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The Award Winning Hometown Newspaper of Christine Morgan of Canyonville

Attention subscribers

The Douglas County Mail, as you already know, is transitioning to strictly online as of January 1, 2026.

All current subscribers are currently being entered into the system and for the month of January will have unlimited access to the website and the e-edition of the paper at dcmail.info.

At the end of January the access will become user name and password dependent. The Douglas County Mail staff wanted to make sure that everyone is able to access their paper so as of February your user name will be your subscriber name. That is the name that is printed on your label on the front page in the upper right hand corner.

The universal password at this point will be [dcmail](http://dcmail.info).

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MCPD, WPD join forces

MYRTLE CREEK – On Thursday, December 18, the Myrtle Creek and Winston Police departments joined forces to conduct a day-long operation targeting online predators. In the weeks leading up to the operation, officers were able to identify several suspects both local to Douglas County and subjects from out of county. Thanks to the hard work of the staff, the team made five arrests on the day of the operation.

William Joseph Manly, 44, of Grants Pass was arrested for Online Sexual Corruption of a Child in the First and Second Degree, as well as Luring a Minor. Manly was also charged with a Parole Violation.

Joshua James Taylor, also of Grants Pass, was arrested for Online Sexual Corruption of a Child in the First and Second degree and was also charged with Luring a Minor.

Patrick William Terriah, 36, of Roseburg, was arrested and charged

South Umpqua School District has board vacancy

TRI CITY – South Umpqua School District is seeking to fill two vacant positions on its Board of Education. The open position are as follows.

Zone 3 Position 3, Candidates must be legally registered voters, have a Canyonville or Myrtle Creek address and must have resided in the district for at least one year before the selection.

Candidates may not be an employee of the district, including substitutes. The applicant selected by the board will serve in the position through June 30, 2027.

Zone 1 Position 2 must be legally registered voters, have a Canyonville address and must have resided in the district for at least one year before the selection.

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Highlights & Happenings

Chamber meeting date changed

MYRTLE CREEK -- The January general membership meeting of the Myrtle Creek-Tri City Area Chamber of Commerce has been changed to Thursday, January 8. The reason for the change is that the first Thursday of the month, the traditional meeting date for the Chamber, falls on January 1, New Year's Day. The meeting location to be determined.

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Each year for the past 52 years The Douglas County Mail newspaper has ran the annual Children's Christmas Drawings. Over the past 20+ years the staff at the newspaper has chosen a Best of Show drawing that they feel is outstanding. With this year we end an era of printing the drawings but we also begin a new era of the drawings gaining more exposure being online in our e-edition newspaper and our hope is for another 50+ years. This year the top honors went to Airayh Nquyen, Grade 5, Myrtle Creek Elementary, Congratulations on this honor. See more of the 52nd Annual Children's Christmas Drawings on Pages 2 -- 7.

Cow Creeks donate 34k to food banks

ROSEBURG – The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians gifted \$34,000 to 17 food banks across Douglas County Thursday, providing \$2,000 to each organization to help ensure families have access to food during the holiday season and beyond.

As the demand for food assistance increases during the holidays, these donations will directly support local families facing food insecurity throughout Douglas County.

"The holidays should be a time of comfort and togetherness, but for too many families in our community, this season brings added stress about putting food on the table," said Carla Keene, Chairman of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. "We're committed to supporting our neighbors and ensuring that every family in Douglas County has access to the support they need. These food banks are lifelines for our community, and we're honored to support their work."

The following Douglas County food banks received funding: The Reedsport Collective, Community Care Food Pantry, Winston Area Food Pantry, Glendale Christmas Bureau, Glide Helping Hands, St. Francis Community Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul Myrtle Creek, St. Vincent de Paul Roseburg, Sutherlin/Oakland Emergency Pantry, UCAN Food Bank, South Douglas Food Bank, St. Joseph's Community Kitchen, FISH Roseburg, FISH Drain, The Friendly Kitchen in Winchester, The Salvation Army in Roseburg and Roseburg Rescue Mission.

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Douglas County Mail photo by Bob Chaney, Sr. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry of Myrtle Creek was one of the recipients of the donations. On hand to accept the donation was the director Terri Day. (ABOVE) Day tells those gathered about the program and how this donation with further those efforts.

also climbing.

"I don't have to tell you what's going on with the economy and increases in prices of food. We're seeing more people," said Melinda Fugate from Glide Helping Hands. "This is a tremendous blessing in helping us stay open. We've been supporting the community for 25 years."

"I think we all can agree that we were hoping the numbers would go down this year," said Richard George, former director of the

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52nd Annual Children's Christmas Drawings

This annual event showcases drawings from area students in grades K-5. The drawings that appear in this section were chosen specifically by the businesses or organizations sponsoring the particular drawing or by the staff of The Douglas County Mail. The staff would like to be able to run all of the drawings received each year but space constraints don't allow that to happen. The staff would like to thank all of the students and teachers throughout the area who took time to contribute to this annual event.

