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Enter the scarecrow contest

Grab your straw and broom and start sweeping your creative ideas into a pile. It's time to begin stuffing your flannel shirts and jeans. The annual Harvest Scarecrow Happening is about to begin. You can register your scarecrow at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce by Oct. 1. Come in to register and pick up your number. We hope to see all businesses with a welcoming scarecrow to greet visitors throughout the month of October. Anyone is welcome to participate- schools, individuals and businesses. If you'd like your scarecrow to be more visible, ask a local business for permission to display your entry. Recognized categories this year include: Most Welcoming, Most Unique and The Biggest and Best.

Update on Sager family in Africa

[Editor's Note: Following is an e-mail letter from Kelly Sager in Africa to Harley Sager. It is an update on how the Sager family is doing in Rwanda, Africa as they continue their mission work there.]

A good afternoon to one and all. I am flying solo today. Laura is spending the day working with orphans in Butare, which leaves me in charge of six kids. It is only 1 p.m. and I am already tired. The power has been off all day so I can't use the TV/DVD to entertain them. I will definitely be ready for afternoon naps. Kooper, Darby and I made a couple of trips downtown today to get our TV fixed. The kids have come a long ways with going downtown. Today, Darby requested to sit in the car while I went into the shop. She is now comfortable staying alone and reading a book. It used to be they were scared to death to be downtown even with us in the car. They truly have adjusted to life in Africa. What once appeared to be strange and unusual has become a normal, everyday occurrence, i.e. people with severe disabilities, children asking to guard the car, people begging or trying to sell you the strangest things. It is not my habit to buy

underwear from a guy on the street, but I am frequently asked to.

Recently I have been familiarizing myself with the Kigali public transportation system. It has been a learning experience in many ways. I am seeing Kigali and its people from a totally different perspective. Up close and personal. The taxis are 12 passenger vans but they try to put as many people as they can inside one of them. It is a great way to practice my Ikenyarwanda as I literally have a captive crowd. In addition to riding the van taxis, I have also ridden motorcycle and bicycle taxis. My favorite so far has been the bicycle. You ride along at a leisurely pace while someone else does the peddling. Reminds me of when I used to peddle the bike while my brother sat behind me. Because I was older he always got to ride while I peddled my legs off. I get lots of stares and comments from everyone. One person shouted "There goes a poor muzungu," as I was on a bike rather than driving my own car. I have seen very few white people on bike taxis so it must have been quite the site to see me going down the street.

My language skills

have improved over the past few months. I can now carry on a simple conversation for 20-30 minutes as long as I am controlling what is talked about. As soon as someone starts talking outside of my narrow window they lose me very quickly. In spite of my gains I have a long, long, long ways to go.

The kids are great. They still enjoy attending their one room school house and swimming every Friday with friends. All have become quite proficient in the water. Grayse turned a year old on Sept. 12. She has been a blessing to our family. She is walking and developmentally on target in all areas.

I am traveling to Nairobi, Kenya at the end of this month. I will be there for a week seeing a variety of medical specialists- Internist, optometrist and dermatologist. Those hamburgers, French fries and potato chips from my youth are beginning to catch up to me. My prayer is that I will come home with a clean bill of health or at least medications that will get me there.

We are excited about Peg Willis from Pendleton visiting us next month. She taught the girls fiddle/violin

when we were in the states. She will be with us for three weeks. We have her schedule booked full. In addition to working with the girls on fiddle and Brick on mandolin, she will be visiting orphanages, seeing the mountain gorillas and seeing much of what Rwanda has to offer to visitors.

My computer battery is running low so I will close. Come see us. We would love to show you around this place. For those fellow Duck fans - be sure to keep me posted on how they are doing. It is hard to be so far away from college football during this time of year.

(s) Kelly Sager
Rwanda, Africa

Card party to be held at Rebekah Lodge

The Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting a monthly pinochle card party on Saturday, Oct. 1 in Lexington at the IOOF Hall. Play will start at 7 p.m.

For only \$5, a person will have an evening of cards, visiting and sandwiches, chips and snacks to eat while playing. Prizes will be awarded to the high man, high woman, low man, low woman and two traveling prizes.

"Lottery profits helped fund the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine."



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Andrea Lantis, Fourth-Year Vet Student

Corvallis, Benton County In the early 90s there was an emergency at the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. It wasn't a dog or a horse in trouble - it was the school itself. The college was serving Oregon well, graduating 36 new veterinarians each year and contributing to the economy through education, research and public service programs. But Oregon's system of higher education had taken a substantial economic hit and the Veterinary Medicine program was at risk of being eliminated. To remedy the situation, legislators prescribed a dose of Lottery profits allocating \$15.8 million in

Lottery proceeds to fund the college between 1993 and 1995. This assured that the study of veterinary medicine would continue and restored the health of one of Oregon's most vital economic and service-oriented programs. Since that infusion of capital, the school not only stayed strong, it has grown significantly and now has a four-year program that graduates 48 students each year. Over \$4 billion in Lottery profits has gone to economic development, parks and watershed enhancement across the state. itdoesgoodthings.org

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