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Employees at Marlette Homes in Hermiston dressed up as Rosie the Riveter in celebration of Labor Day and women in the workforce.

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A cultural icon birthed as propaganda for the United States' integrative industrial efforts during World War II and later popularized as an image of American feminism, Rosie the Riveter first appeared in a 1942 song by the same name written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb.

The next year, Saturday Evening Post cover artist Norman Rockwell drew the renowned image of Rosie with her red polka-dotted bandanna, determined facial expression with red lipstick, rolled sleeve revealing her flexed right bicep and a speech bubble boldly proclaiming "We Can Do It!"

In honor of Labor Day on Monday and women in the workforce around the country, the women at Hermiston's Marlette Homes wore that image proudly on Friday. Literally.

Organized by Kristi Brown and Imelda Tejada, nearly two dozen women showed up for work at the housing manufacturer Friday donning the iconic red bandanna, denim jackets with rolled sleeves and red lipstick. During the lunch break, the women stood together holding a "We Can Do It!" sign as their coworkers laughed, cheered and took several photos in the cafeteria.

"I thought it was amazing because..." Tejada started to say as the room cleared to return to work.

"It's our history," Brown said, finishing the thought as Tejada nodded.

While Marlette's employees have been throwing holiday costume con-



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Imelda Tejada, left, and Kristi Brown pose for a portrait following a dress-up competition they organized for Labor Day at Marlette Homes in Hermiston on Friday.

tests at work for years, this was the first time one was held for Labor Day and the first time the contest transformed into a moment of empowerment.

Originally, the idea was to hold a regular costume contest with a theme of famous women in history. But as the workers started to discuss their costume plans for Friday, it became clear the contest would be hard to judge because almost everyone wanted to be Rosie the Riveter.

So it was decided that everybody would dress up like Rosie, and Brown and Tejada took the initiative to make sure it happened.

"We believe it's important for women to be in the workforce," Brown said of their motivation.

Brown purchased fabric earlier in the week and Tejada began turning it into bandannas. After about two days of work, Tejada had enough for the women who wanted to participate while everybody was responsible for putting together the remainder of their outfit.

Other than making the bandannas, the plan went off without a hitch.

"All it took was communication," Tejada said.

According to David Campana, Mar-

lette's training and hiring manager, the manufacturer employs 215 people between the office and production floor, roughly 70 of whom are women. Many of those working the floor, such as Brown and Tejada, participated on Friday.

Tejada, 34, has built cabinets while working on and off at Marlette for the last five years. And Brown, 52, has spent the last six months wiring main panels but has worked on the manufacturing floor for five years in total.

"We're doing some of the same work as the women who were doing the men's jobs while they went to war," Tejada said.

Generations later, the idea that Rosie the Riveter represented still resonates with American women who have progressively filled a greater portion of the labor force and continue to integrate into manufacturing jobs that had once explicitly excluded them.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, women's participation in the workforce has grown from 32.7% in 1948 to 56.8% in 2016. But while women's employment in manufacturing jobs rose constantly until peaking in 1990 at 33.2%, a 2016 U.S. Census Bureau report showed that figure has fallen to 29% since.

For Tejada and Brown, however, they've found a place where they feel valued and respected as women in manufacturing.

"I love working here and the way we treat each other," Tejada said.

"We get pats on the back when we deserve them," Brown added, laughing.

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals V

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to avoid the pugilist's
punches, I've placed myself
out of arm's way.

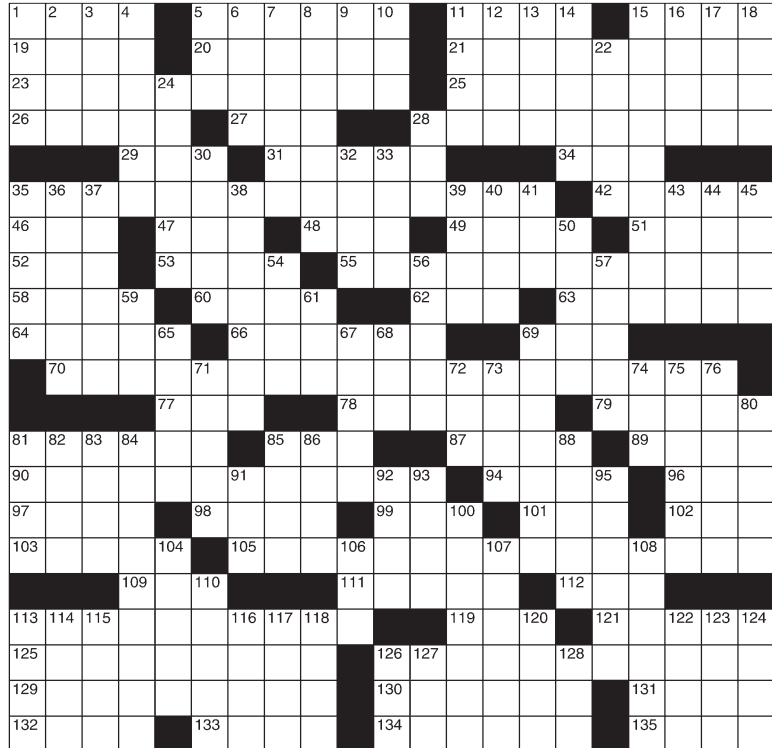
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Answers

1 D L T A V P R E A Y U N S E I
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3 S A B E D C A F A Z A F O R C I
4 A C R A D R O P C H I N T Z
5 F E N I C O R D E R F E N I
6 X I S A R D O C H I S T E C H
7 N O H U O H O S E E T A L
8 I N B O T T O S W A R M S O
9 P E P E S O S W A L T L E V E
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11 H A I R H A V E S S I O T O
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18 K E A N U S O N S O N S O
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SUPER CROSSWORD: DOUBLE-CHEDDAR

