



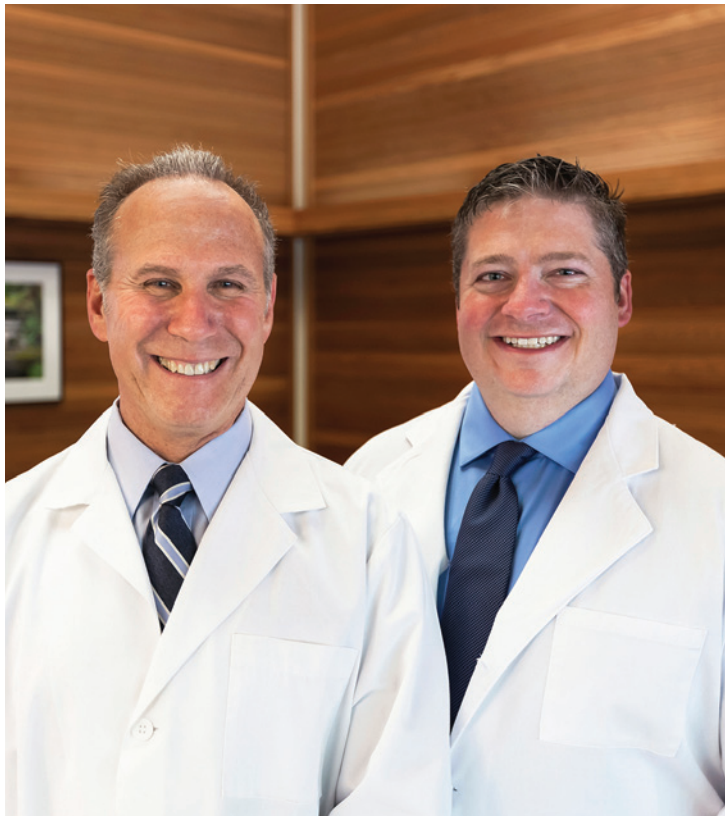
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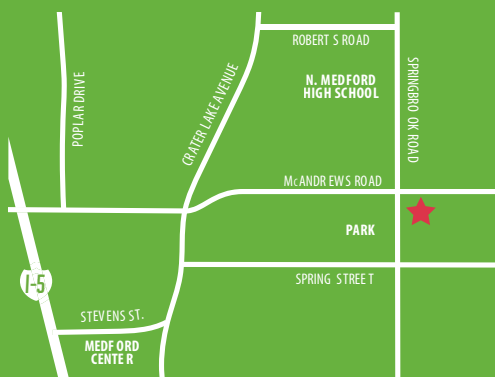


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Your Pregnancy Care Center receives no government funds and is led by volunteers from the medical community: Jon E.L. Ermsar MD, Medical Director, along with Jeremy Hitchcock MD, Associate Medical Director and Dr. Marcus Bryner, Radiologist. Additionally, over 500 volunteers per year give of their time helping with mailings, events, promotion and so much more.

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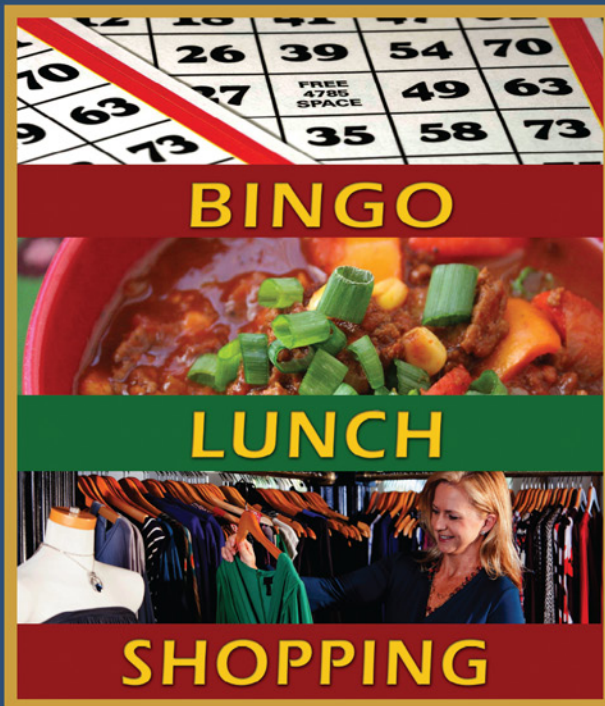
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This year, SMART celebrates its 25th anniversary statewide – and over 20 years here in the Rogue Valley. Since its inception, 125,000 SMART volunteers have donated more than 3.9 million hours of one-on-one reading time with over 188,000 children; the economic impact of those volunteer hours is nearly \$90 million. Over that time, SMART has also given away 2.4 million books to kids to take home and keep.

