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Harlan and Inez Neal walk down second street during the parade to visit with friends and family along the way.

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2013 VETERAN OF THE YEAR



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Harlan Neal and Inez Neal in 1960.

Each year, the Veteran Commemoration Association invites application submissions throughout the Mid-Willamette Valley for a veteran as a nominee for Veteran of the Year honors. One who has stepped up and stood out within their community through their volunteer efforts since returning home from their service to our country. Someone who has served both their country and community with honor and distinction. This year Harlan Neal of Albany has been selected for this distinguished honor.

Neal was born and raised in Jefferson, Oregon. Upon graduation, he began his apprenticeship as a brick mason. This was put on hold when, in 1959 he received his draft notice and was inducted in the U.S. Army where he served honorably from February 1959 until April 1962. Upon separation from active service, Neal and his wife, Inez, moved back into Albany and Harlan returned to his trade as a brick mason. He also enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and served until his Honorable Discharge in February 1966.

Neal's service to his country and his volunteer work at the Linn Co. Veterans Memorial at Timber Linn Park over the years has touched countless individuals and none more than the veterans who first saw the vision of the memorial.

As the memorial began to take shape, Neal took hold of the masonry and as only an artist can, personally laid over 25,000 bricks. Those bricks became the inlays, the flower planters, and most honorably, the walls which hold the names of our veterans.

He took a plan and turned it into the heart and soul of the memorial. The care he took and continues to take through rain or shine, laying of bricks, building forms, and fences throughout the years has not gone without notice. Neal is the veteran who quietly stepped up and carried on to make a dream a reality. The dream to honor all Linn Co. Veterans with a fitting and proper memorial. We also tip our hat to Harlan's wife Inez. As it is, Inez plants and maintains the beautiful flowers in the planters Harlan builds. 📍

STORY BY VETERANS COMMEMORATION ASSOCIATION

HONORING OUR VETERANS

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Those who have no connection to the United States Military may not understand the significance of The Albany Veterans Day Parade. Even if you have no military connection, the parade is a great way to show appreciation for the men and women who have served our country.

The early morning fog did not dampen the spirits of the parade participants or the thousands of people who came out to line the parade route, sometimes four and five deep. Everyone seemed to enjoy it as vets along the route saluted and children yelled out, "Thank You!" to the Vets in the parade.

Since 1951, Albany has been showing how much the military means to the community by holding the parade, which now boasts itself as the largest Veterans Parade west of the Mississippi. This year's parade didn't disappoint. It began with around 200 bikers, which took about twenty minutes to get to downtown.

There were at least 210 entries in this year's event, including The LBCC Veterans Club and LBCC's Blue Light Special. The community let the active and retired military personnel know on Monday just how they feel about them.

The Veterans Day activities didn't end with the last entry in the parade. The Veterans Commemoration Association organized activities during an arts and crafts bazaar last Friday and have a theater presentation Nov. 14 to 16. For more information about other events, please visit albanyveteransdayparade.org, however, the parade is the culmination of the wonderful way to celebrate our military who serve all year long. 📍

STORY BY DALE HUMMEL



PHOTOS: DALE HUMMEL

Volunteers honor World War II vets in traditional gear during the Albany Veterans Parade.



Beginning of the 2013 Albany Veterans Day Parade on a foggy Monday morning.

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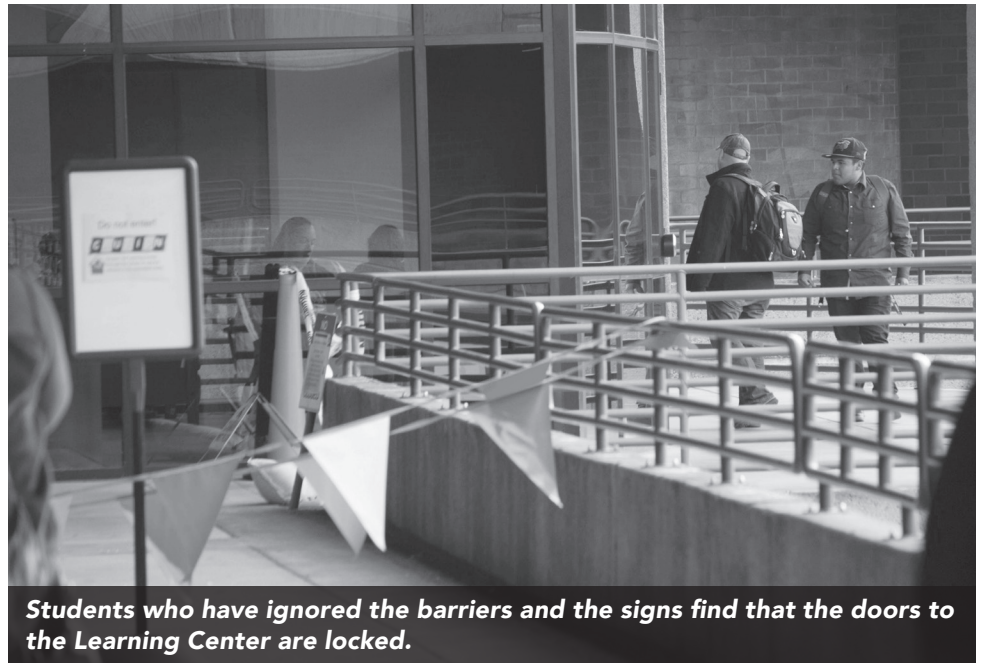


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BLOCKED: WALKWAY CLOSED



Workers install new drains to keep the water from pooling in front of the Learning Center.



Students who have ignored the barriers and the signs find that the doors to the Learning Center are locked.

Students arriving on the Albany campus on Friday headed to the Learning Center had a sudden stop. Barriers and signs blocked students from entering the doors on the second floor of Learning Center.

On Thursday, the rain created puddles on the second floor of Willamette Hall in front of the Learning Center. Due to the wet and slippery conditions, the Learning Center decided to close the entry directly in front.

The section was closed for several days. It affected any students that use the corridor to travel to and from classes on the second floor. To access the Learning Center, staff and students were forced to use the first floor entrance and take the elevator to the second floor.

Marcene Olson, with Safety and Loss Prevention and Public Safety Office, confirmed a report that a student had slipped and fallen in the location in front of the Learning Center.

"As a precaution, the [Learning Center] has decided to close the area in front until it can be fixed," said Olson. She explained that there is a plan in place to fix the problem.

Carlena Weeks from the LBCC Learning Center notified

staff and students by email that the entrance has been closed. "Rain that puddles in front of the entrance to the Learning Center causes a significant safety hazard."

