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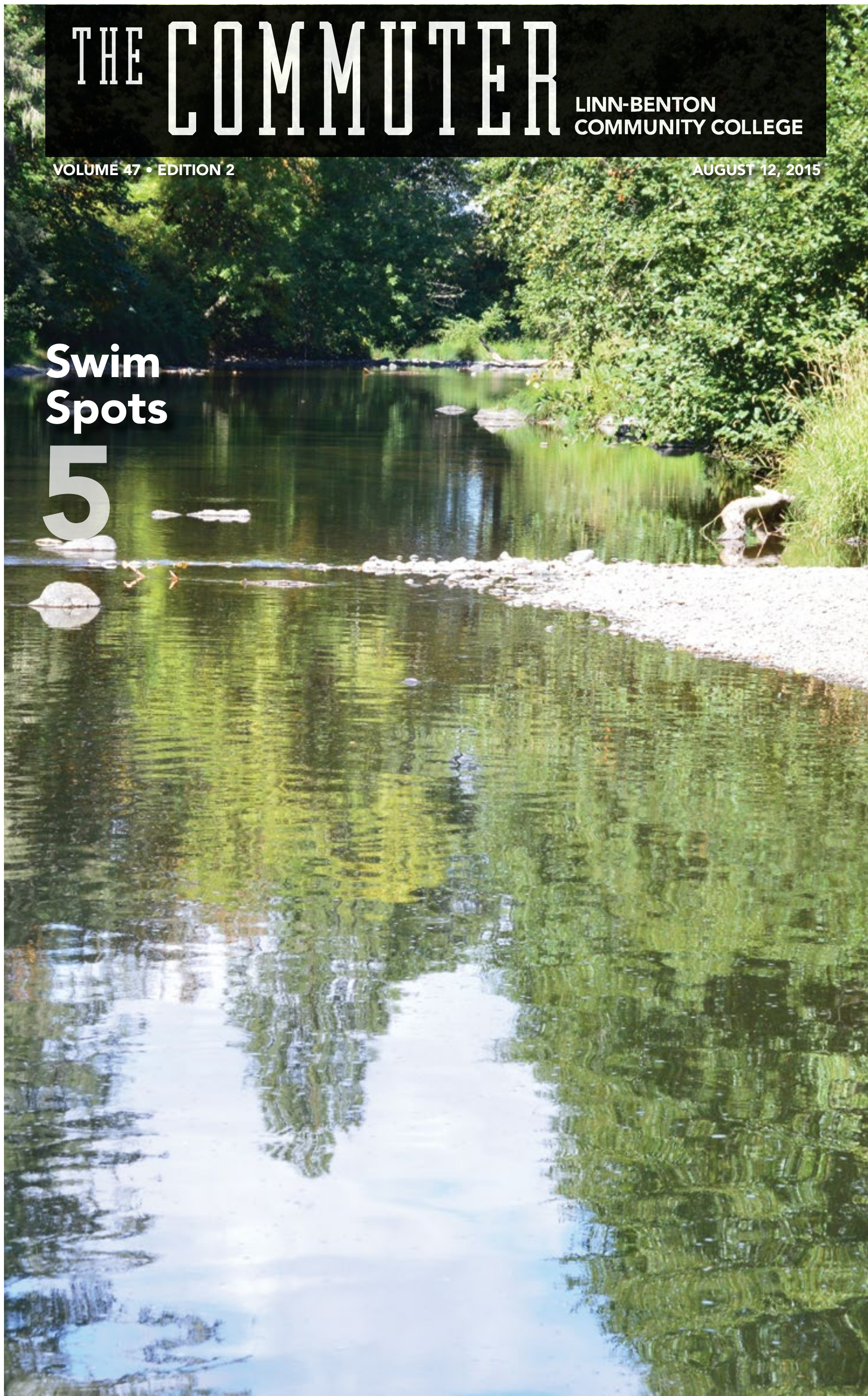
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Students celebrate Tuition Freeze victory.

TUITION HIKE REVERSED

Students emerge victorious after Board of Education meeting

Students returning to LBCC in the fall will find a welcome change when they look at their tuition bill -- the same rate as last year!

On July 22 the college's Board of Education's revisited a 3 percent tuition increase that had taken effect in June and had students in a tizzy.

The meeting began at 6 p.m. with the swearing in of board members by Anne Schuster, Benton County Commissioner. Meanwhile, students lined up at the back of board room in the Calapooia Center, holding signs reading "Freeze Tuition," "\$50," and "We did our part - Will you do yours?"

When it came time to the students to speak, Student Leadership Council President Paola Gonzalez reminded board members of student efforts that took place during winter term to raise awareness across the state about education and tuition. Gonzalez reiterated that students were told if the Legislature allocated the funds necessary to eliminate a tuition increase there would be no increase in tuition.

"If it wasn't for the talent grants through student government I would not be able to attend this upcoming year," said Gonzalez.

Gonzalez wasn't the only student to share a personal struggle with the Board of Education members.

Michaela Martin is a communications student at LBCC. Martin is a single mother with no support or contact from the father of her son. Her son is now 2 years old and she is raising him all on her own. It wasn't an easy thing for her to admit. While attending school she has to pay for daycare.

