



Warner Creek Trails

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March's Zodiac signs

Pisces (February 20 to March 20) and Aries (March 21 to April 20).

WINNING WORDS:

*I Martius am! Once first,
and now third!
To lead the Year was my
appointed place;
A mortal dispossessed
me by a word,
And set there Janus with
the double face.
—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow, American
poet (1807–82)*

The Month of March

“March” is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon and the return of Daylight Saving Time! Here are important dates, gardening tips, and early spring recipes to celebrate the start of spring. “March” is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

In the early Roman calendar, March (or *Martius*) was the **first** month of the calendar year. As March brought the first day of spring with the vernal equinox, it was the start of new beginnings.

March became the third month when January and February, which were added to the end of the Roman calendar around 700 BCE, instead became the first and second months around 450 BCE.

*The brown buds thicken on the trees,
Unbound, the free streams sing,
As March leads forth across the leas
The wild and windy spring.*

—Elizabeth Akers Allen (1832–1911)

March Calendar

March 8 is **International Women's Day**, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

March 10 is the start of **Daylight Saving Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

March 10 also marks the start of **Ramadan**, which begins at sundown. In Islam, Ramadan is considered a holy month when a month-long, sunrise-to-sunset fast is observed.

March 15 is the **Ides of March!** Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!

March 17 is **St. Patrick's Day**. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.

March 19 brings about the **March equinox**—also called the **vernal** or **spring equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, this date marks the **autumnal equinox** and the beginning of fall. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth's equator.

March 24 is **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.

March 29-31 are known as the **Borrowing Days**. According to lore, the last three days of March have a reputation for being stormy.

March 29 is **Good Friday**.

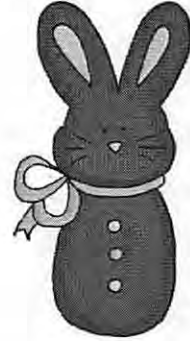
March 31 is Easter Sunday. (May 5 is Orthodox Easter.)



Just for Fun” Days

Did you know that March is National Umbrella Month? Here are some more wacky things to celebrate this month:

- ☐ **March 3:** What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day
- ☐ **March 11:** International Fanny Pack Day
- ☐ **March 13:** National Ear Muff Day
- ☐ **March 16:** National Panda Day
- ☐ **March 16:** Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- ☐ **March 23:** World Meteorological Day



March Astronomy The Full Worm Moon

March’s full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of **Monday, March 25, 2024**. Look for it on the evening of Sunday, March 24, as the moon rises above the horizon!

In Like a Leo, Out Like an Aries

You may have heard the weather proverb, “If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb,” which means that if the month starts off stormy, it will end with mild weather. There is, however, a different interpretation: The constellation Leo, the lion, rises in the east at the beginning of March. Thus, the month “comes in like a lion,” while Aries, the ram, sets in the west at the end of the month, and hence, the month “will go out like a lamb.”

The Start of Spring

The March equinox occurs on **Tuesday, March 19, 2023**. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season. In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn begins. At this time, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north. Also, on this day, the Sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west—a good thing to know if you get lost in the woods.

Folklore for the Season

- ☐ A wet spring, a dry harvest.
- ☐ On St. Patrick's Day, the warm side of a stone turns up, and the broad-back goose begins to lay.
- ☐ March comes in with adders' heads and goes out with peacocks' tails.
- ☐ Thunder in spring, Cold will bring.
- ☐ So many mists in March you see, So many frosts in May will be.
- ☐ In beginning or in end, March its gifts will send.
- ☐ Bleak winds assault us all around; Dances aloft, or skims the ground: See the school-boy—his hat in hand, While on the path he scarce can stand

March's birth flower

is the daffodil or jonquil. The daffodil signifies regard or unrequited love. The jonquil means "I desire a return of affection."

March's birthstone

is the aquamarine. This gem is a type of beryl; its color can be pale to dark blue, greenish-blue, or blue-green; deep, intense blue versions are more valuable.



