



It's National Hamburger Month... need I say more?

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If you're a vegetarian or any other type of non-meat-eater, I'd like to start this column by saying I realize National Hamburger Month

isn't for everyone. Then again, May also happens to be National Salad Month — and no one here is passing any judgements on you for *that*. So I hope we can all approach May with tolerance and understanding in regard to each other's lifestyle choice in eating preferences.

Although let's be honest; mine is better because it has bacon on it. Most people don't know that hamburgers have actually been around since the time of Genghis Khan, whose riders would shove pieces of meat under their saddles to create minced meat patties through the combination of heat and friction while riding. In fact, historians speculate Khan's empire may not have spread so quickly had he preferred his burgers rare instead of well done. But that's just a theory. It's also worth noting that one rider began adding carrots and onions to the meat under his saddle during longer distances to create the first rump roast. OK, fine. I made that last part up. But clearly, the hamburger has come a long way since then, depending on which fast

food restaurant you eat at. Which is why National Hamburger Month isn't about the kind of burger that comes in a box and looks like it was actually sat on by Genghis Khan. It's about those gourmet burgers that are so big, so delicious and so full of extras that eating them is a life-changing experience. And not just in terms of developing a heart condition. Although if you don't feel a little light headed after eating one, you're probably not doing it right. The hamburger is like the culinary equivalent of what it means to be American: bold, exciting and full of variety, all resting on two big buns. I consider myself a connoisseur, approaching a well-crafted burger the same way I would a piece of art. Except without all the embarrassing salivating.

That's because, like great art, a great burger is the result of thoughtful consideration over every detail to ensure that the sum total is a cohesive masterpiece. Wrong kind of onion? Or cheese that's too mild? Maybe the barbecue sauce overpowerers the bacon? Failure. Don't get me wrong. I'll still eat that kind of failure. I'm just saying... As I'm sure you've guessed, I plan on making the most of National Hamburger Month by visiting my favorite spots for the best burgers in town. Chances are you won't recognize me at any of them because, in many cases, the burgers are bigger than my face. At least initially. And by that I just mean my face will definitely be getting burger — I mean bigger — as the month goes on. For those of you choosing

to wait for National Burger Day on May 28 because of your dedication to fitness, I applaud your self-control. Or at least I will once I'm done eating this bacon cheeseburger. For the rest of us, the Siuslaw News is offering a special Burger Card with six gourmet burgers from local restaurants for \$25. Considering a good burger is \$8 to \$10, we're essentially talking about three free burgers! Stop by our office, 148 Maple St. in Old Town, to get your card — and tell them Ned sent you! But please, not with your mouth full... *Ned is a syndicated columnist with News Media Corporation. His book, "Humor at the Speed of Life," is available online at Port Hole Publications, Amazon Books and Barnes & Noble. Write to him at nedhickson@icloud.com.*

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POLICE LOG

Florence Police
April 23
Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Quince Street.
Illegal burning was reported in the 1000 block of Eighth Street.
Accident, without injury, was reported in the 4800 block of Heceta Beach Road.
Assault was reported in the 5600 block of Highway 126.
Intoxicated subject was reported in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive.
Alarm was reported in the 1200 block of Laurel Street.
Dispute was reported in the 4700 block of Highway 101.
Theft was reported in the 1400 block of Yew Street.
Theft was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 126
April 24
Fire was reported in the 1900 block of 21st Street.
Arson was reported in the 1700 block of 19th Street.
Intoxicated subject was reported on Bay Street.
Trespass was reported in the 1500 block of Airport Road.
Animal abuse was reported on Bay Street.
Hit-and-run accident was reported in the 2000 block of Highway 101.
Alarm was reported in the 3400 block of Lilac Street.
Dispute was reported in the 1600 block of 38th Loop.
Theft was reported at 18th and Spruce streets.
April 25
Theft was reported at 18th and Spruce streets.
Criminal mischief was reported at milepost 1 on Highway 126.
Alarm was reported in the 83300 block of Clear Lake Road.
Child abuse was reported in the 300 block of Juniper Street.
Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 4700 block of Highway 101.
Theft was reported in the 3700 block of Spruce Street.
Alarm was reported in the 4300 block of Highway 101.
Trespass was reported at Highways 101 and 126.
Theft was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.
April 26
Assault was reported in the 5600 block of Highway 126.
Trespass was reported in the 5600 block of Highway 126.
Theft was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Trespass was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Trespass was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Indecent exposure was reported in the 88100 block of Highway 101.
Accident, without injury, was reported in the 91200 block of Highway 101.
Accident, without injury, was reported in the Glenada area.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 91200 block of Highway 101.
Intoxicated subject was reported in the 800 block of Highway 101.
Trespass was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Alarm was reported in the 700 block of Maple Street.
Assault was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 126.
Intoxicated subject was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 101.
April 27
Alarm was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.
Theft from vehicle was reported in the 2000 block of 20th Street.
Alarm was reported in the 88900 block of Sutton Lake Road.
Theft was reported in the 400 block of Ninth Street.
Intoxicated subject was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Illegal burning was reported in the 1600 block of Second Street.
Dispute was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.
Alarm was reported in the 700 block of Maple Street.
April 28
Alarm was reported in the 700 block of Maple Street.
Intoxicated subject was reported in the 1500 block of Ninth Street.
Trespass was reported at Redwood and 17th streets.
Alarm was reported in the 2200 block of Willow Loop.
Fire was reported in the 1600 block of 21st Street.
Accident, with unknown injury, was reported at Ninth and Maple streets.
Fraud was reported in the 2300 block of Highway 101.
Alarm was reported in the 500 block of 19th Street.
Assault was reported at 31st and Spruce streets.
Alarm was reported in the 1200 block of Laurel Street.
Alarm was reported in the 3700 block of Highway 101.
Animal abuse was reported in the 600 block of Siano Loop.
Trespass was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.
Dispute was reported in the 500 block of Skookum Drive.
Dispute was reported in the 87500 block of Rice Road.
Assault was reported in the 87500 block of Rice Road.
April 29
Alarm was reported in the 1000 block of Prestwick Court.
Hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3200 block of Highway 101.
Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Spruce Street.
Dispute was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street.
Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 400 block of Myeena Loop.
Alarm was reported in the Florence area.
Theft was reported in the 500 block of Laurel Street.
Fight was reported in the Glenada area.
Alarm was reported in the 9100 block of North Fork Siuslaw Road.
Child abuse was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street.
Child abuse was reported in the 300 block of Kingwood Street.
Prowler was reported on Coastwood Lane.
April 30
Prowler was reported on Coastwood Lane.
Fraud was reported in the 400 block of Leelo Court.
Dispute was reported in the 87800 block of Terrace View Drive.
Trespass was reported in the Glenada area.
Fire was reported at the North Jetty.

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