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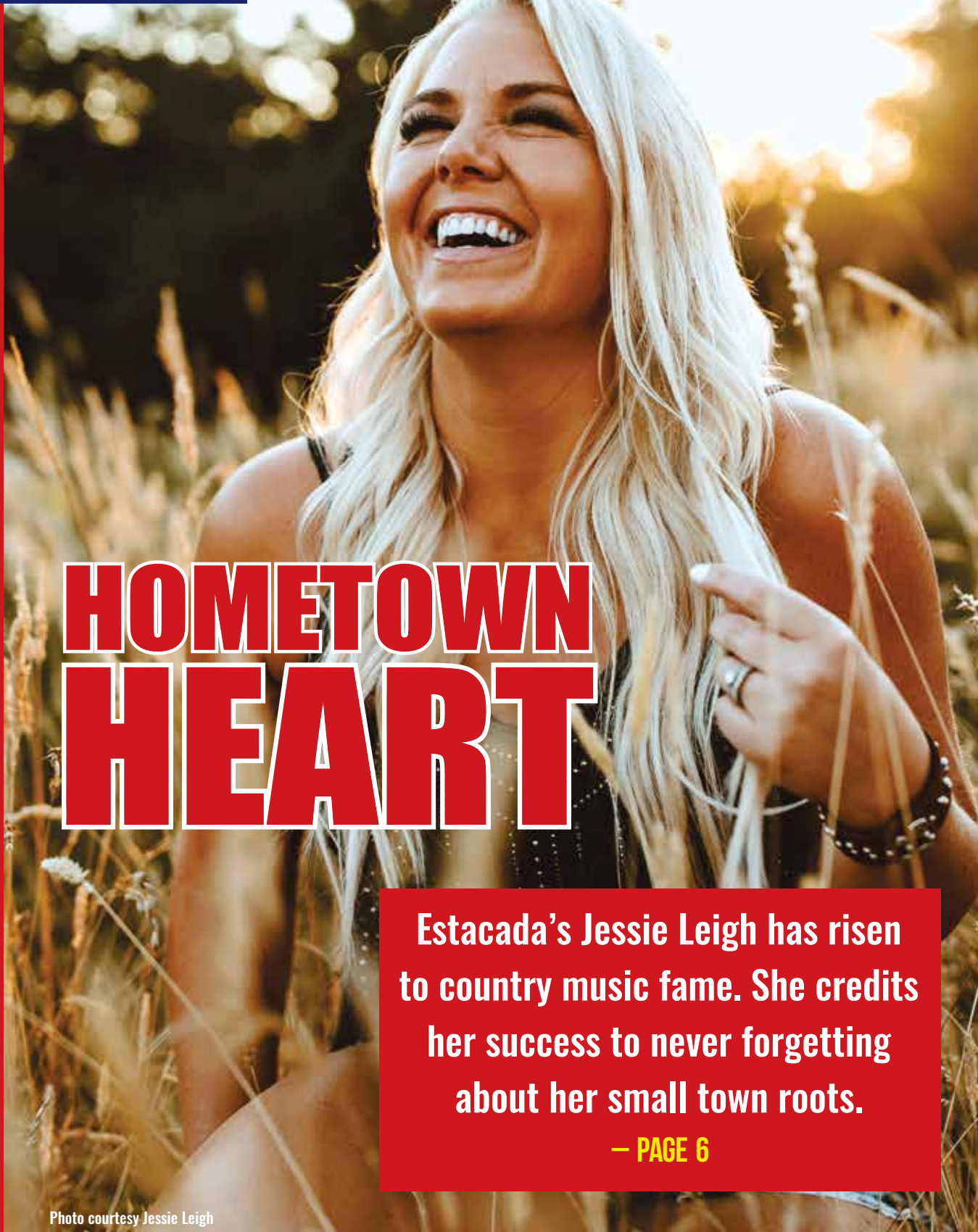
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America at 250: Greatness under threat

PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE

— Mike Wiley



I am not rich or privileged in the way our progressive/socialist friends would have you understand. I come from a lower middle class background. My father was a truck driver and my mother was a waitress. I didn't have anything handed to me. I have had some bad breaks in life and not everything has worked out for me. However, I love America. I am an unabashed patriot. I love the unparalleled freedom and opportunities America has given me. I am so grateful for the people who worked thanklessly, sacrificed significantly, and even shed their blood, so that I could live in freedom. Does that makes me sound sappy and sentimental? I couldn't care less.

Winning the lottery of life

If you were born in America, you have won the lottery of life. Of the total world population today, only about 4.2% live in the United States, or about 1 in 24 people. Polls show that hundreds of millions of people from around the world would move to the United States if they could. There are perhaps a billion or more people on the planet who would gladly trade places with you, just to live in America.

Even more, in the long history of human existence, of all the tens of billions of people who have come and gone, mostly living brief lives of poverty, oppression, and misery, somehow you were given the privilege of being born into the freest, greatest, most prosperous, most just, most tolerant nation — with more opportunity — than has ever existed in all human history. What are the odds of that?

In recent weeks, the internet has been filled with slightly humorous videos of European citizens who, because of the FIFA soccer world cup events, are visiting the United States for the first time. They are agog at the stupendous abundance of the United States and the friendly, happy, generous people here. These European

visitors are shocked because for fifty years they have been told how bad America is by the liberal mainstream European and American media.

What has made America great?

So, what accounts for the greatness of this nation? It can't be just the geography.

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Why?

It is because of the philosophy upon

which America was founded. The differences in philosophy of life, economy, and government are the only things that can explain the difference between life on the north side of the Rio Grande from life on the south side. The difference is found in America's four Cs: Christianity, Capitalism, Constitution, and Character.

Christianity

The fundamental philosophy at the core of America is the Christian faith. If this offends you, I'm sorry. The historic reality is that Christian principles were the foundation of the nation and the Bible is most important founding document. Even today, Christian attitudes, Christian principles, and Christian-based assumptions permeate nearly every aspect of American life. Even if you don't consider yourself religious, your basic assumptions about life, of fairness, of right and wrong, good and evil, are almost certainly derived from Christian philosophy.

The most important line in the Declaration of Independence says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It has been called the greatest sentence ever written. Entire books have been written about it.

The "greatest sentence ever written," is clearly religious — people are "endowed by their Creator..." The principles it espouses are clearly derived from the Christian tradition that every individual has a fundamental right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Even more than that, it says that these truths are "self-evident," meaning that they are obvious and need no further proof or justification.

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"The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion." — Edmund Burke

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That sentence has formed the core of American ideals for 250 years, ever since July 4, 1776.

The American ideals of freedom of choice, of private property, of the dignity of the individual, of equal justice under the law, of free enterprise, all have their foundations in Christianity. The genius of the American Constitutional system, the “separation of powers,” is found in the Bible. Christianity establishes the right to private property — which is primarily about the right to own yourself.

English political philosopher John Locke strongly influenced the American Founders. He wrote, “Every man has a property in his own person. This nobody has a right to, but himself.”

Socialists, of course, deny this because they must. Socialism by its very nature is anti-freedom. Socialism ultimately requires “group ownership” of people’s money and property in order to “more fairly” redistribute it.

The more the nation drifts away from its Judeo-Christian foundations, the more the freedoms based on those foundations are at risk. The cold reality is that if it neglects its foundations, America is no more immune from falling into tyranny and poverty than any other nation.

Capitalism

It is hard to overstate the power of capitalism — free enterprise. All that you see around you right now, all that you have, the place where you are living and everything in it, every vehicle, every building, all the clothes, all the food, all the appliances, all the computers, the sheer abundance that has so amazed recent European visitors,

Capitalism has literally lifted billions of people out of poverty, wiped out ancient diseases, and almost eliminated starvation around the world.

is a result of capitalism. Capitalism is nearly miraculous. After WWII, Japan was devastated. It was a small, defeated island nation with almost no natural resources. However, after the war, the governor of Japan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, had the foresight to reduce regulation and taxes and unleash capitalism. The early Japanese governments that followed kept this policy. Within a few decades, small, defeated Japan became the second largest economy in the world — all due to capitalism. Something similar happened in Germany after WWII. By implementing strong free market principles, defeated and devastated Germany recovered to become the strongest economy in Europe by the 1970s.

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Socialists and progressives like to claim that capitalism is based on greed, selfishness, and materialism. They will argue that

even if capitalism works, it is immoral. That shows a dangerous, blind ignorance.

The real foundational principles of capitalism are faith, giving, and service.

First, in order to start a business, a person has to have faith; faith that their investment and hard work will be rewarded.

Second, they have to give before they get. They have to give and invest before they can ever hope to get anything in return.

Third, they have to serve their customers, not themselves. They have to provide a product or service customers want at prices they are willing to pay. They have to be open for business during the hours that are convenient for the customer, not themselves. They have to put the needs of the business, their employees, and the customers before their own.

All of these traits are not selfish, they are virtuous and they reinforce virtue in society.

Finally, in capitalism, people are rewarded according to the amount of benefit they bring to the most people. Henry Ford brought affordable transportation to the masses and was rewarded accordingly. Steve Jobs made technology that people loved and wanted and he was rewarded accordingly. Elon Musk made the first commercially successful electric vehicles and the first reusable rocket ships. He has been rewarded accordingly. There is nothing wrong with this. If they can make it big, so can you. The old adage is still true, “If you want the world to beat a path to your door, build a better mouse trap.”

Constitution

After the successful War for Independence, the Founding Fathers of the United States faced a dilemma: How could they create a government strong enough to govern the nation, but not so strong that it would end up running roughshod over their liberties?

The Founders, with their sharp minds and rigorous, classical educations, were well aware of the types of government that had gone on before them. They knew that a pure democracy like ancient Athens was not an option. They understood that a pure democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

They understood that a government based on a class system, like ancient Rome, would also fail.

They rejected a monarchical government like Britain. They’d had enough of Kings and despotic rulers.

Finally, and foremost, they distrusted government power, knowing that unless it is restrained, history has shown that government will grow until it becomes tyrannical and oppressive over the people.

Therefore, the Founders devised a form of government that would deliberately limit its power. In order to preserve individual liberty, American government was to be a strictly *limited* government.

The genius of the Founders was the division of powers between three separate, but co-equal, branches of government. They must work together to get things done, but they would also check one another. While this system has not worked perfectly since its ratification in 1789, it has worked astonishingly well. (However, today’s onerous taxation and government



Writing the Declaration of Independence, 1776, a 1900 portrait by Jean Leon Jerome Ferris depicting Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson working on the Declaration. (Image in the public domain.)

over-regulation has reached such high levels that the Founders might easily have urged rebellion — again.)

Character

The Founders recognized that no nation can be greater than the collective character of its people. Founding Father John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

George Washington echoed this, saying, “Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.”

Edmund Burke, a British statesman widely admired by the Founders, said, “Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites... It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.”

Benjamin Franklin succinctly said, “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.”

Moral education important as knowledge

For most of the nation’s history, most Americans believed that the moral education of children, training them in good character, was just as important as imparting knowledge. They understood that without good character — traits like patriotism, honesty, integrity, consistency, toughness, perseverance, and loyalty — knowledge meant little.

However, modern public education has sadly deemphasized the teaching of virtue and character. This is a key reason that home schooling has surged in recent decades and why there is such a strong push for charter schools and school choice today. Many Americans understand that the nation cannot survive the weakening and undermining of its collective character. They understand that strong personal character begins with the training of children and they are working to restore that principle in American schools today.

The dirt isn’t magic

The United States is like a beautiful garden. The principles of freedom and

prosperity that have made America the greatest nation in the world in which to live must be watered and renewed, protected from weeds and predators — those who would destroy it.

The United States is a great nation, but we can’t take it for granted. History is full of great nations which fell due to neglect of discipline and their founding principles. They often fell quickly, some in just one day. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome all bear mute testimony to how quickly greatness and sovereignty can be lost. Ozymandias can be true for any nation.

The harsh reality is that America is no more immune from falling into tyranny and poverty than any other nation if it neglects its foundations. The dirt on the north side of the Rio Grande has no power to save America if it forfeits the principles that made it great: Christianity, Capitalism, Constitution, and Character.

Today, the United States is at risk from a foreign philosophy that seeks to overthrow each of the fundamental principles that have made America great. It is a collectivist philosophy that rejects transcendent values, private property, and basic human rights. Christ said, “You will know them by their fruits.” Wherever it has gained power, the fruit of Marxism and its derivatives has been untold poverty, oppression, murder, and mass death, and destruction. There is an old saying in communist countries — that if they could, even the trees would leave. Just so today. We see responsible people and productive businesses leaving places in the country where Marxist ideology has gotten a foothold — New York, California, Seattle, and yes, even Portland.

A new birth of freedom

As we look back at those Americans who risked everything and gave their lives that this nation might live, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, “let us here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” **HVN**



Legislative Report — Sen. Christine Drazan, GOP nominee for Oregon governor

Take my survey and help shape Oregon

By CHRISTINE DRAZAN
State Senator, District 26

The months between sessions are among the most important in the legislative calendar. This is when lawmakers, staff and advocates evaluate what worked, what didn't and begin laying the groundwork for the policy and budget decisions that will shape the 2027 session.

I want to ensure the voices of our district are heard as that work gets underway. The planning and budget processes that happen will have a real impact on your family, your community and your future. Your voice needs to be heard and that's why I'm asking you to weigh in.

Help shape the conversation



starting point. Your responses will help

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shape the conversation heading into 2027 and ensure that the priorities of our community aren't lost in the shuffle.

Please consider scanning the QR code and taking a couple minutes to share your thoughts on the following questions:

- What priorities should the Oregon Legislature focus on in 2027?
- What household costs are straining your budget the most?
- How would you describe the level of taxes in Oregon?
- What is the single most important issue facing Oregon right now?

Thank you for staying engaged. Please continue to reach out to my office if I can help in any way and I look forward to hearing from you! ■

Dist. 26 State Senator Christine Drazan is also the 2026 Republican nominee for governor.



Clackamas County Commission Report — Commissioner Ben West

Common-sense approach to mobile syringe service

By BEN WEST

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 5

"The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining." John F. Kennedy

Opportunities to prevent a problem are rare in government. More often, we are asked to respond after concerns have grown, communities have become frustrated, and residents are asking why action wasn't taken sooner. When we have the opportunity to act before a looming challenge becomes a crisis, as it has in a neighboring county to the north and in the City of Portland, it is sound, preventative public policy.

That is why I believe Clackamas County has an important opportunity before us today.

Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) are intended to reduce the spread of infectious diseases while connecting individuals to health and recovery services. Those are important public health goals, and I support helping people who are struggling find a path to recovery.

The proposal before the Board is not about eliminating those services. It is about establishing a reasonable 1,000-foot buffer for mobile syringe service providers, operating in unincorporated Clackamas County, around schools, libraries, parks, daycares, and other places where children gather."

State-wide bill fails to pass

Last year, Senator Christine Drazan introduced Senate Bill 1573 to address this issue statewide. While the Legislature chose not to move the bill forward, the concerns that inspired it did not disappear. Across Oregon, families continue to ask how we can protect children while supporting public health. When Salem chose not to establish a statewide solution, that responsibility did not disappear; it increasingly falls to local governments to determine what is right for the communities they serve.

I have encountered discarded syringes in Clackamas County myself. I have reported them to county staff and shared those concerns with my fellow commissioners. While we are not experiencing the same challenges seen elsewhere in the region, that is precisely why this conversation matters now. It is far easier to establish reasonable expectations before a challenge arrives than it is to change the rules after the fact.

There are moments in public service

when leadership is measured not by how we respond to a crisis, but by whether we had the foresight and courage to prevent it in the first place.

No parent should have to worry about their child encountering discarded syringes or other potential biohazards on the way to school, at a neighborhood park, or outside a public library. Those places should remain places of learning, recreation, and opportunity not places where families question whether their children are safe.

Too often, public policy asks families and children to adapt to problems rather than asking government to address them. I believe we have a responsibility to put

children and families at the center of our decision-making.

Some bureaucrats and well-organized advocacy groups would prefer local government wait or simply leave this issue to the state. I respectfully disagree. When the Legislature chooses not to act, local leaders have a responsibility to step forward. I believe protecting children,

supporting families, and establishing reasonable expectations before a challenge becomes a crisis is exactly what good government should do.

Goals can be complimentary

Public health and public safety are not mutually exclusive. We can support recovery, reduce the spread of infectious disease, and protect children at the same time. Those goals are not in conflict; they are complementary.

In the coming weeks, the Board of County Commissioners will consider this proposal. I believe this is an opportunity to demonstrate that local government does not have to wait for a crisis before it acts. We can lead with foresight, balance, and common sense and that is exactly what I will continue advocating for.

That is the opportunity before Clackamas County today. The opportunity to act from a position of foresight rather than urgency, to protect the places where children learn and grow, and to lead before a crisis demands it.

Because when it comes to protecting children, waiting for a crisis should never be our plan. ■

Ben West has been a Clackamas County Commissioner since 2023 and was formerly a Wilsonville city councilor.



Community Report — Bess Wills

Make local lemonade

By BESS WILLS
CEO, Gresham Ford

When life hands you lemons, make lemonade — and when gas prices and inflation make long trips less appealing, discover everything happening right here in our own backyard.

Affordable local activities

The greater Gresham area is packed with affordable and family-friendly activities this summer. A great place to start is SpiritofGresham.org, which has become the go-to source for local events, concerts, festivals, and community gatherings. Whether you're looking for something to do this weekend or planning your summer calendar, the website makes it easy to discover what's happening close to home.

