

# City of Union News Letter

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

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*From the desk of Doug Wiggins, City Administrator*

## From the Desk of Doug Wiggins, City Administrator

As I write this for the newsletter, I look out the window and see the major street and sidewalk project around the school getting so close to finished. The asphalt is down, the painting crew just showed up this morning and the sealing crew is just about ready to begin. I really like how the project came out. As residents I hope you will find a much smoother drive to the football field as we did some major repairs to Dearborn Street.

It was great to see this small City come alive during the annual Grass Roots celebration. Barring the rain in the evening, the weather could not have been better, and I have been told that attendance, as compared to years' past, was strong and steady all day long. I throw a huge thank you to Donna Beverage for taking on this project and for facilitating such a great get together for everyone in the valley to enjoy. I know from walking around Union that morning I observed people from as far as Idaho enjoying many of the 44 yard sales that day.

We will continue flushing hydrants through September 6<sup>th</sup> this year. If you notice a slight discoloration in your water, let it run a few minutes. Additionally, flushing hydrants may cause some additional sediment to wash through your home system and some of the small screens on your faucets to plug. Please try cleaning those first and if pressure problems persist call us and we can see if there is something on the City side that may have fouled.

Upgrades continue at the wastewater plant. Our primary digester is once again being renovated and upgraded. I am hoping that at about the time you get this newsletter we will have it back online with the system.

The Council passed the new animal ordinance allowing residence to have any kind of foul on their property if it does not create a nuisance to your neighbor. Again, you must have the correct square footage to support the number of animals you may have. Contacting City hall can help you with those calculations should you have questions. Please remember, all animals allowed on your property must be kept on your property and may not run at large. Feces must be cleaned regularly and excessive noise from your animals can create a nuisance. Union wants all to enjoy their pets/livestock/critters but encourage your consideration for your neighbor when doing so.

All in all, such a great little City Union is....Let's keep moving forward!!

Thank You,



# REMEMBER! NO BURNING!

During September there is no burning allowed.

The City will inform of any extensions by the County or State.

Ornamental burning pits, such as the ones purchased from Wal-Mart or Home Depot are allowed. They must have a screen and the screen must be used.

Only dry clean wood can be burned.

**NO TRASH OR GARBAGE!**

## Community Calendar

Interested in City meetings,  
Library or Chamber meetings?  
You can find meeting times and  
places in our Community  
Calendar. Always on the last  
page of your newsletter.

We found some wonderful volunteers to keep Unions Seniors Meals going. A big Thank you to all who came forward!



Pictured: Lisa, Leslie, Candy B, Reed & Marty.

Join us every Tuesday at 12pm (noon) at the Lutheran Church (formerly the Methodist Church) on North Main Street in Union. Cost is a donation.

 **United  
Country  
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Realty**

**Your Hometown  
Realtor**



**Candy Bowman, Principal Broker**

**541-786-3164 / Candy@OregonTrailRealty**

**www.oregontrailrealty.com - to view all of Union County Listings**

## Planning Commission Seat Opening

The City of Union has two open seats on the Planning Commission to fill. The Planning Commission is the approval authority for most special use permits, and on occasion is responsible for reviewing site plans and conducts hearing on planning and subdivision applications. The Planning Commission normally meets once a month.

If you are interested in serving your community, this would be a great opportunity!

Applications are available for pick up at City Hall, or call 541~562~5197 if you would like us to email you an application.



