given the events over the past 8 months, is that now is the time to come together as people, despite our differences in opinion and culture, to realize that we are all one in our humanity. Sewing division, fear and distrust only reaps hate, anger, and ultimately violence. We need no more of that. The recent fires here in our community have only fortified my opinion that we need to reach across political and cultural differences and be of service, offer unconditional love and receive support with grace and appreciation.



I can't think of a better time than now to find love and forgiveness in our hearts; it will help heal our community and heal ourselves. My experience tells me that when we begin and end our day with thoughts and prayers of gratitude, give our body ample rest, share food and stories with loved ones, give selflessly, avoid judgement, and move with purpose, we feel better mentally, emotionally, and physically. I have also found it to be true that taking a break from media and electronic devices helps us by reducing states of stress, depression, and anxiousness. In my medical opinion, I think it is also time to remove our masks and to share our smiles once again while working to fortify our immune systems. Don't put this off.

As a medical provider I am privileged to hold space for my patients while they share their stories and reveal their most closely held secrets and I have to say that we all share similar fears, hopes, and dreams despite our race, gender, politics, and opinions. Let us move forward not dwelling in our past but learning from our mistakes to build a better life. Let us all be alchemists by recognizing that each heart is made of gold and help others to let their heart shine bright with each interaction.

Dr. Duncan graduated from Bastyr University with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine. His medical approach is rooted in Vitalism, a system of medicine that focuses on cure, using the body's own innate ability to heal. For more, see siskiyouvitalmedicine.com and ad next page.



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In Memoriam

Antonius Laenen

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Antonius (Tony) Laenen was the only child of Stephanus Matheus Laenen and Hildegard Hoche born Dec. 20, 1939 in Den Haag, Netherlands. He was raised in Buffalo, NY and Fort Pierce, FL. He enlisted in the Navy and became a member of the VX-1, Experimental Squadron and was assigned to the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron in Japan for two years. Tony's college years were at the University of Florida in Gainesville where he earned a B.S in Civil Engineering. He chose a career with the U.S. Geological Survey in Portland, Oregon where he settled and lived until 2012. He wrote numerous hydrological science books and papers plus his true-life family story about escaping Nazi-occupied Europe.

Tony married Julija (Julie) Margaret Hansen (1968) and they had two children: Anna Marija (m. Barrett Crane) and Stephanus Aramis (Anna and Stephan). There are three grandchildren: Courtney, Julianna and Mason. Julie passed on in 1995.

Tony, always an artist, seriously began painting with watercolors in 2000 by painting his own yearly Christmas

card. His talent became obvious to all who saw it. He also was an avid hiker/walker and spent many hours and miles on the trails. He enjoyed being actively involved with Art Presence, Jacksonville Boosters (board member), Jacksonville Woodcarvers and Jacksonville Presbyterian Church and the Mission Committee.

Tony became a Christian as a young man and was active in his faith. Early on he shared his talents by working with the children at his church and painting stage sets. Over the past 25 years he was extensively involved in various mission projects and committees.

Tony married Carol in 2004. They spent the past 15 years together enjoying travel; active church participation; and life and friends in Jacksonville, Oregon.



Over the years, the Review was honored to use Tony's holiday paintings for our covers.

In Memoriam

Robert "Trapper" Geer

October 18, 1961 - August 18, 2020



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Robert Bruce Geer, known as "Trapper" by friends, passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2020, at home in Jacksonville, Oregon. He was born October 18, 1961, at Fort Rucker, Alabama, to Lee Wall Geer and the late Lt. Col. William A. Geer, Jr.

Trapper was a graduate of the Terrell Academy Class of 1978 and attended Albany Technical College.

Living in Oregon for many years, he had been employed at the historic Jacksonville Inn.

He is survived by daughter, Savannah Geer, son, Dakota Geer, grandson, Bently, and brother, Victor William Geer, all of Oregon, sister, Juliette Geer Kennedy of Athens, Georgia, and his mother, Lee Wall Geer of Dawson, Georgia.

There will be a private celebration of his life at a later date. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice in Trapper's name.

Letter to the Editor

As the November 6, 2020 deadline approaches, the COMMITTEE TO PROTECT WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS continues to collect signatures for the voter initiative banning the Commercial Display of Wild and Exotic Animals in Jackson County. Exotic animals are subject to appalling abuse in order to train them to do tricks. For example, a tiger's GREATEST FEAR is fire! What torture must be done to a tiger that it is willing to jump through a ring of fire to avoid it? Is it appropriate in today's day and age to subject an exotic animal to that treatment for entertainment? We know better so we should do better to protect these animals from horrific conditions and abuse. Although gathering signatures in the time of Covid-19 presents its own unique challenges, we have had extremely positive support from the people with whom we have connected. The dedicated committee members have been staffing

tables at local farmers markets and weekly at our Jacksonville Post Office. This is a local initiative which will only effect folks who display or force exotic animals to perform in Jackson County for commercial purposes. The initiative only applies to exotic animals, not domestic animals or livestock. Three Oregon counties have enacted bans addressing this type of display. There are six states that currently have have some type of statewide ban regarding the performance or training of exotic animals, as well as over 150 cities, towns and counties all over the US that have laws to prohibit the use of exotic animals this way. Help us with this last push so we can get this initiative on the ballot and to all Jackson County voters!