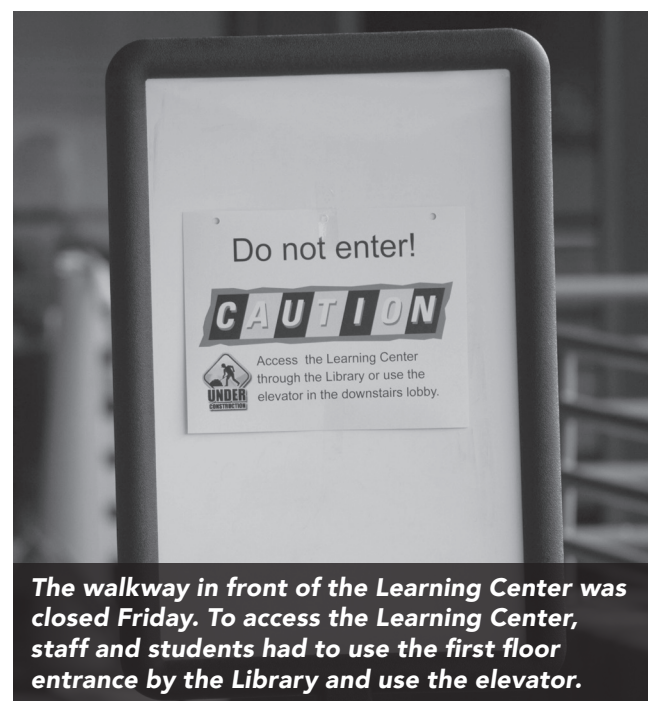
When it was initially closed, staff were unsure as to when things would be back to normal. Weeks said, "We don't know when it will be opened."

According to Olson, plans were being made as of Friday to have drains installed, providing drainage and preventing puddles of water.

Even with the signs and notices posted, students were continuing to step over the barriers. This could have been a dangerous situation as well. "We don't want students to get hurt trying to hurdle the barriers," Olson said.

Dean Sally Moore made the decision to close to walkway. Moore was unavailable for comment at the time of this publication.

On Monday, workers arrived on the LBCC campus to install drains on front of the Learning Center. The drain will help keep the area from water collecting in front of the center. Once the drain was completed the walkway was reopened. 📍



The walkway in front of the Learning Center was closed Friday. To access the Learning Center, staff and students had to use the first floor entrance by the Library and use the elevator.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **TED HOLLIDAY**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please call Tammi (ext. 4818) or Leta (ext. 4675) if you have any questions or concerns. For families in need of a food basket this Holiday season please contact Tammi or Jeanine (ext. 4236). Thank you for your generosity this year Tammi Drury and Leta Howell

Thanksgiving Food Drive



LBCC is currently collecting non perishable food items and money (checks may be made payable to AAWCC) until November 20th. The food and money that is collected will go to help students and staff in need this Thanksgiving season. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause. All food/money needs to be delivered to Printing Services no later than 4pm on Wednesday, November 20th.

Please call Tammi ext 4818 or Leta ext 4675 if you have any questions or concerns.

If you or someone you know needs a food basket this Holiday season please contact Tammi at ext 4818 or Jeanine at ext 4236.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Corn and Green Beans • Gravy Mixes • Stuffing • Cake Mixes
Frosting • Graham Cracker Crusts • Pudding • Shortening
Canned Milk • Canned Pumpkin Pie Mix • Yams
Marshmallows • Cranberry Sauce • Jello • Bisquick

The Thanksgiving Food Drive Committee wanted to take a moment to share with everyone that the committee is approaching 100 food box requests. This request is double the usual amount at this time of the process. Typically, most of the requests come during the last week or two. Keep in mind that although the committee has nearly 100 food box requests, each food box request will equate from one to 10 people in that family.

As a result, the committee would really like to encourage all of our staff, faculty and anyone to consider donating non-perishable food items and/or money to this project.

For anyone who would like to shop, there is a flyer of what food items that the committee would like to put in every food box. Food boxes are located throughout the campus. In addition, if a food box can't be located, donations can be sent directly to Printing and Mailing Services since this is the central hub for the project.

Want to send a check? Please make checks payable to AAWCC.

Deadline for all money and food donations is Wednesday, Nov. 20.

For staff members that have empty paper boxes or boxes of similar size in your office, please put them with the mailbag in each department and the committee will be happy to pick them up. We are very short on boxes and we are hoping to gather a bunch more before our distribution day on Nov. 23.

This annual event is an opportunity to help our LBCC community have a Holiday meal that families would otherwise go without. 📍

STORY BY **LBCC NEWS WIRE**

BATKID TO THE RESCUE!

Have you ever wondered how far a little wish will go? The Make-A-Wish Foundation is making a wish come true for a 5-year-old boy with leukemia in San Francisco.

San Francisco will be transformed into Gotham City, and Miles is going to be Batkid. CBS-SF Bay Area reported that this will all be a surprise for Miles and his parents, who only know a little of what will happen that day.

On Nov. 15 Miles will get his wish! The day will begin with a breaking news story. San Francisco's Police Chief Greg Suhr will ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of Batkid. The city needs his help to fight crime and capture villains! Our little Batkid, along with Batman, will be ready to answer the call!

According to Make-A-Wish, after rescuing a damsel-in-distress from the Hyde Street cable car tracks in Nob Hill, then capturing the Riddler in the act of robbing a downtown vault, Batkid will enjoy lunch at the Burger Bar, near Union Square.

After lunch, he will get a special message from the Police Chief and go to the window where he will look down and see a huge crowd of volunteers jumping up and down pleading for Batkid's help. Why? The Penguin has just kidnapped a famous San Francisco mascot, Lou Seal! The

Batmobile will be visible on Union Square, (a convertible offering a view of the crime in progress), and the chase will be on!

After apprehending the Penguin, Batkid will make a final stop at City Hall where the Mayor of San Francisco, Ed Lee, along with Police Chief Suhr, will congratulate him on his daring feats of justice and present him with a key to the city.

"We hope to have a huge crowd of volunteers and donors there to cheer him on and thank our Batkid!" says the Make-A-Wish Foundation website. "This is a great opportunity to witness the magic of a wish in action and a perfect outing for kids, families, and Bat-fans everywhere!"

For this to happen, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has asked for public participation. And surprisingly, they already have many volunteers. From actors wanting to play a role in this event, people wanting to give Miles gifts, makeup artists offering their services, and even a fire truck that wants to come out and show their support.

To track photos and videos, twitter is helping to create feeds for various characters in all the scenarios.

You can follow these events at @LBCommuter on Nov. 15 and read an archive of tweets and photos on our website, commuter.linnbenton.edu, after the event concludes. 📍

STORY BY **AMANDA JEFFERS**

**Chirp in with us on
 November 15th**



@LBCommuter

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SUCCUMB TO THE "WORD MOB" MENTALITY

Among the euphony of live folk music, whispers flooded through the foyer of the LBCC Benton Center Friday night. Roughly forty people crammed themselves together in anticipation to hear local poets and students at this year's "Word Mob."

Presented by the LBCC Poetry Club, and hosted by Kiera Lynn our Student Poet Laureate, and Crash MacMillan, the second annual "Word Mob" was held this past Friday, Nov. 8th at the LBCC Benton Center in Corvallis, OR. Scheduled for the first hour of the "Word Mob" program, several local poets and students presented their works, along with LBCC faculty members Jed Wyman, Chris Riseley, and Robin Havenick—founder of LB's poetry club.

Throughout the night, poems ranging from catholic school education, national parks, courting women, "dickbutts," and procrastination filled the room, exhuming laughter, contemplation, and sighs of love from the audience. After the program, an open-mic format for aspiring poets was held, an additional hour of content to the intimate event.