"I don't want to be dependent on the system," said Martin.

Martin made reference to raising tuition being minimal for in-state students -- only \$2.51, bringing tuition to about

\$99 per credit. However, spread over 13 credits it is approximately \$33, which is a box of diapers that lasts Martin about a month. Martin struggled at this point because diapers aren't cheap and children need them. When it comes down to it, tuition or diapers, diapers always win.

"Dollar for dollar," said Martin.

Students have been proactive throughout the year with rallies, lobbying and gathering signatures advocating for a tuition freeze.

"I feel frustrated that charging the students more would even be an option," said Chelsey Mick. "I feel defensive that the hard work my SLC comrades (past and present) have put into the various efforts both on campus and at the Capitol to lobby for zero spikes in our tuition felt overlooked."

Candalynn Johnson, a business and political science student, is a first generation college student who works three part-time jobs on top of attending college. She has attended college for two years, has received scholarships and is still \$9,186 in debt. This debt doesn't come without pain and suffering, she told the board.

"My day starts at 8 a.m. and doesn't end until 9 p.m., which causes a lot of strain on my mental and physical health especially with my diagnosis of ADHD," said Johnson. "This would only get harder if I had to take on more hours of work, and this is why I support a 0 percent tuition increase."

The board members listened as students shared their stories and some tears.

College President Greg Hamann presented board members with a projection model representing the budget and tuition impact on the college's future ending fund balance.

"We will be just fine without a tuition increase (this year)," said Hamann, noting

however that the college would draw down the balance, requiring attention in future budgeting.

During Hamann's presentation board members Jim Merryman and Dick Running urged against rolling the tuition increase back to zero. They noted that future students could see even higher tuition increases.

"It was a bit ridiculous that they were arguing about \$550 million, as they wouldn't have that money to count on if students wouldn't have gone out and fought for it," said Nikki Aman. "I feel like Jim in particular was talking about college like a business with a customer base rather than a state-funded institution with students in need."

Hamann continued to urge board members to see the positive side of this zero percent tuition increase as a benefit and as a possibility. That with the new programs starting soon, LBCC could afford to have a zero percent tuition increase for the 2015-16 school year.

"How can you be so optimistic with a pessimistic budget?" said Lyn Riverstone, board member.

In the end, the Board of Education voted to freeze tuition for the coming year.

"I feel like it's a disgruntled victory. We won yeah, but this shouldn't have been a debate. And more than anything else, our Board of Education shouldn't be focused on how to squeeze more money out of its students, but rather how to spend the money we've already sweat out," said Mick. "Spend smarter, not more."



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GoPRINT

Students accustomed to no fee for print be prepared for fee once again

The kickoff of the 2015-2016 academic school year at Linn-Benton Community College will not only be welcoming new students, but also welcoming back the fee to print.

This new software comes from ITC Systems; which is a global leader specializing in integrated transaction control systems, offering complete cost recovery systems for university campuses, in academic and public libraries, government departments, food service environments and other closed institutional settings. The new software is called GoPrint.

GoPrint came to LBCC after research of sister colleges around Oregon such as Chemeketa Community College, Lane Community College and Portland Community College. It ultimately came down to the customer service and the price of the software.

Pay4Print software simply cost too much to maintain at \$25,000 for the software and another \$2,000 for maintenance. GoPrint is \$3,600 for the software and a smaller annual maintenance fee as an ongoing cost associated.

"I am amazed at how much cheaper it is," said Russell Rinker, assistant director/managing networking systems.

This new system will allow students to have access to the GoPrint system by creating a pay account. When it comes time to print students will be presented with a screen to set up a username and password, which will avoid any confusion because it will be the students creation. This interface system uses credit card and debit card transactions, which is a technical difficulty that LBCC is still trying to deduce at this time.

In mid August, GoPrint will be implemented onto all four campuses: Albany, Benton Center, Lebanon, and Sweet Home. Students will have the opportunity to set up an account and become familiar with the system without being charged. There is no set fee as of yet, however there will be one once fall term begins. Price

will be adjusted accordingly upon usage.

In the library during the 2013-2014 academic school year, paper cost was \$1,000 and ink cost was \$4,000. These numbers are minimalistic compared to the subsequent year. The 2014-2015 academic school year, paper cost was \$2,000 and ink cost was \$11,000. From one year to the next, paper cost doubled and ink cost nearly tripled.

"It was pretty much anarchy," said Michael Quiner, chief information officer.

On average, in the fall of 2014 the library was going through 7,500 sheets of paper a week. The first week of winter 2015 the library used 10,000 sheets of paper. These numbers are outrageous in comparison to the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic school year as a whole.

Throughout the entire campus fall of 2013, with the Pay4Print system in effect there was a combined 102,000 pages printed. Once the fee for print was removed the following year in fall of 2014, there was 202,000 pages printed.

"The huge volume of free printing came with some large costs. We spent much more on paper and ink than we did in previous years, and we had to replace the printer's several times. As a college we strive to keep costs low for students, the amount of money we spent on free printing seems particularly excessive," said Jane Sandberg, electronic resources librarian.

