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Eagle Point City Council to consider taking over funding for Flock cameras

Wayne Lee
Reporter/Photographer

The Eagle Point City Council met April 28 to have one discussion and consider two resolutions.

The discussion was regarding the five Flock cameras around town photographing car license plates. Earlier this year, a local resident asked that the cameras be removed because of issues of privacy and possible misuse of the information gathered.

Note: Eugene, Springfield and Lane County have suspended their Flock contracts. Bend has turned off their Flock cameras and Florence is having discussions on whether to turn theirs off or suspend their contract.

These concerns and others have been raised in cities throughout Oregon, and the state passed SB 1516. The 16-page law was part of an omnibus public safety bill that received bipartisan support and was passed March 31. The bill included an emergency clause which made the law effective immediately. Under the new law, Oregonians will be able, "to sue private companies that sell, misuse or otherwise improperly use data captured by license plate reading cameras."

The law limits the retention of such data to just 30 days unless it is linked to a criminal inquiry or court proceedings, allowing law enforcement to retain it as they pursue their investigations. Authorities must now log the purpose of their searches, the specific crime/violation being targeted and the identity of which law enforcement agency they work for.

Although Oregon has sanctuary laws preventing state and local law enforcement from assisting federal immigration officials without a court order, civil rights advocates raised concerns the data collected by the cameras could be used to track immigrants and people seeking an abortion even in states that have laws protecting those individuals.

According to a report in the Portland Oregonian, University researchers and journalists have documented how the U.S. Border Patrol and Customs Enforcement accessed camera data in states such as Oregon and Washington. According to an Oct. 2025 report, the U.S. Border Patrol had access to the data bases of at least 10 different Washington police departments without explicit authorization.

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Raven beauty!



This 2016 Camaro 2SS is a raven beauty. The Eagle Point High School Band hosted a car and motorcycle show May 2 to raise money for a trip to San Diego later this year. Photo by Wayne Lee

Eagle Point Softball loses to Henley, still 8-1 in League

Sadly, the Eagle Point High School softball team's seven-game winning streak came to an end when they traveled to Henley and dropped a 10-0 decision that ended in just four innings due to the mercy rule. The Lady Eagles managed just two hits in the game, both in what would prove to be their final at bat.

After three- and one-half scoreless innings, the wheels came off in the bottom of the fourth as the Hornets batted through the order and scored nine runs for a 9-0 lead. The rally began with a one-out walk with the runner advancing on an error. A fielder's choice on a bunt loaded the bases setting up the parade of scoring that was about to happen. Henley then followed with the next six hitters in the line-up driving in a run capped by a three-run blast over the centerfield fence for a 9-0 lead before Eagle Point could record the second out of the inning.



File Photo: Eagle Point's Riley Jacoby asks for time after beating a pickoff attempt at first base during the Lady Eagles' playoff game at Crater May 30. Photo by Wayne Lee

Allison Martin led off the top of the fifth with a single and Kolbie Ledbetter followed with a double down the right field line to put runners in scoring position for the first time in the game. However, the Hornets were able to retire the next three batters to preserve the shutout.

Henley then loaded the bases in the bottom of

the fifth on a single and two walks, forcing a pitching change. Mady Dean took the ball and was just one strike away from ending the inning when a ground ball found its way into left field, scoring the run that ended the game.

Brylee Martin took the loss, giving up 10 earned runs on 11 hits and five walks while striking out eight. She threw 112 pitches, 66 for

strikes. The non-league loss kept the Lady Eagles at 8-1 in league and 12-5 overall. This week they have three games slated against second-ranked Crater, also 8-1 in league and 13-4 overall. Both the baseball and softball teams have a pair of home games against Crater on May 8 starting at 3 p.m.

Flag Football

The Lady Eagles closed out their initial season of flag football without a win, going

0-11 overall. It began with a 64-0 loss to South Medford on April 22 and 54-6 again on April 30. In between, Eagle Point traveled to Grants Pass where they played a pair of games, dropping a 53-7 decision to North Bend before falling 42-0 to Coquille. This completes the second year of a three-year trial period to gauge if there is enough interest and participation to form leagues and playoffs.



File Photo: Eagle Point's Cayla Patterson looks for an opening during the Lady Eagles flag football game against visiting Grants Pass March 31. Photo by Wayne Lee

What to do if you find an animal nesting near your house

(AP) For four years, a mallard has nested behind a bush near the front door of Caitlin Deal's home in a Minneapolis-St. Paul suburb, offering an up-close glimpse of nature for her young son and lessons for how people can coexist with wildlife.

The duck, dubbed Martha by the family, sits on her nest for about a month every spring in the tree-lined neighborhood of Eagan, Minnesota. After her eggs hatch around Mother's Day, the birds toddle away.

"It feels nice that she trusts that area, that she trusts

us to be able to come back year after year," said Deal, whose 4-year-old son Owen's first word was "Duck."

Spring is when wildlife — everything from birds to deer to alligators — bear their young, often in locations more suitable to humans than animals. Experts maintain that with a few exceptions and some preparation, coexisting with creatures usually is easy — and often a lot of fun.

"My two biggest things are: Stay away from the nest or the little family as much as possible, and stay curious," said Brittney Yohannes, a

spokesperson for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota.

Leave it alone

Find a nest or baby animal? Wildlife experts advise leaving it alone.

Removing a nest can be illegal under federal law. If a bird has nested in a strange spot, homeowners can call their local wildlife agency for advice, said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesperson Beth Quillian.

Besides birds, people often find deer fawns curled up in a corner of their yard

or by an air conditioning unit. The fawn may appear abandoned, but Quillian said

the doe usually has hidden her babe while foraging.

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Fawns know to stay quiet and hidden while Mom is out foraging. Photo via ODFW

Wayne's World: commentary by Wayne Lee

Well, Da Beast and I have now logged more than 3,600 miles together over the past 14 plus months and with the weather improving almost daily, it may be time for a tune-up and plans for another long-distance adventure. I have yet to determine a destination, but opportunities abound. After all, I have yet to visit the city of Rogue River, but I believe it's doable.

