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June 24th
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After 50 Years of Service, Mitchell Lions Club Says Farewell

Mitchell Lions Club is closing after 50 years of proudly serving Wheeler County's children and adults. The main functions of the Lions are sight and hearing, but the Mitchell Lions went much further in supporting the young and the old. Our Mitchell membership has enjoyed offering many annual functions directed at the young and old, starting with High School Scholarships for Mitchell School deserving seniors, the Annual Mitchell Lions Easter Egg hunt for grades 1-12 that was held at Mitchell School, and the Mitchell Lions' annual Dinner and Pie Auction. The proud flying of the American flag at all three Mitchell Cemeteries, with each flag representing a fallen U.S. veteran on Veterans Day. For fun, every year the Mitchell Lions sponsored the annual Turkey Shoot, allowing all our Wheeler County hunters a chance to sight in their guns and, for the sharpshooters, possibly win a turkey. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was free to all Wheeler County residents, a complete Turkey Dinner (with all the trimmings). The Mitchell Lions, every year, proudly handed out Christmas baskets filled with everything needed for a full Christmas Turkey Dinner to needy families. I will speak for all current and past Mitchell Lion members – it has been a privilege to help and serve all residents of Wheeler County, with a heartfelt thanks for your support through the years.

- Mitchell Lions Club 1975-2025

A Legacy of Faith and Service: Honoring Carl and Irene Naas

Carl and Irene Naas have served the First Missionary Baptist Church for 45 years. That's 2,340 Sunday services, hard to count the Funerals because they outnumber the weddings and the baptisms. The Lord guided Carl to teaching to solidify his foundation for his preaching mission. Irene's foundation was solidified by her genealogy. Her great-grandfather was the founder of Liberty Baptist Church, which in 1895 became the Baptist Church in Mitchell. Irene was the toughest person in the graduating class of 1961, both physically and spiritually, and the other five in the class were boys.

45 years of service has truly been a family mission, including brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Memory # 1: On a very cold November day, after pushing the ice off the John Day River, a young man (Marc Cannon) went under for the Lord. We all rejoiced through the goose bumps, including Reverend Naas.

Memory # 2: A few years later, 5 people repeated this process at the Priest Hole on a warm August afternoon. I say I paralleled Jesus' baptism, "He was baptised in the Jordan River by John the Baptist & I was baptised in the John Day River by Carl the Baptist". I was joined by Fred, Tash, Christy, and Mary.

Carl and Irene's best works was not completed at the pulpit, it was done one-on-one at hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, funerals, and on the streets. They counseled, but most of all, they showed that they really cared.

Not all heroes wear a uniform, and today we honor two heroes. Thank you both!

- Dan Cannon May 2025

Letter to the Editor

Saga of Taco*!

The following is my rebuttal to an article from the May 21, 2025, issue of the Mitchell Sentinel. I believe anyone and everyone should be able to comment in OP ED pieces. Having said that, the comments should be truthful and factual.

The author of "Tariffs? Oh, my!" was neither. In the second paragraph, they state: "The foreign company pays the tariff before it can sell their product in America." This alone suggests he listened to Trump's dog whistle and went down the rabbit hole. I know that statement is false. During my career of selling flashlights, I imported over 100 Million dollars from China, Korea, and Thailand. Lumilite products paid a tariff of 9% on flashlights, and 5% on lanterns. Thailand was a duty-free country because they were classified as a developing nation.

The Smoot-Hawley Act, passed in 1933, states that Congress controls tariffs. The president can only impose tariffs under the "International Emergency Economic Powers Act. (IEEPA)

Trump started his illegal imposition of tariffs on Mexico, Canada, and China over Fentanyl.

Now the circus and chaos begins. He pauses the tariffs for 90 days.

April 2, 2025, he declares Liberation Day and places a 10% tariff on every country in the world. The reason he gave was because everyone was ripping us off.

