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Historic Church Remodel Wins 2 State-wide Awards

The remodel project converting the 1886 First Baptist Church of Dayton into the new home for The Block House Cafe has received two prestigious awards. The first was bestowed on October 7th at the Oregon Main Street Conference in The Dalles, for "Best Adaptive Reuse". This award is granted for the best adaptive reuse of a



Left to right: Jason Aust, Owner Block House Cafe; Kelly Haverkate, Owner's Rep.; Paul Falsetto, Architect; Ben Fackler, Contractor

building that has outlived its former use. Paul Falsetto, architect for the project was on hand to accept the award.

"The Block House Cafe Project exemplifies what we are looking for in this award category", says Sheri Stuart, Oregon Main Street Coordinator. "It brought new life to an important building that had sat vacant for years while maintaining its historic character. It is fun to be there on a Sunday morning and see it bustling with locals and visitors enjoying brunch!"

On November 13th, the project received its second award at a benefit in Portland for Restore Oregon. Formerly Historic Preservation League of Oregon, Restore Oregon is a statewide voice for preservation and reuse, addressing issues that threaten communities' historic fabric. The DeMuro award honors extraordinary historic rehabilitation projects and compatible infill development. "The purpose of the DeMuro Awards is to celebrate those who steward Oregon's historic places with particular excellence, persistence and impact," says Restore Oregon Executive Director, Peggy Moretti.

This renovation project has greatly increased the number of customers The Block House Cafe serves, allowing them to employ an additional 4 people. The Block House Cafe is a draw for both local community members and visitors. Just as important is the boost in morale this project has given the community of Dayton. It is the first major renovation project in years, adding to the good work in facade improvement and business remodeling already completed by downtown property owners.

"This Project has given a new life to one of Dayton's beloved historic landmarks," stated Kelly Haverkate, Main Street Coordinator. "By utilizing this church structure in a new way we have allowed it to grow to meet the needs of its community. Instead of sitting vacant and deteriorating, new generations are able to truly enjoy the history and ambiance of this beautiful building".

Dayton Business News

An abundance of business news to share in this edition! Since May, we've had two new businesses open in Downtown with two additional opening in the next few weeks.

Locally Picked, at 302 Ferry St., opened its doors during our first *Friday Nights* of the season in late May. Scott Archibald and Keith Agee have created a very fun retail space, full of antiques and memorabilia allowing all ages to step back in time and have some fun. Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday 10am - 6pm. Friday, Saturday 10am - 9pm

Lonestar BBQ, at 312 Ferry St. opened in early June. Their menu features a few of Lupita's favorites and a whole lot of Texas BBQ! Also available for catering and events at the restaurant, Norma and Brian Huettl have given this community another great place to eat. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10:30am - 7:30 pm.

Francis Court at 303 Main St. is a brand new mixed use building, the first in Dayton in many years. The best part about this wonderful new space is the addition of 2 more businesses!

Dayton Mercantile will be opening in time for holiday shopping Debbie Kearns, Debbie Smith and Teresa Shelburne (proprietors) will be offering a beautiful and fun array of Gifts, Decor and MORE! They'll be opening November 27th and happy to assist you in finding some perfect holiday gifts. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 6pm Sunday 11am - 5pm .

Seufert Winery is expanding and also opening a new tasting room at 303 Main. Jim Seufert & Michelle Wasner, with Sophia & Isabelle, will be welcoming you to a beautiful new venue to sip some wine by the fire. They will be opening December 5th in their new home, with hours still to be determined.

As you can see, YOUR DOWNTOWN is becoming an amazing place to visit!

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From our Main Street Coordinator

Fall is such a great time of year! Reflecting on successes of the summer festivals, and summer harvests and anticipating the holidays. I hope you've gotten downtown to enjoy the beauty in our park.

I'd like to introduce our DCDA "Volunteers of the Year" 2015. Jeannie Putman & Pam Ealy were selected with heartfelt thanks for their many hours of dedication to another successful Dayton Friday Nights and to the DCDA in general.



We truly hope you enjoyed the events throughout the summer. It takes a dedicated army of folks to bring these events to the community. **If YOU would like to help us continue to create home town memories with our summer events, Please give me a call! 971-241-2076. We'd love to have you part of our team!**

~~ Kelly Haverkate

CALLING ARTISTS of ALL AGES!

