



THE DEPOT TELEGRAPH

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The **DEPOT GRAND OPENING EVENT** is Saturday September 24th, and all Friends of the Depot have been looking forward to this event for years! It will be held in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Jazz Festival taking place downtown, with lots of food and music available.

Following the theme of “Americana”, here is a schedule of events:

Open House

- 12 noon Mini train rides on California Street - Freight House art show - artist Jason Brown signing prints of his work - old cars on display on California Street
- 1 pm Pie entries accepted for Apple Pie Contest - Historic re-enactment in Waiting Room and Office - Valley Oak Blue Grass Band in concert on the Freight Dock stage – mini train rides on California Street
- 2 pm Apple Pie Contest judging: categories for Taste, Crust, Appearance, and Best in Show - historic re-enactment in Waiting Room and Office – Valley Oak Band in concert on the Freight Dock stage – mini train rides on California Street
- 3 pm Historic re-enactment in Waiting Room and Office – mini train rides on California Street

Formal Program

- 3:45 pm National Anthem – KHS Jazz Band
- 4–5 pm Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Roman, emcee - recognition of donors, volunteers, community participants, Mayor, County Supervisor, State Assembly Member, Congressional Representative – speeches by winners of elementary school Depot Essay Contest – winners of Apple Pie Contest - ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening Depot

Harvest Festival Activities

- 5–6 pm KHS Jazz Band performing on the Freight Dock stage – apple pie served
- 6–8 pm After Dinner Mints swing band performing on the Freight Dock stage

GRAND OPENING SETUP AND CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup of the Grand Opening Event. Please call 559-341-1978 if you can help. Setup will begin at 8am, cleanup 8pm.

CALIFORNIA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City of Kingsburg has begun reconstruction of California Street. This is a major improvement project that will add much to the beauty of the Depot and the downtown area. There are no events scheduled at the Depot during reconstruction of the street.

FREIGHT DOCK IMPROVEMENTS AND DISPLAY TRAIN PROJECT

Work has begun to clear the property south of the Depot to get it ready for installation of a train display track, a street ramp extension of the Freight Dock, and a dumpster containment structure. Poles and other obstacles are being removed from this area. The train display area will eventually be fenced, lighted and landscaped in anticipation of train cars coming to reside on the track. Each train car is planned to be a functional learning station for students participating in the Depot's Leon S. Peters Learning Center educational activities. Besides the addition of the street ramp, the Freight Dock will be improved with a shade structure, lighting, furniture, and historic displays. Donations are being sought and grant applications are being written to secure funding for these improvements.

RE-ENACTORS NEEDED

Re-enactors are needed to cover roles at the Depot in the fall of this year. It's a lot of fun to dress up and play a role, and it's satisfying to see kids learning through the process. Some roles take as little as 10 minutes to play. If interested, please call 559-859-4441.

THE VALUE OF PERSISTENCE

"When you have a great and difficult task, something perhaps almost impossible, if you only work a little at a time, every day a little, suddenly the work will finish itself."

-- ISAK DINESEN

CALENDAR

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| August 8, Monday | August board meeting 5:30pm in the Freight House |
| September 12, Monday | September board meeting 5:30pm in the Freight House |
| September 24, Saturday | KINGSBURG DEPOT GRAND OPENING |

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