According to Lynn and MacMillan, viewer turnout was higher than expected and larger than last year's show; a pleasant surprise for each performer. Thanks to poet

At a Glance

LBCC Poetry Club Advisor: Robin Havenick
Poetry Club: Tue. 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 541-917-4574
Office: NSH-214
Office Hours:
 Mon. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Tue. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Wed. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

variety, enthusiasm, and free snack bar, the event was an overwhelming success for the poetry club.

If you are interested in succumbing to the "Word Mob" mentality, feel free to contact LBCC poetry club advisor Robin Havenick for information about club admittance and other inquiries. Upcoming events, such as next year's "Word Mob," will be posted online at the LBCC website calendar. 📍

STORY BY **AUSTIN HARRIS**

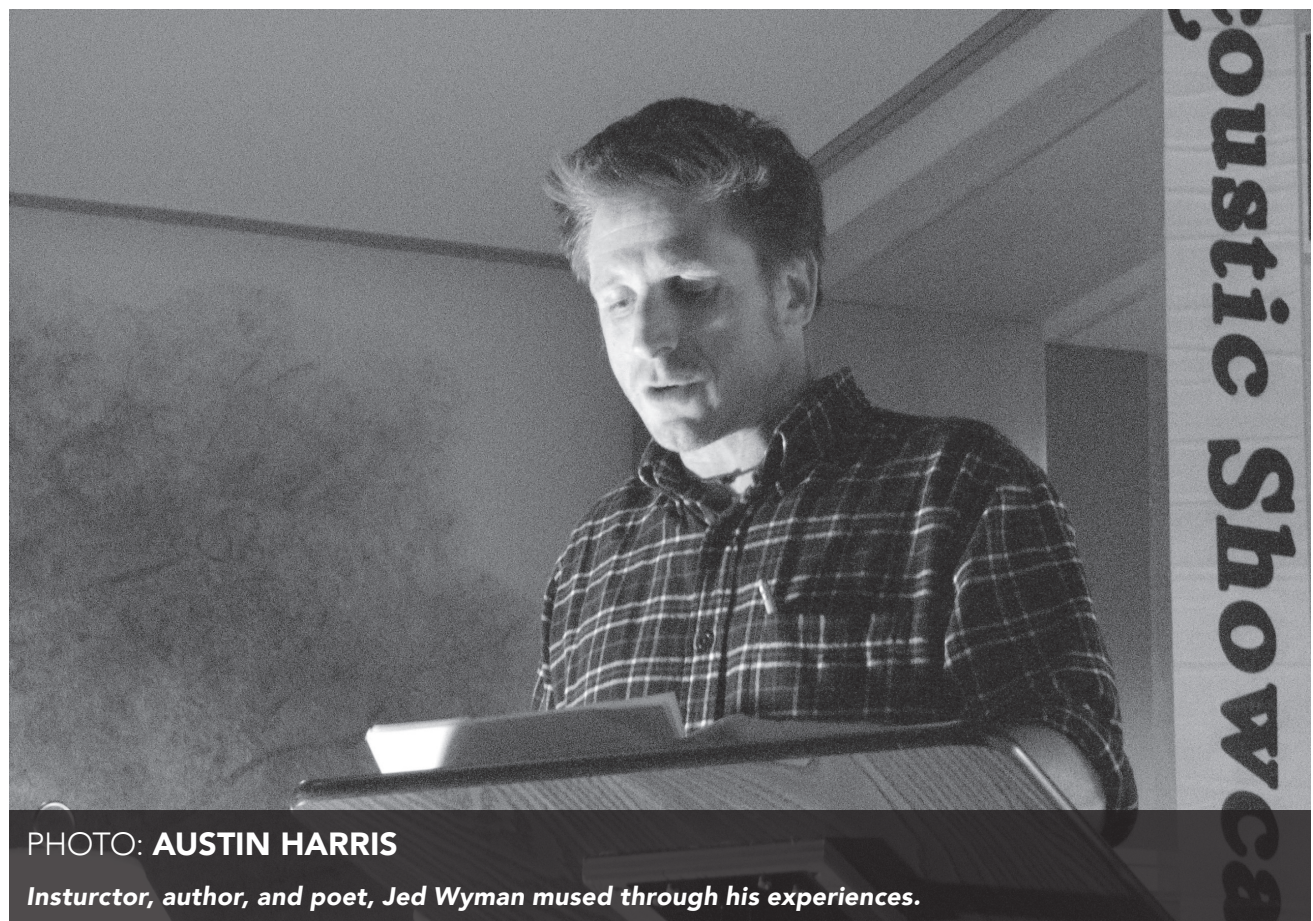


PHOTO: **AUSTIN HARRIS**

Instructor, author, and poet, Jed Wyman mused through his experiences.

Transformation of marching alone

By: Kent A. Elliott

When we signed up we stood up so straight, so proud,
 no idea the blood sweat and tears we indebted ourselves to.
 you make us strong, reinforce our frames to do your (our) bidding.
 we recite our creed so many times that words become faith,
 our only faith, no higher power would ask you to endure this.
 they took all that was you and became one,
 one mind
 one body
 one soul
 Geared for war and destruction.
 we did our time, we know we are changed "all gave some, some gave all"
 forever changed for better or worse, till death do us part.
 Hooyah!

Soldiers Creed

By: Justin Shoemaker

Look over there on that farthest rise.
 I see the last bright and true sunrise.
 Nothing for us in these days to come,
 Just grief and agony and a slow walk into a blood stained sun.
 Sister moon when she shines down her light won't find a man just a beast of the night.
 They called us soldiers and sent us to fight
 We followed like children into that good night.
 Now what was man is lost forever its life flowed out like a dying ember.
 The beast within begins to quiver, the hounds of war now seek the sinners.
 A demon bellows its challenge to all and we Monsters... we Mercenaries, silence its call.
 Alone against a hundred or united against all,
 A thousand, thousand voices will rally this call.
 "Soldiers of the world, we remember you ALL!!!"

GLUTEN FREE YUMS

As the holidays quickly approach, it is time to prepare to enjoy all the delicious food and merriment. Keep in mind not to over do the sugar and cholesterol in the pursuit of holiday cheer.

This week we present three gluten free recipes. All three recipes are simple, easy to make and quick to customize to personal preferences.

Russian cutlets are a unique twist to a hamburger dish, full of flavor. The patties can be premade and frozen for future meals, so the hamburger or turkey burger can be bought in bulk to avoid additional costs. Hasselback potatoes are a delicious version on baked potatoes that get additional points for creative food display. Add in favorite spices, cheeses and condiments to personalize this recipe. Finally, a sweet, yummy, and rich chocolate cake that can be personalized if sugar levels need to be watched by using processed sugar alternatives like sucanat, honey, brown rice or agave syrups. Remember to adjust amounts to accommodate for higher liquid content. Other ideas for this cake are to use a good fudge frosting or fruit compot. Enjoy! 📍

COURTESY OF **ELIZABETH MOTTNER**

Hasselback Potatoes

Adapted from: allrecipes.com

4 baker potatoe	Bacon, diced - optional
3-5 garlic cloved, silced	Fresh chived, diced - optional
1 stick butter	1 cup shredded chees of your choice - optional
salt and pepper to taste	4 dollops of sour cream
Fresh chives (diced) - optional	

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Carefully slice the potato 3/4 of the way through as thinly as possible. Slice the garlic and put into a saucepan with the butter and melt. Pour butter over potato, making sure garlic slices go between slices of potato. Add salt and pepper. Bake on sheet for one hour, until golden brown. Garnish as desired.

