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My View by Whitman Parker, Publisher

Okay, not THAT kind of centerfold... it’s one that might save you your life in case of a major natural disaster such as wildland fire, forest fire or earthquake. The full-sized, color-coded Evacuation Map on page 17 is designed as a pull-out for you to keep in case of an emergency. A good place to keep it is in your Go-Bag and/or your vehicle with your evacuation and shelter in place supplies. (You have all of that together, don’t you?)

Please, please, please... I urge you to spend some time studying the best escape route to use if you need to bug out to a safer place. While you’re at it, get in your car and take a test drive (or two) just to be sure you know where to go...just in case. Seriously, this is life and death stuff.

Call me overly-cautious, but with my 14-years working with members of the Jacksonville City Council, city staff and public safety officials, I understand the importance of having a plan. That’s why when Mayor Donna Bowens and City Councilors Andrea Thompson and Mike McClain approached me about inserting the map, I was delighted to include the full-sized version in this issue. This is the same map you received with your utility bill this month, but it needed to be super-sized!

Thank you to our City Council and staff for taking public safety very seriously. They’ve been hard at work crafting plans in the wake of the Almeda fire which sounded the alarm that the time to prepare isn’t during but well before a natural disaster.

For the sake of your family and friends, get prepared, and stay safe in Our Small Town with Big Atmosphere!
Art Presence Art Center’s annual invitational show, the October Imaginarium, is open for viewing through month’s end. This year’s theme, “Reality or Illusion?,” has inspired a collection of amazing artworks you’ll want to see. You might even find yourself bringing one home with you! Above: A Murder of Crows, by Nancy Sterling. Below: The Traveller, by Mark Daucher.

**Second Saturday ArtWalk**
Saturday, October 9, from 3–6 pm: Look for the yellow flags that mark participating merchants and see the works of a local artist inside their shop. More artists will demonstrate their skills on downtown sidewalks. The gallery remains open till 6 pm on Second Saturday this month and opens at 10 am on Sundays. Hours return to normal in November.

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Friday, October 22 at 5pm: Anne Brooke and Ginna BB Gordon discuss the next novel in Gordon’s Lavandula Series, Humming in Spanish.

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Located at 206 N. 5th Street in Jacksonville.

**Events Calendar**
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**An Extremely Generous Gesture**
by Dirk J. Siedlecki, President, Friends of Jacksonville’s Historic Cemetery

Chris Anderson and his wife, Brenda, are relatively new residents of Jacksonville after moving here in August 2020. Southern Oregon is not new territory to Chris—he was born in Texas and raised in Ashland, and after living in San Francisco, Seattle and Beijing, is once again calling Southern Oregon home.

Chris’s hobby is woodworking—in particular, turning wood on a lathe and turning it into beautiful pieces of art, large and small bowls and other decorative pieces.

He recently approached me about the possibility of using wood from the Jacksonville Cemetery. His work can be viewed on ETSY: www.etsy.com/shop/woodbowlsbychris. The first of the bowls created by Chris to support the FOJHC will be available for sale during the Saturday, October 9 Art Walk in Jacksonville. A silent auction will be held at Belita Space, located on S. Third Street in the former historic Milo Caton home, next door to South Stage Cellars. Following the silent auction, Chris’s pieces made from wood from the cemetery will be available on his site on ETSY. We are working on other possible locations and updates and further information will be available at www.friendsjvillecemetery.org.

We sincerely thank Chris for being so generous and for supporting our organization. I would also like to thank Belita Palu-ay for promoting Chris’s work hosting the silent auction.

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Trevor and Jessie Driskell’s long held dream was to take over the Mustard Seed Café—to run their own business. On March 1, 2020, that dream came true. Soon after, the world changed. Jessie shares their story.

“It was bad timing but it [buying the restaurant] had been in the works for a long time. We took over and then fourteen days later is when all the shutdowns started. Fourteen days. And I was pretty big pregnant, too. And so Trevor and I, we couldn’t have any of our employees because it was take-out only…we just did it all, until summer.”

For three months they were take-out only—mid-March through May 14—about the time Jacksonville businesses are normally starting to boom with tourists. Gradually, indoor dining became an option, but only 25% of indoor space could be utilized, which, for them, meant only two tables. Restaurants began adding outdoor seating wherever they could.

“We have our original patio that we’ve always had. We ended up with, I believe it was ten tables altogether, which was pretty much what we’d had inside and on our patio. So, now we have a lot more outdoor seating, and that has definitely been a blessing.”

Their first child, Peyton Rose Driskell, joined them on July 15, 2020. Zach, a former employee, made it possible for Jessie to spend some time with her newborn. Each day with the pandemic brought more questions and answers. “It was a little scary going through all of Covid with a brand new baby. And we had no idea what was going on or how serious it was. But we couldn’t just shut down our restaurant and be home, so she was on the front pack with me most of the time and we were just being as cautious as we possibly could but still trying to make our life at least a little bit good.”

But requirements were ever-changing. By November, we were back to take-out only, and in December, the great outdoors was the only option. Outdoor dining in December? Jessie reflects. “When it was outdoor dining only, we got a party tent to cover the patio. The next day it was destroyed by a storm and smashed our three patio heaters. We also bought around 100 blankets for people to use out there. Then we got another tent and reinforced it as much as possible and got new heaters.”

Now that indoor dining is happening, the refurbished area is unused for lack of help. Trevor and Jessie still aren’t able to open their entire space. She explained, “I recently had to go back to work full time. I’m staying with some family members, thankfully, because we don’t have enough staff to get us through the days. It’s hard to find people, and reliable people at that.”

Mustard Seed recently changed their hours to accommodate the staffing problem and because of the seasonal change. They’re open Tuesday through Saturday, with breakfast served 8-11 and lunch, 11-2.

I asked Jessie if customers helped or hindered their plight. “There are always some grumpy people in food service, but I feel like most of our customers, especially our regulars, they’ve all been so supportive.” She shared how, during the shutdown, people came in for gift cards and special order cinnamon rolls for Christmas. The mask issue can be a trial, but she said that recently people have been very cooperative.

“All of our locals are just wanting to protect Jacksonville and make sure we stay where we are in safety and the loving, warm feeling of Jacksonville. I think being a part of the small town has really helped everybody stay together more.”

After hearing their story, I can’t imagine a business more deserving of support. “I know we have struggled with our service in the past few months, so we just want to let the community know how thankful we are for them to keep supporting us, and that now we have a wonderful staff trained the right way. And hopefully, the Mustard Seed is back to what we have always known it to be and what we love. It’s been rough with everything. Our daughter, Peyton, is probably the reason we kept pushing forward, she was a bright light in some pretty dark times. I was really surprised that we made it through winter, but now I feel like we can do anything.”

“Peyton Rose Driskell, Trevor Driskell’s first child, was born on July 15, 2020.”

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Beginning In October, the Jacksonville Community Center is sponsoring a monthly series of presentations on health. Initial sessions will cover orthopedic issues including the latest science and technology of treatment and surgery, mechanisms and pathology of injury and arthritis, non-surgical options, and how to empower people to make informed decisions about their health. Later sessions will address other areas of health.

The topic for the first session on October 13 is “Hip Arthritis: Current Treatment Options Including Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement Techniques,” featuring Dr. Yaser Metwally. Come spend an interactive evening with him to hear the latest science about how specialized approaches can minimize your hip pain and allow you to get back to your life faster than ever. The session is on October 13 from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Community Center Great Room and will include plenty of time for questions.

Dr. Metwally is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in hip and knee replacement surgery. He was fellowship trained in joint replacement at the world-renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. He has practiced in Southern Oregon for 20 years and is a highly regarded specialist in his field. Dr. Metwally moved to Jacksonville with his wife in 2011 and they have since raised two daughters and been an active part of the Jacksonville community.