*March
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*Printable
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Holidays*

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ST PATRICKS DAY
WOMENS DAY

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

DOWN SYNDROME DAY

SOCIAL WORK DAY

CUDDLY KITTEN DAY

PANDA DAY

PEANUT BUTTER LOVERS DAY

PROPOSAL DAY

GIRLS WRITE NOW DAY

ARTICHOKE HEARTS DAY

GODDESS OF FERTILITY DAY

SPINACH DAY

IRISH FOOD DAY

EARMUFF DAY

CANADIAN BACON DAY

PROM DAY

GOOF OFF DAY

AG DAY

WAFFLE DAY

RESCUE CAT DAY

PI DAY

COCKTAIL DAY

JOE DAY

PLANT A FLOWER DAY

TEENAGER DAY

MARIO DAY

JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY

FRENCH BREAD DAY

OK DAY

LANDLINE TELEPHONE DAY

March Education Dates:

12th. GED-Testing

14th. GED-Testing

20th. Last Day of The Term

21st-31st Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

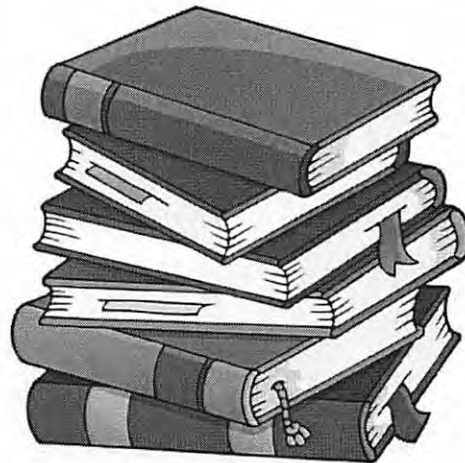
The 4 GED Subjects:

“Science: It doesn’t create new facts, it reduces old ignorance”

“Math: It’s the same in every language”

“Reading: It’s the most important way to learn”

“Social Studies: It’s a debate about what’s important”



Graduates for the month of
February 2024

Ian J. Rushing

Brian S. Trevino

Jake R. Harris,

George A. Brogdon

David R. Hernandez-Martinez

Congratulate these men on their
Accomplishment!!



Education Library

Book of the Month

127.BUR.01.001 – The Oregon Trail- A new American journey

By: Rinker Buck

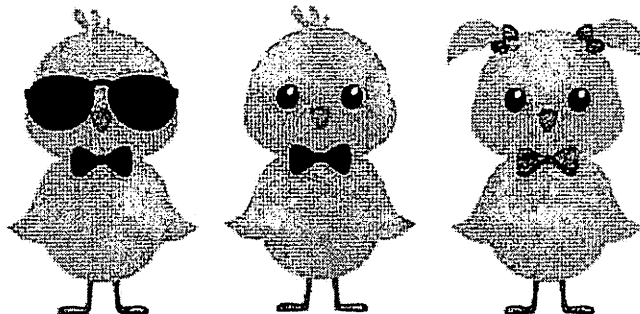
The Oregon Trail is an epic account of traveling the 2,000-mile length of the Oregon Trail the old-fashioned way, in a covered wagon with a team of mules.

Independent Study of the Month:

Nutrition Made Clear

This course focuses on proper nutrition, exercise, poor and healthy habits, maintaining a balanced diet, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. This course consists of 6 DVDs corresponding worksheets, and a final essay.