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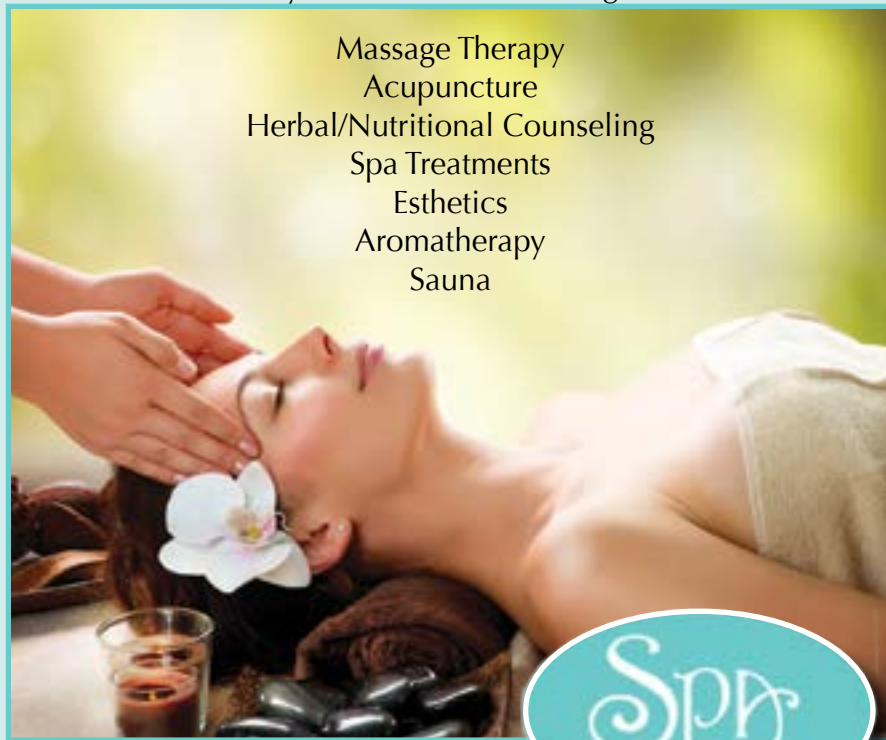
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Paws for Thought by Michael Dix, DVM, Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital

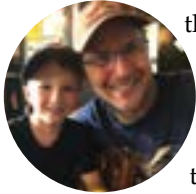
With the recent fires and evacuations, it is important to consider what you would take with you if you had to evacuate. It is clear that having a Go-Bag with important documents and basic necessities is critical. On one of our recent road trips, my wife and I engaged in an exercise with our son about what things we would take with us if we had to evacuate. The obvious thing we all agreed on was taking our pets.

My wife and I always knew if we ever had to evacuate, we'd bring our pets. We also knew that if we had to leave in a hurry, we would just gather the pets up and go. However, there are things that can be done to prepare to evacuate with pets quickly and safely.

It is best to have pet carriers available and easily accessible. Many pets will drive in a car without a carrier, but the carrier keeps them safer while driving, makes it less likely they will escape while car doors are open, provides a safe place for them wherever you may end up, and will allow you to put stuff on top of or below their carriers for the ride. To prepare, if you do not have a pet carrier for your pet that will fit in your car, I would purchase one. Even though you will not use it very often, do not store the pet carrier in a place that is hard to get to and do not store a bunch of stuff around it. You want to be able to quickly grab the carrier, put your pet in it, and put it in your car (For medium to large dogs, it is best to put the carrier in the car before placing your pet in the car).

As it is not certain what will be open and where you will end up, it is best to bring some of your pet's food with you. As it is often not possible nor reasonable to take all of your pet's food with you, have some Tupperware containers at the ready to place several days' worth of food quickly into it. It is also useful to have a large container to put some water in for your pets as well. In your Go-Bag it is worth having some smaller or collapsible food and water bowls for your pets. Having dedicated bowls already set aside will speed up the process of getting ready.

Along with having food and water, taking your pet's medication is very important. I would recommend just storing the medications your pet is on stored in a Tupperware container that you can just take with you at a moments notice. Having long term medications out in a cabinet works fine while you are at home, but makes it easier to forget if you are in a hurry. Storing the medication in a Tupperware container also keeps



the medicine safe from your pet getting into the medications and overdosing.

It is also nice for the pet if you have some blankets or small beds for them. When in a strange place, it is nice for them to have a familiar thing to sleep on. These can be stored in a Go-

Bag or be lining the pet carriers. If you are limited in space, this is one item you can decide not to bring, but it is easy enough to store a blanket in their pet carriers.

For cats, it is useful to have a small litter box for them to use. Along with this, having some cat litter will be useful. Both these things can be stored in the Go-Bag. The litter box does not have to be a real litter box, it can just be a non-absorbent liner. It may also be possible to just use some absorbent puppy pads, but keep in mind that cats like to bury their waste and will likely scratch these and, thus, make them non leak-proof.

Most of our pets do well traveling, but one of our cats likes to vomit while on longer car rides. For this reason, and for other potential messes, it is good to have some paper towels and bags for trash in your Go-Bag. You can also get medications for car-sickness for your pets. And even though it may seem trivial, it is also nice to bring poop bags to pick up after your dog. It is possible you will have to stay in a place with lots of other dogs, and it is unsanitary and inconsiderate to not pick up after your dog. It could even get you kicked out of a hotel if you do not pick up your dog's feces.

Taking along important papers like your pet's medical records is a good idea. You do not need every veterinary receipt or record you have, just the most recent vaccine records and any records that can inform other veterinary hospitals of your pet's medications and medical conditions.

