

# Renovation on the horizon for Dayville's 100-year-old community hall

Project expected to last from March to November

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A Dayville project 40 years in the making has realized a huge benchmark.

On Feb. 18, residents gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the community hall.

Dayville City Recorder Ruthie Moore said about 35 people were at the ceremony as golden hammers and a speech by Mayor Ilah Bennett commemorated the monumental step in Dayville's history.

"Everybody's just excited that we got through all the paperwork and jumped through the hoops, and now we've got a start date for the project," Bennett said.

Bennett said the renovation will begin on March 1 with the completion expected around November of this year.

Dayville City Councilor Skip Inscore said the ceremony marked a culmination of an abundant amount of work from several people over the last 20 years. He said former Dayville Mayor Peg Adams had a dream of refurbishing the hall that was built in 1920 so it could be used year-round. After Adams' time as mayor, Inscore said Moore helped keep the project going forward.

"The town owes a great deal to Ruthie Moore and Peg Adams because they helped spearhead the project for many years," Inscore said. "It was very gratifying for our little town to come together and work to garner the money that we have for the project."

At the ceremony, Bennett said the community spent four decades making the renovations possible. She said this project started to become a reality when the late Scott Fairly of Business Oregon heard about the deteriorating community hall during a small cities meeting.

"Because of him, we received \$1.5 million," Bennett said. "He will



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From left, former Dayville Mayor Jody Winkelman, Skip Inscore, City Recorder Ruthie Moore, Tiffnie Schmadeka, Emily Larson, Robert Waltenburg and Dayville Mayor Ilah Bennett pose with ceremonial hammers to mark the groundbreaking of renovations on the Dayville Community Hall.



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Golden hammers and a speech by Mayor Ilah Bennett commemorated the start of renovation on the community hall in Dayville.

never see the finished building, but he will not be forgotten."

Numerous people and organizations also helped bring the project to fruition, she said.

Melanie Whedon, a project architect from Pinnacle Architecture, said many of the original characteristics of the hall will remain or be recon-

structed to match the aesthetics and history of the original hall.

"We are just as elated as the city to finally see this project move into construction," she said. "This project contains the historic renovation of the existing community hall... as well as a new addition containing new updated restrooms, a kitchen and a meeting room. New mechanical and building envelope upgrades will allow this building to be used year-round."

Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company will carry out the construction.

Dayville City Councilor Robert Waltenburg said the public acknowledgments at the ceremony mentioned many people who made the project possible, which highlighted what a small community can do.

"The Dayville Community Hall is where we see celebrations of life, wedding receptions and community celebrations," Waltenburg said. "It's huge that we have this revamped venue for our community to have."



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Rob and Tish Tygret, owners of Eagles In Flight motorcycle shop, started a riding group that is providing scholarships for trade school.

## Bikers for Education takes flight

Motorcycle group awarding trade school scholarships

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Three \$1,100 trade school scholarships are up for grabs.

Rob and Tish Tygret, owners of Eagles In Flight motorcycle shop, are providing Bikers for Education scholarships for the first time this year.

Donations were gathered by monthly group rides started by the duo. As the motorcycle group grew and the idea of a scholarship program gained momentum, the couple decided to combine the two ideas and create the scholarship program.

"We started doing the rides at the tail end of 2019, and I think we did three that year, but none of those were fundraisers," Rob said. "On the last ride we did in October (2019), we announced that we wanted to transition it to a scholarship fundraising event in 2020."

Rob said he wanted to give back to the community with the scholarship program because his son received several scholarships to college, which relieved the financial stress.

Rob decided to focus on trade schools because his time at a Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Arizona provided the basis for his career and work endeavors.

"Without it, I suppose it would be safe to say I would possibly be working in the restaurant industry," Rob said. "For me, life would be completely different without trade school."

After graduating from trade school, Rob secured a job working at a Harley-Davidson Dealership in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 2005, he accepted a job in service department management for a Harley dealership in Burlington, Washington, before opening his own shop in 2009.

"Trade school is what gave us our start, and we wanted to be able to help another young person as they begin their journey," the Tygrets wrote regarding the scholarship program.

What started with four riders in 2019 grew to an average of 10-20 riders in 2020, but some journeys, like their Anthony Lakes Loop Ride, have been even more popular.

"I think on that ride, when we left Prairie, there were probably 30 bikes, and we met up with another 15-20 bikes in Sumpter," Rob said. "It was crazy."

### TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Bikers for Education program will be awarding three \$1,100 awards for the first time this year. Applications must be submitted by April 5 and sent to Eagles in

Flight, 124 NW Front St., Box 292, Prairie City, OR 97869. For more information or applications, call Rob and Tisha Tygret at 360-305-4424.

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