This year marks the sixth year for The Douglas County Mail asking that all the drawings be done in full color. We did receive a lot of them where the teachers had the children use crayons or colored pencils but there were still some that were done in black and white so there is an array of both throughout the pages of this year's edition and hopefully next year we will have all the teachers on board and provide a colorful look at how our children see Christmas. Thank you to all who participated we greatly appreciate your diligence each and every year. In some instances the last names were not provided by the teacher. Hopefully this does not inconvenience those looking for their child's drawing.

A few years ago the staff began to choose a Best of Show in each grade in an effort to showcase more of the talents of the young budding artists. Below is this year's array of our choices for Best of Show.



Artist: Alba Van Ort, Kindergarten, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Tomi-Lynn Davidson, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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FIRST GRADE



Artist: Summit Jackson, 2nd Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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SECOND GRADE



Artist: Emerson Shepherd, 3rd Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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THIRD GRADE



Artist: Annabelle Louise Gill, 4th Grade, Riddle Elementary
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FOURTH GRADE



Artist: Emily Ann Collins, 5th Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary
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FIFTH GRADE

52nd Annual Children's Christmas Drawings



Artist: Addy Bailey, 5th Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Athena Kilpatrick, 5th Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary
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Artist: Riley (no last name given), 2nd Grade, Tri City Elementary
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102 S. OLD PACIFIC HWY., TRI CITY * 863-3127



Artist: Korbyn (no last name given), 2nd Grade, Tri City Elementary
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Artist: Birklea Wilson, 2nd Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary
SPONSOR: SOUTH UMPQUA DISPOSAL * 863-3363
191 GAEL LANE, MYRTLE CREEK



Artist: Kyrie Reedy, Kindergarten, Riddle Elementary
SPONSOR: PIZZA PALACE * 863-5284
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Artist: Akari Miller, 2nd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Joseph Wheeler, Kindergarten, Riddle Elementary
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Artist: Mika Weathers, 3rd Grade, Riddle Elementary
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Artist: Amelia Wiley, 3rd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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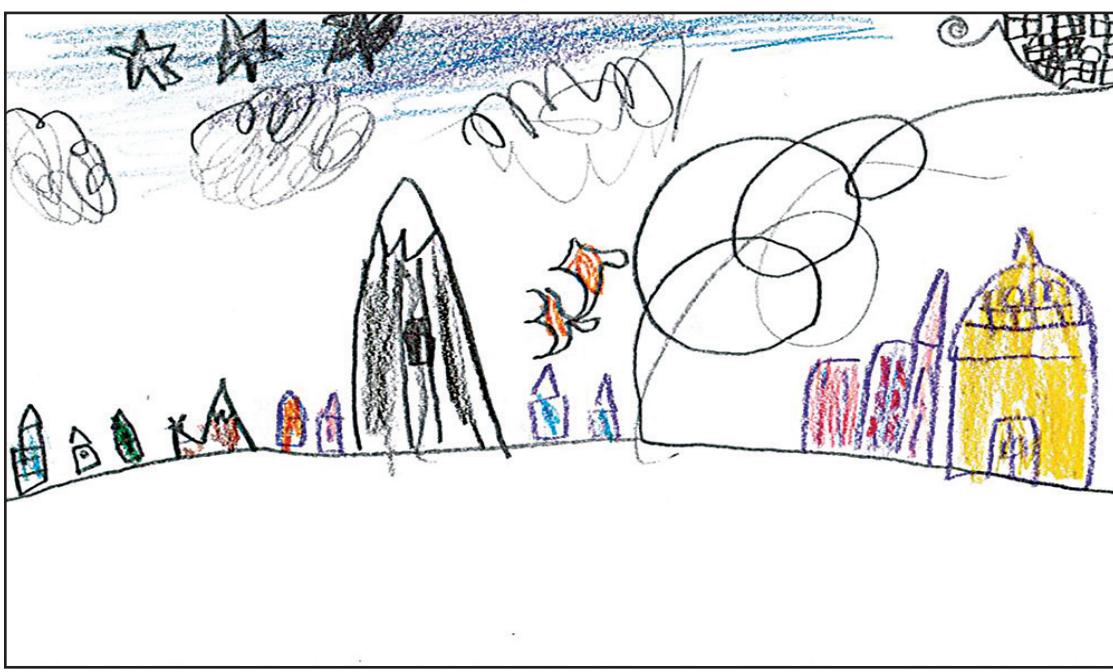
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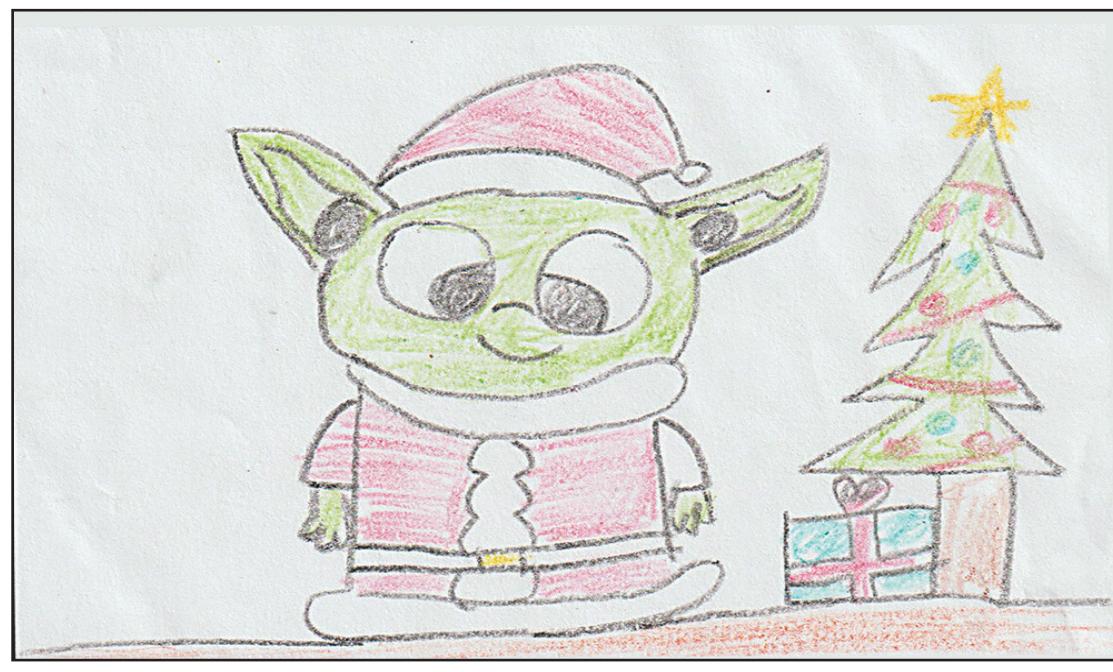
Artist: Brooklyn Rose Lee, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School