Really strange, every President prior to him was able to negotiate. Not the bully, though. Two of the countries hit with tariffs were the Heard and McDonald Islands. The only inhabitants on the islands--Penguins! He demanded that every country bow down and beg to sell to the USA.

April 9th, higher tariffs to China which reach 145%. These actions riled the financial sector, resulting in turmoil in the stock market and the Treasury bond market. Oh, by the way, China is the largest holder of our bonds. Trump lied about meeting and talking with China. And then he blinked, lowered the Tariff to China to 30%, and announced he had a deal with the UK. Announced

electronics, phones, and computers would be exempted from tariffs.

Trump's history with tariffs goes back to his first term, when he hit China with tariffs and China retaliated. China cancelled huge orders of agricultural products. So, what does Trump do? Gives farmers 28 BILLION dollars "to help them get by." The gravy train is rolling again. The Department of Agriculture has announced it will distribute 10 billion dollars in "emergency income subsidies."

Several studies estimate a family of four will be paying \$2,400 more for basic essentials because of the tariffs. Wal-Mart has announced they will be increasing prices because of the tariffs. Every day is a different threat. The week of May 25th alone featured Trump saying he will put a 50% tariff on Apple. Next day, 50% on the EU. Yesterday, at a US Steel plant, he announced a 50% tariff increase on steel.

Several states filed lawsuits against the tariffs and won, only to see another court reinstate the tariffs. If Congress had a backbone, they would do their job and take control of this problem.

The only positive part is Trump has a new acronym, it is TACO. Which stands for, Trump Always Chickens Out.

Regards.

Fred Carlson

Letter From the Editor

Dear Fred,

Thank you for your thoughtful response to my article, "Tariffs? Oh My!" published in the May 21st issue of the Mitchell Sentinel. I appreciate your engagement and the opportunity to clarify a few points.

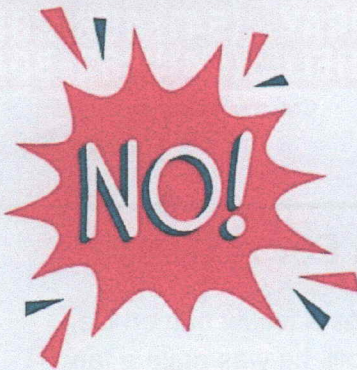
I wrote the article to provide a general overview of tariffs and their role in U.S. trade policy. As you rightly pointed out, my statement that "the foreign company pays the tariff before it can sell their product in American stores" could have been better worded. In practice, it is typically the importer of record—often a U.S.-based business—that

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Starting at 12:01am on June 01, 2025 fire restrictions go into effect.

All outside burning will be prohibited.



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Mitchell Ambulance Chat

Hello everyone, and welcome to this month's edition of the Mitchell Ambulance Chat!! This month, I want to talk to you about CPR. How many of you know how to perform CPR?

Have you ever taken a CPR course or know someone who has? I can tell you from experience, there is not a better feeling in the world than knowing you've saved a life because you performed timely, effective CPR.

CPR stands for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is compressions of the chest to circulate the blood within the body when the heart either stops beating or is not performing adequately due to fibrillation. Effective CPR starts with proper hand placement and adequate depth and rate of compressions. Rescue breaths are given at regular intervals to help oxygenate the patient. We breathe in approximately 21% oxygen with each breath and exhale 16% of the oxygen; therefore, rescue breaths contain more oxygen than we need. Portable AED units, automated external defibrillators, are extremely important and are easy to use. They give verbal, easy-to-follow instructions that anyone can perform even under stress. AED units analyze the heart rhythm and determine if a shock is needed to correct an abnormal rhythm, such as ventricular fibrillation, which is the most common cause of sudden cardiac arrest. The AED will advise shock needed or say no shock required, continue CPR.

There are few opportunities for CPR classes in Wheeler County; I will try to set up a class in the near future and make sure the times are posted so everyone is aware. You can contact the Red Cross for information on a CPR class in Central Oregon. Crook County Fire in Prineville holds regular CPR classes for the public; call them for information on times and locations.