Obviously, what someone can bring in an evacuation depends greatly on the size of their vehicle, their family, amount of time to prepare, and where they are going. And there are likely things that I have not mentioned or have forgotten that may be important for some pets (a lab's tennis ball, a favorite chew toy, etc.). Many sheltering sites are trying to consider people's pets in their plans, but one should be as prepared as they can to make sure their pets are taken care of. In scary times, it can be a comfort to have your pet with you. Being prepared ahead of time, makes it much more likely that they can stay with you.

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Hope Prevails

Trail Talk by Clayton Gillette

As we hope for the smoke to clear and the out-of-doors to become welcoming again after some fall rains, we are obligated to take stock of our climate crisis. “Megadrought” feels overused, but how else do we account for streams that seem to never run, waterfalls that never fall, bogs where we never get bogged down, and forests dying from lack of water? Local wildfires, driven by winds akin to the desert Santa Anas of Southern California, have affected even us in Jacksonville. Our friends and families have been forced to flee their homes—homes they can never return to—often with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. We count our blessings that it wasn’t us, that we have resources we can share with those most affected, but we keep a weather-eye to the sky, nonetheless.

No one wants to take on the role of Cassandra of Troy in uttering dire prophecies, but Holy Jumping Up-and-Down Martha! Sitting indoors during Extremely Unhealthy Air Quality at relatives’ homes, while there’s no power or water in my neighborhood for the foreseeable future (due to the utter destruction of our electrical system from the high winds and resulting wildfire) does tend to make one pessimistic. Seeing the leveling of entire towns first-hand does tend to make one more anxious about the future of our local environment.

We have a responsibility to hold our elected officials and their appointees to task to take steps to prepare for what seems more inevitable with each passing drier-than-normal water year. We personally need to assess our own preparedness for such an event: making sure our neighborhood is deemed “fire-

safe,” that our “Go Now Bag” is packed and ready to grab, and we’ve made plans on where to go. Our town council meetings need citizen and professional input on steps to take to prevent another such disaster in our community and our surrounding woodland areas.

This is not the Trail Talk I wanted to write...I’d rather point out the beautiful changing colors of the season as one hikes under the spreading, big-leaved maples on Jackson Creek Nature Trail in Forest Park. Or take note of the earthy aromas of moist soils as the Fall mushrooms push forth from the forest duff in the madrone groves along Petard Ditch Loop and Canyon Vista Trails. Or relish the opportunity to be out in the wilds during mid-day without the staggering heat of these past few months.

Muscle memory demands that we stretch our legs, be it hiking or running. Our lungs cry out for fresh-scrubbed air. As we look to cooler, wetter times, we anticipate muddy shoes and damp clothes, of rain pattering on the roof of the new P2 shelter in Forest Park (constructed by Eagle Scouts Logan James and Parker Allen), and hiking in the Jacksonville Woodlands with the new Benchmark Maps’ edition of the Woodlands map with its accurate trail mileages and wonderful photos.

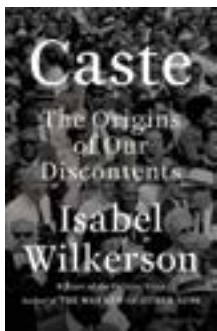
This gives me hope.

Trail Talk is a monthly column by Clayton Gillette about hiking the Jacksonville Woodlands trail system. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Woodlands Association website at www.jvwoodlands.org.



Bookworms: "Caste"

by Eileen Bobek and Marcella Bell, Rebel Heart Books



Mention India to the average American, a land culturally and geographically distant from our own, and it doesn’t take long to get to its caste system. But, in truth, India is not the only nation with an

entrenched caste system, the exploration of which is the subject of Pulitzer prize winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson’s astounding latest release, *Caste*.

“Throughout human history, three caste systems have stood out. The tragically accelerated, chilling, and officially vanquished caste system of Nazi Germany. The lingering, millenia-long caste system of India. And the shape-shifting, unspoken, race-based caste pyramid in the United States.”

According to Wilkerson, “a caste system is an artificial construction, a fixed and embedded ranking of human value that sets the presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of other groups on the basis of ancestry and immutable traits, traits that would be neutral in the abstract but are ascribed life-and-death meaning in a hierarchy favoring the dominant caste whose forebears designed it.”

As we watch climate change and disease devastate our nation, witness who gets impacted and who gets spared, who society has supported and prioritized, and who has the luxury of ignoring the fact that our system has not achieved the high ideals we espouse, denying caste becomes nearly impossible.

All men are not yet created equal.

It is not enough, though, to merely become aware of the existence of caste and then shake our heads over the shame of it before moving on with our days. Especially when we are the benefactors of it, when, after centuries of caste-based policy, we have the ability to geographically isolate and cushion ourselves from catastrophe with our segregated safety nets while others drown around us. We think we are being spared, that our efforts to take care of our community have protected us from the unrest wracking the rest of the world, when in truth, we are merely still entrenched in actively maintaining the system that benefits us to the detriment of others. We think we are different and special, a community set apart, spared from the injustices of caste, but none of us truly escapes unscathed.

In the weeks and months to come, we will see the stark ways that caste specifically operates in our own region. What we do in response, and whether we take meaningful steps to dismantle it will determine not just our own health and wellbeing, but those of our families and region for generations to come.

Our work is obvious, daunting, and incredibly imperative, regardless of how much we would like to believe we are a community apart. As Wilkerson so powerfully reveals in her book, the reality is that, “a caste system spares no one,” but, “a world without caste would set everyone free.”