All over campus, drop-labs, Forum and the library usage either tripled or quadrupled from the prior years.

The usage trend continued at about that level for the whole school year.

Print software was initially implemented at all the campuses to stop students from abusing resources such as paper, toner and to cut back on printer services. However, this past year staff haven't noticed students being printer aware. And this is why

"I am amazed at how much cheaper it is."

- Russell Rinker

GoPrint will be taking place.

"This is a good move for the college," said Rinker. "Opens up hours for the library."

With the GoPrint software in effect on campus the library will also be receiving an update as well. If students and faculty haven't already noticed, the library has been doing some rearranging.

The computers that once filled the computer lab are now in the the library closer to the circulation desk. The library will be absorbing the Forums computers and printer all to be completed by the start of fall term. And the Forum lab will be closing at the end of August.

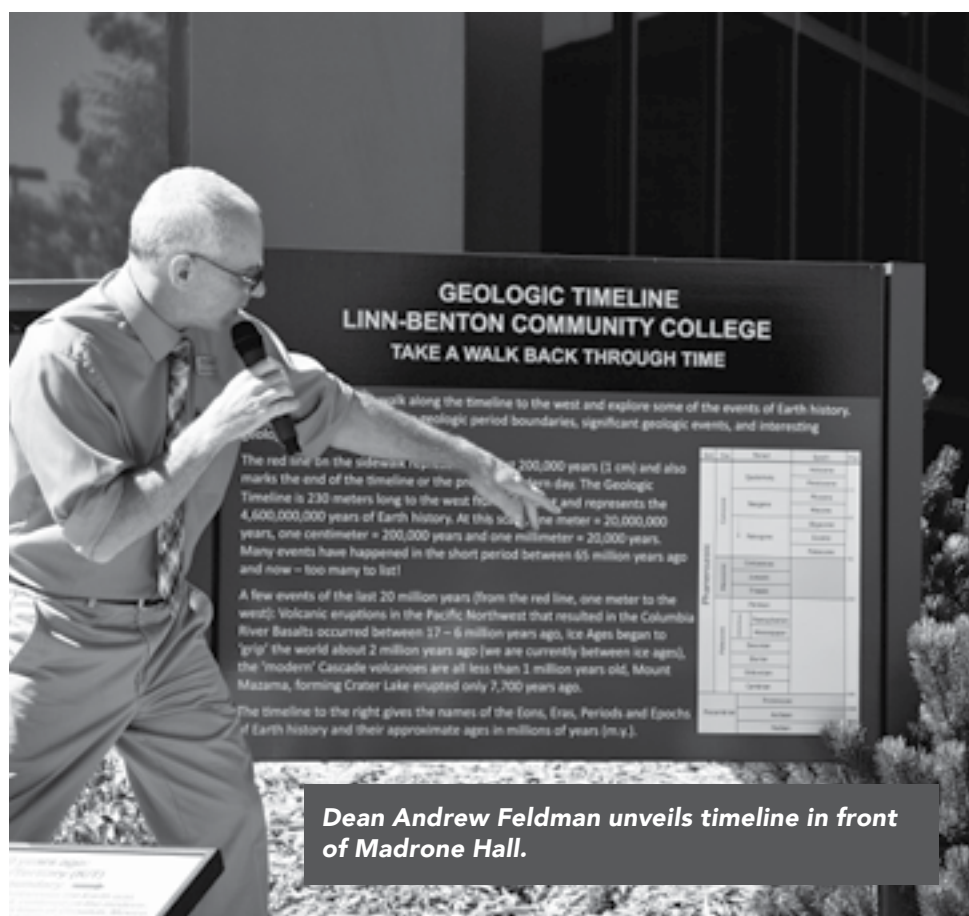
With the Forum lab closing this will allow the library extended hours, more staff and have more computers in a central location for students to access. The staff from the Forum have been training in the library and will be moving to the library as well.

"This move provides computer support for students," said Alf Price, computer lab specialist.

Implementing a GoPrint system and centralizing the computer lab will essentially help the campus get back on track with finances and benefit the students academically now and in the future.



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Dean Andrew Feldman unveils timeline in front of Madrone Hall.



Madrone Hall

MADRONE REDEDICATION

Final renovations and timeline unveiled in front of faculty and donors

The first dedication ceremony for Madrone Hall took place in 2009. On Aug. 6, six years later Linn-Benton Community College is re-dedicated Madrone Hall one final time.

About 30 students, faculty, and donors attended the rededication. The President Greg Hamann, reminded everyone in

attendance of the hard work that faculty put in and the money they raised for Madrone Hall. Hamann thanked the many public donors, private donors and the faculty.

"Some community colleges may be dropping the word 'community' in their name, but we will never do this because

LBCC truly is this community's college," said Hamann.

Dean Andrew Feldman went over the timeline of the Earth. He informed everyone in attendance that the planet is 4.5 billions of years old and that the solar system even older. With the plaques provided outside Madrone Hall this allows

faculty the opportunity to teach beyond the classroom. After he concluded, the unveiling of the new timeline in front of Madrone Hall commenced.



