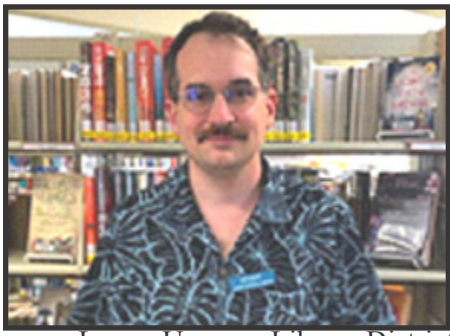


Umpqua Library District Notes



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) continues to have an active summer. Participants in the Summer Reading Program (SRP) will have the chance to win prizes at the concluding event at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 20th. Other August SRP events include:

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on Wednesday, August 6th at 11:00 am at Reedsport K9 Shelter on Wednesday August 13th at 11:00 am

Throughout the summer and continuing into the fall, the library is offering a Game Circle activity at the library. All are welcome! This involves a variety of different types of board and card games and puzzles that appeal to different age groups and interests. Visit the library at 2:00 pm on Fridays in order to participate in this regularly scheduled and open-ended group event or stop by the library any time it is open to play these games

or assemble these puzzles amongst yourselves. A limited number of games (chess and playing cards) may be borrowed from the library in the same manner as books. More complex games may only be used within the library (to avoid losing pieces).

The library's aging computers were replaced in July with funds provided by the C. Giles Hunt grant. The new computers are much faster and of higher quality. As a reminder, the public may use library computers to access the Internet, print documents, etc. There are eight computers available for public use within the library and LULD anticipates making laptops available for borrowing within the near future. Other electronic materials that are available for the public to borrow include portable chargers (such as for laptops and cell phones), pedometers, mobile Wi-Fi hotspots, Wi-Fi repeaters, pedometers, a blu-ray drive, a CD player, and computer accessories such as mice and keyboards.

Please contact the library for additional information.

Thank you,
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2 SPD Officers Stabbed - Suspect Killed

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transported to PeaceHealth Riverbend for treatment. The two Springfield police officers were released from the hospital the following day after being treated. For these officers there's more than physical healing that must take place after having been wounded in the line of duty. The officers must now go through physical therapy but will be allowed to return to work when medically able. The two injured officers are at home recovering and the officer who fired the deadly shots is on leave pending the outcome of an investigation. Police haven't identified any of the officers.

The suspect, Daniel A. Kahn was born and raised in Houston, Texas. Kahn had a criminal record in Texas, records show, including convictions for aggravated assault, theft and fraud in 2018, possessing a prohibited weapon in 2016, theft in 2013 and credit card abuse in 2011.

From their home in Texas, his father, Mort, and family apologized for him injuring the 2 officers and shared his family's wish that they recover fully. He also apologized to a third Springfield officer who shot his son at Happy's Drive-Thru Car Wash. He said he believes his son left Texas for Oregon with the idea that he may have easier access to social services and mental health help. Daniel Kahn had been in Springfield only for a short time before being shot and killed.

Mort Kahn described Daniel Kahn as an energetic and fun child, calling him the "apple of my eye." But he said his son began to show signs of mental illness as a teenager. Daniel Kahn's family had stayed in touch with him by phone, his father said. His last contact with his father and a sibling was Wednesday, less than eight hours before he was killed. He had messaged that he had arrived in Springfield. One of his siblings responded by sharing a detailed list of facilities and contact numbers for Daniel Kahn to get help. Daniel Kahn wrote back on Wednesday to his father that he wanted to visit Jerusalem, that he had become a pretty good chess player online and asked his father if he could play him in chess online someday.

Mr. Kahn shared photos of his son when he was young to show how he was before his illness took hold.



Veterans Corner

Oregon DVA Seeks Applications for Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant Program

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is now accepting applications for its 2025-27 Campus Veteran Resource Center (CVRC) Grant Program. This competitive grant opportunity is designed to support Oregon's student veterans by expanding and strengthening Campus Veteran Resource Centers at the state's public colleges and universities.

The Oregon Legislature has approved up to \$800,000 in funding for this biennium's grant cycle. The CVRC Grant Program is funded in part by Oregon Lottery dollars, made possible through the passage of Measure 96, which directs a portion of Lottery proceeds to support Oregon veterans.

Campus Veteran Resource Centers are vital to ensuring student veterans have the tools and support they need to thrive in college and beyond. These centers help veterans successfully transition from military to academic life, navigate the challenges of higher education, and prepare for meaningful careers in the civilian workforce. Services offered at many CVRCs include academic advising, peer mentoring, mental health and wellness resources, and connections to VA and community benefits.