Together we've been through a lot over the past year-plus as has been documented here in this esteemed publication. I've had my share of mishaps from flat tires to Da Beast just sliding out from under me if I hit loose gravel. Thankfully, nothing worse than a little "road rash" occurred which is what every cyclist of every age has experienced. If you



Wayne and Da Beast in 2025.

don't have a scrapped knee, elbow or other body part, you're not considered a "dedicated cyclist."

My life, for the most part, has been dedicated to bicycling as an alternative form of transportation. Even when I owned a car, my wife used it to take the kids to and from school and do the shopping and other errands. My job with the City of Sacramento provided

me with a discount bus pass and bikes were transportable on both buses and light rail. I literally could go anywhere in the county and beyond.

I've become so involved in two-wheel transportation it has almost become an obsession. It began just after high school when, while working a summer job, I was riding a 90cc motorcycle home when

a car illegally turned left in front of me. I went over the hood, except for my left knee which hit the grill.

Moving forward, I lost a tendon over that left knee and required a metal bar to stabilize my left femur (hip to the knee) and could no longer jog for exercise. Before the crash I was a long-distance runner who once ran a 20-mile race but that's another story for another time.

That's when I discovered cycling. I was unable to bring my left leg forward while jogging, due to the missing tendon, eventually the leg gave out and I fell. On a bicycle, all I had to do was push down with my right leg and the damaged left leg came up all by itself. I had just become a bicyclist.

My new-found way of transportation had

at that point developed into a philosophy. I was now dedicated to reducing my fossil fuel footprint as much as possible. I'm not claiming any righteous superiority. The first two vehicles I owned saw me drive many, many miles as I traveled all over California from San Diego to Nevada and points west (including many trips to San Francisco).

However, as I began a family, I sold my van for a family car for the family to use, and I used my trusty bike and mass transit to do whatever I needed to do. The wife had the keys, and I, thanks to my fire department job (administrative), received a half-priced transit pass that accommodated bikes on buses and light rail trains. I had the freedom to travel the entire

county and then some. My bicycle obsession extended way beyond my chosen mode of transportation. As my kids began to grow, I provided them with bikes and gear, and Saturdays were our "adventure days." We would ride bike trails to various parks and museums as well as the big candy store in Old Sacramento where each child got a small bag to fill with whatever caught their fancy.

Occasionally, one or more of their friends came along on a ride to a large playground or other destination. Note: We all resided in a low-income neighborhood where the parks lacked any kind of maintenance. But the kids had fun, everyone got some fresh air, exercise, and bonded with one another.

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Cri Goes Rogue: commentary by Christy Solo

This week's Rogue is a bit of a follow-up – or follow-on – to previous Rogues and the April 22 All Things "Birds on a Budget."

In previous Rogues I've written about my quest to keep my backyard Band-tailed Pigeons (crow-sized native pigeons) from hoovering up all the bird seed and leaving the little songbirds seedless. To that end, I purchased several (now six) caged bird feeders in various forms and sizes. Most are platform feeders because birds just love platform feeders. I mean who doesn't love the easiest meal and platform feeders are large and accessible.

The wire mesh enclosing the caged feeders can vary in size, all of mine have the "big enough for a

Black-headed Grosbeak to fit through, too small for pigeons and doves" gauge because that was my personal goal.

The best part (for me, maybe not for everyone who feeds backyard birds) is that pretty much every bird and yard critter can sort out how to get seed out of the caged feeders – except for the pigeons.

Again, because I *only* bought the feeders to slow down the Band-tailed, this is perfect for my needs.

Jays (Steller's and Scrub) perch on the side and can fit their heads through the mesh for the black-oil seeds. Mammals get very creative, as you can see in the pictures of a raccoon, California ground squirrel and western gray squirrel.

Still, Band-tailed are baffled. They can

tilt hopper feeders and get 99% of the seed to spill on the ground, but the hanging, caged feeders are just too well balanced. A squirrel weighs enough to tilt it, bringing the seed to the edge, but not enough to spill the seed out. Same with raccoons, they can tilt the feeder with their little hands but still have to reach in for seeds. Band-tailed just don't weigh enough (and lack opposable thumbs) so try as they might (and BOY do they try) caged feeders elude them.

All that said, I do fill one feeder – a very small platform – for the Band-tailed but even that is more money than I can afford to spend on these bottomless pits of birds. One small feeder full is just an appetizer for them...no not even that, it's an amuse bouche.

I'd seen whole kernel

dried corn for sale in the wild bird seed aisle (as mentioned in the April 22 All Things) but it was the same price as black-oil, so while I

thought *maybe* giant corn nubs would go further toward filling up the pigeons (and would be too big for the small birds, so the pigeons

could have it all) – without a cost savings, might as well just keep giving them the cheap mix.

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A flock of Band-tailed pigeons in my yard, mammals have figured out the caged feeders and huge price difference between food packaged for wild birds and livestock.

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All Things Oregon: by Christy Solo

We've made a lot of photo collages for All Things; this week we're going to make an idea collage pieced together from past columns to help you have the best Mother's Day Ever.

For activities we have suggestions for a wine tasting or a picnic. For gifts we'll point you toward some gourmet cheeses and some crafts that Mom will love.

For a Mother's Day wine tasting you can't beat family friendly Dos Mariposas vineyards and lavender farm located at 3976 Bellinger Ln, Medford.

How family friendly are they? The owner's two daughters (AKA the two butterflies/dos mariposas) designed a special kids charcuterie board and there's lavender lemonade for the kiddos as well.

There is also a large sandbox play area by the lavender field as well as outdoor games and a small indoor activity area.

But wait, there's more! For the Dog Moms, Fido is welcome too. Well behaved dogs are welcome in the outdoor areas, only service dogs are allowed inside.

The vineyard will be open noon – 6:00 p.m. on Mother's Day. Reservations are not required, but they are recommended, call: 541-224-7881.

In the tasting room you can get wine flights as well as bottles of wine, other adult beverages and food – including a delectable charcuterie board for big people.

If you want a more laid-back picnic for Mother's Day, head on up to McGregor Park at Lost Creek Lake for food, fun, fishing and photos – and it's free. Well, the fun and photos are free because there are no entry or parking fees for McGregor Park.

