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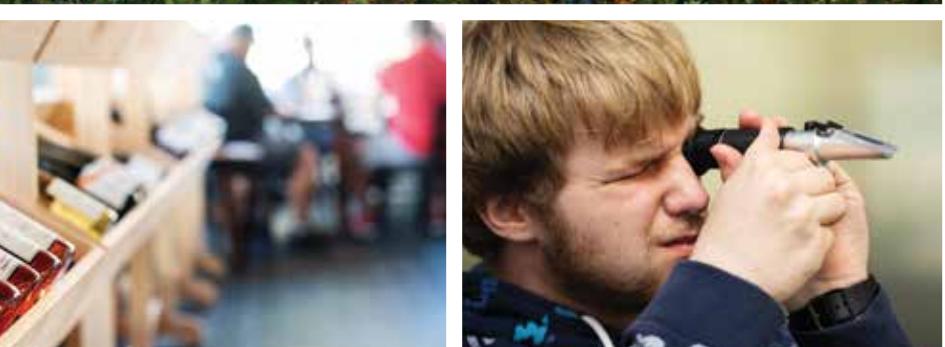
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The Cast of Characters

Unique soil and sub-climates gives each local AVA their own flavor

When purchasing a bottle of wine, you'll see several key elements on the label, including the brand name, wine variety, vintage, alcohol by volume and the place where the grapes were grown, also called an AVA. Short for American Viticultural Area, an AVA is a distinctive area of land possessing unique wine-growing characteristics,

such as climate, soil type, elevation and geology.

It takes a lot of effort, coordination and research to submit an application to the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), which manages and approves the official register. It takes years for the process to run its course.

As of March 2025, Oregon boasts 23 AVAs. The

greater super AVA of the Willamette Valley contains more than a dozen separate AVAs, eight of which call the Yamhill Valley home.

Dundee Hills

Dundee Hills is situated within an irregular circle of about 6,490 acres and is protected by the Coast Range rain shadow to the west, resulting in

only 30 to 45 inches of annual precipitation, most of which falls outside the growing season.

The Dundee Hills is known for its rich, red volcanic Jory soils formed from ancient volcanic basalt and consisting of silt, clay and loam soils. The AVA consists of a single, continuous landmass that rises above the surrounding Willamette Valley

floors and is defined by the 200-foot contour line to the area's highest peak of 1,067 feet.

McMinnville

Located in a protective rain shadow cast by the Coast Range, McMinnville's east- and south-facing vineyards receive less rainfall than sites only 12 miles to the east. The foothills also provide protection from cold wind occurring in the spring and fall. Wine-growers have the option of planting vineyards on more southerly facing sites to take advantage of the drying winds from the Van Duzer Corridor, which helps control mold and mildew during Oregon's humid summer days.

The soils are the oldest

and most complex of any Oregon AVA, primarily consisting of uplifted marine sedimentary loam and silt with alluvial overlays; beneath is a base of uplifting basalt.

Elevation levels range from 200 to 1,000 feet, and the area encompasses the east and southeast slopes of the Coast Range foothills.

Yamhill-Carlton

Low ridges surround the towns of Yamhill and Carlton in a horseshoe shape. The free-flowing North Yamhill River courses through the center of it all.

Vineyards thrive on sites with elevations between 200 and 1,000 feet. The Coast Range to the west rises to nearly 3,500 feet, establishing a rain shad-

ow. Chehalem Mountain to the north and the Dundee Hills to the east provide more protection.

The moderate growing conditions are suited for cool-climate grapes.

Yamhill-Carlton is comprised of coarse-grained, ancient marine sedimentary soils over sandstone and siltstone. Grapes grown in such soil often result in wines lower in acid than those made from grapes grown in basaltic or wind-blown soils.

Eola-Amity Hills

Measuring 37,900 acres, the AVA enjoys a temperate climate of warm summers and mild winters, and 40 inches of annual rain, most of which falls outside the growing season.

The climate in this region is greatly influenced by its position due east of the Van Duzer Corridor, dropping temperatures in the region dramatically, especially during late summer afternoons, helping to keep grape acids firm.

The soils mainly contain volcanic basalt from ancient lava flows as well as marine sedimentary rocks and alluvial deposits at lower elevations. This combination results in a relatively shallow, rocky set of well-drained soils that produce fruit with great concentration.

The majority of the region's vineyard sites exist at elevations between 250 to 700 feet.

BELOW: Vineyard view of Resonance Wines in the Dundee Hills
LEFT: Ariel view of Youngberg Hill Inn and Winery





Van Duzer Corridor

The Van Duzer Corridor AVA sits 20 miles northwest of Salem with rolling hills stretching across 60,000 acres.

The soil is marine sedimentary with some basalt over siltstone bedrock. While these soils remain unique to the area and impact both grapes and wine, the fortunes of this AVA rest with the wind funneling through the Van Duzer Corridor, a break in the Coast Range, and into this part of the Valley.

The vines respond to the hefty winds and cooler evening temperatures by developing thicker skins, which results in darker, richer Pinot Noir. Cooler evening temperatures also preserve the fruit's acidity, helping balance the tannins generated by thicker-skinned grapes.

Chehalem Mountains

Encompassing more than 100 square miles, the AVA's elevation ranges from 200 to 1,633 feet, resulting in varied annual precipitation (37 inches at the lowest point and 60 inches at the highest) as well as the greatest variation in temperature within the Willamette Valley.

These variations can result in three-week differences in the ripening of Pinot Noir.

The Chehalem Mountains reflect millions of years of soil accumulation, creating a rich geological experiment in one tightly packed geographical area.

Within this one region there are ancient, uplifted sedimentary seabeds, weathered rich red soils from lava flows down the Columbia River and relatively new glacial sediment scoured from western states and blown

onto north-facing hillsides from windstorms.

Ribbon Ridge

Ribbon Ridge is contained within the larger Chehalem Mountains. Protected by geographical features to the north, south and west, Ribbon Ridge's grape-growing hillsides are slightly warmer and drier when compared to the adjacent valley floors.

Its moderate climate is well suited for early grape growth in the spring, consistent and even ripening over the summer and a long, full maturing season in the fall.

Ribbon Ridge contains mostly sedimentary soils that are younger, finer and more uniform than the alluvial sedimentary and volcanic soils of nearby regions. These well-drained, silty clay-loam soils are part of the Wil-

lakenzie series and are of low fertility and ideal for growing grapes like Pinot Noir. Topographically, the ridge rises 683 feet from the Chehalem Valley floor, giving it an island-like appearance.

Laurelwood

Located within the Chehalem Mountains AVA, Laurelwood AVA contains 33,600 acres and exists between the elevations of 200 and 1,600 feet, near the top of Bald Peak.

While it's rainier and cooler than its Tualatin Hills neighbors, Laurelwood shares its one significant feature with them: Laurelwood soil, a reddish-colored soil comprised of weathered volcanic basalt mixed with windblown silt exists.

Laurelwood soil also contains pisolithes that contribute complexity and rose petal qualities to



Pinot Noir.

With no big rocks or blocks of hardpan, roots drive straight down in search of water. Younger vines produce high pH grapes with powerfully floral aromatics, dusty tannins and red fruit flavors. As the roots age and dig deeper, they touch the basalt zone. At that point, grapes gain in acidity, acquiring darker fruit flavors.

Mount Pisgah, Polk County

Named by Missourian Colonel Cornelius Gilliam as a tribute to a mountain sharing the same name near his childhood home, Mount Pisgah, Polk County, Oregon is our state's newest, and third smallest AVA. Wholly within the larger Willamette Valley appellation, the TTB agreed in 2022 with the proposal petitioners that the 5,850-acre mountain has unique features distinguishing it from the surrounding area.

The soil is marine sediment above ancient Siletz

rock. Open Claim Vineyards comprises one of just nine vineyards within the new AVA. Owner Brett Wall explains, "Among the distinctions is the geological feature of the Siletz River volcanics parent material which provides a special character to the wines produced from the fruit grown in this area." In fact, the new AVA claims the oldest soils in the Willamette Valley.

Higher elevation and lower temperature remains another differentiating factor after soil and wind speed, allowing for lower sugar levels and higher acidity, resulting in wines that are fresh and vibrant.

ABOVE: Wine tasting at Raptor Ridge in Newberg LEFT: Flaneur Wines in Carlton.

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Mixing it up in Mac

New scene of indie producers blossoming

Oregon's small production wineries are not new; nearly every pioneered label originated as a family-owned farm. To this day, around 50% of the current producers still yield less than 5,000 cases annually after the angels share.

Occasionally, a group of individuals stimulate the desire for one another to create an addition of their own, while adding to the area's natural generosity.

Throughout the years, winemaker Erich Berg of Ricochet Wines never thought his desire to produce something he could claim solely would result in the community now around him.

"Six years ago, if you

had asked me whether or not I'd have a space to facilitate independent, small label wine production here in McMinnville, I would have told you: you're nuts."

Encouraged by Brianne Day, of Day Wines in Dundee, to embark on a side project of his own, Berg found himself among a community of mentors and a sudden glimpse of what his label might become. He then sought help from his peers to fund the endeavor.

"I had to buy the fruit, the tank space and barrels, so I reached out to family and friends asking for them to buy a share, which ultimately resulted in them getting a lot of

wine for pretty cheap." After the share allocations were met, however, Berg still remained the primary shareholder, left with inventory he never expected the need to sell.

"That led to acquiring assistance from a George Fox student for label design; but what happened next, I would have never believed."

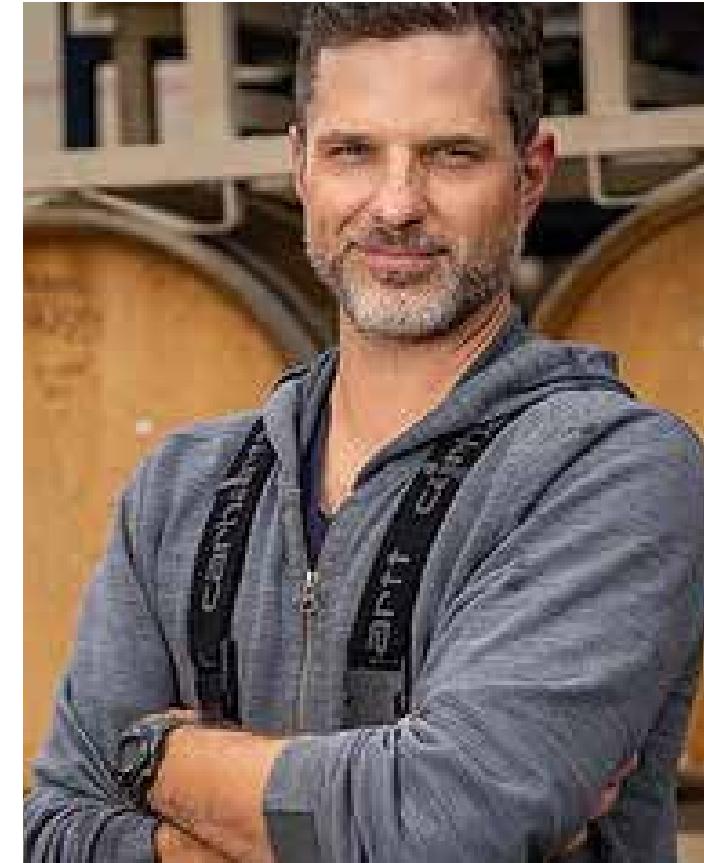
Erich's wines were included on top wine lists throughout Portland's restaurant scene, including Olympia Provisions and Coquine, a recent James Beard Award nominee, ultimately leading him, like many others, to pursue this passion project further.

Berg's idea of a specific

location to engage with smaller producers was inspired by a Thanksgiving weekend gathering at Mac Market, on Alpine Ave. in McMinnville. He invited friends to share their passion projects.

These events expanded to The Bindery Event Space, and their success further encouraged Erich to curate the next evolution of Ricochet: a place where everyone was welcome to distribute their newest addition to Oregon wine enthusiasts.

Arising from a need for a tasting experience established in the Independent label community, he opened Ricochet: a central gathering place celebrating Oregon's fruit-



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Varietals as in Variety

Tasting experiences to satisfy any palate

Some things are consistent with any place one might go to sample wines: Keep an open mind, don't be afraid to ask the server questions, and bring along a designated driver. Other tips are: avoid wearing perfume or cologne and don't go on an empty stomach — though every winery serves charcuterie or even more elaborate fare to pair with the wines.

From there, the experience can vary as widely as the varietals that are out there to taste.

It all depends upon your taste.

In Yamhill County, wine-tasting availability can be found at small tasting rooms such as

Pike Road in McMinnville or Alit in Dundee, or larger locations such as Domaine Lumineux in Newberg. You might find an urban experience with elegant artwork such as Troon or The Grove in McMinnville, or farm-like settings such as Abbey Road near Carlton or Remy Wines near Dayton, or something in-between such as Coehlo Winery in Amity.

Bravuro Cellars is among those that have something of both — its indoor tasting room is in Newberg and there's one at the vineyard near Amity. (Sorry, no animals or children under 21 at the Amity site.) Same can be said for Willamette Valley Vineyards,

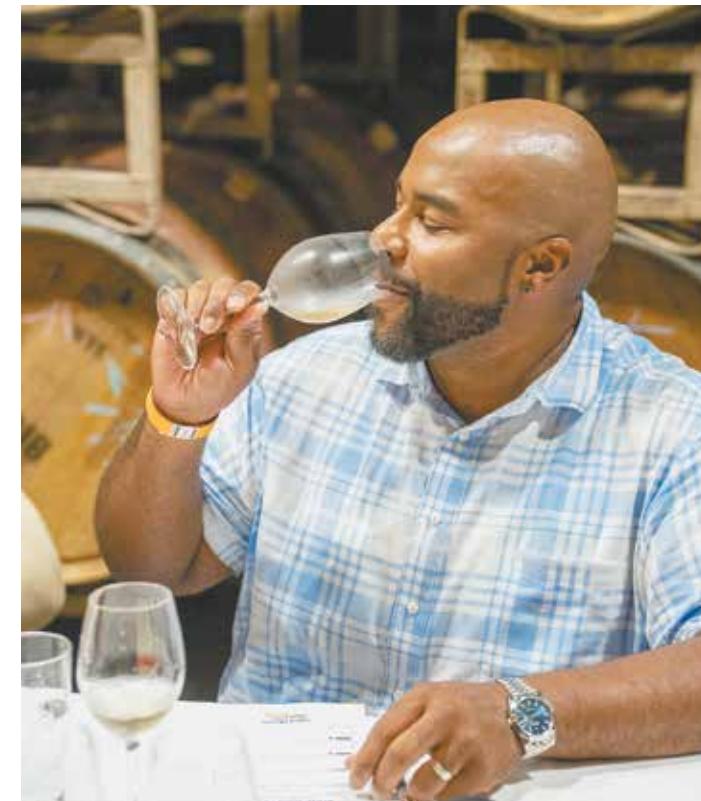
which in 2023 opened its expansive Domaine Willamette site just south of Dundee. Its well-attended wine bar in downtown McMinnville also happens to be among the more reliable music venues in town. Both establishments recommend reservations, but during the summer the Domaine location accepts walk-ins for groups of one to six. Dogs are always welcome outdoors on a leash. Outdoor service is limited to wine by the glass or bottle and food items from the patio menu. The experiences range from reservations-required to the free, walk-in experience of free pours

at McMinnville's Douglas on Third Boutique Hotel, 5 to 7 p.m., Fridays, May to October. The owners partner with a different winery each week; it's open to anyone. Bravuro is among the wineries that do not take reservations; many either require them or stress that walk-ins can be accommodated only if seating and staffing allow. Many establishments offer hosted tastings that are intended as leisurely and informative, and are scheduled accordingly. Brooks Wine, east of Amity, for example, emphasizes that same-day reservations are accepted, but wait times should be expected.