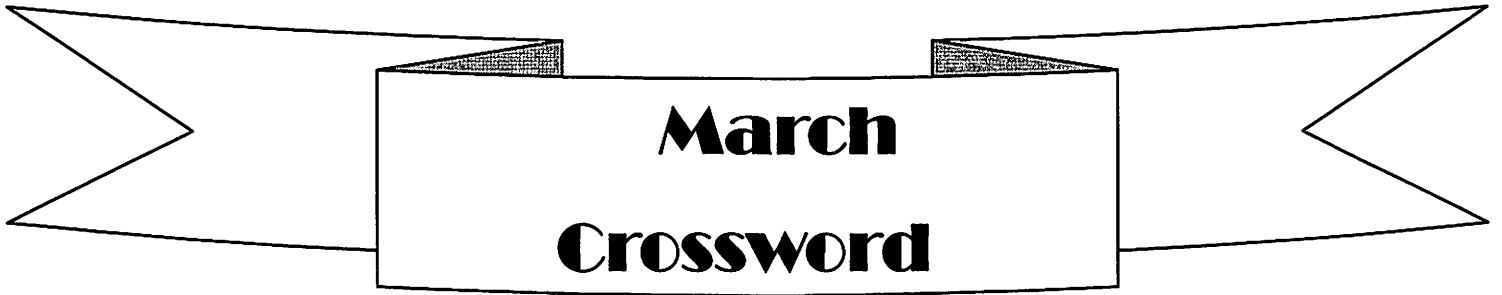
Course duration is 2-3 months. It is really difficult for us to maintain a healthy diet while incarcerated but we can prepare ourselves and our mind to be doing what we can, so that we may be in the best physical and mental shape when the time comes for release.



TV Catch phrases

How many popular television shows can you identify from this list of Iconic catch phrases?

1. "How sweet it is" _____
2. "Hi ho, Silver!" _____
3. "I'd like to buy a vowel." _____
4. "Now cut that out!" _____
5. "Good night, John Boy." _____
6. "Is that your final answer?" _____
7. "Stifle, Edith!" _____
8. "Sock it to me." _____
9. "Norm!" _____
10. "You've got spunk. I hate spunk!" _____
11. "Live long and prosper." _____
12. "It's a common word, something you see every day." _____
13. "Say kids, what time is it?" _____
14. "This tape will self-destruct in five seconds." _____



March Crossword

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15						16			17				18
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		24						25				26	
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	59	60							61	62		63	64
65								66				67	
67				68					69				

Across

Down

1. That's Amore.	1. Not in the win column.
5. Valentine message medium. (2 Wds)	2. Female gamete (pl.)
12. Roundish.	3. Annual sweetheart.
13. Wind sheltered side.	4. Raise.
14. By way or (abbr).	5. Essential organ.
15. Not full priced.	6. Expression of concern.
16. Above the tangible world.	7. Return to original state.
19. Highest peak.	8. New Years, to the Vietnamese.
22. Information System (abbr).	9. Stop, to a ship's captain.
23. College degree (abbr).	10. Nothing.
24. Lacking courtesy.	11. Yes in Russian.
25. It gets you standing.	17. Arabian money.
27. Starbucks specialty.	18. Liturgical song.
29. Aural organ.	20. East-southeast (abbr).
31. National (abbr).	21. Light sensitive sensory structure.
32. A great body of water.	23. Feathery scarf.
33. Flower support.	26. Communicate indirectly.
35. Follows Malachi.	27. B for one.
36. Commandment number.	28. Greek god of war.
38. Against.	30. Assigned to a unit (mil.)
40. African fly.	34. MLK event starting in Selma, ALA
42. Agricultural by nature.	35. Follows the OT.
43. Plastic thickness measurement.	37. Legal matter (Latin).
45. Intentionally so written.	39. Seaweed sushi wrapper.
47. Bring into existence.	41. Related to the palm of your hand.
49. 3-13th century Germanic letters.	44. Is not (opp).
52. Exclamation!	46. Input / Output (abbr).
53. One of these.	48. Glossy coating.
54. Navigate (abbr).	50. Determinate quantities.
56. Each (abbr).	51. Accumulates cash.
58. One to a Scot.	55. Endow with particular authority.
59. MLK speech (4 words)	57. Activate
63. Ancient Sumerian city.	60. Owns.
65. Beauty attracts these.	61. Aural organ.
66. Maleic acid relative.	62. Beer type.
67. International Space Station (abbr).	63. Utah player.
68. Eye malady.	64. Foul caller, for short.
69. Release from post or duty.	65. Yes to the Spanish.
	67. Artificial Intelligence (abbr).