The park has 32 picnic areas, so you'll have no trouble finding a spot to nosh. Only a couple are equipped with electricity and BBQs if you want to do a Mother's Day Cookout.

If Mom is an angler, there is plenty of bank access to the river as well as an ADA compliant fishing platform. If Mom prefers birding, be sure to pack the binoculars as it's prime migration season and the park will be hopping with pretty warblers and other colorful birds.



The Visitor's Center at McGregor Park (photo by Christy Solo), the Dos Mariposas Vineyard and Lavendar farm. A couple of samples of delicious gift boxes you can buy Mom from Rogue Creamery.

If you need ideas for picnic fare, check out our Mother's Day picnic recipes in this week's Recipe Corner.

On to gift ideas! You can't go wrong with a gourmet cheese and sweets board from our own Rogue Creamery here in Central Point.

Opened in 1933, the Rogue Creamery produces world-class artisan cheeses. You don't even have to get in your car and drive to taste Rogue Creamery's cheesy

goodness (but you certainly can!) you can join their Cheese Club.

Their gift sets are delectable and will make you extremely popular with Mom on her special day, or make your family get together most memorable if you buy one for yourself and your loved ones and have a big Mother's Day bash.

If you want to pick and choose your cheeses and sweets (which you'll need to do to get them in time for Mother's Day), visit their cheese shop at 311 North Front St. in Central Point.

If you'd like to get crafty for Mother's Day (and/or help the kids do so), go gather some pinecones and make Mum a permanent bouquet of pinecone flowers.

We've included the basic directions for pinecone posies below, along with several photos of "out of the vase" ideas for bouquets Mom can hang on the wall and cherish forever.

You can double down on the fun by buying Mom her own

paints and supplies and make the posey painting a full on Mother's Day activity for the whole family.

Pinecone Flowers

Materials

- pinecones
- brightly colored acrylic craft paint

• Two flat paint brushes, one small, one large

Paint your pinecone a bright color, be sure to paint in between the "petals" and underneath each. Let dry.

You can arrange your finished flowers in a variety of ways.

You can make a bouquet out of them or arrange them on a wreath. If you want to have individual flowers on a stand of "leaves" here are stand instructions:

How to make paper stands:

Materials

- Green cardstock or dried leaves
- Scissors
- Clear tape

Cut strips of the cardstock 6-inches by 2-inches (or size need

to fit your individual flowers).

With scissors, cut out leaf shapes from the top of half of the strip. Loop in a circle and secure with clear tape. Fold down the tops of the leaves. Rest the pinecone in the stand.

For a tall bouquet of pinecone flowers you will need:

- Pinecones – long narrow ones for a lupine-type bouquet, mixed shapes and sizes for a "mixed bloom" bouquet, etc.
- Wooden skewers

• Acrylic craft paint – any color!

- Glue – Hot glue and Mod Podge
- Some sort of vase or container (ribbon optional)

• For out of the vase, a pretty board

Instructions Paint cones as above in the first set of instructions.

You can also paint the skewers or leave them au natural.

Hot glue a skewer to the base of each cone and arrange in a vase or on the board with faux foliage.



Some samples of the huge variety of pine cone flower crafts you can make this Mother's Day.



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Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

Thursday, May 2, 1968

Lone Ranger

When my friend and I drove into the spacious parking area back of the garage in which my jeep was undergoing repairs, we arrived just in time to see the Lone Ranger step up to a low tractor, take a couple of turns with his reins around a convenient lever, give his invisible steed an affectionate pat and walk sedately away on some mysterious errand.

Little Robert, the 6-year-old Lone Ranger, down from his home in Portland on a visit to his grandparents, was busily engaged at patrolling the premises out in the back lot and inside the garage, sometimes prowling on foot with his famous horse tethered

nearby, but usually mounted on his great charger and ready for any contingency. No law-breaker would have the nerve to venture near the domain of Ranger Robert and his incomparable Silver.

When he saw us walking over to inspect the row of wrecked cars at the back of the lot, Robert cautioned us not to walk to close to Silver's heels, the implication being that his horse, being strictly a one-man beastie, doesn't take kindly to the presence of strangers; so I obligingly veered slightly away from the old tractor with its make-believe hitching post and spirited stallion stamping fretfully there. The serious little ranger made it all seem so real that as we turned away I

half expected to feel the impact of a pair of silver horse shoes on the seat of my jeans.

His curiosity in our movements aroused, Robert joined us in our inspection of the wrecked cars. A couple of these were smashed almost beyond recognition, and we wondered what the stories were behind the apparent catastrophes. Robert had a ready explanation for each wrecked vehicle. For the most badly-wrecked one on the lot the story was really gruesome: It had been hit by a train (trains are always present in Never Never Land). The lady driver was found hanging out of the car window, and her little boy had been thrown onto the railroad track and run over by the train. He assured us the car

was in "bad shape," an expression he often used in explaining the wrecks to us.

I guess the most important word in the dictionary must be "Imagination," a natural endowment that is absolutely necessary to progress and a happy human existence. Without imagination we not only wouldn't be exploring outer space but would still be depending on horses for transportation, or riding around on dinosaurs with Alley Oop.

Imagination, coupled with intelligent activity, is what makes the wheels of civilization go round. It is an essential ingredient in the work and worry program of all our great scientists and builders of society. This sort of imagination, born

of mature intellects in adult minds, is of course all-important to us as a people; but the kind that comes untrammelled from immature child minds, uncluttered with work and worry, can furnish us with the kind of amusement that plays a lasting tune on our heartstrings.

What more satisfying entertainment can be found than furtively watching a bevy of tiny tots playing at grown-ups – wee girls clomping around in their mothers' shoes, flowing sleeves crumpled up on tiny arms and long skirts dragging, setting the table with diminutive dishes and gossiping away like mad? Or little boys, swaggering about with small hands poised over gun butts, or galloping away in swift pursuit of the enemy with

guns blazing?

On my frequent trips to the garage while waiting for my jeep I became quite well acquainted with the little Lone Ranger; so well, in fact, that just before I finally drove away he paid me a great honor. He came up to me that day and solemnly presented me with a silver bullet – the ultimate gesture of undying friendship.

