

# Eagle



# Update

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## Yoncalla High School Gets Seismic Retrofitting

An historic Yoncalla school building is getting new life. Yoncalla High School is approximately 65 years old and is undergoing a seismic retrofitting, thanks to two seismic grants totaling nearing 3 million dollars in state grant money.

The sounds of saws, hammers and shovels have filled the air throughout this summer. After battling water issues, heat issues and countless other structural issues the past few years, the building is getting a new lease on life. "The reports of the building's demise are highly exaggerated," joked principal Brian Berry. "With these improvements, this building is going to be here for a while. YHS is not going anywhere!"

The project has been broken into two phases. Phase One, which has been going on throughout the summer, has seen several structural upgrades including shear walls, new windows (replacing the old glass block) expansion of the office area and a new roof. Phase Two will begin in October and will include structural improvements in the gym and Little Theater.

A key element of this project is improving the look of the building while making sure to keep the charm of the old structure of Yoncalla High School. Along with the seismic improvements, the District is also adding money from their building's budget to ensure that upgrades are made to the heating system that will allow classrooms to be regulated by thermostats.

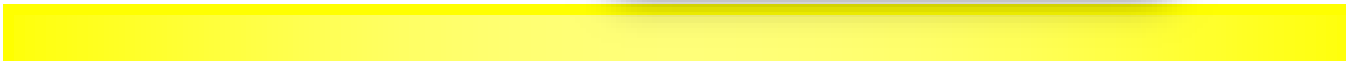
Other improvements that will be included in Phase Two include the lowering of the stage and expansion of the shop area. The goal is to find a way to bring the library into the main building. "For safety reasons, we would like to have our students in the building, and not have them go outside to go to a classroom," stated Berry.

Phase Two is schedule to be completed in the summer of 2019.



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## The Oracle Series

On Monday, Sept. 17 we are hosting CW Trisef, author of The Oracle Series. He will be presenting the books and have books for sale. Order forms are available in the library at each school.

CW Trisef, author of the Oracle Series, travels to schools, conducting an interactive 45-minute assembly to present his book series "Oracle" to students and talk to them about reading, writing, geography, science, etc.

"Oracle" is a wholesome, fact-based, fiction/adventure series for all ages (especially 3rd - 8th grades). It is a planned 7-book series about a teenager who travels all over the world, exploring the mysteries on each continent and collecting the six core elements to Cure The World!



Check out our video's including the book 1 trailer, more about the inspiration behind the series, and what they do at school assemblies

The Oracle Series Videos: <https://www.oracleseries.com/videos/>

## **Yoncalla School District Community BBQ is a Hit with Families**

District staff, students and community members were in attendance at the first district wide community barbeque. Approximately 200 people showed up at the Yoncalla football field for this event. The BBQ was a chance to learn more about the current seismic work going on at the high school, meet new staff and meet community members throughout Yoncalla.

It was a great time of food, fellowship, and there was even local entertainment as the Boohers' performed throughout the evening. "I had so much fun. It was a great group of people, great food, and a lot of laughter," said local community member Stacey Atwell-Keister.

Erin Helgren and Evelyn Pruse made sure that all the food, table and chairs were set up for the event. Helgren works for Children's Institute out of Portland. She has over 25 years of experience and knowledge working with children and families. She has been integral in the success of the pre-school in the district.

Families lined up at the buffet-style BBQ dinner as YSD School Board members Eric Gustafson, Cathey Grimes and Superintendent Brian Berry served up a main dish, salad and desserts.

During the BBQ dinner, the Boohers' performed as Helgren and Berry greeted families and talked about the importance of education throughout the District. The Family Night BBQ was all about having school staff and families coming together to demonstrate the partnership it takes to raise the community's children.

Helgren said the turnout to the event was fantastic and she hopes that the event will continue to motivate parents to get involved in their children's education.



## Yoncalla School District receives Curriculum Grant

The Yoncalla School District is getting a \$75,000 grant from the Ford Family Foundation in the form of a Douglas County School Innovation Grant. The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is "successful citizens and vital rural communities" in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The Foundation is located in Roseburg, Oregon, with a Scholarship office in Eugene.

The grant money will be dispersed in different amounts over the next two years to grades K-12 in the district. The first year's grant disbursement is \$35,000. Grades K-6 will be purchasing new reading and math curriculum, while the high school will focus on language arts and science. This grant and the professional training that will come with it will help to update and replace curriculum that is antiquated, at best. "We are in dire need of new curriculum and this update will help YSD to begin to update its curriculum," stated Yoncalla Elementary School principal Kelly Campbell.

