

BEYOND THE GROVE

Impactful news from Lane County and surrounding communities

Concerning Creswell

News and notes from our neighbor to the north

Missing Creswell man found deceased

A multi-agency search last week led to the discovery of the remains of a 31-year old Creswell man missing since just after Christmas.

Family members reported Mark Jason Manderscheid missing on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Manderscheid was reportedly last seen in Creswell on Dec. 26 or 27 in Oakridge, having told friends that he was on his way to camp in the Hills Creek Reservoir area for the night before returning to Eugene, then possibly heading to Seattle.

Following his disappearance,

the Sheriff's Office initiated a search that included resources from the United State Forest Service, the Civil Air Patrol and the Lane County Sheriff's Special Vehicles Group.

On Monday, Jan. 4, Search and Rescue volunteers announced that they had located Manderscheid deceased in the Salmon Creek area near Oakridge, adding that the Lane County Sheriff's Volunteer Dive Team assisted in the recovery of the deceased. The County's Medical Examiner was tasked with determining



Mark Jason Manderscheid

the cause of Manderscheid's death.

The Sheriff's Office had not disclosed the cause or elaborated on the circumstances surrounding Manderscheid's death by press time Monday, and Sgt. DJ Mann could not be reached for comment on the investigation. A friend of Manderscheid's, meanwhile, told the Eugene Register-Guard last week that sheriff's deputies informed him that a "hypothermic Manderscheid stripped off his clothes and jumped into Salmon Creek."

Dispute ends in charges for Creswell woman

The Lane County Sheriff's Office said Monday morning that it responded to a 911 call regarding a dispute in progress on Sunday just after 2 p.m. in a house on E. River Drive in Creswell. Upon arrival, LCSO said its Deputies contacted all parties involved and determined that 26-year old female Shurrie Smith had been in a dispute with 47-year old Jared Team. During this dispute, Deputies said it was determined that Smith had strangled and menaced Team.

Smith was transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Team received no injuries during this incident and was cooperative with the investigation.

All parties involved in this incident have been identified and there is no belief that there is any additional threat to the public. There are no suspects outstanding. The Sheriff's Office said the investigation is continuing.

'Flashbak' to perform in Drain

North Douglas Performing Arts Council presents "Flashbak" on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Drain Civic Center, 205 West A St. in Drain from 7 to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Ad-

mission is \$5 pp. Refreshments available. The band formed in 2007 and has been playing regularly ever since. Keyboards, two guitars, bass and drums with a charismatic lead singer,

makes a great show with classic rock and music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. For more info on North Douglas Performing Arts council go to www.ndpac.or.

City seeks help 're-imagining' Bald Knob site

Fire destroyed part of the Bald Knob Mill in Creswell in 2008, and now the City of Creswell is seeking community input to help re-imagine the site of the mill's former home.

Creswell Community Development Coordinator Maia Hardy wrote in the Creswell Chronicle last week that "The City of Creswell believes that this property is intrinsically valuable due to its proximity to downtown Creswell, and its connection to Hill Creek and Garden Lake Park."

"We are asking you to join us in dreaming a sustainable future for this site," Hardy wrote.

Two workshops will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The first will take place from 10 a.m.

to noon at the Creswell High School library at 33390 Nieblock Lane. The second takes place from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Creswell Community Center, located at 99 S. First St.

Those with thoughts to share but who cannot attend a workshop are asked to contact Hardy at mhardy@creswell-or.us or by phone at 541-895-2531 x. 304.

The fire on May 20, 2008 destroyed the plant's computerized lathe, and many of the mill's employees were subsequently relocating to Pacific States Plywood in Springfield. Company officials cited the economic downturn as the reason not to rebuild the site. The fire, which was started when

welding sparks ignited sawdust, destroyed the key component of the veneer operation.

"Every part of the mill is important," Bald Knob General Manager Brian Cowan said at the time, "but the lathe and charger are the heart of the operation. If you can't peel the log

down to make veneer, you're in trouble."

Bald Knob once employed about 95 people in three shifts in Creswell. Pacific States purchased the Springfield operation in October of 2007.

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