ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

Smoke, smoke and more smoke, hopefully the recent rain will help clear our air and get us back to our beautiful Roseburg weather. The nearby wildfires have also caused some of our trips into the mountains to be cancelled. If you have signed up or are interested in an outing, check with the front desk for changes to our schedule, and possible different activities to enjoy.

Recently, Gene has been hard at working maintaining our lawns and putting green. The recent clods of dirt everywhere were not the result of some strange animal, just some aerating and lawn reseeding occurring. These steps will help ensure the continued beauty and health of our grounds.

Interest in Linus Oakes is as busy as ever. New residents arriving, tours, and inquiries have been very active this summer. Labor Day weekend was very busy with new folks moving into Linus Oakes. We had several new residents move in over the weekend, and so there are many new faces on campus, to welcome to their new homes!

Finally, our new phone system is still being worked on. Some new equipment has been ordered which will help with reliability and quality. We are also scheduled to have our regular numbers completely transferred over by the end of the month. We appreciate everyone’s patience during our recent transition. Have a stupendous September!

Sincerely,
Mike Ryan

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Welcome Home!

Several new residents have moved in recently, bringing lots of new faces. The staff at Linus Oakes would like to extend a big Welcome Home to all our new residents.

Old Time Poem

Can you sit in the shade of the palm of your hand,
Or beat on the drum of your ear?
Does the calf in your leg eat the corn on your toes?
Then why not grow corn on your ears?
And where can a man buy a cap for his knees, Or a key for the lock of his hair?
Would your eyes be called an academy because you have pupils there?
In the crown of your head, what jewels are there?
Who travels the bridge of your nose?
Could you use, in shingling the roof of your mouth,
The nails on the end of your toes?
Can the crook of your elbow be sent to jail?
If so, what would he do?
How can you sharpen your shoulder blades?
I’ll be darned if I know, do you?
Submitted by ~Unknown

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The Elderly Gentleman

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said,

‘Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.’

The gentleman replied, ‘Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I’ve changed my will three times!’

Submitted by Stan Stevens

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Advice From a Wildflower

Show your true colors
Delight in simple pleasures
Celebrate your natural beauty
Open Up! Spread seeds of joy!
It’s ok to be a late bloomer
Be wild and wonderful!

Submitted by Helen Cassidy
Banana Split
A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, “Crushed nuts?”
“No,” he replied, “Arthritis.”
Submitted by Stan Stevens

Google’s Pizza
“Hello! Gordon’s pizza?”
“No sir, this is Google’s pizza.”
“Sorry, I must have dialed a wrong number.”
“No sir, Google bought out Gordon’s Pizza a short while ago.”
“OK. Take my order please.”
“OK sir, would you like your usual?”
“The usual? You know me?”
“According to our caller ID database, your last 12 orders were for pizza with cheese and sausage toppings, thick crust and crisp.”
“OK! That’s it...”
“May I suggest this time you add ricotta, arugula with dry tomato toppings?”
“What? I hate vegetables.”
“Your cholesterol is not good, sir.”
“How do you know that?”
“We cross-matched your phone number with your name and your online medical portal. We have the result of your blood tests for the past 7 years.”
“Okay, but I do not want those toppings, I already take medicine...”
“Excuse me, but you have not taken your medicine regularly. We can see from our database, that 4 months ago, you only purchased a box with 30 cholesterol tablets at CVS.”
“I bought more from another pharmacy.”
“Such a transaction is not showing in your credit card account.”
“I paid in cash.”
“But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your recent bank statement.”
“I have another source of cash.”
“That is not showing as per your latest tax return unless you obtained it from an undeclared income source.”
“WHAT THE......!?"

I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the intention of helping you.”
“Enough! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp. I'm going to an Island without internet, cable TV where there is no cell phone service and no one to spy on me.”
“I understand sir, but you'll need to renew your passport first, as it expired 6 weeks ago!”

Submitted by Larry & Lloyd King

Can You Meet These Challenges?
Only 55 out of 100 people can read these out loud. The first challenge is words with the letters out of order, the second is words with numbers.

I cdnuolt blveiee that I cluod aulacity udsdatnrd what I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the human mind aoccdrnig to a rsheearch at Cmabrigde Unervtisy, it dsenot mtaer in what oerdr the ltteres in a word are, the only ipromtnt thing is that the frsit and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae.