Lots of local music

The Center for the Arts Foundation continues to bring our community together through Music Mondays, Music in the Parks, the Gresham Arts Festival and

other local Cities have their events also. There is the Sandy Mountain Festival and Troutdale also has events that celebrate local talent and community spirit.

Explore new things locally

Summer is also the perfect time to explore new restaurants, businesses, and experiences. Consider organizing a group outing at Rock Haven, where the owner enjoys working with community organizations, or connect with Samantha at Persimmon Country Club to learn about affordable opportunities available there.

Before planning a trip out of town, take a look around. You may be surprised by how much there is to see, do, and enjoy right here in the greater Gresham area. Visit SpiritofGresham.org and start your summer adventure today. ■

Bess Wills is the CEO of Gresham Ford.



Gresham City Council Report — Council President Cathy Keathley

Why the November County Chair election matters to Gresham

By CATHY KEATHLEY
Gresham City Council President

It is not just a civic duty, voting in the November 2026 election is a decision that will shape how government works for years to come. One of the most consequential races on the ballot will be for Multnomah County Chair, an open seat with enormous authority. For residents of Gresham, the outcome of this race matters in very specific, tangible ways.

County Chair controls much

What many voters may not realize is how much power the County Chair holds. Multnomah County has a five-member elected commission, but only one member is elected as Chair. That Chair is the chief executive of the county—the “boss” of nearly every department and employee, except for the independently elected Auditor, District Attorney, and Sheriff. Critically, the Chair prepares the entire county budget. While commissioners may propose amendments, once a budget is presented by the Chair, changing it is an uphill battle. Even independently elected offices depend on the Chair to provide a workable budget that allows them to fulfill their duties.

\$4 billion budget

This year, Multnomah County adopted a budget of roughly \$4 billion—with a “B.” That budget determines how services are delivered, which priorities are emphasized, and how effectively public dollars are spent. That budget pays for the Office of the Board of Commissioners; the District Attorney’s Office; the Sheriff’s Office; Department of Community Justice; the Library System; the Joint Office of Homeless Services; Community Services; Department of County

Human Services; and County Management including finance, human resources, facilities, and technology.

Gresham is vital to the county

Gresham voters play a vital and pivotal role in the decision of who is elected as Chair. Historically, Gresham has been a bellwether in county elections, helping balance policies driven by higher-turnout areas closer to Portland. Countywide measures—such as the homeless services tax, Preschool for All, and library funding—pass or fail based on broad regional support. Gresham’s approach and solutions to issues are often based on different priorities. For example, our solutions to homelessness have emphasized compassion paired with accountability, reflecting practical, results-oriented values.

Gresham’s solutions are vital, pivotal, and important. The tax money we send to Multnomah County should reflect our solutions to problems. That is why participation in voting matters. Encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to vote is essential. The effectiveness, accountability, and balance of county government—and the future livability of Gresham—depend on getting this election right.

But wait, there’s more. Multnomah county has changed our voting ballot process for county races only, not Gresham races. My upcoming article will describe the change and how best to navigate the new Ranked Choice Voting process in choosing the Multnomah County Chair. ■

Cathy Keathley, elected 2024, is president of the Gresham City Council.



Sandy Mayor’s Memo — Mayor Kathleen Walker

Reach out for help when you need it

By KATHLEEN WALKER
Mayor of Sandy

This month, Sandy residents were traumatized by bullets flying in a neighborhood, multiple fatalities, SWAT teams moving in, and one of our police officers being Life Flighted to a hospital. We’ve never had such a frightening incident like this in Sandy. Our sense of safety has been threatened.

We came together to support each other after the tragic murder of Jenna and Mary Beth Overson, a mother of five and her mom, and a heroic teenager named Kobyn McClure. Kobyn lived nearby and ran to protect two of Jenna’s sons. Sandy Police Department’s Sgt. Garret Thornton, was shot four times and is thankfully recovering. We are so grateful to him and the other first responders who ran towards the danger.

Reach out for help

Our Sandy community grieves the unimaginable loss of lives from this domestic violence incident. Sadly, Sandy is not immune from drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness or domestic violence. While victim funding campaigns, vigils and funerals continue, grieving and healing have no timeline.

I always tell my kids, the most important lesson to learn in life, is to reach out for help when you need it. There is always someone out there who can help you, — or connect you with someone who can help you — through difficulty. Sandy has resources to help us, and our neighbors with these issues. Some fly under the community’s radar and are not well-advertised. A coalition of Sandy support services called “Community Connection” meet regularly to discuss outreach opportunities and assistance cross-over.

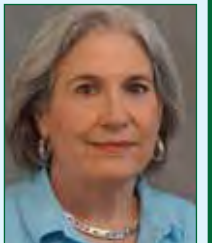
Clackamas County offers counseling through the Sandy Health Center and for kids at the high school. Numerous support service providers hold a “one-stop shopping” help desk regularly at the Sandy Library, for local Sandy residents, including addiction services, housing and nutrition assistance, probation and parole services. Clackamas Women’s Services does amazing work with women facing danger in their home.

Call ‘211’ for resources

Folks can call ‘211’ for support services. Our Sandy city website has a “Social Services Resource List.” I intend to update and expand that list and post it on local websites, community bulletin boards, and regularly on community Facebook pages. This critical list of support resources must be accessible to our neighbors, friends, or family members that may need this help.

Let’s make sure we all know how to reach this lifeline for those in need. Perhaps it can help minimize the chance of this happening again. As the grieving and healing continues, we celebrate 4th of July with Clackamas County Bank’s awesome fireworks show, the Sandy Mountain Festival, and the Chamber’s Music Fair and Feast. Thanks to all the volunteers that help stage these iconic Sandy community events! Stay Sandy Strong! ■

Mayor Walker was elected to City Council in 2022. She helped build trails in Sandy and served on the Parks and Trails Advisory Board as well as the Budget Committee.



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HOMETOWN HEART

Estacada's Jessie Leigh has risen to country music fame. She credits her success to never forgetting about her small town roots.

By MIKE WILEY
Publisher

Estacada's Jessie Leigh is taking her music—and her message of faith, family and freedom—across America.

A giant American flag begins moving through the crowd, supported by a sea of upraised hands. It ripples overhead like a living thing. Hands reach upward to touch it and move it along. Children laugh and stretch on tiptoes to touch it. Veterans stand a little straighter. Families point it out to their kids. For a few minutes, strangers become neighbors as hundreds of people help move the same star-spangled banner across the audience.

On stage, Jessie Leigh watches it all unfold. Then the Estacada country singer leans into the microphone and begins to sing Lee Greenwood's "I'm proud to be an American."

Many in the crowd know the words. Some sing softly. Others belt them out at the top of their lungs. The band drives the music forward as the giant flag continues its journey. It is one of those moments that feels like more than a concert. Something bigger than entertainment. It's a moment of shared experience that becomes a shared memory.

For Estacada's hometown country star, Jessie Leigh, those moments are what it's all about.

Whether she is performing for fifty people at a rain-soaked community festival, thousands at a major country music event, or a packed crowd celebrating small-town America, Jessie Leigh has built a career around creating experiences people remember long after the final song ends.

That career has taken her farther than a young girl from Estacada ever imagined.

Over the past decade, Jessie Leigh has shared stages with some of the biggest names in country music, including Luke Combs, Morgan Wallen, Craig Morgan, Josh Turner, Joe Nichols, Chris Janson and Tanya Tucker. She has toured throughout the western United States, performed in Florida and the Bahamas, released multiple albums, and built a devoted fan base stretching from Oregon to Arizona, Montana and beyond.

Today, her music streams across all the major music platforms. Fans travel hundreds of miles to attend her concerts. Festival



The passing of the giant flag over the concert is one of the climactic moments of Jesse Leigh's concerts. (Picture courtesy Jessie Leigh)

organizers compete for dates on her calendar. Later this summer she will headline the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce's Pickleball Palooza at Cascade Athletic Club, bringing one of the Northwest's most recognizable independent country acts to the east county community.

Yet despite the growing crowds and increasing recognition, Leigh remains remarkably unchanged. She still lives near the Estacada community where she grew up. She talks about her community as though she never left. She still measures success less by ticket sales than by the impact she can have on the people standing in front of her. And she still lights up when talking about small towns.

"If you love America, God, and small-town life," she writes on her website, "this

is the music and community for you." That statement serves as something of a mission statement. Faith, community, and patriotism are the themes that run through her songs, her concerts, her business and her life.

They also happen to describe the community that shaped her.

Estacada roots

For all the places her music has taken her, Jessie Leigh's story begins—and continues—in Estacada.

Nestled along the Clackamas River at the foot of the Cascades, Estacada is the kind of town that still believes in high school football, church potlucks, and helping neighbors when times get tough and fires threaten. It is the kind of place where people know one another's families, where local

businesses are deeply woven into the fabric of the community, and where a person's reputation matters.

It is also the kind of place that leaves a mark on those who grow up there. Long before she was opening concerts for future superstars, Jessie Leigh was simply another Estacada kid. Yet, the music seemed to be there from the start.

"My mom would say I would hum before I could talk," she recalled. She sang in choir. She performed in school musicals. She participated in music programs whenever she could. Yet despite her obvious talent, she struggled with something many people would never expect from a future professional performer... She had stage fright. A lot of it. "I would always be pretty terrified,"

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she admitted. Music felt deeply personal to her. While she loved singing, she never imagined herself building a career around it. In fact, for much of her youth, she actively avoided that possibility.

Like many young people raised in small towns, Leigh assumed she would eventually find a more practical path. Her parents owned a small business operating vending machines throughout the area. From an early age, she watched firsthand what it meant to build something from scratch. She also witnessed the uncertainty that often accompanies owning small businesses.

For her parents' business, some years were good and some were difficult. Larger competitors occasionally swept into the market and undercut the smaller operators and success was never guaranteed.

Yet, she also absorbed another lesson from her father — the importance of perseverance and independence. “No matter how bad it gets, I never want to work for somebody else,” her father often said.

At the time, those words simply sounded like something Dad would say. Years later, they would become foundational to how she approached her own career.

She graduated from Estacada High School and not long after, married her high school sweetheart Joel Elliot in 2007. At first, Jessie pursued business studies before eventually switching majors and earning a teaching degree. Teaching seemed like the logical choice. She enjoyed working with children. The profession offered stability, benefits

and a predictable paycheck—everything that a career in music did not. For a while, she tried to convince herself it was the right path for her. Yet, she still felt something was missing.

Worship leader

Meanwhile, another opportunity quietly came along. Her Estacada church needed a worship leader and they suggested to Jessie that she was right for the role.

There was only one problem. She knew only a handful of guitar chords. “They said, ‘We don’t care,’” she remembered with a laugh. “‘We know you have a heart for Jesus, and we know you can sing.’” So she stepped into the role.

What happened next surprised her. Week after week, after each church service, she would focus on the mistakes she had made. She would replay missed notes, awkward transitions — each imperfection. But then, people would often approach her afterward and tell her how much the music had meant to them. They had been touched and encouraged. They often said it had been exactly what they needed.

Jessie came to understand that the power of music wasn’t found in perfection, it was found in creating connection and meaning.

“Sharing life and the love of Jesus through music is not about perfection,” she said. “It’s about the heart behind it.”

Once she focused on making connection rather than music perfection, she gained confidence in her presentation.

Looking back, Leigh believes those years as a worship leader prepared her for everything that came afterward. The experience taught her that audiences are



Jessie and her husband Joel were Estacada High School sweethearts. In addition to being a full time electrician, he is a constant support for Jessie and the band and helps out where needed. (Photo courtesy Jessie Leigh)

not simply crowds, they are individuals carrying burdens, hopes, fears and stories invisible to everyone around them. That realization would eventually become central to her career.

Her mission still hadn’t fully taken shape. The future country star was still searching for direction. But at the time, she still wasn’t planning to become a professional musician. She was trying to build the “sensible” life, substitute teaching, giving music lessons and leading worship at church. Music occupied a significant place in her life, but she still

viewed it as something separate from her career. Like many people in their twenties, the future country star was trying to figure out what she wanted the next phase of life to look like.

Then one evening, while having dinner at a small local restaurant, she looked across the room and watched a musician playing in the corner. A simple thought crossed her mind, “I could do that.” It was a small moment, but it became the moment that changed everything for her.

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At the time, there was no larger plan behind the thought in the restaurant. But, before leaving the restaurant, she took a small, brave step. She gave the staff her phone number and told them to call if they ever needed another performer.

Not long afterward, they did. The manager wanted to know if she could play a two-hour set. Jessie said yes. She knew about half of one country song.

She called local musician Enoch Stalcup, whom she describes as an outstanding singer and performer, and asked if he would help her put together enough material for the evening.

Her years leading worship had taught her that audiences weren't looking for perfection. They responded to preparation and genuine sincerity. Her haunting voice and powerful lyrics made a strong connection.

When the night arrived, the setup was simple. Two stools sat near a pair of microphones. There was one small amplifier. Jessie and Enoch weren't arriving with a polished act or an elaborate production. They were simply hoping to put on a good show. As they got ready to perform, people started coming through the door. Then more people arrived. Before long, the restaurant was packed. By the end of the evening, people were being turned away.

For Jessie, the response was unexpected. She had agreed to the performance because it sounded like something fun to try. Now she found herself wondering whether there might be more opportunities like it.

A few weeks later, another opportunity appeared. One of the waitresses at Bailey's knew a young musician from Nashville who

spent part of the year back in Oregon. She suggested Jessie come sing background vocals for him during the summer.

The experience introduced her to a side of the music business she had never really seen before. Up to that point, she had focused primarily on the music itself. What she discovered was that successful artists spent a great deal of time doing things that had little to do with performing. They booked shows, managed schedules, promoted events, negotiated arrangements and maintained relationships with venues and event organizers.

"I learned that the music industry wasn't just sex, drugs and rock and roll," Jessie said. "It was a business." That observation resonated with her.

Growing up watching her parents operate a vending-machine business, she had seen the long hours that went into serving customers and keeping accounts. She had watched them deal with competition and uncertainty. The more she learned about the music industry, the more familiar many of its challenges seemed. The work was different, but the underlying principles weren't.

Growing fame

As 2014 progressed, performances began taking up more of Jessie's time. One performance led to another. She started booking shows in new locations and meeting people throughout the regional music community. The calendar gradually filled.

At the same time, she found herself becoming more comfortable on stage. The stage fright that had troubled her for years had not disappeared entirely, but it no longer prevented her from performing. Her years leading worship had taught her that audiences weren't looking for perfection. They responded to preparation and genuine sincerity. Her haunting voice and powerful lyrics made a strong connection.

As the opportunities increased, Jessie and her husband Joel began discussing what it would take to move beyond occasional performances and build something more substantial.

Recording an album was the next logical step. But, it was also expensive.

Studio time, musicians, production costs



Jessie Leigh's career has grown from leading worship at church, to performing at local restaurants, then for larger crowds, finally to opening for famous artists and then headlining big festivals. (Photo courtesy Jessie Leigh)

and promotion required more money than the couple had readily available. Like many young couples trying to build something of their own, they spent time discussing risks, costs and possibilities.

Eventually, they decided to take a risk. They refinanced their home and used the money to record Jessie's first album, titled, appropriately enough, "Jessie Leigh." The decision reflected the way they would approach the business in the years ahead. Rather than waiting for a record label or outside investors, they chose to build things themselves. It was an "Estacada" type of approach. It would be the first of Jessie's five albums.

When additional money was needed, they looked for practical solutions. At one point they purchased an RV that could be used both for touring and as a rental when it wasn't on the road. Revenue from one part of the operation helped support another.

Joel became increasingly involved in the business side of things as well. Today he serves as Jessie's manager, but even before the title became official, he was helping coordinate travel, discussing opportunities, reviewing plans and handling many of the details that accompany a growing

music career.

The arrangement evolved naturally. As Jessie spent more time performing, Joel spent more time helping keep things organized.

By early 2015, Jessie noticed that she was spending more time performing than substitute teaching. Music bookings were becoming more frequent. New opportunities continued to emerge. The career she had once viewed as a possibility was becoming her full-time occupation.

Eventually she removed her name from the substitute teacher list and committed herself to music full time.

But, that decision did not happen overnight. It was the result of months of growth, new opportunities and conversations about what the future might hold.

Looking back, the path seems surprisingly direct. A local restaurant performance led to another opportunity. That opportunity led to new relationships and those relationships led to more shows. The more Jessie performed, the more the business grew.

What neither she nor Joel knew at the time was how quickly those opportunities

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Shooting brings tragedy and loss to Sandy

Sunday, May 31st brought senseless violence to Sandy with the taking of three innocent lives and the serious wounding of a police officer

By HOODVIEW NEWS
Staff report

Sandy Police Sergeant Garrett Thornton, left, with his wife, Nicole, right. Thornton was seriously wounded during the May 31st shooting incident.

Photo credit: Sandy PD via Facebook

Sometimes you don't know what's really valuable until it's threatened. On Sunday, May 31st, Sandy's sense of being a peaceful suburban community was shattered by gunshots, resulting in triple homicide, the serious wounding of a Sandy police officer, hours-long hostage stand-off, and the coming together of a city.

In the quiet neighborhoods of Sandy, the clicking of cowboy boots on pavement used to announce Kobyn McClure's arrival. The 16-year-old Sandy High School freshman loved those boots—they were part of who he was, along with his easy laugh, his country music playlists, and the way neighborhood kids looked up to him. He was the friend who showed up when someone needed help, the one who stood up to bullies, the rock of his circle.