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News from the Silent City on the Hill

Success in the Cemetery!

by Dirk J. Siedlecki, President, Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery



Our August 15th Marker Cleaning Workshop was a wonderful success with 48 headstones and monuments being cleaned in the Independent Order of Red Men and Catholic Section. Much appreciation to volunteers Mary Siedlecki, Beverly Helvie, Kathy Waltz, Peggy Jennings, Lorry Davis, Pam Smith, Michael Sneary, Teresa Hopkins, Sherry Kramer, Beverly Smith, Ken and Dee Reynar, Teresa Lilleboe, Kathy Kromer, Michele and Ruby Simmons, Annelise and Stella Weston, Julia Millar, Lisa Gogswell and David Grant. All of the headstones and monuments have now been cleaned in both sections, as well as in the Beach Annex.

A total of 125 hours in labor was donated by our volunteers in cleaning headstones, caring for the grounds and in restoration projects in August 2020.

A special thank you to Steve Casaleggio who refurbished our cemetery brochure box in August. He ordered and donated a new sign for the top of the lid, cleaned and painted the wood siding to match the Interpretive Center and Sexton's Tool House. His timing was perfect as our new Cemetery Kiosk Map arrived on August 26.

The map, produced by Benchmark Maps of Central Point, is very detailed and shows every Block by number in all sections of the grounds. Visitors can

go online and locate a block number and then, using the map, follow the Block Number signs and more easily locate the grave site they are looking for. Currently with concerns of spreading the C19 virus, our Interpretive Center has been closed since March. Once it is safe to do so, it will be opened and a binder containing a copy of the cemetery burial records will be available on site for visitors to refer to. At present, only the City Section has Block Number signs placed around the roadways and walkways with plans to place them in other sections of the cemetery as well. The draftsmen-style stand for the map was made by Bryan Pancheau who restored the entrance gates and designed and made the hand railings around the Interpretive Center and the Kiosk Pavilion. Its design will allow us to tilt the map down and move it out of the way so that the Pavilion can be used for events.

Well... its October, and normally we would be quite busy with our *Meet the Pioneers* program, but like so many other things, it has been put on hold. Our players and support staff look forward to its return and welcoming you in October 2021. In the meantime, may we suggest visiting a selection from our 2015 production, *Jacksonville's Saloon Ladies #7* on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q8Q8Q8Q8) under *Oregon History Tales*.

Fall Fun at the Farm

Focus on Hanley Farm by Pam Sasseen, Hanley Farm and SOHS Volunteer

It's October, and that means it's time to protect your gardens from Ghosties and Goulies! **On October 3 & 4, Hanley Farm hosts their annual Scarecrow Festival where families can create scarecrows safely in accord with Phase 2 Covid guidelines that include wearing a mask and observing social distancing.**

Here's how it will work: You can arrive at the Farm on Saturday, October 3 or Sunday, October 4, between 11am and 4pm, pay for your traditional scarecrow kit, and then a greeter will escort you to a freshly-disinfected table. PLUS, when you've completed your scarecrow, you can enter it in the scarecrow contest. To enter, email a photo of your scarecrow to webmaster@sohs.org by October 8. The contest runs October 9 to October 16; winners will be announced online. For voting information, visit www.sohs.org. Your scarecrow may be the winner!

We have two types of scarecrow kits this year—a traditional-scarecrow and a hanger-scarecrow. Each kit contains instructions and all you'll need to make your scarecrow. The traditional kit will contain a cloth head, safety pins and twine, outfit accessories, and enough straw to stuff your scarecrow. (\$15 for non-SOHS members, \$10 for members.)

Hanger kits are for "take home" only, and not to be assembled at the farm. This kit is for those who wish to make a strawless scarecrow, and contains a plastic hanger, paper plates for the head, yarn for hair and a set of scarecrow clothes. (\$10 for non-SOHS members, \$7 for members.)

You can purchase your hanger kit at the farm, as well as traditional kits for those who prefer to build their scarecrow at home—October 3 and 4, 11:00am to 4:00pm. We'll see you at the Annual Scarecrow Festival!



Southern Oregon Historical Society Library—Good news! The Southern Oregon Historical Society's library is OPEN by appointment! Visit www.sohs.org to read guidelines for remote or in-person use of the library Archives.

Historical Markers & Sites in Jackson County—Visit <http://markers.sohistory.org/> and discover markers and monuments in your city, in your community, and in the countryside.

Windows in Time: October 7, noon-1:00pm, "Oregon Caves: Our Underground Treasure"—Sue Densmore, Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau Executive Director, will share the history and stories of the Oregon Caves and Chateau, and how it became a National Monument. This event takes place remotely via Zoom; details will be emailed to you when you register at <https://jcls.libcal.com/event/6809351>.

Hanley Farm, owned and operated by the Southern Oregon Historical Society, is located at 1053 Hanley Road, between Jacksonville and Central Point. For more information, sohs.org, 541-773-6536, Facebook/HanleyFarm and Facebook/SouthernOregonHistoricalSociety.



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Pioneer Profiles

Artenicia Riddle Merriman—Reluctant Pioneer

by Carolyn Kingsnorth

Life is what happens while you are making other plans. In her long life, Artenicia Riddle Merriman did not anticipate being either a pioneer or a movie actress, yet she became both. Nor did Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery (FOJHC) anticipate the cancellation of their annual October "Meet the Pioneers." This would have been its 14th year. I've portrayed a cemetery "resident" every year since the Pioneers' inception—which was not my original plan either. I stepped in at the last minute that first year and have been part of it ever since.

This month, as a tribute to "Meet the Pioneers," Dirk Siedlecki, President of FOJHC, and all the wonderful and dedicated interpreters through the years, some of whom have since joined the early Jacksonville residents who "live" again for the public each October, I'm revisiting Artenicia, my 2012 "incarnation." And I've decided to let "Artenicia" share the story I told. Picture her reading a letter as she joins you.