Did you know with Mr. Hassard

Why is the date of Easter not the same each year? The date of Easter depends on both the beginning of Spring AND the next full moon: Easter is the first Sunday AFTER the first full moon AFTER the first day of Spring. If there's a full moon on March 22, then the next Sunday is Easter. If the first full moon after the start of Spring isn't for another couple weeks, then Easter will be a Sunday in April. (Orthodox Christianity uses a slightly different formula than Catholic and Protestant Christianity)

Mardi Gras, Carnival, Lent and Ash Wednesday are all related to Easter, too. Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" and it's 41 days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is the next day, and the beginning of Lent, when Catholics "abstain" from something – so "Fat Tuesday" is last day to "party" before beginning to abstain during Lent.

Why is there a Spring Break but not a Fall one? Spring Break goes back to farming days when all hands were needed for planting time. Apparently harvest time was easier.

The first day of Spring (and Fall) are called "Equinox" which means "equal night" because those two days are the only ones that are EXACTLY 12 hours of light/dark everywhere on the planet. The first day of Summer and Winter are called "Solstice" because the sun is at its maximum in June, and its minimum in December, making the longest and shortest days. All the rest of the days are slowly getting longer between Winter Solstice and Summer Solstice, then they begin to get shorter again.

There are lots of stories about why Green is the color for **St Patrick's Day**, but Ireland is known as the "Emerald Isle" so that helps! (Protestants like Orange because it was William of Orange –husband of Mary – who conquered Ireland for England. There is a college in Virginia called William and Mary, named after them. Ireland's flag is green, white and orange.)

A four-leaf clover is supposed to be lucky, but the regular three-leaf clover was used by St Patrick to help represent the Holy Trinity.

March is named after the Roman god Mars. The first six months of the calendar are Roman gods, the next 2 are Roman Emperors and the final four used to just be the number for 7-10, but when Augustus changed the calendar to add July and August (the only 31-day months in a row), it made "sept" the ninth instead of the seventh, "oct" became tenth instead of the obvious eighth. "Nov" is nine and "Dec" is ten. We have some Norse god day names and pre-Christian Roman month names...because counting the days and seasons is much older than any religion.



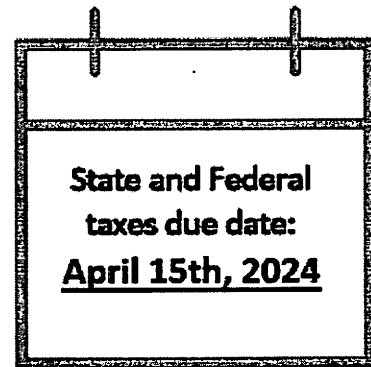
Financial Services

Informational Briefing

Adult in Custody (AIC) 2024 Tax Information

The Department of Corrections (DOC) will not provide federal or state tax forms to AICs.

- AICs may write or call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Oregon Department of Revenue to request tax forms.
- AICs may elect to reach out to their friends and family to request they send tax forms in through the mail. All incoming mail is subject to the Departments rule on mail, 291-131-0025.
- DOC staff / legal assistants are not authorized to provide tax advice or status updates on filings to AICs.
- AICs may appoint a qualified and trusted person as their power of attorney (POA) to assist with the tax filing process. POA forms can be obtained by submitting a Library Request form (CD1714).



AICs will need to use their own pre-addressed postage paid envelope for tax correspondence and filings.

Oregon Department of Treasury Tax Forms Requests	Internal Revenue Service Tax Forms Requests
Department of Revenue P.O. Box 14999 Salem, OR 800-356-4222	Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Ogden, UT 84201-0002 800-829-3676

Questions?