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Artist: Korah Skinner, 2nd Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary

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Artist: Caroline Hooper, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School

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Artist: Wyatt Neal Hendrick, 4th Grade, Riddle Elementary

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Artist: Sage Dumont, 2nd Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary

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Artist: Chase Savage, 3rd Grade, Canyonville Elementary

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Artist: Joseph Wheeler, Kindergarten, Riddle Elementary

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Artist: Chelsea Mathiesen, 5th Grade, Canyonville Elementary

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Artist: Colt Meshew, 2nd Grade, Days Creek Charter School

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Artist: Verah Ridgway, 5th Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary

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Artist: Damian Himlin, Kindergarten, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Gunnar Ory, 5th Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Penny (No last Name), 2nd Grade, Tri City Elementary
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Artist: Harper Gipson, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Weston Swope, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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P. O. BOX 595, MYRTLE CREEK * 863-5073



Artist: Jeanessa Lavallie, Kindergarten, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Khoan Stoddard, 3rd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Josiah Ordener, 2nd Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Jazmin Smith, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Kaibree Clayton, 5th Grade, Canyonville Elementary
SPONSOR: REDBARN DISPENSARY * 860-7676
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Artist: Kamreigh Bogan, 3rd Grade, Days Creek Charter School

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Artist: Kamryn Zimmerman, 3rd Grade, Riddle Elementary

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Artist: Kate Creager, 4th Grade, Riddle Elementary

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Artist: Riley (no last name given), 2nd Grade, Tri City Elementary

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Artist: Lane Nunes, 2nd Grade, Canyonville Elementary

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Artist: Moriah Giles, 3rd Grade, Days Creek Charter School

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Artist: Willow Basham 3rd Grade, Riddle Elementary

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Artist: Catherine Williams, 5th Grade, Myrtle Creek Elementary

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Artist: Wesson Lesly, Kindergarten, Riddle Elementary

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102 S. OLD PACIFIC HWY., TRI CITY * 863-3127