Artscape is a new event coming this spring! We are looking for artists who would like to share their interpretation of Dayton history, community or agriculture on a 30" x 60" canvas board. Artwork will be used to create banners to hang all summer in an outdoor gallery downtown. Contact info@daytonoregon.org or 971 241-2076

Artscape Comes to Downtown!



During the summer season 2016, Downtown Dayton will come alive with an outdoor art gallery! We'll feature the work of local artists displayed on light pole banners. A walking tour will allow you to learn more about each artist and their work. We will kick off this Artscape event with a grand unveiling on May 21, 2016.

The wonderful local art will be available for viewing while enjoying local food, beverages and music. You'll have the opportunity to bid on and purchase our local works of art. Artscape will be a fundraiser for future downtown events as we work together to continue to add beauty to our community.

Plan now to experience Dayton's, first ever, CHOCOLATE CRAWL!

For a special Valentine experience, spend the afternoon of February 13th, experiencing CHOCOLATE in many different ways in throughout Downtown. Your purchase of a Chocolate Crawl Passport will allow you to enjoy an afternoon filled with Deliciousness!



Keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available!

Sign up for our e-newsletters on the front page of our website www.daytonoregon.org Or, "like" our Facebook page "Downtown Dayton, Oregon"

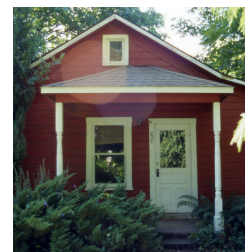
This will keep you up on ALL the happenings!

Why call it Francis Court?

Why call the new place Francis Court? This question has come up numerous times as the new development takes shape next to the Blockhouse Cafe on Main Street.



For several decades, Carl H. Francis, maintained his Law Office in the little red house that was formerly in this location at 303 Main Street. His legendary career started almost 80 year ago when he arrived in Dayton in 1937 to live and start his law practice. To many residents in this century, it is surprising to learn that Dayton was home to a State Legislator and County D.A., and District Judge – all Carl H. Francis.



From his obituary, April 18, 1995 - Carl met his wife, Vi, here in Dayton where she worked as a social worker for the State Public Welfare Division. Throughout his life, he referred to Vi as "his bride." And with reverence, talked about the small town he loved as the 'village of Dayton.' A historian at heart, Carl was much interested in preserving local history and artifacts about Joel Palmer, the town's founder and nationally recognized Oregon pioneer. With his law office right across the street from the Blockhouse and next to a historic church, Carl often spontaneously ventured out and spoke with visitors about the history of the town. He continued to be an advocate for local history, and the village of Dayton throughout his life.

Carl served as the Mayor of Dayton for several terms in the 1940s. He was the youngest mayor elected in Oregon. At the time of his first term, he was but 25 years old.

He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1943, serving 12 years. He then served in the Oregon Senate for 8 years. He served as the chairman of the judiciary committees in both the House and Senate. He later became Yamhill County District Attorney and went on to serve for more than 6 years as a judge in Yamhill County District Court.

After retiring, Francis served as an unofficial greeter at the Dayton Block House, where he often spoke with visitors and shared with them the history of the town. He served as "a walking, talking chamber of commerce", a city official said.

Photo and obituary information courtesy of the News-Register, McMinnville, OR

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Greetings, Dayton!

After a busy and successful summer of community events, we are looking forward to a new season of fellowship with our neighbors. The holidays bring lots of good will and opportunities to apply it locally. Please watch water bills and

posters for occasions where your generosity and service can improve the lives of others through coat drives, toy drives, food drives, wreath and tree sales, the tree of giving, and more.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" - Mahatma Gandhi

There will also be moments to gather and celebrate, including our annual tree lighting. Please join me on December 5th at 6 pm in Courthouse Square Park for hot cocoa, special musical entertainment, and the illumination of our historic bandstand.

Our hardworking, dedicated Council has several ongoing projects intended to improve the experiences of those who live and work in Dayton. We have recently become an Innovate Oregon city and we are working on creative ways to examine aging infrastructure, resource management, and public safety. We are also looking for small policy changes we can make to encourage community responsibility. To that effect, we have approved a new yard debris drop off program, operated through Recology Western Oregon in McMinnville. You likely received a mailer that included a window cling which grants access to the yard debris drop off without additional on-site payment. I also selected several homes throughout the city as Mayor's Beautification Award recipients. The homes are code compliant, nicely kept or recently improved, and feature landscaping accomplishments that enhance the beauty of Dayton. We appreciate the work it takes to lead neighborhoods toward aesthetic improvement.