CPR will not always save a life, but it's the only chance a patient has for survival in a cardiac arrest. Immediate, effective CPR with defibrillation from an AED as quickly as possible can be the difference between life and death for the patient. Wouldn't you want someone to save your loved one if they suffered a heart attack? Wouldn't you

want to know what to do if you witnessed someone go into cardiac arrest? Learn CPR and be the person that makes a difference, you will be glad you did!!!

John A. Hayes, EMT - Mitchell Ambulance



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Anything For A Dollar

There once was a fellow named Dan.
 Of the dollar bill, he was quite a fan!

He went driving in the countryside
 With dog Rusty at his side.

Rusty signaled he had a job to do,
 So Dan stopped and took in the view.

Wow! A dollar bill he could see!
 Oops! The dollar had been used as T.P.!

Dan could never leave behind a dollar bill!
 That dollar he picked up with great skill.

No shit! I tell you true,
 He took that bill and cleaned it through and through!

Into Cannon's Tire Center till it went
 And on to the next unsuspecting gent!

Yes, there was a man named Dan with no class
 Who was truly a tight ass!

by Penny Jennings O'Connell

Happy Birthday,
submitted by a loving sister

Level Up at Your Library! Fossil Public Library Invites Kids and Families to a Summer of Play, Discovery, and Reading

This summer, the Fossil Public Library invites kids and families around Wheeler County to hit “play” on learning with the 2025 Summer Reading Program, Level Up at Your Library! Centered around games, puzzles, and the joy of playful learning, this all-ages program kicks off July 9 and runs through August 8, with something exciting for every age group.



Level Up at Your Library is not your typical summer reading program. Designed around the idea that play is a powerful way to learn and grow, the program includes activities that spark curiosity, teamwork, and imagination. From STEM challenges and reading quests to chess and role-playing adventures, kids will build friendships, confidence, and skills while having a blast.

Summer Sessions by Age Group: Programs begin July 9.

- Middle and High School Students: Wednesdays, 10 am - noon.
- Pre-K through 2nd Grade: Thursdays, 10 – 11 am
- 3rd through 5th Grade: Fridays 10 – 11 am

All sessions will be held at the Fossil Public Library or local outdoor spaces, including the playground and the Wheeler County Fairgrounds on Kids Day.

Special Feature: Power Play for the Planet

On Thursday, July 17 at 10 am, a special program by the Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, titled Power Play for the Planet will be presented in the Fossil Grade School Gym. This hands-on event explores how energy and environmental choices shape our world. It's educational, interactive, and perfect for curious young minds!

“We’re excited to offer a program that blends the joy of reading with the fun of play,” says Kelli Barnes, Library Assistant for Fossil Public Library. “This summer, kids won't just read—they'll level up their creativity, critical thinking, and community connections.”

Registration is now open! Sign up your child today by visiting the Fossil Public Library or calling 503-763-2046. Kids can participate in one or all of the weekly sessions, so registration is primarily for planning purposes.

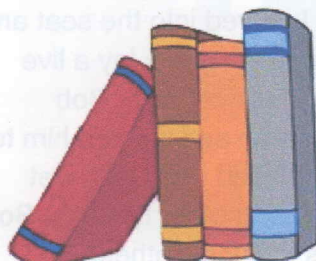
For more information, visit

<https://www.fossillibrary.org>.

Contact: Fossil Public Library – Kelli Barnes

Phone: 541-763-2046 / Monday – Tuesday call: 509-314-5718

Email: libraryfossil46@gmail.com



Unforgettable Folks: The Legends Next Door

In this series, I've introduced you to several interesting folks I've been fortunate enough to know. These individuals, full of wisdom and personality, left an impression on me that hasn't faded with time. They weren't scholars in the traditional sense, but their intelligence was undeniable, shaped by experience, resilience, and an innate understanding of people and the world around them.