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BACKYARD BUZZ

Bee friendly gardens bring more blooms to your garden



Courtesy Sajjad Fazel | Wikipedia

The laughter, the screeching and all the commotion that summer brings to yards can hide a frenzy of buzzing by nature's miracle worker - bees.

Responsible for pollinating an estimated third of all crops, bees generate up to \$15 billion in revenue a year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On top of their economic value they contribute a priceless service in helping the ecosystem thrive.

With the expansion of cities and landscape claimed for mankind, bees are facing human induced obstacles on their quest for nectar and pollen. Bee friendly gardens can assist these invaluable creatures and double as a floral showcase pleasing humans and insects alike, no matter how big or small they are.

"Pollinators love flowers, so you look for flowers that bloom early in the spring that bloom through the fall," said Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen.

Starting with daffodils and fruit trees in early spring, to summer bloomers such as dahlias and zinnias, gardens can become a mosaic of eye-catching color for

both you and bees. Casteen suggests planting flowers that expose where pollen is stored such as daisies, which make it easier for bees to collect pollen.

Although honey bees get most of the pollination credit, they have a powerful pollinating partner that resembles a small blue fly. Casteen recommends that mason bees be welcomed to any garden.

"The mason bee does 20 times the work than honey bees," she said.

Mason bees will visit an estimated 1,000 blooms a day and a foraging female can be as effective as 100 honey bees, according to the American Beekeeping Federation. Because the mason bee flies in colder and wetter weather than the honey bee, they give vegetables and fruits a head start in the spring.

While honey bees fly up to five miles from the hive and require up to an acre of pasture to forage, the mason bee does all their foraging within 400 feet of their home. Placing a mason bee home in your garden will enhance your blooms because they will stay close to home, stimulating your plant productivity.

Mason bees lay their eggs in tunnels dug by grubs or carved by woodpeckers. Unable to make their own, they find abandoned areas that fit their shape criteria, including hollowed reefs, and pack their eggs one after another in a tubelike fashion. Each egg is cushioned by pollen and sealed by mud creating a capsule for each, giving them their name "mason." Their young will emerge and pollinate your garden each spring.

Gentle by nature, both honey and mason bees rarely sting unless provoked. Mason bees produce no honey like their counterpart and thus their homes require little care. They are also immune to the deadly varroa mite which is largely responsible for the decline of the honey bee.

The mason bee is native to North America, unlike the honey bee which is native to Europe. Despite their

different origins the two have learned to coexist and are not competitive when foraging. A healthy garden can have both species living happily alongside the other.

Steve Oda, president of the Linn County Beekeepers Association, has been hosting honey bees for seven years and has eight hives. He set up his hives when he noticed neighborhood fruit trees were not producing well.

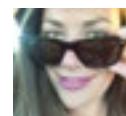
When introducing his hives he visited his neighbors and educated them on how they would help the neighborhood. He wanted to teach their importance to ensure people wouldn't be unwelcoming or afraid of his bees.

"People don't distinguish between honey bees and yellow jackets," said Oda. "I think people are now more accepting of what my bees have done for the neighborhood."

Since his bees have been at work, the lackluster fruit trees he once observed are more fruitful than ever. Some of his neighbors have joined in support and have started to mow their lawns less, giving chance for wildflower growth. Others have started to leave sections of their property untouched, letting native blooms like dandelions and queen anne's lace for the bees.

"Someone who wants a weed-free lawn will not be helpful to bees," he cautioned.

Although certain "weeds" can be invasive to decorative areas, healthy bees need a variety of flowers and plants to consume, just as humans need different food groups. With care in designing your garden, your yard can become an oasis for bees, and the price they pay for residence comes in the form of plentiful fruits and vegetables on your table.



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SUMMER DOG DAYS

The dangers of leaving your dog in the car



It's said that dogs are man's best friend, and we often want our furry sidekicks riding shotgun, hanging their heads out the window while we run errands. With the rising temperatures that summertime brings, dog guardians must consider the heat factor when deciding if it's safe to load up their besties for a joyride around town.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), cars can become 30 degrees warmer than outside temperatures within 20 minutes of being parked. And it doesn't have to be scorching hot for a car to become unsafe for a pooch awaiting their owners return. A pleasant 75 degree day can become an unpleasant 110 degrees inside a car in just 30 minutes.

This summer, Captain Greg Burroughs of the Lebanon Police Department estimates they receive up to three calls a week from concerned citizens observing dogs locked in vehicles. Many of those calls are made from the Walmart parking lot, according to Burroughs. To his knowledge none of the dogs have died from the encounter, but each summer many dogs in the country aren't so lucky.

Sixteen states currently have laws that regulate pets in vehicles, Oregon is not one of them. Burroughs confirmed that Linn County also has no specific "hot car" laws. For now, it's up to owners to educate themselves on the dangers and to make responsible decisions about leaving their dogs while they shop or dine.

It doesn't take long under the right conditions for harm to come. The ASPCA estimates damage can occur in as little as 15 minutes. Exposure to high temperatures can cause brain or organ damage, heatstroke and death.

