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Oakland
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DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave.

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1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St
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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

The heat of summer! It's been another one for sure. It is predictable these days, summer heat. Fire Danger and the health hazard is ominous but anticipated. Just like our views on life and liberty, there's not much of a worry until something threatens us with potential harm. We look forward to the summertime, from the depths of the winter but when it arrives, there's sometimes the anticipation that it may not bode well this time around. So we tread lightly, make preparations for coming challenges and move forward, maybe with optimism, sometimes without. But eventually the weather breaks, we see the new season coming and prepare for the change coming. It's a cycle for sure. A cycle that means continuation and change. All of our fears and hopes are embedded in the recurring knowledge of that change and the potential, good or bad, for some kind of disruption or the relief of continuation. It's been a hot one, but we're getting through it and it will be a distant memory once the seasonal change is upon us. It's still hot but the winter is looming. Is there relief in that or is it time to switch gears and face the coming change or wait until we're faced with the new paradigm, cold, rain and winter storms. It's always something, eh?

It has been an eventful summer, I hope you have been able to enjoy it. Maybe you took a vacation, enjoyed some rest and relaxation or maybe it was enough to get the garden going and hit the pool a few times. There has been a lot of activities available, opportunities to get out and enjoy the weather as best we can, rub elbows with our friends and neighbors and enjoy what we can. Enjoy the last gasp of summer because it's coming, the end of summer. So, with that in mind, soak up the sunshine and make the most of it. Even with the cautions we can invigorate our need to be productive and make things right in each of our worlds. It's not really a metaphor, it's just the continuation and evolution of our lives. The ebb and flow as it were.

Like the change of seasons, there is always change in the circumstances around us. The difference for us as a society is to roll with those changes and to also see where we can be a force in the positive and productive influence of any changes coming or changes needed. It's the voting season

16-year-old Killed in Eugene 2 more Shootings Investigated

Eugene, OR. - The Eugene Police Department (EPD) Violent Crimes Unit is investigating a homicide that occurred late Saturday night, July 13th, on the 300 block of E. 14th Avenue.

The EPD Violent Crimes Unit and Forensic Evidence Unit responded for an investigation, which is still in the early stages, according to law enforcement. The victim's name is Fernando Ismael Aguirre, age 16.

The crime occurred just before 10:49 p.m., according to a department news release. A juvenile was detained after leaving the scene in a car without its lights on. When police went to stop the vehicle, a pursuit began, and the juvenile was eventually caught in the Kinsrow area. Investigators were working to determine whether the juvenile had any relation to the case.

Two more shootings have been reported since Aguirre's death, including one in the 1500 block of Mill Street where property was struck. Another shooting occurred Tuesday night, July 16th in the 3600 block of W. 13th Ave. where a 20-year-old victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, according to Eugene Police.

As part of the investigation, detectives identified a suspect involved in those shootings as 18-year-old Christopher Lekoff, who was arrested Tuesday night in Springfield and later arraigned in a Lane County Circuit Court Wednesday for one count of attempted assault in the first degree with a firearm and two counts of unlawful use of a weapon with a firearm

Since then, Police in Eugene say they have been working to minimize acts of retaliation between two groups of individuals connected to the 16 year old's death. Young men and juveniles described as groups of teenagers or young adults appear to be on either side of the conflict and both sides were armed, according to a release from the Eugene Police Department. The involved individuals are described as teenagers or young adults in their early 20s who are armed.

"We can't provide many details due to the integrity of the investigations," said Melinda McLaughlin, a spokesperson for the department. "We are being vigilant, and these shootings are a high priority for EPD."

Investigators say they have not definitively tied the recent shootings to Saturday's homicide. If anyone is a witness or has information relevant to the incident, EPD asked that they contact Detective Trevor Hart at Thart@eugene-or.gov.



and as sure as many are consumed with national elections and our political views, we should also be looking to our local communities and the changes in local powers and leadership. In Cottage Grove, they just had a major recall effort and the results are pretty well in. Not one, not two but three council positions have just been upended. The City wants a change and they are going to get it. what's going on in your town or district? Probably no recall going on, but likely you have some choices for change in the coming November election. Are you registered to Vote? The deadline to register for the Oregon primary election is October 15th. What is the requirement for registering. You must be a US citizen, an Oregon resident and at least 16 years of age to register and you can vote after your 18th birthday. Don't procrastinate, be prepared.