Russian Cutlets

Adapted from: www.thedomesticman.com

<u>Cutlets</u>	<u>Sauce</u>
2 lbs ground beef or turkey	1/4 cup chicken stock
1/2 med onion, blended	1 8oz can of tomato sauce or tomato purée
3 cloves garlic, blended	1/2 tsp black pepper
1/2 tsp each salt, white pepper, ground mustard	1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
1 egg yolk	1/2 tsp garlic
1 tbsp butter or ghee	1 heaping tbsp sour cream

Blend onion and garlic into a paste. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In saucepan, melt the butter on medium heat, add in onion/garlic paste. Simmer for 2 minutes. Cool and then mix in salt, pepper, mustard, and yolk into ground meat. Form into patties and create a small rim around patties to hold the sauce. Cook for 20 minutes and then broil for 2 minutes. While the cutlets are cooking, combined tomato sauce, chicken stock, garlic and pepper in a saucepan, cook on low for 20 minutes. Spoon two tablespoons of the liquid from cutlets into the tomato sauce. Add in fresh parsley. Simmer for two minutes, remove from the heat, let it set for a minute and add in sour cream. Plate cutlets and spoon sauce over the cutlets. Great served with potatoes.

Gluten-Free Chocolate Cake

Adapted from: www.realsimple.com

1 cup unsalted butter	5 large eggs
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 cup granulated sugar
1 1/4 cups heavy cream	1/2 cup creme franche or sour cream
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped	1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Heat oven to 350F. Butter a 9-inch springform pan and dust with cocoa powder. In saucepan, heat the butter with 1/4 cup of the heavy cream on medium-low until melted. Add the chocolate and stir until melted and smooth; remove from heat. In a bowl, whisk together the eggs, sugar, and cocoa powder, slowly whisking in the chocolate mixture. Transfer batter to prepared pan and cook for 35-40 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 1 hour. Run a knife around the edge of the cake before unmolding. Using a mixer, beat the remaining 1 cup of heavy cream with the creme franche and confectioners' sugar until soft peaks form. Dust the cake with confectioners' sugar and serve with the whipped cream, crushed strawberries or cherries.



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Hannah Babcock sells flowers in downtown Corvallis.

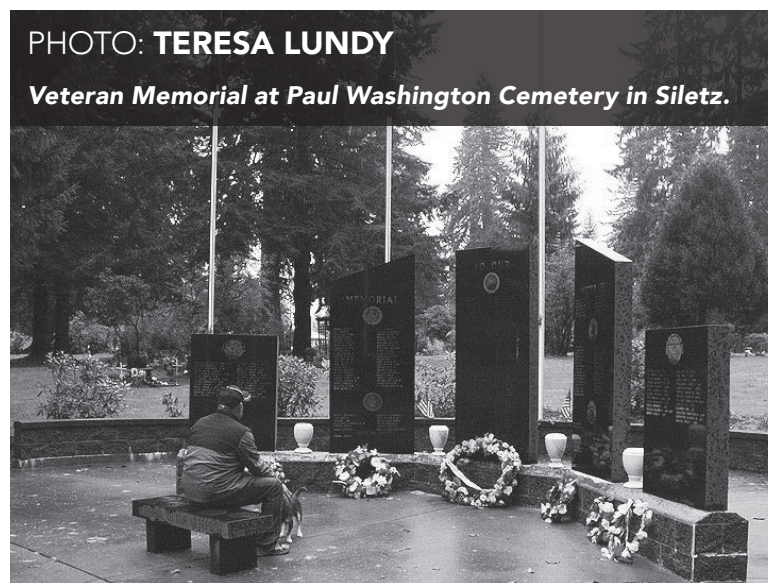


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Veteran Memorial at Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.



PHOTO: **JARRED BERGER**

Harry Mack, 95, gets his haircut at The Clip, which has been Philomath's main barber shop for more than two decades. Mel Young, 77 a Navy veteran, displays numerous historical photos in his shop.

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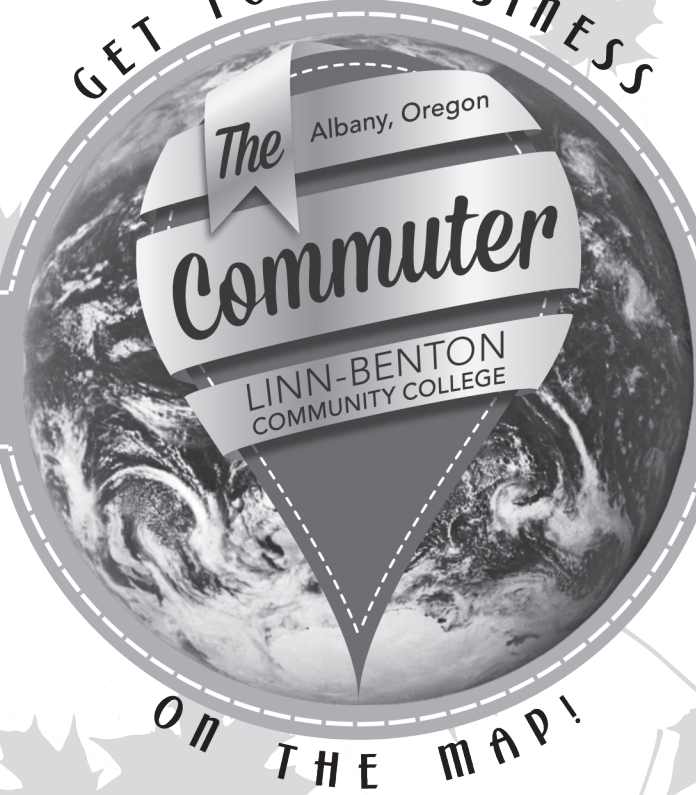
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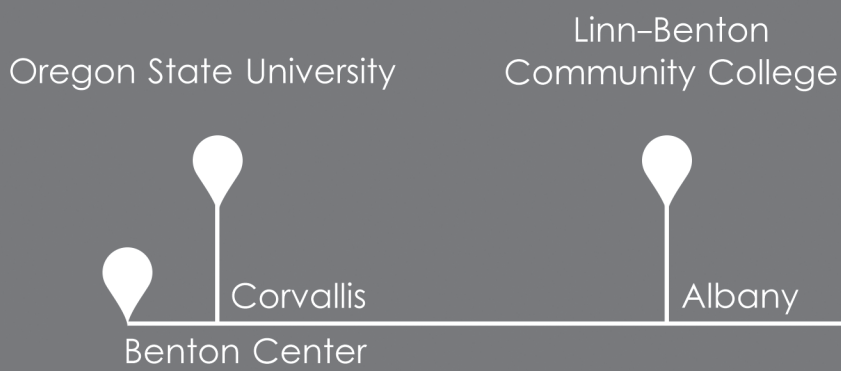
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Volunteers wave to audiences in the Veterans Day Parade.