The majority of dog owners who leave their dogs in their car do so out of the love of their companionship. A concerned passerby who sees a dog in a car is also often

reacting out of love for our four-legged friends. The question then is, when does someone take the situation into their own hands?

Burroughs gives insight into the issue.

"For a civilian to just break a window out of a car there really has to be justification or it can result in civil or criminal activity," he said.

If the police respond to such a situation and decide not to press criminal charges, the victim with



a broken window could file a civil suit against the concerned citizen.

"There's a possibility in a civil charge they would have to pay for damages," said Burroughs.

Burroughs recommends that people don't take action into their own hands, but instead they should call the police.

"Let us go down there to make the determination of what will happen," he said.

If they do find a case of abuse or neglect, they have authority to break windows, remove animals, and charge the owner with a crime. Each situation is assessed on its own and will determine if the owner acted irresponsibly and put the dog in imminent danger.

"It's going to depend on how hot the day is, what type of car, how much the windows were cracked," Burroughs said of factors considered.

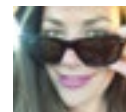
However, most experts say that leaving your dog at home is the best option.

Although many dog owners try and accommodate their pawed passengers by cracking the windows, according to studies by the AVMA, that does nothing to relieve the animal from rising temperatures. They also report from other studies that the interior color of the car, whether it's parked in the shade, or whether it's overcast does little to relieve trapped dogs.

Leaving the car running with the air conditioning on can also invite tragedy. Air conditioning systems can shut down with an idle engine because they become too hot and will then blow hot air. Dogs have met their fate in past summers for this reason.

Even leaving water in the car does little to beat the heat. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by the paws of their feet. If their tongues are hanging out of their mouth exposed to the hot air and their paws are pressed on hot seats, there is little opportunity for them to cool and their body temperature can rise to the danger zone.

So when deciding to take your companion in the car this summer, consider leaving them at home. They may miss out on the joyride, but tails will still be wagging when you return.



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Locals beat the heat at High Rock.



TOP SWIM SPOTS

Swimming holes that are within an hour or two of Albany

Now that we have three weeks left of summer, there isn't a better time to go out and explore the beauty that is Oregon. The following are five of my favorite swimming holes and areas within two hours of Albany. This isn't a comprehensive list by any means. If there are any that you think should be mentioned let me know. The lack of rain has affected a few of these swimming holes, but a few were only slightly lower.

McKercher County Park

The lack of rain in the past months was more evident at McKercher than other areas. There is a good stretch of rock to hangout on when the water levels are normal. However, the water is insanely low and you can walk on parts of the river bed that aren't normally accessible.

"This place is usually much more beautiful, but it still works to get out of the heat," said Ashley Campbell from Corvallis, Ore.

Directions: Take I-5 to the Brownsville exit, go east on Highway 228 about 8 miles or so. There is a small parking lot with a restroom or road side parking. Picnic tables with a five minute walk to the water.

Foster Lake

There are multiple areas to go swim. Good for kids as long as they have a life jacket or direct adult supervision. There is a wake from boats and seadoos constantly, and the water drops off abruptly and gets deep. Beautiful view and the water in the lake isn't noticeably low because of the lack of rain this spring and summer. Lots of areas for picnics and lawn chairs to hangout.

Directions: Take Hwy 20 through Sweet Home. Can't miss the lake.

High Rock

There aren't a lot of swimming holes around Albany like High Rock. There is a 30 ft jump from an overhanging rock. Right below the overhang in a lower rock that is about 15 ft to jump off. Across the river is another 10-15 ft jump, and there are areas up and down the stream to go explore. Along with a smooth rock area to hangout on. There is a pretty good climb down though, so it isn't ideal for limited mobility individuals or younger kids.

Directions: Take Highway 20 through Sweet Home and continue on Highway. Go past Foster Lake about 14 Miles. It

is just through Cascadia State Park. The Parking is on the South side of the road. It is near Mile Marker 42.

Yellow Bottom

It has a nice deep swimming hole. Then it gets shallow enough that you can wade out to the middle and explore. There is a main trail that takes you through the park with different trails that lead down to the water. There are three different picnic tables with bbq's when fires are allowed. Good place to bring the kids and let them wade out in the water.

"It really is everything you'd want from a swimming hole. I used to associate it with camping, but it's definitely worth it on it's own," said Albany resident Cassie Treuber

Directions: Take Highway 20 to Sweet Home. Turn left onto Quartzville Road and follow it for about 24 miles. Yellowbottom is on the right hand side. There is a parking lot with a sign that says Yellowbottom recreation site.

.6 Miles past Yellow Bottom

This swimming hole is the lesser known part of Yellow Bottom. The trail down is very steep, small children should be watched. It is only .6 miles past Yellow

Bottom swimming hole and has two rock formations. The smaller of the two is accessible to jump off of, and there is a bit of a climb. The water in some parts are extremely deep. There is a nice area to hangout on and set up for kids. This place is good for kids, teens and adults as long as they don't mind a steep climb back up to the car.

Directions: Take Highway 20 to Sweet Home. Turn left onto Quartzville Road and follow it for about 24 miles. Yellowbottom is on the right hand side. There is a parking lot with a sign that says yellowbottom recreation site. Go about .6 miles past yellowbottom and look for a turn into a circular campground. The path is right in front of the parking area. Take the left trail and it will take you down to the water.