Costs vary, too — expect a \$20-40 fee for flights at most locations, though the fee is generally reimbursed as part of purchase of one or more bottles. Not every winery will provide single glass pours. It's also possible to try more than one winery at one location such as Carlton Winemakers Studio, on Highway 47 just north of town. Glass pours are also offered but, as studio director Whitney Govert points out, "We want people to experience the collaborative spirit of Carlton Wine Studio," where small-batch vintners share the production facility to create unique blends and varietals. At any given time, guests can choose from groups of a dozen or more locally-made, unique wines. A flight is generally two

whites and three reds, \$30 typical fee, waved with \$100 purchase. "Cellar" or "Off the Beaten Path" are among the \$45 experiences available by reservation. "We have the ability to curate," Govert said. "Our flights are very flexible, we do custom tasting, depending on the palate." During summer here in Wine Country, most places are open throughout the week, but it's always best to plan ahead and reserve a tasting time if possible. And pace yourself; don't try more than three locations a day. In Yamhill County it is impossible NOT to be choosy.

ABOVE: Enjoying a Chardonnay tasting at Sokol Blosser Winery
LEFT: Group wine tasting at Eminent Domain in Newberg





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New Kids on the Block

There's always something new on the scene

Even for visitors who make annual trips to Oregon Wine Country, there's always something new to experience when it comes to the local dining scene. The notoriety of Yamhill Valley's foodie options was founded by the likes of Nick's Italian Café and Golden Valley Brewery, and further developed over the years by The Joel Palmer House, The Painted Lady, Cuvée, La Rambla, Pura Vida, Subterra, Thistle, Tina's and many more.

Here's the next recent crop of restaurants ensuring this area is as much a destination for great meals as it is for great wines.

Sushi and more in Carlton "Ikigai" is a Japanese term that means, roughly, "reason for living."

The new Carlton restaurant, 217 W. Main St., by that name may supply such a reason for customers — especially if they love sushi, classic preparations of ramen or dan dan noodles, or other dishes

from Japan and Southeast Asia.

The menu, which changes daily and seasonally in addition to having a few set items, features fresh fish and seafood and local vegetables and meats.

"Farm-driven, upscale Asian, with nuances of Thai, Korean and a killer Szechuan dish," as executive chef Phillip Michael Price describes it. "I want to keep it fun, creative, not boring ... I want customers to say, 'What's on the menu today?'"

In addition to individual dishes, he offers a "tasting menu" of selections at \$80 per person so customers can try a wide variety of unique preparations.

Or, he said, customers can order a variety of items for their table — for instance, a vegetable dish or two, a hot dish, some noodles and sashimi. "This menu is meant to be shared," he said.

Above: Savory Ramen from Ikigai in Carlton RIGHT: A sample of offerings from Nick's in McMinnville

Okta Revamped

Closed in mid-2024, okta is downtown McMinnville, 618 N.E. Third St., reopened May 2025 with a new version of the esteemed dining experience that will serve four-course, seasonal, farm-to-table meals for \$100. Diners can choose one option from each of four sections of the menu: field (produce), sea, pasture and pantry.

In addition, coming soon to the space next door will be a public market, offering a variety of goods, including fresh produce from okta farm as well as breakfast, lunch and other goods.

The restaurant's farm, on Ribbon Ridge east of Carlton, supplies okta, as well. Elena Mudrak, formerly of Soter Vineyards, is the farm and vineyard manager.

Okta sources meats, seafood and other products from other local farms and Oregon purveyors. Okta Chef Christy Smith and her sous chefs, Gaga Behunin and Jose Cadena, will check what's available from farms and other sources each week. They will develop dishes that fit the harvest and the season, Langelier said.

Letting guests choose from several options in each of the four courses will allow them "to create their own tasting menu," she said. That allows them to try an array of different dishes each time they visit.

From Coast to Dundee

Also opening May 2025 is The Bay House in the old church building in downtown Dayton, 301

Main St.

Opened 45 years ago on the Siletz Bay in Lincoln City, the restaurant temporarily was located at Salishan and now finds a new home in the heart of Wine Country.

Under the direction of Steve and Maureen Wilson (owners for the last 20 years) the restaurant earned the DiRōNA Award of Excellence (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) that recognizes the top restaurants across North America, placing The Bay House among fewer than 1,000 distinguished establishments.

With more than 2,000 wine selections from around the world, The Bay House fits into its new surroundings with ease. The fine dining experience is available Wednesdays through Sundays. Reservations are recommended.

Return of Nick's

Iconic McMinnville restaurant Nick's Italian Café reopened in 2024 under new ownership. The ownership team behind Earth & Sea in Carlton — chef Thomas Ghinazzi, Jordan Neale and Scott Baldwin — revived the James Beard-recognized café opened by Nick Peirano at 521 N.E. Third St. in 1977.

"At Nick's we serve authentic Italian cuisine made from family recipes passed down through generations, using only the freshest local ingredients," their website states. "With a warm and inviting atmosphere, every meal is crafted to bring the true flavors of Italy & the Pacific Northwest."

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ic NW to your table."

The new owners also reopened the speak-easy-style back-of-house area now known as /refire bar.

The teams later closed Earth & Sea. Hayward, a finalist for the James Beard Awards Best New Restaurant in 2024, plans to move from its McMinnville location to the former Earth & Sea spot (the old fire station in Carlton) in the summer of 2025.

Bad Dog, Good Breakfast

After opening its downtown Newberg tasting room, the Artist Block wine team added a speak-easy-style (complete with a 'secret' door) eatery they call Alpha Bravo Bar, 115 S. Washington St..

Offering a variety of pastries, Bad Dog is a local favorite for its selection of breakfast sandwiches on fresh-baked breads and bagels.

Goucher in May 2025.

"Mason is a rare gem with exquisite culinary skills and a passion for building locally sourced dishes," Artist Block posted when announcing the change. "He has spent his recent years cultivating relationships with farmers, purveyors, and artisans and personally foraging the valley for the highest quality ingredients available."

Flair and Fare in Newberg

After opening its downtown Newberg tasting room, the Artist Block wine team added a speak-easy-style (complete with a 'secret' door) eatery they call Alpha Bravo Bar, 115 S. Washington St..

Initially a ramen bar, the team switched things up with a gastro lounge menu led by chef Mason

DINE

Connected to the bakery is the Stimulus Coffee, a local coffee roaster.

Beer and Pizza

Stickman Brewing, with several locations in the Portland area, opened a McMinnville spot on Lafayette Avenue in early 2024. Stickman offers its craft beers and wood-fired pizza, along with cocktails, daily specials and entertainment..

Italia in Dundee

The third-generation of Ponzi wine family added the tastes of Italia to the Dundee scene with Merenda Italian Deli.

Brothers Luca and Marco Ponzi offer a curated menu of Italian-style sandwiches, salads and more inspired by their 10 years of living in Italy.

Bonanza is back

The revived Bonanza restaurant and bar in Grand Ronde opened January 2025.

Owners Chris DePrimo and Danielle Vollman have thoroughly refurbished the structure, on Highway 18 at Grand Ronde Road, 25 miles west of McMinnville.

The Bonanza operated for years as a popular roadside stop before closing nearly 10 years ago. It housed an antique store until about three years ago, and had been vacant until the project started last fall.

DePrimo and Vollman offer a full bar and restaurant with American style cuisine, with lunch and dinner buffet, weekend breakfast buffet, and more.



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James Beard Honorees

Chefs at three local restaurants named semifinalists

The Yamhill Valley's food scene has long been considered one of the premier small-town foodie destinations on the West Coast, if not the whole country. Now, the individual accolades are starting to catch up.

Three Yamhill County food professionals were nominated this winter for James Beard Foundation awards in the category of Best Chef in the Northwest and Pacific region.

Sarah Schafer of Humble Spirit and Kari Shaughnessy of Hayward, both in McMinnville, and Timothy Wastell of Antica Terra in Amity are semifinalists in the annual competition. (Finalists were to be announced in early April.)

The regional Best Chef awards recognize chefs who have made a "notable commitment to their craft and exemplify leadership," according to Lauren Saria and Erinn

Tucker-Oluwole of the foundation. They co-chair the awards program.

Schafer joined Humble Spirit and the Stillwater event center in early 2024 after more than 30 years in the food industry.

A native of the East Coast, she worked in Boston, New York City, the Napa Valley and San Francisco before coming to Oregon, opening a new place during the pandemic, the Italian Marketplace Cooperative.

Wastell, who previously cooked at Big Table Farm winery, prepares lunches and food for tastings at Antica Terra winery at 5100 S.E. Rice Lane, Amity.

Antica Terra offers "A Very Nice Lunch" by reservation on Fridays through Mondays. The 90-minute to two-hour, multi-course lunches feature seasonal Pacific Northwest cuisine paired

with wines.

For Shaughnessy, it was the second James Beard nomination in as many years. She was a finalist in the James Beard Awards category "Best New Restaurant" in 2024. She founded Hayward in the Mac Market in April 2023 after cooking at an earlier restaurant in the market. She named the seasonal, locally focused place in honor of her grandmother.

Shaughnessy announced in March that she is moving Hayward from Mac Market to a historic building in Carlton, six miles north. the former Earth & Sea location on North Kutch Street in Carlton. (Earth & Sea owners now own Nick's Italian Café in McMinnville.)

Hayward's new location is the brick building that was the town's former fire station, and still bears the initials CFD.

Shaughnessy said she

and her team will do a "cosmetic remodel" of the new space, since it already has a kitchen. She said she plans to continue operating Hayward in the Mac Market, where it just passed its second anniversary, until the end of May. After being closed in June, she plans to reopen in early July in Carlton.

She said Hayward will continue with the same staff and values, which include sourcing ingredients from local producers such as Revel Meats, Even Pull Farms and Campfire Farms, as well as "allowing ourselves to have fun and be creative."

RIGHT: Chef Kari Shaughnessy of Hayward

CENTER: Chef Sarah Schafer of Humble Spirit

LEFT: Chef Timothy Wastell of Antica Terra



Whole trout with herb salad and tarragon goddess sauce from Humble Spirit

Passport to Flavors

Get your passport to local food and drink

In Yamhill County, you don't need to leave the country to get something out of a pair of passports.

Keep track of your food and drink travels with passports for Yamhill Valley beer and the "Flavors of the Foothills."

"Flavors" connects visitors and locals to a variety of McMinnville AVA wineries and downtown McMinnville restaurants. The wineries are Brittan Vineyards, Coeur de Terre Vineyard, Coleman Vineyard, Hyland Estates, J. Wrigley Vineyards, Maysara Winery, Roshni Vineyard, Violet Vines, Yamhill Valley Vineyards and Youngberg Hill - all located in McMinnville or near-in west side of town.

Restaurants are Cypress, Humble Spirit, La Rambla, Pinch, Pizza Capo and Pura Vida Cocina, all located in the heart of McMinnville's downtown, and Hayward, in the Alpine District.

Passports are available at any of the participants. Wine tasters can have their passports stamped when they go wine tasting or make a purchase at one of the wineries, or spend at least \$25 at a restaurant. Stamps are issued through April 30.

By collecting five winery stamps and three restaurant stamps, passport-holders qualify for

prizes such as a weekend getaway in McMinnville and entry to the May 24 Flavors of the Foothills spring tasting event and seminar, as well as dinners or discounts.

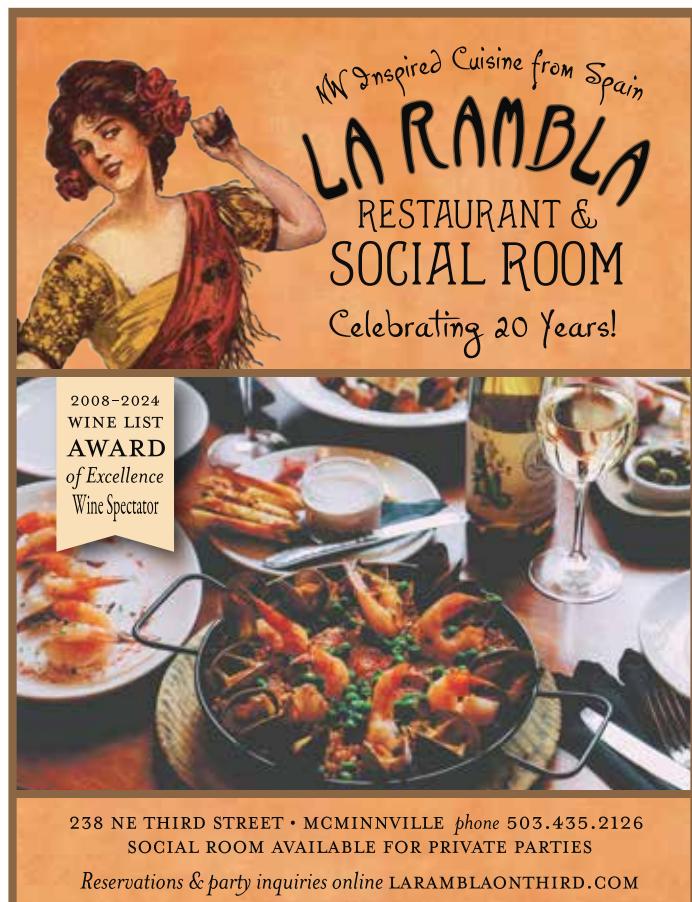
The May 24 event, which is separately ticketed, will include a lecture about wine pairing in the morning at The Bindery Event Space, and a "walkabout" wine and food tasting in the afternoon.

McMinnville AVA has been hosting a similar event for several years. This year, Visit McMinnville joined them and the passport event grew to include restaurants, as well.

For more information, go to mcminnvilleava.org.

Meanwhile, the Yamhill Valley Beer Adventure passport brings together breweries and cideries and other fermentation establishments. Sponsored by Visit McMinnville, the beer adventure passports are free and can be picked up at Heater Allen Brewing/Gold Dot Beer, ForeLand Beer, Grain Station Brew Works, Golden Valley Brewing, Bierly Brewing, Evasion Brewing, Wolves & People Farmhouse Brewery, Raw Cider, Stickman Brewing's McMinnville location and McMenamins Hotel Oregon.

See Beer section for full details.



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Beer scene adds a passport program

Among the changes in the vibrant Yamhill County beer scene is emergence of two breweries – one new, one under new ownership – that happen to be located about five miles apart in the northeast part of the county.

One can visit Root & Rye Hop Farm and Brewery on Abbey Road between Carlton and Lafayette, while Coattails Brewery, west of Yamhill, is production only. Brewer-owner Nathan Etzel's wares are available in Newberg, Carlton, and McMinnville.

The former Crowning Hen Brewery between Lafayette and Carlton is now Roots and Rye.

Shelley Bigley, owner of

Old Market Brewery's two locations in Portland, purchased the 67-acre property, which she calls "foremost a hops farm" from Ryan and Michelle Rhea, who got things started in 2020. The brewery is located at 10282 N.E. Abbey Road. Tasting room hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. New brews, and light snacks, have been added to the tap list and menu.

Small changes been made at the brewery and tasting room but the biggest change is what you first see when arriving at the 67-acre property: the hop farm has grown from

one to 15 acres. "We have lots of ideas but right now the focus is on figuring out the hops for a couple of years," Bigley said.

"We want to make it a place for friends and family to come out, as they always have. We've always had families as the focus," she said noting that children of former employees have come to work at her businesses or returned as customers with their own children.

Head brewer Bobby Stevens is taking on the brewing at the 5-barrel Root and Rye system. Bigley said Stevens views it as "a unique opportunity," given the eight varieties

of hops that will be grown on site (in addition to purchase of proprietary hops for use in some brews.)

"My first four brews at the farm are going to be a hazy IPA featuring galaxy, Idaho #7, and Centennial hops. A Mexican lager featuring Motueka hops (known for lime flavor/aroma), a cold IPA highlighting Nelson Sauvin hops and a blackberry, black currant, and black cherry kettle sour.

"I want to put a strong focus on lagers," Stevens said. "I feel like lagers are a growing and important segment of the Portland brewing scene. Another focus obviously is hops. Styles like hazy IPA, cold

IPA, west coast IPA and more subtle brews like hop water and hopped hard seltzers. I am fortunate to have a hop farm in the front yard of the brewery."

"I want to learn more about how hops grow, how they are processed and what conditions create favored aroma/flavor profiles and utilize them in efficient, fun ways. I am looking forward to fresh hop season, we will have a lot of varieties to utilize.