On the afternoon of May 31, that same protective spirit led him to step between danger and younger children.

What began as a domestic disturbance call near Evans Street erupted into tragedy. Bryan Andrew Moore, 38, allegedly opened fire, taking the lives of his partner, Jenna Mary Overson, 37, her mother, Mary Beth Overson, 70, and Kobyn. When Sandy Police officers arrived, Moore turned his weapon on them. Sergeant Garrett Thornton was struck multiple times.

Moore barricaded himself inside the home. A tense, hours-long standoff followed before he surrendered peacefully. Three lives were lost that day. One officer was gravely wounded. An entire community was left reeling.

Kobyn's courageous final act

Those who knew Kobyn best say his response was not out of character—it was the fullest expression of it.

Friends and neighbors describe Kobyn shielding the children, taking the shots meant for them. At a vigil, friend Wyatt Espinosa said: "I feel like if it wasn't for his act of bravery and sacrificing his own life, those children wouldn't be here today. I'm happy he did it... but I'm just sad it was him."

Kobyn's mother, Valerie McClure, has spoken lovingly about her son. "He had a huge heart. He had a very, very big heart. And he loved

everybody," she said. She spoke to *Hoodview News* and said, "He was everybody's protector before this thing even happened, and even in those moments he was still protecting. He was a protector," she said. She visits the large memorial along Evans Street almost daily, bringing fresh flowers. Crosses, candles, handwritten notes, and chalk messages now mark the sidewalk where her boy once walked in his boots.

The community has rallied around that spirit with the simple, powerful slogan "Live Like Kobyn." It appears on T-shirts, stickers, and posters. At vigils held at Sandy High School—complete with a motorcycle procession—hundreds gath-

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ered to celebrate a young man who dreamed of becoming a mechanic, perhaps working on a racing pit crew like his uncle, or even farming in Montana. He loved Gales Creek Camp, where he connected with other kids living with Type 1 diabetes. Valerie now hopes to establish a scholarship in his name so other children can experience that same joy and support.

Kobyn's 18-year-old sister, Keeleigh, and the rest of the family have been embraced by a town determined to turn grief into something lasting.

A familiar face in uniform

For many in Sandy, the news that Sgt. Garrett Thornton had been shot also hit hard. Thornton wasn't just any officer—he was one of the most recognizable and respected members of the Sandy Police Department.

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Sandy Tragedy

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For years, he helped lead the department's annual "Shop with a Cop" event at the local Fred Meyer. Each December, officers paired with children identified by the Oregon Trail School District—kids who might otherwise face a lean holiday. With a modest budget (around \$125 per child, funded entirely by donations), the kids shopped not just for themselves but often for parents, siblings, and loved ones. Laughter echoed through the aisles as officers helped wrap gifts and create memories.

Thornton frequently submitted photos and warm summaries of the event to Hoodview News. Readers came to recognize his steady presence and genuine care. Chief Patrick Huskey has called the program a highlight of community engagement—one that reminds both officers and residents that positive impact is a team effort.

In May, 2024, Thornton had completed a rigorous leadership training program called the International Public Safety Leadership

and Ethics Institute as one of nineteen public safety leaders from across Oregon. At the time, The Sandy Police Department said, "The program involved a great deal of extra work on top of Sergeant Thornton's normal duties at Sandy PD. We're

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proud of his work in this program and his dedication to improving himself as a leader."

Colleagues and neighbors describe Thornton as the kind of officer who makes time for people, who shows up with a positive attitude, and who embodies the department's values of integrity and service. A father of two, he is known for his dedication on and off duty.

The day everything changed

When officers responded to the May 31 call, Thornton was among the first on scene. As gunfire erupted, he was struck multiple times—reports indicate four gunshot wounds. Life Flight airlifted him to a hospital where he underwent surgery.

As of mid-June updates from the Sandy Police Department, he remained hospitalized but had begun physical and occupational therapy. He was preparing to transition to a rehab facility.

Courage and determination

Sandy PD shared: "He remains hospitalized, but will soon be transferred to a rehabilitation facility... His recovery journey will be long, but he continues to demonstrate the courage and determination that have defined his service to our community. We stand with him throughout his recovery and look forward to the day he rejoins us in uniform."

A GoFundMe organized by his brother, Brandon, has helped support the Thornton family during this time. The department and community have expressed overwhelming gratitude for the outpouring of support,



A stylized portrait of Koby McClure, 16, drawn from images widely shared on the internet. McClure was one of three victims in the Sandy shooting. His actions that day have been widely described as heroic. (Hoodview News illustration)

while respecting the family's request for privacy as healing continues.

Justice and healing

Bryan Andrew Moore faces a 17-count grand jury indictment including three counts of first-de-

gree murder in the deaths of Jenna Mary Overson, Mary Beth Overson, and Koby McClure, as well as attempted aggravated murder and first-degree assault involving Sgt. Thornton. Additional charges include attempted aggravated

murder counts for firing at other officers, two counts of first-degree kidnapping, and felon in possession of a firearm. Moore pleaded not guilty and remains held without bail in Clackamas County Jail.

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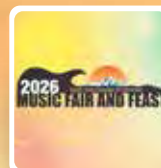
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Moore's Prior Record

Court records show that Bryan Andrew Moore, now 38, had a criminal history stretching back nearly two decades. His convictions include unauthorized use of a vehicle in 2007 and 2011, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance in 2009, felon in possession of a firearm in 2017, and — most seriously — attempted second-degree assault and

unlawful use of a weapon stemming from a 2017 knife attack in Clackamas County, for which he was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

As part of the 2017 firearms conviction, Moore was prohibited from possessing guns or other weapons. That prohibition is now central to one of the new charges he faces. Moore had been out of prison for several years prior to the May 31 incident, and public records do not indicate he was under active parole or probation

supervision at the time.

The case has prompted renewed discussion in the community about Oregon's criminal justice policies and whether individuals with violent histories are adequately supervised after release — a debate that has played out in local social media and conversations since the shooting.

What remains

In the weeks since May 31, Sandy has shown its heart. Memorials continue to grow. Vigils brought hundreds together. Fundraisers support both the McClure family and Thornton's recovery. The "Live Like Kobyn" message has become a quiet call to kindness and courage.

For Valerie McClure, the pain of losing her 16-year-old is unimaginable — "No parent thinks of their kid as a memory," she has said. Yet she finds comfort in the stories pouring in and in her determination to carry forward the protective spirit her son embodied.

For the Sandy Police Department and residents who know Sgt. Garrett Thornton, there is quiet resolve and hope. The officer who helped bring joy to

children each holiday season is now the one receiving the community's care.

The day after the tragedy, Sandy City Manager Tyler Deems released a statement in which he said, "A terrible incident occurred in Sandy last night that has shaken our

This tragedy touched every corner of Sandy—from the families directly affected to the officers who responded, to neighbors who heard the gunfire and the children who lost a protector and friend.

community; its effects will be with us for a long time to come. Sandy is a wonderful place with a long legacy of rallying together when tragedy strikes. In times like these, it's important that we come together and lift one another up. The outpouring of support I have already



Part of the large community memorial that has grown up near the location in Sandy where the shooting occurred that took the lives of three people. (Photo Joan Wiley)

seen is inspiring. My deepest condolences go out to the victims and their families. My thoughts are also with our officer who was injured, and I am wishing them a full and fast recovery. Thank you to all the public safety personnel who responded to this incident. Please continue to keep in mind all those impacted by this horrific event."

This tragedy touched every corner of Sandy—from the families directly affected to the officers who responded, to neighbors who heard the gunfire and the children who lost a protector and friend.

Yet in the telling of these stories—Kobyn's boots clicking down the street, Thornton's steady presence at Shop with a Cop, the way an entire town has shown up for one another—we see what endures: Courage. Kindness. Community.

Sandy will carry these forward. **HVN**

This article draws on original reporting, official statements from Sandy PD and Clackamas County authorities, court records, and community accounts. Additional details come from public vigils, family comments, and local reporting.



Sergeant Garrett Thornton (left) and Sandy Police Chief Patrick Huskey (right) with children at the December, 2025 Shop with a Cop event at Sandy Fred Meyer store. Thornton, who was seriously wounded in the May 31st shooting, has played a key role in the event over the years. (Photo courtesy Garrett Thorton/Sandy Police Department)

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IP28: The radical reality of Oregon's left?

If passed, the radical "animal rights" measure would likely destroy Oregon agriculture and may even let disease-carrying rats and mice run amok in homes and businesses

By **MIKE WILEY**
Publisher

A spectacularly ill-conceived ballot initiative that would criminalize hunting, fishing, farming, and perhaps even basic pest control, is barreling toward Oregon's November 2026 ballot. Initiative Petition 28 (IP28), branded by supporters as the "PEACE Act" (People for the Elimination of Animal Cruelty Exemptions), has collected well over the 117,173 valid signatures needed to qualify. With submissions exceeding 120,000—and likely more by the July 2 deadline—it appears poised to make the ballot after state verification.

IP28 is designed to strip longstanding exemptions from Oregon's animal cruelty statutes. Lawful activities like licensed hunting, recreational and commercial fishing, trapping, livestock harvesting for food, many standard farming and ranching practices (including breeding and husbandry), rodeos, wildlife management, scientific research involving animals, and even household rodent and pest control would effectively become criminal offenses. The measure applies to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Exceptions are narrow: primarily immediate self-defense or veterinary procedures such as spaying, neutering, or euthanasia.

The certified ballot title sums it up bluntly: "Criminalizes breeding practices, injuring/killing animals, including for food, hunting, fishing. Creates transition fund. Exceptions."

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Michelson and the Yes on IP28 campaign argue that current laws unfairly exempt certain animals from protections given to pets. They want to extend "the same legal protections our companion animals currently have" to animals on farms, in labs, and in the wild. The goal, they say, is to prohibit intentional injury or killing except in

Oregon agriculture would likely face the end of any meaningful existence... Local food systems would collapse, forcing reliance on imported meat and dairy—driving up costs for consumers already squeezed by inflation.

narrow cases and to spark a societal conversation about alternatives to using animals for food, sport, or other human needs. A "Humane Transition Fund" would supposedly help displaced workers with retraining and support. Michelson has acknowledged the measure is unlikely to pass in 2026 but views it as a long-game effort to shift public consciousness.

Radical consequences

The real-world impacts would be sweeping and disruptive. Hunting and fishing—cornerstones of Oregon's outdoor heritage, food security for many families, and economic drivers—would largely end. The

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife relies heavily on sportsmen's license fees (estimates range from 45-55% of its budget) for wildlife management and conservation. Removing that funding source would cripple the agency's ability to manage populations, combat invasive species, and protect habitats.

Oregon agriculture would likely face the end of any meaningful existence. Ranchers, dairy farmers, and meat producers could no longer legally harvest animals for food or engage in common breeding and husbandry practices. Local food systems would likely collapse, forcing reliance on imported meat and dairy—driving up costs for consumers already squeezed by inflation. The Oregon Farm Bureau and others warn of thousands of lost jobs and threats to the state's food supply.

Rodent free-for-all?

Even everyday life would likely change. Trapping or killing rodents damaging homes or businesses could become illegal. Opponents and analysts note that while "live-catch" traps might remain technically available, lethal methods for rats, mice, and other vermin would likely largely be off the table. Exclusion (sealing rodent entry points) would likely be the only tool—cold comfort for property owners, renters, grocery stores, and food warehouses during a real infestation.

Wildlife management, pest control businesses, and even some veterinary or research practices would face severe restrictions. Ancient pest-borne diseases, conquered by modern civilization, could conceivably come back to



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menace the young, the old, and the infirm.

Bipartisan opposition

Thankfully, some Oregon

Democrat leaders appear to have realized that with this issue, the radicalism that has gripped the party in recent years has finally

gone too far. Opposition to IP28 spans the political spectrum, with Democrats

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Radical measure threatens Oregon

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joining Republicans in sharp rejection.

All 37 Oregon House Democrats issued a unified statement opposing the measure, declaring that “criminalizing farming, ranching, hunting, and fishing is wrong. It threatens the livelihoods of families and communities across our state. It ignores the treaty rights of all nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon.”

Democrats speak out

Democratic State Rep. Paul Evans (HD 20) spoke out forcefully: “For months I have intentionally avoided commenting on IP-28. This

proposal is marketed as a measure to end legal hunting and fishing, but its consequences extend far beyond those activities. If enacted, it would disrupt agricultural economies, undermine long-standing cultural traditions, and disregard the values of many rural and working communities across Oregon... I oppose IP-28. I do so as a lifelong Oregonian, as someone who values both hunting and fishing, and as a veteran who spent years in uniform defending the freedoms that allow citizens to responsibly steward our natural resources and way of life.”

Sen. Anthony Broadman (D-Bend), co-chair of the Oregon Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus, highlighted the practical fallout: “Buying locally-raised foods

at the local farmers market would be outlawed while restaurant and grocery prices would increase substantially due to the need to ship meat and dairy products in from out of state. Hunting and fishing for food is a part of Oregon’s heritage and for many of us, part of who we are.”

Governor Tina Kotek (D) has also publicly opposed it: “I don’t support IP 28 because I believe criminalizing standard agricultural practices and lawful activities like hunting and fishing would be the wrong direction for Oregon... As your Governor, I will continue to champion strong animal welfare protections while respecting the long-standing traditions and livelihoods of farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and hunters across our state.”

GOP strong in opposition

On the Republican side, gubernatorial nominee Christine Drazan has been blistering: “IP28 is an all out assault on Oregonians’ way of life pushed by Tina Kotek’s allies. It criminalizes ranchers, farmers, meat pro-

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ducers and threatens to kill thousands of jobs. It would mean the end of hunting and fishing in Oregon, killing not only traditions and ending access to an essential source of food, but butchering natural resource-based industries that support hunting and fishing... We will fight this attack on our traditions, economy and livelihoods — it’s time for Oregonians to come together to defeat the extremists who want to destroy our state.”

Other GOP voices echo the alarm. Senate Republican Leader Bruce Starr and numerous legislators representing smaller cities and communities have lined up against it, framing IP28 as an existential threat to the economies that sustain much of eastern and southern Oregon.

The Oregon Hunters Association warns that

IP28 would turn “nearly one million Oregonians into criminals,” representing an “existential threat to our shared way of life.”

Radical overreach?

This does not seem to be thoughtful animal welfare reform. Oregon already has strong anti-cruelty laws. IP28 goes far beyond preventing abuse — it seeks to upend the fundamental human relationship with the natural world that has sustained societies for millennia. By treating all vertebrate animals as near-equals to pets in legal status, it ignores biological realities, human nutritional and cultural needs, and practical necessities like controlling disease-carrying pests.

The irony is rich. In their crusade to “protect every animal,” these activists would likely leave Oregonians more vulnerable to rats and mice infesting homes and businesses — creatures that have plagued humanity since ancient times. They would dismantle industries that feed people, manage wildlife responsibly, and sustain rural communities like those in the Mt. Hood corridor. All while offering a vague “transition fund” as consolation for destroying livelihoods.

Endgame of radicalism?

This measure appears to represent the ultimate endgame of today’s radicalism: the systematic overthrow of historic, practical realities in favor of Utopian abstractions

that prioritize ideological purity over human flourishing and common sense. It seems to embody a deeper enmity toward anything traditional and normal — a vague anti-establishmentarianism that flirts with societal disruption bordering on anarchy.

The proponents do not appear to offer a coherent vision for the future; instead, they seem to display a hostility toward “normal” — of families raising food on the land, of generations passing down hunting traditions. Frankly, it seems to display hostility toward the basic practical stewardship of the natural order that has defined human civilization itself.

Overthrowing civilization?

In Clackamas County, the Sandy area, and suburban and rural Gresham and Multnomah County, where agriculture, ranching, hunting, and outdoor recreation remain vital to livelihoods and economy, the stakes could not be clearer. IP28 isn’t merely reform; it’s revolution by ballot box, dressed up in feel-good language about compassion.

Oregonians deserve better than having their way of life, or the basics of civilization itself, put to a vote by activists who view centuries of tradition as mere “exemptions” to be erased.

Opposition to IP28 seems to be a defense of reality — of the historic truths about humanity’s place in nature that no amount of signature gathering can repeal. **HVN**

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Ranked Choice Voting comes to Multnomah County

The new voting scheme, in place in Portland since 2024, comes to all of Multnomah County this November

By **MIKE WILEY**
Publisher

If you are in Multnomah County, the way you vote in November will be changing. On June 16th, county business owners, community leaders, elected officials and candidates gathered for the monthly Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Business & Leaders Luncheon to hear about a change that will affect nearly every Multnomah County voter beginning this November.

For many in the audience, the luncheon was their first opportunity to hear directly from the officials responsible for administering the new voting system. Rather than

debating whether ranked-choice voting should have been adopted, the presentation focused on a more immediate question: what voters can expect when they receive their ballots this November.

The featured speakers were Tim Scott, director of Multnomah County Elections, and Leah Benson, the county's ranked-choice voting project manager. Together they outlined how the new voting system will work, what voters can expect when ballots arrive this fall, and the county's plans for an extensive public education campaign.

Introducing the speakers, Gresham Area Chamber

CEO and former Oregon House Speaker Lynn Snodgrass reminded those in attendance that election officials do not make election policy. "Tim didn't make the rules," Snodgrass said. "His job is to follow the rules."

