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Re: Get ready for Murder, Mystery and FUN!

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Evergreen Federal Bank announces plans to host its first-ever interactive murder mystery. The public event called “The Mystery of the Golden Goose Mine,” invites wanna-be Sherlocks to uncover the lost gold mine buried under one the downtown businesses and solve a very unusual murder.

Participants can sign-up Saturday the 12th at Murder Mystery Headquarters located in the “G Street Towne Center Plaza, in downtown Grants Pass. A \$5.00 donation to the Josephine Community Libraries Fund will get you a badge, a newspaper with the story of the Golden Goose Mine, and a map indicating crime scene and clue locations. The clues will lead you on a trail throughout the downtown. Along your way you will encounter suspects like Alice the Alligator Lady, the Lone Ranger and Tiny Tim the Entertainer, who may give you some insight to solving the crime.

Grants Pass is not the first town to host a public murder mystery. Several cities now host similar types of treasure hunts that are gaining in popularity. Evergreen Bank president Brady Adams got the idea after he participated in the Whidbey Island Murder Mystery Event in Langley, Washington. “It was great fun and I thought it would be perfect for our community,” says Brady. “I sat down one evening and got addicted to writing the script. It took me about a week to complete it.” The end result is a mystery that includes a variety of local history, comical trivia and a host of whimsical characters providing scenarios for a very entertaining weekend.

Participants will compete for the title of the “Best Detective in Southern Oregon” by leaving their solution forms at one of the detective squad rooms by 4 p.m. Sunday. The murderer will be revealed on stage at the Grant Pass Performing Arts Center at 5:30 that evening. One winning entry will receive a variety of fine items from local merchants including dinner for two at the Brewery Restaurant, overnight hotel accommodations at Weasku Inn and Hellgate Jetboat excursion. “All participants can look forward to smaller prizes found along the mystery hunt,” says Brady. “I want everyone to walk away with a souvenir that reminds them of playing the game. My goal with these events is to create positive experiences we can share as a community.”

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