A place to gather for  
weddings, receptions, meetings, and other events  
**SINGLE TREE**  
Farm  
309 West Fir St. Union, OR 97883  
541.786.0302 [singletreefarm18@gmail.com](mailto:singletreefarm18@gmail.com)



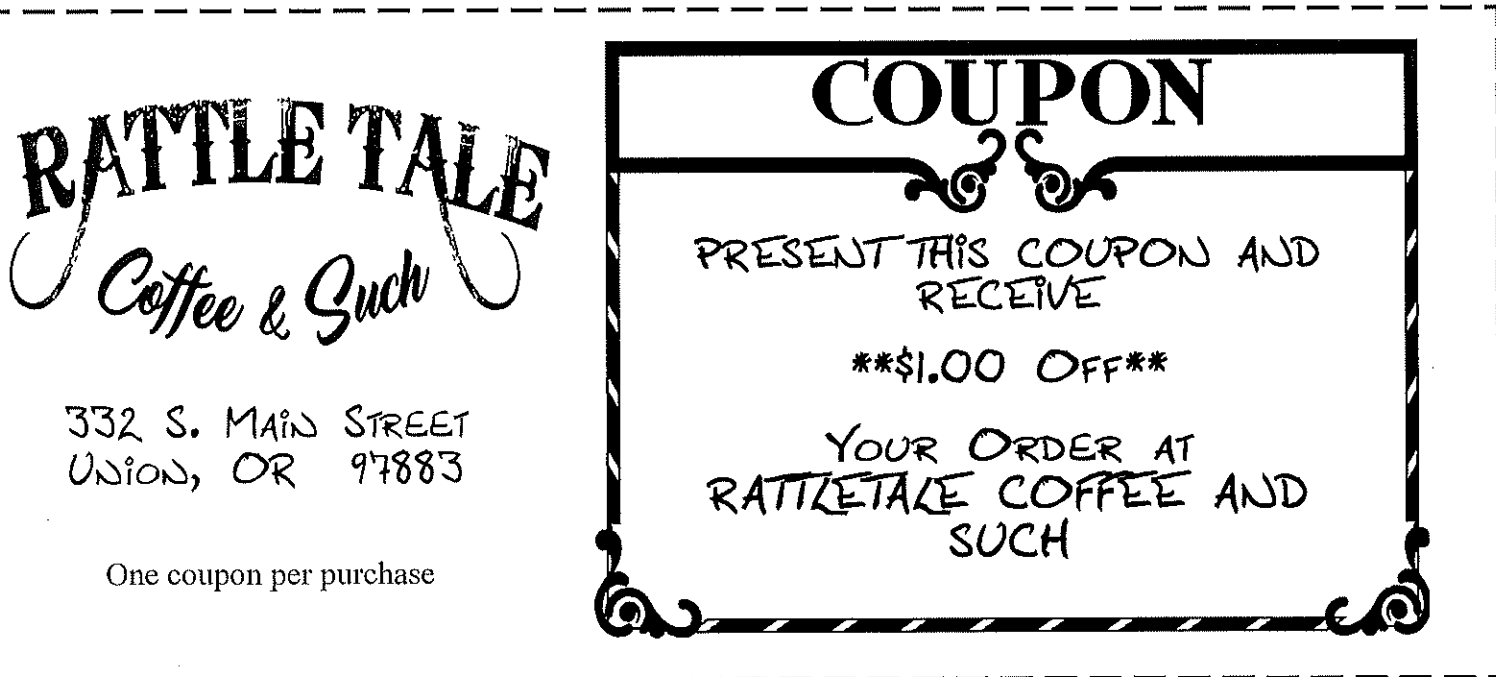
## Student Liaison Seat

The City acknowledges the importance of youth participation in local government. The student liaison seat is the perfect way for your student to become involved in his/her community & local government. And it will great on that college application too!

Student must be entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and be available to attend monthly City Council meetings. City Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

The City of Union will grant a \$500 scholarship upon completion of a successful one-year term and enrollment of college.

Applications can be picked up City Hall or will be available at the High School. Deadline for applications has been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.



**RATTLE TALE**  
*Coffee & Such*

332 S. MAIN STREET  
UNION, OR 97883

One coupon per purchase

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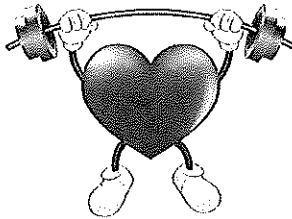
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# SENIOR STRENGTH AND WELLNESS

ALL AGES WELCOME – TRY YOUR FIRST CLASS FREE !!!