Woodwards

My character series' next victim was going to be Bob Woodward, but I couldn't write it without his wife, Jane, so you're going to get characters squared away! The biggest portion of their lives was spent living on West Branch—Mike and Abigail Molvahill, Bob's grandparents, traveled from Illinois to homestead in Summit Prairie around 1893. The harsh winters at the prairie caused them to settle on West Branch in the year of 1896. Bob's mother, Ruby Molvahill (Woodward), was 13 years old. Bob was born in 1918 on West Branch and has been there for over 100 years. He moved off the main place in 1990 and up the hill to the cemetery. Bob was a nonconformist, an out-of-the-box thinker. He built a trailer to transport Les Schwab's junk tires to build fences out of and stored them in Speck Canyon. The washout was the perfect place—until it rained and kept raining until it flooded. The tires with their trapped air floated off into the main stream. Then they were transported down West Branch, to Bridge Creek, to the John Day River, and beyond. Thousands of junk tires scattered for miles, much to the disapproval of DEQ and EPA. Bob welcomed the help he received from family and friends in the retrieval process. To this day, there are junk tires popping up along the streams. Not to be discouraged or undaunted, Bob had a lot more ideas.

Bob was a trapper, Coyotes and cats mostly. He stopped at our store, and I had to move his Jeep, which I disliked doing because it smelled of a scent that would puke a maggot off a gut wagon. I moved into the seat and felt movement to my right, between the seats lay a live coyote, his nose was taped with electrical tape. Bob explained he just got him out of a trap and wanted him to dry out before he skinned him. Bob had dealt with wet hides another time, and it produced another mistake. Bob reasoned he could put wet hides into the clothes dryer—but he didn't think about cooking them, which he

did! Not only did the rain ruin the hides, but also the dryer!

Getting stuck was a weekly experience for Bob. He stuck his Jeep above the Simpson under the north rim of Pisgah and walked home about six miles in the snow. Next day, he mounted his open-air tractor to retrieve his Jeep. Meanwhile, a storm hit while in transit. Bob was partially frozen when he got to the cabin below his Jeep. After thawing himself out, he retrieved his vehicle, left the tractor, and headed for home, feeling quite lucky to be alive.

Bob didn't have any better luck with their garden. Grasshoppers and other assorted bugs were harvesting more of the garden than they were. To the storage shed he went, found the bug spray, and started the procedure to eradicate those pesky bugs. Two days later, he noticed the greens were turning brown—he had grabbed the weed killer instead of the bug killer.

Optimistically, Bob said he got rid of the bugs! And they didn't have to weed the garden! Bob usually got the right results by going the long way around. There was the easy way, and there was the Woodward way.

Bob and Jane were a team. They worked together on the ranch and at the Dairy Queen. They both had their limits, and they knew where each other's switch was. It was told that they were losing chickens, so they formulated a plan. The old double-barreled shotgun (fully loaded) was placed near the front door. Flashlight as well. They were awakened by the hound dogs barking and a commotion coming from the hen house. Bob, in his long handles, grabbed the shotgun. Jane, in her nightgown, grabbed the flashlight. What teamwork! They got to the hen house, followed close behind by the dogs. Jane threw open the door and Bob aimed the gun, about the same time the flap on his under fell down, the investigating dog cold-nosed Bob's rear end as he triggered both barrels. He missed the bobcat and blew an escape hole through the wall. They slowly walked back to the house, not saying a word about anything but thinking about teamwork!

Their teamwork was put into motion many more times. They produced rodeos, turkey shoots with live turkeys. They got involved with their sons' schools and established Mitchell's Hot Lunch Programs.

Late one night, Bob received a phone call while living in Prineville. The caller stated he was a phone tech for AT&T. Bob's particular phone line was experiencing static resistance, the caller stated. To alleviate the problem,

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Woodwards (cont'd from page 6)

could Bob blow into the phone three times — which Bob did. The tech said that fixed the problem. It had blown all the bird poop off the line. Bob's face turned red, his blood pressure elevated his anger, then he heard the phone go click!

