

A big step to make a dream come true

Sometimes destiny comes calling. That's what seems to be happening at the Wallowa County Humane Society this week. Suddenly, instead of moving to adequate, but smaller, remodeled quarters sequestered in an alley, they have found themselves front and center at the EM&M Building, and about to embark on a serious business venture that will benefit the human community as well as our furry friends: a thrift shop to complement Soroptimist. One kindly Soroptimist thrift shop volunteer said, "We are happy for them, and we are really looking forward to cooperating. But do they know how much work this is?"

Even better than a thrift shop, someday, a DOG WASH! No more soapy battles in the bathtub, or dances around the lawn with a hose. Soon there will be a chance for Wallowa County's dogs to experience the joys of a nice, civilized warm-water scrubbing, and many Wallowa County homes to become (more or less) fur-

free(r) zones. Hooray!

This growth comes not as a fluke, and not as a random chance. Carol Vencill, Denise Clevenger, and the rest of the Wallowa County Humane Society board and volunteers have been thinking, planning, and cogitating over the idea of a "sanctuary" for years. With the help of NEOEDD, they've started to focus their collective minds on what a "sanctuary" would be. A place outside of town, with a house or other structure that could serve as an office and storage. Perhaps a barn that could house kennels for stray and adoptable dogs, and quarters for kitties. Perhaps a pasture and shelter for rescued horses and other livestock. And definitely room for a very large fenced area where

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Thomas Edison

dogs, and their people could go for exercise and a romp. There are some drawings, some tentative sketch maps. And lots of lists.

The vision, inspired by Best Friends Animal Shelter in Kanab, Utah, is not entirely clear yet, but it is emerging. Admittedly, the Best Friends model may be a bit expensive for a start. The Kanab, Utah shelter owns 3700 acres and leases another 17,000 acres of federal and state land that is mostly red-rock desert. About 30,000 people visit every year to meet (and adopt) some of the 1600 animals, and tour the facilities, which include DogTown, CatWorld, HorseHaven, PiggyParadise, and BunnyHouse. It is more than a sanctuary. This vast no-kill shelter on the brink of Grand Canyon country

is a substantial tourist attraction.

When the Humane Society moved from their old digs to the new one, a lot of volunteers, including lots of men and pickups, appeared to help transport furnishings from Second Best, and materials from the existing WCHS building on River Street. The new place provides greater potential for earning funds, and a higher profile. The fact that this opportunity, a stepping stone to a some-day sanctuary, suddenly manifested itself shows that dreams can come true, even if they do so slowly.

"The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around in overalls looking like hard work" (Thomas Edison). Well, when they were moving stuff from Second Best and the old offices, it sure looked like most every WCHS volunteer was wearing overalls. We look forward to the new HQ, the thrift store, and clean(er) dogs. And someday, that sanctuary. "Dreams come true; without that possibility, nature would not incite us to have them," John Updike.

To my leftie friends...

To my "leftie" friends...

My politics have generally moved left since I wore an "I Like Ike" button in the run-up to the presidential election of 1952. We'd just moved from Minnesota to Southern California, and my family in both places and the military families of many of my California schoolmates liked Ike.

My mother, who voted Republican but was more interested in her church, was my first political tutor. She was insistent on "justice," whether it was the fair treatment of the missionized Africans that we learned about in church or the sibling squabbles in our house. She had some problems with Catholics (did they really "worship" Mary?), and Mormons (were they a latter-day cult?), but in California we actually met and knew Catholics and Mormons, and I think her strong belief that we are all God's children turned her. She held on to her Lutheranism, but grew more generous to people who looked and believed differently, eventually growing fond of a Turkish Moslem I once roomed with.

I graduated high school in 1960 and soon got John Kennedy's message that doing for the country was more important than the country doing for me. My best high school friend went to Mississippi to register voters in 1963. Later that year, when Kennedy was assassinated, a couple of college friends quit school to join the Peace Corps. In 1965, with civil rights movements in full swing and Vietnam a rising glimmer, I joined the Peace Corps, and spent most of the next five years in Turkey.

One of the first people I met when I

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Rich Wandschneider



moved to Wallowa County in 1971 was Gardner Locke, who had gone from the WW II Marine Corps in the Pacific to the Hanford nuclear plant, and then moved to Joseph, where he ranched and taught. Gardner and Tappy had us to dinner to talk about the Peace Corps soon after we arrived, and shortly after that, in a window of time when the Peace Corps accepted volunteer families, they were off to Ecuador. Back in Joseph, Gardner was the anchor as an unlikely group of skiing friends put together the run at Fergi.

Gardner once told me that I had never left the Peace Corps. I took it as the biggest compliment I'd ever had, and told him that he'd been in the Peace Corps before it was invented.

But as Gardner and I and many others—Democrats and Republicans, Catholics and agnostics—in this small place built ski runs, reclaimed ties with Nez Perce people with the Homeland Project, formed a board and friends group to build and equip a "doctor's house" for OHSU residents and, eventually, a new hospital, and grew a slew of non-profits—Wallowa Resources, Building Healthy Families, Safe Harbors, Fishtrap, Divide Camp, the Josephy Center, etc.—and gave succor to community building Lions, Soroptimist, 4-H, granges, and Rotary, my lefty cohorts in cities and suburbs borrowed an

alternative strategy from the right—radical individualism.