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LBCC's Veterans Club walk in the Albany Veterans Parade on an overcast morning.



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Smiling to the crowd, ladies dress in World War I regalia.



PHOTO: DALE HUMMEL

Members of the community dress as various members of servicemen throughout US history.



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A horse drawn hearse prepares for the Parade.



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Parade goers keep warm as they watch the 2 hour Veterans Parade.

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ART INSTRUCTORS SHOW OFF THEIR WORK

Wandering through South Santiam Hall, North Santiam Hall, and the Calapooia Center, a variety of art adorns the walls and floors. The display is a collaboration of three community colleges, Linn-Benton, Clatsop and Portland.

Known as Community Ground v.2, the exhibit was so large this time that it needed to encompass three buildings. On Nov. 8, instructors from each of the campuses arrived at LBCC and provided a tour of the work.

Much of the topic discussed was about the processes and inspirations in which the work was created. "Teachers provide inspiration to students. This allows [the students] to find their own voices through art," said Rich Bergman, gallery coordinator at LBCC.

The exhibit at LBCC is the second of three shows. The first show was at Clatsop CC in January. The last show will be held at Portland CC in 2014. ♡

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **TED HOLLIDAY**



LBCC Instructor Analee Fuentes said, "Eyes are the window to the soul and so expressive."



Dori Litzer explains with a sense of pride, that it was her son behind the inspiration for the print, "The Kayaker."



LBCC Art Department Chair, Dori Litzer welcomes guests.



Cynthia Herron, from Salem, studies the colors and the expressions of the paintings.



Mt. Hood art instructor Steve Mauldin, explains his inspirations of his work is from physics.



Analee Fuentes (left) and Katie Winder enjoy some refreshments before the art walk.



COURTESY: THE CW NETWORK

I was looking for something to watch last Saturday night, and I found the CW's "Arrow" on Netflix. We've avoided this show like the plague because it looked like "Smallville" 2.0, and I hated all five minutes of "Smallville" that I could bear to sit through. It looked like it was going to be the same exact kind of overly-melodramatic, darker and edgier soap-opera-in-tights kind of garbage. But it was late, and I was super-bored, and kind of all Minecraftered out for the day, so...

As it turns out, "Arrow" is not awful. It's not exactly good, but it is oddly compelling.

I'm not a huge fan of the Green Arrow. I liked him when he turned up in the Justice League, but he always struck me as a sort of Batman knock-off, a "this is the guy we use when Bats is tied up with real work in Gotham" type of character. Or maybe a more progressive, hippy version of Batman, since they went all populist with Ollie. Anyway, I don't know much about Green Arrow, but I do know enough to see that the CW's "Arrow" is a bit of a departure from the comics.

So, Central Casting sent the guy with the most abs to play the Green Arrow/Oliver Queen, and that turned out to be Stephen Amell, who is not the worst actor. They get him out of his shirt as often as possible, because the guys

behind this show know their audience and what pays the bills, and, full credit to Arnell, that dude works out. He doesn't have a lot by way of charisma in this roll, but he seems to be growing into it. He does a decent stern look and has a passable earnest expression, so that's a nice start.

Arnell's joined by David Ramsey, who plays John Diggle, Ollie's sidekick/body guard/Jiminy Cricket and Emily Bett Rickards, who plays Felicity Smoak, the resident computer geek/expert of the hour. Ramsey's kind of "meh" in his roll, but I chalk that up to the writing, because I feel like this guy would be better if the writers gave him something more to work with. I actually really like Rickards and her character. She's the standout on the show as far as acting and character fun goes. Felicity Smoak is just a hoot every time she shows up.

There's a whole pile of supporting cast, too, most of which fall under the "meh" banner. I mean, they aren't bad, per se, and quite a few of them show hints of talent, but - despite obviously better, or at least more confident writers in season two - the writing needs some polish. I get the impression that the gang is doing the best they can with what they've got to work with.

The roll call includes Ollie's mom, Moira Queen (Susanna Thompson), his sister Thea (Willa Holland), former love

TV SERIES REVIEW:

Arrow

NETWORK: CW Network

STARRING: Stephen Amell, Katie Cassidy, David Ramsey, Emily Bett

PRODUCTION: Berlanti Productions, DC Entertainment, Warner Bros. Television

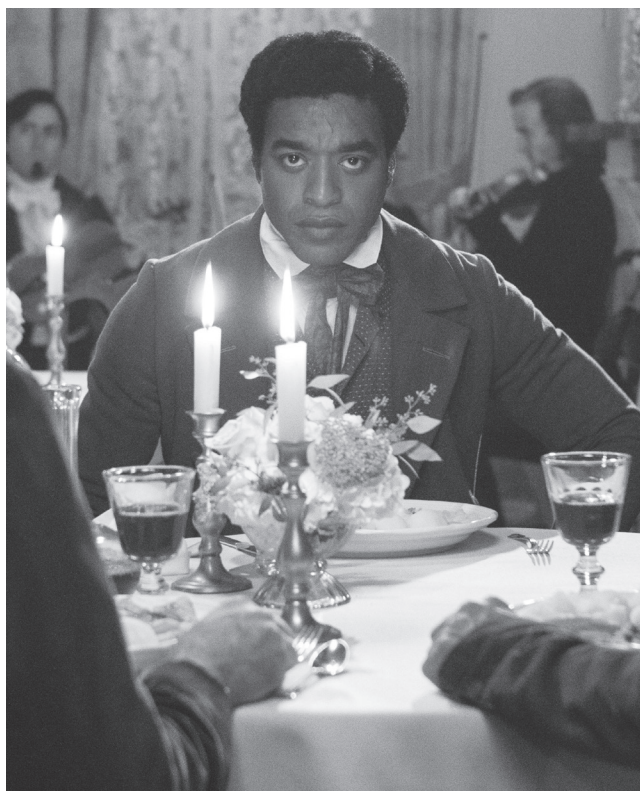
GENRE: Action, Adventure, Crime

RATED: TV-14

OVERALL RATING: ★★☆☆☆

REVIEW BY **MARCI SISCHO**

interest Laurel Lance (Katie Cassidy) and (in season one) best bro Tommy Merlyn (Colin Donnell). The cast also includes Paul Blackthorne, who plays Laurel Lance's cop dad and general pain in Oliver's ass, and who played Harry Dresden in Syfy's excruciatingly disappointing attempt at "The Dresden Files," and (in season one) John Barrowman, best known as Captain Jack Harkness of "Torchwood" and "Doctor Who" fame, who clearly enjoyed his turn as a villain on "Arrow." ♡



PHOTOS COURTESY: FOX SEARCHLIGHT

"Wow," is the only way to describe what you have just seen when you walk out of the theater after watching "12 Years A Slave." Director Steve McQueen, with his third full feature film, constructs one of the best films of the year.