A new system

Although ranked-choice voting will be new for most county voters, it is not entirely new to Multnomah County.

In November, 2022, county voters approved a charter amendment requiring ranked-choice voting for county offices. Portland voters approved a similar measure that same election as part of the city's sweeping charter reform package.



Multnomah County Elections ranked choice voting (RCV) expert Lisa Benson explains the RCV process at the June Business & Leaders Luncheon of the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo Mike Wiley)

Portland first used the system during its November 2024 city elections, while Multnomah County delayed implementation until the 2026 general election to allow additional time for preparation.

This November will mark the first countywide election using ranked-choice voting. County voters will use the new system to elect the fol-

lowing Multnomah County offices; county commission chair, sheriff, and auditor. Also, voters who live in County Commission District 2 (north and northeast Portland) will use ranked-choice voting to elect their county commissioner.

Scott said county officials expect another strong turnout for this year's gubernatorial election, estimating county

participation could reach between 70 and 80 percent of registered voters.

What voters will see

For most voters, the biggest change will be the appearance of the ballot. Instead of selecting only one candidate in certain county races, voters will have the opportunity to rank candidates in order of preference.

Candidates will appear in a single column, with six ranking columns extending across the page. Voters mark their favorite candidate in the first column, their second choice in the next column, and continue ranking as many additional candidates as they wish.

Importantly, Benson emphasized that voters are not required to rank multiple candidates. "People are still welcome to just vote for one candidate," she said.

For those who choose to rank additional candidates, Benson stressed that doing so does not reduce support for a voter's first choice. "Ranking additional candidates does not hurt the chances of your top-ranked

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Ranked choice voting
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candidate,” she said.

How the counting works

While filling out the ballot remains relatively simple, counting the votes changes significantly. Under ranked-choice voting, election officials first count every voter’s first-choice candidate. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes—more than 50 percent—that candidate wins immediately.

If no one reaches a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Ballots cast for that candidate are then transferred to each voter’s next-highest ranked remaining candidate. The process repeats until one candidate reaches a majority. Because it produces the voting effect of a traditional runoff election, though not the campaigning (which is controversial. See sidebar) without requiring voters to return for a second election, the process is often called an “instant runoff.”

To illustrate the process, Benson led luncheon attendees through a mock election choosing the coun-

ty’s favorite natural area. As lower-finishing parks were eliminated, their votes were transferred to voters’ next choices until Multnomah Falls eventually accumulated a majority and was declared the winner. Although the process may sound complicated, Benson noted that certified election software performs the calculations almost instantly.

Audience questions

Much of the luncheon was devoted to questions from those attending.

One attendee asked whether ranking only one candidate would reduce the value of that ballot. Benson answered that it would not.

Another asked whether voters could rank the same candidate first, second and third to give that candidate additional support. “You cannot,” Benson replied, explaining that only a voter’s highest ranking for any candidate is counted.

Audience members also questioned whether ranked-choice voting would delay election-night results. Scott said the county’s software tabulates ranked-choice contests quickly and that results can be produced almost

immediately after ballots are processed. However, because ranked-choice reports contain considerably more information than traditional election reports, election officials expect to issue one report on election night followed by updated reports each day as additional ballots are counted.

Questions also touched on voter turnout, ballot security, write-in candidates and tie votes. Scott also reiterated that only certified write-in candidates can receive votes and explained that in the rare event of a true tie after recounts, Oregon law ultimately settles the race by lot—a coin flip.

Preparing voters

Recognizing that ranked-choice voting will be unfamiliar to many East County residents, Multnomah County Elections is preparing an extensive voter education campaign throughout the summer and fall.

The effort will include extensive advertising, and detailed instructions included with every ballot. The county also has awarded voter education grants to community organizations to

help reach residents throughout East Multnomah County.

Scott said election officials hope voters will become familiar with the new system well before ballots arrive. For those wanting to learn more, he noted that

the Elections Office regularly offers tours so residents can observe the process firsthand.

Whether residents ultimately embrace ranked-choice voting or remain skeptical of it, one thing

is certain: this fall, thousands of Multnomah County voters will cast ballots using a system that is new to them. By election day, county officials hope the process itself will no longer be unfamiliar. **HVN**

Undemocratic? Unconstitutional? Confusing? RCV has its critics

Despite all of the reassurances that Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is even better than regular voting, does it still make you uneasy? You’re not alone. RCV has its critics and its criticisms. Here are a few:

One person, many votes?

A bedrock principle of a democratic republic is “one election, one person, one vote.” A chief criticism of RCV is that it seems to let people “vote” more than once in the same election. For example, if Sally’s first ranked choice is eliminated in the first “round,” then, via her second ranked choice, Sally gets to “vote” again. And then, again and again, depending on how she ranked her choices. However, if Jane voted for the top vote getting candidate with her first vote, then she doesn’t get to “vote” again at all. Supporters argue that people cast only one ballot, but critics insist it amounts to multiple potential “votes.”

Adding to voter confusion?

Second, at a time when confusion and

mistrust over elections is at a fever pitch — controversies over things like Voter ID, mail-in ballots, electronic voting machines, and late night vote dumps — RCV adds another layer of unnecessary confusion. Opponents argue that the traditional system, with appropriate checks and balances, worked fine. Runoffs took care of any concerns about candidates getting a majority vote and also gave voters more time to evaluate the runoff candidates. If it ain’t broke don’t fix it, critics say.

Vulnerable to manipulation?

Third, some argue that it might make elections vulnerable to manipulation by special interest groups who can urge voters to refuse to “rank” a particular candidate at all, when they might otherwise. This happened with the very first RCV election in Portland with the “Don’t rank Rene” campaign.

So far, RCV has received most of its support in urban areas of the country. In cases challenging RCV, courts have mostly ruled in favor of it. However, critics remain skeptical and many voters uneasy. ■



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State of the City

Gresham 'Primed for Prosperity' says mayor

The annual 'State of the City' event took place at Gresham's new East County Library

By MIKE WILEY
PUBLISHER

Standing beneath the soaring timber beams of Gresham's new East County Library, Mayor Travis Stovall delivered an optimistic assessment of the city's future during the annual State of the City address, pointing to gains in public safety, economic development, housing and infrastructure while encouraging residents to view Gresham as a community "primed for prosperity."

The June 16 event drew elected officials, business leaders, community volunteers and residents to the library's new 199-seat auditorium, less than a month after the 95,000-square-foot facility officially opened its doors. The evening was co-hosted by the City of Gresham and the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce. Many local elected officials attended the event, including Portland Mayor Keith Wilson, State Representative Zach Hudson, Multnomah County Commissioners Vince Jones Dixon and Shannon Singleton, Gresham City Council President Kathy Keathley, and councilors Janine Gladfelter, Jerry Hinton, Kayla Brown, Sue Piazza.

New library was venue

The venue served as a fitting backdrop for the evening's theme. Gresham's new East County Library represents one of the largest civic investments in East Multnomah County in decades. The nearly 95,000-square-foot building opened in May.

Before introducing the mayor, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Lynn Snodgrass emphasized the long-standing partnership between the business community and city government, acknowledging that while the two organizations do not always agree on every issue, they share common goals.

"The Chamber and the

City have a very strong partnership," Snodgrass told the audience. "That doesn't mean that we agree on everything, but what it means is that we respect the role that each of us plays to have a great community. We sharpen each other's swords to make the community great."

She then introduced Stovall, whose address carried the theme "Primed for Prosperity."

Mayor thanks partners

The mayor opened by thanking the many community partners, elected officials and civic leaders in attendance before recognizing Joan Albertson as Gresham's 2026 Community Member of the Year. Unable to attend herself, Albertson accepted the award through longtime friend Judy Han.

A video presentation highlighted Albertson's decades of philanthropy and volunteer service, including support for parks, public art, youth organizations and numerous local nonprofits.

New library a symbol

After honoring Albertson, Stovall began his formal State of the City address.

"I cannot think of a more fitting place to talk about Gresham's future," he said, referring to the new library. "This library is already a symbol of what we believe. We believe that knowledge matters. We believe that access matters, communities matter, and the future belongs to those willing to invest in it."

"Prosperity rarely arrives overnight," Stovall said. "Prosperity is planted long before it is harvested. It grows through faith, hard work, discipline, partnerships, and the willingness of ordinary people to invest in a future they may not see immediately."

New businesses

One of the largest areas of Stovall's emphasis was economic development. The mayor highlighted the city's

Enterprise Zone program, which recently marked its 20th anniversary. According to Stovall, the program has attracted more than \$1.6 billion in private investment while helping create over 5,000 jobs during the past two decades.

"Every investment sends a signal," he said. "Gresham is no longer preparing for opportunity. Gresham is capturing opportunity."

Levy passage injected hope

Public safety represented another major focus of the address. Stovall praised voters for approving the city's Public Safety Levy in 2024, noting that it was the first successful public safety levy in three decades.

"The first responsibility of local government is simple," he said. "Create conditions where families can live safely, businesses can invest confidently, and children can dream freely."

Challenges ahead

While emphasizing positive developments, Stovall also noted that challenges remain.

"A city prospers when its people prosper," Stovall said.

He noted that Gresham's poverty rate has fallen from 18 percent in 2015 to 12.5 percent in 2024, though he stressed that additional progress remains necessary.

The city's Homeless Services Team, he said, has helped more than 170 households secure permanent housing during the past two years, with more than 95 percent remaining housed after one year.

He also highlighted affordable housing projects that will ultimately provide nearly 400 attainable housing units in Gresham—more than double the city's original allocation.

Infrastructure upgrades

Stovall devoted part of the address to major infrastructure investments as well.

He pointed to the completion of the Cascade Groundwater Alliance



Gresham mayor Travis Stovall addresses the "State of the City" event at the new East County Library on June 16th. Stovall emphasized the importance of the community working together to achieve prosperity. (Screen grab from City of Gresham YouTube video)

transition, which now provides Gresham entirely with locally sourced groundwater, and highlighted continued investment in parks, including the new Gradin Sports Park and safety improvements at Vance Park.

"Where there is vision, the people flourish," he said. "Our city has vision." Throughout the evening, Stovall repeatedly credited the city's progress not just to elected officials, but to partnerships among city staff, businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations,

neighboring governments and volunteers.

"We cannot do this without you," he told the audience.

McKeels honored

Following the State of the City address, the evening concluded with the presentation of the city's highest civic honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award, to former Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel and longtime Gresham dentist and civic leader Dr. Mike McKeel.

Accepting the award,

Diane McKeel praised the city's greatest asset. "To me, the most powerful asset is our people who care and support each other," she said.

Mike McKeel echoed those sentiments, thanking mentors, family members, employees and community leaders before quoting anthropologist Margaret Mead. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world," he said. "Indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." **HVN**



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— Isaiah 1:18

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MARK SHULL: 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN RESILIENCE: A LEGACY WE MUST HONOR AND CARRY FORWARD

As we approach July 4, 2026, the United States of America stands on the threshold of its 250th anniversary. Two and a half centuries ago, in the sweltering heat of Philadelphia, brave men pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to declare independence from tyranny and birth a new nation conceived in liberty. This semiquincentennial is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a profound reminder of who we are, what we have overcome, and the bright future that awaits us if we remain true to our founding principles.

My 25 years in the military, combat experience and my political experiences have shaped me with the same spirit that animated our forebears. Those experiences taught me

the true meaning of leadership, accountability, and sacrifice, not as abstract concepts, but as lived realities. They reinforced my unshakeable belief that America's greatness flows from the courage of ordinary citizens doing extraordinary things in service to something larger than themselves.

This anniversary invites us to reflect with deep appreciation on all the Americans who have gone before us. From the Minutemen at Lexington and Concord to the doughboys of the Great War, from the Greatest Generation who stormed the beaches of Normandy to the brave men and women who have defended our freedoms in the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq.

Each generation has carried the torch of liberty through often bewildering challenges. They were farmers and factory workers, teachers and

tradesmen, immigrants and native-born, bound by a common love for this experiment in self-government. Many paid the ultimate price. Their precious blood waters the tree of liberty, as Thomas Jefferson reminded us. We owe them not just gratitude, but the solemn vow to preserve what they built.

My military service opened my eyes to the cost of freedom. In the Marine Corps and later with the Oregon Army National Guard, I witnessed the unbreakable bond of comradeship forged in heat of conflict. I saw young Americans from every corner of our land, urban streets and rural heart lands, unite under the Stars and Stripes. That same unity defined our response to crises throughout history. It carried us through the Civil War's division, the Great Depression's despair, and the existential threats of

world wars. This year, as we mark 250 years, we honor those who planted the seeds of liberty in 1776 and those who have nurtured them ever since.

Central to this legacy is our faith in God. Our Founders understood that rights come not from government but from our Creator. They inscribed this truth in the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are

nary moral courage when we are grounded in higher truths.

As we celebrate this milestone, we must confront the challenges of our own era with the same resolve. Inflation squeezes family budgets, government overreach threatens local control, and divisive ideologies seek to erode our shared heritage. In Clackamas County and across Oregon, families and small businesses deserve leaders

we recommit to the principles that made us exceptional: limited government, individual liberty, free enterprise, and the rule of law. It urges us to teach our children the unvarnished truth of American history not as a tale of unrelenting oppression, but as the greatest story of human progress ever told. Millions have come to our shores fleeing tyranny precisely because America offers opportunity unmatched anywhere on Earth.

I have faith, deep abiding faith that America will continue to shine and prosper. Our communities, when rooted in faith, family, and neighborly love, demonstrate resilience that no bureaucracy can match. With God's blessing and our own hard work, the next 250 years will eclipse even the first; one people, one Nation, one future together.

May God bless you, and may God continue to bless the United States of America, the State of Oregon and our own Clackamas County.

Mark Shull
Clackamas County

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endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." In times of doubt, Americans have turned to divine providence. George Washington knelt in prayer at Valley Forge. Abraham Lincoln sought God's guidance amid national anguish. My own faith has sustained me through the rigors of military life and public service. It reminds me that America's story is one of redemption and renewal. We are not perfect, but we are a people capable of extraordi-

who prioritize affordability, fiscal discipline, and common sense. That is why I continue my campaign; fighting for property tax relief for seniors, opposing new taxes and tolls, reforming land use to build more homes without sacrificing our way of life, and rejecting policies that divide us by race or identity rather than uniting us in equality of opportunity.

Yet this 250th anniversary calls us beyond politics to a higher purpose. It demands

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Hometown Heart

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would expand. Within a few years, the singer who had once worried about having enough songs to fill a two-hour set would find herself sharing stages with some of the biggest names in country music.

Small-Town Fight

In September 2020, wildfires swept across large portions of Oregon, forcing thousands of residents to evacuate and leaving entire communities wondering what would be left when the smoke cleared.

The small town of Estacada found itself at the center of the crisis. The Riverside Fire, southeast of Estacada, was bearing down on the small city. For days, residents watched the news, monitored evacuation alerts and checked on neighbors. Some packed belongings and prepared to leave. Others stayed behind to help where they could. Then, it was announced that due to extreme danger, the official fire crews had to pull back, seemingly leaving Estacada defenseless to the oncoming fire. It looked like the entire town might burn. People were advised by officials to flee.

Instead, in a remarkable display of bravery, self-sufficiency, and resilience, the Estacada community pulled together. Led by heroic efforts of courageous local volunteers, the fire was beaten back and the city saved.

Jessie saw this as an example of the determination and sacrifice that often emerges in small towns during difficult times. The experience eventually inspired her to write a song.

Released in the aftermath of the fires, “Small Town Fight” became both a tribute to Estacada and a broader reflection on the resilience of rural communities. Her song honored those who stepped up, many just ordinary citizens, to save the day in the moment of crisis. Her lyrics go,

“Home town tragedy strikes.



In spite of her fame, Jessie Leigh’s small town roots still shine through. (Photo courtesy Jessie Leigh)

*Fire burns through the night.
They say it’s a lost cause,
Better pull back the crew.*

*But our town stayed
and we fought through.
Leavin’ that line
isn’t what we do.
We held this ground
and saved our little town.”*

For Jessie, the project was deeply personal.

“I wanted our hometown to be honored,” she said during the interview. “It’s their song.” The response was immediate. People connected with the message because many of them had lived it.

Although the song grew out of Estacada’s trial, its themes reached beyond Oregon. Audiences in other states recognized something familiar in it. Whether they lived in farming communities, mountain towns or small cities, many understood the sense of pride and responsibility that comes from belonging to a close-knit community.

The song would eventually become one of the defining pieces of Jessie’s music catalog. It also helped introduce audiences to another element that has become closely associated with her concerts.

The giant American flag.

The relationship with the giant flag began through the Oregon Jamboree.

Several years ago, organizers approached Jessie about incorporating a large traveling American flag into one of her performances. The huge flag, which measures roughly 30 by 50 feet, is part of a project known as Flag Called Freedom. The goal of the project’s organizers is that it would be the flag touched by the most people in history.

Jessie immediately liked the idea. What she didn’t anticipate was the effect it would have on audiences. As the music begins, volunteers carry the flag into the crowd and it slowly “crowd surfs” across the audience. Children reach up to touch it. Veterans often stand and salute. People who arrived



The October, 2020 issue of Hoodview News recounted the bravery and heroism of the Estacada volunteers who stood up to defend the town from the raging wildfires of 2020. Jesse Leigh, an Estacada native, memorialized their heroism in her famous song, “Small Town Fight.”

