

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Wired**

Wire is a big part of Farm Life. It keeps critters in and out of places...or is supposed to. Just one thing; We forgot to clue the critters in on this little expectation. I don't think there is one type of wire I haven't been acquainted with on my little farm. And I don't think there's one type of wire I don't hate. Barbed wire is at the top of my Hate List....and with good reason. It's supposed to be the Bad Boy of wire. I beg to differ. Oh, don't get me wrong.... it is....if you're a Farm Lady. I have the scars to prove it. But to the creatures, it brags about keeping confined? Child's play. I can hear the cow conversations now. "Oh look. Isn't that cute? She's putting up more barbed wire. Does she really think that will keep us in?" (Insert hysterical laughter here) Next thing you know, they're all singing "Lean on Me" and taking turns reaching their necks over the top rung. Cows can be cruel.

Next up is the oh-so-popular Chicken Wire. Yes.... let's make a wire that looks like the perfect solution to wayward chickens (we'll even name it after them) yet is as effective as Saran Wrap trying to stick to a bowl. "Just staple it" they say. Ummm hmmm. How's your aim? My stapler aim is not so great. Neither is my stapler. 500 Staples later, I might have secured a 2-foot section. At this rate, I might have my secure fortress of a chicken yard completed by the time the hens are ready for retirement.

Then there are the dogs, who love to taunt incarcerated poultry. They do this by repeatedly ramming the chicken wire with their noses and then grabbing it with their teeth. Fortunately, these particular dogs have no interest in actually getting into the pen. They just like to make dents, which become holes, which become portals of entrance for more sinister varmints. They also become exits, but only for the brightest and best in the yard. I've noticed it's usually the same 6 or so hens that utilize these escape routes. These aren't your normal hens that spend their morning pecking around, looking for something to eat. These ladies get up, shake their feathers, then start looking for new holes....and they find them. You would think the thought of missing breakfast might be a deterrent but no....out they go. Only to run right past the 3-foot doorway/entrance to a bounty of chicken feed. So fine. Let them forage for their own food. Good luck with that because I'm shutting the garden gate.

Horse Wire is that beautiful wire that almost stands up by itself. I had great hopes for that. Looked awesome for the first week or so.... until the horses noticed the 4 blades of grass on the other side of the fence. Now it looks like I've strung crepe paper between every T-post. All I need now are those big round ribbons for the T-posts....Perfect for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hog wire is a very sturdy fencing prospect that comes in huge rectangular chunks. Great idea if you can figure out how to get

them home. Fitting them into the back of a pickup takes some real skill. If you're lucky enough to have a handy young man helping you load them, you might wanna see if he comes with the fencing. Because getting in and OUT of the truck (without major injuries) takes even more skill than getting it in.

There was a time when I thought I'd found the Cadillac of wire. It's called Hot Wire aka electric fence. Simple to install and keeps both horses and cattle in their appropriate places. All you have to do is keep the tumbleweeds from touching it...and make sure your milk cow doesn't know how to do the Limbo. Too late. Turns out Rosie was at the top of her dance class. And I'm pretty sure I heard her singing "How low can you go?"

By Susie Crosby, Prineville, OR.

**Kennedy resigns**

To the council, staff, and community members; I am writing this letter to formally give you my resignation from the position of Mayor to the Town of Lexington. This letter is effective immediately and the July 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting was my last.

I have truly been honored to serve in this capacity and want you to know that the reason I am stepping down is in no way a reflection of anyone. As you are aware my family experienced a tragedy in April of this year, and I lost my youngest daughter. Because of that loss, my husband and I are raising her two small children. This has become my priority and I feel that I am unable to give the community and town business attention it deserves.

The council as well as staff, have been and will continue to be a great team. They truly exhibit forward-thinking, teamwork, and respect for each other. Their level of commitment has been an asset to the town of Lexington. We have witnessed great strides here and I am looking forward to what the future will bring.

The water and sewer projects are in process and though nothing will happen quickly, we are so much closer to this being reality than ever before. Passing budgets with no issue, developing our own economic development group

to assist members of our communities maybe fulfill their dreams or at least a small piece of one. There is so much more, and many times people don't know all the great things or the little things that contribute to greatness, but they are there if one only looks and asks questions.

We have experienced four wonderful years since the beginning of our May Day Celebration, and we watch it grow more every year. I have witnessed this group look to the future, wanting to put our town on the map and make it an even better place to call home. Community events like May Day are a big piece of that.

I am thankful to all the local businesses (Heppner, Lexington, and Ione) for all your support. Each answering the call when donations are needed or participation in our events is requested.

This is difficult for me to do because I have loved my time in this position and yes, I will even miss the occasional heated council meeting. I will still be around, attending meetings when I can and helping on committees when times allow. I am invested in our community as I know you are as well, and I can't wait to see what you have in store for our future.

Most sincerely, Juli A. Kennedy, Lexington, OR.

**WCCC Ladies play day results**

There were 6 players in the ladies' gameplay at the Willow Creek Country Club on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The weather was hot and smokey. The results are as follows; Low Gross of the field was Tiffany Clement. The low Net field was Betty Carter. The least putts of the field were Karen Smith-Griff-

fith. Flights- Low gross was (B) Kris Linder, and Low net was (B) Sharron Harrison. Least putts were Jannie Allen. Chips-ins were Sharon Harrison, Jannie Allen, and Karen Smith-Griffith. Special events include Kris Linder with 3 putts in holes 4 and 8.

**GT Correction**

A correction to last week's edition; Sheriff John Bowls swore in the new Patrol Deputy Donney, not David Bowles.

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