

SUMMER GROOVE



A large crowd enjoyed nice weather and classic tunes at Bohemia Park for the Chamber of Commerce Concert in the Park featuring Coupe De Ville on Wednesday, Aug. 26. The series continues today, Sept. 2, with the pop/rock stylings of Left of Yellow. The final show of the season takes place next Wednesday with the Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band.

photo by Jon Stinnett

Village Green to host tailgate parties for every Duck football game

Tailgater Magazine recently ranked college football's top 25 tailgating venues, and Oregon came in at number one. But for those who don't have game day tickets, the Village Green Resort is offering Oregon Ducks tailgating parties for every Oregon football game this season.

Located at 725 Row River Rd. in Cottage Grove, the Village Green Resort will provide the BBQ and the kegs, fans just need to bring their Duck gear and friends. Doors will open one-hour prior to kick off. The games will be shown on a giant, inflatable screen outdoors by the warmth of a fire pit (if the weather doesn't

cooperate, games will be shown indoors in the Map Room Theater).

Admission is free and open to the public. Food and drink specials will be available for purchase; outside food or drink will not be allowed. The Ducks Tailgating Party schedule is as follows:

September

Sept. 5 — Eastern Washington, 5 p.m. kick-off
Sept. 12 — @Michigan State, 5 p.m. kick-off
Sept. 19 — Georgia State, 11 a.m. kick-off
Sept. 26 — Utah, TBA

October

Oct. 3 — @Colorado, TBA
Oct. 10 — Washington State, TBA
Oct. 17 — @Washington, TBA
Oct. 29 — @Arizona State, 7:30 p.m. kick-off

November

Nov. 7 — California, TBA
Nov. 14 — @Stanford, TBA
Nov. 21 — USC, TBA
Nov. 27 — Oregon State, 12:30 p.m. kick-off

Archery season starts, but caution urged

Despite a flurry of internet rumors claiming otherwise, statewide deer and elk archery seasons opened as scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 29.

"The archery season is starting soon and we hope bowhunters have a fun, safe and successful experience," Ron Anglin, ODFW wildlife division administrator, said last week. "Because of the extreme fire danger, hunters should be aware that there are fire restrictions throughout Oregon and some local closures of public land associated with active fires and firefighting."

Hunters need to know what those fire restrictions and closures are before they go afield. The InciWeb website has information on fires and closures due to firefighting, plus maps of closure areas in some cases. Currently, there are active fires and related closures on the Malheur, Rogue-River-Siskiyou, Umatilla, Umpqua, and Wallowa-Whitman national forests. Closures are also in effect on some BLM lands where there is fire activity.

All state, federal and industrial

forests are also under public use restrictions to prevent more fires. Restrictions vary by area but some key rules to follow are:

No smoking except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats or at designated locations.

No open fires such as campfires, charcoal fires or cooking fires except in designated locations. (Currently campfires are prohibited, even in designated fire pits, in all Oregon state parks, Tillamook County and in some national forests, too.) Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.

No off-roading by motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. Vehicles are only allowed on improved roads. Keep your vehicle off vegetation, it could start a fire!

No exploding targets or tracer ammunition.

Carry firefighting tools (one gallon of water or 2.5 pound fire extinguisher and one shovel at least 26 inches long with an 8-inch blade) when travelling in a motor vehicle in timber, brush or grass.

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TYPES OF CURIOUS AUDITORS AT THE MURRAY MURDER TRIAL



The Portland Morning Oregonian's sketch artist, at the 1906 trial of Orlando Murray for murdering the seducer of his sister, captured these images of some of the faces he saw in the crowd of very interested spectators. Public interest in and enthusiasm for the trials of "Unwritten Law" murderer/executioners was always very high.

same way he'd killed Crefield, a martyr as well. (If you aren't familiar with the story, an Internet search for "Offbeat Oregon holy rollers" will bring it right up.)

Another case that we've discussed was the deadly resolution of a tawdry melodrama

between cavalry scout Charles Reynolds and a smooth-talking music teacher who was moving in on his young wife, in 1907. You may remember this story as the one in which the young wife, asked to identify the body of her former lover, broke down in tears of obvious grief and

passionately kissed the corpse. (Search "corpse-kissing Offbeat Oregon" to find this one.)

Over the next few weeks, we're going to talk about a few more examples of "Unwritten Law" cases in Oregon. They make for fascinating study. They can be shocking and tawdry, and at least one of them will leave even many modern readers with a grim smile of approbation for the killer's act. But the most rewarding part of revisiting these century-old scandals is to wonder, based on the evidence we see today — did justice miscarry? Was the jury so caught up in the mania for vigilante justice that it failed to notice the cracks and flaws in the defendant's argument? Did some Oregonians literally get away with murder, and end up covered with laurels by their enthusiastic fellow citizens celebrating them as brave, noble men who did not shirk from their terrible and bloody duty, when their actual crime should have earned them nothing but shame and a walk to the gallows?

In some cases, it seems almost certain that the answer is yes.

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