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2022 CALENDAR

A celebration of Oregon's amazing restaurants

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Join us in a toast.

We raise our glasses to Oregon's restaurants.

During the pandemic, they've managed closures, staffing shortages, changing safety requirements, and supply chain issues. They've had extra steps that have complicated their operations. But they've done it all while keeping workers safe and their communities fed.

Sharing a meal, a cup of coffee, or celebrating milestones with friends and loved ones is something that we won't soon take for granted.

The 12 restaurants in these pages, hailing from communities across the state, are resilient and passionate about what they do. One has been open for more than 80 years; another is just starting out. And all of them create a place for gathering.

A place to savor the food, the drinks, and the moment.

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Omar's Restaurant | Est. 1946 | ASHLAND | omarsrestaurant.com

When original owners Omer and Hazel Hill started their restaurant in 1946, the sign delivered for the building had a misspelling. Instead of sending it back, Omer and Hazel decided to keep it. The restaurant has been named Omar's ever since.

A lot has changed since then, but Ashland's oldest restaurant is still serving up its specialty: high-quality steaks and seafood that are locally sourced whenever possible. Coupled with a cozy atmosphere and attentive staff, it's not hard to understand why patrons keep coming back for more.



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		1 Chinese New Year	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
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13	14 Valentine's Day Oregon's Birthday	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents Day SAIF offices closed	22	23	24	25	26
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PublicHouse | Est. 2018 | SPRINGFIELD | publichousehub.com

A trip to PublicHouse may feel a bit like church with its stunning stained-glass windows and its high ceiling of original wooden beams. But here they praise food, beer, and good conversation.

With six food vendors, more than 30 beers on tap, multiple bars, live music, and plentiful seating, PublicHouse co-owner Colby Phillips loves the ambience they’ve built since opening in May 2018.

When the pandemic ends or dies down, PublicHouse will retain some of the safety measures they’ve adopted. It will continue to have tables spaced farther apart, and its new covered outdoor seating area and air filtration system will remain.


Despite the impact of COVID, Colby and the other owners aim to ensure that PublicHouse will continue to be a hub for family-friendly gathering.



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MARCH 2022

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13 Daylight saving time begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
13-19 National Patient Safety Awareness Week						
20 Spring begins	21	22	23	24	25	26
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IKE Box | Est. 2004 | SALEM | ikebox.com

Tiffany and Mark Bulgin named the IKE Box coffee shop after their first son, Isaac. He was born in 1998 with a heart problem and they lost him two months later. In honor of him, Tiffany and Mark have made it their mission to extend their support to the young people in their community. IKE Quest internships train and mentor faltering youth to build self-sufficiency, good work ethic, and customer service skills.




The space is used as a meeting place, with live music, craft events, business meetings, and even weddings. Through COVID, their mission hasn't changed. In teaching their young workers how to serve coffee, they've helped hundreds learn life lessons and imagine what's possible. All in Isaac's name.



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					1 April Fools' Day	2 Ramadan begins at sundown
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4-10 National Public Health Week						
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14	15 Passover begins at sundown Good Friday	16
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27 Yom HaShoah begins at sundown	28 Workers' Memorial Day	29	30
26-30 National Work Zone Awareness Week						

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Fat Cupcake | Est. 2014 | OREGON CITY | fatcupcake.com

At Fat Cupcake, the menu reads like a collection of characters. Goody Gracious, Suit & Tie, Unicorn, Raspberry Rex, and Marion Monroe. Owner Anjelica Otness first opened her doors in 2014 and has since expanded to three locations in the Portland metro area.

The pandemic has brought small adjustments to the bakery. Decorating classes were replaced by take-home decorating kits. And Anjelica has seen a decrease in the number of applications when she has an opening. But that hasn't prevented her or her staff from helping their customers celebrate life's milestones.



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1-7 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week						
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day SAIF offices closed	31				



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La Margarita Co. | Est. 1984 | SALEM | lamargaritasalem.com

For more than 37 years, La Margarita has served authentic Mexican cuisine. Owners Xochitl and Javier Muñoz took over operations in 2012, when Xochitl’s father, Pedro Rosales, retired. The restaurant had to lay off most of their workers at the start of the pandemic and shifted to exclusively offering takeout. Since then, they’ve been able to rehire most of their workers and resume indoor service. But, with state workers still working remotely, it is much slower than it used to be.

Restaurant owners must work hard to get through this uncertain time, Javier says. Loyal staff, faithful customers, and great food has helped the restaurant endure.



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NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

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19 Juneteenth Father's Day	20	21 Summer begins	22	23	24	25
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Spooky's Pizza | Est. 1999 | THE DALLES | spookyspizza.com

Spooky's Pizza seats more than 200, and owner Bob Stanek says it reaches capacity often. When the pandemic closed their indoor dining, and they switched to drive-through only, cars lined up, snaking their way through the expansive parking lot. Bob said he had to spend a lot more on pizza boxes every month.