Think about your local government. Is it serving you and your neighbors? Do you see changes that are needed or improvements that should be brought to bear? It's not just a right to be self governed, it's a responsibility. Are the leaders in your community leading or is it just the status quo? Look for the leaders that you want and deserve. If you aren't convinced that there are committed contenders for locale office, support them. If there are none that satisfy that criteria, then look for someone who has a message that does and support them. Or if you don't see results or potential, then maybe you should consider yourself a contender. Filing deadline for the November election is August 27th. Look for positions that are open and consider yourself a candidate for filling the needs and, or, the improvements and future of your community.

The world we live in is not perfect but we can work towards that by standing up and taking a step out in faith and progress by making some difference, no matter how small. Improvement and progress is often measured in the little steps taken. We're all in this together, but not as sheep but as individuals who care and support our communities at large. Allways forward, my friends, let's look to the future and make it the future that truly is our destiny. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

1 Killed, 1 Hurt in Fatal Crash

Roseburg, OR - A Roseburg man died and the passenger in his car was injured in a two-vehicle accident in Roseburg on June 11th. A Roseburg Police Department release said at approximately 8:40 a.m., officers and emergency personnel responded to the wreck at the intersection of Southeast Pine Street and Southeast Oak Avenue.

Public Information Officer Sergeant Daniel Allen said a preliminary investigation indicates a pickup, operated by 20-year-old Bowan Middlesworth of Azalea, was traveling eastbound on Oak Street through a red light when a subcompact driven by 69-year-old Gene Manor, struck the side of the pickup near the rear axle. Allen said Manor was declared deceased at the scene. The passenger in the car, 57-year-old Christopher Ronan of Roseburg, suffered a broken arm. Neither occupant appeared to be wearing their seatbelts. The operator of the pickup was not injured.

Traffic at the intersection was impacted for approximately 3 hours during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. RPD was assisted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team and Medical Examiner's Office, the Roseburg Fire Department, Umpqua Valley Ambulance and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

1 Fatality Crash on Bertelson

Eugene, OR - One person is dead after a car crash Tuesday afternoon, July 9th, in the area of 13th Ave. and Bertelsen Road in Eugene. A Nissan Versa crashed head-on into a Honda Pilot around 1:30 p.m., according to a release from the Eugene Police Department. The Nissan driver was transported to a local hospital, where they later died from their injuries. The Honda driver was transported to the hospital "as a precaution." Police officials have not yet released the name of the crash victim. Neither driver showed signs of impairment, according to the release. The Eugene Police Major Collision Investigation team is investigating the incident.

Man Arrested for Fire on BLM Land

Lane County, OR - On July 6, fire crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry responded to a half-acre fire that was spotted near the Willamette National Forest. BLM said the fire was lit by an unidentified individual as an attempt to destroy evidence after he had illegally dumped trash at the site the day before.

BLM's Chief Ranger for the Northwest Oregon district, Damian Hayes, said the small fire would have

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Know your local Representatives!

Drain

Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
Council Position #1: **Grant Vaughan**
Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**
Council Position #3: **Katie Decker**
Council Position #5: **Aaron Lymach**
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**
City Council Meeting: 08/12/24 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**
Gene Vroman
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
Council Meeting: 08/13/24 - 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
Council Meeting: 08/08/24 - 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
Counselor: **Jan Wier**
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
Council Meeting: 08/12/24 - 7pm

Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
Council President: **Debbie Hamilton**
Councilor: **Lisa Woods**
Councilor: **Joe Groussman**
Councilor: **Larry Whitaker**
Councilor: **Shawn Smalley**
Councilor: **Gary Dagle**
City Manager: **Jerry Gillham**
Council Meeting: 08/12/24 - 7:15pm

Reedsport

Mayor: **Linda McCollum**
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Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**
Council Position #5: **Allen Teitzel**
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
Council Position #7: **Deby Turner**
Council Meeting: 08/06/24 & 08/26/24 - 7pm

Cottage Grove

Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**
Councilor Ward 1: **Chalice Savage**
Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**
Councilor: **Mike Fleck**
Councilor: **Alex Dreher**
Council Meeting: 08/12/24 - 6:55pm
08/26/24 - 6:55pm

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Tom Kress (Chair) **Tim Freeman**
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Dist 1: **Ray Ceniga** Dist 2: **David Lovall**
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