Presented by: Active at All Ages with Amy Hassinger



Fall Session #1 Dates: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

- Cost: \$4 drop in, or \$30 for a 10-class series
- Schedule: Wednesdays and Fridays at 9-10:00am
- Location: VFW Post 4060 at 518 N. Main Street

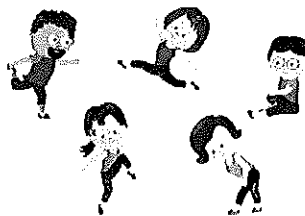
For more information, please contact Amy Hassinger at 541~910~8803

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## SENIOR STRENGTH & WELLNESS CHAIR BASED FITNESS

ALL AGES WELCOME !!!  
TRY YOUR FIRST CLASS FREE !!!

Presented by: Active at All Ages with Amy Hassinger



Fall Session #1 Dates: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

- Cost: \$4 drop in, or \$12 for a 4-class series
- Schedule: Mondays at 2-3:00pm
- Location: VFW Post 4060 at 518 N. Main Street

This class will offer a low impact, modifiable mix of stretching, strength training, and light cardio. We will be seated for the entire class making it ideal for anyone with health issues that don't allow for standing exercises.

For more information, please contact Amy Hassinger at 541~910~8803

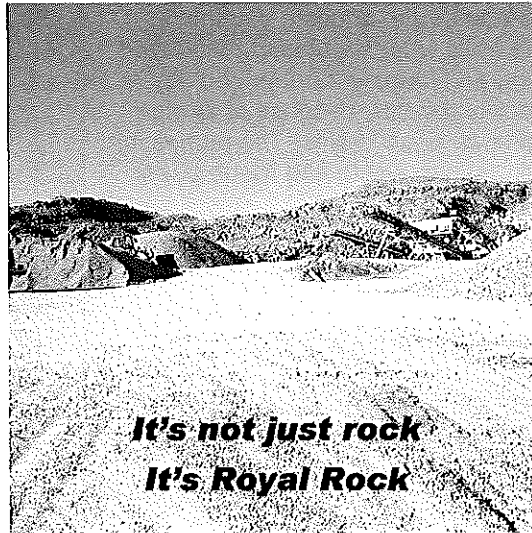
# ROYAL ROCK

**3/4" minus**

**1 1/2" minus**

**4" minus**

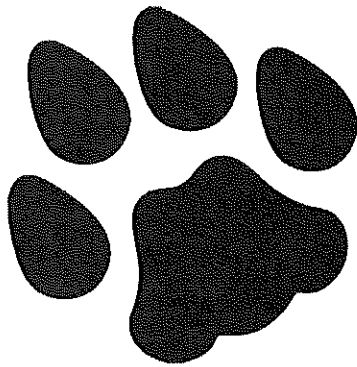
**Between Union & Cove  
59679 Hwy 237**



**Landscape  
Rock**

**Decorative  
Boulders**

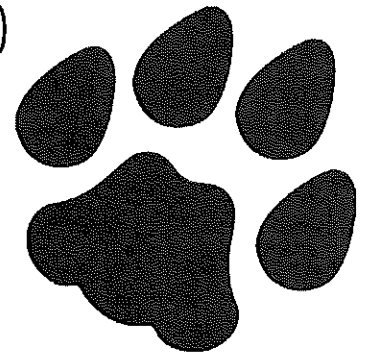
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## UNION SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

Bake-Yard Sale

September 6th & 7th



THE UNIONHIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

Is Seeking Donations

for our Senior Trip Fundraiser. Please Donate any unused items  
to our yard sale before the date above.

All Donations are being accepted in the Rexall Drug Parking Lot

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS  
FEEL FREE TO CALL  
541-562-1617**

Dear Town Resident,

This letter is for all town residents that are connected to the Town's sewer system or will be in the future. This letter is intended to educate you the homeowner and anyone living in your home as to what should not be flushed down the toilets. We have been experiencing an alarming number of clogs at our sewer pump stations and Treatment Facility recently because of foreign material being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. The pumps in these stations are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.