The United States Forest Service closed Beaver Guard Station and sold off all the buildings. Bob bought the house and two barns. Transporting the building four miles to his place was a great undertaking for Bob. He cut a path through his neighbor's place and went cross country, and when he got to the bridge on the county road, he power-sawed the railing off, then on to his place. Unfortunately, later the house and one barn burnt down. Some more of that Woodward luck.

Jane and her sister Betty Potter were Co-Grand Marshals of the Painted Hills Festival. I got to introduce them like this, "The only reason these women are here today is because they were both married to exceptional good men! Lesser men would have killed them!" Jane and Betty were somewhat estranged from the other — reason: one or the other had dated the other's boyfriend, and in their twilight years, they couldn't remember which way it went! ■

Dan Cannon

3/12/25



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Bob Woodward (1918–1990)

In June 1990, Bob Woodward was laid to rest, closing the final chapter of his life. Behind he left three fine sons and a loving wife.

Bob was a pioneer and a vanishing breed, that are dwindling to only a few. He had a temper but also a sense of humor, as good as any man I ever knew.

His life may be over, but the stories of his exploits will be told again and again. He held deep within the spirit, the competitiveness, the drive to win.

I am reminded of the time he sprayed the garden, the pests for to rid.

In his haste he used the wrong stuff, killed the darn garden, that's what he did.

Another time he dried his coyote hides in the clothes dryer, but left them in a little too long. When he finally took them out, the hides were partly burnt and the stench was quite strong.

That's just some of Bob's adventures with life—sometimes the results were bad, most times good. He took life in stride and handled it, like all vanishing breed pioneers would.

He's up in Heaven now, where God calls every shot. God is commanding "is so" and ole Bob arguing "is not".

Dan Cannon

July 15, 1990



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Vintage AD

Letter From the Editor (cont'd from page 2)

business—that is responsible for paying tariffs and duties.¹ However, this can vary depending on the terms of the supply contract. If the foreign supplier, or exporter, is contractually designated to bear those costs, then they may be the ones who pay the tariffs.^{2 3} In some cases, the parties may even share tariff and duty responsibilities. Although President Trump has often stated that foreign countries are paying the tariffs, in reality, the legal obligation generally falls on U.S. importers—unless the contract assigns that burden to the exporter. While President Trump's tariff policies significantly affected the structure of international trade, the distribution of those costs ultimately depended on the specific agreements made between trading partners.

Regarding historical context, I correctly noted that tariffs were once a primary source of revenue for the U.S. government before the adoption of the federal income tax in 1913. My goal was to demystify tariffs for a general audience—to educate, not to defend, oppose, or politicize any particular policy or administration. I tried to explain how tariffs have been used in both past and present U.S. trade strategies, including as a tool in

modern trade negotiations.

Regarding your argument that President Trump's use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose tariffs exceeded his authority, given that Congress holds the power to regulate trade, this is ultimately a question for the courts to decide. I will reserve judgment until the issue is resolved through the legal process.

I appreciate your firsthand experience in international trade. While we may approach the topic from different perspectives, I believe thoughtful discussions like yours help foster greater public understanding.

