



Bruce Barnes/Contributed Photo

Sticky currant, *Ribes viscosissimum*.

## Sticky currant is lovely, not tasty



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### BLOOMIN' BLUES

**Common name:** Sticky currant

**Scientific name:** *Ribes viscosissimum*

Sticky currant gets its common name from the sticky, glutinous, glandular, soft hairs on the stems and both sides of the leaves. A close look reveals tiny drops of the sap on the tips of hairs. This currant forms a hardy, woody bush about 3-6 feet high, with no thorns. The leaves are palmately veined, about 1-4 inches wide, with three or five rounded lobes, each lobe doubly lobed. The veins beneath are quite prominent.

The flowers are white or cream, borne 4-17 in racemes. Each flower has five spreading, green-

ish, greenish-yellow to yellowish or pinkish sepals. There are five erect, oval, whitish petals about a quarter of an inch long. The fruit is a dark blue-black berry, which is smooth to finely hairy, smells bad and tastes too bad to eat.

This shrub is mainly found in wet or damp woods, stream banks, slopes and canyon bottoms, from higher to low elevations.

After checking several references, only one reference listed one report of any use for this currant, listing it as being an "article of diet." Based on other descriptions of the plant, that report seems questionable. Unlike this currant, most of the many *Ribes* species in North America have an impressive list of uses.

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# The War Between the States, Part 2



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### THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

It is a privilege to write a monthly essay for the East Oregonian. It's something I take very seriously as such pieces certainly define me in a very public way. Moreover, it implies something about the paper that chooses to publish it. In this case, it demonstrates an organization that is open to many different viewpoints and is willing to lay their subscription numbers on the line in order to give the entire public a voice. My writing must have meaning for others as well as myself.

In this vein, I'd like to throw out a shout-out to some of my favorite essayists that are featured in the paper whose writing hits home: J. D. Smith for his colorful yarns that expand the meaning of the word "believability;" Bill Aney for his professional, scientific take on forest management, demonstrating how proper management of our forests and woodlands is so vital to forest — and by extension — human health; and Alex Hobbes, living out in the hinterlands of Irrigon, penning some great writing coming from a sharp, fine, well-used mind. From a history major (me) to a poly sci major (you): Ms. Hobbes, you're a local gem of a writer. I admire you tremendously for homeschooling your child when you could be teaching in a university.

At least your child is getting an excellent education.

All right, to the business at hand.

To all my fellow Oregonians who seem hell-bent on creating The Republic of Jones here in Eastern Oregon/Western Idaho, you really need to think this through by careful reflection on the horrific prior example, i.e., the War Between the States, Part 1. We know the conflict was largely an issue of economic insecurity, cultural differences and an overbearing federal government. This was the Southern perspective; the Northern position was the constitutional mandate to keep the young experiment from flying apart. That is, the North felt beholden to honor and maintain the sacrifices of the Revolutionary War. For them, there was no walking out of the family; in fact, Northern politicians had been politically placating the South for years before the rupture, that is, until the first and greatest Republican president chose to finally draw a line in the sand.

On pondering what must have been going through Abraham Lincoln's mind, I couldn't help but think about all those tremendously brave colonists who stood up to George III, farmers and craftsmen and merchants and lawyers and small shopkeepers, their bare feet leaving a trail of blood in the snows of Valley Forge, most of them dying of musket ball holes, disease and exposure. And the most fascinating thing to me is people from wildly different cultures, regions and backgrounds thought the One was ul-

imately worth more than the fragmented Thirteen — and they were willing to give their lives to the dream.

What would you say to them? Their sacrifice was in vain? Should there be two Americas? More? Ecotopia?

So, here's my question for all of my fellow East Oregonians who are attempting to establish the New Republic of Greater Idaho: What do you think those people died for? Was the United States worth it? My guess is many of you have numerous flags, because if one is good, a lot more really get the point across. You may have gun stickers on board and, heck, even the emblem of the Stars and Bars. According to Wikipedia, "After the Civil War, Idaho attracted many veterans of the Union Army to the state. ... An Idaho Soldiers Home was constructed during the 1890s ... [t]he deaths of veterans routinely made the news." I'm sure many Idahoans trace their ancestry back to some of these Northern veterans. What would you say to them? Your sacrifice was conditional?

The South had the exact same grievances as you: "They" (in other words, their fellow Americans) don't understand us, our values, our culture, our economy. And the Uncle Sam our Salem ancestors died for isn't keeping us happy and free to do our own thing and live our lives as we see fit — which for the South meant owning and torturing human chattel. "Their precious way of life."

So, my friends, I beg of you one simple thing: Get off Fox, grow up and get a grip. A bona fide blue,

I choose freely to live in half of a state of red. But I pay the same cost as do you, meaning I choose to live somewhere dominated by the Opposite Culture. And I willingly pay the price for it, which is the exact same price you pay: getting steamed from time to time, swearing that yes, this is the president that will really make me hightail it to Canada. But at the end of the day, despite the "real and actual dangers posed by the other side," I'm at peace being a conflicted American and a thankful East Oregonian. So come on. Grow up and realize every one of us must make choices and sacrifices about where we live.

We've had two centuries to work on it and try to get it right. Despite the last four years, in which I was burning in hell in abject misery while it was your turn this time to throw the party, I realize reality is cyclical. Did you feel this way when Oregon politics were safely red (they will be again someday)? When Idaho politics change (and someday they will), will you push to change the eastern border once more? For me, what it means to be an American, an Eastern Oregonian and an old man is the realization that sometimes I win and sometimes I lose — and that's just the way of life.

