

Gardening corner

Gardeners included a pinch of politics in their writings

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For the Spokesman

In 1994, I saved an article from Organic Gardening titled “Old-Time Garden Tips, Great ideas from the 19th and early 20th centuries”. The contributing editor was Cat Yronwode, an avid collector of old gardening books.

The magazine pages are getting a little yellow around the edges and a little tattered.

Every few years, I pull them from my favorite garden file and especially enjoy re-reading the tips from Rev. E.P. Roe written in 1886.

Edward Paton Roe was a Presbyterian minister, horticulturist and historian. He died at age 50 in 1888. His horticultural writings came under the heading of Play and Profit in my Garden.

Two tips were included in the article: “Crow-Confusing Corn Rows” and “Cannon Fodder Seeds” Both include a little jab at politics.

Crow-confusing corn rows

“Where corn is grown some distance from the house, the crows are often troublesome. They are said to be a very sagacious bird, and having once found a row, will go up and down it, seemingly knowing just where to look for the seeds. My father once knew an old gardener who made the rows so crooked that the crows could not follow them, for having never been to Congress they expected things to be on the square.”

Cannon fodder seeds

“It is well to sow seed thickly, as it must run a gauntlet of late frosts, drought, cold rains, and bugs innumerable, and it is much more profitable to thin out than to plant over. Bugs take all they can, and my plan is to have more than they can destroy; just as your cool gen-



Alexander Rath

Gardening tools and flowers on the terrace in the garden

erals calculate they can carry a point, and still lose three-fourths of the men they start with.

At the same time, like the generals, you must kill all the opposing bugs you can.”

In 1875, Peter Henderson wrote his tips in Gardening for Pleasure. The one I have often thought about is advice on strawberry starts.

“When strawberry plants are divided, many will fail to grow, for the reason that each young plant is sustained impart by the old plant, and

when detached, feels the shock more than a rooted cutting, that has been growing for weeks on its own account. For that reason we advise all that are intending to plant fresh strawberry beds to prepare their plants ahead by layering them in pots. These pots may be from two to three inches in diameter, all that is necessary to do is to fill these small pots with soil and plunge or plant the pot just to the surface level, placing the unrooted runner of the strawberry plant on the top of the soil in the

flower pot, and laying a small clod or stone upon it to keep it in place. The runners so treated will form plants in two or three weeks and may be planted out any time from August to October.”

Tried and true advice

Adolph Krum wrote Home Vegetable Gardening from A-Z in 1918. Krum’s advice in Till All You Want But — offers advice that is still relevant 104 years later.

“To maintain soil tilth and conserve moisture, “dig only as

much ground each day as can be planted that day. Where the whole garden is plowed at once and its planting in one day proves both impracticable and impossible, as much ground should be worked over lightly with forks and spade as will be planted that day.”

Decoding Gardening Advice — The Science behind the 100 Most Common Recommendations by Jeff Gillman and Meleah Maynard is a fun read. Eight chapters are divided into three sections: Good, Debatable and Wrong. At the time of

writing Gillman was an associate professor in the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota. What does the Oregon State University Extension Service have to say about garden myths and research?

Somes of the age-old myths may not be valid and knowing which ones have the scientific stamp of approval may change some of your gardening practices. Source: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/some-garden-myths>.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Redmond man dies in head-on crash

A 24-year-old Redmond was killed in a head-on collision early Monday on Highway 126 in Redmond.

Oregon State Police issued a news release stating that around 6:03 a.m. a Chevrolet pickup heading east crossed into the oncoming land and

collided with a Freightliner pulling a box trailer.

The driver of the pickup, John Sacco, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead. The driver of the tractor trailer, Harold Blan Jr., 59, of Prineville was treated at the scene for his injuries. Highway 126 was closed for six hours. Lyndon worked as a production assembler for Senneca

Holdings in Redmond and attended Ridgeview High School, according to his Facebook page.

Three Redmond residents die in car crash on icy Highway 97

Three Redmond residents died after their vehicle spun out of control on an icy U.S. Highway 97 and crashed

into a truck Monday evening.

The crash shut down Highway 97 north of Terrebonne for five hours, Oregon State Police reported.

Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the crash just before 10 p.m. Police reported Jared Lewis, 39, from Redmond, had been driving a Dodge Durango and lost control of the vehicle while passing

northbound on the icy highway.

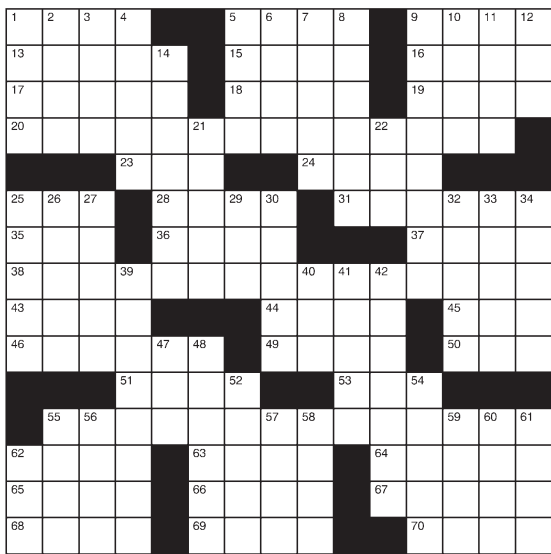
The vehicle spun into the oncoming lane and crashed into an International 749 utility truck, driven by Colton Jennings, a 26-year-old from Bandon who was uninjured.

Lewis and his two passengers, Kristopher Frisbee, 44, and Heather Good, 40, died in the crash.

—Staff reports

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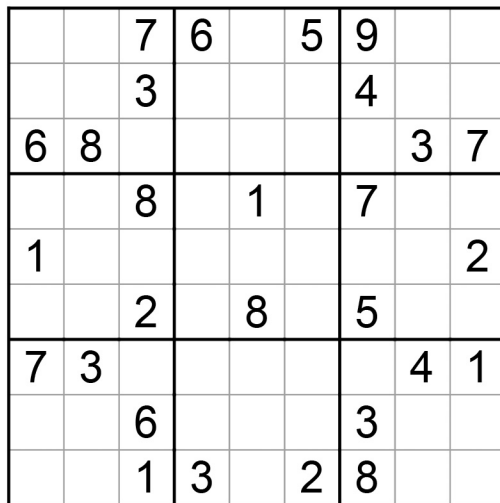
By Charles Preston

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WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	38	34	Rain/Snow
Thursday	46	40	AM Shower
Friday	44	30 AM	Shower
Saturday	45	26	Partly Cloudy
Sunday	42	27	Sunny
Monday	44	32	Partly Cloudy
Tuesday	45	35	Partly Cloudy
LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, Dec. 27	28	20	.12
Tuesday, Dec. 28	31	19	.10
Wednesday, Dec. 29	28	1	.01
Thursday, Dec. 30	39	10	0
Friday, Dec. 31	32	7	0
Saturday, Jan. 1	32	0	0
Sunday, Jan. 2	43	27	0

Precipitation to date this year: 0 inches

* = daily record

National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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