Gracious goodness! My granddaughter writes here that I'm a moving picture star! She's down in San Francisco at that 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition. She says she walked into the Oregon Pavilion and there I was, bigger than life, up on a moving picture screen! Imagine that—and me an 85-year-old woman!

Oh, I better introduce myself. My name is Artenecia Riddle Merriman, but most folks call me "Artie." You may know Merriman Road and the Merriman Ranch over in Central Point.

You know, I hadn't given much thought to being in that film—although I did buy myself a new bonnet for the occasion. It was called "Grace's Visit to the Rogue River Valley." Grace Andrews was this pretty, young Broadway actress who married a local orchardist, Conro Fiero. The moving picture had her visiting a friend in Medford, and while they were touring around, they visited some of us pioneers.

It was funny that I turned out to be a pioneer—I certainly didn't plan to be. My parents were more the adventuring type. Papa came west from Connecticut to homestead in Ohio where I was born in 1830. Then Papa and Mama moved on to Illinois, which is where I grew up. In 1851, they were planning to move again—this time to Oregon!

Well, I was happily settled in Springfield, Illinois. Three years earlier I had married John Chapman, and we now had a baby boy. But not five days before my parents left, John died. So here I was—a 21-year-old widow with a year-old baby. There was nothing for me to do but to come along with my folks, so I scrambled to get as many provisions together as I could before we had to leave.

There were 40 in our party—mostly men. We came across the Missouri River and then followed the southern route to Oregon. That way we had good pasture for our stock, but there were many days when there was not even the suggestion of a trail. And there were quite a few skirmishes with Indians. In fact, the first night this side of the Missouri, we were attacked by a band of Indians who came down over a hill before we knew what was happening. They got away with one of our biggest oxen and wounded one of our men. After that, we were constantly on the lookout.

We arrived in Southern Oregon in just under four months and settled in what is now Douglas County. In fact, Riddle, Oregon, is named for my father, William Riddle.

Indians were also a problem in Oregon, and we went through some terrible Indian wars. Fortunately, none of my immediate family were killed. But many homes were burnt and the government even sent soldiers down from Fort Vancouver to help protect the white people.

But I did learn to speak Chinook—that was the trading language used by the Indians, the French, and the English-speaking settlers. That came in handy later. I was able to act as an interpreter between the Indians and whites when the Rogue River Indian Wars took place.

I moved to the Rogue Valley with my husband, William Merriman, in 1857 after hearing about all the famous mines in the Jacksonville area. I had married William in 1854—he was a widower at the time. His wife had died while crossing the Oregon Trail two years earlier. William and I had known each other as children, then met again on that wagon train.

William was a blacksmith, a wagon maker, and an agriculturalist. He figured all of those trades would be in demand in the new mining district, and they were. We settled two miles north of Jacksonville on 120 acres of land that William purchased.

William and I had 15 children before the Lord took him in 1877 when he was only 52. Our baby daughter Winnifred had died two years before; our youngest son was only five-years-old at the time. But with the help of the older children, we made do. We ran the ranch for almost 20 more years raising pigs, chickens, and cows.

Now, I live most of the time with my different children—I try not to stay so long with any one of them as not to wear out my welcome. I enjoy their company, but it's been a long 38 years without William...and I look forward to joining him here in the Jacksonville Cemetery before too long....

Still I've been fortunate that eleven of my children have survived and I've lived long enough to enjoy the better life that has come from those earlier privations. My goodness—gas cook stoves, electric lights, and automobiles are a far cry from the Dutch ovens, tallow candles, and wagons of the pioneer times I talk about in that moving picture.

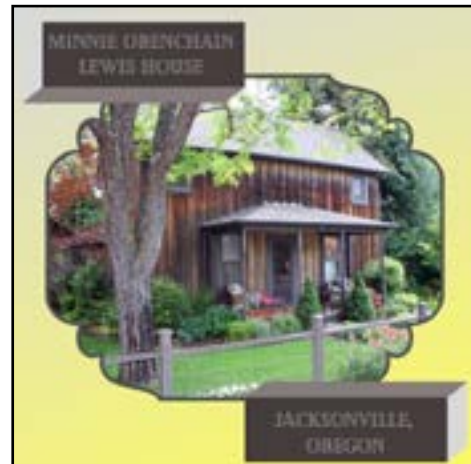
Artenicia joined William in the Jacksonville Cemetery after she passed-away on January 10, 1917, at the age of 87.

Pioneer Profiles is a project of Historic Jacksonville, Inc. Given the need to cancel all events this year, we're providing online learning opportunities at www.historicjacksonville.org. Join us for three virtual tours—"Walk through History" with weekly stops at sites in Jacksonville's National Historic Landmark District; "Beekman Bank Nuggets," artifacts and stories from the 1863 Beekman Bank Museum; and "Mrs. Beekman Invites You to Call..." an opportunity to tour the 1873 Beekman House Museum, home to Jacksonville's wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family, with Mrs. Julia Beekman as your tour guide.