This hard work and dedication to empower Oregon children to be motivated, enthusiastic readers has been recognized at the national level. In 2014, the U.S. Library of Congress awarded SMART the American Prize for Literacy, presented annually to an organization that has made a significant and measureable contribution to increasing literacy levels or the national awareness of the importance of literacy.

SMART was founded on the idea that communities should be involved in children's education. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we want to thank our network of volunteers,

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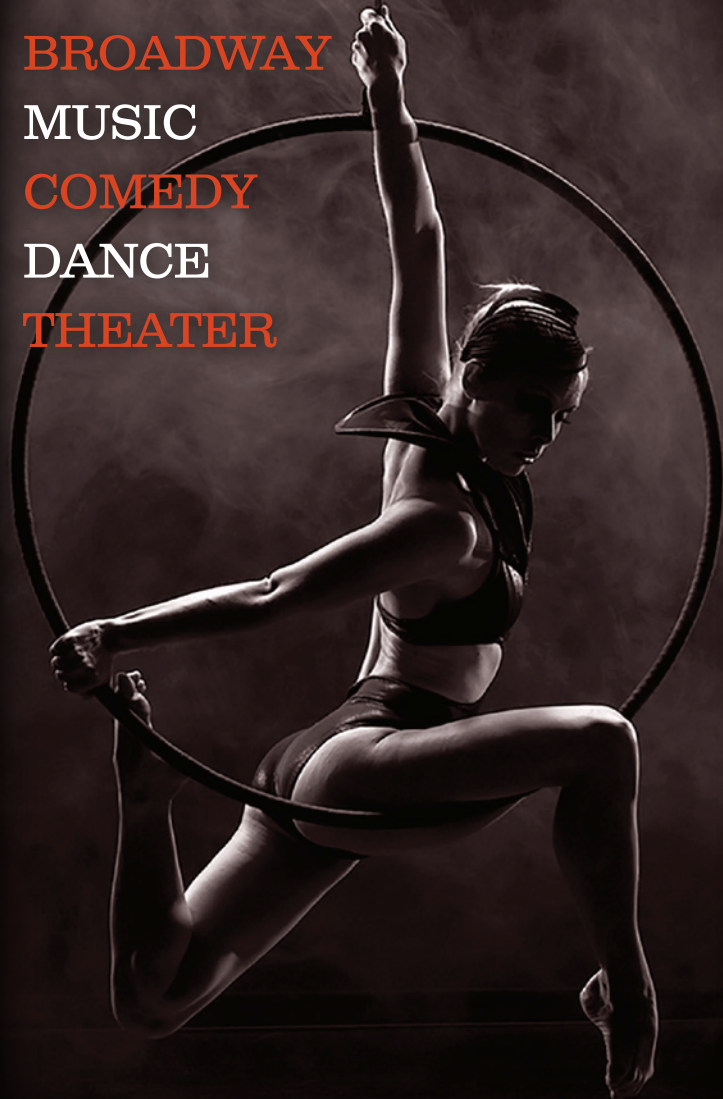
There's still much work to do and many more kids to reach. According to the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, right now in Oregon, 46 percent of third-grade students are not meeting state reading standards – which for low-income children, quadruples their risk of school dropout. However, an independent study by the Eugene Research Institute reveals that fifth graders who participated in SMART are 60 percent more likely to reach state reading benchmarks than are similar students who did not participate. SMART students develop reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension significantly faster and maintain these gains even after completing the program.

SMART invites Oregonians across the state to join the SMART community. In the Rogue Valley, we have 40 programs where we are need of volunteers to read weekly with local students. With as little as one hour per week, you can help empower the next generation for more successful futures through books and reading.

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1 t pepper
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Step #2

1 1/4 t minced fresh garlic
1 green onion chopped
1 T chopped marinated red onions or unmarinated
1 t chopped fresh parsley
1 t chopped fresh basil

Step #3

1 egg
3/4 C lemon juice
1 1/2 T white wine vinegar
1 T honey

Step #4

1 1/3 C olive oil
1 1/3 C vegetable oil

Step #1: Mix together ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

Step #2: Combine in a food processor. To marinate onion; thin slice and let stand at least one hour in rice vinegar.