AICs may submit an AIC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.oregon.gov.

WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER

Deadline: **March 17, 2024**

Working as a wildland fire fighter is long, hard, strenuous work. The hours may be 16 hours a day in inclement weather over uneven terrain. If selected, you will be trained in Wildland Fire Fighting, CPR/First Aid, and Food Safety. **You may be deployed as part of a fire suppression crew or camp support crew which could include food service duties.**

If you would also like to be considered for the chainsaw training, write "*Interested in Chainsaw Training*" below the signature line on the application form. Note, there are limited number of seats available for chainsaw training.

AN APPLICATION FORM IS REQUIRED

Address applications to: IWP Fire

Qualifications:

Must be classified with a custody level of: **MINIMUM 1 UNFENCED**

Must Have a Release Date after **August 31, 2024**

Must not have any medical holds or restrictions currently, or within the last 6 months; must pass medical screening

Conduct history, program compliance and staff input will be considered

No major misconduct in the last 12 months

No program fails in the last 6 months

Good oral communication skills

High Blood Pressure - Hypertension

What it is: *Consistent blood pressure reading of 140/90 and above is considered high

Why it is bad for you: *can increase your chances of having a stroke or a heart attack
*can damage vital organs in the body if left untreated.

What causes it:

Things you can't control-

- *increased age/ male gender
- *Family history/Race (more common in African Americans)
- *Other chronic conditions such as kidney disease and diabetes

Things within your control-

- *Smoking increases high blood pressure
- *Obesity/poor diet (especially high in salt) /high cholesterol
- *Lack of exercise

Having a stressful lifestyle or inability to handle stress in a healthy way can contribute to hypertension.

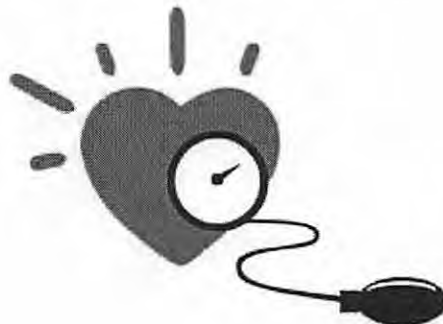
What you can do:

- * change the things you are able to change, stop smoking, decrease salt intake, eat healthy and exercise regularly.
- *take medications as prescribed
- *get your blood pressure checked regularly

At WCCF, blood pressure screenings are offered in medical most weekends and are announced by unit.

When your unit is called, you can come to medical and be screened.

You may also sign up on the "sick call" sheet any day and be screened the next day.



LAW LIBRARY

UPDATES

LAST CHANCE

Library Services issues DOC thumb drives for AIC use for saving and storing legal documents only. Legal documents are defined in OAR 291-139-0110 (10). In accordance with that rule, correspondence with legal counsel does not meet the definition of legal documents.

Correspondence to counsel may not be typed in the library and may not be saved to a DOC thumb drive assigned for AIC use. If you have correspondence with your attorney saved to your assigned library thumb drive, please submit a Library Request form for time to come to the library, print, and delete the correspondence.

THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BY 3/1/2024 following this date
progressive discipline will be taken if letters are found during
audits.

The law library will be closed

March 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th

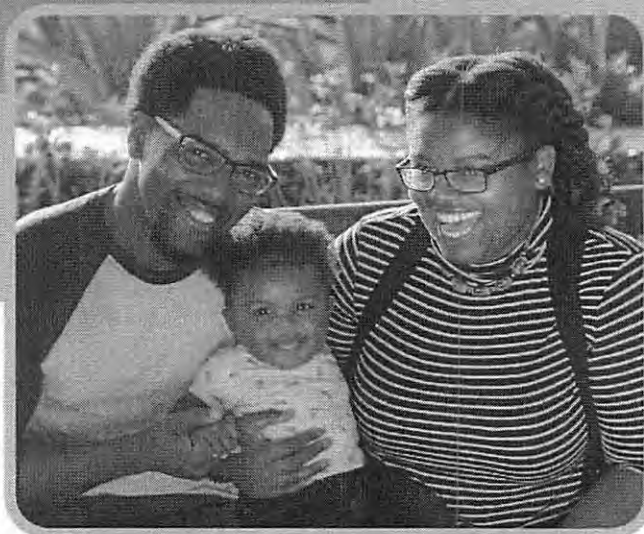
Legal mail

All legal mail will now be handed out by R&D in the evenings.