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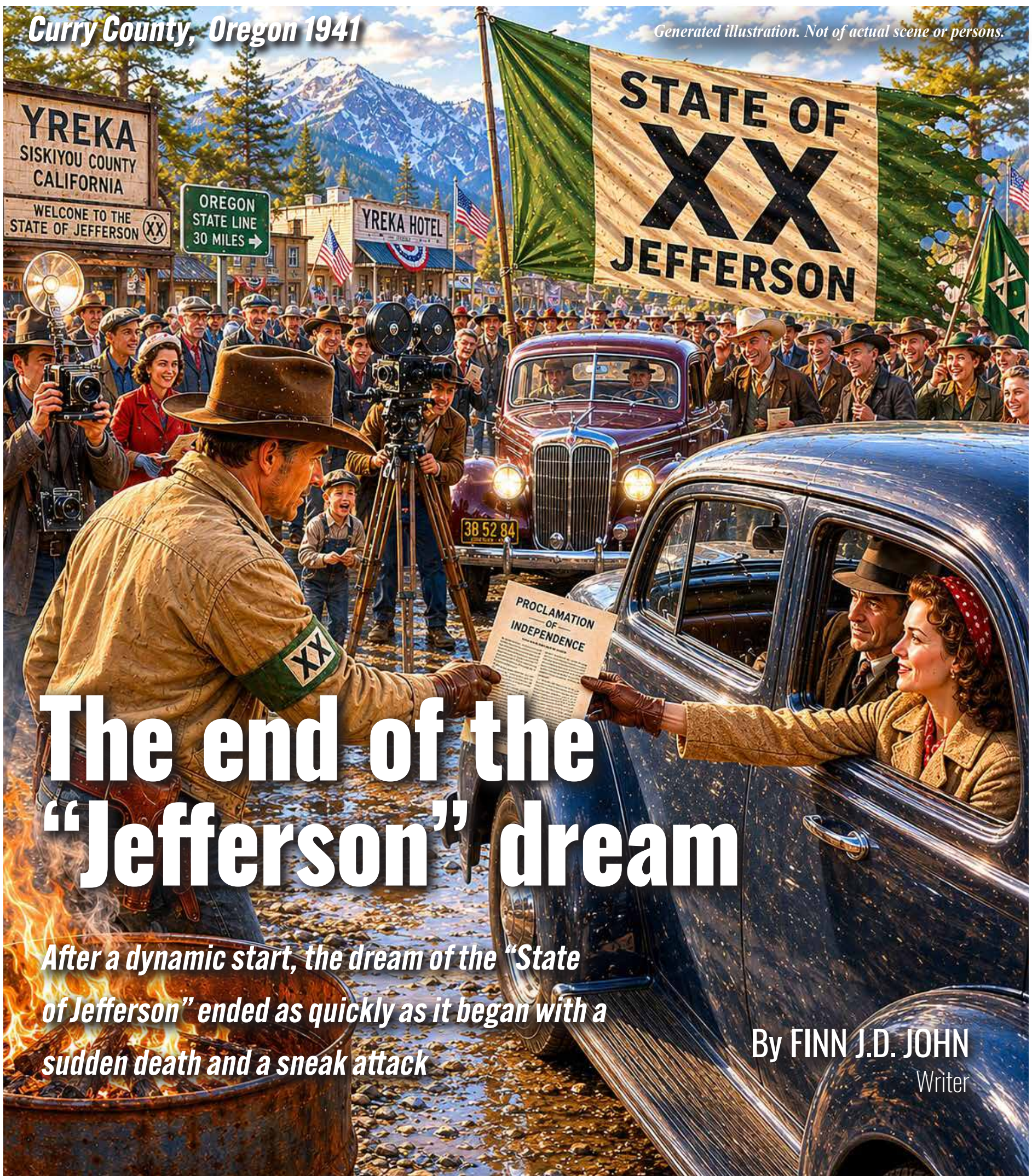
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The end of the “Jefferson” dream

After a dynamic start, the dream of the “State of Jefferson” ended as quickly as it began with a sudden death and a sneak attack

By FINN J.D. JOHN
Writer

Editor’s Note: The 12 eastern Oregon counties which have recently voted to explore leaving Oregon and joining Idaho is not the first time Oregon counties have considered leaving the state. This is Part 2 of the fascinating tale of the late, lamented “State of Jefferson,” which was to be carved out of disgruntled southern Oregon and northern California coun-

ties. The semi-serious effort made some progress until it was derailed by a death and a surprise attack. Let’s pick up Part 2 as Finn J.D. John tells it...

The editorial writer for the *Portland Morning Oregonian* was trying to be sarcastically dismissive, but between the lines, a discriminating reader could pick up on signs of

real concern.

“Curry (County) would of course immediately acquire the glorious climate of California and become a haven for retired Midwest farmers,” he wrote. “Gold Beach would become a metropolis with offensive slums, and Latin quarters, and traffic problems and police scandals and what-not... The Curry County plan to become a county of

California is so full of potential disaster that once again its people are beseeched to pause and consider.”

The plan the paper was inveigling against had been put forth by Port Orford mayor and industrial magnate Gilbert Gable a few days before: Curry County would leave Oregon and join California — which, Gable hoped, would invest the road-building and har-

bor-development resources needed to unlock the mineral and timber resources with which the county was blessed.

Shame Salem?

Gable’s hope was to shame Salem into stepping up with those resources; he probably never entertained a California Anschluss as a serious possibility. And indeed, the main result in

both Salem and Sacramento was little more than scornful laughter. But the gambit also raised Gable’s profile, and suddenly other nearby counties were interested in his plan.

A delegation from Josephine County (home of Grants Pass and the Oregon Caves) suggested joining Josephine and Curry

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counties in an entirely new state: "Cavemania." South of the California border, Del Norte County, home of Crescent City — another promising seaport that had been scorned by the powers that be — also wanted in.

But it was in Siskiyou County, and especially in Yreka, that that State of Jefferson movement started getting serious traction. Yreka was a town where resentment of Sacramento's neglect had simmered for decades. Now, with a skillful P.R. man like Gable to rally behind, the Yreka 20-30 Club took the State of Jefferson on as a project.

It wasn't called Jefferson yet, though. Some people had been calling it "Mittelwestcoastia," but that, of course, would never do. The *Yreka Daily News*, eager to help, announced a "name the state" contest, which yielded what historian

Richard Reinhart called "a field of equally repulsive entries including Orofino, Bonanza, Del Curiskiou, Siscurdelmo, New West, New Hope and Discontent" — along with Jefferson. Jefferson, unsurprisingly, won.

Governor Gable?

Gable now found himself in the role of chief executive of the new proposed state — in effect, governor. As such, he started issuing executive orders in press releases to newspapers: Jefferson would be free of sales tax, income tax and liquor tax; labor strikes would be outlawed (no big surprise coming from the guy who owned almost all Curry County industry); and slot machines would be outlawed — not because they were immoral, but because they competed unfairly with the state's "stud poker industry."

The Oregonian gnashed its teeth in editorial fury, but someone at the *San Francisco Chronicle* found



IT WAS REAL: Members of the Yreka 20-30 Club, sporting Western attire, staff the roadblock as "State of Jefferson Border Patrol" officers during the first Secession Thursday. Though this obviously-staged photograph shows a motorist accepting a copy of the "Proclamation of Independence" from one of the men, there were some actual roadblocks by the "Border Patrol." (Image: San Francisco Chronicle)

the whole affair very droll, and soon legendary *Chronicle* newsman Stanton Delaplane was on his way north to check it out. He and

his editors, still thinking the whole thing something of a lark, expected his coverage to be fun and fluffy — "like an A.A. Milne report on political upheaval at Pooh Corner," as Reinhardt put it.

It was a little like that. But it was also, he quickly learned, much more.

Delaplane discovered that, under the tutelage of the PR wizard Gable, things had gotten very interesting. The 20-30 Club had organized a "State of Jefferson Border Patrol," members of which had dressed up in Western outfits and strapped on target pistols for an event called "Secession Thursday," on Nov. 27: They set up roadblocks to stop cars on the highways, next to barrels

of burning kerosene.

"Proclamation of Independence"

Drivers were given a few copies of a "Proclamation of Independence," urged to hand them out to all their friends, and sent on their way with a friendly Western-show smile. And, of course, a few carefully staged "car stops" involving fetching-looking female motorists and wholesomely-Western-looking "Border Patrol officers" were photographed for distribution to the national media.

"This state has seceded from California and Oregon this Thursday, November 27, 1941," the handbill reads. "Patriotic Jeffersonians

intend to secede each Thursday until further notice."

Delaplane found himself the first national reporter on the scene of a story that was suddenly blowing up rather big. Newsreel companies were scrambling to get film crews out for the next Secession Thursday. The *Yreka Daily News* carried instructions for local residents on how to receive the national media — instructions that might as well have been penned by the great Edward Bernays himself: "Please wear Western clothes if they are available," it read. "Two hundred people in Western costumes will be

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The "Indiana Jones" of his era, Gilbert Gable wrote of his thrilling adventures in magazines like Radio Digest. (Image: Radio Digest Magazine, March 1931)

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selected to march past the camera for close-ups."

Like extras at a movie

Upon arrival, the film crews handled the crowd like extras at a movie shoot. "Get over there and be looking at the map," a man with a bullhorn yelled at them. "Don't be looking at the camera ... We have too many children. Can't we have a few more adults in here? ... Show a little enthusiasm! Wave your arms!"

Unexpected death

The State of Jefferson had never seemed more like a real movement than it did at that moment, on the second Secession Thursday. But what the national media didn't realize was that it was already a spent force. Gable, the movement's heart—the brilliant and colorful character whose public-relations savvy had made everything possible—up and died.

It happened the day after reporter Delaplane left to go back to San Francisco with his story. Gilbert E. Gable had been up late the night before with Delaplane, comparing notes and talking

about how the two of them were going to manage the public-relations bonanza that was bursting around their ears. Delaplane was going to win a Pulitzer; Gable was going to win approval for the railroad that was holding him back from becoming the wealthiest man on the West Coast; and the residents of Curry County were going to win statehood. The two of them talked, and drank, long into the night.

And the next day, unexpectedly, Gable dropped dead. The official cause of death was "acute indigestion," but that, of course,



Reporter Delaplane and Gable celebrated the opportunities ahead of them. The next day, Gable was dead. (Generated image. Not of actual persons.)



The town of Port Orford as viewed from the south, in 1962. (Image: Ben Maxwell/Salem Public Library)

meant a heart attack.

A movement lost

Delaplane did win the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the secession movement. But the movement itself, without Gable, was lost. And when, just three days later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Jefferson's new duly elected governor (Judge John Childs of Crescent City) announced that Secession Thursdays—along with all other activities relating to the new state—would cease until further

notice, as the U.S. now had bigger fish to fry.

Today, the State of Jefferson remains a fond memory for some; a fond hope for others; and for a few remaining die-hards, a serious goal. For most of us, though, it's a fascinating piece of the frontier history of Oregon and California, and an excellent excuse to visit the most gloriously untraveled part of the Oregon Coast. **HVN**

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• **Flavours of India**, 458 SE 185th, #104, Portland for delicious dishes of India, beer or wine. They are open daily from 11am to 9pm. Go to: flavoursofindia-rmh.cloveronline.com to see their menu and/or order.

• **Sandquiche**, 134 NW 3rd St., Gresham for east coast deli style sandwiches and special coffee drinks. They are open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30am to 6pm. For more info: 503-583-7093.

July: Mondays & Fridays Senior Line Dancing

Gresham Senior Center, 600 NE 8th Street, Rm.130, have classes all month long for seniors. One class is Line Dancing with Robin. This class, held every Monday and Friday from 10am to noon in the Trillium Room, is a drop-in class for beginners and intermediate skill levels. Suggested donation: \$2. For more information and a list of other classes visit: www.greshamseniorcenter.com.

July: Mondays & Thurs. Kids in the Park (SKIP)

Summer Kids in the Park (SKIP) The city's free summer lunch and recreation program for youth runs Monday-Thursday, through July at Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave., Gresham and Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Red Sunset Dr., Gresham. Free lunch is served at each park from noon-12:45pm and activities run from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. For more information contact ParkQuestions@GreshamOregon.gov.

July: Wednesdays in the Park – Troutdale

Wednesdays in the Park is a free program that is built for kids ages 17 & under – especially those in the in-between years who want to hang out, stay active, and actually have fun. This is a laid-back, come-and-go hangout with games, creative activities, and plenty of space to connect with friends (or make new ones). Just drop in anytime from 11am to 1pm at the Forest Shelter at Columbia Park (next to Imagination Station), 1900 SW Cherry Park Rd., Troutdale. No pre-registration is required. Kids 10 and under must be with an adult.

July Mon. and Wed.—Free Music Concerts in Gresham

Free Music Concerts—Every Monday in July and August there will be music in Gresham at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St., at the Music Monday Concerts from 5:30-

8:30pm. Spend your Monday evening with great music, delicious food, family activities, and a wonderful community atmosphere. Wednesday Music in the Park will also have free concerts every Wednesday during July and August at Gresham parks in the area. To learn about both of these events lineup and various park locations for the Wednesday music, visit spiritofgresham.org. Bring your own chairs and blankets for seating.

July Tuesdays—Music at the Market in Troutdale

Welcome to Music at the Market, held at Mayors Square, 114 E Historic Columbia River Hwy., Troutdale. This is Troutdale's summer celebration of community, food, and live entertainment that will be held every Tuesday evening in July and August. This lively event combines the charm of a local farmers market with the energy of live music. Vendors will start operating at 4:30pm and the market runs until 8pm. Music at the Market features live performances by a different band each week. Unless otherwise noted, bands will play from 5pm to 8pm each night. Schedule: July 7: The Bus Kings (5-6:15pm) & Kathryn Grimm(6:30-8pm); July 14: Carmelo Torres Trio; July 21: Steve Hale; July 28: Sonny Hess.

July Thursdays—Rockwood Community Market

The Rockwood Community Market features local farmers, growers and small businesses showcasing their products at this weekly farmers market held at the Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland. The market runs on Thursdays from June through September on the Downtown Rockwood Plaza from 3pm to 7pm. For more information, call 503-907-6016.

July Thursdays—Storytime in the Park

On Thursdays at 10am at Sandy Bluff Park, 36901 Goldenrain Street, Sandy, the Sandy Library's Miss Monica will read books and everyone will sing songs and learn rhymes together. Todos Juntos will provide a craft. Bring your own comfy blanket, pillow, or lawn chair to sit on.

July Fridays—Mt. Hood Farmer's Market

The Mt. Hood Farmer's Market is held every Friday from 2pm to 7pm May through October at 38600 Proctor Blvd., Sandy. This season the market hosts wonderful previous vendors as well as welcoming many new farm, artisan and food vendors. For more information, visit www.mounthoodfarmers-market.org.

July Fridays—Gresham Senior Center Qigong

Gresham Senior Center, 600 NE 8th Street, Rm.130, have classes all month long for seniors. One of the classes is Qigong, taught by NUWA Integrative Wellness, a new holistic approach care center in Gresham. This class is held on Friday mornings from 9am to 10am in the Gresham Senior Center Library. For more information and a list of other classes visit: www.greshamseniorcenter.com.

July Saturdays—Gresham Farmers' Market

The Original Gresham Farmers' Market features local fruit, produce, flowers, artisan crafts, fresh food, baked goods, homemade toiletries and live music. A fun, family-friendly market that supports buying locally. Open every Saturday, 8:30am to 2pm, May through October at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second Street, Gresham. For more information, call 971-303-2248 or email manager@greshamfarmers-market.com.

July 1-27—TOR Entries submitted to Mt. Hood Hospice event

Mt. Hood Hospice Time of Remembering on Thursday, August, 27th entry submission timeline for this free event, email names and photos to event@mt.hoodhospice.org before July 28th. (See details about this event at end of News Notes under Aug. 27th.)

July 1-Aug. 17—Sign Up for Car Show for Gresham Senior Center

On Sunday, Aug. 30th from 12pm to 4pm the Gresham Senior Center will be holding their 8th Annual Car Show and Fundraiser in their east parking lot at 600 NE 8th St., Gresham. Vehicles may be registered for \$15 until August 17th, and \$20 after August 17th. For more information or to register your vehicle, call 503-988-4860 or email: director@greshamseniorcenter.org. (See News Note under Aug. 17 for more info.)

July 1-Sept. 12—Sign up for Cruisin' with the Cops Car Show

Sign up now to participate in the Cruisin' with the Cops Car Show. See more info at end of these News Notes for Sept. 13th.

July 1—3D Printing @ Library

East County Library, 475 NW Division, Gresham, will be having an Adult Maker time-3D Printing session on Wednesday, July 1st from 6-7pm. The program will focus exclusively on an introduction to 3D printing. Space is limited; every participant must be signed up in advance to reserve a spot.

July 2—Mt. Hood Mustangs and Fords Mtg

The Mt. Hood Mustangs and Fords Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at Gresham Ford, 1999 E. Powell Blvd., Gresham. Come join them for some fun ideas and car talk at this meeting. The club meets at 6pm for some social time before the general club meeting, which begins at 6:30pm. This club is filled with fun and does fundraisers throughout the year for charities such as SnowCap, My Father's House, Shepherd's Door, and many more.