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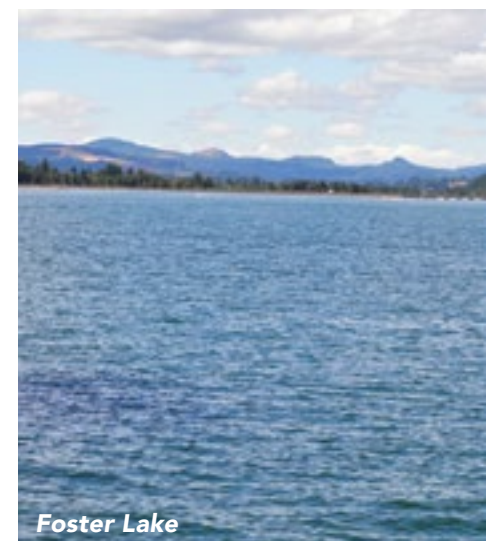
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Yellow Bottom



McKercher County Park



Foster Lake

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Ant Man

MOVIE REVIEW:

Ant-Man

DIRECTOR: Peyton Reed
STARRING: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly, and Corey Stoll
PRODUCTION: Marvel Studios
GENRE: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi
RATED: PG-13
OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

REVIEW BY **KYLE BRAUN-SHIRLEY**

MARVEL PROVES SIZE DOESN'T MATTER WITH LATEST SUPERHERO MOVIE

Five years ago, no one would have thought that a live action film about Ant-Man would have worked. But after the success of other Marvel movies, especially 2014's "Guardians of the Galaxy," an Ant-Man movie didn't seem so farfetched after all.

"Ant-Man" was released on July 17 and is the twelfth film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. It was directed by Peyton Reed and stars Paul Rudd as Scott Lang / Ant-Man, Michael Douglas as Hank Pym, Evangeline Lilly as Hope van Dyne, and Corey Stoll as Darren Cross / Yellowjacket. The success of the film stems from its strong script and talented cast, despite a few hiccups along the way.

One of the most interesting aspects of "Ant-Man" is the way it embodies both the successes and failures of the MCU all in one movie.

For example, every MCU film up until now have all had strong scripts, and "Ant-Man" is no exception. The story credits for "Ant-Man" go to Edgar Wright and Joe

Cornish, and they did a spectacular job. The dialogue oozes with emotion and humor, and manages to find a healthy balance of both. It doesn't get too bogged down in exposition, which is a good thing.

Like other movies in the MCU, "Ant-Man" has a stellar cast. Rudd seemed like an odd choice for a superhero movie back when he was announced as the titular Ant-Man, but after watching the film it's clear he's perfect for the role. Douglas and Lilly also deliver strong performances. They give believability to the fractured relationship between their two characters. Also worth noting is Michael Pena as Luis. Every word out of his mouth is comedic dynamite.

But just as "Ant-Man" shares many positive traits with the other MCU films, it also shares some flaws. The main issue with the movie is the villain. Stoll is okay in the roll, but the character just isn't very memorable. Not having a strong villain has been prevalent in other MCU films, such as "Thor: The Dark World" and "Guardians

of the Galaxy."

Perhaps one of the more subtle flaws with "Ant-Man" and the MCU as whole is the tendency to shy away from mature subjects and themes.

Pym is a complex character in the comics. He often struggles with feelings of insecurity and at times has been known to physically harm his wife and friends. These themes are absent from "Ant-Man," and maybe for the best. But hopefully as these characters progress, they will be able to develop and become as complex and fully realized as they are in the source material.

"Ant-Man" marks the end of Marvel's phase two of films, and it does so with a bang. It's well written, exciting, emotional, and funny. The actors are great, especially Rudd and Douglas. Even though the villain wasn't great and the film failed to present some of the more mature themes from the comics, those are flaws that will hopefully be fixed with future films. Overall, "Ant-Man" packs a small yet powerful punch.



Evo CHAMPIONSHIP

Evo 2015 brought gamers from around the world to compete

The Evolution Championship Series is an annual fighting game tournament held in Las Vegas, Nev. Evo, as it is commonly called, started in 2002 and has grown significantly each year. It brings together players from all over the world and has become the crown jewel of fighting game tournaments.

Evo 2015 was held on July, 17 through July 19 at the Bally's / Paris Las Vegas Casino. The lineup of games consisted of "Ultra Street Fighter IV," "Super Smash Bros. for Wii U," "Super Smash Bros. Melee," "Mortal Kombat X," "Guilty Gear Xrd -SIGN-," "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3," "Tekken 7," "Persona 4 Arena Ultimax," and "Killer Instinct." Thousands of players competed for a shot at money, glory, and most importantly, bragging rights until next years Evo.

The number of entrants at this years Evo were the biggest the series had ever seen. "Ultra Street Fighter IV" had the most entrants with 2,227. That many entrants is a huge accomplishment for the fighting

game community. However, Street Fighter wasn't the only game to have a strong showing.