I gravely accepted the imaginary, priceless token of the Lone Ranger's esteem and reverently tucked it away in my shirt pocket.

And nothing will ever induce me to part with my precious unseen souvenir that was given to me by a little Lone Ranger on our brief sojourn together in the Land of Make-believe.

A botanist's view of local flora: by Dr. F. Alice LeDuc

Paeonia brownii – Western Peony

This is the time of year when the Peonies are blooming that I think of my sisters. Two of them dearly loved these majestic flowers. My sister in California had a beautiful bed of pale pink herbaceous peonies mingled with Bearded Iris of the same color. Blooming together they made a fabulous show. My other sister also loved the peonies especially when she and her husband retired and moved to Trail, Oregon. The home they purchased had a raised bed of Tree Peonies across much of the front of the home. In addition, in a bed under the silver birch trees were clumps of herbaceous peonies in pink and white colors. This May as we look to celebrating Mother's Day my niece and I would like to pay tribute to my sisters and her mother. Our

tribute is in the form of a celebration of peonies. Another great surprise my sister found was when she joined the Shady Cove-Trail Wildflower Society. When they were collecting plants for the annual Wildflower Show, which used to be the first weekend in May and benefited Fire District 4, she discovered that there was a rather rare species of peony native to southern Oregon. Paeonia brownii to be exact. She cherished her

knowledge of where the plant grew, a location she carefully guarded till her death. There is a second species of peony found in California, Paeonia californica. All the remaining species of this genus are found in the Eastern Hemisphere several species in southern Europe, around the Mediterranean Sea, and across east Asia and into China, Korea and Japan. There are still many questions about the classification of the

various species in the genus. Botanists have differences in whether it is as many as twenty-two or as many as forty species. A great deal of research still needs to be done.

Our native species can be found in dry slopes and meadows on both sides of the Cascades. The leaves are five to eight per stem and divided two to three times, leaflets oval with rounded tips. The flowers are red to brownish with round petals that are edged with yellow. The flowers, alas, are much smaller than the garden counterparts.

There are two major groups of species the first is the herbaceous ones that die back to the ground every fall, surviving as an underground crown of buds that emerge again each spring. Among these are the common garden peonies that can be found

in many northern and central North America yards. Beautiful flowers in colors from white to pink to magenta red and even some corals. The other main group of species is the Tree Peonies, that are in reality not trees but shrubs with wood stems that live year after year, unlike the really familiar herbaceous peonies. Remember that the Tree Peonies are shrubs and never prune them to the ground. These peonies are slow growing but the rewards are worth it. The flowers are considerably larger than the herbaceous peonies. All peonies have highly dissected leaves and flowers with a number of petals that hold a ring of stamens within which are one to fifteen carpels each carpel when pollinated produces a follicle which holds several large seeds.

While peony flowers are beautiful it was the medicinal properties

of the peony roots that were of importance historically. The roots contain many different chemical compounds that have shown medical properties such as antioxidants, antitumor, antipathogenic, cardiovascular-system-protective activities and central-nervous-system activities. Historically the roots were used for treating ailments such as asthma, migraines, epilepsy, liver problems and menstrual issues. The flowers were called Queen of Flowers by some cultures and King of Flowers in other cultures.

Whichever cultivar of our garden peonies you choose they are easy to grow especially the herbaceous ones, you will truly enjoy having them in your garden. Just remember the native species is not very common, today, so please leave them be.



L: Western wil peony. Flower photo via BLM, bud photo by Christy Solo R: a variety of peonies. Photos by Dr. F. Alice LeDuc

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Jackson County Sheriff Arrests

(Editor's Note: Factual information for citations/arrests are provided by official law enforcement agencies. *All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.* Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Thursday, April 23
Hutchinson, Erica Lee, F, 27, WC, parole violaton robbery 3
Johnson, Jacob Daniel, M, 28, EP, pa-

role violation aggravated harassment
Friday, April 24
Winter, Tyler James, M, 32, WC, felony trespassing M, 23, WC, disorderly conduct 2, harassment
Saturday, April 25
M, 59, WC, three counts trespassing
Gwin, Barry Walter, M, 72, BF, aggravated animal abuse 1 M, 63, WC, unlawful possession of meth
Monday, April 27

F, 30, WC, FTA theft 2
Lopez Padilla, Juan Carlos, M, 55, WC, fail to report as sex offender
M, 36, EP, assault 4 misdemeanor domestic abuse
Stansell, Rex Allen Jr., M, 62, EP, driving while suspended or revoked, felony trespassing
Tuesday, April 28
M, 50, EP, FTA theft 3, two counts FTA DUII alcohol,

FTA driving while suspended or revoked, two counts FTA reckless driving
Nething, John Robert Jr., M, 32, SC, disorderly conduct 2, parole violation burglary 2
Pope, Jessica Ann Marie, F, 34, WC, FTA aggravated identity theft, four counts FTA forgery 2, FTA forgery 1, four counts FTA aggravated theft 1, FTA unlawful possession of meth

Wednesday, April 29
M, 23, EP, two counts DUII alcohol, criminal mischief 2
M, 42, EP, unlawful possession of a schedule II controlled substance
F, 37, WC, contempt of court violate release agreement
M, 69, WC, trespassing, theft 2
Thursday, April 30
Bessey, Robert Anthony, M, 33, EP, felony trespassing, pa-

role violation unlawful possession of meth
M, 36, EP, city ordinance offense, unlawful possession of meth
M, 62, EP, trespassing
M, 46, EP, reckless driving
F, 54, SC, three counts unlawful possession of meth, FTA theft 2
Richardson, Adam Michael, M, 47, EP, two counts fail to report as sex offender

Eagle Point Police Citations and Arrests

Thursday, April 23
Medford male was cited for speeding
Friday, April 24

Eagle Point male was cited for speeding
White City male was cited for no motorcycle endorsement and warned for

illegal alteration or display of plates and speeding
Saturday, April 25
Medford female was cited for expired

registration and warned for failure to obey traffic control device and failure to use a seatbelt
Terrebonne male was cited for

driving uninsured and driving while suspended
Monday, April 27
Eagle Point female was cited for



ComParrot Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?

by Bonnie J. Malcolm



Solution: 1. Buckle on man's hat is missing. 2. Extra foam on mug. 3. Leaf on plant is missing. 4. Dart behind backpack is missing. 5. Target on dartboard is colored in. 6. Pocket on man's pants is colored in. 7. Shamrock on tablecloth has moved. 8. Dart on floor has moved. 9. Shamrock on lady's shirt has moved. 10. Man's vest is different. 11. Pot on shelf is larger. 12. Stripe on rug is wider.