July 2,8,16,22—Dungeons & Dragons @ Sandy Library

Two groups of players, both experienced and new to the game, gather around the table at the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy each month from 6pm to 8pm. Group 1 meets the 2nd and 4th

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Wednesdays. Group 2 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. They invite you to come join them. Seats are limited. Contact Kris Ritchie to register at kritchier@ci.sandy.or.us.

July 4—Sandy Fireworks Show

Bring the whole family to Sandy High School, 37400 Bell Street, on Saturday, July 4th, for a spectacular fireworks show honoring the 250th year of our great country. The show is sponsored by Clackamas County Bank and the City of Sandy. The fireworks start at dusk at the Sandy High School Gymnasium parking lot. A portion of Bell Street will be closed prior to the fireworks display, and will remain closed for approximately 10 minutes after the display is concluded.

July 4—Estacada 4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 4th the City of Estacada - Government will be having a 4th of July Parade in Downtown Estacada, starting at 10am. The parade will begin at Estacada High School, 355 NE 6th Avenue, travel along Main Street, and return to the high school via Southeast Fourth Street and Broadway Street. Also, that evening, enjoy a fireworks display by the Estacada Rural Fire District at 10pm near the high school.

July 6—Men's Book Club-Sandy

Come to the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, for the Men's Book Club on Monday, July 6th at 7pm. This month the club will discuss "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. Information, email: ehouck@ci.sandy.or.us.

July 6,20—Teen Hangout in Sandy

Teen Hangout is a drop-in program that provides teens, grades 6th-12th, a dedicated space to hangout, make friends, watch movies and YouTube on the big screen, play games, share interests, listen to music, get creative and more. Themed crafts and events held monthly. Snacks provided.

They meet the first and third Mondays of each month from 4pm to 6pm at the Hoyt Community Room in the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy. Special for July 20th: "Next Slide Please"- Got a current hyper-fixation? Expert on a random topic? Come to the slideshow party and share your knowledge. The first half of the program will be spent making your own slideshow on a topic of your choice. Feel free to use images, videos, or any other format in your presentation. Once everyone is ready they will take turns giving presentations on their chosen topic. Bring your own device to work on, or use one of their laptops or tablets.

July 7—Amazon Adventures at the Library!

This summer, educators from the Oregon Coast Aquarium will present a special program inspired by their newest exhibit. Explore the diverse eco-regions of the Amazon Basin, from sweeping savannas and lush rainforests to flooded forests and winding rivers. Through engaging stories, fascinating animal facts, and interactive learning, you'll uncover the incredible adaptations that make the Amazon one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Amazon Adventures will be held at the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy on Tuesday, July 7th at 10am and at the Hoodland Library, 24525 E. Welches Rd., Welches.

July 8,13,22,27 — Creation Station Sandy

Creation Station is a twice monthly interactive program that welcomes adults with developmental disabilities on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10am at the Sandy Public Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy. Art Lab, on the 2nd Monday, will offer several arts and crafts stations with a variety of materials to accommodate different interests and abilities. Maker Lab, on the 4th Monday, will offer puzzles, games, LEGOs and

other building and problem solving materials. For more information email kmurphy@ci.sandy.or.us.

July 8-11—Mountain Festival in Sandy

Events start on July 8— Kid's Pet Show: Bring your favorite pet-dog, cat, goat, rooster or even your favorite stuffy. Time: 10am to 12pm at Sandy Bluff Park, 36910 Goldenrain St.; Sandy. July 9—Kid's Bike Pedal Challenge: Navigate your way to different stations that will show off your biking skills. Time: 10am-12pm at Cedar Park, 17225 SE Meinig Ave., Sandy. July 9—Mountain Festival Parade: The Sandy Mountain Festival Parade is put on by the community of Sandy and will be held on Thursday, July 9th, starting at 7pm. It draws over 5000 parade watchers from all over the local area. The parade route runs east on Pioneer Blvd. from Tollgate to Wolf Dr. July 10—Kid's Parade: Local vendors will set up activities for kids before the parade. Make sure to dress up, bring your wheels and have fun. Time:10am to 12pm at Sandy Grade School Lawn, 38955 Pleasant St., Sandy. July 11—Car Show from 9am to 2:30pm at the Sandy Assembly of God parking lot, 39800 Hwy 26, Sandy. First and second place trophies, live music, local vendors, food trucks and more. Carnival—Dates and Hours: Thurs. 5-10pm; Fri and Sat 10am to 10pm; Sun 10am to 5pm. For more info on the Mt. Festival, visit www.ci.sand.or.us/parks-rec page.

July 9,10,11—Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Music Fair and Feast

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) will hold its largest fundraising event July 9-11 in Sandy's Centennial Plaza, 39295 Pioneer Blvd. Over these three days, the plaza is transformed, and the Sandy Music Fair and Feast becomes a popular place for friends and family to reunite and celebrate summer. SACC volunteers help to produce a weekend packed full of entertainment with a Family Night (Thursday), Family Day with Kids Activities (Saturday), Family BINGO (Saturday) two sessions of Bingo this year, live music, great food, and the famous beer and wine garden all weekend. Some of the bands that will be performing are Lip Bomb; River Divide; Madson Madness, The Cascadians, Ira and the Half Moon, RPM. Go to their website: www.sandyoregonchamber.org for all the details and to buy tickets. Hours: Thursday, 5pm to 11:30pm; Friday, 5pm to 12am; Saturday, 2pm to 12am.

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July 9, 23, 25—Estacada Concerts in Park

FREE Summer Concert Series in 2026! This year all concerts will be held on select Thursdays at Wade Creek Park, 747 NW Wade St, Estacada, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Bring your family and a lawn chair and enjoy some wonderful music this summer. Schedule: July 9th - Glitter and Gasoline (Rock, Blues, Funk, and Americana); July 23rd - Jessie Leigh (Country); June 25th - Rae Gordon (Blues). This event is hosted by the City of Estacada. Please contact them at (503)-630-8270 if you have questions.

July 10—Movies in the Park: Dog Man and Back to the Future

Gresham Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park on Friday, July 10th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Gradin Sports Park, 2303 SE Palmquist Road, Gresham. Movies: "Dog Man" starting at 6:30pm and "Back to the Future" at 8:30pm. Bring

your cozy blankets and favorite movie snacks. Admission is free, so come early to secure your spot.

July 11—Electronics Recycling Collection

A free household electronics recycling collection event for residents and small businesses will be held on Saturday, July 11th from 10am to 2pm at East Portland Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey Street. Participants are limited to seven items each. Pre-registration on line is required. For more information, email Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2525.

July 11, 21—Summer Bike Repair Hub

The Summer Bike Repair Hub will be held on Saturday, July 11th and on Saturday, July 21st from 11am to 2pm at Main City Park, Coho Picnic Shelter, 219 South Main Ave., Gresham. Get free basic bike repairs, as well as maintenance tips and tricks from Bikes for Humanity. You can also donate an old bicycle (in decent shape) for it to be repaired for someone new. For

more information contact Bikes for Humanity at 503-496-6941 or info@B4HPDX.org.

July 11—Golf Tournament Fundraiser by Lions

The Gresham Breakfast Lions Club 41st Annual Golf Tournament, a fundraiser, will take place on Saturday, July 11th at Mountain View Golf Course, 27195 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, starting Shotgun at 8:30am. Cost is \$125 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart; free range balls, BBQ Dinner. Awards will be presented, one of which is a Hot Air Balloon Adventure for four. The 2026 Title Sponsor is Oregon Insurance Agency—Glenn White & Rick Stubblefield; Corporate Sponsors are: Gresham Ford, Clackamas County Bank, Whites Meats; Courtyard Fountains, Burns Feed Store, Friends Helping Neighbors; Oregon Insurance Agency, Rog3rs Realty Team, Rick's Custom Fencing, Mt. Hood Insurance, State Farm-Joe Swift. Mail checks to: Gresham Breakfast Lions;

July 9—Sue Piazza for Gresham Mayor Fundraiser



Sue Piazza

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July 12—Concealed Firearms Permit Class

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July 14—Teen Lego Club Gresham

East County Library, 475 NW Division, Gresham, invites teens, grades 6-12, to come to the Teen Lego Club on Tuesday, July 14th

from 5pm to 7pm. Build and create in this LEGO club just for teens. Bricks provided.

July 14—Summer Soccer Celebration

Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Avenue invites you to come on Tuesday, July 14th at 12pm and again on Wednesday, July 15th at 12pm for an exciting afternoon featuring the live semifinals match with the matchup to be determined. Watch the game live on the big screen! They are bringing in a video wall that works great during daylight hours. Bring a chair, blanket, and spread out. Enjoy the great food and beverage opportunities in the Rockwood Market Hall. Flavours of India has some delicious choices you won't want to miss.

July 14, 18—Mattress Collection Event

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tresses for reuse or recycling at this special collection event. Mattresses in like-new condition will be redistributed to local families through the furniture bank. You can also bring other accepted furniture bank donations. For more information email Phil Gerigscott, Phil@CommunityWarehouse.org.

July 15—Bee Amazed @ Library

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July 17—Gresham Movies in the Park

Gresham Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park on Friday, July 17th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Rockwood Central Park, 17707 SE Main Street. Bring your cozy blankets and favorite movie snacks. Admission is free, so come early to secure your spot. Movies: "Lilo & Stitch" (2025) at 6:30pm; "How to Train Your Dragon" (2025) at 8:30pm.

July 17, 18, 19—Shakespeare in the Park: As You Like It

Come to Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave., Gresham, for a free public performance of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," put on by the Portland Actors Ensemble on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, July 17, 18, 19, from 6pm to 9pm. Attendees should bring their own chairs or blankets.

July 18—Gresham Festival of the Arts-Comedy Night

The Gresham Festival of the Arts-Comedy Night will be held on Saturday July 18th with two shows, 7pm and 9:30pm at Gresham Center for the Arts-Little Theater, 333 N Main Ave, Gresham. Eastside Comedy presents @ hippiecomic John Novosad - The Hippie Comic, winner of the 2025 Big Sky Comedy Festival. John has been featured on The Late Late Show and Dry Bar Comedy, and he's bringing his one-of-a-kind comedy to Historic Downtown Gresham for an intimate summer night of laughs. Presented with support

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July 19—Shai Sol Band in Sandy

Sunday, July 19th at 6pm, St. Michael Catholic Church, 18090 SE Langensand Rd., Sandy, will have a concert with the Shai Sol Band. Shai Sol is a musician, songwriter, and worship leader who was born and raised in Israel. As a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, Shai has been an integral part of Miqedem's sound from the beginning. Her music combines composed psalms, ancient Jewish poems, and original texts which she writes inspired by conversations with God. Sol is an accomplished solo artist, with several songs to her name. Her music has been featured in films, TV shows, Radio and other media, and she has collaborated with a wide range of artists and musicians.

July 21—Business & Leaders Luncheon

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to Advocate, Educate, and Collaborate with local organizations for the vitality and prosperity of the region. The Business and Leaders Luncheons are one of the ways

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they fulfill that mission, and they invite you to join them for the monthly opportunity to network, learn, and grow over a delicious, locally prepared lunch. This month it will be held on Tuesday, July 21st from 11:30am to 1pm at The Persimmon Country Club, 500 SE Butler Rd., Gresham.

This month's guest presenter is new Gresham City Manager, Teresa Carr. Come and have the first chance to get to know her. Chamber members and non-members are welcome to attend. To register and pay for the luncheon go to www.greshamchamber.org.

July 22—Dragon Theater Puppets Presents Johnny Appleseed

Follow the legendary Johnny Appleseed as he travels the American frontier, planting apple seeds and spreading kindness wherever he goes. With colorful characters, clever storytelling, and handcrafted puppets, Dragon Theater Puppets brings this classic folk tale to life in a way that's fun for the whole family. Laugh, learn, and celebrate the joy of reading with this delightful performance on Wednesday, July 22nd at 2pm at the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd, Sandy.

July 23—Art and Science of Pickles

Discover the Art and Science of Pickling at the Sandy Public Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd, Sandy, on Thursday, July 23rd at 6pm. Join the Clackamas County OSU Extension Master Food Preserver Program for a lively presentation. Whether you're a kitchen newbie or a lifelong home canner, this event will equip and update you with the latest research and essential know-how to safely pickle and preserve your favorites.

July 23—GALA Art Talk

Come for an inspiring evening of creativity, connection, and conversation at the GALA Art Talk: Community Panel Discussion on Thursday, July 23rd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Council Chambers, 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy., Gresham. This community art talk brings together a dynamic group of local voices to discuss contemporary creative practices, the power of visual storytelling, and the future of the local arts scene. Featured Panelists include: Patti LeVan, Deana Reynolds and Shea Anderson. For more information, email info@CenterForTheArtsFoundation.org.

July 28—Video Camp: YouTube and TikTok

Do you want to be a YouTube star or go viral on TikTok? Up your game and learn the

basic techniques of composition, light, audio, editing and storytelling through film. The Creative Learning Room and MetroEast Community Media will give you the tools to tell your story on Tuesday, July 28th from 2pm to 4pm at the East County Library, 475 NW Division, Gresham. For teens grades 6-12. Space is limited

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July 31—Gresham Chamber Meeting

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Friday AM meeting is an opportunity to connect with other businesses and

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business owners in the local community. The Chamber will be meeting on Friday, July 31st from 7:20am to 9am at My Father's House, 5003 W. Powell Blvd. Gresham. The speaker and host for the meeting will be My Father's House. People considering membership are also welcome to come and visit a chamber meeting. Information about the chamber and the other meetings: www.greshamchamber.org.

July 31—Movies in the Park: Hoppers and Superman

Gresham Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park on Friday, July 31st from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St., Gresham. Bring your cozy

blankets and favorite movie snacks. Admission is free, so come early to secure your spot. Movies: "Hoppers" at 6:30pm and "Superman" at 8:30pm.

Aug. 1—Burns Customer Appreciation Day

Burns Feed Store, 29215 SE Orient Drive, Gresham, will be having their 76th year celebration, Customer Appreciation Day, on Saturday, Aug. 1st from 10am to 2pm. Come enjoy vendor booths, give away tables, face painting, clown, coin hunt, photo booth, horseshoeing, food and much more. Be sure to pick up what you need for livestock and pets, and a special gift for someone or even yourself in their awesome gift shop. They even have a \$5 off of \$50 coupon to use while shopping between now and 8/31/26 (see their ad on page 14).

Aug. 7—First Friday Street Fair

Troutdale's First Friday Street Fair is fun for the whole family and showcases the West Columbia River Gorge's vibrant art and maker scene. The summer street fair expands the monthly First Friday event into Historic Columbia River Highway, with more than 80 vendors, sidewalk dining, local beers, live music at Mayors Square, kids' activities, and much more! The next fair will be held on Friday, Aug. 7th from 5pm to 9pm in Downtown Troutdale, 249 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Learn more at troutdaleoregon.gov/firstfriday.

Aug. 9—Boring & Dull Day Community Car Show

On Sunday, August 9th Boring, Oregon comes alive with a Boring & Dull Day Celebration. The Community Car Show is one of the events happening. It will be held at Jerry's Car Barn, 38875 SE Lusted Rd., Boring from from 2pm to 6pm. Entertainment will be Ron Ruedi & The Hurricanes, Kid's Bouncy House, and food for purchase. The Boring & Dull Day 8-9 Raffle drawing will be at 5pm. Sponsor is Clackamas County Bank. Want to show your car at the Boring & Dull Day Car Show? Go to boringoregonfoundation.org for a registration form.

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Aug. 14: Pickleball Palooza!

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to introduce a brand-new summer event you won't want to miss—Pickleball Palooza, happening Friday, August 14th from 3pm to 9pm at Cascade Athletic Club, 19201 SE Division Street, Gresham.

This high-energy community celebration brings together a fun-filled pickleball tournament, live music, and the ultimate summer party atmosphere—all in one unforgettable day. Open to Chamber Members and the entire community, Pickleball Palooza Pickleball Tournament will be from 3pm to 6pm with awards ceremony at the main event stage at 6pm. Open to all skill levels. Bring your chairs and cheer on the players!

The evening wraps up with a live concert from 7pm to 9pm, featuring headlining performer Jessie Leigh, an Oregon-based independent country music recording artist and songwriter known for her high-energy performances, patriotic themes, and touring throughout the Pacific Northwest. She has opened for major national acts including Luke Combs and Morgan Wallen, and has earned over 500,000 Spotify streams—making her the perfect artist to close out the night and bring the crowd to its



feet! Open seating - bring your blankets and/or chairs. Whether you're playing, cheering, or just coming for the music and summer vibes—Pickleball Palooza+ is the place to be this August!

Register for the Pickleball Tournament and pay fees, Tournament Player Fee \$55, Tournament Player Fee + Concert \$65 at www.greshamchamber.org under calendar of events. If you are interested in attending the concert only, you can purchase tickets, \$20 in advance and register for the Summer Concert featuring Jessie Leigh at www.greshamchamber.org under calendar of events. Pickleball Sponsors: Weston Dealerships, Gresham Senior Center, McCord Construction, SNAP Fitness, Cascade Athletic Clubs, Gresham Sanitary Service, Promoninja, Pacific Office Automation. Concert Sponsors: Cascade Athletic Clubs, Weston Dealerships, McCord Construction, SNAP Fitness, Promoninja. ■

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ANSWER ON PAGE 33



July 4th: Patience, patriotism, and fire safety

By GREG ROSEN
Writer



Another 4th of July has come and gone. This is the only holiday where we willingly pay for explosives, grill food that tastes exactly like charcoal lighter fluid, and celebrate our freedom by terrifying the neighborhood dogs. For me it is a test of my patience, patriotism, and fire safety, which amounts to a fire extinguisher I had since 2002 placed next to my lawn chair.