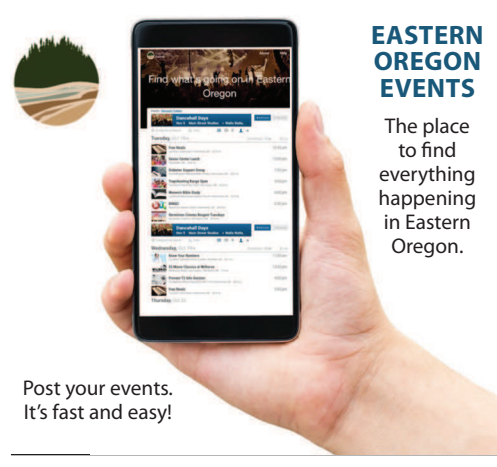
- ACROSS
- 1 Simple floater
 - 5 Declare
 - 11 Declines
 - 15 Harvesting yield
 - 19 Aruba, e.g.
 - 20 Alfred E. — (magazine mascot)
 - 21 One-player card game
 - 23 Pompom or mega-phone?
 - 25 Fine white gypsum
 - 26 Actor
 - 27 Cain or Abel, to Adam
 - 28 Soft, white limestone used as cat litter?
 - 29 Hen product
 - 31 Give a casual greeting
 - 34 Cup rim
 - 35 Shortage of maraschinos in a busy cocktail bar?
 - 42 It's factual
 - 46 Cyber-giggle
 - 47 Dada artist
 - 48 Act humanly
 - 49 Petition
 - 51 Gaffer — Aoki
 - 52 Sothern of the screen
 - 53 Roadies work on it
 - 55 "This has me angry like a Prague native might be!"
 - 58 It has pores
 - 60 Poker option
 - 62 Radio or TV spots
 - 63 — Rico
 - 64 Certain Asian capital
 - 66 Spay, e.g.
 - 69 Fleur-de- —
 - 70 Slow-moving land reptile sitting on a recliner?
 - 77 Arctic seabird
 - 78 Balances evenly
 - 79 Community hangouts
 - 81 "The King of Queens" actor
 - 85 Mother of Cain and Abel
 - 87 Greek love god
 - 89 — Le Pew (skunk toon)
 - 90 Areas where certain salad greens are grown?
 - 94 Pet dog of Sgt. Snorkel
 - 96 Mailroom container
 - 97 Scented powder
 - 98 Brain tests, in brief
 - 99 "Well, how about that!"
 - 101 "Say what?"
 - 102 Walk — (brief roles)
 - 103 Ferocity
 - 105 Map showing southern U.S. states?
 - 109 Bit of A/V equipment
 - 111 Arrange
 - 112 Marshland
 - 113 Let some printed, glazed fabric fall to the floor?
 - 119 Clandestine U.S. org.
 - 121 Ghana's capital
 - 125 Device used to store an electric charge
 - 126 Totally wild about grain husks?
 - 129 Lifeless
 - 130 Sitting room
 - 131 Kemo — (the Lone Ranger)
 - 132 How doodles are drawn
 - 133 Files, to spiders
 - 134 Not alluring periods
 - 135 Special
 - DOWN
 - 1 Singer Astley
 - 2 Court king
 - 3 Arthur
 - 3 Dog botherer
 - 4 11th-grader, e.g., slangily
 - 5 DiFranco of folk rock
 - 6 Part of SLR
 - 7 Actor Bela
 - 8 Spring (from)
 - 9 Tom yum — (Thai soup)
 - 10 With 43-Down, software buyer, e.g.
 - 11 Morales of films
 - 12 Door locker
 - 13 Sheep's call
 - 14 Female seer
 - 15 \$1,000 award, say
 - 16 Poet Dove
 - 17 Doodger
 - 18 Hershey's
 - 18 Exec's extra
 - 22 Unstated
 - 24 Little 'un
 - 28 Model shop buy
 - 30 Street cart sandwiches
 - 32 Vostok 1's Gagarin
 - 33 Impair
 - 35 Be at odds
 - 36 Warn with a toot
 - 37 Cause of old weather
 - 38 Orbiter in 1957 news
 - 39 Apple's AIR, e.g.
 - 40 Part of REO
 - 41 3 R's org.
 - 43 See
 - 44 Social skill
 - 45 Tubular snack cake
 - 50 Molded jelly
 - 54 Wishes one could undo
 - 56 — Gras
 - 57 Like a really easy job
 - 59 And not
 - 61 Expected
 - 65 Author
 - 67 Get narrower
 - 68 Rocker
 - 69 African country
 - 71 Very unusual
 - 72 Mao — tung
 - 73 Deli sub
 - 74 Band blaster
 - 75 Fridge, old-style
 - 76 Broccoli-like vegetable
 - 80 See or touch
 - 81 Eight: Prefix
 - 82 — -Pei
 - 83 Untamed
 - 84 Escort
 - 85 D-I link
 - 86 Rose holder
 - 88 Overfill
 - 91 Despite that
 - 92 Comic Jay
 - 93 Silvery fish
 - 95 "My, my!"
 - 100 Mine vehicles
 - 104 Actress
 - 106 Aunt's son, informally
 - 107 Trinket
 - 108 Lost
 - 110 Orang's kin
 - 113 602, to Ovid
 - 114 — McNally
 - 115 Pendant gem
 - 116 — TASS
 - 117 Memo
 - 118 Low card
 - 120 As sly as —
 - 122 Ruler of yore
 - 123 McEntire of music
 - 124 Fruit drinks
 - 126 PC's core
 - 127 — Solo
 - 128 Sob



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