Artist: Ross Erwin, 3rd Grade, Riddle Elementary

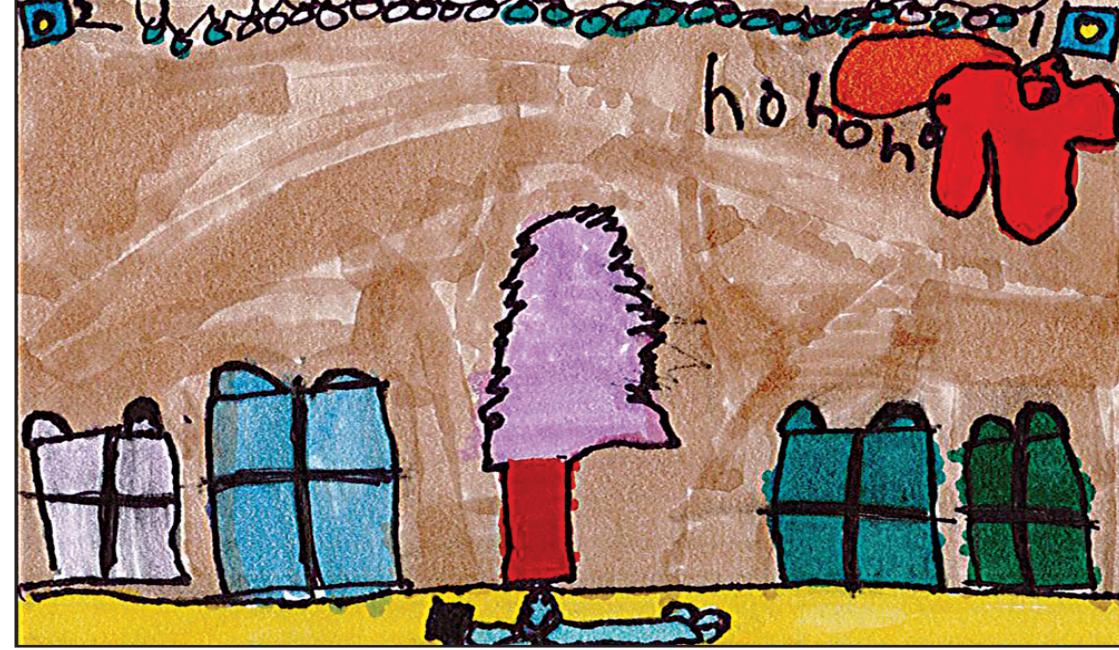
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Artist: Vinny Serratos, 2nd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Lyla Daniels, 2nd Grade, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Victoria (no last name given), Kindergarten, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Natalia Blanchette, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Saiyan Lee Hodgson, 1st Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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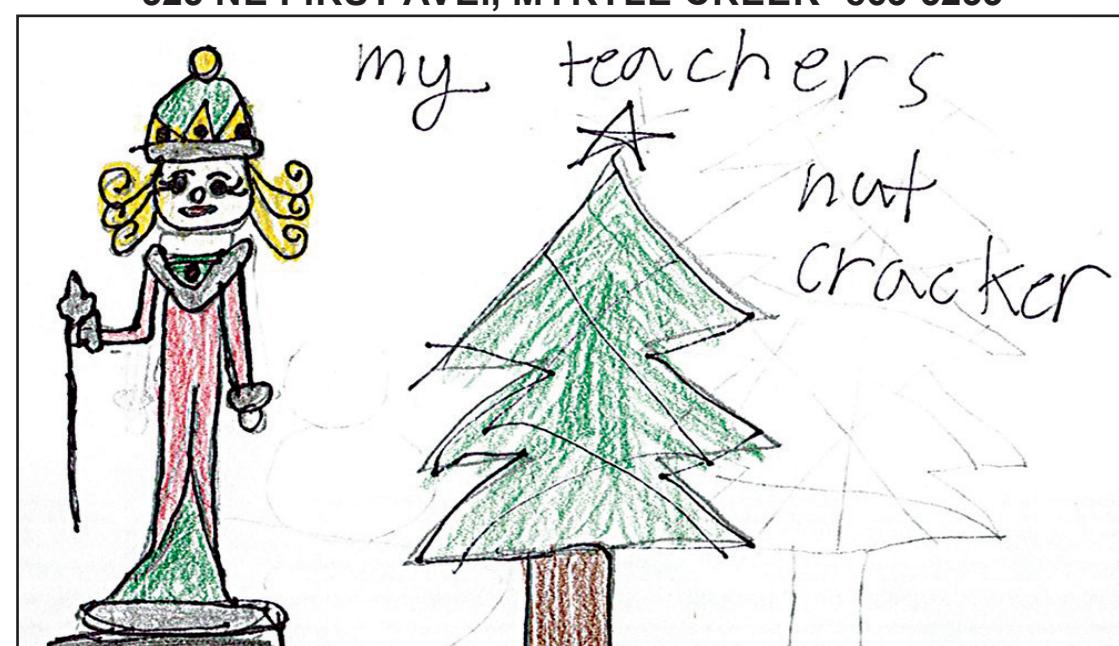
Artist: Rob Lanoy, 4th Grade, Riddle Elementary
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Artist: Roxy Davis, Kindergarten, Canyonville Elementary
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Artist: Tylee Avilla, 2nd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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Artist: Sterling Hodgson, 3rd Grade, Days Creek Charter School
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A LOOK AT LOCAL WEATHER



Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
Overcast. A 50 percent chance of precipitation.
High 54. Low 38.