"The property at Root and Rye is a very special place to me," Stevens said, "the tranquility and beauty of the area is good for the soul and I want that to come through in our brews.

The Old Market system is 15 barrels, much less amenable to experimentation than the smaller system at the farm.

Beers include some from the Crowning Hen days, including the award-winning French Prairie saison (6.4 ABV), Carlton Common "Pseudo-lager" (4.9 ABV) Rooster Reserve barleywine (11.6), Strange Brew Old English Ale (8.0) and some IPAs. New batches include Stevens' Golden Hour blond ale (8.0), Dark Ritual black lager (5.0) and Mr. Slate's Gravelberry (5.2), a wheat ale made with organic Oregon raspberries (and named for a Flintstones' character).

Crowning Hen, a project of Ryan and Michelle Rhea, started in 2021. It offered a vibrant and varied selection products, including several award winners, on tap and in cans.

One-man show Coattails enters its second year.

Brewer Nathan Etzel is self-taught and showing a soft touch.

From his family-owned five-barrel brewhouse between Yamhill and Newberg, Etzel is in his second year turning out IPAs, pilsners, porters, ambers, and Belgian-style ales, with a significant brewery name: Coattails.

Etzel, whose day job is electrical engineer, and handles all tasks (distribution included) from a tiny space at the Etzel family's Sequitur Wines complex, a former dairy farm on North Valley Road, along Chehalem Creek. The Etzel brothers make their own wines and operate a custom crush facility for other winemakers. The former silo was transformed into a wine cellar.

Etzel read up on beer making, and learned by doing, developing the project in 2022 and 2023 and selling his first Coattails in January 2024. The brewery name is a tip of the coat to Etzel's family, mentors and other influences over the years.

"I tend to fall on the German lager and IPA realm," said Etzel, noting that with a few exceptions he does not name his beers anything beyond the type.

"I'm not about calling my beers fancy marketing names. I call it what it is," he said

He'll give a specific name to one such as Western Rivers Pilsner, one made with all-Oregon malts that he said showcased the pilsner barley grown in John Day area and malted by a California maltster.

"Most of my beers I try



Nathan Etzel of Coattails Brewery



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not to make overly sweet," he said, pointing to his dry, subtle porter.

"There's eight different malts in there, and rye as well, gives it a little spicy honey note," a honey malt from Root Shoot Malting north of Denver. The beers are available on tap at outlets including Park & Main in Carlton, Two Dogs Taphouse and Pizza Capo, in McMinnville and in Newberg venues including Barley and Vine, New Burgundian, Alison Inn, Kopito's, Old Town Tavern and Social Goods.

Released in spring 2025 were an Italian pilsner as well as a hazy IPA made with wheat and oats. "It's gonna be real fruity," Etzel said. Indeed, even unfinished a strawberry-like tone comes through in the hazy.

Also in the tanks is a German pilsner using

hops he acquired in "a special coordination with a sixth-generation grower in the Hallertau region of Bavaria, capital of German noble hops.

"I got a hold of him a year and a half ago and starting chatting and we ended up trading wine for hops," Etzel said. The wine-for-hops swap was a case of 2023 and 2024 Sequitur for 55 pounds of the lupulus.

"All my beers I tend to switch up every single batch. I don't really keep consistent, 100 percent the same," he said. "I'll change things between the malt and the hops and the malt and the water profile. In my lagers, I collect water on Highway 26 from Sunset Springs. I'll fill four 60-gallon stainless tanks, takes about an hour and a half to fill," he said. "That water's the best

water in Oregon." It adds a nice effect "for nuanced beers like pilsners," he said.

Beer venues make improvements, others come along

Beer and cider choices expanded, and contracted a little, in 2024 and early 2025.

In the past year or so Stickmen Brewing, based in Tualatin, opened a pub and pizza restaurant on Lafayette and Evasion Brewing, on Riverside Drive on the far east end of town (under new owners since 2023) expanded its tap room and opened an outpost in southeast Portland, to boot.

McMinnville's other gluten-free brewery, Bierly Brewing, downtown on Third Street, expanded its hours as well as its bakery and food menu.

ForeLand Beer, on Fourth Street, remodeled its Barrel Room, and two blocks over at Fourth and Evans, Two Dogs Taproom is in the process of adding Carriage House café and event venue, catercorner from the tap house, opening expected in mid-2025.

McMenamin Hotel Oregon's Cellar Bar and Carter the Great Bar were open regularly starting in 2024, for the first time in a few years. Around the block, the former Nick's Back Room at Nick's Italian Café was rebranded Refire Bar, after the on-again/off-again status of the popular watering hole after the restaurant reopened in 2023 and was sold to new owners in 2024.

They are two of the local breweries participating in the Beer Adventure, introduced this fall by Visit McMinnville. The adventure brings together breweries and cideries and other fermentation establishments under one "passport" for visitors.

Sponsored by Visit McMinnville, the beer adventure officially begins

gall Road between Dayton and Dundee. Root and Rye Hop Farm and Brewery, near Carlton, is the new name for Crowning Hen after the sale in January 2025.

Chehalem Valley Brewing in Newberg, along with two production-only breweries: Coattails near Dundee and Long Brewing just outside Newberg. The county features four excellent beer bars: The Bitter Monk, Two Dogs Taphouse and Growler Station in McMinnville, and Social Goods in Newberg. Carlton's Park and Main deli features beer cooler and tap list that are small yet always interesting.

Closures in 2024 were Barn Door Brewing in Dundee, MacTaps taproom in McMinnville, and The Roadhouse in Lafayette.

Breweries collaborate in 'Adventure Passport'

Here are a couple of recommendations for your first pint using the Yamhill Valley Beer Adventure passport.

Recommended are the Boomerang nebula Cold IPA at Golden Valley Brewery — new on tap in spring 2025 — or the summer-friendly (but tasty all year) This Is My Party Shirt at Evasion Brewery.

Participants in the Yamhill Valley Beer Adventure include: Heater Allen Brewing, Gold Dot Beer, ForeLand Beer, Grain Station Brew Works, Golden Valley Brewing, Bierly Brewing, Evasion Brewing, Wolves & People Farmhouse Brewery, and Raw Cider, all making wares in Yamhill County. Also included are Stickman Brewing, based in Tualatin

Oct. 1. In its first year, the adventure will invite visitors "to experience firsthand the heart of Oregon Beer Country," notes Lee McCollins, marketing director of Visit McMinnville. "Beyond the grapevines of the Willamette Valley lays a rich and storied beer and cider community," said McCollins. "Oregon breweries have long been recognized for their exceptional craft beer, ranking seventh in production nationwide and winning 29 medals at the 2024 World Beer Cup."

The passport, printed locally with 100% recycled paper, will guide participants through the greater McMinnville area to sample some of the region's finest beers and ciders. Passports are free and can be picked up at any participating location. Inside are detailed biographies of each brewery and cidery, along with information about amenities such as pet-friendliness, food options, live sports screenings, and more.

Participants can collect official stamps at each stop. Once completed, the passport can be submitted for a grand prize from Visit McMinnville: an all-expenses-paid trip to McMinnville.

This list is subject to change, and is intended to augment the focus on the wine industry in Yamhill County, according to McCollins.

"As tourism continues to expand in the Willamette Valley, we're proud to put a spotlight on the brewers and cidermakers in our community," he said. "We hope the Beer Passport helps foster a deeper connection to the region and to the committed and creative artisans who live here."

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but with a new taproom in McMinnville, and McMenamins Hotel Oregon, which serves beer brewed in Lincoln City.

Notes in the passport include the plethora of bars at Hotel Oregon — from the Rooftop to Carter the Great and Cellar Bar, and that McMinnville is home to two gluten-free breweries: Evasion and Bierly. The newest business among the passport stops is Raw Cider, on McDougall Road near Dayton, surrounded by the apple trees that supply much of the cidery's juice.

No purchase is necessary in filling out the passport, but participants must be 21 and over. The guide contains information about Designated Driver rewards.

The passport also includes a Yamhill Valley "adventure checklist" with destinations such as Erratic Rock State Natural Site, Carlton wineries, Evergreen Space and Aviation Museum, Dayton Walking Tour and Hoover-Minthorn House in Newberg.

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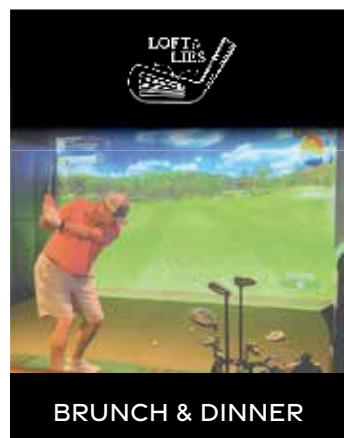
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ABOVE: One of Coattails Brewhouse's many styles of beer LEFT: Heater Allen IPAs on tap



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"Yamhill Valley is a visitor's nirvana," said Barb Bond, co-owner of Amity Flats.

Despite its small population, the area offers an unexpectedly rich variety of lodging, including vineyard guesthouses, stylish flats, luxury hotels, and charming bed-and-breakfasts. Whether you're here to explore the wine scene, hike scenic trails, watch birds in quiet wetlands, or enjoy a culinary getaway, you'll find yourself in the heart of a community where farming and friendship leave a lasting impression.

"Find out what you want," Bond advises visitors planning a stay. With so many options available, focusing on your priorities—such as rustic charm or upscale comfort—can help create the perfect experience.

If it's the 'suite' life you are craving, seek out one of the three boutique luxury options offered in downtown McMinnville: the Atticus Hotel, Douglas on Third and the Tributary Hotel.

At the Vintages Trailer Resort in Dayton, it's not just the decor that's retro. Over-nighters can choose from 34 fully restored and classic custom trailers. Another way to live big in a small space is at the Boutique Retreat, located along McMinnville's Granary Districts, just a few

blocks from downtown. Here, select one of the nine tiny house cottages, each featuring a distinct design theme, enjoy sitting by the outdoor fireplace in the courtyard, and within easy walking distances of tasting rooms, breweries, restaurants, entertainment, and shopping.

Anyone seeking more retro surroundings with a historic flair will find unique hotel rooms at McMenamins Hotel Oregon in downtown McMinnville and the quainter Wildwood Hotel in Willamina.

There are plenty of options for RV campers.

Both Willamette Wine

Country RV Park

(sharing the same property as The Vintages) and Old Stone Village (near the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum) feature an outdoor pool among their many amenities. The Valley's Edge RV Park in Sheridan boasts a dog park and pet washing

station, and Dundee Hills Resort in Dundee features a tasting room all its own (Archer Vineyards), along with cottage and glamping options, too.

Of course, it wouldn't be wine country without bed and breakfast options to personalize your stay. When deciding on a B&B, options range from historic homes in town, with leisurely walks to shops, dining, wine tasting and nightlife, to elegant countryside homesteads with spectacular views to start and end the day.

Many wineries also operate their own B&Bs that often feature the rural tranquility of wine country, with the added benefit of wine tasting and winery events on site. The Silos Suites at Abbey Road

Farm is perhaps the only lodging building with its own festival (Silobration NW in August) and features a renowned breakfast from the onsite chef and strolls through the farm.

Visitors can also appreciate farm living during a stay at the luxurious Inn the Ground. At the bed and breakfast west of Carlton, they can watch herds of steer or other animals that graze in the expansive pasture beside the inn and on the hillsides across Meadow Lake Road. Or they can experience firsthand the farm's regenerative farming and permaculture practices as part of the Ground's mission is to provide loving hospitality in service of all species.

Travelers may also select the "home away from

home" option. Dozens of vacation rentals are available, great when traveling in large groups. Like the menu of B&Bs, a wide array of rentals in wine country allows travelers to match their style and preferences with their experience. Most are full homes, but there are also attached rooms or apartments, perfect for thrifty on-the-go couples.

Downtown flats are also popular options for their close proximity to downtown tasting rooms and restaurants. Book a room (or all the units) at the Carlton Winery Lofts and walk one of the ten local eateries offering everything from wood-fired pizzas and burgers to locally sourced specials and baked goods you wish

you could eat everyday. But don't limit yourself. A short scenic drive from the Amity Flats takes you to the Brigittine Monastery, where you can sample award-winning chocolates, and the Lawrence Gallery, featuring a wide variety of Pacific Northwest artists as well as an extensive collection of Salvador Dali art.

Do you prefer to wake up with a view overlooking a vineyard, or have easy access to the burgeoning arts and culture scene? Want to eat out always, dine with in-house chefs or hire a private chef to host a dinner at your rental? Those are just a few questions to ask yourself while seeking a lodging style that matches your personality and complements your adventure.



1954 Anderson travel trailer at The Vintages in Dayton

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"Yamhill County is a great spot for glamping," Leslie Inlow, Director of Marketing at The Vintages. "It's laid-back vibe offers the perfect mix of nature, comfort, and charm. You can experience the beauty of the Pacific Northwest without having to rough it."

The Vintages in Dayton, is a unique glamping experience in fully restored vintage trailers complete with high-end amenities. Located just east of McMinnville, Dayton is a small town on the edge of endless tourist attractions, sightseeing and experiences.

Yamhill County is in the middle of everything, but feels like a retreat to the country. For some RV users, Yamhill County is a staging ground of center point for other attractions, such as nearby casinos, museums, theatre and the cities Portland and Salem.

Celia Breazeale, manager at the Old Stone RV Resort just outside of McMinnville said RV users roll into the resort due to the proximity of local aviation, wineries and counties eating opportunities.

"With an RV, you get the best of both worlds — you're surrounded by nature yet still enjoy home-like amenities," Inlow said.

"Some love being out of Portland, but are close enough to visit for the day," Breazeale said. Other guests are coming to visit the casinos in the surrounding area or visit the beach without having to stay on the beach, or pay the coastal price increase.

Old Stone RV Resort is just down the road from the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum and Wings and Waves water park. Across the

road is the McMinnville Municipal Airport, which hosts an airshow every August, bringing in aviation enthusiasts. Resort visitors have an ideal view.

Yamhill County itself is sometimes the destination, for shopping opportunities, from craft stores, to antique shops, wineries and counties eating opportunities.

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Access to nature is abundant in Yamhill County, as the great outdoors can be accessed by way of fishing, hiking and swimming and other recreation opportunities. There is a myriad of recreation opportunities from local pools to the Michelbook and The Nines golf courses to many trails and parks in McMinnville and Newberg.



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Public Art for Art's Sake

New additions to McMinnville's growing public art displays

Art Alley in downtown McMinnville received plenty of well-deserved attention in 2024 but not far from downtown is another array of art pieces.

Mostly new or installed within the last year, they are on view, indoors and out, in the Alpine/Granary District and along adjacent Lafayette Avenue. All pieces mentioned are within a 10-minute walk of each other.

Take a stroll to enjoy the works, meanwhile stopping for a meal at any of the six restaurants in the area, or a liquid refreshment at the breweries and wineries that dot that part of town.

In February 2024, local

artisans created a new piece of "steampunk" public art for the Granary District featuring vintage equipment from a nearby historic building. It is located under the south "Alpine District" entry arch at Eighth Street and Alpine Avenue, just east of Grain Station Brewery.

The art is part of a cluster of outdoor works in the Granary/Alpine district, including the established Love Locks sculpture, in the Grain Station parking lot 100 yards south.

A block north of the Alpine archway is the 2022 mural "Rounding the Bend," by Portland artists Angelina Marino-Heidel

and Joel Heidel, a celebration of Yamhill County's railroad and agriculture history – at 110-feet the city's largest mural.

Around the corner, on Lafayette near 10th Avenue, is one of McMinnville's newest murals, painted in 2024 by McMinnville artist Natalie Fletcher, inside the Stickmen Brewing taproom.

A newer mural, a block away on the south wall of the 1109 Lafayette Building (McMinnville's newest bar-restaurant) is building owner Tarah Dawson's rendition of the iconic photo believed to be of a UFO, taken near McMinnville in 1950 on the Trent farm. For further weird-

ness (though not fear or loathing) look inside the 1109 at the Steadman-esque mural of the late writer Hunter S. Thompson.