At the second session, on November 10 at 6:30 pm, Dr. Ryan Colley will focus on shoulder arthritis and treatments, including replacement surgery, covering the reasons people need replacements, the surgery, and what to expect with recovery. As always, due to changing COVID-19 requirements, consult the JCC website for the most up-to-date information on these and other activities at the Center: https://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org. See JCC ad page 13.
The Plot — about a writer who steals another writer’s plot — didn’t take our breath away. And while The Other Black Girl’s marketing suggested we’d love it if we’d liked the twists of the creepy flick Get Out, we weren’t thrilled when they worked “thrillingly.” Alas.

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Born August 1, 1830, in Neuchâtel, Canton Switzerland, Kaspar Kubli was the first of his Swiss family to immigrate to America. He laid a foundation upon which later generations built successful in politics, business, and ranching in Oregon. Kubli, initially deemed by his family as a “prodigal son,” arrived in the United States in 1852, landing at the port of New Orleans then moving on briefly to Illinois. The following year he joined a wagon train crossing the plains. Reaching Jacksonville at the beginning of October, he was soon engaged in mining for gold on Jackson Creek.

Two winters of gold mining apparently provided a sufficient “grubstake” for Kubli to invest with fellow countrymen, Peter Britt and Viet Shultz, in running pack mule trains over the Siskiyou Mountains between Crescent City, California, and Jacksonville, hauling supplies to the area mining camps. Although the journey was both hazardous and uncertain, by 1857 it had proven profitable enough for him to purchase a flour mill on the Applegate River as well as a farm.

On December 17th of that same year, Kubli married Eleanor Jan Newcomb, daughter of Mexican War veteran Daniel Newcomb who had captained the wagon train Kubli had joined to cross the Oregon Trail. Kubli and Eleanor had met on the months-long trip. During the marriage, Kubli opened a “trading post and stage house” that was also licensed to sell liquor. Located about two miles from present-day Applegate, it became a night stop on the stage line from Crescent City to Jacksonville. The stage house was the couple’s first home and where their first five children were born. During this period Kubli also opened a store in Applegate with a J. Bolt. It later became the site of the Applegate post office. First known as Kubli and Bolt, it later became Kubli and Son, and then finally Kubli. Most business was done by barter inasmuch as cash was in short supply. Records show that a note for $10 to be paid “in produce or money” was eventually paid in potatoes.

Per the Southern Oregon Pioneer Society, Kubli’s “first $91,000.00 earned by honest toil in Jackson County was sent back to his parents in Switzerland to help raise the younger children at home.” Once settled and increasingly prosperous, Kubli also sent money for his brothers Jacob and Heinrich Kubli to come from Switzerland to the United States.

Heinrich arrived in 1860 and worked for a while on pack trains. He apparently never married and little more is known about him. Jacob arrived in 1868 with his wife and four children, and settled just north of Missouri Flats, purchasing a donation land claim a few hundred feet from the Josephine County border and becoming a respected part of the community.

In 1871, tragedy struck. Two of the Kubli’s daughters died in the same week during a diphtheria epidemic. Kubli quickly moved back to Jacksonsvil, purchasing the home and the adjacent property at 305 S. Oregon Street where Kaspar and Eleanor lived for nearly twenty years. Their first five children were born. Kubli briefly invested in C.H. Miller with a man named Wilson for a decade or more. According to County records, although listed as a “livery and feed store,” at least a portion of the business seems to have been supplying hearses for funerals. The running of the business may have been left to Wilson since during this period Kubli also marketed his mark as a printer and telegraph operator.

In 1873 Kubli bought out William Hoffman and Henry Klippel’s hardware business and became a successful hardware merchant, advertising his “superior assortment of hardware and tinware.” The business was housed on the ground floor of the International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) building on Oregon Street until 1884 when Kubli built his own two-story brick commercial building on California Street. Kubli remained a prominent Jacksonville merchant, running his hardware business until his death.

Kubli was also active in public and civic affairs. He served as a juror and as a road district supervisor. He served on six of Jacksonville’s City Councils between 1874 and 1882. He was twice elected Jackson County Treasurer by the Democratic Party and was always an active party member.

He was a member of Jacksonville’s IOOF lodge, No. 10, later to become Jacksonville IOOF Lodge No. 10, as a charter member of the IOOF’s Table Rock Encampment and of the Ruth Rebekah Lodge. In 1893, he had joined the Patriarch of Oregon Valley IOOF grand lodge of Oregon. He was active in the Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW). He took an active part in the management of the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife served for many years as one of its missionaries.

Kubli died May 16, 1897 and is buried in the Odd Fellows section of Jacksonville’s pioneer cemetery. In his memory, Doctor Britt and David Lion praised Kubli as “earnest, brave, and forceful...a citizen of unimpeachable integrity, fearless in his convictions and courageous in maintaining them...a friend true and unwavering.” The Kubli’s youngest son, Kaspar K. Kubli, initially took over the running of the family businesses following his father’s death. He had graduated from the University of Oregon and Harvard Law School although he never practiced law. However, in the early 1900s he moved to Portland and became active in Republican politics. He served as a Portland City Councilor then served four terms in the Oregon House of Representatives, eventually becoming Speaker of the House.

Kaspar K. Kubli was an unabashed populist and became caught up in the post-World War I tide of nativism and its anti-immigration stance. He supported or authored bills prohibiting non-citizens from owning land or teaching in schools, excluding women from juries, and severely limiting labor union activities and political dissidence. His distinctive initials also proved prophetic. He was a natural fit for the rising Ku Klux Klan of the time, and, as a politician, energetically promoted Klan legislation, it was targeting the Catholic Church. Kaspar K., or Kap as he was also known, was described as a “red-blooded protagonist” of conservative politics. One can’t help but wonder what the prospects for his son's nativist stance...

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News from the Silent City on the Hill
by Dirk J. Siedlecki, President, Friends of Jacksonville’s Historic Cemetery

Despite the heat, including a week’s worth of triple-digit temperatures, along with smoke from the wildfires, our volunteers managed to contribute 153 hours of volunteer labor during the month of August 2021. These hours were dedicated to tree maintenance, cleaning of headstones and monuments, and restoration work. Not included is the time that our Adopt-A-Block volunteers put in caring for their adopted grave sites.

Two major restoration projects were taken on this year, the Bybee block in the City Section is nearing completion. All the walls that enclose the block were rebuilt and a new footing was just added under the large family monument in the center of the block. The Chavner block in the Catholic section is nearing completion as well. The walls and steps were removed and the large family monument was moved forward to avoid tree roots that were causing the monument to lean. Then the steps leading into the block were rebuilt as well as the sandstone walls that surround the block. Much appreciation to John McClothin and John Elliott for all their hard work on rebuilding these blocks. Thanks Richard Shields and Eric Villareal of the Public Works Department for skillfully and successfully lifting and moving the Chavner monument. When finished, both sites should be safe and secure for many years to come. The photo taken by John McClothin shows the Chavner block prior to work starting in early August.

I have received so many wonderful comments and praise from locals and visitors alike about how nice the cemetery looks and is being cared for. As I thank them, I explain that it is all the result of our small army of volunteers who take pride in helping to care for our Pioneer Cemetery. Thank you volunteers—all your efforts are noticed and sincerely appreciated.

Upcoming October 2021 Cemetery Event: History Saturday in the Cemetery, October 2, 10am — Our program, “Snake Oils and Sound Practice; Successes, Failures and Antidotes of Pioneer Medicine,” will be presented by Leslie Parr and Michael Smeary and starts at 10am. This program was originally scheduled for August 14, but was canceled due to poor air quality. No advance reservations are required and there is no charge for attending. We do ask that you consider making a donation to help support the work of the Friends of Jacksonville’s Historic Cemetery. The program is approximately ninety minutes and includes a short walking tour. Meet your docents at the top of the Cemetery Road where you will find parking available. We ask that you plan to follow the CDC COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time.

As a reminder, there will be no Meet the Pioneers program this year due to the ongoing COVID situation. We appreciate your understanding now and your support in past years.

For more information, please visit our website at friendsjvillecemetery.org.