Bob insists he works for his employees, not the other way around. He tries to hire as many young workers as he can. When they graduate from high school and head off for college, he's always hoping they will come back to work on summer breaks. "Walk in, clock in, I tell them."



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7 Devils Brewing Co. | Est. 2013 | COOS BAY | 7devilsbrewery.com

7 Devils Brewing Co’s new location along the Coos Bay waterfront hasn’t been open for long, but during peak times, it’s hopping. Views from the floor-to-ceiling windows include seals swimming and boats tooling by. The alehouse is the second location for the brewery, opened in July of 2021.

Owners Annie Pollard and Carmen Matthews are known for their commitment to community improvement. Carmen also serves on the Coos Bay city council.

Passionate about serving up live music as well as handcrafted beer, they have an investor pint program. Proceeds go directly to booking musicians, while providing customers an invitation to enjoy a weekly pint.



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Duck House Chinese Restaurant | Est. 2016 | PORTLAND | duckhousepdx.com

The Duck House Chinese restaurant in southwest Portland is more than an eatery — it’s a community. “The hardest part about the pandemic was not being able to serve our customers. We have a lot of regulars who dine with us several times a month,” says owner Harvey Liu, who opened the restaurant specializing in Szechuan cuisine in 2016.

During the pandemic, the restaurant quickly adapted to takeout and delivery only. It also followed strong safety protocols such as one-way entry and exits for customers, sanitized pens, and hand sanitizers. “I’m so proud of our staff,” says Harvey.

Around late June 2021, the restaurant reopened to dine-in customers, who can once again enjoy the food and atmosphere. “We’re blessed to have a diverse base of customers,” says Harvey. “Especially during dinner hours, there’s fantastic energy at Duck House.”



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NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH						
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11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22 Fall begins	23	24
25 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	26	27	28	29	30	



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Pine Tavern Restaurant & Bar | Est. 1936 | BEND | pinetavern.com

Pine Tavern boasts two claims to fame: being the oldest restaurant in Bend and having a gigantic Ponderosa Pine sticking out of its roof. An expansion in the 1950s enclosed the tree, providing diners with a unique experience.

Today, Pine Tavern is a busy hub for the Bend community, with its outdoor patio overlooking Mirror Pond. In the hallway connecting the bar to the dining room, cozy tables are nestled behind curtains.




The friendly atmosphere attracts locals and visitors alike, just as it has for the past 85 years.



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9	10 Indigenous Peoples Day Columbus Day (Federal Holiday) World Mental Health Day	11	12	13	14	15
9-15 National Fire Prevention Week						
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23/30	24/31 United Nations Day Halloween	25	26	27	28	29

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Elephants Delicatessen | Est. 1979 | PORTLAND | elephantsdeli.com

This deli is all hustle and bustle. Its location on NW 22nd Avenue was the first of seven locations in the Portland area. The offerings include a robust breakfast and lunch menu, artisan cheese, wine, wood-fired pizza, a full bar, candy, and a selection of baked desserts.

Since the pandemic began, Elephants has focused on employee well-being. Workers who had reduced hours or were laid off could access a food pantry during the height of the pandemic.



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6 Daylight saving time ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day SAIF offices closed	12
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Taprock Northwest Grill | Est. 2009 | GRANTS PASS | taprock.com

On the banks of the Rogue River stands a towering lodge, home to expansive decks, tall windows, water features, and a menu full of ingredients from local farms and ranches. The building is a landmark in Grants Pass and is hard to miss.

Taprock’s Dave and Doneta Thomason have helped the restaurant remain a staple in the Southern Oregon town. Through the pandemic, they’ve adopted strict sanitation procedures, installed plexiglass, and instituted other protective measures for the safety of their employees and diners.



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18 Hanukkah begins at sundown	19	20	21 Winter begins	22	23 SAIF offices closed	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins SAIF offices closed	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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Wild Pear | Est. 2016 | SALEM | wildpearcatering.com

Cecilia Ritter, owner of the Wild Pear restaurant in downtown Salem, sometimes wears a chef's jacket bearing her late sister's name, Jessica. Jessica opened the restaurant and catering service with her, and recently died of cancer. Her portrait hangs in the front window.

For Cecilia, one of the most difficult aspects of COVID was uncertainty about the future.

"I was leading our company through the unknown without a point of reference," she says. "I had to lean on survival instincts and the loyalty of staff and patrons to trust us in the process."

As life with COVID becomes clearer, Cecilia looks forward to the restaurant's daily rhythm. "I love knowing that people come to us for the feeding of their body and spirit," she says. "It's a great blessing that invokes our daily purpose."

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