Now let us try it with numbers.

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 70 PROV3 HOW OUR M1ND5 C4N DO 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1Ng 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 NOW, YOUR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17 4U7OM471C4LLY.

If you could read these, you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer’s is a long way down the road.

Submitted by Donna Hurd

Facts, Fiction & The Kitchen
After hearing residents’ requests for lower sodium foods, Jolene has switched to low sodium gravy for many of the dishes.

Upcoming Events

September
24th Live On Stage ~Steven Vanhauwaert
28th Picnic at Bullard’s Beach

October
5th Eugene Shopping Trip

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Southern cops have a way with words!

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't...... Sign here."

Submitted by Larry & Lloyd King

ONIONS

In 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people, there was this doctor that visited many farmers to see if he could help them combat the flu. Many of the farmers and their families had contracted it and many died.

The doctor came upon one farmer and, to his surprise, everyone was very healthy. When the doctor asked what the farmer was doing that was different, the wife replied that she had placed and unpeeled onion in a dish in the rooms of the home (probably two rooms back then). The doctor couldn’t believe it and asked if he could have one of the onions.

She gave him one, and when he placed it under the microscope, he found the flu virus in the onion. It had obviously absorbed the bacteria, thereby keeping the family healthy.

Now, I heard this story from my hairdresser in Arizona. She said that several years ago, many of her employees were coming down the flu and so many of her customers. The next year she placed several bowls with onions around in her shop and, to her surprise, none of her staff got sick. It must work, and no, she is not in the onion business.

The moral of the story is buy some onions and place them in bowls around your home.

Submitted by ~ Unknown

Keep them coming!!

Everyone has a story. If you have something you would like to share in the Acorn, email or bring it by the front desk before the 25th of each month and we will put it in the Acorn. Please be sure to include your name. Your participation is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Thank you.

In Memory

Elaine Porter

March 27, 1926 ~ July 5, 2017
A Dove Story - 2016

Since it is almost spring, I decided I'd better get this written before the doves come back.

Last year, as soon as daylight savings time began, I took my cat out on the deck after supper. Imagine our surprise to find the dove couple already building their nest. (They had never come before June in the past.) So, poor Kitty had a very short season of deck time. None, actually, since they stayed until after Labor Day.

My friend, Irene Hathaway, who lives just opposite my deck in Laurelwood Lodge, had a much better view than I do, plus she can see better than me, kept a record of their activities for me.

On March 25, she observed the dove sitting on the nest. On April 28, the doves left the nest, we assume they hatched out some chicks, but we never saw them. They kept them well hidden.

On April 30, they are back on the nest, and on May 23, they hatched out one chick.

On May 31, they flew away, to return on June 2 to the nest. In late June, two chicks hatched.

On July 6, the doves came back to the nest, but I don’t have a record of how many chicks hatched in July.

On August 7, they were back on the nest and one chick was hatched on August 26. That one was slow to develop, so it was after Labor Day before they departed the nest.

Many thanks to Irene for keeping a record for me.

We will see if and when they return this year. 2016 my have been there last hoorah! After all they have been coming for five years.

Submitted by Ann Peabody

Hello -- I Have Questions!

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren’t they just stale bread to begin with?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn’t it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Lipton Tea employees take ‘coffee breaks’?

What hair color do they put on the driver’s licenses of bald men?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?

What happened to Preparations A through G?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds when they already know you’re broke?

Why doesn’t Tarzan have a beard?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?

Submitted by Unknown

Random Words of Wisdom

1. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

2. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

3. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

4. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

5. I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

6. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

7. Old age is coming at a really bad time.

8. When I was a child I thought “Nap Time” was a punishment. Now, it feels like a small vacation.

9. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

10. I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

11. Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

12. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

13. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

14. Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

15. At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I went in there for.

Submitted by Larry & Lloyd King
English Lesson

I'll bet you were never aware of one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep. This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is "UP". It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

Phenomenal 2 letter word.

**UP**

Read until the end ... you'll laugh.

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now . . . my time is **UP**!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

**U**

**P**!

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Don't screw **UP**. Send this on to everyone you look **UP** in your address book . . . or not . . . it's **UP** to you. Now I'll shut **UP**!