Sincerely,

Dajuana Dodd

Editor/Publisher, Mitchell Sentinel

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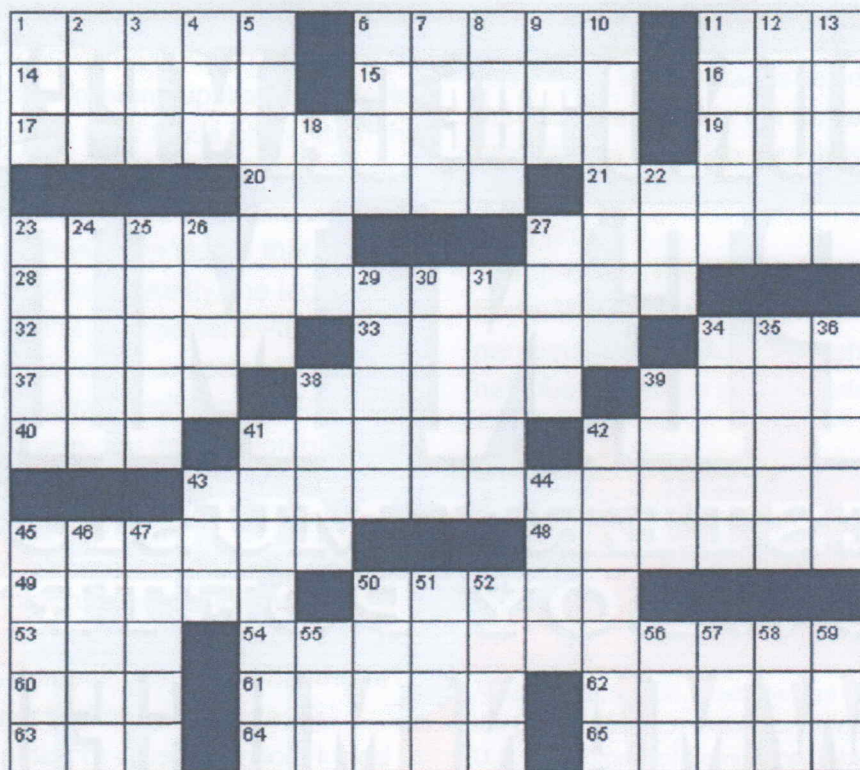
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Crossword no.32



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ACROSS

1. A sweetener
6. A piece of paper
11. Church bench
14. A tributary of the Missouri River
15. Big
16. Garland
17. Sacrilege
19. Before
20. Roof overhang
21. Fragile or weak
23. Anagram of "Denial"
27. Spurred
28. One by one
32. Love intensely
33. Plant
34. Annual General Meeting
37. Bumpkin
38. Small house built of wood
39. 13 in Roman numerals
40. Perceive visually
41. Distributed sparingly
42. A style of car
43. Abuse
45. A member of an ascetic Jewish sect
48. Cooks in an oven
49. Relating to audible sound
50. Diminish gradually

53. Crab-eating

53. Crab-eating macaque
54. Resembling a pointed saying
60. Go astray
61. Cowboy sport
62. Afterpiece in ancient Roman theater
63. Whiskey
64. Sows
65. Compact

DOWN

1. Mat of grass and soil
2. Utilize
3. Petrol
4. How long something has existed
5. Obtain
6. An Eastern European people
7. Despise
8. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
9. Self-importance
10. 10 times as much
11. Appeal
12. Strange or weird
13. Handle effectively
18. Hindu princess
22. Beam of light
23. Prevaricators
24. Give qualities to
25. Sun-dried brick
26. Dreadful
27. A narrow valley
29. Distributed
30. An earth pigment
31. Put up with something
34. Assistants
35. Goliath
36. Makes coins
38. A hardy cabbage
39. Arctic gull
41. "Hoofers"
42. Attacked suddenly
43. Japanese apricot
44. Region

45. Mound

45. Mound
46. Regretful
47. Trap
50. The rise and fall of sea level
51. Older
52. Not amateurs
55. Writer/poet Edgar Allan (1809-1849)
56. Wood chopping tool
57. 2,000 pounds
58. Identity cards
59. C

The Crossword Puzzle Solution can be found on page 15

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- When** → **The Last Friday each Month**
Where → **108 Nelson Ave, Community Hall**
What Time → **Games start at 6:00pm**
Cost →
 x1 Card - \$4.00
 x2 Cards - \$8.00
 x3 Cards - \$12.00
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- Games may not be held during the months there is a conflicting Holiday.
- Games played are part of a Not for Profit Organization.





