

NEEDLEPOINTS: Folk artist is considered national treasure

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Show’s executive director, said, “I am super excited to offer an additional type of fiber art. I love the historical context, the simplicity and bright colors, and being able to share them with our quilting community.”

Although she spent her life in poverty, Clementine Hunter never considered herself to be poor. She was born at the Hidden Hill Plantation, thought to be the inspiration for “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” She worked in the fields there, and at first when her family moved to Melrose Plantation. In the 1920s, she began working in the plantation house at Melrose, cooking and doing laundry.

Cammie Henry, the woman who owned Melrose, loved the arts, and she hosted artists and writers from all over the country. After one visit, New Orleans artist Alberta Kinsey left behind some brushes and tubes of paint. Hunter picked them up and, it’s said, created her first painting on an old window shade.

Clementine Hunter had two husbands and seven children. She never learned to read or write, but she did sign her work with her initials, CH, and sometimes the C is backwards. Each needlepoint



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Clementine Hunter.

includes the initials just as Hunter made them.

During her lifetime, she was the first African American artist to have a show at the Delgado Museum, now called the New Orleans Museum of Art, but because of the laws in effect then, she could not attend. President Jimmy Carter invited her to the White House, but she declined because she didn’t like to travel outside of Louisiana. Northwestern State University of Louisiana made her an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts in 1986, and Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards designated her as an honorary colonel.

Clementine Hunter lived to be 101, and she painted nearly every day until she became too sick. It’s impossible to know exactly how many paintings she did, but it’s somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000. She died on January 1, 1988, and is buried at St. Augustine Catholic Church Cemetery in Natchitoches.

New law: Farmers, ranchers have immunity in fire fights

SALEM (AP) — A law passed by the Oregon Legislature gives farmers and ranchers immunity from liability while fighting dangerous wildfires, such as the one that chewed through acres of wheat fields and grasslands last year, a newspaper reported Friday.

The law is similar to one that prevents bystanders from being sued if they try to help during an emergency, *The Capitol Press* reported.

Gov. Kate Brown signed the bill June 18 at a ceremony with the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Wheat farmers were the first to respond to the rapidly spreading fire and used their disc plows and water trucks to slow it down before any firefighters arrived. The blaze destroyed 122 square miles of dry wheat fields and grasslands, and was devastating for wheat farmers in wind-whipped north-central Oregon.

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Hansell, a Republican from Athena, Oregon, said the farmers who used their plows to create dirt firebreaks around homes and small communities were critical in slowing the flames.

The fire might have devastated the nearby small cities of Moro and Grass Valley, similar to Paradise, California, if not for them, he said.

“Farmers have been doing this ever since we began raising wheat,” said Hansell, whose family runs a wheat farm in Umatilla County.

One farmer, 64-year-old John Ruby, died trying to protect his neighbor’s home from the fire. That raised concerns about potential liability for farmers and residents in a similar situation.

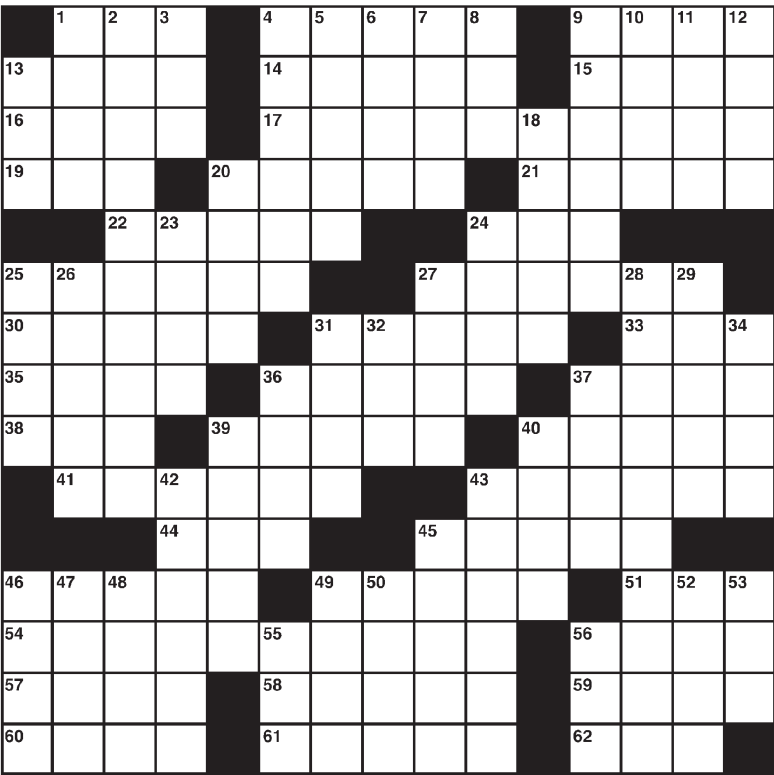
The new law, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2020, says that a person who voluntarily joins the effort will not be held civilly liable for injury resulting from the “good faith performance” of firefighting activities.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Colorful flower, for short
 - 4 Undress
 - 9 Tedious
 - 13 ___ fide; genuine
 - 14 One of the Marx Brothers
 - 15 New Zealand bird
 - 16 ___-minded; willing to reconsider
 - 17 Wedding followers
 - 19 Sapphire or opal
 - 20 Tempted
 - 21 Dishwasher cycle
 - 22 West Point newcomer
 - 24 Winter month: abbr.
 - 25 Beauty parlors
 - 27 Sounds from a barn
 - 30 Take in
 - 31 Skirt fold
 - 33 Capp & Capone
 - 35 Rogers & Clark
 - 36 Circus performer
 - 37 Factual
 - 38 Fury
 - 39 Ruffians
 - 40 Flat-bottomed boat
 - 41 Fisher & Albert
 - 43 Self-evident fact
 - 44 One of Santa’s aides
 - 45 Chairs & stools
 - 46 Tapped tree
 - 49 Hauled
 - 51 Overalls part
 - 54 Horseback rider
 - 56 Sushi choice
 - 57 Pop’s sister
 - 58 Doesn’t float
 - 59 Prefix for enemy or bishop
 - 60 Michigan or Ontario
 - 61 Jail
 - 62 Word of disgust

- DOWN**
- 1 Sulk
 - 2 Jobless
 - 3 Gent
 - 4 Operating room attire



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— Last Week’s Puzzle Solved —

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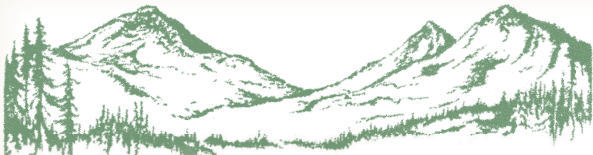
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- 37 Tight, as a rope
- 39 Mah-jongg pieces
- 40 Actor Garrett
- 42 Take out text
- 43 Very small
- 45 At ___; being risked
- 46 Lunch or dinner
- 47 Greenish-blue

- 48 Juvenile delinquent
- 49 Musketeers or Stooges
- 50 Pen output
- 52 Edge along
- 53 Word from Scrooge
- 55 Recipe amt.
- 56 Aristotle’s “T”

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