The lack of relevant curriculum has hindered YSD for several years. "We have been teaching with limited and outdated curriculum for a number of years," stated Campbell. Curriculum is important in education because it helps teachers deliver an effective education. It can set standards, goals and learning outcomes that help students move from grade level to grade level.

Yoncalla's schools will be prioritizing teacher training with the new curriculum. This training will help support staff with on-going training of the curriculum. Principals at each school will oversee and ensure that teachers are proficient and understand all elements of the new curriculum.



## Native Update

Fall is approaching as we embark on the 2018-2019 school year. Change is in the air amongst us all. Leaves are starting to turn beautiful colors of orange, red, and yellow. Decorating the ground and trees. The fresh crisp smell of rain showers is slowly appearing and much needed. Our beautiful outdoors is falling victim to many wildfires and, wow, are we thankful for all the men and women who are out fighting the fires.

Many of you are very excited for drumming to begin this school year. The first drumming session will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Just like all the changes happening around us there are changes happening in drumming, too. There will no longer be transportation provided for in-town kiddos. Drumming students will share a bus with other after-school activities and we only have a small bus.

More exciting changes and opportunities are in the making. Stay tuned.

## Upcoming Events

- 9/17 MS Glide Volleyball
- 9/18 MS/HS Open House
- 9/19 MS Football @ Waldport
- 9/20 MS Volleyball v UVC
- 9/20 HS Volleyball v Elkton
- 9/21 HS Football @ Lowell
- 9/22 HS Volleyball @ Mohawk
- 9/22 XC @ Elijah Bristow
- 9/24-28 Homecoming Week
- 9/24 Decade Day
- 9/24 Hall Decorating, Stud Volleyball, Mud Tug
- 9/24 MS Volleyball @ Elkton
- 9/25 HS Volleyball @ Glendale
- 9/25 Frat Boy Day
- 9/26 MS Football v No Douglas
- 9/26 Vine/Meme Day
- 9/27 Blue & Gold Day
- 9/27 HS Volleyball v UVC
- 9/27 MS Volleyball v No Douglas
- 9/28 HS Football v Mapleton
- 9/29 HS XC @Springfield HS
- 9/29 HS VB Gilchrist Tourney
- 9/29 MS Volleyball v Elkton
- 10/1 MS Volleyball @ Glide
- 10/2 HS Volleyball v UVC
- 10/4 HS Volleyball @ Pacific
- 10/4 MS Volleyball @ UVC
- 10/5 HS Football @ North Douglas
- 10/6 HS XC @ Valley of the Rogue
- 10/6 MS Volleyball B Tourney
- 10/8 MS Volleyball v Elkton
- 10/9 HS Volleyball v No Douglas
- 10/10 HS Volleyball @ Crow
- 10/12 HS Football @ Elkton
- 10/17 HS XC @ Veneta
- 10/19 HS Football v Oakridge

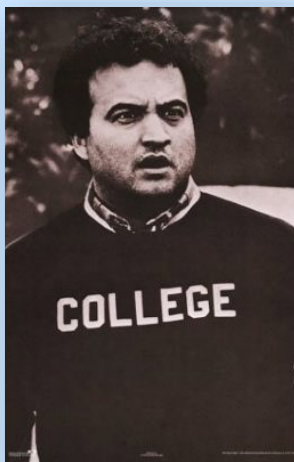
## Constructing Leaders

### Yoncalla School

#### District Priorities

1. Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments.
2. Each child will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post secondary education and careers, and the self-reliance to be a productive citizen.
3. A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all stakeholders
4. Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month is college t-shirt day. Be proud and wear the college t-shirt of your choice.



When the doors at Yoncalla High School open this September, the YHS Associated Student Body will be noticing a lot of new faces. First year adviser Brett Andry summed up his goals for the year like this: "We are going to have a lot of leadership students this year that are going to come into the school year not really understanding what leadership is truly about. Just like any sport, we are going to have to start with the fundamentals and work our way up from there!" Some goals that Andry has for his students include: teaching the leadership students how to run a meeting properly, how to prepare a meeting agenda and meeting minutes, how to resolve conflict and communicate effectively within a group, and how to lead by example. The YHS leadership group will again be attending the Oregon Association of Student Body's (OASC) Fall Conference in November in Seaside, Oregon.