African American Program

Our mission is to provide culturally-specific services to assist in the successful transition of African Americans from prison to the community.



Program Objectives

- **Stop:** Parole violations, criminal activities, domestic violence, drug and alcohol use, cycle of self-defeat.
- **Increase:** Education, vocational training, employment, family stability and community connection.
- **Provide:** Culturally-specific programs and services, HEAT (Habilitation, Empowerment, Accountability, Therapy) for men, and HER (Habilitation Empowerment and Recovery) for women.

To Be Considered

- **Eligibility restrictions:** will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- **No:** Sex offenses, clear and persistent mental health diagnosis, or active gang involvement/affiliation.
- Must be supervised in Multnomah County.

How to Get Started

- **Inmate:** Write a detailed letter expressing why you would like to be considered for participation. Send your letter with a kyte to: CRCI/AAP/Bruce Douglas
- **Counselor:** Email inmate's full name, SID#, and recommendation to bruce.w.douglas@multco.us

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**Department of
Community Justice**

Community Safety Through Positive Change



PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Research from 1991-95 found that African Americans did not fare as well in the areas of employment, education, career training and financial stabilization as Caucasians. Of the approximately 500,000 Multnomah County [Oregon] residents at that time, 5% were African American. Of the 11,000 offenders on parole, 6% were African American.

African American Offenders re-offended at a rate of 31% while Caucasian Offenders re-offended at 19%. African American parolees were revoked at a rate of 55% while Caucasian parolees were revoked at a rate of 41%. The launch of the program was a direct response to the findings that African American Offenders were over represented in the criminal justice system.

In 1996, the men's component of the AAP started with two Probation/Parole Officers and one Corrections Counselor. The program was designed to service 140 incarcerated adult males. Driven by need, community partners collaborated in 2000 to design an AAP component to service incarcerated adult females as well. In 2003, the women's component of the AAP was launched with one Probation/Parole Officer and one part-time contract counselor to service 60 adult women in custody.



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ONE CLIENT'S STORY

"...I have 5 1/2 months left on a 7 year sentence. I've heard about your African American Program and I am very interested. ...I am very interested in my culture and would like to become a part of your program not only for myself but also for my children. ...I had a brother who was shot and killed by another black man in a gang related shooting. I feel that it is senseless for people to kill each other, but even more so for blacks to kill other blacks after all we've been through to get to where we are today. And I stress that to the young brothers in here. Some listen and some don't. But if I can reach just one, then it will all be worth it. ...I'm a 39 year old father of 4 and I feel that if I could learn about my past I can help save the future of our young blacks from destruction. I also feel that I could be an asset to the program even after my release.."