Friday, December 26
Overcast. A 60 percent chance of precipitation.
High 47. Low 36.



Saturday, December 27
Partly cloudy.
High 49. Low 32.



Sunday, December 28
Partly cloudy.
High 50. Low 34.



Monday, December 29
Partly cloudy.
High 52. Low 38.



Tuesday, December 30
Overcast. A 50 percent chance of precipitation.
High 51. Low 40.



Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve
Overcast. A 60 percent chance of precipitation.
High 50. Low 39.

LAST WEEK'S TEMPERATURES

		Lo	High	Precp
Wednesday,	December 17	42	53	.46
Thursday,	December 18	48	65	.0
Friday,	December 19	34	50	1.12
Saturday,	December 20	40	45	.21
Sunday	December 21	42	48	.20
Monday,	December 22	38	52	.41
Tuesday,	December 23	42	48	---

A LOOK BACK AT LAST YEAR

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OPINION/SPORTS/NEWS

Life Less Complicated...

By Bob Chaney, Sr. Publisher



Do you recall the most famous of all?

I originally wrote this column in 2011 but this year, as over the past few years, as I was struggling with what would be appropriate to write about I took the time to re-read several of my previous columns and felt there was no way I could say it better especially since one of my all-time favorite Christmases is the Christmas of 1972 that is mentioned in this column and I know my Dad would understand (it's the holidays and although dad has been gone for over 13 years I still miss him and his love for the holidays) because he too loved that Christmas and would often mentioned it whether we were talking about funny or serious Christmas happenings.

Enough of that. So without any further ado here again is the 2011 column, updated to reflect today

Every year I feel the urge to try and write something profound around the holidays. An effort that at times has proven to be both futile and, at the risk of sounding egotistical, successful.

As I sat contemplating what astounding prose I could put to the page I began to think of would be the perfect

Christmas. Had it happened already or was that favorite yuletide memory still awaiting me?

I began to try and recall my most favorite Christmas of all and it was almost impossible for me to label any one of the 64 holidays as my "favorite". Oh yeah there are ones that stand out but as the years have gone by the pages of these memories have yellowed and began to curl on the edges.

I do believe that Hallmark has it right with the choosing of a special ornament for each Christmas because after all that is what each Christmas is, another special ornament hung on the Christmas tree of life for us to enjoy forever.

Yes some will be brighter and more vivid than others and there will be the ones that bring both tears of happiness and sorrow to your eyes but that is the journey of life. As I sat and reminisced through the ornaments adorning my tree there were several times that stood out, those Hallmark moments if you will.

I related one such instance recently to a friend of mine in Portland and here is how the story goes.,

I think I was either nine or 10 and I got a bow and arrow set for Christmas. I took a once-in-a-lifetime shot with it at a bird in the top of a tree some 30 yards away. I hit it. I was so proud and thought everyone else would be too. When I showed my mom I lost my bow for two weeks.

One from my childhood that I will never forget is the Great Adventure of 1972. Earlier that year my father had taken a job in Alaska and in March we joined him. We left everything that was comfortable and familiar, friends, school every element of my young life that I had always known. Come Christmas mom and dad decided that we would spend it with our dear friends from Oregon, who had also moved. We were going to Canada!

This meant a ferry ride from Ketchikan to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and then a train ride to Prince George. It was first time on both these modes of transportation. What an adventure for a boy of almost 12 and the best part was at the end of the journey were our good friends the Hunter family. Familiar faces and loved ones. I don't remember what presents were exchanged that year without looking at old photographs but that ornament hangs high on my tree, especially now as one of those dear friends, Shirlee, has passed on.

The ornaments don't always have to be that silver bell from Macy's. They are in and of themselves priceless in the memory that they hold such as the one of 1980 that adorns my tree.

It was mine and Karrie's first Christmas as a married couple. We were in fact still newlyweds with only a month of marriage under our belts.

Young, away from home and flat broke we enjoyed a Christmas dinner of Bee-nie Weenies huddled next to the propane driven oven in a electricity-free trailer, but we didn't care because we had each other. That is another

ornament that hangs high on my tree because it was so memorable and I do believe an epiphany of sorts.

I swore that no matter what ever happened in this life my children would never have to experience Christmas in this fashion because after all in reality that is what the season is about is children.

Another ornament that sits high on my tree came just one year later with the birth of our son just 26 days before Christmas and because of many contributing factors I was able to return from Germany and spent that first Christmas with my wife and newborn child.

I do remember that I ran right out and bought him an electric race car and track set because I knew that was exactly what I, ah I mean, he wanted and eventually he did get the opportunity to play with it.