The film follows Solomon Northup, a born free African American who is abducted from his family and sold into slavery. Northup witnesses and endures the harsh truth of slavery in the 19th century antebellum south.

The performances in the film are astonishing. Starting with Chiwetel Ejiofor as Northup, Ejiofor's performance is something to behold. The portrayal of a man who has had his life ripped apart and wants nothing more than to return to his family, is harrowing. Ejiofor's most profound moments do not come from dialogue, but out of his facial expressions.

As the film progresses and the horrors of slavery begin to take their toll, we are able to see the pain and suffering on Ejiofor's face. On the other side we get a portrait of ultimate

evil by slave owner Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbender), a deplorable human being who has complete disregard of his slaves. Fassbender is terrifying in his performance, as he holds nothing back to give us a realistic image of that point in time. Famous faces show up throughout the film such as Paul Giamatti as a ruthless slaver, Benedict Cumberbatch as a God-fearing plantation owner, and Brad Pitt as a Canadian laborer who befriends Northup.

The film is shot beautifully and honestly, with no bars held, by cinema-tographer Sean Bobbitt. We are forced to look at the brutality that was slavery in America. This is what makes the film work, it makes us look at the sins of the past to make sure we do not allow it to happen again. Famed composer Hans Zimmer provides an exceptional score for the film. Zimmer's score is completely heartfelt and is perfectly timed.

McQueen creates an instant classic. "12 Years A Slave" is not for the faint of heart, but it is the most important

MOVIE REVIEW:

12 Years a Slave

STARRING: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K. Williams, Michael Fassbender, Brad Pitt

DIRECTOR: Steve McQueen

GENRE: Action, Adventure, Biography

RATED: PG-13

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

REVIEW BY **DEVIN STAEBLER**

film of the year. It's sure to be nominated in numerous categories come award season, as well as front-runner for best picture. A truly poignant film that will leave a lasting impression on you. ♡

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A Blue State



COLUMN BY
TEJO PACK

Every state has a direction in which it swings; for some it's red and for others blue. Here in Oregon we tend to put our hopes in someone sharing a similar view and most often that tends to be someone who affiliates with the donkey.

Portland is world known for being a city full of artistic ideas, allowing people to be who they are, with very little judgment. Eugene known as hippie city, also embraces these ideas of letting individuals, be individuals. Portland continues to be one of the few cities left in the country that has a strong Occupy movement, so the fact that it swings left is of no surprise. Oregon (for the most part) is a state that prides itself on the freedoms of the people and given that three of our cities make up a third of our population (Oregon.com) and those cities are primarily liberal, the chance for a red state are pretty slim.

Still, according to oregonrepublicanparty.org, there are 41 republican elected officials for the state of Oregon, so where is this party going wrong? Having the people's pulse and what is most important to them, is key to getting the votes you need and let's be honest, from the presidency to local representatives, republicans have been a little off and too busy destroying the credibility of the other party.

Yes, it is true that in each election there is an attempt from opposing parties campaigns to deface their opponent, but this is true of both sides of the line. Fox news made it their daily mission during the past presidential election to smear Obama in every way that they could instead of spending that time focusing on the issues and how republican

"They are too busy being caught up in Obamacare, same-sex marriage and greenhouse projects."

views and strategies where better. Of course, Romney's inability to be clear on what he was going to do once in the white house played a big part in this lack of info and this is what I mean.

If republicans want to win in this blue state (or any blue state) they need to be clear about their strategies and display a straight forward path on how they are going to enact change. In the last presidential election former president Bill Clinton promoted Obama, and gave a speech during the democratic convention where he did something that no one else up to that point had done, present facts and unfold a plan. He also displayed something that the republican party has been notoriously guilty of, hatred.

Republicans are known for being strong on their views and moral beliefs and rightfully so, but when attitudes of intolerance are all you display, you lose the interest of the people, who are your votes. When you display no intent on being bipartisan in any way on issues you disagree with, the people are watching.

Blue voters and independents are going to remember the shutdown and who was responsible. Blue voters and independents are watching tea party members and what they have to say. And blue voters and independents will be paying special attention to what republicans have as a plan for turning our government around.

The republican party has become disassociated with its voters and what is most important to them. They are too busy being caught up in Obamacare, same-sex marriage and greenhouse projects. Issues that most blue Americans see as discussions of the past. The future is our economy and how our government is going to help correct it, not moral debates and personal party biases.

If you want to win over these people, then start focusing your attention on the issues that matter most to your voters. Funding education that doesn't involve personal debt, getting our country out of the debt it is in, and creating smart government spending would be a great place to start.

Most of us would agree that what Obama is doing isn't working and we are still looking for that change. But instead of just hearing the word, what we really need is a clear outline of the steps that are going to be taken. This blue voter will be basing all his voting decisions in this state and nationally on such clear movement. In the end, it is not the media or the masterful power of the democrats that have kept this state blue, but the inability of the front runners to understand what we the people want, and it is high time that they do so. So yes, vote, but be blind to color and party affiliation. Look for who has the people's pulse and make your mark. ♡

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CONSERVATIVE CORNER

Conservative Voting Woes



COLUMN BY
DALE HUMMEL

Throughout the history of America we have been blessed by our Founding Fathers with the gift of choosing of who will represent us in our state and federal government. This is a unique action that doesn't just happen anywhere in the world. Unfortunately, this sacred and patriotic activity has been skewed by greed, corruption, lies and, dare and I say laziness.

Granted, many young people, and first time voters may not follow or understand the effects of Congress, The President, or local politics on them, but they will affect everyone nonetheless. Many older and more experienced voters know this well. Many times the vote of the American Citizen has been violated by their elected official falling to the pressures of special interests and political gain. This has caused many voters to just give up and stop exercising their civic duties. Unfortunately, this is where our system begins to fail.

We all know that it is quite easy for a person to become seduced by the dark side of politics. Money, power and influence are something that many people cannot resist, especially when their morality may be questionable. This is one of the reasons why many voters have lost faith in Congress and the President. A recently Gallup poll places the Congress approval rating at 11 percent. The Presidential ratings aren't much better. Despite a number of scandals throughout the Obama Administration, Obama's approval ratings are surprisingly high. According to a recent Gallup poll, Obama went from a 68 percent approval rating in February of 2009 to 41 percent this last October.

To Republicans and conservatives in Oregon's 3rd Congressional District, a U.S.

"...the liberal/progressives in the 3rd district of Oregon can sit back on their laurels and enjoy the mess Oregon has become."

Senate seat seems to be out of reach. The last time a Republican held the office of Senator of the 3rd district was October 1 of 1995. To the youngest voters that is a life time. With all the time that left-leaning Democrats have been in office, it's a wonder when, if ever, the conservative voice in this part of Oregon will be heard.

According to www.uselections.com there are 4 Republicans and one Independent running against the Democrats for Oregon's 3rd U.S. Senate District seat. They are Mark Callahan(R), Sam Carpenter(R), Jo Rae Perkins(R), Monica Wehby(R), and Karl King(I). To represent the silent "minority," also known as Oregon conservatives, the candidates must, at least, be smart, tough, and well in touch with the people of the district in which they are representing. Unfortunately, there are forces that are holding back the conservative vote. With the liberal voting power of Eugene, Springfield, Salem and Portland, it may be a long time until a conservative voice gets a U.S. Senate seat for Oregon.

