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It's March & we are feeling LUCKY! Being lucky isn't just about leprechauns, rainbows, pots of gold or shamrocks! Often luck comes from hard work like the old adage "the harder you work, the luckier you get". This month we celebrate some of the folks who are working hard to ensure we have all the things we are lucky to have. So grab your coffee & Irish Cream (we won't tell) and read on to find out what's happening in Oroville.

The Streetscape/ TOI Update

Esther Sorenson - Oroville Streetscape is saddened by the loss of another long time member, Esther Sorensen. Esther loved Oroville, its flowers, and was known to light up a dance floor. She helped plant flowers in the spring before May Day and care for them during the summer. We will miss Esther and her dedication to Oroville.

Driving Oroville Tourism - The Oroville Initiative is working with the City and the Chamber to help increase tourism. TOI has created a new destination website discoverorovillewa.com that will be used in targeted regional and national advertising in the upcoming months.

Pot of Gold & Leprechauns - Streetscape has begun 2024 fundraising. Our donor letter has been mailed to residents (thank you City of Oroville!) and our donor list. Funds raised will be used to pay for the flowers for street pots, flower beds and other Streetscape projects.

We are in a "Pickle" - Well, not really, but TOI is now waiting for an additional grant application the City has applied for to be approved. If that application is approved it will increase the scope of the pickleball court project and determine the location of the court.



New Tourism Website:
DiscoverOrovilleWA.com

What's Happening in Oroville in March

Chamber Update - The Oroville WA Chamber of Commerce has been busy! Chamber hosted a Scam and Fraud Information session at the Senior Center. Chamber is also working on a "Run to the Border" event tentatively booked for May 18th. And it's official, the CIRCUS IS COMING June 10th. The Chamber's new website is still in progress and will feature all our local businesses and will serve as a vital resource to the community. Members will have the added benefit of a dedicated, self-managed page to describe their services, upload pictures, provide contact details and submit job postings. Think local online yellow pages AND community job board all in one! It's a great time to join the Oroville WA Chamber of Commerce! See Shelly or Peggy at Umpqua Bank to pick up an application.



Scholarships for Oroville Youth - The Oroville Scholarship Foundation will host it's annual variety show fundraiser and auction on March 9 at the American Legion. Doors open at 5, auction at 6. Come out and meet Queen Anna Hernandez, Princess Jayden Glover and Princess Sierra Buckmiller, the young ladies who will represent our town in parades around Washington. All proceeds support Oroville students planning to further their education.

Mason's St Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction - The Mason's are hosting their annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner & Auction at the Oroville American Legion on Saturday March 16th. Dinner and silent auction begin at 5:30 and live auction at 6:30. Proceeds benefit local youth, including scholarships, bikes for books and Christmas baskets.



St Paddy Parties & March 16th Events - Get your Irish on at the Brickhouse where DJ Boone starts the party at 8:00. The P&D is hosting a St. Paddy's party with a steak dinner at 5:00 and Lota and Friends starting at 6:00. Brock Hires will be performing at the Grange starting at 6:00. Admission is by donation. All these events are Saturday March 16th!



Your To-Do List - We are lucky to have locals like Dennis & Nancy Peterson who gather entertainment and community events for the entire North Okanogan (from Penticton to Winthrop) and deliver a weekly email with activities to keep you busy and entertained! You can sign up at northokanogan.com



March "Word on the Street" - The Dollar General will likely be breaking ground in the next 30-60 days. The Trading Post is trading hands - a pending sale has us very excited for some positive change! My Kidz Place Daycare on Main Street is really close to opening, really, we promise! And sadly, Frontier Floral is closing shop at 811 12th Avenue on March 1st. Bouquets will still be available in the case at Frontier Foods and special orders can be made two weeks in advance.

Overwhelming Community Support - Our community came out in full force in February. \$3500 was raised by the Booster Club to buy new uniforms for the OHS Marching Band! Look for those at the May Day Parade! And dog lovers came out with tails wagging to help at the No Paws clean up day. We are lucky to have such a giving community!

HORNET REPORT

The Oroville Chronicle is Online - You can now read your Hornet student newspaper on the district home page. Find out what's happening at the school from the folks who are in the know, the students!

Hornets "Express" Their Love of Expressions - Read this month's business feature on Expressions Espresso, written by OHS student Allie. "It isn't often that you can go into a coffee shop and have meaningful conversations with the owner and everyone around you, but at Cori's you get just that and more." Read Allie's full article on our website under "News".

WIAA Athlete of the Week - Congratulations to Shiloh Willis who was recently a WIAA Athlete of the Week. Shiloh competed at the state wrestling championship this season. Last season as an 8th grade wrestler, she had a 18-3 win loss record against 9th -12th grade girls. Her season was cut short by an injury requiring surgery. This season she had a 31- 6 record and earned a 2nd place finish at regionals to move on to the State competition.

Sports - The Oroville High School Golf team will host 3 tournaments in March - March 12th @2:00, March 20th @ 2:00 and March 25th @ 1:30. Find all the spring sports schedules, baseball, softball, track & field, golf and boys soccer, at www.oroVILLEathletics.com

Coffee with the Principals - OHS Principal Achondo Wednesday March 13 at 8:00am & OES Principal Theiss Friday March 1 at 1:15am. Please check in at the office upon arrival.

March at the Oroville Library
Tuesday March 5 - Suminigashi at 4 - 5:30
Tuesday March 12 & 26 - Worksource at 10-3
Wednesdays Crafternoon at 1:00 - 3:00
Thursdays Preschool Storytime at 10:30

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March Community Meetings

Oroville Booster Club Monday March 4 6PM OHS Commons	Oroville City Council Tuesday March 5 & 19 7PM City Hall	Chamber of Commerce Tuesday March 12 6PM Library Civic Room	Oroville School Board Monday March 25 6:30 OHS Library	The Oroville Initiative Thursday March 28 6PM Library Civic Room
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