



Fallen heroes of conflicts from World War I through Vietnam and Iraq are honored at the Timber Linn Park memorial. PHOTOS BY HENRY MILLER / SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN JOURNAL

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and Wildlife schedule, trout stocking will continue almost weekly through Memorial Day at Timber Linn Lake, then after a hot-weather, low-water and weed-choking hiatus, resume about Halloween.

Long and storied history

Timber Linn Memorial Park, site of the lake, is east of Interstate 5 between Highway 20 and the Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

At 100-and-plus-a-sliver acres, it's the largest fully developed park under the supervision of the Albany Parks & Recreation Department.

According to a 2018 article about the park's history by Cathy Ingalls, then a member of the Albany Regional Museum Board, "Timber Linn Park" was the top pick in a naming contest in 1958.

It earned the winner, Roberta Corbin, a whopping \$25 savings bond.

The name derives from the park and lake being the site, until it died out in 2000, of the Albany Timber Carnival. Both the naming contest and the annual Independence Day carnival were sponsored by the Albany Jaycees.

Timber Linn Lake was a central fea-



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ture of the celebration, serving as the site of the log-rolling competition.

Leading to articles and columns about angling there that referred to it as the "only fishing hole in Oregon with bleachers for spectators."

Other features

The memorial in the name comes from a section of the southern end of Timber Linn Park that pays tribute to fallen service members who served in conflicts ranging from World War I through Vietnam and more recent wars. You can't miss the memorial.

The site is marked by an imposing but long-ago-neutered World War II-vintage 155-millimeter Howitzer cannon that stands silent vigil over the area.

Other attractions include basketball courts, horseshoe pits, softball fields and two massive, resolvable picnic shelters that can seat up to 144 each. Information about deposits and fees,

along with registration forms are available online at Fees, forms, and policies (cityofalbany.net)

Getting there

From Salem, take Interstate 5 southbound to Albany Exit 234a (Fair/Expo Knox Butte). It's the one after 234b. At the light, take a right on SE Pacific Blvd. (follow the sign for fair/expo).

At the light at Timber Street SE, take a right and go past the Fair and Expo Center to the T-intersection at SE Dogwood Ave. and turn right.

Fishing hole hack: Watch for the Dog Park sign on the left, and go through the gate on the chain-link fence to the parking lot next to the dog park and the lake.

To get to the main Timber Linn Park lot, continue past the dog park turn on Dogwood to the entrances to the parking lot on the left.

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HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Trucks with trout: The lake level is rising at Detroit east of Salem on Highway 22, and the first stocking of rainbow trout, 4,000 "pounders" averaging about 12 inches, is scheduled the week of April 18 through 22.

As always, stocking is dependent on available fish and trucks as well as water, weather and road conditions.

No tax break for turkeys: Because of a quirk in the calendar, tax-payers have until April 18 to file their returns.

But the traditional opener for the statewide spring wild-turkey hunting season opened on April 15.

The limit is one male turkey a day, three a season. Gobblers must have a visible "beard," which is a tuft of long, stringy feathers coming out of the breast.

You need to have an Oregon hunting

license (\$34.50 a year for residents) and turkey tag (\$26.50 each).

Daylight digging, tide-pooling at last: After the long winter of zero-dark-thirty minus tides, prime time for clamming moves into the light.

The lowest minus tides this month are next week, with the lowest of the series on April 20 and 21.

Times and sites on April 20 are: Minus-1.23 feet at 10:13 a.m. at Garibaldi on the north end of Tillamook Bay; minus-1.13 feet at 10:03 a.m. on Netarts Bay just south of Tillamook; minus-1 foot at 9:38 a.m. at Taft on Siletz Bay just south of Lincoln City; and minus-1.65 feet at 9:02 a.m. at South Beach on Yaquina Bay at Newport.

At Waldport on Alsea Bay, the April 19 low is minus-1.29 feet at 9:24 a.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Tom, a longtime fishing buddy, offered the observation that, "Henry, you're so twisted that you have to wear orthopedic hats."

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