Thank you all for your work, and for allowing me to work for you.

Beth Wytoski, Mayor of Dayton

Water Supply Development Account – SB 839

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature established the Water Supply Development Account, however, at the time, the account was not funded. This past legislative session, the legislature funded the account through SB 839. The account has \$14 million for construction projects that either improve and or upgrade access to water supply. Any project has to have environmental, economic, and social/cultural benefits. As the City has reported previously, in June 2014, the City purchased an agricultural property most recently known as Fisher Farms. The City's purpose in acquiring the land was to utilize the existing water rights and wells. The City needs to do a few upgrades to the wells and connect them to the City's water system. The City also needs to replace the Main Transmission Line coming into town from the watershed springs, which is an old steel line circa 1935. This line leaks terribly and is the main source of the City's water loss. The City continues to strive to be strategic about major water system projects due to our already high water rate. The City is working on an application to the Water Resources

Department for Water Supply Development Account funds. This program would provide 75% of project costs in the form of a grant. The more grant money the City obtains, the less that has to be funded through water rates, which would go a long way towards taking care of the water systems most urgent needs while having little impact on the water rate.

Sewer System Improvements

The City is also working on sewer system improvements. Most of the City's sewer infrastructure is as it was originally established in 1965. Our main pump station at the Footbridge is very undersized and the type of pumps at the station are no longer manufactured, so any maintenance necessary has to be customized. The City will be pursuing funding to replace this pump station as well as the lift station at the Highway 221 Bridge.

The City has a lagoon system for sewer treatment and discharge, which, in short, means we treat and discharge water for 6 months of the year and have to hold it in the lagoons for 6 months of the year. Our lagoon system is at capacity, so our options are to expand the lagoon system (i.e.: build another lagoon), or build a full

treatment facility. Both of those options are extremely expensive, so the City has been working on an innovative filtering system that uses Membrane Bio Reactors (MBR), essentially we are pulling water through filters attached to floating docks in one of the lagoons, and Reverse Osmosis (RO). Pushing sewer water through an RO unit gets the water clean enough to discharge year round. The City is working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on this pilot study of this type of system. This has the potential to be fairly groundbreaking for small towns in Oregon. It is much cheaper than expanding the lagoon system or building a sewer treatment plant. The City will be analyzing the ongoing maintenance needs and costs of the system to ensure that it provides the best possible solution.



Martin Miller Fountain



The Martin Miller Fountain in Courthouse Square Park is complete and was functional all summer (except for the first Friday Night). The fountain was rebuilt to honor the original Miller Fountain, but it includes a few alterations. The major difference is that the new fountain includes moving

water, with flows to and from the center column. In addition to the fountain rebuild, the interior pathways in the park were improved. There is an 8 foot sidewalk from Ferry Street to the fountain and from the fountain to the bandstand. There is also new decorative concrete around the fountain matching new decorative concrete at the bandstand and at the Ferry Street entrance to the park.

Scott Pingel, City Manager



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Upcoming Events

November 23 - Tree of Giving tags available for pickup at Dayton Library

December 5 - Community Open House at the new Francis Court building 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - 303 Main St.

December 5 - Tree lighting ceremony in Courthouse Square Park - 6:00 pm

December 12 - Breakfast with Santa - Community Center - 8:00 am to 11:00 am

January 15 - February 14 - Hearts of Dayton fundraising campaign: This is your opportunity to help make 2016 Dayton Friday Nights awesome. Visit your local businesses and buy a heart!

February 13 - Chocolate Crawl: Your purchase of a passport will benefit the DCDA and have you enjoying chocolate all around downtown. Be sure to check out local Dayton Facebook pages as the date draws closer.

March 26 - Easter Egg Hunt - Courthouse Square Park and Dayton Grade School

April 2 - FFA Auction - Dayton High School

April 23 - Dayton Education Foundation Dinner and Auction - Stoller Family Estate

May 21 - Artscape kick off auction - Francis Court 7:00 pm

June 3 - Dayton Friday Nights Kickoff



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