The "steampunk" grain sorter" was inspired by Yamhill County's agricultural past, according to Jamie Fleckenstein, project manager for Solid Form, and Steve Rupp of McMinnville's public art committee.

The committee approached Solid Form with the idea of creating a steampunk sculpture, Fleckenstein said. Steampunk is a design aesthetic that's both futuristic and antique. It usually makes use of old machinery, tools, gears and other

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vintage items.

In this case, “interesting old pieces” from the Buchanan Cellars grain elevator building were incorporated, Fleckenstein said. The historic building is located about three blocks from the site of the art piece.

Employees at Solid Form Fabrication of McMinnville came up with the idea of vintage grain sorter with fresh grain growing from seeds spilled long ago. Welders from Solid Form added the finishing touches.

The sorter is made from corten steel, which will weather and rust to give it an aged appearance. The sheaves of grain are made of stainless steel so they will remain shiny. A year after installation, the sheaves glisten in the morning sun.

Solid Form, located in McMinnville’s Industrial Park, fabricates all types of steel items, from signs to beams used for seismic retrofitting in buildings.

“It was an interesting challenge to be asked to create and design this,” Fleckenstein said.

There is plenty of other street art on view around McMinnville, and two that are located downtown have odd sidenotes.

One is another work by the Marino-Heidel team, the colorful “Reaching Knowledge,” located in front of the McMinnville Library Carnegie Building. Installed in 2015 it was on loan to the city for two years, according to a News-Register article about vandalism to the piece, in 2016. The tall work, resembling two



Tarah Dawson's rendition of the iconic photo believed to be of a UFO sighted on the Trent Farm

hands reaching for a stack of books, is still there.

The other work is “Yamhill County Panorama,” installed at the county’s transit center on Second Street, visible on the First Street side of the transit complex, between Galloway and Irvine streets.

The pillar, with detailed squares showing local natural, historic and cultural images and topics, is the work of Gregory Fields, an artist from Bend. He was chosen for the commissioned work from a field of three finalists in a competition sponsored by the McMinnville Downtown Association’s Committee for Public Art.

Meanwhile, the art committee’s selections make up the McMinnville art map available online at downtownmcminnville.org – yet there is no mention of “Panorama” in that guide.



“Steampunk” grain sorter was inspired by Yamhill County’s agricultural past



Erratic Rock State Natural Site

Not All Who Wander Are Lost

Whether in a group or alone, we’ve got trails

Looking for a simple day hike to enjoy on its own, or in association with other activities in the vibrant downtowns of Newberg, Dundee and McMinnville? An afternoon or morning of exercise to add to the wine country experience?

Here are a few ideas: **Friends of Chehalem Parks** leads guided hikes and trail this spring and summer in the Newberg area. They continue with a walk/bike outing at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, from Chehalem Cultural Center to Jaquith Park.

Future events include a 9 a.m. Arbor Day work party on Saturday, April 26 at Friends Park.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday,

May 11, enjoy a hike/bike from Hoover Park to Friends Park hike.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, tour the Gettman Loop with a community hike/bike

Next is at 1 p.m. on June 22, “Puppies, Ponies, and People Share the Trail Event” at Crystal Rilee Park. Visit chehalemtrails.org for details.

Hikes and short walks, non-guided, might include:

Art Walk in McMinnville (online map at downtownmcminnville.org) with the addition last summer of Art Alley between Third and Fourth streets and Davis and Evans street. It’s free and accessible 24 hours a day, well-illuminat-

ed at night

Evergreen vineyard and oak grove trails loop

around the Evergreen museum complex along Highway 18. These are easy paths for kids and strollers and they wind among vineyards and oak-covered green spaces. Rustic log benches are scattered along the west loop, which goes around Wings and Waves Water Park.

The east loop abuts the main museum parking lot. Both are open to all-comers; walk one side or both in a leisurely hour or so. They are accessible on foot in front of or behind the air museum. Dogs are allowed but must be on leash throughout.

Erratic Rock State Natural Site is located six miles west of McMinnville, on Oldsville Road, via Highway 18. The paved pathway is a bit bumpy, and steep toward the top, but once at the summit the valley views are impressive.

At **Ewing Young Park** near Newberg, start and finish the one-mile loop at the park pavilion.

Just outside of Dundee on Red Hills Road find the forested **Harvey Creek Trail**, over and across the creek by that name. The trail is conveniently close to around a dozen wineries along Red Hills and adjoining Fairview Avenue.



Love Locks sculpture, in the Grain Station parking lot in McMinnville

Say Cheese

The best “selfie” spots in Yamhill County

There's plenty to choose from, starting with the popular Ben Franklin bench at Third and Davis.

“Who can walk down Third Street and not smile or nod at Ben Franklin? Many visitors go home with photographs sitting next to the venerable bronze man,” wrote Sharon Morgan in the News-Register in 2016. (Morgan was named Cultural Asset of the Year in 2023 by the Yamhill Cultural Committee.) “And come the season of cold weather, someone donates a scarf or earmuffs to keep him from being chilled. Very fun.”

Three blocks northeast, at Fifth and Evans streets, is the Abraham Lincoln bench done in the same “sit down and chat with a beloved historic figure” vibe by artist Gary Lee Price. You'll find it in front of McMinnville Community Center.

Another metal sculpture is the horse, “O.K. Then” by Dixie Jewell, at Yamhill County Heritage Center on Durham Road south of McMinnville. A few steps away is a historic schoolhouse, and next to it, if you are looking for something offbeat, the school outhouse

Not far away at Linfield University is another “scenic” outhouse, at another zone for poses, the Linfield art walk - 20 or so wooden sculptures made over the last 20 or so years by Linfield art students. Most of the sculptures you might call “imaginatively geometric,” while others are abstract - or representational, such as the outline of a human head - no need to peek through tiny cutouts like you see at the county fair.

One of those pieces is an “outhouse” with a tree growing through

a hole in the roof. Find the walk along Keck Drive on the south part of campus.

More conventional is the iconic Pioneer Hall at Linfield and the adjoining Senior Class bench, which is painted with a different design each May. (Linfield has a series of convenient ‘Strike A Pose’ signs all around campus.)

Sculptures of more recent historic, and local, figures include longtime Linfield coach Paul Durham, on Linfield Avenue next to the football stadium, and Evergreen Aviation founder Del Smith at the Evergreen museum campus.

In McMinnville's Granary Square, off Lafayette Avenue near Eighth Street, find the “Love Locks” sculpture next to the parking lot serving the brewery and wineries on the square: Attach your lock of love



to the wire grid — and get a good deal on an engraved lock at Oregon Stationers on Third Street.

Looking for a unique natural wonder to pose upon? Erratic Rock State Natural Site is six miles west of McMinnville on Oldsville Road, off Highway 18. (Note on parking: there is room for perhaps four cars, in a designated pull-out along the road.)

The half-mile paved path gets steep toward the top but once at the summit enjoy panoramic views of the valley, boosted by a four-foot climb (careful, there) atop the ancient basalt rock. The 15-by-15 flat erratic (really three slabs leaning together) was delivered to the hillside 15,000 years ago by the cataclysmic Missoula Flood that forever altered the landscape of what would become known as the American west. You're not only getting good exercise and a view but also a photo in the company of a solid piece of natural antiquity.

A note on the sculpture of Ben: his distinctive round-framed spectacles look newer than the rest of the sculpture because they are replacements: twice in the past three years vandals have stolen or broken the glasses.



ABOVE LEFT: Pioneer Hall at Linfield ABOVE RIGHT: metal sculpture of horse, “O.K. Then” by Dixie Jewell ABOVE: Ben Franklin bench at Third and Davis



Music Makes Everything Better

Yamhill Valley has just the ticket you're looking for

Looking for some live music or the chance to kick up your feet on the dance floor?

In recent years in Yamhill County the availability of live music has gradually returned to something like pre-pandemic levels. McMenamin's Hotel Oregon frequently presents live music in the ground

floor Paragon Room and upstairs Mattie's Room; weekly 7 p.m. Thursday open mic events, hosted by McMinnville's Freddie Lamb, are a McMinnville tradition.

In downtown McMinnville, wine bars Jacob Williams, Willamette Valley Vineyards and Pinot Vista present music several

afternoons or evenings a week. Pinot Vista hosts regular Wednesday night jams and there's music by virtual house bands Myron and Darlene on Wednesdays and On the Fly on Sunday afternoons.

McMinnville Grange, 1700 S.W. Old Sheridan Road, hosts an increasingly eclectic variety of

musical events, ranging from concerts and dances featuring traditional music to rock and punk gigs. Swing, ballroom and square dance lessons are held at varying times each week; check the McMinnville Grange Facebook page.

McMinnville's Heater Allen Brewery, ForeLand

Beer and Two Dogs Tap-house are reliable venues for beer as well as frequent live music acts, and look for occasional gigs at Golden Valley Brewery.

Both the Elks Lodge and American Legion Hall in McMinnville are now hosting acts performing a range of classic rock and country.

In Newberg, Social Goods Market has frequent live music, and Chehalem Cultural Center (chehalemculturalcenter.org) attracts local and regional talent to the new LaJoie Theater, including multi-instrumentalists Amelia Lukas and Yoko Greeney on Friday, May 23.

In Carlton, look to The Horse Radish and Blind Pig, two Main Street restaurants, for regular live music.

In Willamina, Swan Hall regularly hosts local performers and touring acts, from Irish to rock and roll or jazz, and the occasional comedy night; Wildwood

Hotel periodically hosts bands.

At Linfield University in May, a variety of vocal and instrumental concerts are scheduled as the academic year winds down; see linfield.edu/music. At 7 p.m. on Monday, May 19, Instrumental Performance Ensemble performs favorite movie music, tangos, rags, and waltzes, arranged by composition students.

Keep in mind the following festivals of music, as well:

Make Music McMinnville, free performances by local musicians with times and locations to be announced, June 21.

Wildwood Music Festival, revived, at a new location: Tindle Creek Ranch, west of Willamina (wildwood-festivalrevival.org), June 20-22.

Walnut City Music, a two-day outdoor indie/folk/rock music festival (walnutcitymusicfest.org) August ??-??



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Ceramicist Bonnie Hickerson

Showing Their Work

Amity Art Collective sets May event

The Amity Art Collective will host its first tour featuring artists from in and around Amity on May 2, 3 and 4. Artists will open their studios or show at central locations from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Admission is free.

"We're hoping to get more of the community involved in looking at art and talking about art," said Bonnie Hickerson, a ceramicist who is one of the artists who formed the art collective this year.

They named the non-profit organization the "Amity Art Collective Tour." However, the group's ambitions go well-beyond the tour itself, which they hope to make an annual event.

In addition, their future plans include educational activities and community art events, said Hickman, president of AACT.

AACT's first tour will be somewhat similar to the venerable Art Harvest Studio Tour that the Arts Alliance of Yamhill County sponsors each fall. Art Harvest features artists showing and talking to visitors in their studios.

Some of Amity's many artists will be participating in the countywide event this year. The 31st Art Harvest will take place throughout the county Oct. 3-5 and 10-12.

The new Amity tour in May will feature several central locations in downtown Amity where several artists will gather, along with artists opening their studios in and just outside town.

Visitors can go wherever they like, using a map of artists' locations. They will be able to meet artists and buy pieces of art.

Unlike Art Harvest, the new tour also will feature several artists who aren't from the area, such as oil painter Jim Richards of Salem.

"We wanted to add more variety for visitors," Hickman said. "Our main focus is getting people to think about art."

Artists scheduled for the tour include:

Adison Ackley, Dan Bower, Susan Branch, Deb Conrad, Dorothy Eshelman, Kim Hamblin, Heather Harris, Lucy Hewitt, BJB Hickerson, Edie Jessup, Joann Ricardo, Susan Morrell, Mindy Northup, Jim Richards, Ted Simon, Joshua Simonson, Kelly Simonson, Toni Tyree, Penny Tucker, Cassie Van Domelen, Larry Wheeler, Bill Willis and Daniel Willis.