The festivities start at 5pm with a neighborhood barbecue. I have offered to assist at the BBQ, but someone is always guarding the grill with the intensity of a four-star general. I still call him Bill even though he insists on being called the "Grill Master."

Tempting Fate?

Bill will proudly serve you a burger that is simultaneously charred into a hockey puck on the outside and mysteriously raw on the inside. The side dishes which consist of potato salad and other items normally served cold, have now set in the hot sun for hours before I got to them.

At this point I am already thinking about how this will come out later when it works its way through my digestive system.

Then the fun begins.

As twilight approaches the true terror of the Fourth begins. All my neighbors strive to be the one with the best, mostly illegal in at least forty-eight of the fifty states fireworks. It is as though they all watched a few videos on pyrotechnicians then did the opposite of everything they saw. My neighbors will fight to see who gets to light the start of seventy-three mortars out of what I can best describe as cardboard tubes that look suspiciously like paper towel rolls, then they run for protective cover behind a row of trash cans.

I get religious at this point.

I start praying that their contraption launches toward the sky instead of into my house. The result is a dazzling display of backyard engineering, deafening

booms and erratic burst of sparks that make me wonder if this is the year I need to explain to my insurance agent why my roof caught on fire. My wish came true again this year. That wish is that we do not end up on the show, "World's stupidest videos" and amazingly we survived another 4th without anybody losing a finger or accidentally burning something down. I believe this is proof that there is in fact a God. ■

Greg Rosen is a father, husband, realtor, and humor writer for several major newspapers.

Questions or comments are appreciated: grosen@pacificpioneer.com.



Providence Health Plans are closing

By LESLIE PARKER
Medicare Advisor

Greetings Summer! I need the sunshine to help me keep my spirits up because the announcement of Providence Health Plan closing at the end of 2026 is making me cranky. I don't know if you read about this, but it is important to understand.

Does not affect hospitals

Providence Health Plan is the insurance arm of Providence. The closure does not affect the Providence Hospitals, clinics and providers. However, many people in Medicare Advantage, Small Group business plans and Individual plans, selected Providence Health plan insurance products so they could see in-network Providence doctors. Providence is reported to insure more than 400,000 members in all lines of business. Many other insurance companies in the area do not offer in-network access to Providence hospitals and providers.

You may ask what are current customers going to do?

That is a very good question, and I don't have a very good answer yet.

For small group insurance plans with Providence, they will either need to switch at renewal or before the end of the year to another plan. Currently there are not many other insurance company options that give you the same access to Providence medical providers so it will be important for business owners to shop carefully and early to avoid the rush. Providence members on an Individual plan either through Healthcare.gov or direct with Providence will have fewer choices when the Open Enrollment comes around this fall. For Providence Medicare Advantage members we have seen announcements reporting there may be a company who is interested in taking on those customers, but we do not know who, when or if it will really happen.

Pacific Source departing

To add to my displeasure is the announcement from PacificSource reporting they are departing the individual

market for the 2027 plan year. This would leave the enrollment options during this fall's open enrollment to Regence, BridgeSpan (a subsidiary of Regence), MODA, and Kaiser and not one of those options has a network contract with Providence medical.

There may be some insurance companies who may be able to sign new network contracts with Providence medical providers, but I am cautious as these negotiations normally take 6 months to a year and the new contracts may not be for all lines of business. Right now, just taking deep breaths and hoping things will work out. Stay tuned. I will keep you posted as I learn more. ■

Leslie Parker is the owner of Health Benefits 411 and a Medicare advisor and licensed health insurance agent for over 10 years. Her web site is healthbenefits411.com. She can be reached at 503-891-5793.



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By D.B. Haverford
Humorist

I simply can't mind my own business. Any sort of problem I see floating around in life, with no one to love it, I feel a compulsion to adopt as my own. Most of these situations tend to pop up while I'm driving.

One time, I stopped four lanes of traffic because a mama duck and her babies were waddling across the street. At first, I got zero support from the other drivers because no one could actually see the baby ducks. I just looked like a crazy lady stopping traffic for attention. But once Mama Duck started marching with her fluffy little charges more visibly, my fellow drivers became much more supportive.

"Influence of cuteness"

Another time, I stopped because I found a kitten on the side of the road and brought it into the car with me. I was promptly pulled over by a police officer on my way home because I was so distracted by the adorable kitten in my lap that I apparently looked like I was driving drunk. The off-



cer had to let me go with a warning. I'm not sure how he would have written me a ticket for "driving under the influence of cuteness."

Goat-gate

My most recent misadventure happened while I was innocently driving to work. I passed a fenced-in yard with a big double gate, locked together by a chain in the middle. A large goat had squeezed most of his body through the gap in the gates, with about ten other goats waiting patiently behind him, ready to escape. I was on the phone with my sister at the time and shouted, "Oh my gosh! There's a goat escaping!" Without missing a beat (she has the same proclivity for adopting other people's problems), she shouted back, "You gotta save him!"

Of course I do.

By the time I pulled an emergency U-turn and got back to the "goat house," every single goat had squished through the gate and was aggressively frolicking toward the relatively busy road. I panicked, ran between

them and the road, and with shouts and arm-waving managed to herd them in the opposite direction. Crisis averted. I knocked on the door—no answer—but I did leave an awkward, desperate message on their Ring camera, informing them their goats were loose (as if they couldn't figure that out from the crazy lady flailing after goats around their yard).

Yay for my goat-wrangling skills!

I eventually managed to get all the goats back through the gate. One little goat gave me the most trouble. He was the last one, and all his goat buddies had abandoned him with a crazy lady. He just darted around in little circles in what I can only assume was goat panic. But, eventually, he too succumbed to my goat-wrangling skills and went back through the gate. My sister (who was still on the phone) cheered, and I even made it to work on time." ■

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Principle 1: Positive Cash Flow

Cash flow is the foundation of many financial decisions. Understanding how much money is coming in and how much is going out each month can provide valuable insight into financial health.

For some individuals, reviewing spending habits, creating a budget, or identifying opportunities to increase savings may be appropriate. Establishing positive cash flow can create flexibility when addressing future financial goals.

Principle 2: Risk Management

Unexpected events can have financial consequences. As a result, many individuals consider strategies designed to help manage risk.

Examples may include maintaining an emergency fund, evaluating insurance coverage, reviewing beneficiary designations, and considering other measures that align with personal circumstances. The appropriate approach will vary based on individual needs and objectives.

Principle 3: Asset Accumulation

Many people use a variety of financial vehicles to save and invest overtime. Depending on individual goals, these may include retirement plans, brokerage accounts, savings accounts, real estate, or business interests.

When evaluating investment opportunities, it is important to remember that all investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Principle 4: Tax Considerations

Taxes can affect many financial decisions. As a result, some individuals incorporate tax con-

siderations into their overall financial planning process.

Retirement account selection, charitable giving strategies, withdrawal planning, and asset location are examples of areas where tax implications may be evaluated. Individuals should consult with a qualified tax professional regarding their specific circumstances.

Principle 5: Legacy Planning

Many financial plans extend beyond an individual's lifetime and include considerations for family members, charitable organizations, or other beneficiaries.

Estate planning tools such as wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and beneficiary designations may play an important role in communicating personal wishes and facilitating the transfer of assets. Because estate planning involves legal considerations, individuals should consult with qualified legal professionals when appropriate.

Putting Principles Together

Each of these five principles addresses a different aspect of financial planning. Cash flow, risk management, asset accumulation, tax considerations, and legacy planning are often interconnected and may influence one another.

While no single framework is appropriate for every individual, evaluating these areas on a regular basis may help provide greater clarity regarding financial priorities and objectives. Individuals considering changes to their



financial strategy should consult with qualified financial, tax, and legal professionals as

appropriate for their specific situation. ■

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How to avoid a car fire

By KAREN JOHNSTON
All About Automotive



Vehicle fires are more common than many realize and are typically not caused by collisions. According to the National Car Care Council, an increasing number of vehicle fires are linked to deferred maintenance rather than accidents. Unlike collision damage, fires often result in a total loss due to extreme heat, which can compromise structural integrity, damage wiring, and destroy interior components.

Most fires preventable

The good news is that most vehicle fires are preventable with routine care and inspection. Annual inspections by a qualified technician are strongly recommended and should be performed at a full-service repair facility.

Key preventive measures include:

- Inspect fuel lines for cracks, leaks, or deterioration, and repair issues promptly.

- Keep the engine compartment clean to reduce fire risk and improve leak detection.
- Maintain ignition components, as worn parts can create sparks that ignite fluids.
- Remove debris and trash from the interior, especially if smoking in the vehicle.
- Ensure any aftermarket electronics are professionally installed to prevent wiring hazards.
- Keep a properly mounted, accessible fire extinguisher in the vehicle.

Maintenance is essential

Preventative maintenance is essential for vehicle safety, reliability, and longevity. Regular inspections help identify small issues before they become serious—and potentially dangerous—problems. Happy Motoring! ■

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Fireworks and pets; Cat world domination

By SAM MAZOTTA
King Features

Fireworks and Pets don't mix

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I am so frustrated by the incredible amount of fireworks set off by neighbors on July Fourth. My two dogs, "Skip" and "Marbles," cower in the farthest corner of the house and are emotionally wrecked for days afterward. People need to be considerate of pets and not set off unregulated fireworks in neighborhoods. They should go and watch the professional fireworks displays instead; it'll be a better experience for everyone. — Jill S.

DEAR JILL: You're absolutely right, and thank you for telling them. There is no reason to set off loud fireworks in the driveway or backyard; it's a dangerous activity (14,700 injuries and 11 deaths occurred in 2024, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission). Loud fireworks stress out pets to the point that many need medical attention. Some dogs and cats react aggressively to the sudden loud noise, turning and snapping at anyone in reach.

You get the picture. Fireworks are not fun for pets, and they can injure themselves or others in a frenzy of fear.

Great, some of you are saying; how does that help my pet? I know that completely stopping neighborhood fireworks is difficult, perhaps impossible.

As a pet owner, you can take proactive steps to keep your pet comfortable. Talk to the veterinarian and create a strategy. For example, take your pet for a long walk or play session in the afternoon of the Fourth of July to tire them out. Before sunset, give your dog or cat anti-anxiety medication and set up a cozy nook — or even their carrier crate — with their favorite blankets, water and snacks. This can help them stay calmer during the hours after sunset as random fireworks go off.

Cat announces world domination

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: It is I, Oliver le Chat, informing you that we, ze cats of the planet Earth, are on the verge of world domination! We have many demands, but we are starting with just one: declare cats the greatest species ze world has ever seen! Yours balefully — Oliver (the Cat)

DEAR OLIVER: OK, OK, fine! In honor of Cat World Domination Day, June 24, I'll do my best.

Cats are perhaps the greatest hunters, per capita, the world has ever seen. Sparrows and small creatures fall between their paws. Family dogs cower when they hear the yowl of the mighty hunter. They win the hearts of humans with a simple tiny "mew."

The genome of the cat is 95.6% tiger. Cats were once worshiped as tiny temperamental gods in Egypt. If they'd been better respected in medieval Europe, the Black Death that raged from 1346-1353 CE might not have happened. (It was spread by rats.) Today, the cat is the most popular pet in the U.S., with at least 74.2 million prowling living rooms across the country.

Cats have more bones than humans: 230 vs. 206. They can jump up to six times their length. And they have twice the amount of neurons



in their cerebral cortex as dogs.

Now, don't get jealous, Oliver, but Stubbs, a ginger cat, served as honorary mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, from 1997 to 2017.

Thanks to their association with humans, better overall care (including spaying and neutering), the lifespan of cats has steadily increased and is currently 13 to 17 years!

Now put down the catnip before someone gets hurt.

Ten great reasons to adopt a shelter cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My partner wants to buy a purebred kitten over the internet. I think it's a terrible idea, and we would do just fine with a lovable cat from a local shelter. How can I change their mind? — Janine L.,

DEAR JANINE: I'll do my best! — You'll worry less about genetic conditions. Purebred cats are prone to inherited diseases. — You'll avoid scams. Internet-only purchases of "purebred" cats are notoriously shady. Reputable breeders often require potential owners to visit in person ... so they can evaluate you.

— Shelter adoptions are affordable in comparison, averaging \$150 to \$300 for cat adoptions in the U.S. and Canada.

— They'll throw discounts and swag at you. Annual exams with a participating vet clinic? Counseling and advice? Free tote bags? All this and more could be waiting for you with a shelter cat.

— Their medical needs are already taken care of. Spaying/neutering, deworming, tests, vaccinations and microchipping are done before a cat is made available to adopt, saving you \$600 or more in retail vet fees.

— Health issues are more manageable. Crossbred cats have fewer genetic issues than purebred, and most "lifestyle" conditions like dental issues and skin conditions can be treated affordably.

— Shelters will help match a cat to you and your partner. They want adoptions to succeed, and a good match increases those odds.

— The breed your partner wants may be waiting at a shelter. All kinds of cats are accepted at local shelters, for many different reasons.

— You'll get a socialized cat. Shelters evaluate rescues before placing them for adoption.

— You'll love the heck out of a shelter cat. Whether you go home with a mixed-breed American shorthair or a yowling Siamese, your adopted cat will quickly become an inseparable part of your family. ■

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High cortisol level prompts concern; Man concerned about PSA score jump

By DR. KEITH ROACH
King Features Columnist

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've been feeling just awful. My doctor put me through the normal tests, and all were good. A neurologist recommended that I get a cortisol test. I did, and it showed a high cortisol level. I'd never heard of this. Would you explain what high cortisol is, how it's treated, and if there are any natural cures or therapies? — S.K.

ANSWER: Cortisol is a critical hormone that is needed for the function of many body systems. Without cortisone, the body can't respond to stress, and a stressful event can literally kill a patient.

A medical condition called Addison's disease is when the body can't make cortisol (a type of steroid called a glucocorticoid). People with this condition need to take replacement cortisol or a synthetic form daily, and they need to take higher doses when under stress to prevent this. Addison's disease was most often caused by tuberculosis, but the leading cause of Addison's is an autoimmune disease of the adrenal cortex (where cortisone is made). People usually feel weak and tired with Addison's.

Cushing's syndrome is the opposite, where the body makes too much cortisone. The most common cause for this is a benign tumor. In Cushing's syndrome, the list of possible symptoms is seemingly endless, but fatigue and muscle weakness, weight gain in the abdomen but muscle loss in the limbs, and skin and hair changes are common. People can experience the same problem when taking high doses of cortisol or similar steroids such as prednisone, hydrocortisone

or dexamethasone.

A cortisol level of 18 isn't diagnostic of Cushing's but almost certainly excludes Addison's disease. Depending on the time of day, cortisol levels can be between 5-25 mcg/dL, so a level of 18 mcg/dL in the morning may be normal. People with high levels of stress tend to have high to normal cortisol levels.

In contrast, a level of 18 mcg/dL at bedtime would be a very concerning sign for Cushing's. If your doctors were worried about Cushing's, additional testing could be recommended such as a 24-hour urine cortisol test, a bedtime salivary cortisol test, or checking the blood cortisol after suppressing its release with medication.

An endocrinologist is the expert in making the diagnosis and treating diseases of the adrenal hormones, including Addison's and Cushing's.

Concerned about PSA score jump

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm 77 years old and concerned about getting a prostate biopsy. My last PSA test jumped from 2.25 to 3.75 ng/mL, and an MRI came back healthy and normal with a PI-RADS code of 2. My urologist suggested a biopsy to be sure that everything is OK, but he also felt comfortable if I wanted to wait six months and get another PSA test done.

I am in good health, exercise regularly, and am not on any medications. Also, can strenuous bike riding affect my PSA score? — W.B.

ANSWER: A PI-RADS score of 2 means that there's a small chance of clinically sig-



nificant prostate cancer. The best estimate of your risk is between 4% and 6%. One question I'd ask is whether you'd undergo surgery if a biopsy showed cancer. Surgery is associated with a worsened quality of life; erectile dysfunction and incontinence are common shortly after surgery and persist in many men.

The evidence suggests that in men over 75, surgery doesn't improve their length of life. In a large study, the length of life was actually decreased in men over 75. Radiation treatment is a reasonable alternative for men with symptomatic prostate cancer, so in the

unlikely event that you develop symptoms from prostate cancer, this would be a reasonable approach.

Also, bike riding (250 miles over four days) had an increase of less than 0.1 ng/mL for a PSA test. ■

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“If what you did yesterday still seemed big today, then you haven't done anything today.”
— Aaron Judge
attributed to his father

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Why worry about wisdom teeth?

By RUSSELL BIRD, DMD
Blue Bird Dentistry

When you wonder about your dental health or associated costs, preventive measures can eliminate that “one more thing” that bothers you. Many patients don’t know that they can side-step future problems with impacted wisdom teeth, or third molars. Let’s calculate the benefits of removing wisdom teeth early.



The problems to worry about

A third molar is the tooth at the back of each quadrant of your mouth that is among the last to appear, usually between ages 17 and 21 or so. These wisdom teeth are like your appendix; you don’t need them. You can chew and smile without them!

The trouble with these late bloomers is that they don’t always fit in every mouth. Or all four might not fully erupt—that is, break the gumline to join the rest of your set of adult teeth. In these cases, wisdom teeth can crowd the roots of your existing molars, invite infection, or become trapped in your jawbone. Yikes! That’ll keep you up at night.

