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to permeate the current administrations seemingly adversarial attitude towards the Fair Board's proposal to the City for the 2024 event. With derisive comments from the council and some name calling to boot, it seems that the support is fading and the only justification was a withering criticism of the comparisons to what the Fair used to be in years past and "What does the City get for all that".

Part of the problem for the Fair, besides resources being sought, is that more room is needed to make the kinds of adjustments and new activities needed to keep the Fairs appeal and enticement to fair goers. Trying to work with neighboring properties and integrating with the resources of the City seems to be a high hill at this time and has led to the loss of the needed property that was previously available.

It's interesting that the North Douglas Fair Board seems to be meeting the same treatment that other local citizen committees have recently endured, to the tune of a seemingly reducing their sway or eliminating or dissolving, depending on your interpretation, of these citizen groups. Meanwhile the consolidation of policies out of the purview of involved citizens continues with little

oversight. Historically, in it's heyday, Drain was a maze of groups of citizens and volunteers who made observations, considerations and proactively worked alongside City officials to make for a better and more vibrant place to live. Maybe it is just the slow turning wheel and better cooperation is forthcoming at some point but it's not so evident now.

Where would the Fair move to if it came to that. Maybe Yoncalla, who still supports the Fair and there may be some efforts underway to assess that possibility. It would be too bad to lose the Fair in Drain, it really is an important tradition and history. There is still some time to visit all the avenues that may become available but for now there is still some hope and faith. Hope that the tradition can live on and the faith that with hard work and some ingenuity, the Fair will persevere in some prominent form.

The next meeting of the North Douglas Fair Board is on Monday, January 15th at 6pm at the Church of Christ Annex. Meetings are open to the public. Volunteers and interested persons are welcomed and Jim says they would love to see more people attending. Support the North Douglas Fair, it's the only Fair we have and it's worth it.

Historic Oakland City

A Discussion with Mayor Bette Keehley



Here are a few updates from the City of Oakland. Oakland Oregon is a historic town in North Douglas County. The City of Oakland was founded in 1852 and incorporated in 1878. The City's 2 block downtown brick buildings were built between 1880 and 1890.

A small town of under 1000, Oakland feels the pressure of many small communities across Oregon. Shifting economic priorities and systems leaves many of them behind in this make or break society. Oakland has worked hard to overcome the hurdles and also make a vibrant, comfortable and safe community for it's citizens, while preserving it's history and presenting itself on display in pride.

Mayor, Bette Keehley, has currently been the Mayor of Oakland since 2022 and was mayor for over 10 years from 2008 to 2020. Bette is a fierce advocate for her city and it's residents and interests.

Some of the most critical issues stem from the recent Archie Creek fire in 2020. Says the Mayor, "We continue to work closely with

FEMA to resolve problems that resulted from the Archie Creek Fire. The fire destroyed all vegetation on the watershed for Calapooya Creek, which is our sole raw water source. The impacts are far reaching in our water system and a several-pronged project is being worked to get us back to pre-fire status."

According to Bette, "The building that houses our City Hall, Public Library, Play School and Community Center is serviced by an elevator that makes access to all these locations possible for disabled and stair-challenged citizens. The elevator is aging quickly and in need of a software update. The entire project will cost approximately \$240,000. The city will continue to seek grant funding, but is also doing some "grass-roots" fund raising. This Christmas the Community Center on the 2nd floor of historic Washington School became a Winter Wonderland with Santa's Workshop, Santa, Candy Cane Railway with train rides for kids, Candy Cane

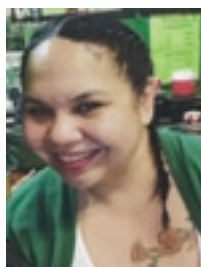
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Reedsport's Newest Business

Jacks Barber Shoppe moves from Drain

By Rusty Savage

Reedsport just grew one business larger with the addition of Jacks Barber Shoppe Co. Originally established in Drain Oregon in 2018, Jacks Barber Shoppe has been providing quality haircuts and beard services for over 5 years and has established a regional following.



The founder, Krystal, started the business with a vision to create a comfortable and relaxing environment for men to get their hair cut. Today, she continues to uphold that tradition and strives to exceed her clients' expectations.

Krystal Jacks opened Jacks Barber Shoppe in 2019. She had one goal, to show everyone in Oregon, how to cut Cali style. Also to give everyone an old school barber vibe. She has accomplished this by now being one of the best barbers in Oregon.



as being due to actions taken by some city officials targeting her and unfairly influencing her landlord with gossip and misinformation.

By Contrast, the city of Reedsport seems to welcome and even promote new businesses coming to their city. Jack's Barber Shoppe Co is moving into the old service station at 1199 Oregon Coast Highway (US101) and has plans to make some improvements and update the curb appeal, as well as a part of her "beautification" efforts.

The city of Reedsport is bringing out the welcome wagon to help with a Grand Opening celebration in February and Krystal looks forward to working with the Main Street Program to be a part of the revitalization efforts to improve the overall livability and vibrancy of her new community.

Jacks's Barber Shoppe Co offers a variety of services to help you look your best, including haircuts, beard trims, and hot towel shaves. "We use only the highest quality products and tools to ensure that you get the perfect look every time." Krystal has over 20 years of experience and is always up-to-date on the latest styles and trends. She says, "I am so glad to be able to provide my service to new clients and though I'll miss the many friends I have made here, I'm so looking forward to establishing my business in Reedsport and, everyone who knows me, knows that I'll be definitely doing it with style".



Krystal Jacks spent 5 years in Drain establishing herself as a savvy business owner and also spent her time being very active in the community there. She worked on many community activities and events both as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and as an involved citizen, she volunteered around the North Douglas community in a number of capacities and was active in many Holiday events. Donating her talents to worthy causes is very close to Krystal's heart. Free haircuts for Veterans, retirement homes and care facilities are a just a few of her causes that she donates her time and resources to. It is with much sadness that Jack's Barber Shoppe Co has decided to move on from her Drain location, because she has established many deep bonds with local folks who have come to count on her expertise and care. Many will be following her to her new location. Krystal cites the need to move to a new location



Jacks Barber Shoppe Co Float in the Drain City Christmas Light Parade



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