

City of Union News Letter

"Promote rural values, protect local assets and foster community pride"

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CITY HALL HOURS: Monday thru Thursday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Open during lunch

Union Carnegie Public Library
Mon 10:30am - 6:00pm Thurs 1:00pm - 6:00pm
Tue 10:00am - 5:30pm Fri 9:00am - 3:30pm
Wed 4:00pm - 8:00pm

November 2014



From The Fire Chief

Fall Back!

This is the perfect time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home/rental. Vacuum to remove dust or cobwebs, replace batteries and test sensors for proper operation. **A properly working detector saves lives!!**

Chilling weather means fireplace and wood stove burning. Which could also mean chimney fires! Clean your chimney's, professionally cleaned preferably, for greater safety.

House Numbers

In the event of a fire or other emergency house numbers can mean precious time saved!

Burning Etiquett

From time to time it is necessary to remind residents of the **Do's** and **Don'ts** of burning.

Do burn clean dry wood, branches and leaves
Don't burn garbage, furniture, cardboard with wax or ink on it, treated wood, tires, diapers, animal feces, just to name a few

Burning is only allowed from daylight to dusk, all fires are to be completely out by dark.

Remember burning is only allowed with a city issued burning permit, you can pick up your burning permit at City Hall.

City Hall hours are Monday~Thursday 10am~5pm

VOTE!

Ballots are due by November 4th!

Let your voice be heard!

You can drop your ballot off at the drop box at City Hall located in the foyer.

Veterans Day is November 11th

Veterans Day, we honor those who have bravely served this country. America is founded on the principle of freedom, justice, and liberty for all. On this day take a moment to remember those who have given their lives and those who sacrifice their lives every moment of every day to achieve peace, democracy and our freedom.



Join our Local VFW in a Veterans Assembly, held at the High School on Monday the 10th. Estimated time of assembly is 9:00am. There will also be a ceremony of Service Flags held at the City Park after the assembly. The flags are removed and stored for winter at this time.



Baby Piggy's on View

Local Union High School FFA students in Chelcee Mansfield's class join Dr. Terry McCoy for an ultrasound viewing of two sows. Union County FFA has an animal care trailer that can be taken to different communities for education. One of the items on the trailer is an ultrasound machine.

This was a great learning opportunity for local students.



Yes, Christmas is fast approaching! Once again this year the Union EMS Department is asking the citizens to open their hearts and donate to the Toy's for Tot's drive. New unwrapped items such as toys, coats, hats, games to name a few are needed for children age 12 and under. Cash donations are also accepted. Receipts are available upon request.

Watch local businesses for drop off boxes starting the middle of this month!

If you have questions or would like to donate call Laura at City Hall, 541-562-5197



Quote of the Month;

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times are twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence

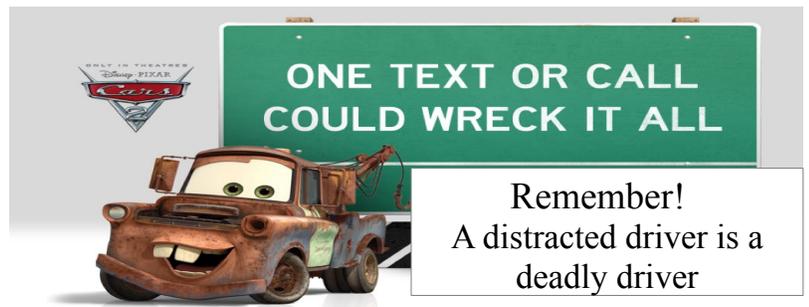
~ Erma Bombeck

THANK YOU!!

I want to Thank everyone who donated bicycle helmets for our community's kids!

I have given quite a few out to those kids who need them. It's a great way for all of us to work together to keep our kids safe.

Hank Twisselman
Ordinance Officer



Remember!
A distracted driver is a deadly driver

Meter Readers Are a Time of The Past

As the saying goes, knowledge is power. In the business of water metering, up-to-date, real-time, accurate knowledge of water use as expressed in flow rate data allows for accurate assessment of water usage, which is of vital importance in keeping utility bills within reason and conserving water.

When the city learned our current meter system was out dated and no longer efficient in 2009 the search for a solution was on. City learned fast that radio read meter systems were the standard for utilities around the country. With that in mind, Council selected a meter company that best fit Union's needs. Unfortunately bad news came fast, cost was just over \$250,000 to supply all meters in Union. The Council at the time did not want to borrow funds, that's how the 6 year meter replacement plan was established.

Starting in 2011, plan started and to further save funding all installation of the meters would be completed by city staff. Each year \$30,000 is budgeted in the water department for meter purchases. As we enter into 2015 the city will have two years remaining on the plan.

More on the meters. These new devices allow for accurate and faster collection of water usage reading than the current manual method and improve safety conditions for staff. Currently, the meter reader must open every meter box to read the meter. Sometimes the meter box is filled with water or a vehicle is parked over the meter, which is a cost to the consumer. Automatic meter reading is one of the best way we can better serve Union customers and still stay up with technology.

The old meter reading routes would take up to a week for one person to read. Once the radio read meter system in compete total time will be less than a day.

The meters will be read year round and meter leaks will be found months in advance.

