

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I have been in a relationship with a married man for 2 1/2 years. I know it's wrong, but there's just something there between us. We live five hours apart, but he's a trucker, so I see him often. He makes me all these promises — that if I uproot my life and move to his city he would be able to be with me more, his wife is sick and he can't leave her that way, and he has never loved someone the way he loves me. We also have a 30-year age difference.

I love him but I see so many red flags. Does he really love me, or am I just the icing on his cake? Please give me some advice because I'm truly lost. I don't know if I'm wasting my life on a man who really can't promise me anything.

— *On the Side in Indiana*

Dear On the Side: Pay attention to those red flags you are seeing. Your last sentence says it all. You may love this man, but you have already devoted 2 1/2 years to a relationship that's going nowhere. I'm willing to bet that he not only HAS loved women "the way he loves you," but when you start taking care of yourself and end this charade, he will continue to love MORE women the way he loves you. Try this: Imagine for a moment that you were his wife — would you want a husband who sleeps around while he's on the road or while you are unwell? But for the grace of God, this could be YOU!

Dear Abby: My adult daughter and I had a big argument while she was visiting me. Sadly, we both used words that were hurtful. Afterward, I wrote her a note

telling her I loved her and would like to hear from her. She replied in an email that she received my letter, but she is still hurt by the things I said.

I wanted to be the adult in this situation, but I was also hurt by her words and actions, and feel angry that I have to be the one to apologize. I told her I hope that we can put this behind us. Must I apologize even though I told her I am sorry that she is still hurt?

— *Wounded in Ohio*

Dear Wounded: I see nothing positive to be gained by allowing this to fester any longer. You ARE the parent in this situation, so if you'd like a resolution, apologize again.

Dear Abby: I'm a florist. Would you please appeal to your readers who are composing obituaries for loved ones to think first before adding "in lieu of flowers ..."? People can then donate to the designated or favorite organizations OR purchase flowers. The choice would be theirs. This would be a blessing for flower growers, truckers, wholesalers and folks like me. Many of our businesses are small, multigeneration establishments. A possible suggestion for wording is, "Flowers are welcomed, and those wishing to make a donation in his/her name may do so to _____." Thanks, Abby.

— *Grateful Mom/Pop Flower Shop Owner*

Dear Grateful: While families in the throes of grieving may forget to include it in their loved ones' obituaries, as our economy slowly recovers, your suggestion is certainly worth noting. Thank you for sending it.

Step inside Wyrd Hall

Portland's medieval fantasy-themed mead tavern

BY SAMANTHA SWINDLER
The Oregonian

A pirate, an elf and a Viking walk into a bar.

No joke. That's just a typical Saturday night at Wyrd Leather and Mead, which has opened a new medieval fantasy-themed tavern in SE Portland.

At Wyrd Hall, visitors can dine on Nordic-inspired stews, purchase drinking horns or handmade leather goods, and try Wyrd's selection of meads made onsite with locally sourced honey.

Cosplay garb is encouraged but not required.

The place is something of a childhood dream for co-owners Travis Sigler and Taylor Toll, who have been best friends since middle school. They've also brought on a third business partner, Doug Wingate, who co-founded Mac Mead Hall in McMinnville.

"I grew up in high school reading medieval fantasy, Tolkien, and wishing that I could go to somewhere like that," Sigler said. "I've been to New Zealand. I've been to all the 'Lord of the Rings' filming sites, and they're amazing. But if you're in Portland and you can't get



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Patrons stand outside Wyrd Leatherworks and Meadery located at 4515 SE 41st Ave. in Portland on May 29.

to Middle-earth, coming down out of the real world, walking into our door takes you into a whole other realm."

The tavern is only the latest project of Wyrd Leather and Mead, a company that started in 2017 by selling leather goods and bottled mead in Milwaukie. Sigler, the leather worker, specializes in custom armor pieces for fantasy and medieval cosplay.

The business takes its name from the Web of Wyrd — pronounced "weird" — in Norse mythology. The web represents time, destiny and the interconnectedness of the past, present and future.