**The Honorable Gregory Smith
Oregon House of
Representatives
District 57**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
MAY 29, 2025**

**FAIR FUNDING PASSES JOINT WAYS AND MEANS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

SALEM, OR. – Today, Representative Gregory Smith (R-Heppner), Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means General Government Subcommittee, piloted an increase from \$3,988,776 to \$5,744,348 in direct allocation lottery bonds to county fair boards. This marks an increase of \$1,755,572, or 44%, compared to the previous allocation in 2023.

Representative Smith will shepherd this increase in county fair funding to the Full Ways and Means Committee, and subsequently, to the House Floor.

“County fairs are the heart of Eastern Oregon — a place where generations come together to celebrate agriculture, community pride, and the hard work that defines our rural way of life.”

Representative Greg Smith was elected to serve his thirteenth term as a State Representative, making him the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature, as well as the 4th longest-serving State Representative in Oregon history. He holds a gavel as the Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. Representative Smith also serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the full Joint Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, he is the ranking member of the House Revenue Committee. To reach out, please visit Rep Smith's Facebook Page or send him an email at rep.gregsmith@oregonlegislature.gov.

Representative Greg Smith is a Republican who represents the entirety of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, and Wasco counties, as well as portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion, and Umatilla Counties.

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Laughter

Concerned Husband

A happily married couple had been together for decades. But as the years passed, the husband began to worry—his wife didn't seem to hear him like she used to. Convinced she was going a bit hard of hearing, he figured she might need a hearing aid. Still, he wasn't quite sure how to bring it up.

So, he called their family doctor for advice. The doctor said, “Here's a simple test: Stand about 40 feet away and talk to her in your normal voice. If she doesn't respond, move to 30 feet, then 20, and so on, until she does. That'll give us an idea of how bad her hearing might be.”

That evening, the husband saw his wife in the kitchen cooking dinner. Perfect time for the test. From 40 feet away, he asked, “Honey, what's for dinner?” No response.

He stepped a little closer—30 feet now. “Honey, what's for dinner?” Still nothing.

He moved to 20 feet. “Honey, what's for dinner?” Silence.

Ten feet away now, he asked again, a bit more anxiously, “Honey, what's for dinner?” Still no answer.

Now really concerned, he walked right up behind her and asked, “Honey, what's for dinner?”

She spun around and yelled, “For the FIFTH TIME, JOHN—IT'S CHICKEN!”

From Tampa to Tacoma: A 3,500-Mile Ride of Friendship and Purpose

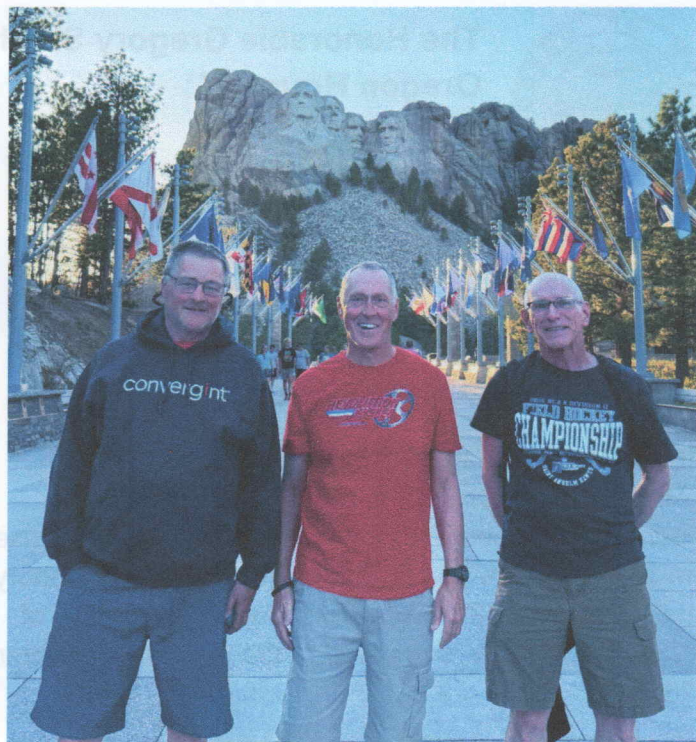
Don Coffey, Larry Gerbick, and Jim Kincaid, three old guys, are on an adventure, riding bicycles from Tampa, Florida, to Tacoma, Washington, raising money for charity. The three men have known each other since the 1950s. Don and Jim are close cousins, and Larry was Don's next-door neighbor in the 60s and 70s. These 3 go way back.