Scarecrow Festival is On!
Focus on the Farm by Pam Sasseen, SOHS Volunteer

2021 has been a special year for the Southern Oregon Historical Society! In celebration of our 75th anniversary, we’ve held several public events, including last month’s dinner at Edenvale Winery. Thank you for celebrating with us, and special thanks to Edenvale Winery, Travel Medford, First Interstate Bank, Rogue Valley Manor, Cow Creek Foundation, BiCoastal Media, and KOBI-TV NBCS for sponsoring the event.

Since 1946, SOHS has preserved the history of Rogue Valley residents through collections, documents, oral histories, pictures, paintings, and much more. In 1982, Mary Hanley invited Hanley Farm to SOHS, and since then the Society has maintained the Farm as a living history museum, open to the public for all to enjoy. These past 75 years, it’s been your support and contributions that have helped the Historical Society preserve our rich heritage, and with your continued support, we’ll do so for many more!

For several years, Hanley Farm has been hosting its Annual Scarecrow Festival. In fact, on Saturday & Sunday, October 2 & 3, 11am-4pm each day, we are celebrating the Farm’s 10th Annual Scarecrow Festival! This is your opportunity to make a scarecrow to protect your crops and gardens from the ghoosties, goolies, and goblins who haunt your fields every October.

Everything you’ll need to build your authentic straw-filled scarecrow will be at the farm. Scarecrow kits are $15 for non-Members, or $10 for SOHS members. Scarecrow kits, including straw, can be purchased at the farm and then made at home. For those who want to make a scarecrow without the mess of straw, there will be complete “hanger scarecrow” kits available for $10. There will also be children’s games, activities and, maybe, a free hayride! Admission, children’s games and all activities are free!

Windows in Time, October 6, noon-1pm — Modoc leader Kintpuash, aka Captain Jack, was hanged on October 3, 1873, after the Modoc War. October’s guest speaker Todd Kepple, Klamath County Museum Manager and “As it Was” contributor, will speak about this execution, and the eccentric Cleveland millionaire, Leonard Case, who traveled west specifically to witness the executions. Windows in Time lectures are free, and take place remotely, via Zoom. For registration and information, go to: https://dis.lib.ca.gov/event/7954509.

SOHS 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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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Tuesday, October 5, 2:30pm (NCHAR)
CITY COUNCIL: Tuesday, October 5, 6:00pm (NCHAR)
PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, October 13, 6:00pm (NCHAR)
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 19, 6:00pm (NCHAR)
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Tuesday, October 19, 2:30pm (NCHAR)
HARC: Wednesday, October 27, 7:00pm (NCHAR)
COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: TBD - see City website

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Donna Bowen
COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
HARC: Wednesday, October 27, 5:00pm (NCHAR)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION: Wednesday, October 13, 6:00pm (NCHAR)

Mayor
A consolidated report based on type of calls & number of incidences

Domestic - 3
Disturbance/Noise - 3
Civil - 4
City Ordinance - 2
Assist Public - 5
Assist Medical - 2
Assist - Other - 31
Animal - 8
Alarm - 4

Jacksonville Police Department

Police Blotter
Jacksonville Police Department
A consolidated report based on type of calls & number of incidences

Abandoned Vehicle - 1
Extra Patrol/Foot Patrol - 1
Alarm - 4
Fugitive (Warrant) - 1
Animal - 8
Harassment - 3
Assist - Other - 31
House Check - 1
Assist - Law Enforcement - 2
Juvenile Problems - 2
Assist Medical - 2
Motor Vehicle Crash - 3
Assist Public - 5
Parking Complaint - 16
City Ordinance - 2
Property - 9
Civil - 4
Sudden Death - 3
Disorderly Conduct (DOC) - 3
Suspicions - 17
Disturbance/Noise - 3
Theft - 2
Demon - 3
Traffic Roads - 3
Dui - 2
Trespass - 2
Elude - 1
Welfare Check - 8

With October and November upon us, I’m feeling hope and a sense of moving forward to a season of renewal.

Hopefully, we will see the last of wildfires and smoke. Hopefully too, children are back in school and happily occupied in academics, social development, sports and other extracurricular activities. Hopefully also, we are seeing smaller numbers of death and cases of COVID-19. That may be wishful thinking, but I remain hopeful. With a bit of optimism, we are moving forward as a small city, connected by what brought us to Jacksonville in the first place.

Some of you were born here, perhaps born into several generations of family settling in the area and building traditions in Jacksonville. Some of us moved here, caught by that special “something” about Jacksonville that captured our hearts or minds. Whatever reason brought us together in this special place doesn’t really matter, we are here, living, thriving and hopeful for the future.

I wrote a questionnaire asking for your ideas on Jacksonville. I stated, “I am continually looking for ways to promote Jacksonville. I would like to retain some semblance of normal for those of us who live and work here.” This month I would like to see some letters of response. As we don’t have enough space to reprint all the letters in their entirety, I am sharing snippets of each subject.

The questions I asked are:
1. How would you describe Jacksonville to someone who has never visited?
2. Jacksonville is a small town with a tremendous amount of charm and quaintness, along with a peaceful and serene atmosphere. Along with these qualities, there is an energy and drive which shows that this is a town that will have a positive impact on the area, both in its livability for its residents, while offering a vibrant and exciting destination for all visitors to experience. “A sense of community.” Someone who doesn’t live here cannot possibly understand our Old West ambience, the feeling of belonging to the community. It is truly beyond my ability to describe, even with a thesaurus full of adjectives! I visited one time and that was all it took for me to make my move. So, one can attempt to describe our charming, intimate little town, but there are no appropriate words. We are, in a word, inexcelsibible!

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When people come here to visit, I direct them to, obviously, the downtown area but also to Britt, the trails, and also the cemetery. During the pandemic, we noticed many people utilizing the historic cemetery. During the pandemic, we noticed many people utilizing the historic cemetery.

Almost all of you who responded stated that “It,” the quality that brought you to Jacksonville, is still here. That's important because it shows that Jacksonville is still happy here, despite COVID-19, the fear of fire, and living with smoke. Respondents are still very enthusiastic about living in Jacksonville even after moving here a few decades ago. You remain loyal shoppers and diners. A new shop or a new restaurant provide excitement and anticipation on the town “party line” in a good way. New goods and services keep the people on the downsize and case of COVID-19. That may be wishful thinking, but I remain hopeful. Thinking of the money picking up we can add more outdoor seating and shops to our community, with more outdoor seating and small green spaces, still in keeping with our historic look and feel.

Almost a small numbers of folk were not shy about expressing dismay with the lack of tourism on any slight change. A few of you said ideas about improvements for traffic, tourism, types of business’s allowed, litter and other concerns. I will attempt to address that type of question through this column and our Council Work Sessions in the new year.

5. What attracted you to Jacksonville?

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Josepnhine County Foundation Provides Needed Equipment to Jacksonville Fire Station

The Josephine County Fire Foundation, which has a main mission to strengthen the community through innovative and leadership services, has performed engineering and fundraising to improve social and economic wellbeing in their communities. In its ten-year history, the Josephine County Fire Foundation has provided over $600,000 of medical and firefighting equipment to better serve our residents and to keep our firefighters safe. With the long overdue to remodeling of Jacksonville’s seventy-year-old fire station, JCF is committed to assisting this effort by purchasing a Turnout extractor which was not available within the remodeling budget. This piece of equipment will allow our firefighters to do a deep cleaning of their firefighting gear to rid them of cancer-causing materials.

Preparing for an Emergency Evacuation
by Andrea Thompson, City Councilor

In this issue of the Jacksonville Review on pages 16-17, you will find the City of Jacksonville Emergency Evacuation Map as well as the Citizen’s Emergency Guide. In an effort to widely distribute these materials, the city has posted a link to the Emergency Action website, and mailed them to residents with the September water bill. Additional copies are available at City Hall and at the Fire Station.

