

Join Sheriff's Office on 1st Cop Walk

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Jail are sponsoring the first ever CCSO Cop Walk in support of Cancer Research of the American Cancer Society/Relay For Life on Saturday, May 15.

Members of the sheriff's office, other law enforcement and others will make the trek from the ODOT weigh station on Highway 30 near milepost 16 to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. A select group of inmates in the jail will also be tak-

ing part in the walk. The inmates will be wearing standard-issue jail clothing and will be escorted by deputies along the 11.5 mile course.

Volunteers will staff checkpoint locations approximately every two miles along the route. The checkpoints will provide water, basic first aid and restrooms.

Individuals and teams of up to five can participate in the Cop Walk. The cost per participant is \$40.00 and includes a

T-shirt. Teams can register for \$150 and each will receive a T-shirt. Registration is scheduled to begin at the weigh station at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 15. The walk is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

At the end of the walk, the Sheriff's Office will host a celebration for participants that will include, food, beverages and a prize drawing.

Contact Person: Capt. Jim Carpenter, Jail Commander, at his office, 503-366-4603.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Hello and a Bonnie Day to you. The sunshine is wonderful.

For all of you Gopher Hole sufferers – I just read ammonia stops them. Soak a dryer sheet with ammonia, stuff it down the hole, seal it off and they move on – seems they don't like the odor (didn't say if it killed the grass, though). Give it a try, Babe. And for slugs, mix cayenne pepper and flour, sprinkle it around your choice plants. That

seems like it would burn their under-carriage.

A note on the "cartoon". It could have read, "no, but after today the money I make will be mine (I hope)". They say the first four months of the year belong to the running of Uncle Sam.

I am waiting and watching the forsythia again. It's all green now, except I spotted two yellow flowers again this week. Ho Ho, no, I'm not slipping – I've more to do than scan the bush, but they did catch my eye.

I and a friend had a funny new experience this past week. Maybe it's happened to you also? Toolin' down the highway, saw a truck in front of us, two men standing in the back holding up bedframe and mattresses – looking happy as heck, one hanging on to the truck frame (might add traveling at speed limit plus). Anyhow we made several comments, "How dumb" and so on. Until we discovered it was a 3D picture on a "Sleep Country" truck. My 2¢ – that is a distraction to drivers. You could "see" into the interior of the truck. Later I saw another one – an outdoor scene, into the woods – glad I'm not driving any more.

A note – need a new outfit? Check out the racks at the Senior Center. I've hit the Jack Pot several times lately.

How come with 150 channels on a TV there is nothing to pique your interest, to stimulate your brain, during the day. It's rerun, rerun...

A few words for your vocabulary:

1. hortatory subjunctive?
2. salad subjunctive? Ho, ho
3. and, mnemonic. that one I figured out.

Have fun and Happy Mother's Day.

24 Years Ago This Month

The May 29, 1986, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 15, under the headline "Ordinance problems vex city council":

Vernonia's City Council wrestled with zoning and fencing ordinances at their May meetings, and granted an easement to solve a problem for a local business man.

Rob Richards, owner of Reliable Auto Repair, asked the city for an easement along the line separating his property from a city owned, but unused lot, to avoid having to build a fire wall when he expands his shop. The city owned lot had originally been part of the property that Richards bought, but was donated by the former owner to the city for the construction of public restrooms.

When the plumbing and fixtures were rendered unusable by freezing and vandalism, the building was closed and eventually razed. Two years ago Richards attempted to buy the property from the city, but his offer was refused.

After initial hesitation, the easement was granted.

Marv Meyers asked the council to change the existing ordinance regarding fence heights because he feels the 3 foot limit is too low. In addition, he said that although he has installed seven or eight 4' fences in the city, he was not stopped by the building inspector John Lenz until his latest job, and wanted to know why.

When Lenz was asked by council member Joe Batty why he stopped Meyers on this job, but not the others, Lenz replied, "It seemed it was getting out of

hand."

Meyers was allowed to finish the fence contingent upon receiving a variance from the planning commission.

Claude Veal appeared before the council to protest the issuance of a license for a home industry to Valerie Price. According to Veal, Price is operating a general business, open to the public, and therefore should not have been issued a business license in a residential zone. He asked that the license be rescinded and the business closed.

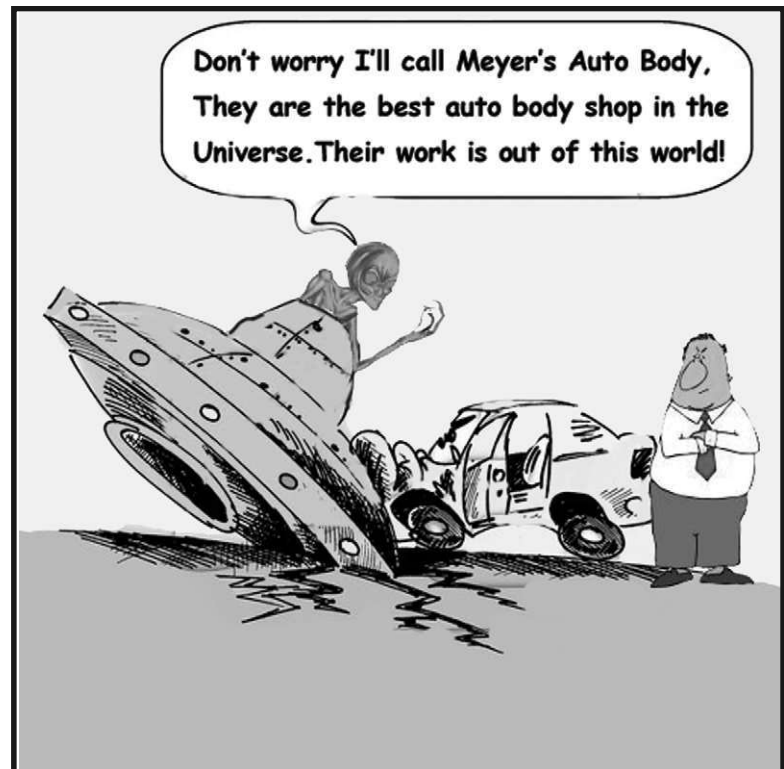
Though they discussed the definition of "home industry" and listened to the pros and cons of the question, the council took no action on Veal's contention that Price's flower shop "never was a home occupation" and shouldn't have been issued a license.

Welcome Home!

To all our returning Military Personnel, the Columbia County Republicans wish to express their deepest gratitude and sincere thank yous to all members of our United States Military in Columbia County and of this Great Nation for their selfless service and numerous sacrifices made by themselves and their families so that our Country remains free. Welcome home!

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America.

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