The new meters meet the lead free provisions of the American Water Works Association and the National Sanitation Foundation. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact Sandra Patterson at city hall 541-562-5197 or Paul Phillips at 541-562-5221



WOW!

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This ad paid by Gravy Daves



~ LG ~

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UNION, OREGON

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This ad paid for by LG Brewski's

Expires 12/20/2014

Notes from the Union School district

This month the notes are musical !!!!

The Union music department is rockin'. The pep band is rollin' along, progressing quickly. Homecoming and the noise parade were the first major events for the pep band to play in and they are impressive after only playing one year and five weeks. The choir, and several theater minded students from the 4th grade all the way to the 12th grade, will be putting on

" Union goes to Broadway"

A musical theater production and dinner theater on November 15th.

There will be two showings, one 4:30-6:00 and one from 7:00-8:30. The Historic Union Hotel has donated the venue and will be providing a delicious meal. A 50/50 raffle will be held and desserts can be purchased from the students after the meal. Come prepared to be finely dined and entertained. Tickets for this event are \$20 and all proceeds go toward the music department. Proceeds will be used to repair instruments, buy new ones and a new sound system for the gym. If you have your old high school instrument lying about unused, please consider giving it new life by donating it to the Union music department.

Music opportunities abound.

Monday at 4:00 pm:

Guitar lessons are provided by an EOU student at the home of Sarah Maxwell

Tuesday at 4:00 pm:

Violin lessons are provided by an EOU student at the music room at the school

Wednesday 4:00-7:00

Voice lessons and theater practice

Friday starting at 8:30 am

Piano lessons are held in Sarah Maxwell's home

YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THESE LESSONS.

Young and old, all are invited! Call (541) 786-3477 after 5pm for more information

This is Sarah Maxwell's second year in Union schools. She was a voice major with minors in clarinet and cello. She has worked backstage and had starring roles in numerous musicals. She has directed several musicals and helped to restart the musical theater at the Elgin Opera House. After years without organized music in Union the hills and halls are again alive with the sound of music!

Come support The Union Music department. Tickets are available by calling Sarah Maxwell at 541-786-3477 or the Historic Union Hotel at 541-562-1200.

See you and yours on the 15th!

Charlie Morden member Union School Board

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You're Invited!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 27, 2pm
At the Union Baptist Church
1531 S. Main

Everyone welcome,
bring your family and friends

R.S.V.P appreciated, but not required
For more info call Dori 541-562-6148

Ad paid for by Union Baptist Church

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas!!!!

Holiday Shopping in Union!!!!

Heart to Heart nwm 174 S. Main

10—3 Mon—Wed, Sat

Household Thrift,
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and designed by Sue

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Bible study
materials
offered by
Pastor Dave

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& winter
scarves.
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utility aprons handmade by
Kris. Also be sure to see her
unique re-purposed items &
fashion scarves.

Shea, Mango & Coconut Oil Lotion
Bars and re-useable shopping bags
created by Maryann. Beautiful
exotic wood jewelry From Costa



Mmmmm Pie!

The basics of pumpkin pie go back to writings in Medieval times sometime before the 1500's where pumpkin was stewed with sugar and spices and wrapped in pastry.

Although pumpkins were present when the pilgrims and natives dined together in 1621, their preparation of this squash is much different than how we do today. Most scholars agree the pilgrim's recipe was a makeshift pumpkin pudding – the pumpkin was hollowed and filled with milk, honey and spices before baking in hot ashes.

Recipes that resemble pumpkin pie as we know it today didn't develop until the 1650's in France. Famed 17th century chef Francois Pierre laVarenne developed a recipe for a 'pompion' torte, complete with a pastry crust. English recipes decades later followed laVarnne's example, but also included a variety of dried fruits, currants, and nuts in the pumpkin filling. Nearly 150 years later after the first pumpkin pie recipe was developed in France a dessert dish strikingly similar to modern pumpkin pie was created in 1796 in the United States.

The pumpkin pie is one of the most recognizable symbols of our Thanksgiving Dinners today.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to advertise your monthly event or activity email cityhall@cityofunion.com or call 541-562-5197.

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Booster Club Meeting		Old Music Room	6:00 pm	
City of Union Chamber	2 nd Thurs of the month	See Nick @ Union Drug	Noon	www.visitunionor.org
City Council	2 nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:30 pm	541-562-5441
CUP Senior Assisted Living	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays	Union Drug Co.	6:00 pm	541-562-5441
Order of Eastern Star	2 nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1 st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5660
EOLS Board	2 nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:30 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	Saturday after 3 rd Monday	Methodist Church	9-11 am	541-562-5675
Food Alliance	Every Monday	Methodist Church	12:30-1 pm	541-562-6192
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tuesday of the month	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Int'l Rainbow for Girls	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-975-9495
Library Board	1 st Wed of the month	Library	3:30 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	1st Wed of the month	Union Library	5:30 pm	541-562-5685
Municipal Court	1 st Wed/every quarter	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-5197
Planning Commission	3 rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	Methodist Church	12:00 pm	541-562-5675
School Board	2 nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3 rd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	7:00 pm	541-562-6180
TOPS	Every Wednesday	Union Health Cntr	8:30 am	541-562-9009
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1 st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035