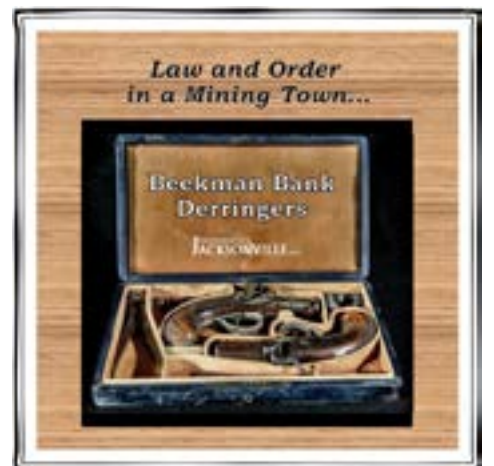
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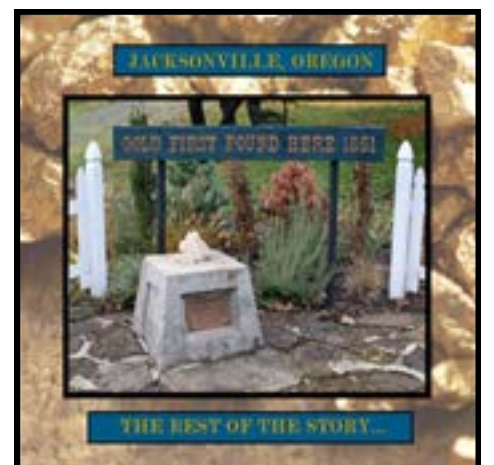
Our "Walk through History" tour visits a notable site in Jacksonville's "National History Landmark District" every weekend. The 1908 Minnie Obenchain house (shown here), is one of only four Jacksonville residences built with board and batten exterior sheathing.

And check out our Thursday "Beekman Bank Nugget" tours as we share items and stories from the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest and the oldest wooden commercial building in Jacksonville. How's that for a pedigree!



Julia Beekman, wife of Jacksonville's wealthiest and most prominent pioneer, was quite disappointed when she had to cease her usual social calls and reception days, but she is pleased to have this new communication called "posts" that still allows her to receive guests. So do plan to visit on Mondays and Thursdays when you will find her "at home."

And don't miss our regular History Trivia Tuesdays when we share fun facts about Jacksonville places, people, and events. You can also explore the complete 5-year treasure trove of Jacksonville history tidbits at your leisure on our website.



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Please visit our blog, <https://blogs.soartists.com/ArtMatters> and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SOArtists>, where you will find all the GoFundMe links we have for artists in need. PLEASE make a donation, however small, to as many as you can! If you have art supplies you’re willing to give to an artist who is starting over from scratch, please contact us at soar@soartists.com and we will pair your donation with an artist in need. Thank you for your care and generosity!

Art Presence Art Center



The Imaginarium: Light Up the Dark opened Friday, September 18, and fills the entire gallery through the end of October. This popular event is a must-see open show of original works by regional artists! Left: “Midnight Messengers,” by Nancy Bardos

Art Presence Art Center is a nonprofit organization located at 206 N. 5th St. Open 11am–5pm every Fri–Sun.

<https://art-presence.org>

Free Association

Philippo LoGrande Fundraiser



Saturday, October 10, 4–10 pm: We’ve all seen Philippo out painting our historic buildings. Well, his home burned down in August. Then he

was diagnosed with inoperable, metastatic brain tumors. He has lost most cognitive function. While his doctors consider his options, the friends who are caring for him need help covering his expenses—diagnostic tests, consultations, medicine, food and lodging—so this month’s event is a fundraiser to benefit Philippo. Please join us!

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CALL TO ARTISTS

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The Jacksonville Tax Lady wanted her website to be mobile-friendly, so we rebuilt it with a design similar to the original. Kathleen and Angela will add to the articles posted on the Tax Tips page, a great resource with answers to many tax questions.

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State of the Art Presence Art Center

by Hannah West, Southern Oregon Artists Resource



Art Presence Art Center is already making plans for member exhibits and guest artists in 2021. Look for virtual tours of all the exhibits in the new year, compensating for our inability to have receptions to celebrate the artists.

The City of Jacksonville has again supported us with a three-year lease. This enables us to take our vision and turn it into exciting art installations. We are grateful for their confidence in us, as our “presence” in this city is among the unique features that draw people here—history, wineries, music and Art.

This is our 8th year in the old County Jail and, despite difficulties due to the pandemic, we continue to successfully woo folks into our fine art and craft gallery. Please visit and let us give you a tour of our new Loft, with studio spaces for artists who need a place to create. We look forward to seeing you.

~Anne Brooke, Director, Art Presence Art Center

Our annual *October Imaginarium* exhibition opened Friday, September 18 and continues through Sunday, November 1. This year’s theme is, “Light Up the Dark,” an illuminating display of fun and out-of-the-mainstream art featuring unique paintings, 3D assemblages, sculpture, textile art, ceramics, lamps,

Hannah West is a Jacksonville website designer and art advocate. She is the creator and editor of the Southern Oregon Artists Resource (www.soartists.com), serves on the board of Art Presence Art Center, is a core founding member of the Arts Alliance of Southern Oregon and curated the monthly art exhibits at GoodBean cafe for seven years. See some of her art and web design work at www.hannahwestdesign.com.



New Book Explores Silver Lining of Grief

The “Review” recently caught up with a very busy Kate Ingram, author of our wildly-popular column, “Soul Matters,” to find out more about her newest book, “Grief Girls Guide.” The book represents a continuation of her life’s work of helping people navigate and grow through the tough stuff of life. Here, she boldly and expertly deconstructs what for many people is an uncomfortable, even taboo subject: Grief. Part self-help, part modern manifesto for the power and value of this misunderstood emotion, “Grief Girl” is a real-world guide not just for healing, but for discovering something bigger on the other side.

What inspired you to write this book?

My clients were my initial inspiration. I was sharing the same ideas over and over and I thought, “Wouldn’t it be great if I put all this in a book?” because it was clear that some basic wisdom around loss and grief had somehow been lost in our culture. This cultural deficit became a larger inspiration.