The years began to drift away and each ornament was hung on the tree with love and care. Each one had significance even if not vividly recalled but as I hastened

toward the "Golden Years" those ornaments began to take on more meaning or maybe they were just easier to recall like in 2000 when we became grandparents for the first time just 12 days before Christmas and the joy of being able to spend that first Christmas with our mother (Karrie's mom) our son and our granddaughter was priceless.

That ornament hangs high on the tree too.

Then came 2006! Double Trouble! The twins, Reo and Rory, born just one week before Christmas.

What better gift could one receive than the gift of life.

We have had the joy of watching them grow each and every day of their young lives and become the young men that they are today and we wouldn't trade it for the world. I would have to place this ornament atop the tree.

A star with the ability to hang additional charms upon as each year passes with this year adding the charm of high school graduation.

I'm sure that there will be many more ornaments to

hang upon my Christmas tree of life and I'm also sure that some more of those that already adorn the tree will begin to yellow with each passing year but the point is to remember each one for what it was.

Life is very fleeting and these moments of time that we capture with the cognitive camera are what makes us who we are.

So as you and yours gather this year to celebrate the holiday try to recall the most famous of all as you hang another ornament on the tree.

I know that this Christmas may be one that many of us may want to forget, but then again it may be an ornament that hangs high on the tree because of the simple pleasures that we have come to know and enjoy.

Who knows this could be the Christmas that takes top billing and takes its place atop your tree.

Whatever the case may you and yours have a wonderful and safe holiday and may we all remember what Christmas means.

DCSO to participate in enhanced DUII patrols during holidays

DOUGLAS COUNTY – This holiday season, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Oregon Impact (OI) to share the message about the dangers of drunk driving. The Sheriff's Office, NHTSA and OI want all drivers to remember this lifesaving message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Drivers will see officers working together December 10, through January 1, 2026, to take drunk drivers off the roads. Deputies will specifically work overtime during the enforcement period with a focus of identifying and stopping impaired drivers. Funding for the enforcement is made possible through DUII enforcement grant dollars.

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there were 1,789 deaths and 9,517 serious injuries reported. That is a 33% and 82% increase, respectively. On average, one person was killed in a drunk driving crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

This is why the Sheriff's Office is working together with NHTSA and OI to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, but also a matter of life and death.

"It's so important that drivers act responsibly, and that includes refraining from impaired driving," said Undersheriff Brad O'Dell. "The holidays are a special time of year for many, and we want our community members to enjoy this season. We need commitment from drivers that they'll keep the roads free of drunk drivers so that everyone can have a safe holiday. This enforcement period

allows us to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal and will not be tolerated. Help us put an end to this senseless behavior," he said. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office, NHTSA and OI are reminding citizens of the many resources available to get them home safely. "Drunk driving is not acceptable behavior," said Undersheriff

O'Dell. "It is essential to plan a sober ride home before you ever leave for the party. There are too many options to get home safely. There are just no excuses for drunk driving," he said.

The Sheriff's Office recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving: Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage. Designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride service, or call a taxi or a sober friend to get home safely.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, report them to law enforcement.

This behavior could include swerving in the lane, inconsistent speeds, quick braking, excessive speeds, careless driving and many others.

Take the keys away from friends and family who are about to drive under the influence and make a plan to get them home safely. It may hurt their feelings, but it will likely save a life.

For more information about the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement period, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.

tually came to a stop near Richardson Rd / Clarks Branch. The driver was arrested, and later admitted to swallowing methamphetamine. While on scene his health declined and he was transported to Mercy. Once at Mercy he had to be restrained and sedated (possible excited delirium).

Ongoing investigation.

Disturbance

12/5/2025 - 1740

100 block NE Darcie Way

Subject was at above listed address and causing a disturbance. He was highly intoxicated and trying to start a physical altercation.

Officer advised him he was trespassing from the property prior to leaving.

Trespassed

Trespass

12/6/2025 - 0515

100 block NE Darcie Way

Arrested--Scott, Michael

Aaron, 42, of Florence

Trespass I, Criminal Mis-

chief II

Scott was trespassing from the residence by Myrtle

Creek Police Department (MCPD) last night. This

morning, the homeowner

found he had broken into the garage and was sleeping inside. Officers arrived and confirmed that Scott had been trespassed. He was taken into custody and lodged at Douglas County Corrections (DCC) without incident.

Cleared By Arrest (CBA)

Non-Injury Accident

12/7/2025 - 0916

1800 block North Myrtle

Road

2002 Jeep Liberty

Subject was driving into town on North Myrtle when a fox ran out in front of her. She swerved just enough to get her right side into the soft shoulder and ditch line, which drug her all the way into the ditch. There was significant damage to the underside and tires.

Bills Towing responded to remove the vehicle.

