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Businesses shift, reshape downtown

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CRESWELL – Downtown Creswell is shifting and reshaping, and the proof is behind the “closed for renovations,” “coming soon” and “now open” signs taped on Oregon Avenue storefronts.

While Creswell bid adieu to a handful of businesses this year – Burlap & Lace, Joe’s Diner, Natural Path, Drumrongthai Café Spot, Farmstand Collective – entrepreneurs are working to ensure the future of downtown is bustling and bright.

Bill Spencer, owner of the Union 76 gas station adjacent to the diner, said he is “dreaming” of a bigger, better, new gas station, a convenient mart and maybe even a car wash. “The hope is to be able to use the current Joe’s location for that improved facility,” Spencer said. If the project goes forward, the goal would be to finish by Dec. 31, 2020, he said.

Dale Pallin of Pleasant Hill brought parked his “smoke shack” just off of Interstate 5 this summer. Since then, business has been robust, he said. Locals have been receptive to its pulled pork, ribs and signature sauces this summer. A winter menu of crab, salmon, and oysters is underway.

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YOUNG AND PREPARED CERT training creates certifiable leadership

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CRESWELL – When a disaster happens in the area, the more trained hands on deck the better. That’s why South Lane County Fire & Rescue offers Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

For the past three years, SLCF&R has offered a teenage CERT program for 14- to 20-year-olds, and added a program for adults this year.

Nicole Wood, 17, was one of those teens who participated; she did the program in the fall of 2017. Even though she doesn’t want to be a paramedic or firefighter, she wanted to participate because she thought these would be good skills to have in an emergency.

“They’re community heroes and I thought it would be interesting to learn their side of life,” she said.



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A gourd day at the patch

Sisters Khylie and Aliyah Ferris, 10 and 8, pick their pumpkins at Pleasant Hill’s Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm’s pumpkin patch on a drizzly Friday afternoon. The Ferris’, who are Springfield natives, had previously picked pumpkins at Lone Pine Farm outside of Eugene but enjoyed exploring a new farm this year. CODY WARREN/THE CHRONICLE



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