Making a large splash at Evo once again was the Super Smash Bros series. Super Smash Bros. for Wii U had a staggering 1,926 entrants. Perhaps more impressive was the fan favorite Super Smash Bros. Melee tallying 1,869 entrants, making Evo 2015 the largest Melee tournament of all time. Not bad for a fifteen year old game.

Smash Bros. has been the source of much controversy over the years. Many of the traditional fighting game players didn't view Smash Bros. as a game deserving of a spot at Evo. However, impressive numbers of entrants, insane live stream viewing numbers, and fast, exciting play has changed several minds of players.

One of Evo's founders, Joey "Mr. Wizard" Cuellar, spoke about the future of Super Smash Bros. at Evo in an interview with The Daily Dot.

"I think Smash is here to stay," said Mr. Wizard. Much of the controversy surrounding Smash Bros. at

Evo 2015 happened on the main stage. Florida player Juan "Hungrybox" Debiecma was booed for his campy, or what many players call lame, style of play. He lost the crowd, but Hungrybox went on to take second place in Melee, which is a huge accomplishment.

The winner of Super Smash Bros. Melee and \$11,214 at Evo 2015 was Adam "Armada" Lindgren from Sweden. Armada's grand finals set with Hungrybox was viewed live by 205,000 people on twitch.tv.

The game lineup for Evo 2016 won't be revealed until early next year. If history has proven anything, Evo 2016 will be the biggest tournament yet.



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Linn-Benton Welcomes Raymund Ocampo

The baton has been passed to Ocampo

On Thursday, August 13, Linn-Benton Community College will be welcoming the new Music Faculty and Choir Director, Raymund Ocampo.

Ocampo comes to LBCC from University of South Florida in Tampa where he earned his Masters in Music. While in Tampa, he studied under Dr. James Bass and acted as the Assistant Director of the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

He has also acted as the Choir Director of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Tampa, the Director of Music Ministry at Mt. Washington Presbyterian in Cincinnati, and he founded "ascend", an all-professional chamber choir organization in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ocampo received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

If you see him around campus take a moment and introduce yourself. Let's give him a RoadRunner welcome. Beep! Beep!



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RE-BUILDING THE DAM

Oregon State set on improving upon 5-7 season

Oregon State's media day was held August 8, there was a sense of excitement that has been missing in Corvallis the last few years.

New Head Coach Gary Anderson brings his toughness and his 45-31 record to an Oregon State team that has lost 12 out of the last 14 Pac-12 games. Anderson isn't just rebuilding a football program, he has to change the entire losing culture that has permeated over Oregon State the past five years.

Changing the offensive system is a start in the right direction.

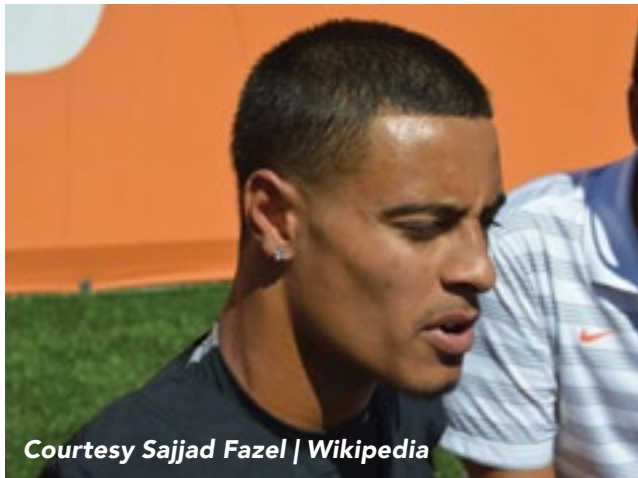
Oregon State ran a pro-style offense 14 out of the 18 years under Mike Riley which is similar to what University of Southern California runs, but they don't have the elite talent that the USC and Alabama do.

"Offense is a lot faster hurry up, no huddle, said Rhamel Dockery, junior wide receiver.

Spreading teams out on the field, poking, prodding, looking for any weaknesses or miss-match in their defense is the norm now. Oregon State was running an early '90s offense in the new millennium. It would be like taking a Corvette to Daytona. Sure it's a fast car and is great in certain situations, but it isn't built for the track. Mike Riley's offense wasn't built to compete in the high scoring Pac-12, they scored 25.7 points per game. By contrast nine schools averaged 30 or more, and Oregon and Arizona averaged 45.4 and 38.3 respectively.

Sean Mannion is gone now, Seth Collins and Nick Mitchell are the choices to replace him after Luke Del Rio's transfer. Collins seems to be the fan favorite at the moment because of his play at Oregon State's Orange and Black spring game. He was 12-of-22 for 208 yards, two touchdowns and had 12 carries for 81 rushing yards. He is an exciting player, but Anderson maintained there is not favorite at the moment.

"In the perfect world I would like to have one quarterback. If that doesn't happen it does not scare me



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to have two quarterbacks," said Anderson.

For Oregon State to get to a bowl game this year, running back Storm Barr-Woods (766 rushing yards 6 touchdowns) and wide receiver Victor Bolden (798 receiving yards 2 touchdowns) need to up their production in the 2015 season. They are the leaders of the team now and they have to play like it. The Beavers need the ball in the hands of both Bolden and Barr-Woods as much as possible.