"So past — growing up with medieval fantasy, mead and

friendship," Sigler said. "In the present, we're trying to create something that we hadn't really done before, something that's unique to Portland, and this is our future."

Last fall, Wyrd was looking for a larger location to make its mead — a process that requires large vats and months of cool storage. Mead is not quite a wine, though Oregon regulates it like one. It's made by fermenting honey and water rather than grapes and is considered the oldest alcoholic beverage developed by humans. Mead can range from sweet like a fruity wine to dry like a cider, and it can be infused with any number of fruits or herbs.

At first, Sigler and Toll were looking only at the commissary kitchen in the space that had been home to the colonial-themed Ye Olde Towne Crier restaurant for more than 40 years. But when they toured the building, they also asked to see the basement, which hadn't been listed for lease.

In the stone fireplace, wood-paneled walls and log-lined bar of the restaurant's basement, they saw potential. With just a few changes, it was the perfect space for a medieval tavern.

On a recent Saturday night, Sveinn Kjartansson sat in the corner of Wyrd Hall, drawing runes and sipping from his handmade drinking horn. Wyrd sells a number of products from local artisans, including Kjartansson's drinking vessels made from cow and buffalo horns.

"I just like drinking from something that's considered mine," Kjartansson said. "It's kind of like having your own personal mug."

Dave Goodman, in full hobbit attire, posed in front of the fireplace with a long-stemmed churchwarden pipe, which he had retrofitted into a vape pen.

"This place is just amazing," he said. "I love the look of it, the sound of it. It feels like I'm someplace else and someone else."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT today (4 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021: You are bright, clever, fun-loving and spontaneous. You like to plan ahead; nevertheless, you are excellent at adapting to change. You live by your own, unique moral code. This year, your idealism will be aroused, which is why you might work on behalf of a charitable organization or do something to help society. This is the year to work hard!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Be aware that this is a loosey-goosey day. The Sun is at odds with fuzzy Neptune, and yet, this afternoon the Moon is lined up with fiery Mars. This means you might think you know what you know, but do you really? Tonight: Be safe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ When it comes to financial matters today, be extra careful, because some kind of confusion is present. It could be worse than confusion. There might be deceit. (Waaah?) Don't believe everything you see or hear. Tonight: Double-check everything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today the Sun is in your sign at odds with fuzzy Neptune, which will drain your energy. You might feel discouraged or beaten down by the world. These feelings of inadequacy are a fleeting dark cloud on the horizon. Relax. Tonight: Take it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ This is a challenging day because it's easy to have self-doubts about something. And yet, with the Moon lined up with Mars in your Money House, you might charge forward shopping. Tonight: Know what you're doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You are a natural leader. This afternoon, the Moon will be in your sign lined up with Mars also in your sign, making you feisty and aggressive! Meanwhile, today is rife with confusion, and yet you're keen to act. Tonight: Be on guard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ No matter what you're doing today, be very sure about what bosses and parents expect from you. Not only during the Moon Alert, but all day long, there's an element of confusion. Be clear about what authority figures want. Tonight: Be alert.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Mixed-up communications and confusion related to travel are classic today. Therefore, if you are travelling, double-check all your facts. Be wise and give yourself extra time to have wiggle room. Tonight: Check all details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ You might make a mistake about a financial matter, especially something to do with shared property, taxes, debt, the government or insurance issues. Make no assumptions. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Double-check everything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You're excited about travel plans, or politics, religion or perhaps a racial issue. You feel there is something at stake. Meanwhile, conversations with partners and close friends are confusing. Tonight: Don't go out on a limb.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You hate to lose money out of foolishness or carelessness. Therefore, be careful today, because you might have definite ideas about something, and yet you might not have all the facts. Tonight: Tread carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Be patient with others today, because Mars is lined up with the Moon opposite your sign. Meanwhile, confusion about kids, social occasions, sports events and romance might occur. Is this an argument waiting to happen? Tonight: Listen to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Something related to your health or perhaps a pet might get you excited today and trigger confused communications with a parent or family member. Be aware that all these things are possible. Tonight: Go gently.