The Democrat/liberal wall in Oregon doesn't stop there. The mass media, fueled with the financial power of the Democrat Party, represents a "David and Goliath" situation for any who tries to run against them. This is quite evident in the last Senate race. Art Robinson received a great deal of support in the Mid-Valley with support signs that were reminiscent of the old Berma-Shave advertisements. Unfortunately, TV spots and radio ads put forth very unpleasant views and sometimes personal insults against Mr. Robinson. It's no wonder that Republicans and conservatives seem to be fighting a losing uphill battle.

It's situations like this that make many Republicans, conservatives, and conservative-minded independents not want to vote. Even the referendums that conservatives vote to support get suspended or denied by liberal-leaning judges and state officials. With the election of the Democrat/liberal/progressive President, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, Governor, and promotional media, I think it's same to assume the liberal/progressives in the 3rd district of Oregon can sit back on their laurels and enjoy the mess Oregon has become. Nonetheless, it is not the end, another election is coming. Oregon can return to its former grandeur.

I implore the Republicans, conservatives and conservative-minded independents in Oregon to keep your heads up, get to know all of the candidates running for all of Oregon's political seats, and vote. An informed voter is a good voter, whether they're conservative or liberal. If you are not registered to vote, please do so, and above all (even if you are a progressive liberal), please vote. The system only works if all of the people make it work. ♡

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pizza Quick sauce brand
 - 5 Boxer's weapon
 - 9 Frankly declare
 - 13 Parade instrument
 - 14 "The Andy Griffith Show" tyke
 - 15 Olin of "The Reader"
 - 16 Cheers for a torero
 - 17 Like a blue moon
 - 18 Overcast, in London
 - 19 Animation pioneer
 - 22 Too scrupulous for
 - 24 Peasant dress
 - 27 Warren Harding's successor
 - 32 Jacuzzi effect
 - 33 50+ group
 - 34 Score after deuce
 - 35 Line on a map
 - 37 1999, 2000 and 2001 Best Actor nominee (he won once)
 - 43 Japanese fish dish
 - 44 Battery post
 - 46 "Dear" one?
 - 47 ___ qua non
 - 51 Duds
 - 52 Cry of pain
 - 53 Eat too much of, briefly
 - 54 Poems of praise
 - 55 Company's main activity, and a hint to a different three-letter abbreviation hidden in 19-, 27- and 37-Across
 - 58 Coyote's coat
 - 59 Bridge player's blunder
 - 60 Work on a garden row
 - 62 Garden pest
 - 63 Low points on graphs
 - 64 Benelux locale: Abbr.
 - 65 Billboard fillers
 - 66 Lacking a musical key
 - 67 Souse's woe

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By Mangesh "Mumbaikar" Ghogre 11/13/13

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 - 7 Voice-activated app for 6-Down
 - 8 Football supporters
 - 9 African country that was a French colony
 - 10 "Well, that's weird"
 - 11 With 12-Down, sign with an arrow
 - 12 See 11-Down
 - 20 Island ring
 - 21 Patriots' org.
 - 22 Serving success
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Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- 42 Beats by a whisker
- 43 For instance
- 45 Slalom curve
- 47 "Fine"
- 48 Words accompanying a shrug
- 49 Like much metered parking
- 50 Head-scratcher
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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE 11/13/13

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: Bass player and drummer for Eugene classic rock band. (Vocals an advantage) We currently perform live to a high standard of proficiency. The band consists of older, mature musicians but we welcome inquiries from younger competent types. Car pooling is available from Albany. Telephone Ian 541-497-3808

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Cracking the Codes Nov. 14 3 to 5 p.m. The DAC will be showing Cracking the Codes on at DAC, Forum 220 the film will be shown with a follow-up discussion.

Farm to Fork Fri., Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. Culinary Arts Annual Fall Banquet is hosting the Farm to Fork. It will be held in the Commons Dining Room. \$24.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. Contact Corleen Chang at (541) 917-4385 or stop by CC-214 to purchase tickets.

Exploring the Small Farm Dream Nov. 20, 6 p.m. is one class in a series of classes designed for beginning and urban farmers interested in agriculture on the small-scale. This class will be offered on the Lane CC main campus in Eugene. The cost is \$25 and pre-registration is required. For more information, descriptions of other classes offered or to register go online to smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/south-valley/events or call OSU Extension Service at (541) 766-3556.

Apply Now for Workforce Investment Act Scholarships The scholarship deadline is Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. For more information or to access the scholarship application, visit communityservices.us/jobs and look for the "WIA Scholarship Application" link.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Novak's Restaurant Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Free dinner for low income individuals or families who have no place to enjoy dinner or don't wish to eat alone. Reservations are suggested. Call (541) 967-9488. <http://www.novakshungarian.com/novaks-thanksgiving.html>

THE COMMONS FARE
MENU FOR THE WEEK OF:
11/13 - 11/19

Wednesday: Coq au Vin, Denver Omelet*, Chile Rellenos. Soups: Albondigas* and Beer Cheese.

Thursday: Poached Salmon over Mushroom Rice Pilaf with Bearnaise*, Chicken Fried Steak with Country Gravy, Hurley's Grilled Vegetable Sandwich. Soups: Chicken and Matzoball, and Cuban Black Bean*.

Friday: Chef's Choice

Monday: Eggs Benedict, Hazelnut-Arugula Pesto Pasta with Grilled Chicken, Vegetarian Risotto*. Soups: Egg Flower* and Roasted Vegetable Chowder.

Tuesday: Beef Goulash* with Spaetzle, Monte Cristo Sandwich, Vegetarian Quiche with Hollandaise. Soups: Oxtail* and Dilled Potato Chowder.

Items denoted with a * are gluten-free
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

 BY: **DANYA HYDER**

Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
All the Halloween candy discounts have now left, switching straight to Christmas Candy Discounts! The poor month of Thanksgiving, is sadly being over-run with Christmas goods. Not that you mind, having a few extra huge candy canes never hurt anyone.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
The mid-terms are slowing down. Less studying for you. Now, all you need to worry about is whether you want to go shopping on Black Friday with or without the crossbow- perhaps Libra can help you decide.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
You see Scorpio carrying a large candy cane, walking towards you. Luckily for you, Cancer just happened to show up. You'll end up feeling slightly lucky today.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Christmas Decorations already in the stores, well no worries for you! Already you finished your Christmas shopping, you overachiever! Today, you'll feel like waving to everyone because you can.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20
Christmas decorations- wait a minute! Yes, Pisces, it's still Thanksgiving month! Ignoring all Christmas stuff simply helps you work on being thankful for that lovely holiday turkey.

Aries: March 21 - April 19
You've just received a gingerbread house! If only you hadn't realized you could get trapped in those. Being clumsy has started to annoy you. Don't worry, Scorpio has figured out how to pick locks with an huge candy cane!