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Spring Fever

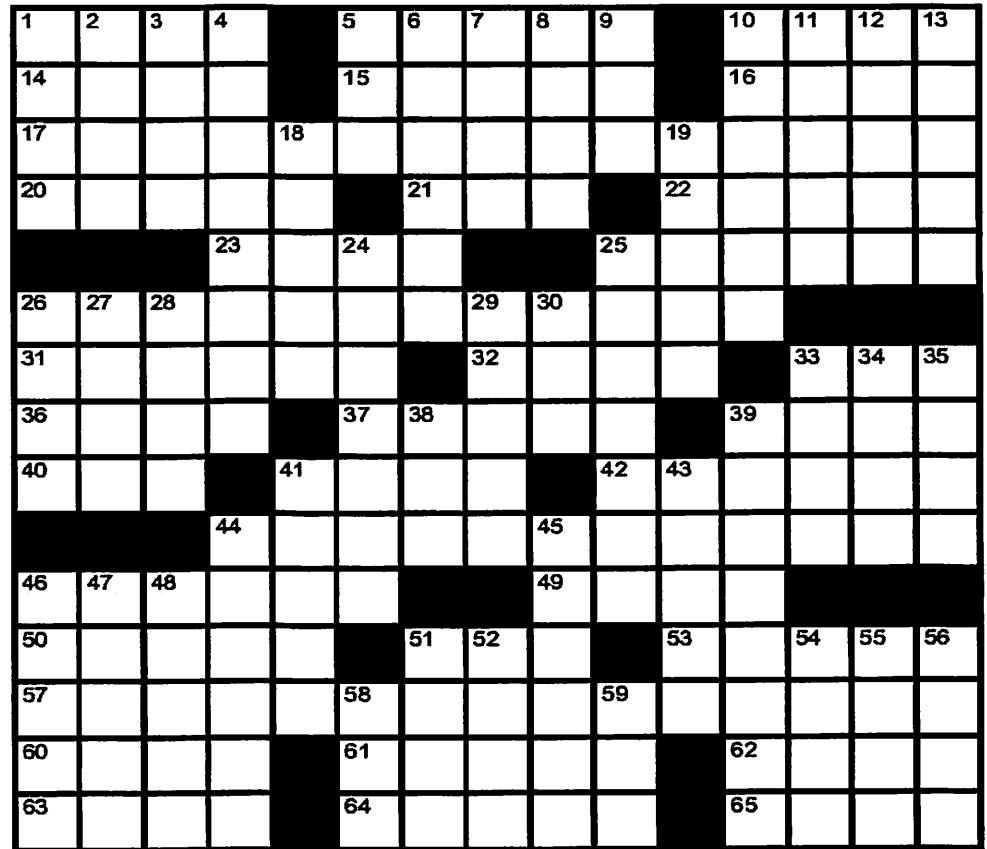
Robert Stockton (© 2008)

Across

1. Loading locale
 5. Harriet Tubman, once
 10. They share a Ma and Pa
 14. Free speech org.
 15. Itching to begin
 16. Greeting in Guadalajara
 17. SPRING
 20. Tither's portion
 21. Something to run in a bar
 22. Big name in 2008 politics
 23. Singer & activist Joan
 25. Intoned endlessly
 26. SPRING
 31. Canonized king of Nor.
 32. Warty amphibian
 33. ENT's org.
 36. RBI or ERA, e.g.
 37. Come to pass
 39. Rush to review
 40. "The Fox in the Hound" fox
 41. Animation
 42. Like urban air, often
 44. SPRING
 46. Ships of the desert
 49. West coast gas brand
 50. New York politician Alfonse D' _____
 51. Future home of W's presidential library
 53. Like some beers
 57. SPRING
 60. 1993 peace accord locale
 61. Approach indicated by two lanterns
 62. French bean?
 63. Close by
 64. Raise up

65. Phonograph frustration
- Down**
1. Kind of tense
 2. Frozen drink brand
 3. Animation
 4. Declining industrial region, slangily
 5. One in a hundred in DC
 6. Taoism founder
 7. Kodak competitor
 8. Eat or greet, e.g.
 9. Byron's "before"
 10. Cindy Lauper hit single
 11. Herbert Hoover or Meredith Wilson, by birth
 12. Fault