The offense looks more dynamic this season. Bolden, Barr-Woods and Collins who has to learn what it takes to stay on the field in the Pac-12.

"When to take off when to throw so far that has been on me. When to slide that is what they have been talking about. Taking a calculated risk when running the football," said Collins.

Keeping him under control isn't the right word, but making him aware of the risk-reward and how important it is to protect his body and avoid unnecessary contact is something most young quarterbacks have to

learn the hard way.

From the outside looking in there isn't quite as much to be excited about on defense.

Replacing 9 of 11 starters is hard for any team to do, but add to that switching from a 4-3 to a more attacking 3-4 scheme. Along with the recent dismissal of projected starting linebacker Darrell Songy. These factors and more make life that much tougher for Defensive Coordinator Kalani Sitake.

If Sitake can somehow get this defensive unit to mesh during Pac-12 play, Oregon State will be vastly improved.

With a new head coach, offensive system, Collins or Mitchell at quarterback, and Barr-Woods and Bolden making plays Oregon State's offense should be unrecognizable.

However, there are so many questions on defense I don't see how they can replace 9 of 11 starters and put in a new scheme in and be better defensively right out of the gate.

This season might be tough, but hiring Gary Anderson was a move away from the old ways of doing things in Corvallis, and that is a good thing. Oregon State is looking to be a fast and more physical team this year. That is what Coach Anderson's style is based on.

"There is only one way to learn how to be physical, and that is to be physical," said Anderson.

Oregon State will be looking to become more physical during fall camp starting this week, and hope that toughness carries over into the regular season.



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STAYING AHEAD OF THE PAC

Oregon looks to replace Heisman winner

Oregon's fall camp got off to a rocky start before it officially began.

Thomas Tyner and Royce Freeman were going to form the best 1-2 punch in the Pac-12, now Tyner isn't on the Oregon roster and is out for the season with a shoulder injury. This injury thrusts youngsters Kani Benoit, Taj Griffin, and Tony Brooks-James into a spot to contribute from game one instead of watching from the sidelines to begin the season.

The Tyner injury puts the Vernon Adams saga under a microscope that much more.

Adams and Jeff Lockie are locked in a competition to see who earns the starting quarterback job at the University of Oregon, but Adams isn't officially on Oregon's football team. There are a million questions to be asked about the Vernon Adams situation, but none can be answered until he officially graduates from Eastern Washington and gets cleared by the coaches to join the team.

In a report that surfaced on Aug. 10, by Sports Illustrated's Lindsay Schnell Vernon Adams has one a math final thursday that will decide if he will join the ducks. If he doesn't pass the final he will not be eligible this season.

"Nothing has changed," said coach Mark Helfrich when asked about Adams status at Oregon Media day on Monday. That was before the news of Adams now famous final hit the wire.

The idea of replacing Marcus Mariota with a quarterback who put up astronomical numbers at Eastern Washington over 10,000 passing yards and 110 touchdowns was a dream come true. Now it's a confusing and muddled nightmare that comes down to one math final.

Given his body of work the duck players didn't seem worried about his lack of attendance at start of



Jeff Lockie at Oregon Media Day.

Oregon's fall camp.

There is still plenty of time to figure out who is the starter.

"Five to six days before the opener we would like to know [who the starting quarterback is]," said Helfrich.

That gives the team three weeks to figure out who the starting quarterback will be.

With or without Adams the offense shouldn't have trouble putting the ball in the endzone. Especially since it looks like Offensive Coordinator Scott Frost won the Charles Nelson sweepstakes. It stays with the theme of Oregon having its best players on offense.

"[He is] too gifted not to be everywhere," said Helfrich.

Nelson will be available to Defensive Coordinator Don Pellum, but the speedy athlete will see most of his snaps on offense.

Frost's biggest problem this season is going to be how to keep everyone involved with what many are calling the most talented group of wide

receivers in school history.

As in seasons past, Oregon's future will be decided on defense. Deforest Buckner returning for his senior year and adding five-star recruit Canton Kamumalte to the defensive line should help a defense that ranked tenth in the Pac-12 last season.

Oregon also has to replace Ifo Ekpere-Olomu, Arik Armstead, and ball hawking safety Erick Dargan who led the ducks with seven interceptions last season.

"Tyree Robinson, he really stood out. I expect a big year from him, said Dwayne Stanford, Oregon wide receiver.

Robinson is the odds on favorite to replace Darigan at safety and has looked outstanding according to Stanford this summer. Robinson should have similar interception numbers if given the freedom that Darigan had because of his athletic ability.

I don't expect anything different this year than the last few. Oregon needs a few things to go their way to make it into the championship playoff. I expect the winner of the Stanford-Oregon game to take the Pac-12 North and play USC for the Pac-12 title.

If Oregon's defensive line doesn't improve however, look for teams like Arizona and Stanford to knock Oregon out of the title chase.

It might sound weird that Oregon's aspirations of getting back to the national championship game hinge on their defense. The offense is going to score a ton of points this season no matter who is at quarterback.

The only question is can the ducks stop the run.



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