

Community Pages

Bingo Nights are Back

BINGO ! BINGO! That's right the Sunnydale Grange bingo night are back! The first bingo night is on October 2nd at the Sunnydale Grange Hall about 5 miles west of Drain in highway 38. Checkin starts at 6:30 and bingo play starts at 7. The cost is \$10.00 per card for 13 games. Special cash bonuses are paid to the winner(s) of the 1st, 7th, and 13th game. If you want to be a cash sponsor to one of these extra cash prizes,

contact Ron Galdabini at 541-942-4732. Being a donor will get your name on our monthly flier plus mentioned at the monthly bingo meet. Net proceeds from bingo night go toward sponsoring a scholarship to each of the local high schools. In 2023 two \$1000.00 scholarship were awarded. A schedule for the rest of the bingo nights and the exact amount of additional prize monies and the donors will be forthcoming.

**Have a local event or gathering to share?
Let us know, we would love to cover it**

**Sunnydale Grange 877**

The Sunnydale Grange met September 11th for their monthly meeting and dinner. The Grange members welcomed two new members, Pam and Don Gambocarto. They are filling two vacancies; Pam is our new Lady Assistant Steward and Don will be the Lecturer. It was announced that the Oregon State Grange is celebrating 150 years; having been established in 1873.

The participation at the North Douglas County Fair was discussed. A check in the amount \$500 is being sent to North Douglas School for the volleyball and basketball teams in appreciation of their help in our food booth.

It was stated that bingo will resume on Monday, October 2nd at 7pm. (Be there early to get your packets. 13 games for \$10. Daubers are available to buy).

The proceeds from the bingo go to scholarships for graduating seniors at Yoncalla and North Douglas schools. Last year we gave one to a graduate at each school. Sponsors are needed to assist in making these possible and members were asked to get in touch with last years' sponsors and new ones.

The meeting was closed with the singing of God Bless America.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross would like to thank our wonderful blood donors who took time to come to Drain's Blood Drive on September 15th and donate blood. Our goal was 32 units and we actually collected 34 units which will help 102 patients with life saving blood. Our next Drain Blood Drive is December 22nd. If you'd like to give a gift of life, contact Jacque at 541-836-2108.

DRAIN/YONCALLA**TOPS CLUB**

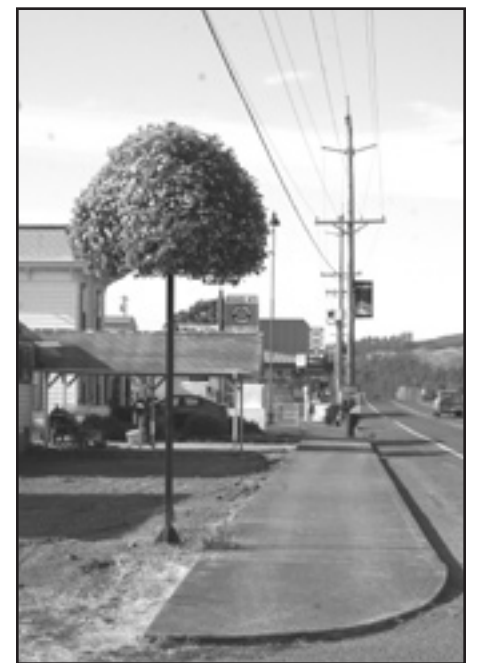
(Take off Pounds Sensibly)

Weight loss support group meets every Monday morning at 8:50 a.m at Drain Church of Christ Annex, Second St. Drain - For info contact Cindy at 541-378-7801 or Lyn at 541-817-4746.

YONCALLA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**Quarterly Report**

It seemed and felt like a heightened holiday spirit in town over the 4th of July celebrations. The local businesses participated in the celebrations with wonderful holiday décor. Jeremy McDaniel's, Eagle Valley Supply, Main Street Espresso, The Yoncalla Deli, The Why Not Tavern, Health Revolution Chiropractic, Daisy Mae Grooming, John Halliday's wonderful flag display on Main Street, Transmission Repair, the Yoncalla Library and the Yoncalla City Hall . . . all participated and contributed to the holiday spirit! Thank you!!!! Leading up to the 4th of July holiday, the Beautification Committee sponsored a couple of "city-wide" clean-up days. The volunteer participation was wonderful and appreciated. The parade, firework's show and the special events at the Yoncalla Community Park greatly enhanced the holiday feel for us all . . . here in Yoncalla. The Parade crowd size was AMAZING!!

Have you noticed the hanging flower baskets around town? With the help of local sponsorships, the Beautification Committee was able to hang flower baskets on Eagle Valley Road, Main Street, the old Douglas Electric building, Yoncalla City Hall and at a few other local business locations. Most of these hanging baskets were donated by local citizens including: Mary Ellen Lasswell, Doris Bartlett, Terry and Bonnie Duncan, Dan Kingery, Carol Mogensen, Marilyn Kittleman, Ed Mussen, Dany Starr, John Halliday and Yoncalla Parks and Recreation - Many Thank you's! In these times of water conservation, Pauline Kingery and John Halliday have been donating the water for the hanging baskets. Guy Dodd has been instrumental in the life-support of the baskets for his daily watering efforts! The Yoncalla Beautification Committee planted and maintains the marigolds planted along the sidewalk in front of the City Hall while, also, keeping the vegetation in



check on the empty lot next to Main Street Espresso on Eagle Valley Road. We hope that these efforts help to present a more positive image to those passing through our community.

Please note the holiday and seasonal banners that are hanging on Eagle Valley Road and Main Street. Dan Kingery hangs and seasonally changes these banners sponsored by the Yoncalla Beautification Committee. Also, did you notice the "Eagle Tree" on Main Street next to the Post Office? Dan Kingery, again, debarked and cleaned these wonderful images and will add "oil" to them in the near future . . . greatly enhancing their appearance. The Committee's "Adopt-a-Street" program got off the ground with the volunteer efforts of Dany Starr, Carol Mogensen, Bonnie Rowland, Terry Duncan, Dan Kingery and Ed Mussen. Next Spring we will be hoping to add more volunteers to maintain the appearance of Yoncalla's streets.

The Beautification Committee is looking ahead to

the Christmas Holiday season. Similar to what we saw during the 4th of July celebration, the committee would appreciate the opportunity to coordinate with our local businesses, again, to create a "common" Christmas theme throughout our town. Please help to support our local businesses, especially in their efforts at displaying Yoncalla pride!

The Beautification Committee no longer has regular funding sources. With the help of some "carryover" funds, the committee now relies exclusively upon the sponsorship of our local citizens. Their monetary donations and volunteering of labor is generating our community pride! We hope you appreciate the committee's efforts and check out our Face Book page for current community pictures. Please feel free to share your ideas at one of our meetings held on the last Thursday of each month at the Community Center at 7:00 pm.