Grief has a bad rap in this country. People are very uncomfortable and fearful with it.

No one knows what to do or say, and that’s a direct result of our society’s penchant for labeling everything that’s emotionally complex or difficult as “bad” and therefore unnecessary. It’s not. Grief is absolutely necessary and it’s good. *Grief Girl* shows you why.

You’ve written two other books about grief: how did you choose grief as a central topic of your work?

I didn’t choose grief as much as grief chose me. I had a lot of early and profound experiences with grief. Those struggles, combined with my study of psychology and spirituality, led me rather naturally to talking not just about loss, but the opportunity to transform through trauma. Initially, I tried to run away from grief. I didn’t want to be “Grief Girl.” But once I saw that it wasn’t just about grief but about *transformation*, everything shifted. Grief Girl isn’t sad: she’s empowered. The pain we embrace becomes our strength.

What are the central themes of *Grief Girl*?

There are really two themes. The first is that grief is not something to be avoided or feared. Grief is the flipside of love. It is a normal, healthy expression of loss.

The second theme is that there’s more to grief than getting through it. Grief connects us to our hearts, to others, and to the transcendent, however you conceive

of that. It’s what makes us the kind of people that can make a true and positive difference. It can lead you to your purpose. It is a catalyst for compassionate action in the world. It’s huge.

How does your book differ from other books on grief?

Grief Girl is unique in two big ways. The first is its tone and presentation. There are lots of books on grief that talk about the stages of grief or come from a religious point of view. I wanted to offer something fresh: something very down-to-earth, personal and *inviting*. *Grief Girl* is intimate, relaxed and conversational. I share my own experiences. I normalize and help readers through the dark and difficult process that is grief and offer very practical guidance.

But the most important difference is the emphasis throughout the book that your grief will take you somewhere new and positive. It’s not just about getting through the pain: it’s about what awaits you on the other side.

Who is this book for? Is it only for those who have lost a loved one?

Absolutely not! Grief comes from all sorts of loss: divorce, illness, trauma, retirement, empty nest, moving, a major injury. While I’m primarily addressing the experience of physical death, the principles and possibilities in the book apply to any loss.

For example, there is so much loss and grief being generated right now with the pandemic, with the socio-political traumas going on, with natural disasters. Unfortunately, people aren’t recognizing or responding to the grief this is generating: Instead, they’re slipping into fear and anger.

What is your hope for this book?

My biggest hope is that this book will help change the way people think about grief. I hope it will lift the fear and shame and empower readers to embrace their grief, knowing that it will not only help them to heal, but that it will lead to a bigger, deeper, more meaningful life. I also hope Oprah will read it, love it, and ask me on Super Soul Sunday.

KATE INGRAM, MA (aka “Grief Girl”), is an award-winning author, counselor and life transitions coach. To make an appointment, purchase a book, or share Oprah’s personal email address, please go to katherineingram.com.



Why Southern Oregon Will Always Be My Home

by Kassidy Olson, Expert Properties



If you've spent a significant amount of time in Oregon, you understand just how unique and beautiful our state is. Southern Oregon is known for its gorgeous vineyards, the "wild and scenic" Rogue River, and stunning, sweeping views. Most of the area has a rural and small-town spirit which is comforting and full of character. Even though our area has seen lots of growth in the past 20 years, we still have a strong sense of community.

When it comes to choosing a place to live, many people have to make the decision between a small town or bigger city. While the bigger cities may have offered more opportunity in the past, many people are choosing to live in smaller and more rural and suburban communities. Smaller communities are becoming more popular as people search for affordable housing, peace of mind, and open spaces. As a local real estate broker, I have seen a dramatic increase in people moving to this area to escape highly-populated areas. People are eager to trade in the hustle and bustle of city life for the calmness of small-town living.

I have the privilege of calling myself a native Oregonian. However, I didn't always realize how fortunate I was. I was born in Grants Pass and often joked that as soon as I was done with school, I'd be off to a bigger city in California or Arizona. As I have gotten older and traveled to other states and countries, I have realized how special our little corner of the world truly is. I think growing-up in Southern Oregon is the ideal place for raising a family; it made me the person I am today. I grew up a mere 2 hours away from the ocean, 30 minutes from multiple lakes where I could ski and wakeboard and a plethora of hiking and camping spots accessible in the blink of an eye.

I've experienced first-hand how our community comes together in times of crisis on many occasions. In crisis situations, you suddenly realize what is important and what is not. I think the current devastation to our area with the Almeda, Slater and Obenchain fires is a perfect representation of the small-town spirit here in our valley. Right now, our community is in a state of response, making sure people have their basic needs met such as food, water and temporary shelter. So many people

have come together whether it was providing a home for friends and family or donating their own time and money. Even though people may still be in a state of shock or grief, they still stopped everything to help. Social media has been a swarm of GoFundMe pages and people asking how they can actively help. Within days, many fundraisers met their goal or exceeded it. I even saw a Facebook post sharing the fundraisers that had the least contributions to ensure that more people donated. This is what makes me proud to be an Oregonian. In times of crisis, people are able to put their differences aside to help others.

We can rebuild buildings, but we must also focus on rebuilding connection and community values. It's one thing to rebuild, but many people have been totally displaced and lost everything. This can be devastating for their mental health. Many volunteered to go to the Jackson County Expo where people were sheltering just to be someone to talk to or a shoulder to cry on. Something so small can mean so much. One of my favorite social media posts that I saw circulating was a photo of the back roads into Phoenix and Talent. A very kind person put sunflowers in several 5-gallon buckets lining roads welcoming those returning to their destroyed town to give them a glimmer of hope.