Trevor Weinhold, new ASB President, will be taking over for four-year ASB member, Ben Simons, who graduated this past June. Weinhold says "I am excited to work with this new group of people to start the year! There are some returning members who will bring our traditions of what we do here at YHS and new members who will bring fresh and creative ideas to the table. These should help us make everything we do here at our school more inclusive and enjoyable for everybody." The leadership class will be meeting every day during seventh period to discuss, plan, and implement all of the activities that we will have here at YHS, so if you have an idea, please let us know!

# 5th

# Grade

**Welcome to Mrs. Shilling's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom! The first week of school we learned several greeting songs we will sing each day as we begin our morning! We have learned that it is so important for our brains to make connections to others and build each other up! We love these songs. Mrs. Shilling has taught us how to do some deep breathing activities to help us get into a calm state when we need it! We do every day and it helps our mind get focused to learn and to be able to deal with our emotions!**

**We welcomed two new students to our classroom: Alivia Clemens from Cottage Grove and Bitty Burns from Glide.**

**Our class motto this year is: We Are All In This Together!! Our goal is to spread kindness to others. We have a Kindness Tree on our bulletin board and we will fill up the tree as we see others spreading kindness! We're off to a GREAT start!**

## Yoncalla FBLA Looks to Continue Its Recent Success

### YONCALLA EAGLE T-SHIRTS SOAR AROUND THE WORLD

Two years ago, the elementary school worked with a group called Imagine Africa and conducted a gently used or new T-shirt drive for a small village in Malawi, Africa. Little did we know that MANY shirts would be donated and among them were a lot of Yoncalla Eagles T-shirts. This week we received pictures of the many happy faces of children that received these shirts and we were surprised to see so many of our school shirts being worn! Currently there are volunteers with Imagine Africa helping build a new feeding center in Namakoma Village. Imagine Africa has ongoing and new projects starting all the time and can be reached at <http://facebook.com/mlmalawi/> if anyone has an interest to help or be involved.

Over the last several years the Yoncalla Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter has come accustomed to finding success on the battlefield of the business world. Under the leadership of long-time adviser, Carrie Davis, the year 2015 marked the beginning of a four-year run in which Yoncalla FBLA sent several students each year to the FBLA state and national competitions in Portland and all around the country. After Carrie Davis retired, the program looked to veteran math teacher, Cheryl Simons, for guidance and again the program found success at the state and national stages. Simons also retired this last June, and so a new chapter of Yoncalla FBLA is set to begin.

The 2018-2019 school years marks the beginning of a new era for Yoncalla FBLA. New FBLA adviser, Brett Andry, is at the helm and looking to build upon the success of past years with a mostly new group of students. "We have a couple of veteran FBLA members returning this year, but for the most part, we are going to be pretty new, which is very exciting for me as an adviser! It's always fun to watch new FBLA students experience all of the events and activities associated with FBLA throughout the year!" Kaleigh Soto, a YHS junior this year, went to the national conference in Baltimore, Maryland this last June and this is what she had to say about the upcoming school year. "It's going to be pretty exciting to watch all of our incoming members grow as individuals and see how far each of them can make it in our regional, state, and national skills events. My personal goal is to help our chapter send at least one team to the national skills conference this next June, which is being held in San Antonio, Texas."

Mr. Andry will be having an FBLA class 6<sup>th</sup> period this year. Any students interested in the program can sign up to take his class at that time or talk to any of the current FBLA members to learn more or to sign up!



Children in Malawi wearing Eagles t-shirts!



## Summer Music

A talented group of middle and high school musicians performed in Yoncalla this summer as the Yoncalla Summer Ensemble. The students met for a week of rehearsals and played five songs at the Yoncalla Deli's 30th anniversary celebration and the Yoncalla Summer Festival.

On July 4, students from the choir joined the band to sing the National Anthem for the crowd assembled to watch the fireworks. Yoncalla students were joined by guest musicians from Sutherlin and our very own 5th grade teacher Mrs. Schilling.

Tammy Eveland from the Yoncalla Deli expressed her heartfelt thanks for the kids' performance and presented the band with a donation from the community. Summer band is a great opportunity to try out a new instrument, meet new people, and support community



Athussos Gilbert, Shaunasi Hardy, Marilyn Deese, Trevor Weinhold and Kali Schuster prepare for some rather funny senior pictures.



Shaunasi Hardy serves. The football team cheers for the volleyball girls.



Ms. Wilde two Natural Resource classes went to the Pacific Logging Congress demo forest on September 13. Savannah Roseberry sits pretty in a giant logging machine.

