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Pitch was found along the Metolius River west of Sisters.

# Otter found along Metolius has a name

Baby's grown up. The baby otter the High Desert Museum received in May from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), is now a thriving 26-week-old youngster who's joined Brook and Rogue, the Museum's two other otters, in the Autzen Otter Exhibit. Don't call him Baby though. The Museum auctioned off his naming rights during the High Desert Rendezvous in August, and the winners decided to name him Pitch.

"Our wildlife staff has done an incredible job of raising Pitch through bottle feedings and some sleepless nights," said the Museum's Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. "They've spent a considerable amount of time with Pitch, even helping him learn how to swim, a skill he would have learned from a parent in the wild."

A hiker found the otter pup along the Metolius River in May and took it to a local wildlife rehabilitator. ODFW District Wildlife Biologist Corey Heath and ODFW wildlife veterinarians decided the best outcome for the pup would be to place the animal permanently with the High Desert Museum. Now, after 15 weeks, Pitch spends most of his day on exhibit swimming and playing with the

two other otters.

The Autzen Otter Exhibit was designed to have three otters. During the recent renovation of "Otter Space," many upgrades including new pumps and filters, glass-viewing walls, interior exhibits, a beautiful mural and an otter slide have greatly enhanced the living space for the otters as well as viewing opportunities for visitors.

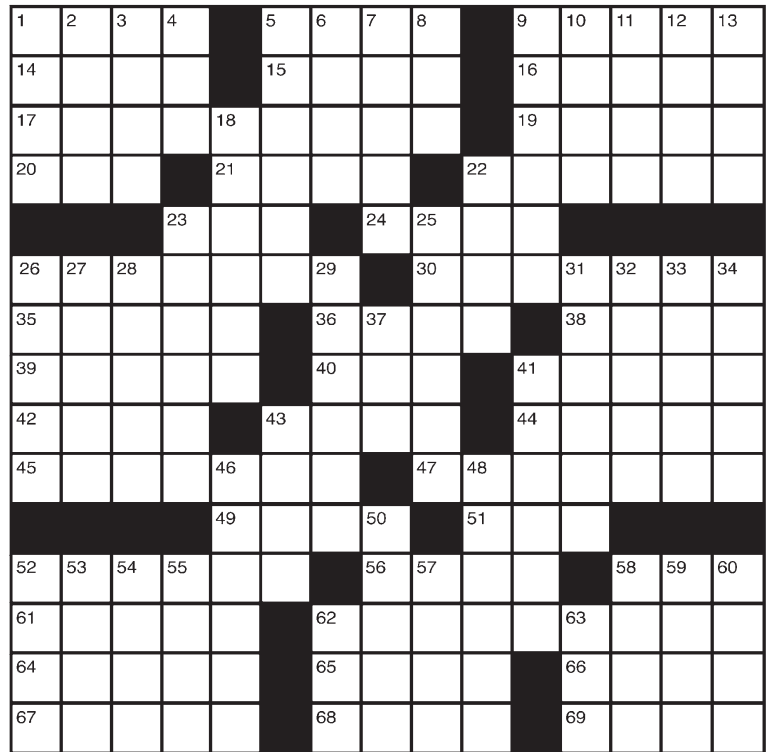
"We'd like to remind folks that finding a young animal alone in the wild doesn't necessarily mean that it has been abandoned," said the Museum's Curator of Wildlife Jon Nelson. "When an adult goes to feed or rest, most times it will leave its young in a secluded spot, then return to check on the young or protect them from predators. If hikers find a young or injured animal, they should contact a local ODFW office or local wildlife rehabilitator. A list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators can be found on the ODFW ([www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)) or High Desert Museum website ([highdesertmuseum.org/injured-wildlife/](http://highdesertmuseum.org/injured-wildlife/))."

For more information about Pitch or the Autzen Otter Exhibit, contact the Museum at 541-382-4754 ext. 241 or visit the website at [highdesertmuseum.org/autzen-otter-exhibit](http://highdesertmuseum.org/autzen-otter-exhibit).

# The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Well-to-do
  - 5 Foal's mother
  - 9 Moxie; nerve
  - 14 Seep out
  - 15 Kiss symbols on a love note
  - 16 Paddled boat
  - 17 Knowledge of what's going on
  - 19 Regretting
  - 20 Spoil
  - 21 Vane direction
  - 22 Ointments
  - 23 St. Joan of \_\_\_
  - 24 Make a tiny cut
  - 26 Not single
  - 30 Soaks up
  - 35 Worship
  - 36 Baseball refs
  - 38 Sulk
  - 39 Frolic about
  - 40 Kanye West's music
  - 41 Part of a theater
  - 42 Grows gray
  - 43 Yearn; long
  - 44 Church walkway
  - 45 Our hemisphere
  - 47 True-blue
  - 49 Dustcloths
  - 51 Actor Heflin
  - 52 Rodeo participant
  - 56 Tiny branch
  - 58 Water barrier
  - 61 Think \_\_\_; plan
  - 62 Spain's second most populous city
  - 64 Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
  - 65 Writer \_\_\_ Harte
  - 66 Doesn't just sit there
  - 67 Vaulters' needs
  - 68 Stein & Stiller
  - 69 Enjoys a winter sport



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- 4 That woman
- 5 "Dennis the \_\_\_"
- 6 Chopping tools
- 7 Sits for a spell
- 8 Tee's forerunner
- 9 Leftover pieces
- 10 Name for a Beetle
- 11 LSU or USC
- 12 Nary a one
- 13 Beer barrels
- 18 Spookier
- 22 Bro and sis
- 23 Put cuffs on
- 25 Took a siesta
- 26 Large parrot
- 27 Old saying
- 28 Heavy cords
- 29 \_\_\_ the night; while it's dark
- 31 Choice
- 32 Cut of beef
- 33 Brass instrument
- 34 Lively horse
- 37 Fellow
- 41 Barbarian

- DOWN**
- 1 Wander
  - 2 Midwest state
  - 3 Title for old Russian rulers

— Last Week's Puzzle Solved —



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- 43 Say the rosary, for example
- 46 Wears away
- 48 Kicks out
- 50 Fixed gaze
- 52 Sleep outdoors
- 53 Dayton's state
- 54 Water source
- 55 Source of misery
- 57 Architect Christopher \_\_\_
- 58 Wooden pier
- 59 Prefix for social or septic
- 60 Tumor
- 62 Pretty good report card
- 63 Spanish article

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