Taurus: April 20 - May 20
Christmas decorations are already up? Make sure to get as many huge candy canes as you can. You wouldn't want another person with an huge candy cane to steal your study time!

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
You decided to battle your subconscious today. Lucky for you, Cancer gave you a huge candy cane and even gave you a battlefield, which may be a library, but you were planning on studying for that pop-quiz anyway.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22
You have successfully ruined a study time, gave away huge candy canes, and you've even found \$20 on the ground! Your day was going great, until Taurus showed up.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
You found a megaphone! Now you can happily shout at others, so they can understand you better! You have become a better helper thanks to the new megaphone, although you don't know why some people keep waving their hands.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Ah, the great harvest is slowly coming together! You may question why others are carrying around candy canes. However, you may just want to make sure your harvest stays safe.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Trying to decide on whether you should get Christmas shopping done early? You could follow Gemini's example, who is still battling the issue in the library. Yet, you really think you should work on homework. Oh, the decisions!

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BACK IN THE DAY

 BY: **WILLIAM ALLISON**

On Nov. 13, 1805, Johann George Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invented a recipe and called it the "frankfurter."

On Nov. 14, 1832, The first streetcar went into operation in New York City. The vehicle was horse-drawn and had room for 30 people.

On Nov. 14, 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon from Cape Kennedy, FL.

On Nov. 15, 1777, The Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, the precursor to the U.S. Constitution.

On Nov. 16, 1915, The Coca-Cola Company had its prototype for a contoured bottle patented. The bottle made its commercial debut the next year.

On Nov. 16, 1982, An agreement was announced on the 57th day of a strike by National Football League (NFL) players.

On Nov. 17, 1800, The U.S. Congress held its first session in Washington, DC, in the partially completed Capitol building.

On Nov. 18, 1928, The first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon premiered in New York. It was Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse.

On Nov. 18, 1978, In Jonestown, Guyana, Rev. Jim Jones persuaded his followers to commit suicide by drinking a death potion. Some people were shot to death. 914 cult members were left dead, including over 200 children.

On Nov. 19, 1970, Hafiz al-Assad seized power in Syria.

THREE'S A CROWD

 BY: **JASON MADDOX**

Panel 1: Character 1: KNOWLEDGE IS BACKWARDS. Character 2: OH? HOW SO?

Panel 2: YOU'D THINK THAT KNOWLEDGE WOULD MAKE YOU A HAPPIER PERSON. BUT ACTUALLY, THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU WORRY, AND THE LESS HAPPY YOU BECOME.

Panel 3: Character 1: HEY, HERE'S AN INTERESTING FACT- LA-LA-LA-LA NOT LISTENING!

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VOLLEYBALL SETUP FOR SECOND SEED IN PLAYOFFS



Only one word could describe the RoadRunner's weekend, success. Leaving nothing to chance the RoadRunners defeated Umpqua on Nov. 8 (25-17,25-9,25-16) and SW Oregon the following day (25-19,25-19,25-21) in three sets each, to clinch their playoff berth.

These would be the last two home games of the season for the RoadRunners. The team had a chance on "Sophomore Night" against Umpqua to show some appreciation for the Sophomores. Among them were Rylee Hickman, Karissa Mobley (who was named the Regional Offensive Player of The Week), Kaci Nonnenmacher, Abby Hardie, Emily Kozlowski, and Carly Roderick.

Between the second and third set, the sophomores were announced one-by-one, and immediately given gifts from their teammates, friends, and family, before getting together to take a

group picture. They took that encouragement into the next set by finishing off Umpqua 25-16. You couldn't have asked for a better way to thank the sophomores.

Saturday, the RoadRunners started off with the same intensity as the night before. They battled with SW Oregon in a much closer match than the previous one against winless Umpqua, but it was the same result, the RoadRunners came out on top in just three sets.

The season is not over yet. The RoadRunners, with a league record of 7-2, must go on the road to play 6-3 Clackamas on Wednesday Nov. 13, to decide the second and third seeds of the South Region. With a win on Wednesday, the RoadRunners will clinch the second seed and will go on to play Shoreline of the North Region at 2 p.m. on Nov. 21 at Mt. Hood CC. 📍

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **COOPER PAWSON**



(Above) Rocky looks on as Rylee Hickman serves. (Right) The LBCC volleyball team with parents.

LEAVE IT TO THE BEAVERS



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC ROBINSON

Upcoming Schedule

- Wed, Nov 13** Portland State in Corvallis, 6 p.m.
- Sun, Nov 17** At Maryland, College Park, Md. 3 p.m.
- Tue, Nov 26** Southern Illinois Edwardsville. 8 p.m. in Corvallis.
- Sun, Dec 01** At DePaul, Chicago, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 07** Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Noon in Corvallis.
- Sun, Dec 15** Maryland Eastern Shore, 3 p.m. in Corvallis.

Leave it to the Beavers basketball team to lose their first game of the season at home 78-73 to The Eagles of Coppin State.

Though Roberto Nelson had a career high of 36 points, which extended his streak of scoring in double figures to 18 straight games, the Beavers still couldn't find a way to win.

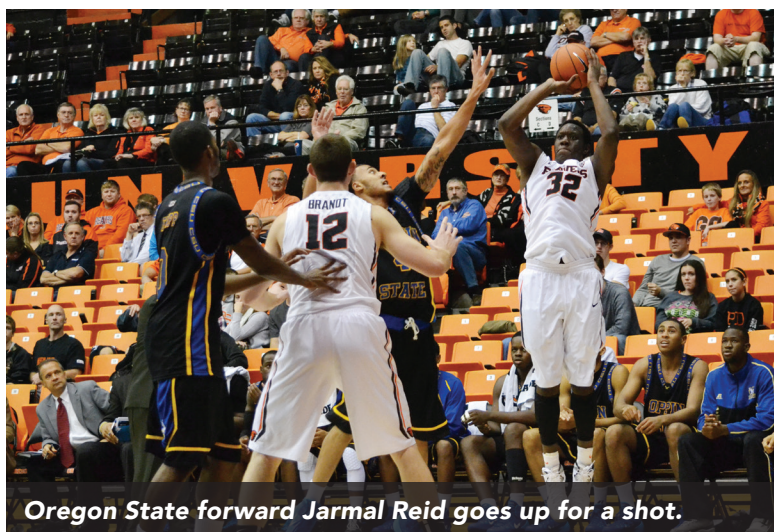
The Beavers truly missed the presence of Devon Collier and Eric Moreland who are suspended due to a violation of team rules. Collier will rejoin the team in their next game against the University of Portland, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Moreland will miss 13 more regular season games before returning.

The Beavers ended the first half down 36-26 and would trail the rest of the game. When, as a team, you shoot 39 percent from the field and just 25 percent from three point range, it is hard to expect a win to come from that type of play.

This is a bad start to a long season, but that's just it, it is a very long season and one loss does not define the Beavers' entire year.

The Beavers will try to get off to a better start against Portland on Wednesday, and will then finish up the week against a very strong basketball program, Maryland, on Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. 📍

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Oregon State forward Jarmal Reid goes up for a shot.



Oregon State basketball players watch their team.



Coach Craig Robinson.