But it doesn’t have to. Your dentist can evaluate teenagers’ wisdom teeth for the most likely future scenario. Often, removing them early removes potential problems. For adults, the same may be true—your dental history and the con-

dition of your jawbone will tell you if that option is right for you.

The solutions available to you

Some wisdom teeth may make it as far as your gumline without poking through. If you’ve inspected your teeth and don’t see any or all four third molars, one or more may be resting beneath the surface, encased in bone. This is true for 9 out of 10 people! Visual clues may be accompanied by symptoms of pain, swelling, redness, or bad breath. Ask your dentist whether removing wisdom teeth will relieve discomfort or infection.

Parents may opt to avoid issues for their children by extracting wisdom teeth at a young age. When this is done sooner rather than later, healing time is faster, and kids can get on with their lives worry-free because wisdom teeth don’t grow back. Older adults are still good candidates for voluntary removal, with the best outcomes likely for those

who have not experienced bone loss, often the result of periodontitis, osteoporosis, or medication side effects.

It’s easy to diagnose the condition of wisdom teeth with routine x-rays. And removal before they become impacted only takes about an hour. Those trapped in the jawbone will require more complex oral surgery, but sedation prevents patients from feeling a thing. And the result? One less thing to worry about—forever. ■

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What the Stoics can teach us today

By MIKE WILEY
Publisher



There is something oddly comforting about reading about men who lived two thousand years ago and discovering they struggled with exactly the same things we do.

People have always worried about money, politics, difficult people, unfair bosses, health problems, and the uncertain future. Human nature hasn't changed nearly as much as our technology has.

That may explain why the ancient Stoic philosophers have become surprisingly popular again. CEOs read them. Athletes quote them. Military leaders study them. And perhaps that's because they remind us of something our culture often forgets: life is supposed to be difficult.

That isn't pessimism. It's reality.

The Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, writing privately in his *Meditations*, reminded himself every morning: "When you wake up in the morning, tell yourself: The people I deal with today will be meddling, ungrateful, arrogant, dishonest, jealous, and surly."

Now there's an inspirational coffee mug.

Expect obstacles

Marcus wasn't encouraging cynicism. He was teaching preparedness. If you expect every day to be smooth, you'll be crushed when it isn't. If you understand that problems are simply part of life, you stop treating every inconvenience like a personal injustice.

That lesson alone would lower a lot of blood pressure.

Another Stoic virtue is what they called tranquility—the ability to remain steady regardless of circumstances. We might call it being unflappable or, as an older generation sometimes said, "keeping your head."

The Stoics weren't emotionless statues. They simply believed a man should not allow every external event to control his internal life.

The Greek Stoic Epictetus wrote, "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

Modern life constantly invites us to surrender our peace. One angry comment online. One rude driver. One difficult customer. One disappointing election. One unexpected diagnosis. Before long, someone else is driving our emotional bus.

The Stoics would ask a simple question: Is this within your control? If yes, do something. If no, stop allowing it to dominate your thoughts. That is remarkably freeing.

Challenges shape character

They also believed that hardship wasn't merely something to survive but something that shaped character. Seneca wrote, "Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body." Most of us understand that physically. We don't

expect muscles to grow without resistance. Yet we somehow expect character to develop without hardship. It doesn't. Virtues cannot be purchased or downloaded. They are forged in the furnace of struggles, challenging people, and temptation.

That is one reason I think modern men should intentionally choose to do difficult things. Get up early. Finish the project. Keep your promises. Lift the heavier weight. Have the uncomfortable conversation. Take responsibility when you fail. None of those things are glamorous, but they quietly build the kind of man others can depend on.

Marcus Aurelius put it this way: "The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way." In other words, the obstacle isn't preventing your growth. It may actually be producing it.

The Stoics also had little patience for self-pity. They believed every person has a duty to fulfill regardless of circumstances. Marcus asked himself, "At dawn, when you have trouble getting out of bed, tell yourself: I have to go to work—as a human being."

That strikes me as refreshing in an age when we're often told to arrange our lives around comfort. Comfort has its place. But men who chase comfort above everything else rarely become strong enough to carry life's heavier burdens.

Stoics lack some key things

As a Christian, I don't agree with everything the Stoics taught. Their philosophy lacks the hope, grace, and personal relationship with God. But they understood something that Christians should recognize as well: character matters more than convenience.

The world doesn't need more angry men, fragile men, or self-absorbed men. It needs steady men. Dependable men. Men who keep their word, endure hardship without constant complaint, and who remain calm when everyone else isn't.

People haven't changed. As men, our basic nature hasn't changed. The ancient Stoics still have things to teach us about living successfully in a chaotic, challenging world. **HVN**

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— J.B. Lloyd

Teen Drivers: What Parents Should Review

By TREVIN WEBB
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Graduation season is exciting. Teenagers are finishing school, starting summer jobs, heading off to college, or spending more time on the road. For parents, it's a great time to review how auto insurance responds when a young driver is behind the wheel.

Teen drivers bring new freedom and new risk. A quick review can help avoid surprises later.

1. Permissive use

Many families assume that if their teen borrows a friend's car, they are automatically covered. While insurance often follows the vehicle first, every situation can be different.

Occasional borrowing may be treated differently than regular use. If your teen regularly drives a vehicle not listed on your policy, or another teen regularly drives one of your vehicles, review this with your agent.

The key question is: who is driving that vehicle, how often, and where is it kept?

2. Discounts and student-away status

Most parents know about good student discounts, but there may be other items to check. If your graduate is heading off to college without taking a vehicle, you may qualify for a student-away discount. This usually applies when the student lives away from home and does not have regular access to a car.

3. Vehicle ownership and garaging

One common issue is vehicle ownership. A parent may insure a vehicle, but the

vehicle is titled only in the child's name. Or a student may move out with a vehicle while it is still insured as if kept at home.

Insurance companies want to know who owns the vehicle, who drives it, where it is kept overnight, and whether the student lives at home, away at school, or on their own.

Incorrect ownership, garaging, or driver information can create problems at claim time. Before transferring a title, buying a vehicle, or sending a student out of state, check how the policy should be written.

4. Why minimum limits can be dangerous

Teen drivers are inexperienced. Even responsible teens can make mistakes.

Minimum liability limits may satisfy state requirements, but that does not mean they provide enough protection. A serious accident can exceed minimum limits, especially with injuries, multiple vehicles, or medical expenses.

If damages exceed your limits, your family could be financially exposed. This is why many families should consider higher auto liability limits or a personal umbrella policy.

Final thought

Before handing over the keys this summer, review discounts, driver assignments, ownership, garaging address, and liability limits. It may save you more than money, it may protect your family's future. ■

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To live is to fight

By PASTOR DEE DUKE
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There are two kinds of people in this world. The first looks at others who have accomplished significant things in their lives and thinks, "Why them? Why not me?" The other looks at those same people and thinks: "If they can do it, why can't I?" He sees the success of others as an inspiration, not as intimidation. Which attitude will propel you onward and upward? Which will drive you to bitterness and despair?

I read a lot, and I like to read biographies of successful people. I especially enjoy reading about successful pastors and leaders. As I read about these people, I try to learn from their story and believe that I can be like them. One of my favorite biographies is "George Mueller of Bristol." He accomplished an unbelievable amount simply by praying for it. All through the book, I am saying to myself, "I can do that, I can do that, and I will, help me, Lord."

I picked this up from my mother. Whenever I would talk about someone's great accomplishment, usually in sports, Mom would say to me, "You can do that if you try hard." If you hear something often enough, you begin to believe it, and I did. Thank you, Mom.

To live is to fight
All over the world, there

is fighting. There are wars, boxing, martial arts, wrestling, and life. To live is to fight. God made it that way. I fight to accomplish my goals. I fight against my flesh, the devil, and the world. On our way back from Sierra Leone recently, we had a layover in

I want to be full of fire and passion to conquer the kingdom of darkness and to accomplish as much with my life as is possible...

Paris, so we added a day and toured Paris and Normandy. The Normandy tour was very moving, as we saw the story of D-Day and the casualties of war.

I can't imagine what it was like to be a soldier storming the enemy on Omaha

Beach with all that gunfire happening all around you. But one thing I am sure of is that each of those soldiers was not complacent or apathetic about their role and responsibility. I sometimes get lazy, complacent, and apathetic in my responsibility as a Christian, given the responsibility to build God's church. I want to be full of fire and passion to conquer the kingdom of darkness and to accomplish as much with my life as is possible before I die. ■

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| □ 8 Ps. 7; II Chron. 10,11; Mt. 9,10 | □ 23 Ps. 22; Ezra 4,5; Mk. 4 |
| □ 9 Ps. 8; II Chron. 12,13; Mt. 11,12 | □ 24 Ps. 23; Ezra 6,7; Mk. 5 |
| □ 10 Ps. 9; II Chron. 14,15; Mt. 13 | □ 25 Ps. 24; Ezra 8,9; Mk. 6,7 |
| □ 11 Ps. 10; II Chron. 16,17; Mt. 14 | □ 26 Ps. 25; Ezra 10; Mk. 8,9 |
| □ 12 Ps. 11; II Chron. 18,19; Mt. 15,16 | □ 27 Ps. 26; Neh. 1-3; Mk. 10,11 |
| □ 13 Ps. 12; II Chron. 20,21; Mt. 17 | □ 28 Ps. 27; Neh. 4,5; Mk. 12 |
| □ 14 Ps. 13; II Chron. 22,23; Mt. 18,19 | □ 29 Ps. 28; Neh. 6,7; Mk. 13 |
| □ 15 Ps. 14; II Chron. 24,25; Mt. 20,21 | □ 30 Ps. 29; Neh. 8,9; Mk. 14 |
| | □ 31 Ps. 30; Neh. 10,11; Mk. 15 |

PROCLAIM CHRIST: Assurance of Salvation

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

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PROCLAIM CHRIST: Assurance of Salvation

John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 5:24

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Aug. 13—Women's Book Club-Sandy

Sandy Library Women's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month, starting at 6pm at the Sandy Public Library Community Room, 38980 Proctor Blvd, Sandy. There will not be a July meeting, but it will resume Aug. 13th, discussing the book "Loves Music, Loves to Dance" by Mary Higgins Clark. For the Zoom link, contact Maureen Houck at mhouck@ci.sandy.or.us

Aug. 27—Mt. Hood Hospice Time of Remembering

This year's Mt. Hood Hospice Time of Remembering will be held in a new location, 43233

SE Oral Hull Rd., Sandy, on Thursday, August. 27th from 5:30-7:30pm. To be included in this free event, email names and photos to event@mt.hood-hospice.org before July 28th.

Aug. 30—Car Show for Gresham Senior Center

On Sunday, Aug. 30th from 12pm to 4pm the Gresham Senior Center will be holding their 8th Annual Car Show and Fundraiser benefitting the Gresham Senior Center and Montavilla Quilts of Valor. This event will take place in their east parking lot at 600 NE 8th St., Gresham. There will be food, prizes, trophies, games, quilt raffle and silent auction. Vehicles may be registered for \$15 until August 17th, and \$20 after August 17th. For more information or to register your

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Sept. 13—Cruisin' with the Cops Car Show

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Aug. 14—Jessie Leigh in Concert



Oregon country music artist Jessie Leigh will be live at Cascade Athletic Club. Known for her high-energy performances and powerful stage presence, Jessie Leigh has shared the stage with country stars like Luke Combs and Morgan Wallen and has earned more than 500,000 Spotify streams. Sponsors: Cascade

Athletic Clubs, Weston Dealerships, McCord Construction, SNAP Fitness, Promoninja. Concert is from 7-9pm at Cascade Athletic Club, 19201 SE Division Street, Gresham. Admission: \$20 Tickets in Advance. Go to www.greshamchamber.org under calendar of events. ■

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as strangers find themselves holding the same piece of fabric overhead.

“It’s pretty cool to watch,” Jessie said. The presentation eventually became a regular part of her shows. At one point, the owner of the flag was so impressed by the response that he essentially told Jessie to keep using it whenever possible. That partnership continues today.

For Jessie, the presentation isn’t about partisan politics. During the interview, she spoke carefully about that distinction. “Our flag should not be a political thing,” she said. “It’s our country’s flag.” Her goal isn’t to win an argument or make a political point. The goal is to create an experience.

One story from the interview illustrates



Jesse Leigh shares her story during a May interview at Eagle Creek Saloon. (Photo Mike Wiley)

the point. Jessie recalled performing at a first-year music festival in White City, Oregon. Organizers had envisioned a large crowd. Instead, heavy rain arrived. Due to the rain, attendance was sparse. Many other performers might have viewed the evening as a disappointment.

Jessie remembers looking at the situation differently. Before the show, she told her band that their responsibility hadn’t changed. Whether fifty people attended or five thousand, the job was still the same. Somebody in that small audience might need exactly what the evening provided. Years later, she still remembers the lesson.

Another memory has stayed with her as well. After one performance, somebody left a short note written on a napkin in her tip jar.

It simply said, “Thank you for putting a smile back on my face.” She still keeps the note. For Jessie Leigh, the concerts, the travel and the growing success have all been meaningful. But stories like that remain among the things she remembers most clearly.

They remind her of something she first began learning years earlier while leading worship in church. People often arrive carrying burdens that are invisible to everyone around them. While a song can’t solve every problem or a concert change every circumstance, sometimes an evening of music can provide encouragement at exactly the right moment.

For Jessie, that reality continues to make the music worthwhile.

On the road and coming home

These days, Jessie Leigh and Joel spend a lot of time on the road.



These days, Jessie Leigh helps headline large country music festivals that attract other leading artists from Nashville and around the country. (Photo courtesy Jessie Leigh)

A quick look at her schedule reveals performances scattered across multiple states, festivals, fairs, corporate events and concert venues. There are songs to write, recordings to make, social media accounts to maintain and travel plans to coordinate. The operation has grown considerably from the days when she and Enoch Stalcup sat on a pair of stools at a local restaurant hoping they had enough material to fill a two-hour set.

Jessie also doesn’t talk much about fame. During the interview, she seemed far more interested in discussing audiences,

relationships and future projects than accomplishments. Joel agrees. He said, “We’ve become best friends with people we’ve met through her, through music, through shows ... the experiences we could have through it, and relationships that we build through it.”

Perhaps that’s because she still views the business through the lens of community.

Many of the people who attend her concerts today have been following her career for years. Others are discovering her for the

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first time. Some are country music fans. Others simply enjoy live entertainment and the sense of connection that comes with gathering together for an evening.

For Jessie, all of them matter. One of the themes that surfaced repeatedly during the interview was gratitude. She spoke about fans who have attended dozens of shows, families she has come to know through years of touring and people who continue to support her music long after the concert lights have gone dark.

Those relationships have helped transform what began as a local music career into something much larger. Since her debut album, Jessie has now recorded four more albums, “Irresistible,” “Small Town Fight,” “Good Day,” and a Christmas album called, “My Kinda Christmas.” Her music is available on the leading streaming services, including Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music.

At the same time, Jessie and Joel continue looking ahead. A new song, “Made for the Road,” is scheduled for release soon. Another song, “Live Right Now,” about the importance of living in the moment, was released in May. The couple also recently upgraded to

a larger tour bus that provides more room for travel and accommodates two family members that have become regular companions on the road—their black Labrador retrievers.

One of the projects closest to their hearts, however, takes place much closer to home. Several years ago, Jessie and Joel launched JessFest, an annual music festival held on their property near Estacada.

What began as an idea has gradually developed into a gathering that reflects many of the values that have shaped their lives.

There is music, of course. But there is also community.

Families bring lawn chairs. Friends reconnect. Children run through the crowd. Local residents gather with visitors from outside the area. Much like the concerts Jessie performs throughout the year, the event is designed to bring people together.

In many ways, it represents the intersection of everything that has defined her career—music, faith, friendship and small-town life.

However, before JessFest arrives, however, local residents will have another opportunity to see Jessie Leigh perform.

In Gresham Aug. 14th

On Aug. 14, she will headline the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce’s Pickleball Palooza at Cascade Athletic Club. The



Jess Leigh interacts with young fans at one of her concerts. (Photo courtesy Jessie Leigh)

event will combine pickleball competition, community activities and an evening concert featuring Leigh and her band.

Amy Barnes, Director of Sponsorships and Events for the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, believes Jessie was a natural choice for the event.

“We wanted someone who could really connect with people,” Barnes said. “Jessie brings energy, professionalism and authenticity to everything she does. She has a way of making a performance feel personal, whether she’s playing for a small crowd or a large one.”

Amy Barnes also noted that Leigh’s reputation throughout the region made the decision easy. “People genuinely enjoy being around her,” she said. “She’s talented, but she’s also approachable. That combination is rare.”

The concert is expected to include many of the elements that audiences have come to associate with Jessie Leigh performances, including the giant American flag presentation that has become one of her trademarks.

The event will have Jessie performing in the local area — where her story began.

It is fitting because, for all the miles traveled, stages shared and audiences reached, Jessie Leigh’s story remains deeply connected to the place that raised her.

The young woman who once struggled with stage fright still lives near the town where she grew up. The musician who built a career by performing for strangers still talks about community. The artist who now travels across the country still returns home to Estacada.

And if the journey from Estacada’s Bailey’s restaurant to national stages has taught her anything, it may be that success and roots are not opposites. Sometimes the farther a person travels, the more clearly they understand where they came from.

For Jessie Leigh, that will always be Estacada and the east county community.

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