

# North Douglas HERALD

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## HWY 38 Paving Project Begins 12 Miles Between Elkton and Drain

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**Drain, OR** – Construction was scheduled to start in August on a project that will pave 12 miles of Oregon 38 between Elkton and Drain and repair four bridges.

Workers and vehicles began congregating in Drain at the end of August and Flaggers were seen coordinating traffic in Drain on September 3rd. ODOT says that the 4 way stop signs and intersection modifications at HWY 38 and HWY 99 will be completed on September 5th. Pavement and slide repairs are scheduled at several areas, mostly between the Elk Creek Tunnel and Drain. Highway traffic may be restricted to a single lane day and night through the week. Flaggers are provide traffic control and drivers should expect delays.

Paving work is scheduled for the first week and the grind/inlay will continue into September. The paving area will extend along Oregon 38 from Hancock Mountain Road (milepost 38.1) to Third Street in Drain (milepost 50.3). Drivers can expect weekday lane closures with flaggers and delays.

Rumble strips: The project will install centerline rumble strips along the highway. Rumble strips help improve safety by creating noise and vibration that alerts drowsy or distracted drivers when they drift out of their lane.



Cracks and damage on HWY 38 are being repaired

**Bridges:** Contractors will provide repairs to highway bridges at Hardscrabble Creek, at each end of the Elk Creek Tunnel, and near Hancock Mountain Road.

**Stop signs:** As part of the project, ODOT will adjust the traffic control at the intersection of Oregon 38 and Cedar Street in Drain to provide a permanent four-way stop.

**Through September:** Highway drivers can expect intermittent lane closures through the end of September for striping, sign installation and other work.

**Contractor:** Knife River Materials is the prime contractor for the \$6.4 million project. For more information: Visit the project webpage or contact ODOT Public Information Officer Dan Latham at 541-817-5200 or Dan.Latham@odot.oregon.gov.



## YSD Rocks Community BBQ



Over the past 8 years, the Yoncalla School District has implemented a community BBQ to kick off the school year. This year was no exception as the BBQ attracted a record number of participants even with the rainy weather. Beyond its mouthwatering flavors, the BBQ has become a reflection of the unity, celebration, and shared bond that the district hopes to forge with its community. Over the past 10 plus years, the Yoncalla Early Works project has helped to be a catalyst for change in this small rural community. It has promoted a unique type of school/community partnership that has helped to move the district forward through tough times.

Event coordinator Erin Helgren said, "When I get to leave the community and go out and share the incredible things that have happened, or I see families speaking their truth with pride, I'm able to recognize that we are kind of a big deal. And, so that has been our hashtag: Yoncalla's kind of a big deal."

The Yoncalla Early Works project started as a collaboration with the Yoncalla School District, Ford Family Foundation, and Children's Institute. It was designed as a pilot project to see what would happen with a community based school approach. Over the years many important educational milestones have taken place including a strong parent engagement focus.

Co-founder Jerry Fauci stated, "Yoncalla Early Works is set apart from other education

programs in that it's designed to make change with the community, not for the community." Over the years, the teachings of the Early Works project have been transferred to the elementary school. The district is now in the process of making changes at the middle school/high school level. "There have been growing pains along the way, but we are beginning to make progress at the upper levels in getting authentic parent engagement to be a part of our system throughout the district," said Brian Berry, Superintendent at YSD.

As the Yoncalla School District continues to explore the extraordinary relationship between our BBQ and community, we continue to focus on our Board goal of community engagement and how this now beloved tradition has become a cornerstone of social connection and togetherness throughout our community.



## Midnight Rampage in Cottage Grove Trashes 9 Businesses



**Cottage Grove, OR-** 37-year-old Jacob J. Scott is facing multiple charges after he allegedly ripped a disabled-parking sign from the ground and went on a rampage, smashing store front windows up and down Cottage Grove's Main Street in the early morning of August 21st.

Cottage Grove police said Jacob J. Scott, 37, is facing charges of criminal mischief and assaulting a public safety officer after allegedly punching a Cottage Grove police officer during his arrest. The officer was later taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

Calls came in around 12:30 a.m. on August 21 of a man breaking store front windows. Police say he attacked at least nine businesses in the 700 and 800 blocks of Main Street before he was arrested.

According to Sara Brown, who was awake