I wanted to offer a few comments about the genesis of these materials. First, May is Citizen’s Guide? Last September, almost a year to the day of my writing this, the Rogue Valley was on fire. While the damage was catastrophic in nature, in fact, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of first responders, the toll on human life was small. While homes and businesses burned just a few miles from us, and ash rained down over Jacksonville, many of us wondered how well prepared our city was for such a calamity.

In response to these concerns, the City posted a link to the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) on the City’s homepage. For those intrepid citizens who, like me, followed the link, the EAP proved a rather unwieldy document. At eighty-eight pages, including seven appendices and nine annexes, the scope of the document covers everything from severe weather to international terrorism. The JCF works with residents and to keep our community as well as looking out for the safety of our firefighters.

City’s designated Evacuation Center? How will they receive notice of an impending emergency? Who will be in charge? etc. In Citizen Emergency FAQs, we have tried to give you a concise set of answers to guide you through emergency preparations.

As you review these materials you will notice a chart about the division of Jacksonville into evacuation zones. After all, Jacksonville is a small city with a population of about 300. 400. We need multiple zones. First, the establishment of zones is consistent with the mapping of evacuation routes across the Rogue Valley. Moreover, these zones also serve another function. They are linked to the County’s emergency alert program wherein citizens who enroll receive text messages during an emergency. For example, if a fire was approaching from the South, the County has flexibility in designating levels of evacuation throughout the city. To have some areas begin evacuation while others are on “Get Ready” status, allows our emergency responders greater ability to move throughout the area without having every citizen across town jump into their cars, thereby making roads impassable for emergency vehicles.

As you continue to explore these materials, you may have additional questions or observations. Please feel free to share them with our Ad Committee by emailing me at CouncilorThompson@jacksonville.or.us.

Finally, on behalf of Councilors McClain, Selbe and myself, I wish to thank the entire Council for their support of many boards. With the support of JCF, Jacksonville Fire will now have the financial resources to purchase the extractor. Jacksonville lucky with everyone for supporting our community as well as looking out for the safety of our firefighters.

October 2021 JCC Programs and Classes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register by 10:00 PM the Sunday prior to the program date. CANCELLATION UNAVAILBLE: Registrations are strongly recommended for all programs in order to notify participants of changes to the schedule of location.

Monday, 10/11 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM
The Doctor is in GREAT ROOM

Tuesday, 10/12 @ 10:00 AM
OUTDOOR YOGA with Tara - GREAT ROOM

Tuesday, 10/12 @ 1:30 PM
Scandals of Southern Oregon - GREAT ROOM

Wednesday, 10/13 @ 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Creative Crafts: Rock Painting - GREAT ROOM

Wednesday, 10/13 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM
THE DOCTOR IS IN - GREAT ROOM

Thursday, 10/14 @ 10:00 AM
INDOOR/OUTDOOR TAI CHI with Carolyn - GREAT ROOM

Friday, 10/15 @ 10:30 - 12:30 PM
Meet at the JCC for Learn and Live

Friday, 10/22 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Painting with Neills - GREAT ROOM

Friday, 10/22 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Let’s Create - COTTAGE

Wednesdays, 10/13, 20, 27 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Let’s Create - COTTAGE

For all INDOOR events masks are required. For OUTDOOR events when social distance cannot be maintained masks are required.

Due to changing conditions, the program schedule and policies are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information from the Center or to sign up for email updates, visit our website. Program announcements will be released to our newsletter subscribers via email every 2 weeks. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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A few articles ago, we identified inflation as something to keep an eye on. And sure enough, inflation has been putting on a show! Housing prices in Jackson County were up almost 23% in the 12-months ending in last May. The median house price in Jacksonville is now over $626,000! And these increases aren’t just in the Rogue Valley; much of the country has witnessed similar housing cost inflation. Since we last addressed inflation, car prices have continued to skyrocket. Through the end of July, used cars were now 42% higher than just a year ago. That old beater in your driveway just might be worth more than you thought! What about some of the smaller, everyday expenses? Kroger announced on their company earnings call in September that groceries are expected to climb another 3-5% in the second half of 2021. Enjoy grilling a steak on the weekend? Beef prices are up 14% this year.

Investors have many different goals; saving for retirement, buying a new house, and paying for college to name a few. But, one of the fundamental goals of investing is to “keep up with inflation.” The question for this month’s article is: With inflation running “hot” in so many different areas, how are investors supposed to invest? The biggest challenge we see is for investors’ cash positions. “Money in the bank” is actually “money losing value” with short-term interest rates near 0% and the Consumer Price Index (a popular gauge of inflation) up over 5.4% annually through July. Will short-term rates begin to rise? Let’s hope so! A lot of savers would like to see their cash have a greater return, but Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has suggested he is in no rush to raise rates. In fact, the Federal Reserve is actively keeping rates lower through bond purchases. Tapering these bond purchases is step 41 when the Fed decides to take on inflation pressures. Mr. Powell has suggested that the end of this year will be an appropriate time to begin this tapering process.

What about bonds? Well, here the news is not too much better. With rates near all-time lows, bond prices are at all-time highs. And, just as with cash, rates on bonds just aren’t that attractive. The US 10-year treasury is currently yielding 1.32%. This expected return is hardly a bargain with inflation running well above these levels. Which brings us to the opportunities in stocks. Equities are trading near all-time highs as well, and their risks are much higher than cash or bonds, however, there are pockets of opportunities for equity investors. After all, stocks are not monolithic. There are large companies, small, domestic, international, technology sector, industrials, and on and on. Finding these opportunities is, of course, the biggest challenge.

So, what is an investor to do? With everything looking expensive, perhaps focus on the attributes each investment brings to your portfolio. Cash remains ideal for paying the bills! Bonds remain ideal for stability. Stocks remain ideal for growth. Diversify your assets accordingly, knowing what the goal for each investment is and then build your portfolio from these assumptions. At Cutler, we help clients find the right investment mix for their needs. Let us know if you’d like to learn more! All opinions and data included in this commentary are as of September 13, 2021 and are subject to change without notice. The views and opinions expressed herein are of Cutler Investment Counsel, LLC and are not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or individual investment advice. This article is provided for informational purposes only and should not be considered a recommendation or solicitation to purchase or sell securities. This information should not be used as the sole basis to make any investment decision. The statistics have been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but the accuracy and completeness of this information cannot be guaranteed. Investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principle. Neither Cutler Investment Counsel, LLC nor its information providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

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TWO MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE
Emergency Evacuation Checklist & Map and Citizen’s Emergency Guide

As Mayor, I have been aware of the apprehension and fear we have all experienced thinking of wildfires and other catastrophes in the last few years. Your Council has given this a lot of thought and have come up with what they feel is the best way to provide a practical solution to help you in case of an evacuation.

We are proud to share with you this new publication that was included in your City Services bill for September. As part of the City Comprehensive Safety Plan, City Council has been hard at work this year developing strategies to help keep you safe and informed. The Emergency Evacuation Checklist & Map and the Citizen’s Emergency Guide featured here are designed to provide you with a valuable tool to help you evacuate quickly and safely. Please keep a copy in each of your vehicles. Use this section from the Jacksonville Review, and pick up extra copies at city hall. Special recognition goes to your City Council and especially the Comprehensive Safety Plan Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Chair Mike McClain, Andrea Thompson and Scott Selbe. They have worked tirelessly this year, meeting with our Fire Chief, Police Chief and many other experts to identify issues and implement solutions to keep us all safe and sound. We are committed to further undertakings in this multi-year project and will keep you informed as we develop plans and projects.

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The Jacksonville Review is proud to provide this special pull-out section for Jacksonville citizens to keep in their go-bags. Extra copies can be found at Jacksonville New City Hall.

Get Your Go-Bag Ready Now!

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-petroleum food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Masks (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, and diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler’s checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records

Since Spring of 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended people include additional items in their kits to help prevent the spread of coronavirus or other viruses and the flu.