It might have started with Ayn Rand's Fountainhead and Barry Goldwater's call for a robust individualistic economics, Ronald Reagan's "government is the problem," and Milton Friedman's free market approach to everything, but it was certainly fueled by the "do your own thing" of the 70s left. Soon a shared right-left theory claimed that if we each followed our bliss—lived our dreams on the left or made as much money as we could on the right—the world would be a better place. Community got lost.

Hollywood made fun of it with "greed is good," but left and right both kept pushing it. The economic winners on the right have used their power to appoint judges and curtail voting rights of old black and Native communities and the growing Latinx population, and to make sure that wealth continues to create more wealth and is easily moved to the next generation. Winners on the left have often focused on environmental issues, laudable actions for the general public, but especially dear to sailors, skiers, and high-end eco-tourists. Health care gets crushed in the left-right squeeze, and an almost free public education system is buried. Now winners on left and right send their kids into the expensive higher education system with high tuition payments—and even bribes.

In Portland, my liberal friends have decided that policies that would encourage denser neighborhoods and help solve a housing crisis might hurt property values. Lefty and righty NIMBYs have found their ways into environmentalism and corrections!

LETTERS to the EDITOR

CJD rodeo was perfect!

This letter is in response to Mr. O'Banion's letter from suburban Portland (Gales Creek). Mr. O'Banion had a long list of complaints about the CJD rodeo. I thought the rodeo was wonderful. I hope the organizers and many volunteers do not change a thing. The patriotism and incredible skill of the boys/girls men/women participants made the Saturday night show just perfect. As I sat in the stands watching it all unfold I felt so grateful to live in our great nation and our great county. I thought to myself that there was not anywhere else in the world I'd rather be at that moment than at the CJD rodeo on a Saturday night in Joseph. Wow! What a blessing to be able to openly honor God, our nation, our flag, our veterans and the native Americans who live in this blessed place before any of us currently living. Don't change a thing at the rodeo!!! God, country, and horses in the shadow of the mountains on a gorgeous summer night!!

Mike Harvey
Joseph

Thanks, Paul and Charlie!!

I want to thank Paul and Charlie for taking such great care of our downtown hanging flower baskets. They look AMAZING! Your dedication and hard work has helped beautify our town and make it look like it's still alive and well. You two young men are very much appreciated!

Debbie Kellerman
Enterprise merchant

We need men and women of integrity

We once were proud that our country stood for righteousness, justice, liberty and freedom; however, now pride has faded. Greed, irresponsibility, and violence have taken the place of the honorable qualities we celebrated about our country. Pride should cause us to force our country to stop taking children from their parents and putting them in cages. Pride in our country ought to steer us away from a level of discourse that demeans people, rather than just accept that "times are different now". True pride in our country would mean that we stop allowing mass murderers to kill dozens of people at one time, and we would stop providing the means for so many individuals to be murdered. Proud citizens would surely not vote for government leaders of questionable reputations and of immoral character. Proud citizens would not allow Russians to influence our elections; and once it occurred, they would ensure that it never happened again.

If the United States of America is to survive, we must have courageous men and women of integrity who will "walk the walk" and "talk the talk" with truth and honesty. We need such faithful people in our communities, our government, our media, and the voting booths. They will make us proud.

Evelyn Swart
Joseph, Oregon

Some natural ways to beat late summer heat

Will Ferguson

Washington State University

Cranking up the air conditioner isn't the only way to deal with the stifling heat that is blanketing much of North America and Europe.

Washington State University architect Omar Al-Hassawi is an expert at reducing indoor temperatures without the use of electricity.

His research blends ancient architectural practices with modern innovations to produce surprising results.

Whether you lack an air conditioner or are trying to cut your utility bill, Al-Hassawi can help. Here are a few of his suggestions for beating the heat this summer.

Ventilation strategies

In a climate like the Inland Northwest where temperatures drop by 30-35 degrees Fahrenheit at night, natural ventilation is an effective alternative to



blasting the air conditioning.

Opening home windows after sunset and leaving them open until about 10 a.m. the next morning will help flush out the heat generated indoors the day before, Al-Hassawi said.

Conversely, closing windows during the hottest time of the day, from around noon till about an hour before sunset, will minimize heat gain.

Proper shading techniques

Another useful strategy for

keeping home temperatures cool is shading exterior windows from the outside instead of the inside with blinds, curtains or even foliage.

"This acts like a hat for the windows similar to how we use hats to shade and protect ourselves," Al-Hassawi said. "Exterior shading for windows facing south and west is especially effective."

Home occupants can also wear very light clothing and avoid high heat-generat-

ing activities such as intense exercising and cooking meals during the afternoon. A cold shower or placing some cool water in front of a low flow fan are also good ways to create evaporative cooling and reduce indoor temperatures.

Al-Hassawi grew up in Iraq where temperatures rarely dip below 110 degrees Fahrenheit in summertime. For hundreds of years, people in the region incorporated down-draft and evaporative cooling techniques into their architectural designs that harnessed the power of wind and water to keep inside temperatures bearable.

"The tests I've done show that incorporating this type of cooling system into modern homes, particularly in a place like the Pacific Northwest, could bring temperatures down by as much as 30 degrees," Al-Hassawi said. "So, if it is 100 F outside you can get 70 F inside."

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