

Hidden Bottle Hunt 2024

Explanations for Zone 2 Clues  **BottleDrop**[®]
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CLUE 1

Along a thundering river,
Stands a titan of lumber.
For one month each year,
He awakens from his slumber.

Looming at record height for another year
In hopes of spreading seasonal cheer.
If this nutty case you'll crack,
Follow Weihnachtsmann's homeward track.

SOLVE 1

Stay north of the tallest functional nutcracker in the world, Herr Woody Winterguard, in Roseburg. Woody is put up each December for the festival of lights along the Umpqua River. Umpqua translates to "thundering water." Weihnachtsmann is German for Santa.

CLUE 2

This county was home to 8 legendary teens,
Whose story seemed plucked from the silver screen.

By morning they tended to sheep and to hay,
On weekends and evenings, giants they'd slay.

When life gave lemons to these bells of the ball,
Quakers and Cardinals, they vanquished them all.

SOLVE 2

Benton County, home of 1937 high school basketball state champs Bellfountain High School. A book was written about the team called the "Giant Killers." The team and school were so small they had no mascot and only 8 players (from a school with only 27 kids!). Yet they still beat the much larger Franklin and Lincoln high schools in Portland to win the Oregon state championship title. The team coach was Burton "Bill" Lemmon.

CLUE 3

He traveled west as a pioneer.
Sadly, he was no volunteer.
Although born on Independence day,
For 30 years his own freedom remained at bay.

Armed with his fiddle and a vision,
This worthy man earned manumission.
He spent his final days, until from life he did depart,



In this once capital town at the valley's heart.

SOLVE 3

Corvallis, the short-lived capital city (1855) of the Oregon Territory, whose name was coined by founder Joseph Avery from Latin “cor” (heart) and “vallis” (valley). Corvallis was the final home of manumitted former slave and black Oregon pioneer Louis/Lewis Southworth. Louis' life was interesting and rich. He moved to Oregon from Tennessee (Volunteer State) with the family who enslaved him. Although Oregon was a free state, he still earned his manumission of \$1,000, which he did by playing his beloved fiddle. He spent his final days in Corvallis, and is buried at Crystal Lake Pioneer Cemetery.

For more info on Louis and his life see: [OHS's Oregon Encyclopedia](#) and [the State of Oregon Archives](#).

CLUE 4

There is power in changing geographic names.
What once was accepted, today evokes shame.

Near the south branch of a resurrected waterway,
Honoring female elders, our bottle does lay.

Be respectful of this riparian land,
Conduct your search with a gentle hand.

SOLVE 4

The bottle is along a trail along the south fork of Dunawi Creek. Much of Dunawi Creek was buried for nearly a century in pipes under farmland. The creek was renamed Dunawi in 2003, the Kalapuyan word for “honored female elders.” Before that, the creek was named Squaw Creek. Because “squaw” has offensive connotations, Colleen Roba and Olivia Wallulatum of the Warm Springs Tribal Office of Government Affairs successfully lobbied for the name change. The name change received support from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Oregon Geographic Names Board, Benton County Board of Commissioners, Corvallis City Council, plus Oregon and U.S. officials.

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CLUE 5

Mascot Benny wood love this artsy park
Despite its name, it is anything but stark.
Do you seek a sign of the hide?
Wetlands filtered, on the right side.

SOLVE 5

The bottle is hidden in Bruce Starker Arts Park, along Dunawi Creek trail next to a sign titled “Filtering Wetlands,” behind a small log. The park is locally known for its beaver population who live in the creek in the park, and Benny the Beaver is the OSU mascot. There's a [webcam](#) for the famous beavers in the park.