Report Taken

Dog Bite

12/7/2025 - 1136

Chestnut and Bond

Subject said that 3 nights ago she was walking from Chestnut onto Bond when a brown pit bull bit her hand.

Report Taken

Area Prep Sports Scoreboard

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball
DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 15
Riddle 62	Alsea 48
Alsea 47	Riddle 16
December 16	December 16
Oakland 55	Oakland 62
Days Creek 18	Days Creek 27
DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 18
Days Creek 58	Days Creek 36
Griswold 40	Griswold 26
Dhiloquin 65	Chiloquin 53
Glendale 56	Glendale 45
DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 19
Harrisburg 53	Harrisburg 59
South Umpqua 45	South Umpqua 19
Gold Beach 56	Siuslaw 52
Riddle 46	Riddle 15
Pilot Rock 57	Pilot Rock 62
Days Creek 54	Days Creek 21
Siuslaw 89	
Glendale 44	
DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 20
South Umpqua 79	La Pine
La Pine 46	South Umpqua
Riddle 63	Riddle 32
Glendale 40	Pacific 31
Days Creek 60	Nixyaawii 50
Nixyaawii 52	Days Creek 38

SOUTH DOUGLAS COUNTY SPORTS CALENDAR

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 30

Riddle at Glide, 7 p.m.

Glendale at Prospect, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 30

Riddle at Glide, 5:30 p.m.

Glendale at Prospect, 5:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Tuesday, December 30

South Umpqua, Glendale, Riddle at Shamrock Invitational, Riddle, 10 a.m.

Unlawful Use of a Vehicle (UUV)	tody dispute at the park in front of their three small children that ended up with subjects shoving each other.
12/1/2025 - 0100	Report Taken
800 block Bond St.	Found Dog
2009 Mazda	12/3/2025 - 1200
On the listed date and time at the listed location victim called Douglas County Emergency Center (DCEC) to report her vehicle had been taken sometime after 2100 hours. Officer had the vehicle entered in LEDS. Later that morning the vehicle was returned by a subject the victim knew and she declined to pursue charges.	N. Old Pacific Highway and Carte Lane
Report Taken	A German shepherd was found running in the middle of North Old Pacific near Carte Lane. The dog was placed in the kennels then the owner picked it up later the same day.
Trespass	Attempt to Elude - Vehicle
12/1/2025 - 0949	12/3/2025 - 2128
340 N Main St. - N Main Mini Mart	Main/3rd Ave
Subject was at the mini mart panhandling and acting aggressive. Staff wanted him trespass. Officers located him on Main Street and he was trespass from the store and property.	Attempt to Elude / Reckless Driving / Probation/Parole Violation (PV) / Driving While Suspended-Misdemeanor (

South Umpqua FFA partners with Food for All to support local families

By Justin Hulse
South Umpqua School District Agricultural Science teacher & FFA advisor

The South Umpqua FFA Chapter is proud to partner with the Food for All program to support students and families in our community during the holiday season. Through student leadership, service learning and collaboration, this project highlights the power of agricultural education to meet real community needs.

Food For All is a student-led food distribution program founded in 1997 by Kirk "Hutch" Hutchinson, director of Food for All, alongside Dan Dugan, now superintendent of the Perrydale School District. What began as a friendly competition between two agricultural ad-

visors has grown into one of Oregon's most impactful food distribution initiatives.

"This project has a positive impact on both our school and our community, and it truly represents what our FFA chapter stands for," said Madeline Gosselin, South Umpqua FFA Chapter president. "It shows how South Umpqua FFA is committed to service, leadership, and supporting those around us."

This year marks the first time South Umpqua High School and the South Umpqua FFA Chapter have participated in the Food for All program. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful initiative and sincerely appreciate Food for All and the Perrydale FFA Chapter for including our school and community. Taking place just

before winter break, a time when many families experience increased need, this endeavor provide comfort, nourishment and reassurance to those who need it most.

On December 12 South Umpqua High School received a large donation of fresh produce from the Perrydale FFA Chapter. The donation, delivered by Kirk Fairchild, an agricultural teacher at Perrydale and a former Food for All student, included approximately 2,000 pounds of produce such as apples, pears, potatoes, onions and carrots. The primary goal of this project is to support South Umpqua student families with food distribution scheduled prior to the winter break.

South Umpqua High School Principal, Carl Simpson emphasized the impact of

the partnership.

"This is an incredible opportunity for our students to serve and for families to receive much-needed support," he said. "We are grateful to Perrydale FFA for reaching out and allowing us to model our program after theirs, which distributes approximately 350,000 pounds of food each December."

South Umpqua FFA students partnered with students from the Life Connections (DLC) program to unpack, sort and individually bag the produce for distribution. This inclusive collaboration provided meaningful, hands-on learning experiences while emphasizing teamwork, communication, responsibility and service.

