



What's Happening with Downtown Stayton?

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A correction to make first. The last issue of the Canyon Advertiser I noted that 30% of the local residents responding to a recent survey by the city, get their information from the channel 5 cable access. That is wrong and the correct percentage is 13.5%.

We have had some vacant commercial spaces in town that I reported on last year, but that is up almost 100%. This is distressing! I would have thought that in this economy, more individuals would be opening businesses, having been laid off or their jobs or outsourced. Two buildings that have been vacant for a long time in downtown Stayton are priced high enough that most business owners that are established, could not afford them, so it's no wonder that

new businesses could not open in these locations. It begs the question, what will it take to get these spaces rented and what kinds of businesses do we need?

Some changes to the sidewalks across the street from the post office at the fitness center are a welcome sight. The trees that had been planted there pushed up the sidewalk so badly that is had been dangerous to walk around that section. Now, it's safe and the new trees that were replanted will be shading us again in a few years. I was disappointed to see the trees on Ida along side A-Pizza cut down and left with just 2 foot stumps and a planter on them with a couple of small trees in the planter. I do know that the sidewalk there had been repaired just a

couple of years ago with new concrete and brick and the tree roots were pushing the brick around so it was becoming dangerous to walk there. Hopefully a solution will be found for a tree that does not do that. I sure would hate to loose all our trees and sidewalks downtown because of that.

I have been getting a lot of comments about both the cable access channel 5 and the KENC website. It's great to know that folks are interested in what goes on in this community. It's been 2 years that we have been recording the city council and town hall meetings as well as concerts and broadcasting them. I have had little or no help from Wave Broadband with the cable access system. I have had to bring my own DVD player and a small color TV monitor into their facility just to be able to run the videos. They just don't get it, that community access is proprietary programming that you can't get anywhere else and would seem to me to be a premium for attracting and keeping customers. Fortunately SCTC has a different take on this and they are helping us get a community internet television

system. Soon it will be possible to see city council, town hall and other governmental meetings live as well as archived for later broadcast on a state of the art community internet site that we currently operate as KENC community radio on... In fact, if you didn't know it, you can see all the city council, town hall meetings and past concerts by going to www.kencradio.com and clicking on "Around The Canyon" and select what you want to see... You can also tune in KENC radio anytime of the day there and in any part of the world, and many do. SCTC has been great partners with us and I look forward to working with them as we expand Community Internet Television. Think of the things that we will be able to do with it. What would you like to see? That's just my opinion, what's yours?
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Cartwright Music's Concert Series

March 6, 2010 Saturday. Bluestone County: Bluestone County is a fairly new group that there has been a lot of chatter about in the bluegrass community. Featuring the high tenor of Jered Widman backed by the outstanding talents of Suzi and Sam Samuels, Rick Campbell, Mark Thomas and Chris Floyd. **Bluestone County**, is BLUEGRASS!! From traditional to contemporary, the band features powerful vocalists and accomplished instrumentalists, all from the Mid-Willamette Valley. Polished and poised, eloquent and experienced, Bluestone County brings a refreshing air of artistry and true craftsmanship to all they do while keeping the audience engaged and energized. Admission is \$12. Doors open at 6:30 PM, show-time 7:00 PM

March 20, 2010 The jams are back at Cartwright's Music and Event Center. The last Saturday of each month from 5 PM to 8 PM . The jam sessions are all acoustic, bluegrass and open to all. The first hour, from 5 to 6 PM is a slow jam dedicated to persons new to either playing or playing bluegrass music. Listeners are always welcome, the coffee is always on the usually we have lots of refreshments. No charge, but donations are accepted to help offset the cost of the room and utilities.

March 27, 2010 Saturday evening from 6:00 PM till 9:30 PM. A very special evening of bluegrass gospel music. This a benefit concert for the Oregon Bluegrass Association and is a continuation of the Sonny Hammond Memorial Gospel show, that has been held annually for the OBA. Bands will be Bill Jolliff. Bill is the quintessential bluegrass gospel entertainer. With his presence, this is a not to be missed show. Also on the bill is Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising. They will have their highly anticipated new gospel CD ready for this show and we are excited about them sharing the bill. And finally and certainly not the least, will be the Roundhouse Bluegrass band. Show starts at 7 PM and should last till 9:30. Doors open at 6:30. Advance tickets are \$12.00. FMI 503-769-2778. Refreshments available. Sound by KENC.



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Where is George???

Congratulations to Edna Wason for correctly guessing "Hanks Gun Shop" as George's last visit to Stayton. If you look closely you can see that George is sitting on top of some reloading equipment, with boxes of supplies around him

So here we go again. Here is a picture of George somewhere in the Santiam Canyon. Remember, this could be a place to play, eat, shop or just hang out. Look closely to all the stuff in the background! Start guessing, and may the best guess win!

First Hint: "I love coming to this retail business all of the new fashions, toys and accessories!" Good Luck!

As soon as we have a winner, it will be posted on our website at www.canyonadvertiser.com, as well as our facebook fan page. Become a fan of the Canyon Advertiser and receive email notifications on all new postings. (Due to the great interest in George's travels, we ask that you can only win once per year, thank you)