For more, please visit https://www.ready.gov

Special pull-out section for your Go-Bag
CITIZEN EMERGENCY FAQs

1. If I am the first to see a wildfire get started or another emergency, whom should I contact?
   Call 911. Try to list the location & description to give first responders clear information. If it is safe, notify others in harm’s way.

2. In an emergency, how will I be notified? (Reverse 911, emergency phone alerts from the County, door to door alerts, sirens, radio, social media?) How will I know if I need to evacuate?
   This will depend on whether you are signed up for emergency alerts through the county. A link to sign up is on the home page on the County website: www.JacksonCounty.org. Worst-case scenario, a law enforcement officer would notify you to leave your residence. Television stations will use Emergency Broadcast System as well as radio stations.

3. In the event of a power outage with disruptions to cell phones and conventional means of communications, how will I receive updates?
   Police and Fire using Bull Horns; emergency personnel might proceed door to door.

4. What steps can I take to be better prepared for a wildfire in the area?
   Always have a go bag at all times, know your escape routes, prep your residence to withstand a fire, don't rely on others and be prepared to make decisions on your own. Contact Fire department for handouts on Firewise and residential preparation. See the Rogue Valley Emergency Website: www.RVEM.org for information on preparing for an emergency. It has a lot of useful information.

5. What steps is the City taking to mitigate the danger of wildfire and prepare the community for a catastrophic event?
   These steps include chipping programs, supporting and expanding Firewise communities, annual clean-up days, grants for thinning and fuel reduction, education of the community, adding interns to the Fire Department, enforcing codes to keep properties from becoming fire hazards, prohibiting burning when necessary, and approving an ordinance prohibiting fireworks citywide. Additionally the City is participating in mutual and automatic aid agreements locally and statewide. The City regularly reviews and updates its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and other key documents.

6. Where is the Emergency Operations Center? Will it be staffed 24/7?
   Typically, an EOC is staffed 24/7 during an emergency. Around the clock coverage for both police and fire is provided through our inter-agency agreements with neighboring jurisdictions. The Jacksonville Fire Department most likely will not be staffed 24/7 because staff will normally be out working on the incident, however, we will attempt to have our CERT members staff the phones at the station. Once the Fire Station becomes the EOC and it is activated, it will be staffed during the incident. The Police Station will be staffed during regular hours unless all personnel are out working on the emergency. If closed, there will be a sign posted on the door informing residents to proceed to the Emergency Operations Center and providing phone numbers of local police agencies assisting the situation.

7. Who will declare a State of Emergency? What is the process of such a declaration?
   The Mayor will declare a State of Emergency, which will then be ratified by an emergency vote by the City Council.*

8. In an emergency, who is in charge? What are the key roles for City Administrator, Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Council, Public Works?
   During an emergency, Fire and Police will set up an Emergency Incident Command to coordinate information and planning.*

9. Will the police and fire stations be staffed 24/7 during an emergency?
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10. Where is the designated evacuation center?
    Jacksonville Elementary School.

11. What about my pets or livestock?
    Contact Jackson County Emergency Management for assistance at 541-774-6790.

12. What resources are available to help elderly or disabled members of the community?
    Senior Services can provide help to elderly or disabled members.

13. What does it mean to shelter in place?
    Stay in your residence. Do not leave!

14. What are the potential evacuation routes?
    The main routes through town are Old Stage Road, Highway 238 and South Stage Road. (See evacuation map.)

15. How will I know when it is safe to return?
    You can contact your local Police or Fire departments or City Hall for updated information. Local Media should have current information as well.

16. What resources will the City provide after a disaster?
    Red Cross will be your main contact for assistance. FEMA will also offer assistance.

*For further information, please see chapter 8.04 of the Jacksonville Municipal Code.

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Steps in Obtaining a Mortgage Loan
On Real Estate & More by Sandy J. Brown, Windermere Van Vleet Jacksonville

Purchasing a home and going through the mortgage loan process can seem daunting, especially if you’re a first-time home buyer. A home purchase is one of the biggest investments you will make, so it helps to know what is happening at each stage of the process, so you can be prepared to make good decisions. Luckily, you don’t have to do it alone. Your real estate agent and mortgage loan officer will be your guides. Every lender handles mortgage approvals differently and will have a slightly different process, but the following is generally what to expect when going through the loan process to purchase a home.

Step 1—Prequalification. As you begin searching for a home, real estate agents and sellers want to see you’ve been working with a mortgage lender so they know you can afford to buy a home.
• First, meet with a lender to get prequalified. Here you submit some basic income and debt information to a lender for pre-qualification. It’s a practical first step that will help you understand how much you can afford.
• A preapproval letter takes it one step further by verifying the financial information you submit to get a more accurate amount.
• Pre-approval is issued which verifies the financial information you have submitted

Step 2—Mortgage application. This step starts once you’ve made an offer and entered a contract on a property. Completing a mortgage application is the official beginning of the home loan process, where you’ll fill out your personal, financial, and real estate information. You should be prepared to share the following information:
• income and employment history
• tax returns
• marital status and list of dependents
• assets and investments
• debt and liabilities
• legal and financial declarations
• property address
• Social Security number (so that your credit can be checked with your permission).

The lender will perform an initial verification of your information to decide how much they may be able to lend you and at what interest rate. This will be provided to you via a document called a loan estimate.

Step 3—Review the loan estimate. Upon receipt of your application, the lender has three days to provide you with a loan estimate. This step of the loan process is a very important piece when it comes to decision-making. This document will illustrate your:
• loan costs (origination fee, discount points, processing costs)
• closing costs and other fees the lender or its third-party partners may charge

Step 4—Loan processing. After reviewing your loan estimates, you’ll complete an intent to proceed with your selected lender. This is when loan processing begins, and you get into “paperwork” stages. During loan processing, you can expect the following steps:
• Lock interest rate
• Appraisal and title work received. Your loan processor will likely request an appraisal before moving your file to underwriting. The lender wants to protect the investment they are making so they hire an appraiser to determine the property’s true market value based on current real estate conditions.
• Loan package submitted to underwriting
• File reviewed by processor. Next-up after processing is underwriting. This is where the lender will check your eligibility, confirm the information you’ve provided, and determine if you are approved or denied. It is a very thorough stage, and it may result in conditional approval.
• Loan processor gathers conditions. With conditional approval, the lender will approve the loan if you can resolve/satisfy any conditions they determine are necessary such as proof of mortgage insurance, homeowner’s insurance, flood insurance, or requests for additional documentation — like copies of bank statements, W-2s, tax transcripts, proof of cash reserves, etc.
• Once you satisfy all underwriting conditions, you’ll receive a clear to close/final loan approval. This is when the lender is ready to prepare final documentation and fund your loan.
• Closing disclosures received. The title company will schedule signing of your closing documents—which, by law, can be no sooner than three days after the closing disclosure is issued.
• Loan documents ordered

Step 5—Final items prior to closing.
• Loan documents prepared and sent to escrow
• Buyer loan documents signed & returned
• Loan funds
• Loan records with the county

Congratulations, you’re almost there!

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Building the Future by Brad Bennington, Executive Officer, Builders Association Southern Oregon

Mechanical Code and huge changes in the Energy Code. It literally changes everything that has to do with building a new home.

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This heavy-handed regulatory storm may make it difficult to think that you should be the one choosing the amenities for your new home and not the state of Oregon. Well, right now you’ve got too many legislators and state officials who are convinced that they know more than you do and what you should have… whether you can afford it or not.

Brad Bennington is the Executive Officer for Builders Association Southern Oregon and a 50 year veteran of the construction industry. He also serves as a Jackson County Planning Commissioner, Board Member of the American Planning Association of Oregon, NAHB National Director and is a past Jacksonville City Councilor and current member of the Jacksonville Budget Committee. See BASO ad this page.
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The Other Virus

Soul Matters by Kate Ingram

Christopher’s Angle by Christopher Kranenburg

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Be kind and be well.