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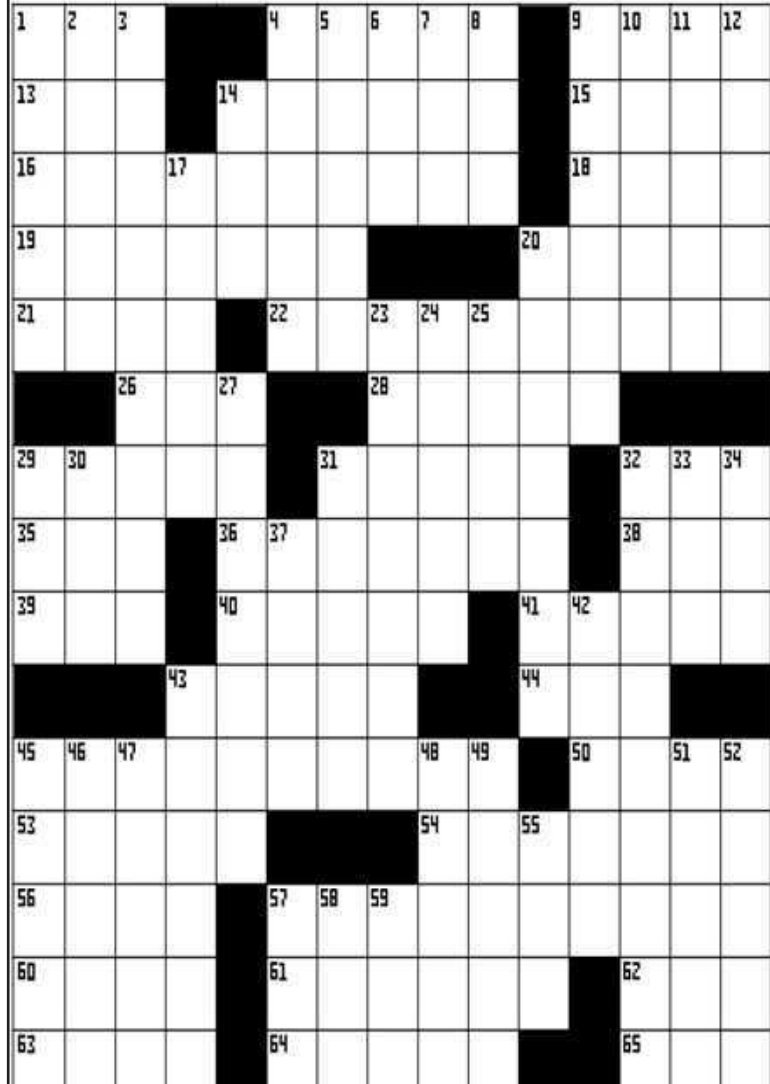
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 - Big laugh
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 - Pastoral sound
 - Surrealist Max
 - Branch
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 - Enclose, as a porch
 - Sugary stuff
 - Distiller Walker
 - Snare
 - Topping for fancy chocolate
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 - Mayflower Compact signer
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 - Campaign pro
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 - Deposit
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 - What Lot's wife looked back at
 - Pastoral poem
 - Stat for a reliever
 - Nancy Drew's beau
 - Jam site
 - Everymutt
 - WWII attacker
 - New Hampshire prep school town
 - Fanny
 - Baby blanket, perhaps
 - Subtle "Over here!"
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 - Japanese drama
 - Hardens
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 - Prefix with caching

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Recipe Corner:

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Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich with Pesto

- Ingredients** (for Schnitzel)
- 1 kg (2.2 lb) large boneless, skinless chicken breasts (halved horizontally to form thinner steaks, see note 1)
 - 1 tsp sea salt flakes or ¾ tsp regular table salt, plus extra for seasoning
 - ½ tsp freshly cracked black pepper
 - 75 g (½ cup) plain (all-purpose) flour
 - 3 eggs, whisked
 - 180 g (3 cups) panko breadcrumbs
 - Oil, for cooking

Directions (for Schnitzel)

1. Prepare the schnitzels – Sprinkle the chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Use your hands to ensure they are coated evenly (do not skip this step if oven-baking; this is what ensures your schnitzels remain juicy during the cooking process).

2. Set up your “crumbing station”: spread the flour out on a large piece of baking paper, spread the panko breadcrumbs out on

a separate large piece of baking (parchment) paper and have the whisked egg ready in a large shallow bowl (see note 2 about the breadcrumbs if baking).

3. Coat the chicken, piece by piece, in the flour, shaking off the excess. Dip in the egg mixture, then press into the breadcrumbs, ensuring all sides are evenly coated. Repeat with remaining chicken, flour, egg mixture and breadcrumb mixture. Transfer the crumbed chicken to a plate.
4. Choose your cooking method – Follow the instructions below for your preferred cooking method.

5. Deep frying – Heat approximately 600 ml (20½ fl oz) of a high smoke-point oil (such as canola/rapeseed oil, vegetable oil, rice bran oil, sunflower oil or avocado oil) over medium-high heat in a large, heavy-based, deep frying pan. Deep-frying requires the oil to be at least 1.5 cm (½ inch) deep and covering the base of the pan (to ensure the chicken is cooked evenly with a golden coating all over).

6. Cook the chicken in batches for 8–12 minutes or until golden brown,

turning regularly. Do not overcrowd the pan; the chicken pieces shouldn't be touching each other.

7. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel to drain excess oil.

8. Shallow frying – Heat ¼ cup (60 ml) of olive oil in a large, heavy-based frying pan over medium-high heat.

9. Cook the chicken in batches for 4–5 minutes on each side until golden and cooked through. Cooking using this method will result in an equally crispy crumb as when deep-frying, but the golden coating may be less even (there may be spots that are darker than others).

10. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel to drain excess oil.

- Ingredients** (for sandwich)
- 4 long sourdough rolls, or baguette sections halved lengthways
 - 4 tbsp basil pesto, storebought or homemade
 - 4 cooked chicken schnitzels
 - 2 large tomatoes, finely sliced
 - 200 g (7 oz) fresh mozzarella, finely sliced
 - Sea salt flakes
 - Freshly cracked

- black pepper
 - 90 g (2 cups) rocket (arugula)
 - 4 tbsp whole-egg mayonnaise
- Directions** (for sandwich)
1. Toast the rolls – Preheat the oven grill (broiler) to high. Place the rolls cut-side up on a baking tray. Toast under the grill for 1–2 minutes until golden and slightly crisp.

2. Assemble the rolls – Spread the pesto on the base of each roll. Top with a chicken schnitzel, followed by the sliced tomato and mozzarella. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Finish and serve – Top the cheese with rocket, spread the mayo on the top half of each roll, then place it on top of the sandwich. Press down gently, slice in half, and serve immediately, or pack up for your picnic

Pasta Salad with Cucumber

- Ingredients**
- 8 ounces Penne pasta
 - 1 Tablespoon olive oil
 - 1-2 medium cucumbers (peeled and thinly sliced)
 - 1 medium white onion (thinly sliced)

- 1- 1/2 cups granulated sugar
 - 3/4 cup white vinegar
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
 - 1 Tablespoon yellow mustard
 - 1 Tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- Directions**

1. Cook the Penne pasta until al dente. Drain and rinse in cold water. Lightly coat the pasta with olive oil to prevent the noodles from sticking together.
2. While the pasta cooks, slice the cucumbers and onion. Once cooled, put the pasta in a large bowl and add sliced vegetables.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining ingredients. Pour over salad and stir to coat. Cover and chill for 4 hours. Refrigerate leftovers.

S'mores Cookie Bars

- Ingredients**
- ½ cup unsalted butter (softened)
 - ⅔ cup brown sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - ½ teaspoon baking

- soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup crushed graham crackers (about 4 crackers)
- ½ cup marshmallow creme
- ½ cup milk chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and line 8×8 baking dish with parchment paper.
2. Cream together butter and sugar. Then gently beat in egg and vanilla.
3. Mix in baking soda, salt, flour, and crushed graham crackers until dough forms.
4. Press 3/4 of the dough into the baking dish. Then, gently spread the marshmallow creme over the top and sprinkle with chocolate chips.
5. Gently press the remaining dough on top of the bar mixture. There should be some marshmallow creme and chocolate chips visible.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Let cool completely before cutting and serving.

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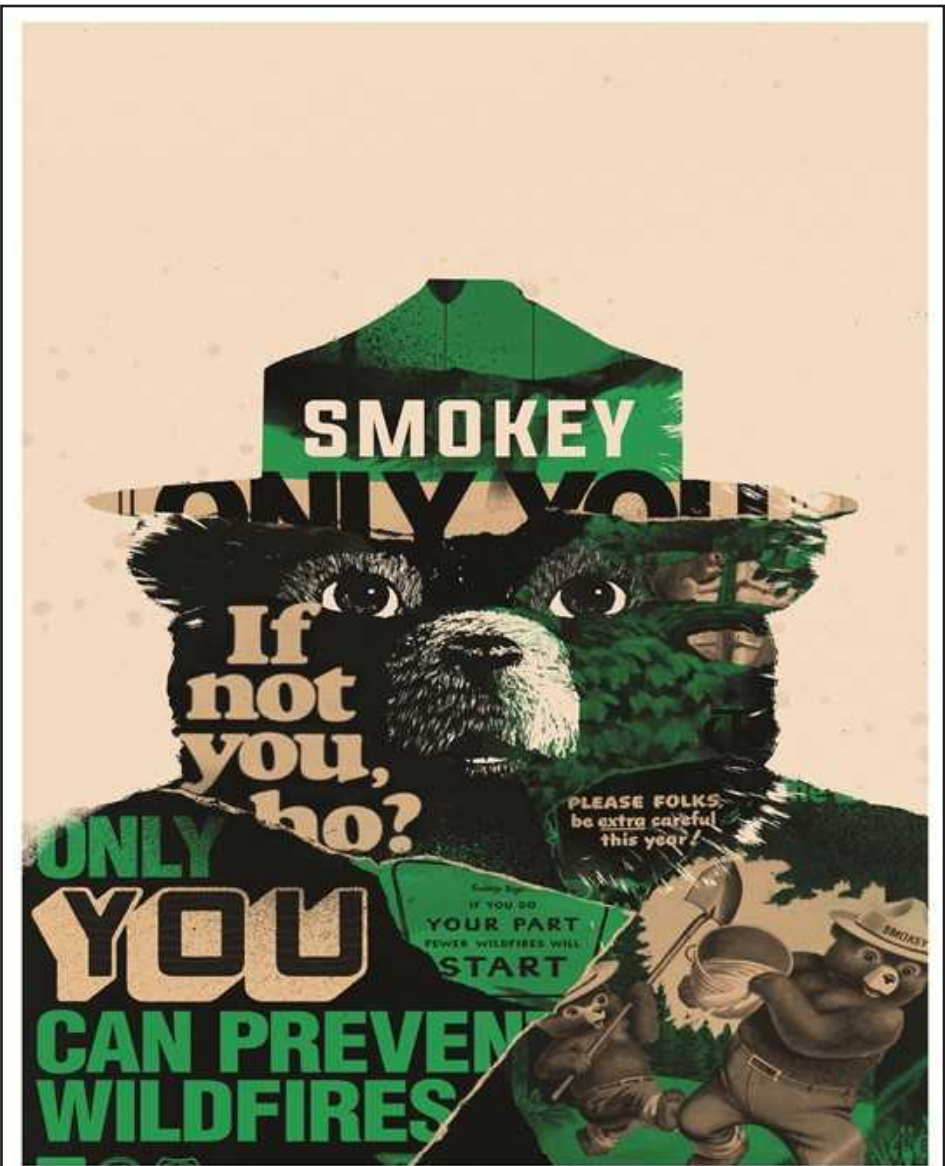
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Council ... Continued from Pg. 1

It was also reported in June of last year that local agencies outside of Oregon searched the networks of local law enforcement agencies hundreds of times on behalf of ICE according to the Oregonian Law Center.