You hear about disasters on the news almost daily, but rarely does it happen so close to home. Seeing friends and family members lose their homes is heart wrenching. The national media headlines may move on, but many families will still be living in the aftermath of this tragedy. This is our time to make sure we help those in need as much as we can, whether that means donating financially or volunteering your time. Even though the world seems so full of destruction and sadness, I take comfort in knowing that I am part of a strong community. 2020 has not been an easy year for anyone, but the kindness and generosity I have experienced gives me hope that we will recover and we will get through this as we all endeavor to be kind and be there for others in their time of need—this is why Southern Oregon will always be my home.

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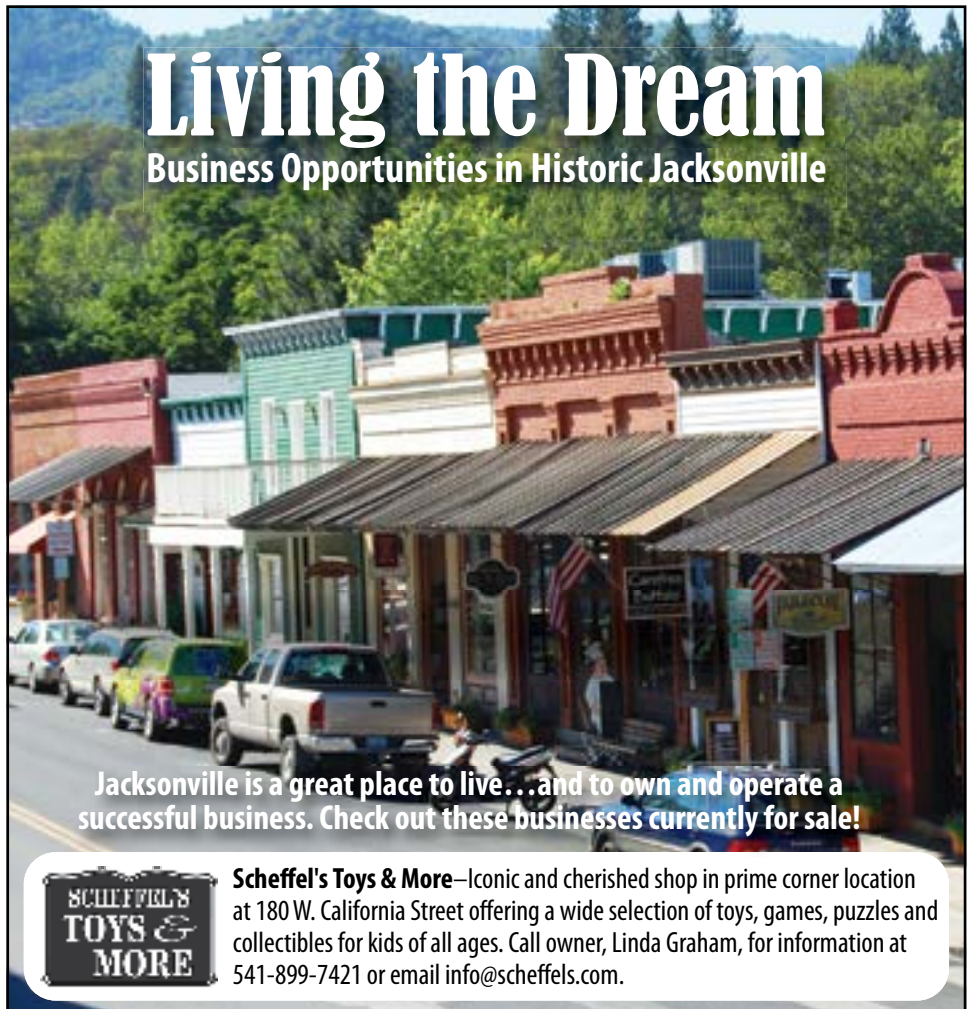
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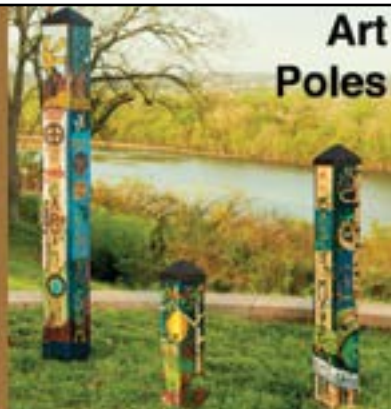
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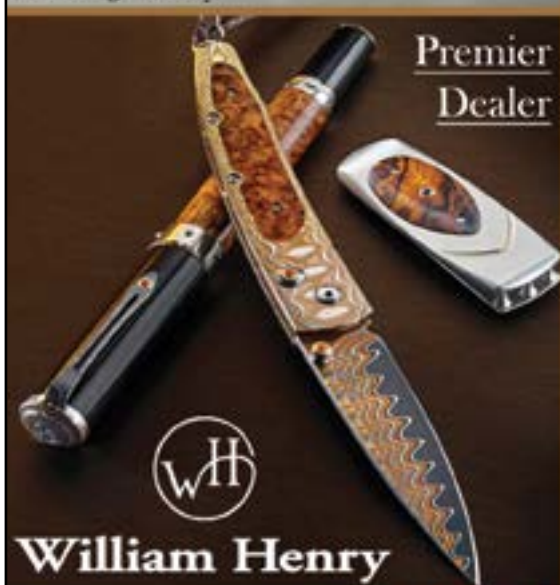
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