13. Green course
 18. Scarlett surname
 19. Santa-tracking org.
 24. Exertions
 25. Letter opener
 26. "Hey! Over here!"
 27. Camp Swampy canine
 28. Pictish pigment
 29. Maj.'s boss, perhaps
 30. Slugger Gehrig
 33. Jason's craft
 34. Nativity trio
 35. _____ nitrite (heart medicine)
 38. Langley org.
 39. Gilligan's Island props, often
 41. Under
 43. "Solid Gold" host Marilyn
 44. Shooting star
 45. Hardy pal
 46. Fatty fowl
 47. Entertain
 48. Donald Trump ex-wife Maples
 51. Place for a final voyage
 52. Table-like terrain
 54. Wearying walk
 55. When we meet Quince and Bottom
 56. Sugary Easter treat
 58. "Honest" president
 59. Posed for a portrait



Have a drug or alcohol problem? Looking for a solution? Come Join us!

Sunday/ Monday

6-7 pm

AA/NA

Kyte

Ms. Carpenter

to be added to the call outs



Have a club meeting or fundraiser? Advertise in the newsletter!

Kyte

Ms. B Havelly

with all information

you would like included by the
3rd Friday the month Prior to
your event or meeting

COME ONE,
COME ALL

From the Administrative Rules Program:

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 1/30/2024.

PROPOSED RULES:

291-011 Segregation (Disciplinary)

Amends rule to repeal a rule that limits staff from being assigned to a disciplinary segregation post for a period exceeding 24 consecutive months; to change "inmate" to "AIC" per statutory requirement; to remove gendered language and add person-first language; for minor grammatical or punctuation fixes; to update rule headings and committee titles; and to add clarifying language and language for consistency with other department rules.

Extended: Last day of comment period: 3/22/24 at 5:00 PM

Public Hearing to be held remotely on 3/20/24 12:30PM to 1:30PM

291-078 Community Case Management (Community Corrections)

Amends rule to update definitions to align with current business terminology and with revisions to substantive provisions of these rules; to reorganize the rules to a more logical format for ease of reference and use; to add gender-specific case management practices through the use of the Women's Risk Needs Assessment; per SB 1510 (2022) to adopt new rule concerning minimum contact standards; to clarify process for counties around the use of OMS case planning tools; and to change "inmate" to "AIC" per statutory requirement.

Extended: Last day of comment period: 3/25/24 at 5:00 PM

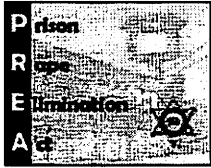
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PERMANENT RULES:

291-028 Searches (Community Corrections)

Amended rule to update definitions and statutory citations, make grammatical changes, and to add language regarding the storage and disposition of found property or property that has no evidentiary value.

Effective 2/26/24



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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA Information)

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an AIC communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by making a language selection, then dialing 91 from any AIC phone.

Filing an Anonymous PREA Report

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency.

You may write to:

Governor's Constituent Services Office

900 Court Street NE, Suite 254

Salem, Oregon 97301

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

Opposite Gender Viewing/Announcements

Opposite gender staff announcement themselves when entering a housing unit by ringing a bell. This must be done any time the status quo of the gender supervision on a housing unit changes (if there is already an opposite gender staff on the unit then there is not needed to re-announce). When you hear the doorbell, opposite gender staff will be entering the housing unit so please make sure you are covered up appropriately.

It is also important you undress in the appropriate locations. If you are located in a bunk area, there are cameras throughout the facility so the designated changing/bathroom areas are the only areas you should be without undergarments. Opposite gender viewing may happen incidentally when staff are conducting routine cell checks. You can minimize this by keeping aware of the gender of supervision in your housing unit and ensuring you cover up when possible.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to AICs.

AICs at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by making a language selection, entering your AIC PIN, then press 0*711 AIC telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail. All advocacy calls are not monitored or recorded.

Advocates provide confidential support and crisis intervention, inform you about the investigation and medical examination process, educate you about healing from sexual abuse and offer resources and referrals

Advocates will not tell you what to do, communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release and will not provide legal advice.

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

Just Detention International Headquarters is a national advocacy resource and can be reached at:

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340

Los Angeles, CA 90010

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

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