

# Drain to say goodbye to warrior



North Douglas High School in Drain must trade-out their Native American mascot by July of this year. The school has opted to go without a mascot.

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He's a little guy. Short and chubby with no shirt but full of concentration as he aims his bow and arrow at an unknown target. He's North Douglas' warrior mascot. And by July, he'll be gone.

His departure will be part of a statewide overhaul of schools that utilize Native American mascots and imagery. An Oregon Board of Education deci-

sion in 2012 ruled that all Native mascots must be discarded after it was deemed they were offensive. Schools that did not comply would be in danger of losing funding. However, a January 2017 amendment permitted schools who received permission from one of Oregon's nine tribes to keep their mascots. The North Douglas school board opted not to pursue that option.

"It's going to cost us about \$25,000," said North Douglas Principal Terry Duncun. The

school will have to replace its gym floor which has the cartoon Native warrior emblazoned on it and any depiction of the image on the school's website will also have to come down. "There's other little things we have to do but the majority of the cost is the gym floor which is \$25,000," he said.

Other school districts around the state have grappled with the same issue and while some opt to change their mascots or do away with them altogether, some are working with local

tribes. The Grande Ronde Tribe has offered to allow schools to retain their Native mascots if the schools adopt curriculum that informs students of the Grand Ronde's history. It would also ask that the schools form a Native Club for students who wished to join.

Oregon schools have until July to change or do away with their Native mascots.

"We'll still be the Warriors," Duncan said. "We just won't have a mascot."

# UCC offers libraries to Douglas

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The Douglas County Commissioners voted to shut down the county's library system, effective June 1. However, several library branches, including the Drain Library, closed their doors in May leaving residents still holding their check-outs and little direction on how to return them. Additionally, the county has not reported on the specifics of a future for the libraries but has noted local communities are welcome to explore funding options.

The decision to close the libraries came after Douglas County residents voted down a tax district that would have continued to fund the library system for a county that has been plagued with financial shortcomings tied to the timber industry and governmental limitations. While the commission was able to hold off immediate closure, the board approved the slow-moving shut down that will conclude this summer.

However, Umpqua Community College has stepped in to notify residents that the facili-

ty's library is still open and welcomes the public.

A press release issued by the college stated that UCC has been a part of the county's shared library system since 1991. If a customer searched the countywide system and found that a resource was available at UCC, then UCC would send that resource to any branch located within the county's system—making it available for the customer to check out. When the 10 outlying branches located in Canyonville, Drain, Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Reedsport, Riddle, Sutherlin, Winston, and Yoncalla closed on April 1, UCC's ability to participate in the

shared program stopped as well.

"In addition to being a part of a shared system for more than 25 years, we've also had a community card option for a long time," Carol McGeehon, UCC's Library Director, said. "To receive a community card, all a person must do is prove they are a Douglas County resident."

UCC's collection is primarily made up of non-fiction and academic works. The fiction collection is very limited. Visitors have access to the print, digital, and e-books collections. There is also an internet-accessed computer that can be used by public users for one hour at a time.

"We just want the public to know they still have a place to go and check out books," McGeehon said.

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