The new law also requires any vendor that contracts with law enforcement agencies must provide monthly and quarterly audits which must also be made available to the public. The audits would include information such as the number of unique vehicles the system captured, what kind of data was searched for, the purpose of a search by any government agency for whom any law enforcement agency conducted a search.

Chief Hamilton explained that the cameras “capture just the license plate and nothing else;” it can’t tell them who or how many passengers are there.

Note: This is partially correct. Flock cameras do not capture

passenger information. However they do capture more than “just the license plate.” Per Flock Safety’s FAQ on their website:

“Flock Safety cameras apply machine learning to the footage they capture to identify important details that traditional LPR cameras overlook. Besides just a license plate number, Flock Safety captures and organizes vehicles into categories based on:

- Make
- Model
- Color
- Resident or non-resident vehicle
- Timestamp
- Type of plate (standard v. temporary)
- Damage or alterations (i.e. broken taillight, after-market wheels)”

Hamilton then gave a recent example of Flock usage. A call from concerned parents that their daughter may have been abducted. Officers looked at camera footage for the time and place where the vehicle may have passed. They came up with a plate, ran it

to identify the owner and made contact with the man who explained his son asked to borrow the car to drop a female friend at a third party’s house. After confirming she was safe and there was no foul play, they informed the family that their daughter was at a friend’s house.

Hamilton went on to explain that the five cameras were provided by a government grant that’s about to expire. He is hoping to get funding in the next budget to keep three of them. Of the three, two will remain at the main Walmart exits, and the third will be on Alta Vista Rd. The item will be presented in future budget hearings.

In other business, the city was asked to submit a new agreement with MADGE, the Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement. Eagle Point has an officer as part of the team which has been instrumental in the most recent gang-related graffiti in Eagle Point as well as a major county-



wide drug bust that included arrests in Eagle Point. Council President Kevin Walruff noted that the asset forfeiture of cash and property helps fund training and equipment for officers. Hamilton explained the reason for the new agreement was that he signed it and sent it to Medford only to discover it required the signature of the City Administrator instead.

The first resolution was a rate increase from Southern Oregon

Sanitation. The request was for a 2.7% increase as allowed under the current contract. The increase is about 63 cents per month, raising the cost of the average trash can from \$22.50 to 23.13 per month.

The final resolution was a request to revise the job description for the position of Public Works Operations Supervisor. The position is second in command under Public Works Director Bret Marshall and is currently vacant.

Marshall stated he felt the description was outdated, and the salary level was too high due to less responsibility. Both resolutions passed by a 6-0 vote.

In conclusion, it was announced the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission will meet May 4, and the Council will hear the plans for a new home on the recently cleared land at the corner of S. Royal Rd. and Old Hwy 62 at their May 12 meeting.

Bigfoot ... Continued from Pg. 1

Protective parents

As cute as the animals may appear, people should remember that wildlife can be, well, wild.

Ducks are docile on the nest, but Canada geese and swans can be aggressive, said John Coluccy, of the conservation group Ducks Unlimited. A goose can knock a person to ground and hit them hard enough to break a bone, he said.

“They’re very, very aggressive. They’re long-lived and they protect their reproductive investment very vigorously,” Coluccy said.

Quillian noted that in parts of the West, people may encounter elk calves, usually in forested and coastal areas, but possibly even near homes. Elk can weigh 500 pounds (225 kilograms) or more, and cow elk also are incredibly protective of their young.

“It’s amazing to see wildlife, to get that opportunity, but we have to give them distance, respect their space, especially when they have young,” she said.

In Florida, alligators breed and nest from April to June. Female



alligators often build nests that resemble piles of leaves, near ponds, retention basins and ditches. They aggressively guard their nests, often while hiding in water nearby, said North Florida Wildlife Center Animal Care Manager Darian Dowse.

The key is to keep your distance from mounds of leaves and to keep dogs on sidewalks, away from shorelines.

People with concerns about nests should call the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission, Dowse said.

Dealing with problems

Sometimes animals like raccoons, squirrels or foxes will hole up with their young in spots that just don’t work, such as in a covered boat.

One solution that doesn’t rely on live traps or hiring a pest control service is to install a shop lamp to flood the area with light, said Tami Vogel, executive director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota. A mom

will usually move her young within a couple days.

People can also install metal mesh to close off sheds and decks, she said.

Vogel said center staff try to educate people about their options.

“We want them to know we’re here as a safety net and what to look for if something goes wrong, and then the good news is, two weeks later, their neighbor may have a similar situation and they can pass along that information,” Vogel said.

What about

pets?

Dogs and cats are predators, so the key is to keep them close.

For Deal in Minnesota, a big concern for Martha’s safety

revolved around her family’s dog, Piper, who loves to chase animals.

Deal said the family made sure to keep Piper on a leash, and Martha didn’t seem to mind.

Rabbits are incredibly prolific in the Midwest and are one of the most common subjects of calls to the Minnesota center, in part because they nest in yards, Yohannes said.

The center recommends placing a laundry basket over a nest during the day to keep dogs away, and removing it near evening so the mother can tend to her young.

“One of the best pieces of advice I can give is just understanding that that period of coexisting with this nest or this family will be temporary,” Yohannes said.

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Crawlies with Cri: by Christy Solo - ONPA 1st Place Award Winner for Best Local Column

This week we'll meet a tiny, shiny pollinator. Meet the shining flower beetle (Family Phalacridae). Fun fact: Phalacridae comes from the Greek words for "shining" and "circle." Great when the name matches the crawl. These beetles are indeed both shiny and circular (well, oval, but we won't be pedantic).

At a mere 1/16" (1.5mm) you might wonder just how much pollen these bright beetles can move around. Most often shiners (as we'll call them) hang out in large groups on flowers and pollinate by sheer volume. Because they are beetles, they can fly so they can really move pollen from flower to flower despite their teeny-ness.

