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**Press Release:
Lion Dance Clinic at the Rogue Valley Mall**

The Southern Oregon Historical Society invites you to join them for Lion Dance Clinic on Sunday, March 13 at 1 pm at the Rogue Valley Mall. St. Mary's students will teach observers how to perform the traditional Lion Dance featured in the annual Chinese New Year parade. Instruction will include the cultural and historical significance of the Lion Dance. This is a unique opportunity for Jackson County residents to appreciate and perform this iconic art.

This event is free to the public and is offered in conjunction with the Southern Oregon Chinese Cultural Association and the St. Mary's Confucius Classroom.

SOHS's new exhibit, *Courage in the Golden Valley: Southern Oregon Chinese History*, is open through April 17, located on the first level between JC Penney and Macy's Home. This exhibition draws on new research, including local archaeology from SOU, to retell the story of a much misunderstood group of people. As visitors walk through the exhibition, they will encounter different stations focusing on topics such as labor, building communities, and spotlights on individuals. Visitors are invited to read, observe, and explore, questioning their perceptions of the local Chinese experience. Interactives will help visitors to connect their present to this story.

About the Southern Oregon Historical Society: Since its inception in 1946, SOHS has made history come alive by collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories and artifacts of our common heritage. SOHS manages both Hanley Farm in Central Point and the Research Library in Medford. For more information, call (541) 773-6536 or visit www.sohs.org

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