Step #3: Combine ingredients from Step #1 and #2 in a food processor and mix well. Add egg, lemon juice, white wine vinegar and honey. Mix well.

Step #4: With food processor running add oils in a very slow steady stream thru top of machine. Keep machine running the entire time. You are looking for an emulsification. Which is similar to making a mayonnaise, it should be thick and thoroughly combined, not separated. If it becomes separated you've added oil too quickly.

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Gogi French Onion Soup

6 T butter

1 T olive oil

3 lbs thinly sliced yellow onion

1 t sugar

salt

1 T flour

8 c beef stock

2 c dry white wine

freshly ground black pepper

baguette

1 lb grated gruyère cheese

Melt half the butter with the oil in a heavy bottom soup pot and add in the onions. Cook onions on medium heat, stirring occasionally, until soft. Add sugar and season with salt to taste. Continue cooking onions, stirring constantly, until they reach a uniform light brown color. Sprinkle in the flour and cook for an additional 2 minutes while stirring. Add 2 cups of the beef stock and stir until simmer is reached. Add in remaining beef stock and wine. Simmer soup for 30 minutes and season with pepper and additional salt if needed. Preheat oven to 425. Slice baguette into thick (1") slices and butter both sides with the remaining butter. Toast baguette in oven until golden brown. Place one piece of baguette in the bottom of each oven proof serving bowl. Fill bowl with soup and top with generous amount of gruyère. Place bowls on oven tray and bake until cheese is golden brown. Allow to cool sooner but, enjoy while hot.

Greenleaf Restaurant Blueberry Scones

4 1/2 c unbleached white flour

4 t baking powder

1 t baking soda

1 t salt (optional)

1 c sugar

1 c wheat bran

1 c cold butter,
cut into large chunks

3/4 c blueberries

1 1/2 - 2 c half and half

In a large metal bowl, mix the dry ingredients. Add the butter chunks and blend into dry mix until pea size or coarse meal size. Add half and half a little at a time. The idea is to just moisten the dough enough to bring it together, without breaking down the butter. Divide the dough in half and lay both piles out on a floured cutting board. Flatten to about 2" high and shape with hands into a circles. Cut into sixths. Shape each scone into a nice, even triangle. Place scones on a greased sheet pan, brush the tops with egg wash. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 15 minutes. Scones should be golden brown and a toothpick should come out clean. Let cool.

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Callahan's Mountain Lodge Vegetarian Mediterranean Eggplant

- 1 eggplant
- 5 oz spinach
- 2 T feta cheese
- 2 T olive tapenade
- 5 oz angel hair pasta
- 4 oz marinara sauce
- ¼ C parmesan
- 1 T parsley

Vegetarian Mediterranean Eggplant cont.

Slice a large eggplant lengthwise into two equally sized planks approximately 3/8" thick. Roll the planks in seasoned flour, dip them into egg wash, and then coat with panko breading. Deep fry the planks until crisp and golden brown approximately 1 ½-2 minutes.

Remove from fryer, lay flat and spread one with two tablespoons of olive tapenade, and the other with two tablespoons of feta cheese and 5 oz. of spinach sautéed in olive oil. Sandwich the two planks and place in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and slice on the bias. Place atop angel hair pasta and marinara sauce. Garnish with parmesan cheese and parsley.



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Schoolhaus Brewhaus Obatzda Traditional Bavarian Cheese Dip

- 1 small camembert cheese wheel (about ½ pound)
- 3 T. softened butter
- ½ pound softened cream cheese
- 2 T minced onion
- ½ T caraway seed
- ½ T paprika
- ½ tsp ground caraway seed

Coursely chop camembert and soften in microwave on 15 second bursts until pliable. Combine all ingredients in stand mixer with paddle attachment. Beat on medium speed for 1-2 minutes until fully everything is fully incorporated. Serve immediately with crusty bread and assorted vegetables or refrigerate for up to a week.

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Jacksonville Inn Apple Spice Cake

- 2 ¼ c all purpose flour
- 1 ½ c brown sugar
- 1 ½ t baking soda
- 2 t cinnamon
- 1 t nutmeg
- 1 t ground ginger
- ½ t clove
- 1 t salt
- 1 ½ c buttermilk
- ¾ c canola oil
- 2 t vanilla extract
- Zest of 2 oranges
- 2 eggs
- 3 each Granny Smith Apples – peeled

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare 10 inch cake pan with butter and sugar. In one bowl sift all dry ingredients. In another bowl combine all wet ingredients. Mix together. Bake for approximately 45 minutes or until done. Allow to cool. Remove from cake pan and sprinkle top with powdered sugar. Optional: Serve with cranberry compote and vanilla bean ice cream.