With a common name that includes "flower" we're led to believe adult shiners only dine on pollen, but they have a second common name that tells us what other types of foods they enjoy – shining mold beetles. Not as

pretty a name, but mold-eating beetles are pretty useful. There are 122 species of shiners in North America and many of these species are host plant specific. When it comes to flowers, they favor posies in the aster family (Asteraceae). Larval shiners will feed on fluids within the aster flower head; adults munch on the pollen. Larvae can't do too much damage to too many flowers or adults won't have pollen to dine on. Nature is all about balance.

So if you see a large group of these bitty, bright beetles on a flower, you might worry they are causing a lot of damage, but they are not.

You're most likely to see shiners in the Genus *Olibrus* on flowers. Mold nomming shiners here in Oregon are in the Genus *Stilbus*.

There are 12 genera of shiners in North America, but we have representatives from just those two here in Oregon. More

southern areas of the US have more shining flower beetle diversity and more genera are represented.

Shiners who feast on mold are more likely to be found on grasses and grains than on flowers because they dine on spores of ergot, smut and rust. Those may sound like the partners in the weirdest law firm ever (or possibly the best band name ever), but they are all fungi which live on plants. Ergot – which grows on rye - can be very dangerous to mammals if consumed, but shiners love them!

Not only do mold shiners eliminate some fungi and molds, but they can draw attention to crops or other grains, grasses or plants with ergot, smut and rust infestations by being shiny beacons of "fungi found here!" It's crucial these fungal infestations are found. For example, rusts are among the most harmful pathogens to agriculture, horticulture and

forestry. That said, finding *Stilbus* shiners does not mean there is nasty ergot, smut or rust around. They also eat other types of fungi such as mushrooms.

And that said, sadly we have very few shining flower beetles here in Oregon – despite our vast amounts of both fungi and asters.

There are 4,705

recorded sightings of shiners on iNaturalist, and a mere 41 of those are here in Oregon. Luckily for us we have many other pollinators to keep our asters blooming.

If you'd like to see a shiner in real life, now is as good a time as any. They are on the wing here from April – June. Of course you might see one later in the year

as well, but they only have one generation of young per season.

Adults are already out and about because some young will overwinter snug beneath the soil in their pupal form and hatch out as soon as the weather warms enough. Then they will search for flowers or fungi and start working on this year's new generation.



A few views of the very shiny - and cute - shining flower beetle (Family Phalacridae). Photos by Christy Solo

World ...

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But I digress. Once a year the City of Sacramento would designate a certain day in your neighborhood where you could put anything on the curb (within environmental restrictions) and it would be collected and taken to the dump at no

charge. That was the night I would cruise the neighborhood for cast-off bikes, especially kid's bikes.

I would sort out the castoffs as to what could be saved and what were just available for parts and then proceeded to assemble bicycles from

what was salvaged, and I gave them away to neighborhood kids in need. It got to the point that every bike within a three-block radius was brought to me because I became the local bike repair shop.

Fast forward to today and all things

transportation are moving toward electric. I'm seeing more and more scooters of varying speed and power cruising local streets, and a young neighbor of mine just recently acquired her first electric bike. She needed some advice on assembly. Having no tools and

only YouTube videos, she reached the point of asking me for assistance.

I was able to help her put the final touches to the e-bike but the front disc brake rotor was rubbing and that adjustment was above my pay grade. I don't have the tools or the expertise

to adjust a disc brake or straighten a slightly out-of-line rotor.

So, here I am, decades later, still attempting to assist bike riders any way I can to keep them up and running (and not burning fossil fuel) as I look to plan my next adventure. I can't wait.

Rogue ...

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Still, I thought it would be worth trying a small experiment, especially as corn is listed as Band-tailed's number one "fave food" on the Cornell Project Feederwatch site.

So last week during my weekly Walmart trip, I bought a small bag of black-oil/corn mix. I planned on spreading it on the ground in an area of my yard away from most of the other feeders, maybe I could woo the

pigeons to one section (yeah, I'm an optimist).

Because I buy 40+ pounds of birdseed each week, I make two trips through Walmart. It's no fun hitting the food section with bulky, heavy seed bags in the cart. So, after purchasing and loading up all my seed stores in my car, I hit the pet food aisles. There I saw a new display; 40 lb. bags of cracked corn and whole kernel corn for...wait, what? For a mere \$10 for 40 lbs.

I really thought – as the display was new – that the price must be wrong.

Cracked and whole kernel corn was at minimum \$20 for 40 lbs. in the bird seed aisle, and often much more (see screen grabs of actual prices from Walmart's website this week).

So I didn't load up another bag but opted to first see if the pigeons would even eat the corn and second, if they did then I would

check Walmart's website to see if that whole \$10 for 40 was really true.

Upshot, yes the Band-tailed ate the corn. In fact I had a one-day massive influx of migrating Band-tailed which sent my yard population from 40 birds to just over 100 birds for 12 hours (see photos and video) and those pigeons ate a lot of corn.

Also, yes, that \$10 for 40 was correct. The "wild bird" corn and

the "livestock corn" are...the EXACT SAME CORN. It's all in the packaging, and I suppose some marketing person somewhere knowing folks who feed wild birds will spend more money *sigh*. It pays to research.

So from here out, \$10 for 40 corn is what the Bandies will get, and the more expensive (but still super cheap) seed will go into the "No Bandies Allowed" feeders.

The \$10 for 40 won't

help you much if you're only feeding songbirds. But whole kernel and cracked corn are great for many types of birds. It's almost always included in seed mixes and in high energy suet, so songbirds will eat the smaller cracked corn bits.

If you have quail, doves, pigeons or even squirrels and deer you like to feed, get you some of that \$10 for 40 "livestock" whole kernel corn and... you're welcome!

Pic 'n Pieces



From classic Fords to racy red Harley's the May 2 Car Show hosted by the Eagle Point High School Band was stylin'. The show raised money for the band's trip to San Diego later this year.



The annual plant sale by the Eagle Point High School agricultural program began May 2 from 7 a.m. to noon and people were lined up to buy all types of plants and flower baskets. The program is run by Curtis North who teaches advanced horticulture, Traci Dulavy who teaches introduction to horticulture and first-year Ag instructor Hannah Alto. All Photos by Wayne Lee