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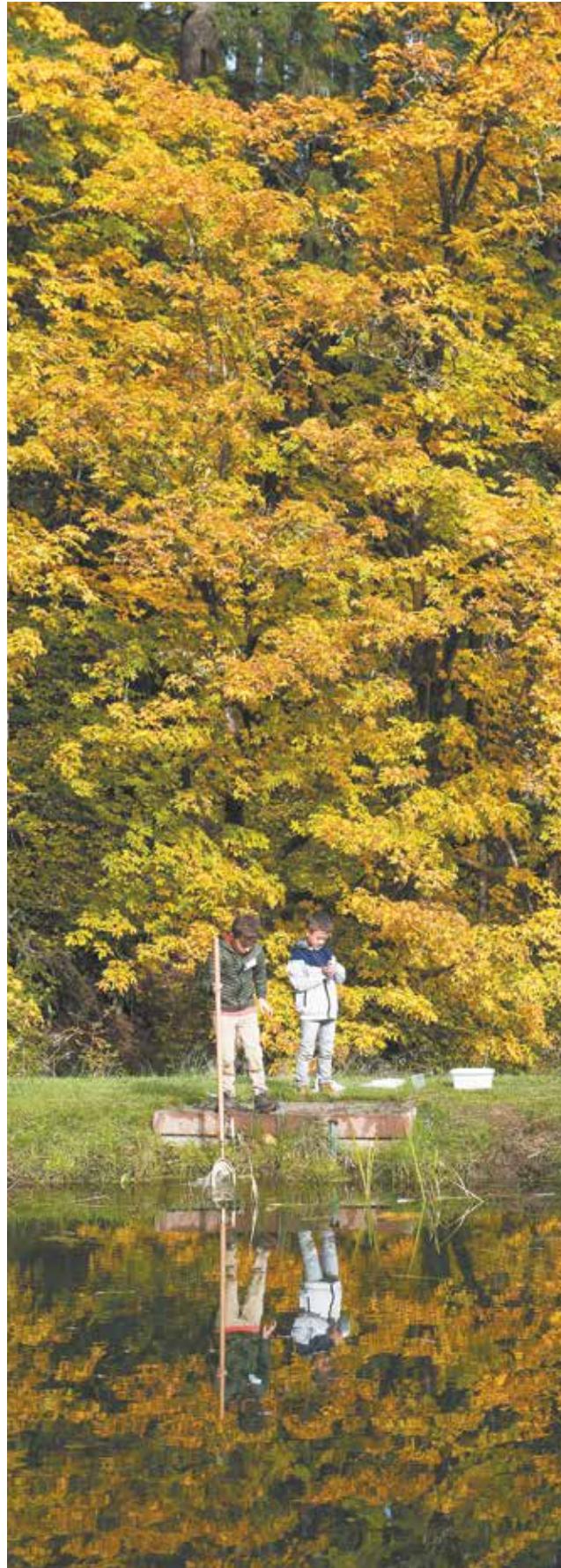
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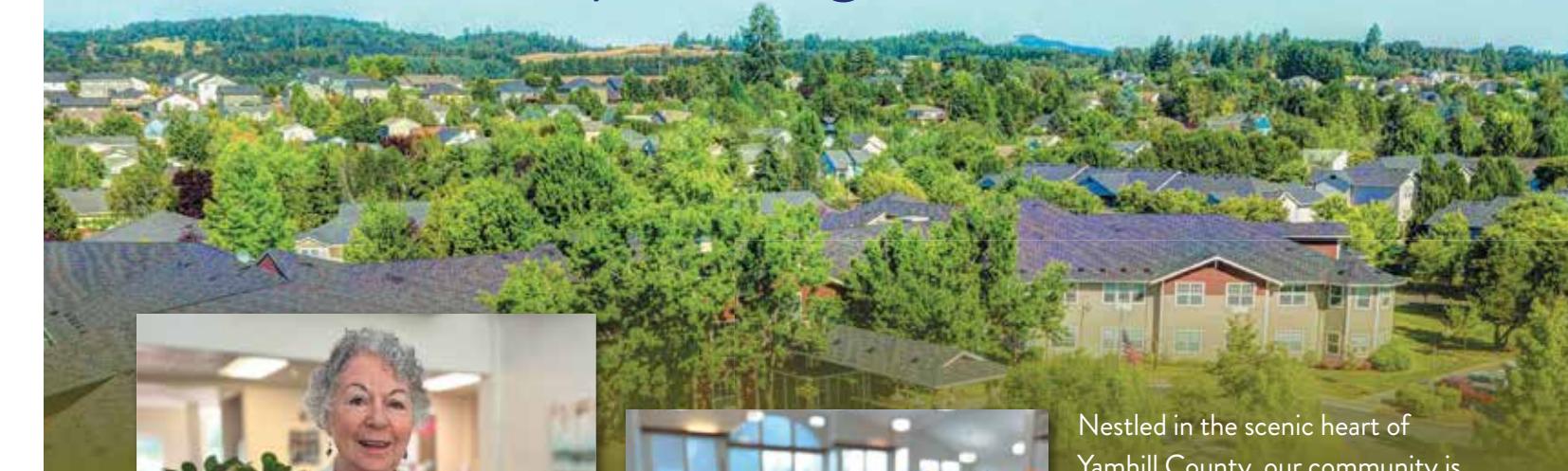
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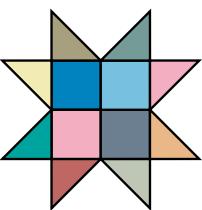
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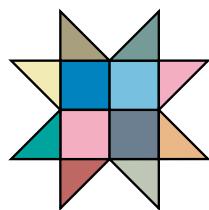
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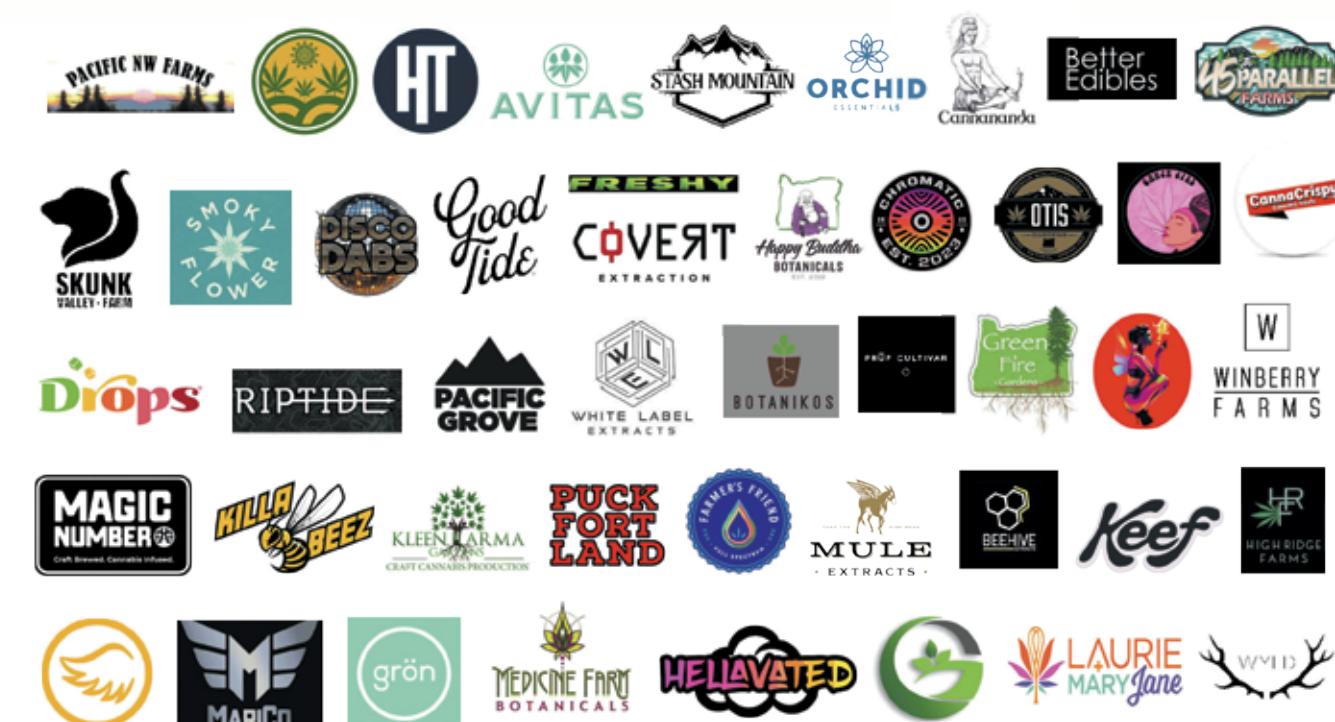
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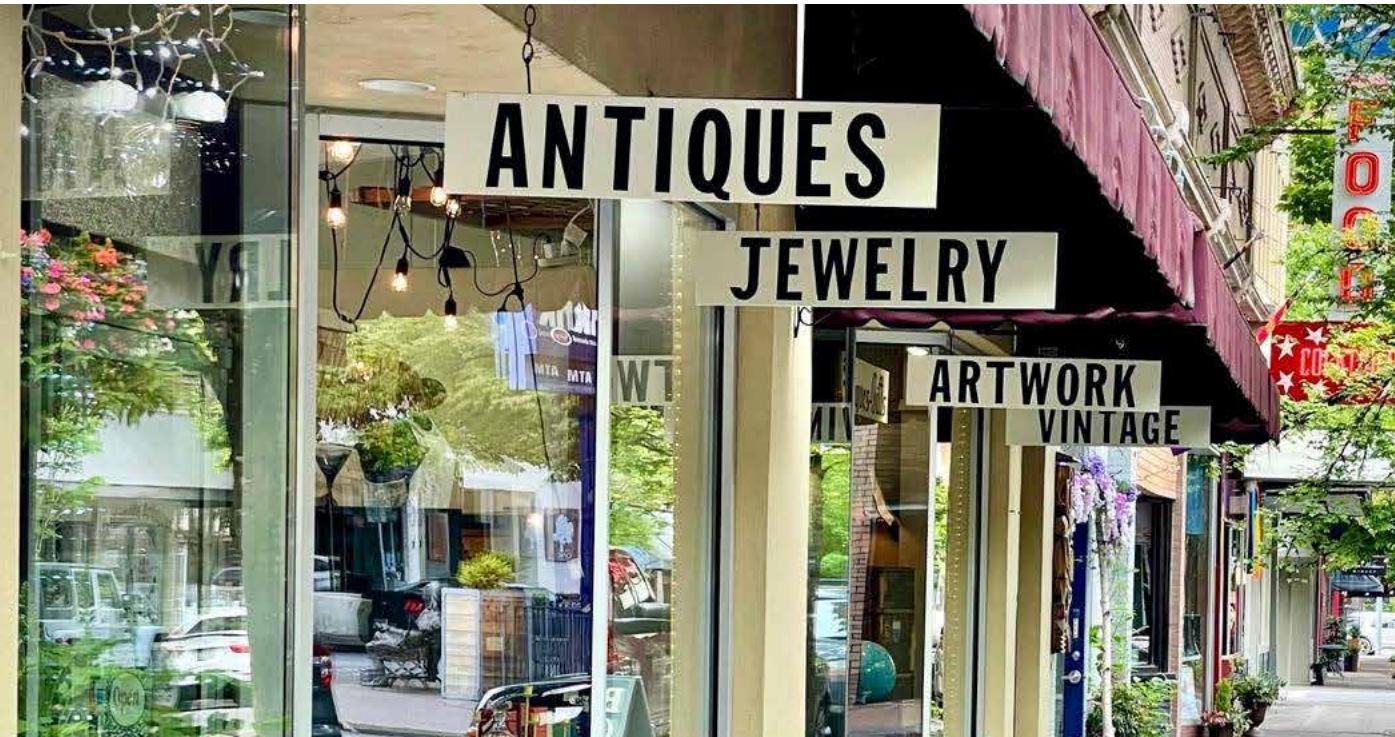
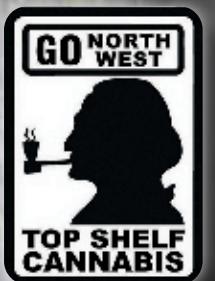
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The Thrill of the Hunt

Antiques are plentiful in the Yamhill Valley

You can not only have a great wine tour of the area, but also it's an area rich in antiques, collectibles and vintage elements.

At the center of this collection of wineries, tasting rooms and antique shops is McMinnville and its historic Third Street, where five antique emporiums await in the downtown corridor, each offering its own view of the world of antiques, vintage and collectible items.

Third Time Around is either where you start or end your tour, located at the West end of Third Street on Baker Street, one of the main thoroughfares of the city. Owner Brian Landry started in the business when his grandfather passed and left him a passel of vintage fishing gear

— reels, poles, creels and such. His other grandfather had a second hand store in Coos Bay, Oregon, and it was just natural for him to start selling the gear.

One thing led to another and he wound up renting a space at another antique parlor in McMinnville. Later, he opened his own store in the current location.

"I always saw a lot of people standing around waiting for a table at the restaurant next door (Wildwood Café). The space was open so I thought 'Let's go for it,'" he recalled.

Landry notes, "People seem to really enjoy coming into the store — they like the randomness of the arrangement of items."

While you'll find a complete range of items — antiques, vintage and col-

lectible items at Third Time Around, Landry adds, "We still have a great selection of vintage fishing tackle — I still like that stuff."

If you start at Third time Around on Baker Street, then your next stop is eastward around the corner to Third Street at Riverlook Antiques. It's located in a stationary store, but as Don Lutz, the former owner of the store notes, "There are a mixture of antiques and collectible items. It's something I do in retirement to keep me occupied."

Across the street and just a bit east you'll find the newest antique store in McMinnville, Vintage on Third, where items are curated for their overall quality and vintage appeal and the upscale atmosphere fits historic Third Street."

Both Wennerstron and Landry at one time or another had booths in the city's largest store, a few doors up from Vintage on Third. That's where you'll find the McMinnville Antique Mall. Amy Hall has managed the property since 2018 when her husband bought the building. She's been a vendor in the store since 2014.

Hall and her mother partner for several booths and it was their shared interest in collecting that brought them to the McMinnville Antique Mall.

Hall says the store has nearly 50 vendors and notes that several vendors have multiple booths. "It's a place where every treasure has a story and buying vintage here is better quality, better value."



and better choice, actually," Hall said.

The last stop on Third Street is The Swedemom Store, near the corner of Ford and Third. Swedemom was started by a local McMinnville mother of four who saw the need to assist local charitable organizations by turning material donations into cash.

Swedemom takes in items from the community and through a variety of sales mechanisms, including online with eBay, generates cash from donated items. You can shop for unique treasures including vintage and antique items. The mix of items is continually changing as Cami Nyquist's team sorts through donations from the local community. Included in the mix are vinyl albums, furniture of all eras, collectibles, vintage items and every so often a cherry antique item.

In the same spirit of Swedemom, a final McMinnville stop is the Homeward Bound Pets Thrift Shop,

located about a mile north of downtown on Lafayette Ave. The shop sells a variety of items, with all proceeds going to the Homeward Bound nonprofit, which was the first no-kill animal shelter in Oregon that handled cats.

Depending on your agenda, your choice of where to head next is as varied as the appellations in the valley.

Lafayette, just five miles from Mac, is truly an antique, vintage and collectible haven, starting with the Lafayette Schoolhouse Antique Mall (LSAM) and its second cousin next door, the Groovy Mart.

Owner Norm Tognozzi purchased the Schoolhouse property in September of 2020. The Groovy Mart offers overflow capacity and focuses on items to fit the budget. The Schoolhouse building offers collectors more than 100 booths spread over three floors and 15,000 square feet.

"We offer collectors a

truly wide variety of items — from repurposed, to vintage, to true antiques," Tognozzi said.

Tognozzi also noted that there are a number of vendors that feature contemporary collectible items; for example, a Disney Store with everything Disney from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s to the present.

"It's pretty cool because much of it is new merchandise. It's one of the most popular stopping places for visitors," he said.

Around a third of the items in the Schoolhouse are Tognozzi's and he said he usually will purchase 20 complete estates a year which allows for a regular update of items in the Schoolhouse.

There is also a small wine store on premise and Tognozzi said they stage events every two months or so that combine some entertainment and a tasting event.

While the Schoolhouse represents the largest of antique shops, don't ne-

glect stopping at a smaller venue in Lafayette, the Pack Rack Antiques shop, which is four blocks south. Owner Evangeline Rice describes the shop as an antique and second hand store with a portion of vintage items. The store supports five vendors in its 5,000 square feet. One of the prime items in the store is Rice's 1927 stove, which has a prominent position in the front. But there are also a wide variety of antiques and vintage collectible items spread through the shop.

From Lafayette, it's a 15 minute drive to **Yamhill**, where any fan of golden age automobiles will be thrilled to experience the Treasure Traders shop. Not all of the building is open to the general public, but if you're looking for something specific, ask: you never know what you may find tucked away in the back area.

The collection of automotive parts, some still wrapped in their OEM wrappers, is amazing. In addition to parts, the space houses automobile badges and other decorative items. One caveat is that the store only takes cash (or checks), so hit the cash machine on your way.

Head through the winding scenery of Highway 240 to land in **Newberg**, where you'll run into Wine Country Antique Mall, where owner Sharon Vo will greet you with a smile and a bounty of information about her store and its contents.

Vo, who was born and raised in Newberg, has owned the shop for almost 40 years, after a short apprenticeship as a part-tim-

er. The store has 10 vendors, including herself, that populates the more than 2,000 square feet — right on the edge of the city's cultural district and nearby Chehalem Valley Cultural Center.

She says of Wine Country Antiques, "It's two full floors of fabulous finds. It's definitely an eclectic mix.

You won't find furniture or stamps and coins, but you'll find depression glass and a range of other items from estate sales and from people just bringing their stuff into the store."

While you're visiting Newberg, two other stores are open weekends only.

Echo's Antiques and Vintage is open Thursday thru Sunday and features antique and vintage items some dating back to the 1800s, including small items and furniture.

Antique, Freak and Flea is open Friday through Sunday and offers a range of antiques and vintage items in addition to a record collection which gives collectors the opportunity to find their favorite vinyl in pristine shape.

Finally, perhaps it's time to head to the Oregon Coast (or perhaps Spirit Mountain Casino), with a final collectibles stop in the *West Valley towns of Sheridan and Willamina*, small communities offering surprises for collectors.

Sheridan is the first stop on the way south. When you get to the lone stop-light in the downtown area, turn left onto Bridge Street and drive east towards the high school. On the left you'll find the uniquely named Red Lizard Resale, which may also be the most unique store of the

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many in the area.

Owner Michelle Pond is up front with what is contained in the 1,400 square foot store and notes with an unapologetic chuckle, "We're a junk store. We've got a little bit of everything including a small amount of vintage and collectibles."

Pond began her business when she went to auctions with her father and thought the business was something she could start. She started with a 400-square-foot store and when she outgrew that she moved to the current location.

Everything in the store is hers, and she adds, "We don't throw hardly anything away. Everything here are items I've brought in."

The name of the store came by family. "We put five names in a hat and voted and Red Lizard was the winner," she said.

Next stop is the town of *Willamina*, another small community in the area that is proud of its logging roots — long ago earning the name Timbertown USA — and still boasts a saw mill with a capacity of 500 MMBF. At the far south end of town is the Willamina Merchant Store, located in a building built in 1910 as the local bank.

Katie Kendall-Vinson and her mother Margery Kendall run the store that was

restored by her brother-in-law.

"I grew up here and for most of my life the building was boarded up. But finally it's been brought back to life. It was a 12 or 13 year process and I'm very proud that it represents the town of Willamina," Vinson said.

The store has a range of items from local artisans and antiques and vintage items, mostly from her mother's collection, who Vinson said has been collecting for years.

There is a friendly ambience in the old brick building which includes the vault from the former bank. And this is much more than a storage area for cash. It's actually a place where you can choose one of many local Oregon wines.

"We ran a restaurant back in the day. We opened the Wildwood and we regularly had winemakers in for breakfast — so we've known those folks for many years and it just made sense to add them to our business model," Vinson said. (Yes, bringing this tour full circle, it's the same Wildwood Cafe next to our first stop of this article in McMinnville)

Vinson also noted they have special events every so often with wine tastings. The Willamina Merchant store is open Friday thru Sunday.