Kate Ingram, MA, is an award-winning author, life transitions coach, counselor, Giants fan and lover of dogs and manatees. Find out more at kintsugicoaching.com. See ad page 26.

Knuffle Bunny

Christopher’s Angle by Christopher Kranenburg

At my school, St. Mary’s, I am in a class called “Children’s Literature,” taught by Molly Bruins. We were tasked with writing an essay about one of our favorite childhood books. The first book that came to mind was Knuffle Bunny, which was written and illustrated by Mo Willems. Writing this assignment made me remember my experience reading this book and my love for it. Hopefully, I can share this magic with you. I remember the first time I heard the story of Knuffle Bunny. I was about four years old, and my mom and I were snuggled up on the couch with a blanket. She read the story to me with much expression, pointing out the different locations that Trisie and her dad passed and reading with a calming voice while I listened intently. As Trisie and her dad left the laundromat, my mom asked me the question, “What are they forgetting?” and pointed at the page. At that moment, it was life or death. I remember feeling a mix of emotions: sadness for Trisie that she lost her favorite toy, but mostly frustration towards the dad because he forgot Trisie’s favorite toy and didn’t realize it! I knew every reaction Trisie had to her dad was justified; how could he be so blind to Trisie’s feelings? Trisie tried to tell him, but since she could not yet speak real words, it came out as nonsensical words like “Appel fagggle kibble.” Nonverbal communication was similarly unhelpful. When Trisie and her forgetful dad finally reached home, Trisie’s mom asked, “Where’s Knuffle Bunny?”

“Finally,” I thought, “Someone understands.” Trisie and her dad eventually did retrieve the lost stuffed animal, which led to a joyous reunion and Trisie’s first real words, “Knuffle Bunny!” As soon as I could read for myself, I grabbed that book and my very own Knuffle Bunny stuffed animal and jumped onto the couch and read it. Every time, I felt just as relieved when Knuffle Bunny was saved. However, now that I am much older, the Knuffle Bunny experience has lessened from “life or death” to “this is an interesting book.” Now when Knuffle Bunny is left behind, I know that it will be retrieved. Despite this, the theme of communication has not lost. Instead of losing purpose, Knuffle Bunny has just meant something different to me. It brings back memories of when I was young, and I start to notice these expressions were unsolicited during a dog walk. And mind you, because A) It’s not polite; B) It’s not about personal business; and C) It will likely not end well)

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Roasted Rosemary Chicken and Grapes
by Erika Bishop, The Pot Rack

If this easy one pot dish could have a region to call it’s own, it would be the Rogue Valley. The flavors scream Autumn in Oregon and the presentation is just gorgeous... (and a tad quirky). I prefer this dish be made with dark meat (thighs and legs)... but you do you!

Ingredients:
- 3 pounds chicken (4 thighs and 4 legs)
- 1 Tbsp butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1 sliced red onion
- 3 thinly sliced garlic cloves
- 1/3 cup sherry vinegar
- 1/3 cup chicken stock
- 1 sprig rosemary cut in half
- 1 pound red seedless grapes on the stems (cut into little clusters)
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar

Instructions:
- Get out your favorite Dutch Oven and get it heating over medium high heat. Pat the chicken dry while you melt the butter. Brown chicken on both sides, a few pieces at a time. Move the browned pieces to a platter as you go and season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Lower the heat and add onion. Cook for a minute or two and then add garlic. Stir a couple more minutes until soft.
- Stir in sherry vinegar, chicken stock and rosemary and heat to a simmer. Return chicken to the pot and baste with stock mixture. Place grape bunches in pot, cover and reduce heat to very low. Let cook 30 minutes. Chicken juices should run clear when thigh or leg is pierced with the tip of a knife.
- Remove the chicken and grapes from the pot and arrange on a platter placing the grape clusters artfully around the chicken. Cover with a foil tent to keep warm. Heat pot on high, stir in balsamic vinegar and cook 2 to 3 minutes until sauce is somewhat reduced and thick. Check seasoning for salt and remove the rosemary. Spoon sauce over chicken and grapes. Add fresh sprigs of rosemary for garnish if you wish.

I love this dish served with creamy polenta and simple salad greens.

Beyond the Recipe

My idea of a great meal is something elegant and above all, EASY. As much as I love to cook, I get frustrated if a dish has too many ingredients. Over the years I’ve watched and learned from some of the world’s greatest chefs, and I’ve noticed something interesting… when in the privacy of their home kitchens, they practice a “less is best” form of gastronomy. Takeaway: buy the best ingredients you can afford but keep your food simple. This chicken and grape recipe is a lovely example.

Once the calendar turns to October, I start feeling all snuggly, and roasting something unctuous is top of mind and there is nothing like a good braise to kick-off the fall food season. To braise means to fry (food) lightly and then stew it slowly in a closed container. Lucky you! It’s time to pull out your favorite Dutch Oven. A quick sear of the chicken combined with the aromatics of onion, garlic and rosemary will surely get you going. And the fun really starts when you add the star ingredient… grapes. The grapes combined with sherry and balsamic vinegars turn this basic dish into something extraordinary in only about 30 minutes. Because the sauce created in this dish is somewhat sweet, consider balancing it with a salty salad of fresh greens, olives and anchovies. Delicious and easy... promise.

Feel free to email your thoughts or photos of your creations to erika@thepotrack.com and I will share them with our community @jvillepotrack on Facebook and Instagram! Let’s cook and grow with each other.

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Diabetes is becoming an epidemic because of the obesity crisis in the United States. In fact, 17 million Americans suffer from diabetes. Of these people, one-third are unaware that they have the disease. With a dilated, comprehensive eye examination, an optometrist can detect and diagnose diabetes and start you on the road to treatment for the disease. Your doctor can look inside the eye and examine blood vessels directly, possibly detecting signs and symptoms of vascular diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

Undiagnosed, diabetes can result in vision impairment, a frequent complication of both Type-1 and Type-2 diabetes, and blindness. Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults 20-74 years old. Other vision problems caused by diabetes include, vision changes, glaucoma, cataracts and retinopathy.

Part of living with diabetes and successful eye care is having a dilated eye examination on at least an annual basis—more often if you have existing eye issues or more serious retinopathy. certainly, if you experience any change in vision, you should immediately see your optometrist.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to provide education about the disease. Breast cancer has become more common in recent years—a change in lifestyle being a primary factor. Our environment is more toxic than ever and with higher stress levels. This can lead to more inflammation and detoxification problems which make us more prone to disease.

For someone who has been diagnosed with diabetes, the annual dilated exam is important. When I do an examination, I’m looking at the retina for early signs of diabetic retinopathy, such as leaking blood vessels, retinal swelling (macular edema) and deposits on the retina—all of which are signs of leaking or damaged blood vessels.

An optometrist is an important member of your health care team—particularly if you have been diagnosed with diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, medical history of gestational diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, physical inactivity and race/ethnicity. The rising incidence of diabetes in the United States is a result of a dramatic increase in obesity, as well as the aging of the population. If you have risk factors associated with diabetes, consider having a dilated eye examination to control the disease and lower the risk of complications.

Breast Health Awareness
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On Essays
Rebel Heart Reads by Eileen Bobek, Rebel Heart Books

From the beginning, Rebel Heart Books has always had a disproportionate number of books of essays on its shelves for no other reason than I love essays. The word essay comes from the French meaning “to try” or “to attempt.” In my reading life, I’m deeply curious about the inner workings of another’s mind, how a person attempts to wrestle with difficult things, make sense of them and how that attempt, that trying has universal implications for others beyond the specificity of a writer's life.

Since I was young, I have read much about grief and loss, most of them essays. So when I was introduced to Laurie Easter’s forthcoming book of essays, All the Leavings, I immediately requested an advance reader’s copy and settled in.

