

Levings' mark 62nd wedding anniversary

Milton and Catherine Levings celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Aug.22, 2015. Shown are Milt and Catherine with children Jane, Todd and Linda.



Afternoon fishing ban called off on most Oregon streams and rivers

Oregon fishery managers announced Monday that the afternoon fishing ban in place on most rivers and streams in the state would be lifted beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1. Managers also re-opened the lower Willamette River below the Willamette Falls and the Clackamas River downstream of the I-5 Bridge to fishing for trout, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon. With the lifting of the ban, fishing hours for trout, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon on streams open to fishing will re-

turn to one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. According to Mike Gauvin, ODFW recreational fisheries manager, the ban is being lifted after a return to more seasonal weather patterns, with stream temperatures moderating to those more typical of a dry year. "Our biologists in the field are reporting that water temperatures in most places are back to within the seasonal averages for this time of year," Gauvin said. That, and a 30-day weather fore-

cast for more moderate seasonal temperatures, prompted managers to lift the ban. The ban on trout, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon fishing in streams after 2 p.m. was put in place on July 18 in response to an unprecedented combination of unseasonably high air and water temperatures and low stream flows. The goal was to help protect native fish by reducing angling stress during the hottest part of the day. Although water temperatures have improved since July, water

levels remain very low in many areas, Gauvin said. "Anglers should continue to exercise good stewardship and take precautions when catching and handling fish," he added. These precautions include: Fish early in the day when water temperatures are cooler. Check water temperatures frequently and stop fishing when they exceed 70 degrees. Use barbless hooks so you can release fish quickly. Use appropriate gear to land fish quickly.

Future of education is looking just... Pee Chee

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When I was a kid, our school supply list consisted of a Star Wars notebook and a Pee Chee folder. The notebook helped us organize our assignments; the Pee-Chee folder was used for entertaining ourselves during class by drawing thought balloons for the athletes on the cover. Football Guy: (Getting tackled) "Oh sure — run the old L-42 play, THAT always works..." Tennis Girl: "If my skirt gets any shorter, I'll be playing Olympic volleyball..." You get the idea. Just about everyone remembers this folder because, like Al Sharpton's hair gel, it has remained virtually unchanged since 1964. What has changed, however, is the growing list of items parents must provide throughout the school year. This comes in addition to rudimentary things, such as clothing, snacks and a recent urine sample. The reason is simple: The government is tired of wasteful spending, particularly in the educational system, where a special task force has discovered that schools routinely get bilked into spending thousands of dollars on paper alone. "And, shockingly, most of this paper has turned out to be blank," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan. The study, code-named "Operation: Waste Storm," was described by Duncan as "the first step in a three-pronged approach to end overspending in four areas of education." White House press secretary Fred Netterman later apologized

on behalf of Duncan, saying his initial figures were incorrect, and that it was actually a four-pronged approach. "The point is, he's been promised as many prongs as it takes to get the job done — that's how serious we are," said Netterman, who revealed that "scissors," "glue" and "construction paper" were other pork barrel items targeted by the study. "Obviously, we're approaching construction paper with a great deal of sensitivity since, in addition to money, it involves issues of color," said Netterman. Duncan, meanwhile, went on to explain that a less frivolous educational budget will encourage schools to do more with less, which will go further in preparing children for the real world than making paper hats and collages — items which, as Duncan pointed out, could be outsourced to children in Taiwan and imported for half the price. "In addition to the cost savings, think of how it would bolster our relationship with the Taiwanese people," said Duncan, who underscored his statement by pointing to a map of Japan. So, how will all this affect our children's education? I honestly don't know. But I'm sure, eventually, everything will be just Pee Chee.

LUNCH

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person household, for example, would need a combined income of \$2456 monthly to qualify for a reduced lunch, while a four-person household would need to bring in less than \$3739 a month. There will be a 30-day carryover of the program from

last year, Yoss said, after which the new rules will take place. "It's great news because we have families that may have six or more people in a household, and with five kids, that \$40 per child still adds up," she said. "It's great for our community and for our kids."

Free breakfast has been mandated throughout Oregon since the passage of a similar bill. The Oregon Department of Education calls the move a "huge step forward in providing nutrition to a greater number of students across the state," estimating that it will increase participation in

the free lunch program by 10 percent statewide. Students at Dorena and Kennedy schools will pre-qualify for free lunches because the entire school qualifies as having a higher rate of poverty in its student body, leading to direct certification of their participation in the program.

PARK

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"I've got no use for it, really," Nisewander said of the empty lot. "My dog plays with other dogs there often, but people are nervous about taking their dogs off-leash because it's not fenced

in and there's a lot of traffic. It's small but still pretty good size, so it should be able to handle quite a few dogs." About 10 years ago, Nisewander and wife Mary's children purchased the car wash as a way to raise money for college. Now

grown up and graduated from good schools, their dad continues to maintain the business. He said a recent article in the Sentinel alerted him to the community's desire for a dog park, adding that the excitement he's heard since telling people about

his plans has been considerable. "It's great as a start," said Cottage Grove City Planner Amanda Ferguson. "It will be wonderful to have it located off the trailhead to offer a place to run a dog off-leash before or after walks on the trail."

Ferguson said the lot is already lit and has access to water, and the City is proposing to cover the dog park under its liability insurance. The City will also furnish signage, and Nisewander hopes to fence the property in October, provided he can

purchase or accept a donation for adequate fencing. Many local dog lovers have worked to bring a dog park to Cottage Grove in recent years, with former City Councilor Victoria Doyle making the effort a priority throughout her term. Ferguson said that effort has always concentrated on finding public property owned by either the City or South Lane School District to house the park and that having a private landowner offer the land for the park was never considered a viable option — until now. And the City continues to work toward the establishment of another, larger dog park on the other end of town, according to City Manager Richard Meyers. Meyers said the City is negotiating with Lane County — which owns a lot directly across from Cottage Grove High School — about putting a dog park there. The potential park would be quite large and well located, Meyers said. The County would have to demand the appraisal price for the purchase of the land, but Meyers said the City can also negotiate to take over maintenance of certain county roads in the City Limits in trade for the lot. Meyers said those negotiations are ongoing.

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