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Downtown Third Street at night

Growing Up Around Iconic Downtown

Fine food, wine, art, festivals and ambition

McMinnville's reputation throughout the world is centered around its iconic downtown chock full of fine food and wine and scenic beauty, and home to the Spruce Goose at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum.

But the town's essence is now also found in the growing array of public art.

The most recent, and perhaps most ambitious, display is Art Alley, which was completed in the fall of 2024.

Described by one downtown leader as "the newest McMinnville

experience," Art Alley is the passageway between Third and Fourth streets, with terminuses at Davis and Evens streets. Formerly a dark and forbidding lane of graffiti and refuse, the alley has been brightened by murals depicting local flora, fauna, history and culture. The walls stay lit all night; it is open for public view 24/7.

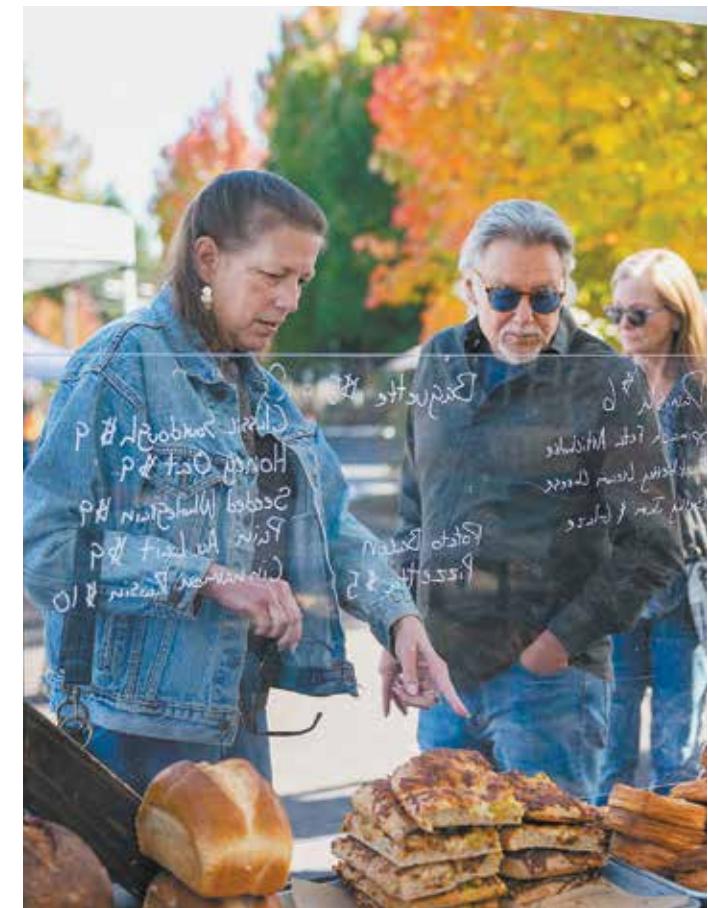
Art Alley is the latest addition to the array of public art that has been installed over the last 20 years thanks to work by the McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art. With

the guide of Art Walk brochure and map, available throughout town, visitors can enjoy around 40 murals, statues and other works between time spent eating, imbibing and shopping.

As packed as the city is with public art, tasting rooms (more than two dozen wine and craft beer spots in within city limits alone), so is the calendar. The downtown association puts on two signature events through the sunny months: the Farmers Market from May to October, at Second and Cowls streets; and Mac Fresco,

in which Third Street is closed to vehicle traffic Fridays through Sundays in the summer, and restaurants and shops bring their offerings out into the fresh air and musicians set up in the streets and sidewalks.

The downtown also partners with McMenamins Hotel Oregon to put on perhaps the largest tourist draw each year, the UFO Festival in May, featuring a massive parade, plentiful concerts and celebrations, pet and human costume contests and a ufology series attracting experts from around the country



McMinnville Farmer's Market

on the subject.

For a true bite of nostalgia, check out the annual Cruising McMinnville event in August, or the Santa parade and Christmas tree lighting and Halloween downtown trick-or-treating.

While strolling along, don't forget to look down at the street corners, where local artists create new street paintings each year, many of which paying tribute to iconic McMinnville citizens, businesses, scenery and history.

Just east of downtown Alpine Avenue - a pedestrian-friendly commercial stretch worth investigating - are planting bins with free produce and herbs all summer long, courtesy of the nonprofit group Edible Landscapes planting beds,

Alpine Avenue. The organization celebrates each May with its annual festival that includes planting activities for children, a petting zoo, fresh produce and flowers and Mother's Day gifts.

Alpine Avenue and the adjacent Granary District (also known together as the Northeast Gateway), is an area that's been redeveloping slowly. The district not features the multi-business hub Mac Market, a tiny home hotel, several wine and craft brew tasting rooms, restaurants and even an golf and arcade simulator. If Third Street is known as McMinnville's living room, it can be said the Granary and Alpine area is quickly becoming the town's bonus room.

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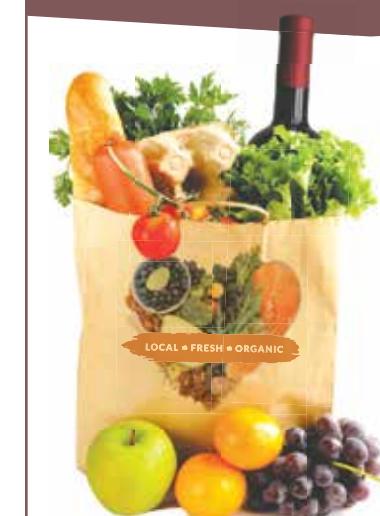


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The community hosts the Amity Daffodil Festival each March. The event features an art show, vendors, plant sales, local wine and restaurant specials and a judged show organized by the Oregon Daffodil Society.

The oak-canopied Amity City Park, blocks off Trade Street, is a welcoming place to recreate, and is home to

an annual pancake breakfast and car show held at City Park in late July. The community event expanded in 2024 and rebranded as Amity Day, with additional activities in the park and a parade downtown.

In 2025, the recently-formed Amity Art Collective held its inaugural tour event on the first weekend in May, featuring artists at pop-up venues throughout town and offering looks into artist studios. They plan to make it an annual event.

A detailed interpretive sign gives an entertaining description of the town's settlement by Europeans

and development as an agricultural and economic hub in the west Willamette Valley.

Throughout the city, there is plenty of good food and spirits to satisfy everyone's taste throughout the year. In 2006, the Eola-Amity Hills District American Viticultural Area was designated, and by 2008 the area supported some 30 wineries with 1,460 acres in vineyards.

Coelho Winery and tasting room and The Bramble/Silas winery tasting rooms are located downtown just blocks apart downtown, and Keller Estate is two miles away, at the end of

Rice Lane, and dozens more tasting opportunities are a short drive into the hills.

A former taphouse on Highway 99 (aka Trade Street within city limits) was transformed in 2022 into Retro Pizza and arcade, where pizza, beer, and a wide range of video games appeal to gamers of all ages.

There are an array of eateries, particularly on Trade Street, including Tacos Burros, Amity Bakery and Café, Blue Goat Farm Meat Market and Farm Store, El Toro Loco and The Common Cup, notable for its waffle bar and handmade



Retro Pizza Co. on Highway 99 (aka Trade Street within city limits)

espresso drinks. Common Cup is part of the Trade Street Commons, once home to the Independent order of Odd Fellows, a downtown staple. It features apartments and office space upstairs and multiple businesses on the ground floor.

On the outskirts of town, you'll find much sought-after bakery items at the Blue Raven Farmstand at the south end on Highway 99W and fudge and truffles of all types at the Brigitte Monastery (take the highly scenic Highway 153 west out of town).

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Taking in the sights in Dundee on horseback

On a Tourist Mission

Dundee is looking ahead

Dundee continues its quest to make itself a prime tourist destination, from its charming hotel at the south end of town and numerous bed and breakfasts, to its rolling hillsides of vineyards, to the restaurants and wine-tasting shops in and around town.

In 2023, the city's tourism organization launched a monthly celebration of all the city has to offer.

Dundee's Vino & Vibes event, aka Third Thursday, started as the vision of a local group of businesses and citizens, conceived to showcase regional art, and to activate Dundee's newly walkable downtown and new city park, according to event committee member Sondra Storm.

The walks are free of charge and attendees can participate in a digital "passport" to win prizes. Visit travel-dundeeoregon.com for a downloadable map, and look for information on overnight accommodations. Also sign up for a Third Thursday Passport, with holders eligible for prizes..

Looking ahead, the city has created a master plan for a 360-acre parcel named The Riverside District, situated southeast between the city and Willamette River. Plans will accommodate future residential and commercial growth while also providing plenty of parks and a trail network.

In 2022, the city began working on a plan for

protecting riparian habitats for waterways in the city. Keeping stream and river water shaded helps to keep the water cooler and more habitable for fish and other aquatic animals. The city continues to work on developing its plans to restore public access to the Willamette Riverfront, and to add connectors between existing trails in the city, and is developing an ordinance to protect existing riparian areas and wetlands, and to restore damaged ones.

Also in recent years, Dundee celebrated the opening of a new two-acre park on Alder Street across the street from the Dundee Hotel. Tipsu Palach Park is named to honor the city's relationship with the

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Tipsu Palach, meaning "plant gift," is from the Chinuk Wawa trade language. The park features seating and gathering areas, an amphitheater, a cutting and pollinator garden and native plantings. A restroom will be added this year.

The city is also working with the Chehalem Parks and Recreation District to develop Dundee-Billick Park.

All that work will enhance visits to some of the Valley's most renowned wineries along Dundee's main street, including Argyle, Dobbes, Methven, Hyland, Purple Hands, NW Wine Company, Day Wines and many more. Dundee boasts more than a dozen tasting rooms on its main street and dozens more with adjacent vineyards in the nearby hills.

Its foodie scene has long been anchored by Red Hills Market, an early off wood-fired pizzas and sandwiches, Tina's and The Dundee Bistro. Wooden Heart added to the mix in 2023 with its wood-fired fare.

Lodging is another feature: In addition, the Dundee Hotel, with its own assortment of tasting rooms on the ground floor, there are multiple bed and breakfasts located in the immediate area, along with numerous vacation rentals.

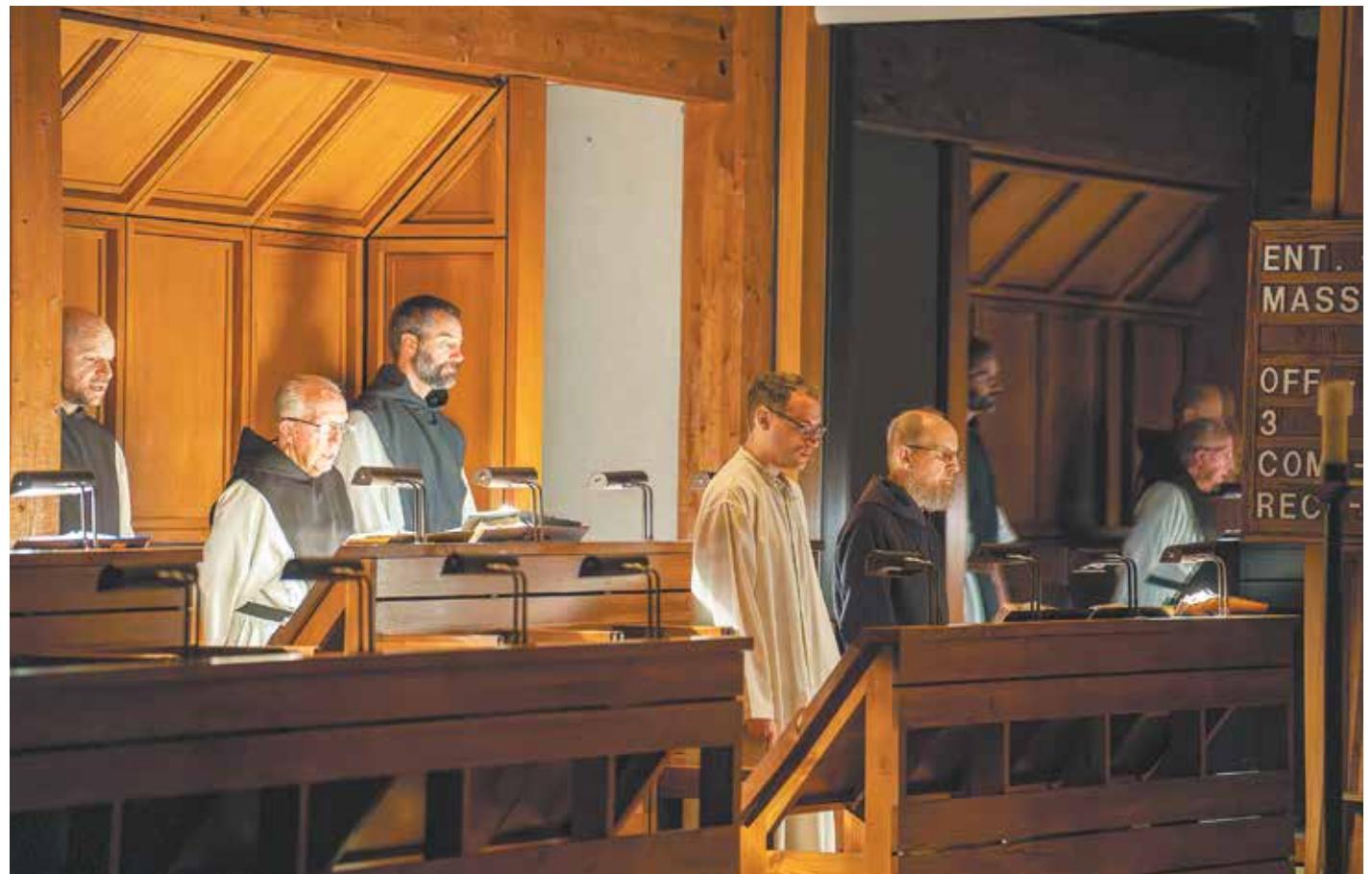
Briar Rose Creamery, an award-winning artisan cheese company, makes its home in Dundee, along with more wine country dining staples such as Tina's, Trelilis, Dundee Bistro and Red Hills Market. La Sierra Mexican Grill & Lounge and Jin's Chinese Restaurant offer family-friendly and delicious dining in addition.

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A service at Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey

from Agriculture to Antiques

Lafayette started as one and is becoming another

Lafayette is synonymous with Oregon's past, dating before statehood. Founded in 1846, the town began as a trading and agricultural center, stocking supplies sent to California goldfields. Today, it is seeing growth in population and amenities and is becoming a regional hub for antiques.

Lafayette is within a short driving distance to numerous wineries, and bed and breakfasts, and minutes from McMinnville, Dayton and Newberg-Dundee. The town's centerpiece is the Lafayette Schoolhouse Antique Mall and adjoining Groovy Mart (in the former

gymnasium). Built in 1912, the Lafayette Schoolhouse became its current incarnation in 1988 and has been a Yamhill County attraction since. With upwards of 15,000 square feet of stall space and 110 store spaces, the mall offers antiques as well as contemporary, vintage and repurposed options. Stop by the wine store, vintage sports or music stores or furnish your sanctuary at the Man Cave or She Shed stores. There are also smaller antique outlets along Highway 99 providing even more selection.

For culinary options, Lafayette offers several Mexi-

can restaurants including Martha's Tacos, Carniceria Abastos, and El Toro, whose salsa is a favorite of City Administrator Branden Dross. Hamblin Eatery serves handmade pastas, thin-crust pizza and classic sandwiches. The Roadhouse is an upbeat tavern with a wide tap list. Notable past residents include suffragette Abigail Scott Duniway, who taught school in Lafayette in the 1850s, and U.S. District Judge Matthew Deady, who practiced law and taught in Lafayette prior to his election to the Legislature in 1850. A historical marker commemorates Duniway

in the small park located in the middle of downtown. Also of interest is Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey, located a couple miles north of Lafayette on Abbey Road. The monastery is famous for its lush forested property, walking trails, church services and its income-generating enterprises of book binding and delicious baked goods — don't leave without a famed Trappist Abbey fruitcake. A few miles west on Abbey Road is Root & Rye Hop Farm and Brewery, which recently changed names from Crowing Hen after a sale.