In the attempting, it’s possible for an essayist to experiment with form and language in ways that are both natural and rigorous and Easter does that with skill and grace throughout her collection, beginning with the prologue. In 1989, she journeys up the I-5 corridor as a five and half months pregnant twenty-three-year-old to eventually settle in an earthen-floor hut without water or electricity in Williams, OR, a community where people “grounded themselves to the

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In Memoriam

Mary Ann Byrne

Mary Ann (Nance) Byrne, 88, passed away August 31, 2021, at her home in Jacksonville, Oregon.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Gladys and Frederick Nance, she was the youngest of four children, joining her two older sisters and one brother. She had many fond memories of her childhood saying, “Our family was fortunate to have a wonderful piano and loads of books and it was an easy walk to the library.”

Her college years were spent at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, a small liberal arts college. She graduated with a dual degree in English and American History. It was here that she met her future husband, Richard Byrne. Soon after college, they were married and their rich full life was beginning. In 1965 they adopted twin girls, Megan and Heather, learning a few years later of the special needs challenges.

As Richard became world-renowned in communication and cutting-edge technology in the computer field, they moved from the universities of Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, and finally to USC in Los Angeles. Sadly, Richard passed away in 1988 at the young age of 53. In 1993 Mary Ann made the move to Jacksonville after making several trips with college students to the Shakespeare Festival plays. Mary Ann quickly became involved with the Garden Club, Boosters Club, Rogue Valley Genealogy Society, Rogue Valley Chorale, Rogue Art Gallery, Community Concert Assoc., the Cultural Coalition, just to mention a few, and she was always an active member of Jacksonville Presbyterian Church.

Her daughter, Heather, passed away in 2016 and Megan continues to thrive with her caregivers in California. Mary Ann and Richard were able to enjoy a good deal of travel mainly to Asia and Europe. Mary Ann had continued to enjoy traveling to Argentina, Morocco, Tibet, Italy, England, Wales, Africa, and Japan. We mourn her death but hold dear to our hearts her joyful, positive attitude—her gracefulness, articulate expressions, and an amazing knowledge and memory. What a consistent light for Christ she has been in our lives.

Survivors include her daughter, Megan, Milpitas, CA; sister-in-law Jean Barrett, Independence, MO; niece Carol (Dick) Bath, Central Point, OR; niece Melinda (Jim) Hartford, Wayland, MA; nephew Patrick (Wendy) Nance, Tiburon, CA; Jeffrey (Luann) Rowat, Des Moines, IA; Clifford (JoAnn) Castle, Healdsburg, CA; Kevin Castle, Independence, MO; friend Jennifer (Bill) Plants, Campbell, CA; and several great-nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 11:00am at Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be made to Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Public Library, and Jacksonville Woodlands Assoc., PO Box 1210, Jacksonville, OR.

Douglas Bernard Favell

Douglas Bernard Favell, 10/7/1953 – 6/14/2021

Douglas was born to Eugene Hunter Favell and Winifred Carol Lamm Favell in Klamath Falls, OR where his family founded the Favell Museum. Doug went to college to Ashland and studied business. He lived in Dallas, TX and Lake Shastina, CA before settling down in 1988 to live the rest of his life in the Jacksonville area.

The love of Doug’s life was his family. He married Lilian Alexandra Duke Favell in 1987. His heart was also opened to two step-daughters (Taisia Elin Heyerman and Tiarra Sage Connors) whom he loved and raised as his own. Doug and Lilian had two more children together, Tamaria Ann Kemmling and Eugene Hunter Favell II. Doug’s four children and 7 grandchildren were his pride and joy. One of his biggest gifts to them was his continual and committed presence in their lives. Doug loved his four siblings too – he enjoyed seeing and talking to brother Mark and sisters Alice, Carol, and Ann.

Doug was very handy and enjoyed building, fixing, and remodeling. During his life he used those skills as a construction contractor and eventually becoming a home inspector. When Doug moved to the Rogue Valley, he quickly became involved with the town of Jacksonvillle. One of his first jobs in town was becoming the head contractor in re-doing the Orth building. He used his contracting skills at his family property outside of Lakeview (Mountaineer) where he built the main cabin. He would maintain the property over summer and spend his time improving the land, managing the forest, and working on projects. In his free time, he enjoyed hiking the surrounding areas, swimming in the lake, and driving around the property on motorcycles, 4-wheelers, or Jeeps. He loved hosting family and friends at Mountainaire and creating lifelong memories.

Now that you have found your eternal sky and wide-open landscape, we wish you forever peace. May the sun shine on your face, may your cup always be full, and in your peace may you reach the abundant love from those of us left behind.
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10/9 Shae & Jenni 5 - 7 PM
10/10 Jeff Koetzel 1:30 - 4:30 PM
10/15 Verna and the Vandals 5 - 7 PM
10/16 Charles Guy 5 - 7 PM
10/17 Code Blue 1:30 - 4:30 PM
10/22 Nick Garrett-Powell 5 - 7 PM
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10/24 Marshal Stack & Friends 1:30 - 4:30 PM
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The Pain of Cats

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

One of the most common questions I get is whether my cat is in pain. The simple answer to this question is “Yes.” Life is painful. Most people over the age of 40 have some arthritis and stiffness they wish wasn’t there. I often joke that I have had shoulder pain for over 30 years and my wife has not opted to euthanize me due to pain yet (though she may one day use that as the justification). Cats and dogs over the age of 8 also commonly have arthritis. Dogs often limp and will vocalize with pain, but cats do not.

It is harder to tell when cats are in pain. Recent studies have shown that between 63% and 92% of cats have evidence of arthritis on radiographs (with the higher percentage corresponding to increasing age) and that 40% of them show signs of discomfort. Again, diagnosing this discomfort is not as easy in cats as it is dogs. They are very independent creatures and are very good at hiding signs of disease.

For dogs, one of the best ways to tell a dog is in pain is if they are lethargic, less energetic, or limping. For many of our cats, it is a little tough to tell the difference between 20 and 21 hours of sleep. It is also harder to notice pain-causing gait changes in cats because most cats do not go on furniture and they are naturally more limber than dogs. Cats also do not vocalize much when they are in pain. And some cats (I am looking at you Siamese and Abyssinians) will talk all the time so it is even harder to assess if they are in pain based on vocalizations. Even in an exam room, it is hard for veterinarians to tell if a cat is painful. They typically will hunker down in the exam room and not give any indication of discomfort, or they protest everything we do (again, I am talking about you, Abyssins). Whether it is painful or not, they are also so flexible, that with orthopedic pain they rarely have significant alterations in range of motion of joints like dogs with orthopedic pain do. However, there are signs that owners can look for to tell if their cat is in pain.

Cats with pain will show alterations with mobility. Cats may show a stilt, altered jumping behavior (not jumping as high, as far, or as quickly), may be reluctant to use stairs, and may spend less time on perches higher up. Sometimes, though, it is not pain but generalized weakness. As cats get older, they are not as strong and may not be able to jump up. Also, they may have vision or metabolic changes that are causing them to not move as easily. It is always worth getting an exam and blood work to determine the cause of any mobility changes. Cats in pain may change litter box behavior. They may not be able to go up or down stairs to access the litter box, they may not be able to climb over the side of the litter box, they may change their posture while they urinate or defecate, and they may just urinate in the easiest places. Again, the same changes are due to pain, a full exam, urinalysis, and blood work will help rule out other problems.

Painful cats may groom more or less than usual. They may show a gait that is more problematic. This group of cats will often have mats. Painful cats may also change their socialization behaviors. Most of these cats will become more reclusive and may get irritated when they are pet. Sometimes they will bite if people are touching a painful area. Unfortunately, when cats have signs of pain, they are not as easy to treat as dogs. One of our mainstays of pain treatment for dogs are anti-inflammatory drugs. Cats are not able to take these medications long term, though I have used some long-term when a cat is miserable without them. Unfortunately, these medications hasten kidney disease in cats, but sometimes this is worth it if the cat is miserable without the medications. The decision to give them will be tightly. There are some medications like gabapentin, buprenorphine, and tramadol that can benefit some cats. CBD may eventually be a good option, but there have not been studies extensively in cats yet.