Examples of what should **NOT** be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Cloth rags or towels
- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are "flushable")
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications (Prescription, or over-the-counter. Medication and Sharps disposal container available at the Public Safety Building)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-Tips, dental floss
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind –especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material



In fact, any of the above listed items that should not go into the public sewer system should not be flushed into a septic tank (for those residents not tied into a public sewer). Instead, all of the above items mentioned should be thrown out with the trash or disposed of properly. Remember... only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets. Clogged pumps lead to sewer backups which can back up into homes and are expensive to clean and repair. This cost is born by you -the sewer rate payer.

*City of Union Council Roster:*

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Councillor      Susan Hawkins      [susanhawkins@cityofunion.com](mailto:susanhawkins@cityofunion.com)  
Councillor      Leslie McMillan      [lesliemcmillan@cityofunion.com](mailto:lesliemcmillan@cityofunion.com)  
Councillor      Jay Blackburn      [jayblackburn@cityofunion.com](mailto:jayblackburn@cityofunion.com)  
Councillor      Matt Later      [mattlater@cityofunion.com](mailto:mattlater@cityofunion.com)  
Councillor      John Farmer      [johnfarmer@cityofunion.com](mailto:johnfarmer@cityofunion.com)  
Admin      Doug Wiggins      [dougwiggins@cityofunion.com](mailto:dougwiggins@cityofunion.com)

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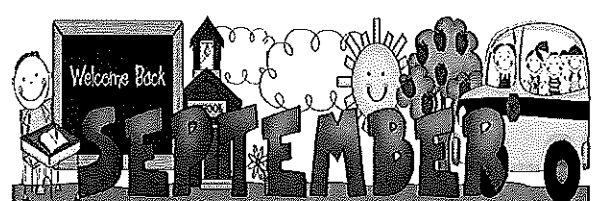
**READY WHEN YOU NEED US.**

**Storm and Flooding Damage**

**541-962-2639**

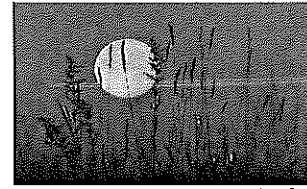
AVAILABLE 24/7

Note: Now is the perfect time to take care of your waterlines before Old Man Winter comes to visit! Prevent those costly repairs and prepare now.



## Shine On Harvest Moon.....

In the days before there were headlights on tractors...or even tractors period.....the lamp of the Harvest Moon helped farmers to gather their crops, despite the diminishing daylight hours. The Harvest Moon refers to the time of year after the autumn equinox when crops were gathered by Native Americans. Corn, pumpkins, squash, beans and wild rice were the main staples that were ready for gathering this time of year. It also refers to the moon's particularly bright appearance and early rise. As the sun's light faded in the west, the moon would rise within minutes to illuminate the fields throughout the night. Usually the full moon rises on average 50 minutes later than the sun sets, but for a few nights around the Harvest Moon, the moon seems to rise just 25 minutes after sun set. That precious extra time for gathering/farming.

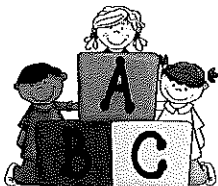


This September the Harvest Moon will rise between September 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, and a few days before and after. The Harvest Moon is the fullest moon of the year. When you gaze at it, it looks very large and gives a lot of light throughout the night. The Harvest Moon is quite spectacular!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to advertise your monthly event or activity email [cityhall@cityofunion.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofunion.com) or call 541-562-5197.

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thursday/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30 pm	541-562-5870
City of Union Chamber	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@eoni.com
City Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon of month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-6134
Order of Eastern Star	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-910-6002
EOLS Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	Union Library	3:30 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Sports Complex	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Planning Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month / every third month	Health Clinic	5:00 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035



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