99W Drive-In - one of a few still operating in the state

Newberg Has it All

A welcoming place

Coming around the bend at Rex Hill Winery on Highway 99W, visitors get a sneak peek into the riches of Newberg, a city surrounded by green vineyards and forested hills. A welcoming place, the community embodies its entry-sign message: "A great place to grow."

Whether tourists are looking for wine tasting, dining out, historical tours or cultural endeavors, Newberg has it all.

While the growth of the wine industry and the accompanying culinary offerings has added plenty of flair to the city's offerings over the years, the beauty of the Willamette River and Chehalem hills remain very much its calling card.

"What attracted me to Newberg was how beautiful it was," says Scott Parker, CEO of the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce. "I liked the lush green beauty of the Pacific Northwest. It's been a very welcoming and supportive community for me and my family after relocating from Colorado after 25 years."

Newberg is home to many well-established fine dining restaurants, including The

rooms overlooking the city and vineyards beyond.

The city is also home to George Fox University, one of the Northwest's premier Christian colleges, as well as a handful of art galleries and boutiques. First Friday ARTwalk remains a prime opportunity to engage with local artists and visit local businesses.

The Chehalem Cultural Center also features art with works by local and student artists. The city treasure hosts programs for both children and adults, and is a hub for annual events such as Old Fashioned Days, the Camellia Festival — celebrating pan-Asian culture — and the Oregon Truffle Festival Market, as well as Tunes on Tuesday, a summer music series.

On the Willamette River just outside town, Rogers Landing offers a dock and launch and hosts the annual Memorial

Weekend Boat Races. The city's parks program also features a disc golf course and several Heritage Trails.

Newberg offers two classic ways to go to the movies: the 99W Drive-In, one of a few still operating in the state and The Cameo, a vintage indoor theater with cool movie memorabilia on the second floor.

Taste Newberg, the official online visitors guide for Newberg provides an in-depth walk-through of all of the potential adventures for arriving visitors. The organization's website highlights Newberg's ascension as an accessible destination in wine country, with experiences for all travelers, from budget to luxury. It's home to over 60 wineries, including some of Oregon's Pinot Noir pioneers, and the Allison Inn & Spa. The downtown is also filled with locally owned shops, galleries and tasting rooms.



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Cool off at the community pool in Carlton

Dive Right In

Dining, shopping, tasting and family fun abounds

Carlton offers a variety of experiences, including the opportunity to visit numerous wineries and tasting rooms that give the town its reputation as the "Capital of Oregon Wine Country."

Spend a day walking around this "Great Little Town," as its entrance signs proclaim, or stay overnight at the Carlton Inn or one of several B&Bs and other lodging options available in town and in the surrounding hills.

While you're here, be sure to enjoy one of its many eateries, ranging from quick and casual, to fine dining, white tablecloths and all.

While Cuvée and soon-to-be Hayward (a James Beard-recognized restau-

rant moving from McMinnville to Carlton in the summer of 2025) are just right for special occasions, Barrel 47 and the cleverly named Blind Pig - a reference to speakeasies of the past - are perfect for the weeknight or weekend meal. Park & Main adds wood-fired pizza and homemade ice cream to the main-street mix, and The Horse Radish serves up both food and live entertainment for visitors and residents alike.

For relaxed dining, Carlton Corners offers award-winning burgers, pizza and breakfast items. Myla Thai, next to the American Legion Hall on East Main, and Margarita's offer extra spice to the food scene. Several occupy historic

Before you eat, browse in Carlton's shops, such as the Violet Rose or Rough Cut Soaps & Sundries, which offer gifts for yourself and for others. Afterward, if you're looking for a workout, try H-Bomb Fitness or, during the summer, the outdoor pool.

Or simply take a walk in Wennerberg Park next to the Yamhill River or Ladd Park downtown. Both parks offer children's play structures and picnic tables, so before heading there pick up breakfast, lunch, a snack or picnic supplies at the Carlton Bakery or Carlton Coffee Company.

And about that wine ... dozens of wineries and tasting rooms are located in and around Carlton. Several occupy historic

buildings, such as Cathedral Ridge tasting room inside the town's original bank; Ken Wright Cellars in the old train depot; and Flâneur Wines in the historic Madsen Grain elevator. La Biblioteca is new this year in the former Cathedral Ridge space.

Throughout the year, Carlton caters to both visitors and locals with festivals such as Carlton Crush, a harvest festival complete with grape stomping in September.

For the family, Carlton Fun Days Festival in late June offers a parade, activities in the park and a fun run; National Night Out in August brings the whole community to Ladd Park for food, music and neighborly activities.



Derby Days soap-box races

A Small Taste of Oregon

Locals and visitors thrive in Yamhill

Yamhill offers the best of small-town life, including services — a bank, a real estate agency, a barbershop, a salon, restaurants, an antique mall and a grocery store — all in a friendly, community-minded setting.

No wonder the town proudly proclaims itself "A Small Taste of Oregon." And you'll find even more places to visit just outside the city limits, such as equestrian venues. Numerous wine tasting rooms featuring breathtaking views of the valley are within miles of the Yamhill's center, as well.

Yamhill started as a hub between the Willamette Valley and the Coast for those traveling by horse-drawn vehicles. Trains moved people and goods headed north to Portland or south to the rest

of the Willamette Valley. Those roots are displayed throughout town, especially at the Larson House Restaurant, which is located in a building that once held a tavern drawing loggers from the hills west of town.

Today's visitors also can buy soda and snacks at T & E General Store after perusing the ever-changing display of nostalgic finds in the store's back room and shelves surrounding groceries and other supplies. More unique items can be found across the street in the old grain mill, now home to a collection of vintage and antique dealers.

Just south of town on Highway 47 is The Source Farms (formerly Kookoolan), a small market stocked with locally-raised meat, mead, and other products.

Foodies will find delight in fresh ingredients prepared at The Larson House Pizzeria and Eatery. You'll find occasional entertainment, from live music, bingo nights and trivia, there; and at The Fireside, which features a menu of smokehouse barbecue.

Locals treasure the tradition of Derby Days, a festival started by T & E in the 1950s. Held on the third weekend in July each year, the city's biggest party starts with a huge parade featuring farm and logging equipment, children's groups, fire trucks and more.

Later, everyone moves to the oak-shaded Beulah Park for music, bingo, frog jumping and the beloved soap-box derby.

Year-round, Beulah Park remains a popular spot for picnicking. Families enjoy its

play equipment and skateboarding area.

From Highway 47, which runs north and south through Yamhill, you may catch a glimpse of what at first looks like a pair of flying saucers. No need to run; these are the domed gym and STEM buildings on Yamhill-Carlton High School campus.

Just as striking is a barn covered with quilting squares on the north side of the road; in spring, it sometimes seems to float in a sea of red clover.

Another unique building in town is the Queen Anne-style house where beloved children's author Beverly Cleary spent her childhood. In recent years, a festival has been started in her honor, and interpretive signs around town celebrate Cleary's life.



Friday Nights in the Summer at Courthouse Square Park

Big Things are Happening

Dayton celebrates both its heritage and its future

Big things are happening in the small town of Dayton.

Renovation of the downtown's Merchant Block – one of more than 40 places on the National Historic Registry in the city – is addition of retail and restaurants and a 12-unit, second-floor hotel are set to be operational by summer of 2025.

One of the staples is the famous Joel Palmer House, known for its truffles and cuisine. Named after one of the town's founders, the Czarnecki family has offered a fine-dining experience in the house since 1996, when the home was restored. It is now led by fourth-generation chef Christopher Czarnecki.

Dayton is also home to

the Fort Yamhill Blockhouse, a building constructed in the era of conflict with the Native people of Western Oregon. Built in 1856, the U.S. army built the blockhouse to limit contact between the native people and Oregon's resettlement communities.

In 1911, the building was moved to Dayton and reassembled to prevent its demolition, and in tribute to Palmer, who served as the state's superintendent of Indian Affairs in the 1850s.

The By-Pass Bar & Grill and Juanita's Café Y Nieve-ria, offer more diversity in dining selection. For a lighter option, head over to the high school, where Pirates Den offers subs, pizza and coffee.

Every summer, the Courthouse Square Park downtown lights up on Fridays, when the town hosts its award-winning Friday Nights series. Residents and visitors can enjoy live musical performances, children's activities, and downtown shopping experiences, including a market in the park. Car lovers can enjoy a rotating cruise-in,

a chance to see unique and antique cars from around Willamette Valley. The historic bandstand in the middle of the park just underwent a \$40,000 renovation.

In April 2025, the city cut the ribbon on the new Dayton footbridge, which provides access to Alderman Park on the Yamhill River and Vintages

RV Resort. And the city is working on fixing and reopening its boat launch, providing access to the Willamette River via the Yamhill.

Located in the heart of the Oregon Wine Country, a few minute drive from downtown Dayton is will land you at destination tasting rooms like Stoller Family Estate, Sokol Blosser and Archery Summit.

The city celebrates its heritage and future through both art and science. Whimsically painted wine barrels can be found around downtown, and the annual ArtScape showcases local talent by exhibiting a collection of banners with original Dayton-themed artwork.



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2025 Events Calendar

Cinco De Mayo Carnival

Sunday, May 4, 1 pm-5 pm
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Dayton Friday Nights

Fridays, June 27-August 29, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Courthouse Square Park, Downtown Dayton
Live Music, Food, Vendors

Dayton Fireworks Show

Friday, July 4, 10 pm
Dayton Elementary School
Fireworks Show, Food, Vendors

Old Timers Weekend

July 25-27
Courthouse Square Park, Downtown Dayton
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Hometown Days Parade participants

The Gateway to the West Valley

Rural charm abounds in Sheridan

Sheridan could be considered the gateway to the West Valley, with Willamina located five miles to the west and Grand Ronde a few miles beyond on Highway 18.

The city offers several recreational opportunities, highlighted by the Sheridan pond, which is regularly stocked with rainbow trout, and where the Hometown Days fishing derby is annually held. Hometown Days, scheduled this year on June 20-21, features food and family events, including a parade through town, a fishing derby, live music, motorcycle games and much more.

To the north of downtown is J Wrigley Vineyards and to the west Art + Science Cider & Wine. Maysara Winery can be found east of Sheridan on Muddy Valley Road.

The McMinnville AVA runs from the county seat, McMinnville, to West Hill toward the Coast Range.

Downtown saw refurbishment of American Market service station market on Highway 18, where a new façade and windows meant the loss of a historic mural, while the city gained a new mural in fall 2022. By McMinnville artist Natalie Fletcher, it's a colorful, kaleidoscopic visual summary of all things

Sheridan, on Monroe Street on the Figaro's Pizza building. Nearby, new colorful directional signs by artist Colt Bowden were installed in 2024.

Other dining options include Riverside Café and Lee's Green Frog.

Sheridan Museum of History, 142 S. Bridge St., is one of three West Valley museums, along with Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the Willamina History Museum, both a few miles west.

Sheridan parks range in size from City Park, where a skate park is also locat-

ed, and a "pocket park" along the popular walkway (West Main Street).

In response to a request from the Oregon Veterans' Motorcycle Association, the city partnered with the group to establish the park.

The granite monument, two granite benches, a flagpole, trees and shrubs form an area about 3,000 square feet in size. While it is designed to remember all veterans, it highlights three servicemen from Sheridan who are listed as missing in action: Robert Altus, Clifford Francis and Grant Teats. The memorial was dedicated in June 2016.



Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center

Keeping Native Pride Alive

Grand Ronde is a city rich in history

Visit the Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center on Grand Ronde Road to discover a story of great resilience.

It speaks to the people of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, honoring tribal elders who kept traditions and dreams alive during the termination years by the federal government. The cultural center, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, just off Highway 18, also celebrates the revitalization that continues to this day. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Yamhill Kalapuya people called their homeland Chachalu, which translates to "place of the burnt timbers," named for a massive forest fire that burned through the Grand Ronde Valley shortly before the time of relocation in 1856. The land has fully recovered

with healthy forests and abundant wildlife, including salmon that have returned to area streams.

Chachalu, transformed from a former grade school building and there is ample parking in front of the museum. Check grandronde.org/history-culture for more information. Through September 2025, the museum is featuring "My Ancestors Are Here," an exhibit focused on the photographic meditations of Leland Butler from his time as the Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellow in 2024. The series features images from Fort Yamhill, Mary's Peak, Spirit Mountain, Table Rock, and Willamette Falls.

The casino offers a full gaming experience, sports bar, dining choices and an event center that hosts a variety of world-class entertainers.

Grand Ronde also celebrates its West Valley Veterans Memorial, the setting for an annual Memorial Day ceremony. It is located off Grand Ronde Road.

Veterans are also honored during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow each July, and the Contest Powwow, each August at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, adjacent to Fort Yamhill State Park, off Highway 22. This colorful event attracts huge crowds.

In 2022, the Tribes and Linfield University combined to create the first Camas Festival, celebrating the flower and root that is a food staple and essential cultural symbol.

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Logging Show at The Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration

Timber Town USA

Willamina offers so much more than lumber

Nestled against the Coast Hills and known as Timber Town USA, Willamina is not a bustling, somewhat hidden hub of arts, music and creativity.

Katie Vinson put the town on the musical map many moons ago, with the Wildwood Hotel and the Wildwood MusicFest & Campout. She and her sister have since sold the Wildwood bar and restaurant, and her latest venture is Swan Hall, a community gathering space that featuring touring musicians, trivia nights and more. This year, Vincent is relaunching the Wildwood music festival – tickets are sold out for the June event, so check early

for 2026 tickets. Oddfellows Pizza also hosts live music in the warmer months on its patio; and the Sundown Concerts & CampOuts at Art + Science cidery just east of town are a must for any fan of live music.

Heading into the fall season, the Coastal Hills Art Tour has become a popular November attraction, and now is in its fourth decade. Dozens of artists display their works at venues around town, including the annual show by the Coastal Hills Quilters.

Six miles north of the city into the hills is East Creek Art, a studio, retreat and community pottery

workshop with an onsite anagama kiln. Built into the hillside in 1985, the kiln offers a unique scene of woodfire-brewed alchemy, where heat, ash, and moving air spell imbed patterns and create designs into the ceramics. See eastcreekart.org for a schedule of firings and other events.

Willamina celebrates history with its museum downtown at 118 D St., and the nearby Galloping Goose display – a restored train car with an interesting back story told in the signage, at the Y intersection of Northeast and South Main streets. Next to Galloping Goose is a detailed interpretive display relating “Timber Town

USA” and the story of how Willamina “made millions of bricks.” Across the way next to a small picnic park is a large metal sculpture by Walt Mendenhall titled “Rusty the Logger” honoring “a bygone era of massive trees and rowdy logging camps.”

The Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration is a community staple each Independence Day, featuring a logging show, parade, fireworks presentation and much more. The Willamina Farmers Market is open Sundays during the summer months, offering local produce and crafts.

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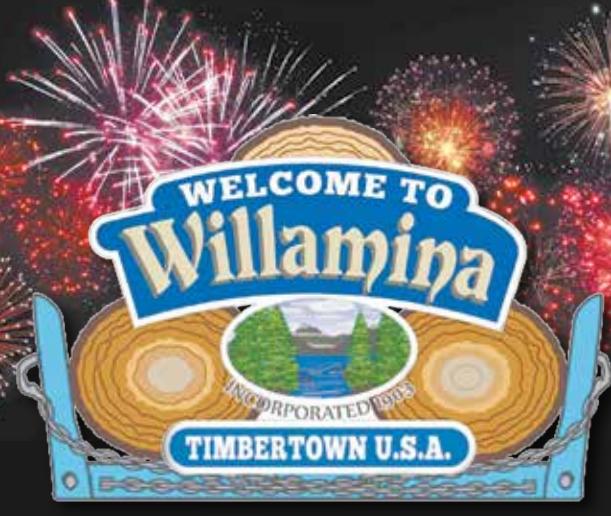
Huddleston Pond at Hampton Park is a popular fishing spot, great for family outings, and in 2024 the city celebrated the opening of a bike pump track at Oaken Hills Park.