Supplements such as glucosamine, fish oils, and a product called Duralactin (which contains a milk protein derivative with potential anti-inflammatory properties) can be helpful. These nutraceuticals do not always help, but they have few side effects.

One of the biggest problems with medicating cats is getting the cat to take the medications. This is another reason cats are more difficult than dogs. Acupuncture can also help with pain in cats. Many of them tolerate it surprisingly well. Cats certainly feel more discomfort than we are aware of. Looking out for the signs of pain is important to providing cats with a good quality of life. Some subtle signs may not need to be treated, although there is little harm in trying the nutraceuticals (and these are what I usually start with). A lot of times, it is just worth monitoring and being aware of the changes your cat is going through. Not every mild change needs to be treated, but we need to be aware when the change become more problematic.

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Smoke, Smoke, Go Away… Let the Rain Come Back to Play
Trail Talk by Clayton Gillette

That’s the late summer/early fall mood for so many of us as we venture out for time on the trails. The cool, moist air that heralds the onset of our damp, foggy winters is still but a dream—but a dream worth having. To consider that we once wished for those dark dreary days of last winter to be gone seems so alien to our overheated lungs and watery eyes.

For all the recent days of smothering, ash-laden skies, the fall colors will be all the more precious. Already, poison oak has adorned itself in the crimson garments of autumn, boldly showcasing colors that will soon be the province of dogwood. Big-leaf maple begins to flash golden through the mid-day shroud and ash and cottonwood prepare for their own grand entrance. Our dry days have stressed so many of our forest friends, and their retirement into dormancy to wish for wetter days has brought forth an early canvas of stunning radiance.

We’ve written in the past of walks through calf-deep golden maple leaves along our watershed streams. Of casual strolls through oak savannas, we note fresh trees can’t help but be more colorful than their neighbors, a competition at the warmer end of the spectrum, where the oranges and reds become increasingly vibrant. Add in the azure skies of a smoke-free fall day and one can’t help but be out and about, stunned by Nature’s palette.

Some recent reading has reinforced our understanding of our bi-pedal nature and the co-evolution of upright walking along with consciousness. Evolutionary biologists and paleontologists continue to update theories regarding the shift from four legs to two and the simultaneous enlargement of our cranial capacity and intelligence. Consider that when we are upright and traveling while exploring and examining our environment is like training a “muscle”—those frequent walks in Nature strengthen what makes us human.

As we become more aware of the impact that “mechanical recreation” (what Edward Abbey called “industrial tourism”) has on our world, many of us look to get back to the simpler pleasure of enjoying each and every stride, of relishing the feel of our feet actually contacting the earth. After Autumn rains have dampened the dust and moistened the leaf litter on the trails, try a short walk barefoot. Every step takes on its own “personality” when the subtle differences in trail texture become more obvious. There is a more primal connection to our physical world and an all but certain boost to our sense of self.

In trail news, hopefully the smoke will dissipate, and rains will come again to refresh our woodlands. Besides the local trails, this is a good time to visit the well-maintained trails of Applegate Lake. The poison oak has gone dormant and cooler days find the lakeside trails more temperate. As always, enjoy the simple pleasure of leaving footprints and taking memories.

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.woodlands.org.

FOTAS Howl-O-Ween & Holidays Fair
Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31, at Historic Jacksonville Courthouse Grounds

Creative animal lovers have been making the most of staying indoors during this summer’s extreme heat, smoke and COVID precautions. These generous souls have produced and donated an incredible array of artisanal items to benefit the Animal Shelter’s Howl-O-Ween and Holidays Fair—quilts, cards, clothing and other classy things. This fun event to benefit our county’s homeless animals will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31, from 10am-4pm each day on the grounds of the Historic Jacksonville Courthouse—now New City Hall.

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Friends of the Animal Shelter and our dedicated volunteers continue adapting how they support the Shelter to meet the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, smoke, and heat. It was a huge and obviously unplanned undertaking to repair the damage caused by the Almeda Fire. The new Spay/Neuter Trailer is up and running. Dedicated volunteers continue their work in the county’s homeless animals will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31, from 10am-4pm each day on the grounds of the Historic Jacksonville Courthouse—now New City Hall.

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For years, we have helped retirees find their perfect home in Jacksonville and surrounding areas. It’s very enjoyable seeing their excitement as we share with them all about our beautiful town and Southern Oregon. Most of them have come from out of state so there is lots of education that goes on. From home prices, cost of living, weather, outdoor activities, theaters, restaurants, the music scene, shopping, wineries, and culture—there can be lots to learn and lots of differences from the area they are moving from.

This education has worked both ways as we have learned a lot from our retiree clients. We have a lot of smart planning, with some of our clients buying homes in Jacksonville years before they retire. They have us manage their retirement home as a rental home, giving them a yearly passive income until they are ready to move. When they do retire, they do so in a home that has appreciated in value and may be way beyond what they might currently spend for a retirement home. We have also seen retirees do a 1031 exchange from a rental property they own out of state, to their future retirement home in Jacksonville, giving them tax advantages.

The most fun has been seeing what a retired lifestyle looks like living in Jacksonville and how everyone tackles retirement differently. One of my favorite stories is the day I walked into South Stage Cellars at two in the afternoon to pick up my credit cards I had inadvertently left the night before. As I entered the tasting room, I was greeted by four of my newly-retired clients, all at the bar wine tasting. Wine tasking at 2pm on a weekday, is that a retirement thing? Through the years, we have seen most of our retired clients dive into retirement by buying an RV to Explore the US, building a shop or studio to satisfy their creative endeavors, buying a vacation home to get away, or becoming volunteers and giving back to the community.

Traveling by RV—Many retirees take advantage of the growing types of RV’s available to explore the US. When our valley is too cold, too hot, or too smoky, they can take off and hit the coast, mountains, wineries and explore new areas they have never seen. They don’t have to go far to get away. There are a growing number of retirees hitting the road so there are also a growing number of services that cater to them. Harvest Host is one site that has over 2,700 Wineries, Breweries, Farms, Golf Courses, Museums and attractions that you can visit and stay the night in your RV with no camping fees! We have one client that rents out their RV when they are not using it, so they don’t always cost a lot to own.

Creative & Learning Endeavors—For many retirees, retirement is the time in their life they can focus on their hobbies, artwork, reading, learning or creative endeavors. Retirement becomes the time to build a studio or shop where they can spend the day painting, quilting, woodworking, or restoring cars. For some, it’s also a great time to enroll in college classes or just have time to read their favorite books.

Vacation Homes—To my surprise, a lot of retirees choose to spend their retirement in more than one area. They take advantage of their flexibility and free time by having a second residence that complements our area. When our valley gets too cold, too hot, or too smoky, they escape to their vacation home. Some have cabins in the Cascades, cottages on the coast, or a second home in the Arizona desert or tropical Hawaii. Often their vacation home is near family, a river, a lake or the ocean. We are fortunate in Oregon to have RV parks throughout the state that have converted to “Park Model” modular homes that are for sale for a reasonable price. These can make a perfect inexpensive small vacation home and often can be rented out to help pay the expense.

Volunteers—Southern Oregon wouldn’t be the same without all the retirees that donate their time volunteering. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Britt Festival, and the Craterian Theater could not exist if it weren’t for the hundreds of volunteers that donate their time so we can enjoy live theater and music. Other volunteer groups like the Jacksonville Boosters Club do so much to restore and improve Jacksonville. At a recent event sponsored by the Boosters, one member proclaimed that they are P.I.P’s, standing for “Previously, Important, People. Giving back to their community has replaced their one time “important” careers. Some of our clients are currently volunteering at our local hospitals, which now, more than ever, makes them heroes.

If you’re like me, and not yet retired, hopefully this will give you some ideas of what your retirement might look like. You don’t have to choose just one of the above, you can choose a few or all, or craft your own retirement to fit your budget, interest, dreams and desires.

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by Hannah West, Southern Oregon Artists Resource

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