"Inclusion opportunities like this are incredibly valuable," said Lori Risner, Life Connections Teacher and Food Science and Culinary Arts co-teacher. "They provide authentic, hands-on experiences that help students collaborate and recognize one another's strengths."

Students from multiple programs volunteered their time to ensure families in

need would receive fresh, nutritious food. For many FFA members, the project was also a meaningful way to give back to a community that continually supports their work.

"This project is a meaningful way for our FFA chapter to give back to the community that continually supports our program," said Grace Shadbolt, South Umpqua FFA Chapter treasurer. "When we are bagging the produce, we're not just packaging food—we're packaging hope for families in our community."

For advisors, the project served as a powerful example of learning through service. "This project provides a powerful opportunity for students to learn responsibility, compassion and the importance of giving back," said Kyle Huntley, Agricultural Mechanics teacher and FFA advisor. "By working together to support local families, students see firsthand what it takes to serve their community and build strong, lasting relationships."

The FFA motto—Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning

to Live, Living to Serve—is fully brought to life through this Food for All partnership. Our FFA and Life Connections students gained valuable skills in teamwork, responsibility and leadership while truly living to serve those around them. I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful for this meaningful learning opportunity.

The South Umpqua FFA Chapter extends sincere thanks to the organizations and individuals whose generosity made this project possible, including Caruso Produce, Inc.; Mt. Adams Fruit; United Salad Co.; Kirk Hutchinson, Founder and Director of Food for All; the Perrydale FFA Chapter; Grocery Outlet of Myrtle Creek; and Ray's Food Place of Myrtle Creek. This commitment to supporting students, agriculture and families experiencing food insecurity plays a vital role in the success of the Food for All program. Because of this support, fresh, nutritious produce is reaching families in need while providing meaningful leadership and service-learning opportunities for students.



Douglas County Mail Courtesy photo by Jason Hulse

South Umpqua FFA students partnered with students from the Life Connections (DLC) program to unpack, sort and individually bag produce to give to families.

GIFTS:

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Sutherlin/Oakland Emergency Pantry, "But fortunately we have the Cow Creek Tribe helping every year to get us through these ordeals. Without them it would be a mess. We really appreciate the Tribe and the other foundations that support us, and we can only hope we begin to see the numbers go down."

Thursday's donations reflect the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe's ongoing commitment to addressing food insecurity and supporting the health and wellbeing of all Douglas County families.

"I just want to thank [the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe] for the compassion and the kindness because this will make a huge difference this year for many families," said Captain Edith Mabie with the Salvation Army in Roseburg.



Douglas County Mail photo by Bob Chaney, Sr.
Donna Hunter representing South Douglas Food Bank was on hand Thursday to accept the donation from the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe.

Canyonville Recapped

By Mayor Christine Morgan

When I was elected as mayor in November of 2022 and took office in January of 2023, Canyonville hadn't had any kind of goal setting workshops in at least 17 years or maybe never. Setting and achieving goals is paramount in city government so I proposed to Council that we do a workshop/idea exchange and they agreed. 2025 was a great year for Canyonville. The much-needed Douglas County Safe Routes to School project is complete. What a change this is for our town. Change is difficult for many but we'll get past it as we utilize the sidewalks, crosswalks with lights and new storm drainage as well as water line improvements. This project allowed Canyonville to tie-in with the Douglas County street project to do storm drainage and water line updates without tearing up new asphalt. City Council also

tackled the infamous "brown building" using our Dangerous Building ordinance. What a process! We found out how difficult it is to have people removed according to the law which has this whole thing currently at the Circuit Court level. Our goal is to demolish the two buildings on this tax lot and remove everything thereto.

Other goals met in 2025 include City Hall improvements of new exterior paint, locking bulletin board, replacement of boarded up openings with windows, striping the parking lot, interior window shades, installation from Energy Trust of Oregon of LED lighting, security cameras and a complete overhaul of the city's website. In Public Works, a true superintendent was hired in August boosting the workflow and productivity of our employees. We see this positive difference all around town with paved streets, improved response to water line leaks/repairs, painted curbs,



beautiful Pioneer Park, city-wide leaf pick up program, and the list goes on. With so many goals accomplished (too many to list here!), it's time to review, reassess, and develop new goals! The City Council is hosting a goal setting workshop January 29, 2026, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend and share their ideas with the Council.

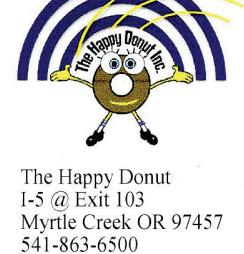
Due to the Martin Luther King holiday, the usual 3rd Monday of the month council meeting is moved to Tuesday, January 20, 2026. I'll be giving the State of the City address at that time and as always, the public is invited.

And never forget, Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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