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Moving to McMinnville

Plenty of reasons to move to Mac

For people looking for a place to live, Yamhill County is a very good choice, local real estate professionals say.

McMinnville and the smaller cities in the county offer convenient location, friendly neighbors, scenic beauty and plenty to do, both close to home and within an hour's drive.

Real estate broker Chris Voight tells potential clients that Yamhill County is a great central location, close to whatever they want to do. "You can go to Portland one day and to the coast the next," said Voight, who has lived in the county since 1977.

The big city and the beach are about an hour away in different directions. The state capital

is 30 minutes away. It's an easy drive to skiing at Mount Hood, or a shorter drive will take you into the hills to enjoy views and look at wildlife.

Voight is familiar with all the cities in Yamhill County, so he is able to tell clients about specific offerings. He can talk about the different school districts, recreational facilities and stores.

Moving to McMinnville or another part of Yamhill County also offers opportunities to volunteer, make new friends, spend time with other people — or avoid them, if that's their preference, said Beth Caster, a McMinnville realtor with Keller Williams Portland Premiere.

Other retirees want to come to McMinnville because they want to be closer to their children and grandchildren, said Jen Feero, a broker with Baker Street Realty in McMinnville. People of all

restaurants, this is not who we are," Caster tells clients, then rhapsodizes about all the unique local places to dine, have a glass of wine or hear music.

Caster and other realtors say many people chose McMinnville because it is both a county seat and the home to two colleges, Linfield University and Chemeketa Community College's Yamhill Valley campus. Linfield alumni may stay in town, or come "home" to retire.

Equestrians find places to ride and board their horses in Yamhill and rural parts of the county. Places to ride include DeLashmutt Arena at the fairgrounds in McMinnville, as well as trails leading into the coast range.

ages are attracted by easy access to medical care, she said, and young families appreciate the good schools and plethora of children's activities.

History and aviation lovers enjoy the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, both as a place to visit and a place to volunteer. Recreation enthusiasts appreciate the McMinnville Aquatic Center, the variety of city and county parks and nearby places to cycle and hike.

Not to mention "an amazing main street with food, shopping, entertainment," she said.

In addition to a wide range of housing types, McMinnville has "such diversity of things to do," Feero said. "There are tons of parks, Miller Woods (nature area), Evergreen museum and the water park, lots of education, Gallery Theater and, of course, wine," she said.

When she meets with someone who is considering moving to Yamhill County, she said she asks about their expectations.

If they want to go into their bank and be greeted by name, or pull up to a coffee shop and have the barista know their order before they say a word — they can have that in McMinnville, she said. Or if they want quiet and anonymity, she said, "they

People interested in the arts find galleries and plenty of public art displays, including the murals in McMinnville's Art Alley, and they enjoy visits to artists themselves during the annual Art Harvest Studio Tour. There are many opportunities to hear music, from local pop and bluegrass to classical works. For live stage plays, Gallery Theater, Linfield and other venues are waiting.

And, of course, wine is a big draw. Dozens of vineyards and tasting rooms are in close proximity for anyone who lives in Yamhill County. NW Wine Tours and other tour companies are available for individuals, couples and groups.

Feero of Baker Street Real Estate said she loves to take prospective buyers on tours of McMinnville. This lets them see for themselves just how much the area has to offer.

Beth Caster of Keller Williams also is quick to share her feelings about McMinnville with potential clients as well as with her neighbors. "I love this community. I can't imagine living anywhere else," she said.

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Car show at Drag the Gut event

sure?" about whether to choose this place, which she thinks represents

"the best of all worlds" in its location, as well as its offerings.

Sometimes, for instance, people think they want to live far from town, but they have no experience with wells or septic tanks. Caster said she makes sure buyers know what they are getting into; otherwise, they won't be

can have space for that here, too."

The key to her job, she said, is being willing to listen to other people's wants and needs.

"If they relax, something is there they relate to. If they tense up," it might be time to move on to another property." There's plenty to choose from in McMinnville, she said.

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As she shows properties, she also asks "how does it feel when you're home?"

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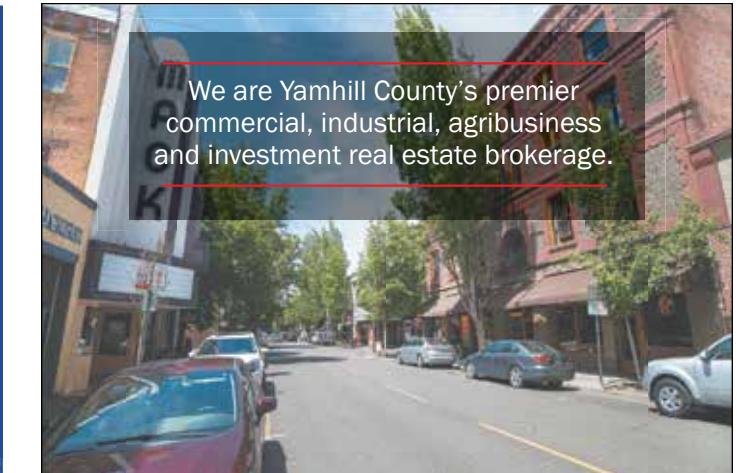
1. Small-town friendliness and culture
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3. Location, location, location – proximity to the Oregon coast, the Portland Metro Area, the state capital and ski resorts, all within a short drive. The Portland International
4. Plenty to do, from concerts to museums to cycling trails to community theater, plus summer activities hosted by the McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department.
5. A wide array of businesses for shopping and employment, including retail shops, award-winning restaurants, manufacturers and service businesses.
6. Year-round wine tasting and opportunities to see the wine-making community up close.
7. Volunteer opportunities, including numerous service clubs such as Soroptimist, Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis.
8. Quality schools that consistently do as well or better than the state average. In addition to public schools, there are several private schools for K-12 students and Linfield University and Chemeketa Commu-
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Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center in Grand Ronde

History Abounds

Stories and artifacts of the past on display at myriad local museums

From stories of the soil you walk on to trips beyond the stars, the Yamhill Valley offers a variety of experience for history-lovers.

The Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum is home to a renowned collection of planes, spacecraft, artifacts and more. The star attraction is the Spruce Goose, the world's largest aircraft; in November 2022 Evergreen celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Spruce Goose's one-and-only flight.

Evergreen is in partnership with the Carlton Observatory, which provides hands-on experiences and special events at the

space museum. Evergreen showcases plenty to see and do for a wide variety of tastes, from the ardent aviation aficionado to the swim-crazed eight-year-old at the Wings and Waves Waterpark. (The waterpark and large-screen theater have separate admissions).

The 300-acre property is home to numerous public events, including the spring McMinnville Wine and Food Classic and the annual International Air Show, scheduled this year in October. The interior of the aviation and space buildings, and the expansive museum grounds,

have emerged in recent years as the go-to location for fun runs, music and art events, and more.

On the other end of McMinnville, the Yamhill County Heritage Center is a hub of local history and home to a transplanted schoolhouse, a vintage sawmill, a blacksmith shop and myriad pieces of antique farm equipment and other transportation vehicles. The site also houses some 10,000 artifacts of local history on rotational display.

In addition, the heritage center hosts educational programs for children and several special public events each year, such as

Farm Fest and Plowing Competition (April), Hay Day/Play Day (June), Harvest Fest (August), plus a vintage baseball game (September).

Head west toward the Coastal Hills to enjoy the Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center in Grand Ronde, which presents exhibits curated by tribal staff celebrating history, stories and impacts of tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Admission to Chachalu is free, and donations are accepted. Permanent and rotating exhibits are also on display, including bead work, basketry and

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canoes, and information about food sources and other lore. Exhibits include photos and text describing the history of the Kalapuya land and the formation of Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, its history, and the legal and social changes affecting indigenous peoples stemming from European exploration and domination. One feature is a panoramic depiction of the extent of the ancient Missoula Floods on what is today the Willamette Valley.

In Newberg, the Hoover-Minthorn House, was the childhood home of Herbert Hoover, the nation's 31st president. Hoover lived there from 1885 to 1891 with his uncle and aunt, John and Laura Minthorn, administrators

of the local Quaker middle school. The Italianate-style structure, built in 1881, was restored and opened to the public in 1955, and has been furnished with late 19th century accents.

The West Valley has two spots to relish the past. The Willamina Museum of Local History, occupying a former church built in 1877, serves the community as a place to share the past and to fulfill the Willamina Historical group's operating slogan, "History has no meaning unless it's shared." The museum features a growing collection of local genealogical material and Timbertown tales. The Sheridan Museum of History also offers a collection of artifacts and more.



Hoover-Minthorn House in Newberg and Rusty the Logger in Willamina

An advertisement for Hillside, a human good community. The background is a light green with a faint leaf watermark. At the top right is a cluster of purple grapes. The text "It's more than where you live. It's how." is written in a large, sans-serif font. Below this is a photograph of three people in a garden: two women in hats and a man, all smiling and holding a basket of fresh vegetables. The text "There's so much more to inspire your best life at Hillside." is in bold. Below it is a paragraph about the community's location in the Willamette Valley, its amenities, and its provider, HumanGood. The text "Please call (503) 461-9578 to request a tour or visit ExploreHillside.org" is in bold. At the bottom, the "Hillside" logo is shown with the tagline "a human good community". The footer reads "WELCOME TO LIFE PLAN COMMUNITY LIVING" and "IN THE HEART OF McMINNVILLE, OREGON".

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MONTHLY

Art Walk

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APRIL

4/12 - Newberg Camellia Festival

Chehalem Cultural Center chehalem culturalcenter.org

4/12 - Yamhill County Chili Cook-off

ForeLand Beer, McMinnville, Benefit for Homeward Bound Pets

4/19 - Flavors of Carlton

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5/3 - Yamhill-Carlton Spring Tasting

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5/3 - Terroir Writing Festival

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg, terroircreative-writingfestival.com

5/9 - Camas Festival

Linfield University Linfield.edu/camasfest

5/10 - Edible Gardening Festival

Mac Market, McMinnville, edibleyamhill.org

5/15-5/16 - Shakespeare in the Courtyard

Linfield University, McMinnville, Linfield.edu/tca/events

5/16-5/17 - McMenamins UFO Festival

Downtown McMinnville uofest.com

5/24-5/25 - Memorial Weekend Boat Races

Rogers Landing, Newberg newbergboatclub.org

5/24-5/26 - Memorial Day Wine Tasting Weekend

Valley-wide oregonwinepress.com

JUNE

6/8 - Summer Garden Tour & Faire

McMinnville mcminnvillegardenclub.org

6/13-6/15 - Oregon Brews & Barbecue

Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville, or-brewsandbbqs.com

6/20-21 - Quilts in Bloom

Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville Willamettevalleyquilters.com

6/20-22 - Wildwood Music Festival

Tindle Ranch, Willamina Wildwoodfestivalrevival.org

6/21 - Hay Day/Play Day & Vintage Baseball

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, McMinnville yamhillcountyhistory.org

6/21 - Make Music Day

McMinnville, makemusicday.org/mcminnville

6/21-6/22 - Sheridan Home Town Days

cityofsheridanor.com

6/27-6/28 - Carlton Fun Days

facebook.com/carltonfun-days

JULY

7/1-7/5 - St. Paul Rodeo

St. Paul stpaulrodeo.com

7/4 - Willamina Old-Fashioned Fourth of July

Willamina willaminaoregon.gov

7/12-7/13 - Lavender Festival & Plein Air Paint Out

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg, chehalem culturalcenter.org

7/12 - Summer Nights Vintage Car Show

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, McMinnville yamhillcountyhistory.org

8/16 - Lemonade Day

McMinnville, lemonadeday.org/mcminnville

7/12-13 - Porklandia

Downtown Carlton carltonbusinessassociation.com

7/12-7/14 - Marcellus Northwest Memorial Veterans Powwow

Uyxat Powwow Grounds, Grand Ronde grandronde.org

7/13 - Fueled By Fine Wine Half Marathon

Dundee Hills, foottraffic.us/the-races/fueled

7/18-7/19 - Yamhill Derby Days

Beulah City Park facebook.com/yamhillderbydays

7/24-7/27 - Newberg Old-Fashioned Festival

newbergoldfashionedfestival.org

7/26-7/28 - Old Timers Weekend

Dayton, ci.dayton.or.us

7/30-8/2 - Yamhill County Fair

Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville yamhillcountyfairs.com

AUGUST

8/9 - Valley View Car Show & Festival

Rock of Ages, McMinnville rockofagesvalleyview.com

8/15-8/17 - Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Contest Powwow Uyxat Powwow Grounds grandronde.org

11/28-11/30 - Thanksgiving Wine Tasting Weekend

Valley-wide oregonwinepress.com

11/28 - Santa's Parade & Tree Lighting

Downtown McMinnville downtownmcminnville.com

DECEMBER

12/6-12/7 - Handmade Holiday Bazaar

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, McMinnville yamhillcountyhistory.org

8/23 - Cruising McMinnville

Downtown McMinnville cruisingmcminnville.com

SEPTEMBER

TBD - Carlton Crush Harvest Festival

Downtown Carlton carltoncrush.com

9/26-9/28 - Oregon International Air Show

McMinnville Airport www.oregonairshow.com

OCTOBER

10/3-10/5; 10/10-10/12 Art Harvest Studio Tour of Yamhill County

Valley-wide, www.artharveststudiotour.org

10/4-10/5 - McMinnville Scottish Festival

Yamhill County Fairgrounds Celticheritage.org

NOVEMBER

11/7-11/8 - Willamina Coastal Art Tour

facebook.com/willaminaarttour

FEBRUARY

All Month - The Melt Down

Valley-wide yamhillcap.org

TBD - McMinnville Short Film Festival

McMinnville, mcminnvillefilmfest.org

TBD - Oregon Truffle Festival

Yamhill County Various locations oregontrufflefestival.org

MARCH

3/7-3/9 - McMinnville Wine + Food Classic

Evergreen Air & Space Museum, McMinnville mcminnvillewineandfood.com

TBD - Amity Daffodil Festival

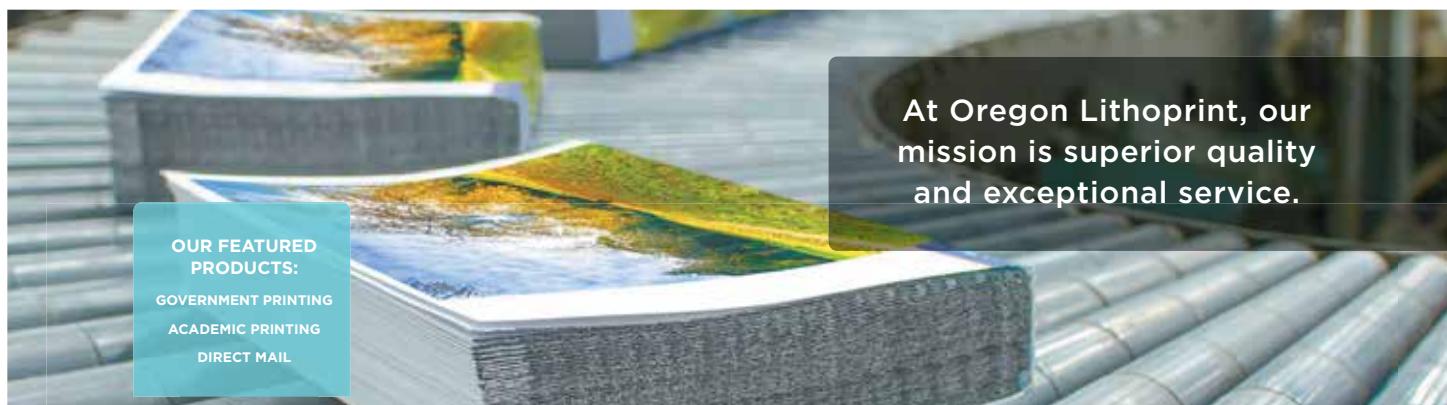
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