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Pie and Vine 541-488-5493 358 E Main St, Ashland www.pieandvine.co <i>Please See Advertisement Page 23</i>	Wood Fired Italian	X	yes	L D	\$7.95-19.95
Sesame Asian Kitchen 541-482-0119 21 Winburn Way, Ashland www.sesameasiankitchen.com <i>Please See Advertisement Page 23</i>	Asian Cuisine	X	yes	L D	\$6.00-14.00
Smithfields Pub & Pies 541-482-7439 23 South Second Street, Ashland www.smithfieldspubpies.com <i>Please See Advertisement This Page</i>	Full Crusted Savory Pies, Salad, Pub Snacks Sweet Pies	X	yes	L D 11:30-midnight	\$4.00-12.00
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Jacksonville Inn Mini Crab Cakes

16 oz Dungeness Crab
 6 oz diced yellow onion
 3 oz diced celery
 2 lemons slices into wheels
 2 lemons juiced
 1 oz parsley chopped
 6 oz panko
 2 large eggs
 2 oz flour
 .05 oz salt
 5 oz olive oil
 8 oz olive oil based mayonnaise
 1 oz chopped capers

Jacksonville Inn Mini Crab Cakes cont

Sautee diced celery and onions in 1 oz of olive oil. Cool. Mix crab, onions, celery, parsley, lemon juice, 6 oz mayonnaise, 2 oz panko and salt together. Form into 1.5 oz crab cakes and coat in flour then beaten egg and finally panko. Sautee in remaining olive oil. Mix remaining mayonnaise and capers. Top crab cakes with caper aioli and parsley. Garnish tray with lemon wheels.





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Smithfields Pub & Pies Shepherds Pie

- 5 lbs ground lamb
- 2 c stock veg
(uniformly chopped onion, carrot, leek & celery)
- 2 c frozen peas
- 2 T rosemary
- 2 T thyme
- ¼ c tomato paste
- ¼ c worcestershire
- 1 c chicken stock
- 1 t salt
- 1 t black pepper
- 1/3 c corn starch

Saute off lamb, making sure to break down clumps. Drain off fat. Add stock veg, tomato paste, worcestershire, chicken stock, herbs, and spices. Cook until vegetables are tender. Mix in slurry of corn starch and water and cook out for a few minutes. Place in an ovenproof dish and chill for a couple hours. Make your favorite mash potato recipe and place on top of the lamb mix. Bake at 375 for approx. for 20 minutes or until golden brown.





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- 1 C soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 3 tbl. chili flakes

Mince garlic, ginger and cilantro. Set aside. Combine Hoisen, rice vinegar, soy, cayenne, and chili flakes. Mix well. Use this marinade to soak chicken wings or breast for great flavor