At 70 years old, Don is riding across the country for the third time. The first was in 2019 from St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California, with friend Steve Brokaw. The second was in 2022 from Provincetown, Massachusetts, to Seattle, Washington, with his daughter Liz. This current route (Tampa to Tacoma) is the longest trip yet at 3,500 miles.

In 2022, Jim joined Don and Liz, riding from Provincetown to the Massachusetts/New York border before returning home to West Bridgewater, MA, and going back to work. He enjoyed the ride so much that he decided to propose another cross-country trip to Don, who was on board. Jim was excited as they set off. Shortly into the journey, *really* early, like day 1 in Georgia, his bike went off the road and he went over his handlebars, breaking his collarbone and a rib. He flew home to recover. Luckily, he was able to rejoin Don and Larry in South Dakota on May 10th.

Larry, a Massachusetts native, hadn't seen much of the center of the US. When he heard that Don and Jim were planning the ride, he offered to drive the support vehicle. He has bad knees, and he planned to ride his electric bike along with the guys whenever possible. Now Jim is the van driver, and Larry rides with Don each day. It works!

The trio spent the night on Saturday, May 31st, in Mitchell at the Oregon Hotel. So far, they have ridden through 14 states, the beautiful state of Oregon being the 14th and penultimate state. Washington will make it 15. The scenery has been spectacular, and the people they have met along the way have been wonderful and kind,



offering encouraging words, meals, and a place to rest at night. Some have even donated to the causes for which the guys are riding.

Don and his wife, Susan, have been donating and raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project for a few years now. They started because their oldest son was an Army Ranger for several years. And even though he was never hurt badly in combat, some of his Ranger buddies were. The WWP helps our service members who have suffered trauma and injuries.

Jim and Larry are raising money and awareness for the American Cancer Society because they both have had close relatives who suffered and died from cancer.

So far, the big three highlights have been:

1. Mount Rushmore and The Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills of South Dakota
2. The Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi
3. The John Day Fossil Bed National Monument in Oregon

If you would like to follow the final part of their journey and see how much has been contributed to their chosen charities, feel free to check out their website:

<https://coast2coastcoffeys.wixsite.com/three-retired-guys-b>

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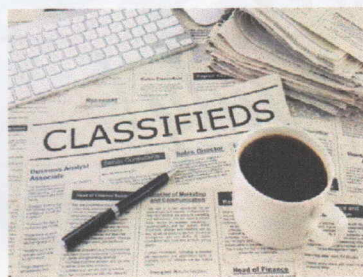
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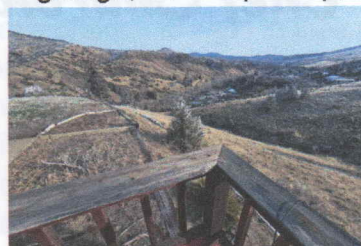
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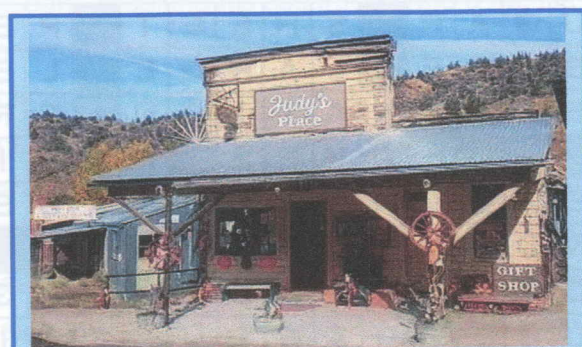
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