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The boat launch on the east shore of Anthony Lake won't have much use for boats for a while, as more than 5 feet of snow still covered the ground on May 8, 2022.

WALK

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enjoying the cool patch as we might do on a torrid August afternoon, yet we were standing atop snowdrifts that surely topped six feet in places.

We continued east, roughly following the summer trail but feeling no pressure to do so, as a person does when there is an actual path to conform to.

This is perhaps my favorite part of snowshoeing. The drifts render irrelevant almost all the obstacles that could stymie a summer hiker — the fallen logs and rocks and boggy patches that can create a labyrinth of things capable of inflicting all manner of orthopedic injuries.

It is refreshing to plot your own route through the forest, which at high

elevations is rather sparse anyway, the trees slender but for the occasional hoary old Engelmann spruce.

We found the spot where a sign marks the junction of the Elkhorn Crest Trail and the path that branches off to Anthony Lake.

What we didn't find was the sign itself.

I recognized the tell-tale hump in the snow, but although we spent several minutes hacking ineffectually at the snow we never did uncover it. The sign has long been a bellwether for me, a tangible symbol of how close summer is to assuming its brief ascendancy in this land where ice and snow reign.

That evening back at home a storm swept in, heavy with snow, and for a few hours it might well have been January. Only the bright green new leaves of the willows, clotted temporarily with white, betrayed the illusion.



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Snowshoeing through the forest near Anthony Lake on May 8, 2022.

I thought of where we had walked just a few hours earlier, wondered whether the flakes were falling there

too, filling in our prints and restoring to that place the visage of winter that is its true face.



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by Stella Wilder

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022
YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are very likely to find yourself on the fast track to professional success at an early age, as the beneficiary of someone's training and attention -- but you must take care, for that may not be the right path for you in the end. You must determine whether to allow yourself to be molded in this way or to break free of someone's tutelage and go your own way in pursuit of not only professional success, but personal contentment as well.

SUNDAY, MAY 15
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Open and honest communication is essential today; you mustn't let anyone complicate matters by trying to deceive you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You know the truth when you hear it, and today you'll spend a good deal of time sifting through falsehoods to uncover something you can count on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You're going to have to hit the ground running today, as there is much to be done today and you must demonstrate to others your overall fitness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- What you do today will surely be remembered -- but will it be for the right reasons? There's much you can do to ensure a positive answer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You may find yourself caught between two urgent realities that don't suit either your mood or your desires, but you must address them today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You may be pushed in a new direction today, either by another person or by unforeseen circumstances. In either case, one response yields results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- What's done cannot be undone -- or so you have long been told. Today you may discover that this is not entirely so -- temporarily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You

mustn't do anything to get yourself noticed today, but rather you must exert invisible pressure on others whenever possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You've been in pursuit of something that you cannot exactly identify for quite some time. It may now be time to stop the chase at last.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Something that seems to be drab and colorless can be improved dramatically today -- and ultimately be recognized as the best of its kind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- You receive conflicting messages today that must be studied for hidden meaning. Ultimately, you'll know just how you are supposed to react.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- The beginning of the day and the last few moments of it will offer just enough information to make sense of what happens in between.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Towel word
- Corrode, as iron
- Hera's husband
- Spanish "that"
- "NBA Friday" broadcaster
- Furry red Muppet
- Fail to keep up
- Bruised
- Plinth
- Detective story
- New England st.
- Sports off.
- Empire builders
- Farm babies
- Cloister dweller
- Winter mo.
- Ess molding
- Oil-drilling platform
- Hunter's garb
- Leo mo.

DOWN

- Leadership position
- Brit's exclamation (2 wds.)
- Hangs loosely
- Does a sewing chore

35 Ooola's guy

36 Mouselike animal

37 Grassy area

39 Sweet murmur

40 "Say what?"

41 Scowls

45 Boxing match

48 Uris or Spinks

49 Tayback or Damone

50 Loan figure

51 Actress — Archer

52 SFO info

53 At a distance

54 Forest ruminant

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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