*The Rev. Matt Henry is a retired American Baptist/United Methodist pastor, who pastored the Pendleton First United Church and now joyfully makes "hippie food" for the homeless at the Warming Station.*

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

### SNAP recipients eligible for replacement food

SALEM — Power outages can result in food spoiling, especially during the current excessive heat warning — and that can take a toll on Oregonians living on tight household budgets.

Citizens across the state who lose food purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits due to power outages are encouraged to apply for replacement benefits with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

SNAP recipients who lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat because of power outages can request replacement benefits. The request must be submitted within 10 calendar days of the food loss by calling 800-699-

9075 or emailing [SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us). Once approved, replacement benefits are added to the households existing Electronic Benefits Transfer card.

### McKenzie Park features Friday night flicks

HERMISTON — Movies in the Park offers family fun on Friday nights in July.

The portable screen will light up at dusk at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, a blanket and their favorite snacks.

The shows include "Raya & The Last Dragon" (July 9), "Jurassic Park" (July 16), "Tom & Jerry" (July 23) and "The Goonies" (July 30). There is no admission charge.

The movie nights are sponsored by Herm-

iston Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 541-667-5018 or visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com).

### Stanfield installs disc golf course

STANFIELD — Get ready to rattle some chains at the new disc golf course at Bard Park.

The city of Stanfield is in the process of installing the nine-hole course, which will feature baskets and tee markers. It includes one par 4 and the rest of the holes are par 3. For a map of the course layout, search [www.facebook.com/stanfieldparksandrec](http://www.facebook.com/stanfieldparksandrec).

Players are invited to play at no charge. Watch for an official ribbon-cutting in the near future. For questions, call 541-449-3831

or visit [cityofstanfield.com](http://cityofstanfield.com).

### Hermiston chamber hosts outdoor luncheon

HERMISTON — Prizes and special guest speakers are featured as the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Summer Business Luncheon.

The event is Tuesday, July 13, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bennett Botanical Gardens, 32632 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston. All active 2020 chamber members will receive one free event ticket; additional tickets are \$20 each.

To RSVP your free ticket, call Kristina at 541-567-6151. To order tickets, visit [www.hermistonchamber.com](http://www.hermistonchamber.com).

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Community Worship

## Featured this Week:

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Presbyterian Church (USA) -  
201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton

Service of Worship - 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am

Fellowship - 11:00 am

[www.pendletonpresbyterian.com](http://www.pendletonpresbyterian.com)

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### Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church

565 W. HERMISTON AVE.  
MASS SCHEDULES

Monday-Friday.....English 8:00am

Tuesday-Friday.....Spanish 6:00pm

SATURDAY.....English 5:00pm

.....Spanish 7:00pm

SUNDAY.....English 9:00am

.....Spanish 11:00am

.....Spanish 1:00pm

.....Spanish 6:00pm

Parish Office.....541-567-5812

### Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Angeles

565 W. HERMISTON AVE.  
HORARIOS DE MISAS

.....lunes a Viernes.....Inglés 8:00am

.....Martes a Viernes.....Español 6:00pm

.....SÁBADO.....Inglés 5:00pm

.....Español 7:00pm

.....DOMINGO.....Inglés 9:00am

.....Español 11:00am

.....Español 1:00pm

.....Español 6:00pm

Oficina Parroquial.....541-567-5812

### St. Johns Episcopal Church

N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston

541-567-6672

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Pastor Dan Satterwhite

541.377.4252

417 HW 21st St. - Pendleton, OR 97801

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### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

215 N Main • Pendleton

In Person Worship

Sundays at 10am

-Begins June 6-

Office Ph:276-5358

M-Th 8:30a-12:30p

[WWW.FCCPENDLETON.ORG](http://WWW.FCCPENDLETON.ORG)



### Sunday Mornings

1st Service: 8:30am

2nd Service: 10:30am

Includes Children's Services

Also Live Stream at PendletonFirst.com

### Sunday Evenings

Celebrate Recovery: 6:00

Wednesday Evenings

Family Night: 6:00 pm

Pendleton First Assembly of God  
1911 SE Court Ave. PO Box 728  
541.276.6417 pendletonfirst.com



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201 SW Dorion Ave.  
PendletonPresbyterian.com

Worship Services On Facebook

10:00am Sundays

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### PENDLETON CHURCH OF GOD

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### GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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[www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org](http://www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org)

Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Fellowship, Refreshments & Sunday School

Check Out our Facebook Page or

Website for More Information

541-289-4535

Pastor Weston Walker

Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA

(First United Methodist Church)

191 E. Gladys Ave. / P.O. Box 1108

Hermiston, Oregon 97838

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

in Mission for Christ LCMC

Sunday Worship.....9:00 AM

Bible Study.....10:15 AM

Red Lion Hotel  
(Oregon Trail Room)

### Community Presbyterian Church

14 Martin Drive,  
Umatilla, OR

922-3250

Worship: 10 AM

Sunday School at 11:30

### Redeemer Episcopal Church

241 SE Second St. Pendleton

(541)276-3809

[www.pendtonepiscopal.org](http://www.pendtonepiscopal.org)

M-F Morning Prayer 9:00am on Facebook

Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Streaming live Sundays at 9 a.m. on Facebook

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Pendleton All Are Welcome

### The Salvation Army

Center for Worship & Service

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study

5:30 Family Fellowship Meal - 6:00 Bible Study

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150 SE Emigrant

(541) 276-3369

### Solid Rock Community Church

140 SW 2nd St Hermiston, OR 97838

541-567-6937

Worship Service: 11:00AM

Sunday School: 9:45

Pastor Wilbur Clark

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