The Power of Volunteering

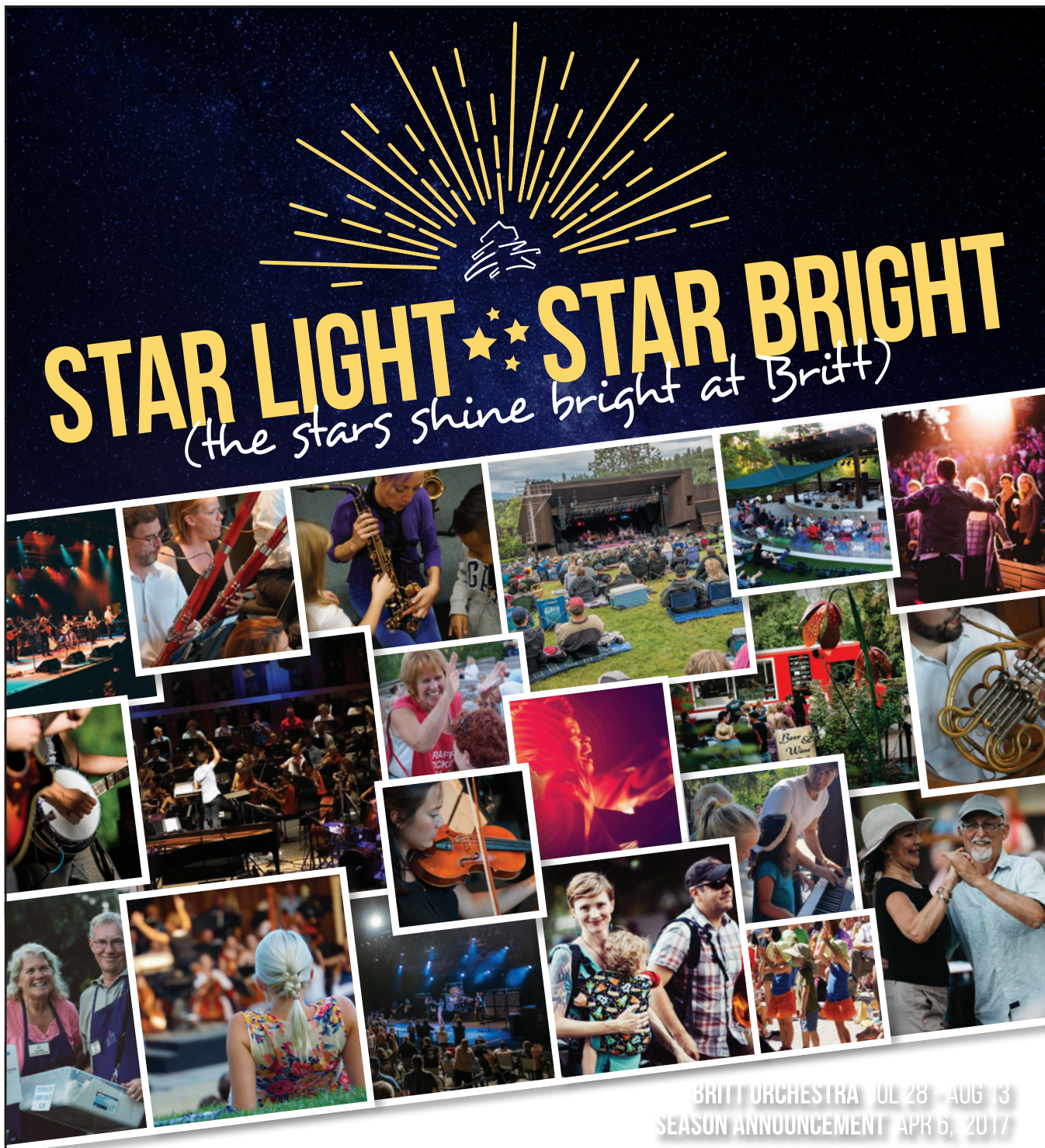
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We choose to donate our time for a number of reasons: to help others, to give back to our community, to do something productive for ourselves. The best volunteer opportunities fulfill these needs and more. It's an exchange, we give something of ourselves and get a little something in return.

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6. Volunteering can challenge us to reach deep within us and harness talents we didn't even know we had.
7. Volunteering can be educational. There is much we can learn about ourselves and our neighbors that can provide new perspective in our lives.
8. Volunteering encourages civic responsibility. It reminds us that we can make a difference in the lives of others.
9. Volunteering opens the door to meet all kinds of people. Friendships can be born of volunteering.
10. Volunteering can help us discover a new passion for service, by introducing us to things, of which we were unaware.

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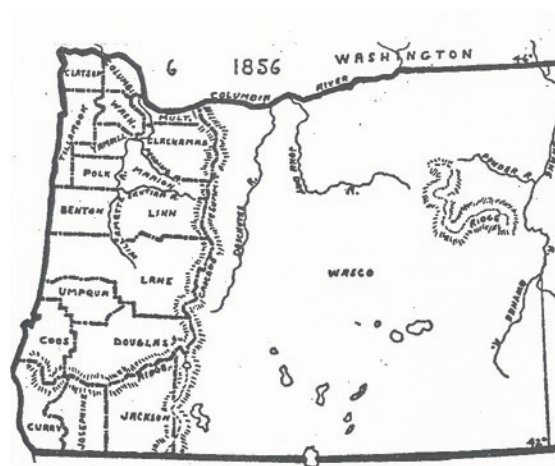