"Oregon's Campus Veteran Resource Centers, along with their dedicated coordinators and staff, serve as a critical cornerstone to support student veterans' environmental, intellectual, and

social well-being while earning a post-secondary degree or certification," said ODVA Director Dr. Nakeia Daniels.

"This grant program underscores our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of student veterans across the state by supporting campus resources and services that promote student veteran personal growth and academic success."

Oregon's 17 community colleges and seven public universities (not including Oregon Health & Science University) are eligible to apply for these grant funds.

To be eligible for grant funds, a community college or public university needs to currently have a Campus Veteran Resource Center, a Campus Veteran Resource Coordinator (or intends to hire one prior to the distribution of grant funds), or both.

The window for applications for the Oregon Veteran Campus Resource Center Grant Program will open Monday, July 28, 2025, and will close Monday, September 22, 2025. Grant requests may be up to \$100,000.

For more information about this grant or to apply, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/agency-programs/grants/pages/campus-grant.aspx> or contact ODVA Grants Coordinator Brenna Bandstra at brenna.bandstra@odva.oregon.gov or 971-388-8204.

Registration Now Open for 2025 Oregon Women Veterans Conference

Registration is now open for the 2025 Oregon Women Veterans Conference, the state's largest gathering dedicated to honoring and supporting women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The biennial event, hosted by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, will bring together women veterans from across Oregon for a weekend of connection, resources and recognition.

The event is free and open to all women veterans, but registration is required. The 2025 Oregon Women Veterans Conference is being held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the Riverhouse Lodge in Bend.

"This year's theme, 'Stronger Together: Community and Connection,' reflects the heart of what this conference is all about," said Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels, director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. "Women veterans have long served with distinction, strength and resilience — often in the face of tremendous challenges and barriers."

"This conference is an opportunity to honor our service, share our stories, and ensure every woman who has worn the uniform feels seen, valued and supported. We are stronger when we stand together, and united, we will continue to drive the ODVA mission forward."

The Oregon Women Veterans Conference began nearly 30 years ago as a grassroots effort by a small group of women veterans seeking connection, support, and resources. Since the first event in 1998, the conference has grown into a unique statewide gathering that brings together

women veterans from across Oregon to access benefits, build meaningful connections, and amplify their voices.

The 2025 conference will continue that legacy with inspiring keynote speakers, engaging workshops, fantastic networking opportunities and assistance for women veterans connecting to the full range of benefits and resources they have earned. It is a supportive space where women who have served can connect, grow, and thrive beyond their military service.

This year's keynote speaker is Erin McMahon, director of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and a retired U.S. Army brigadier general, attorney and combat veteran. During her 24-year career in the U.S. Army, McMahon served as the principal deputy general counsel for the National Guard Bureau, advising senior leaders through a wide variety of domestic disaster responses and serving as the first female Army National Guard general officer in the Office of the General Counsel.

Registration is free and may be completed online at www.eventbrite.com/e/odva-women-veterans-conference-tickets-1407725487829. Generous support from Oregon Lottery and other sponsors help ensure this conference is open to all women veterans free of charge.

Registration for the Women Veterans Conference covers the event only; attendees are expected to make their own lodging and travel arrangements. More information about the Women Veterans Conference, including local lodging, donations and sponsorship opportunities, can be found online at wvc.oregondva.com.

Obituary - In Memoriam

Eldeen Elizabeth Osban passed away peacefully on July 23, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, just one day before her 92nd birthday. Eldeen was born in Ferndale, Arkansas, on July 24, 1933, to parents Aaron and Ethel Grimmitt.

Eldeen's life was shared and celebrated with her beloved husband of nearly 73 years, Charles Osban, whom she married on August 8, 1952, in Bellflower, California. Together, Charles and

Eldeen nurtured a family that expanded to include their loving children, Randy (Janet) Osban, David (Cherilyn) Osban, and Karen (Glenn) Phipps, along with nine cherished grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren, all of whom survive her. Eldeen is preceded in death by her brothers Roy and Donald Grimmitt, along with her sisters Joyce Maxwell, Mary Ellen James, and Debbie Pounds.

After graduating high school in 1940,

she became an exceptional office manager and foreman at Barnes Tree Improvement, where her leadership and dedication were evident to all who worked alongside her.

She was an active and respected member of the Old Time Gospel Fellowship in Cottage Grove. Her contributions to her church were extensive, as she dedicated countless hours to teaching Sunday school, bible school, serving as song leader, and volunteering in the MAPS program for the Assembly of God church.

She was an avid traveler, a curious collector, and a voracious reader. Her competitive side shone through as the coach of a girls' softball team and through the enthusiasm with which she played dominoes and various card games.

It is with both heavy hearts and a deep sense of gratitude that we bid farewell to Eldeen. Her spirit will endure, cherished and missed, in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.