History of Josephine County

By Joan Momsen, Josephine County Historical Society

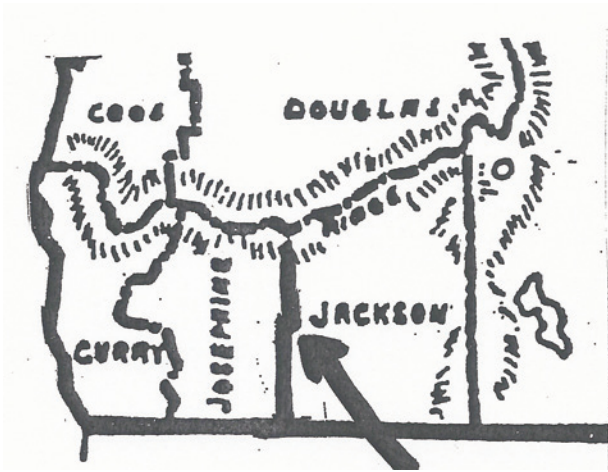
The history of a place can be presented in many ways from a not-so-factual folk lore approach to lines and lines of statistics. Names, dates and places are good but can be very boring. That is what we got in school. What happened? When did it happen? Where did it happen? These are all very important and useful but not always something to ponder. How something happened seems most interesting to me. Others have different views. So I will do a simple review of the change and growth of Josephine County in the 19th Century.

Jackson County was established before Oregon was a state. It was created in 1852 and included all of what is now Josephine and Jackson County. In 1856 it was decided to split the large Jackson County into two counties. On January 22, 1856 the Oregon Territorial Legislature created Josephine County out of the western half of Jackson County. It is the only county in the state of Oregon named after a woman. The woman, really just a girl, was the daughter of Lloyd Rollins. Virginia Josephine Rollins had come to Oregon with her father and they had mined along a creek in the area, later called Josephine Creek, also in her honor. Josephine was the first white woman in the area for an extended period of time. Other women had passed through the general area, but did not stay. Josephine and her father were in the Illinois Valley for several months in 1851 and by that action was given the honor of having the county where she searched for gold named after her.



When Josephine County was established, there was no Grants Pass. The earliest settler had built a cabin on the Rogue River to use as the base for his ferry business. Joel Perkins, also only stayed in the area a few months, but the area became known as Perkinsville and is today the site of Grants Pass.

Perkinsville remained in Jackson County because the north-south boundary line between the two counties was not straight up and down. It jogged at Perkinsville. Because of this jog, when the Grants Pass area finally got a post office in 1865 and the name of the post office was Grant's Pass, it was in Jackson County. This has led to years of confusion for some people because it was not until a quarter century after Oregon Statehood that the line was adjusted and Grants Pass became part of Josephine County in 1885.



Anybody that had anything recorded, such as land sales and deeds recorded in the Grants Pass area had to have it done at the Jackson County courthouse between 1856 and 1885. Only after Grants Pass became part of Josephine County was that changed. So someone looking for an original deed or bill of sale in that time period could search Josephine County records and never find a thing. It is also the reason the center of government for Josephine County was in the Illinois Valley, with the county seat first being Waldo and then Kerbyville. Grant's Pass existed as a post office long before it became a town. On December 10, 1883 the township of Grant's Pass was recorded in Jackson County.

If you want to know where the county line was located, by things that exist now, this is the basic location. The jog in the north-south line was along what is now called Western Avenue between Bridge Street and G Street. It extended beyond Western, but there was no road located there. When the line was moved, it was relocated from what is now the northern part of the city, near Interstate 5 to five miles east to

align it with the north-south line north of Grants Pass that was not adjusted. It was such a small jog that it did not show on small maps such as the one shown here but the jog is shown on the insert.

When the line was adjusted, and Grants Pass was in Josephine County and beginning to grow with the arrival of the first train in late 1883, it was decided to have a vote to see where the county seat should be. Grants Pass had a name and the apostrophe was not being used so much in the spelling of the town and it had a railroad. The Illinois Valley had competition that it could not match. An election was held and Grants Pass won the county seat, replacing Kerbyville. Wilderville was also a choice on the ballot in an attempt to keep the county seat closer to the Illinois Valley.

With the arrival of the railroad and the uncompleted line not yet in the rest of Jackson County, Grants Pass became the railhead for sending shipments out of both Josephine and Jackson counties for a few months before the rail line reached further east. Those few months gave Grants Pass the impetus to grow and even after the railroad was connected east and then south over the Siskiyous, growth did not decline. In the 1880s Grants Pass got the railroad, the county seat, a new courthouse, a bridge across the Rogue River, a high school and an influx of businesses. The town was incorporated in March of 1887 by the people in the community and on February 18, 1891 it was officially recognized by an act of incorporation by the Oregon legislature.

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