

# Hidden Bottle Hunt 2024

Explanations for Zone 3 Clues  **BottleDrop**<sup>®</sup>  
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## CLUE 1

65. And shrinking. Respite for our feathered friends.  
The story is familiar, but it's unclear how it ends.

A halophile's paradise on the razor's edge.  
Alkaline dust clears revealing petroglyphs above the ledge.

It's terminal. Drought seeds doubt.  
Let's look ahead.

Will the Public Trust Doctrine prevail?  
What do you think—phalarope's head or tail?

Fly south.

## SOLVE 1

Lake Abert is in Lake County, Oregon. When the lake is full, its footprint is 65 square miles. The lake serves as a crucial stopping point for migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway, including Wilson's Phalaropes. It is hypersaline (meaning the water is saltier than typical seawater) and only certain species of flora and fauna can survive in this environment, like alkali flies and brine shrimp. The lake also has a long history of being a place of significance for the Chewaucan people.

Lake Abert is a terminal lake, which means it is a closed basin with no outlet. The Chewaucan River is the freshwater source for the lake, but flows into the lake have diminished significantly in recent years, due to upstream withdrawals and diversions. The lake is shrinking and that is disrupting the ecosystem of the lake. Water Watch of Oregon calls the lake "a natural jewel in peril." As a water resource subject to the **Public Trust Doctrine**, some are calling for the state to take action to protect this lake before it is too late.

This clue knocked out everything north of Lake Abert in Zone 3.

## CLUE 2

Beverly wondered: Who took it? It happened so fast.  
*Everything is Illuminated* in the light of the past.

This place. Just wide-open space.

Many had a dream. A vision. Come stay at The Pioneer!  
Canoes. Arrowheads. It's the American Frontier!

Some say...  
The land was two feet higher than it is today.



Golden, like the hay.

A mouth full of water moccasins.  
Is it Southern Pacific or COPCO that wins?

Jim Straw, an old cowboy to the end, reluctantly moved away.  
Once a visitor in these lands, the Trust Buster saves the day.

You bring back my sign? REWARD \$1,000.

Once you're here, keep west.

## SOLVE 2

Odessa, Oregon is in Klamath County and is situated along the shores of the Upper Klamath Lake. Some historians believe Odessa, Oregon is named for Odesa, Ukraine. *Everything is Illuminated* is a book and movie set in Ukraine where the family begins their journey through history and family lore in Odesa.

Much of the detail for this clue came from the [April-June 1991 release of the Klamath County Historical Society \*Trumpeter\*](#). The article documents an Odessa-area tour for the Klamath County Historical Society members. Beverly Wampler Demetrakos is one of the group's guides and she tells of her family's history in the area, including the operation of a ranch called Wampler Ranch. In 2020, Beverly Wampler Demetrakos (then 91 years old) is in the spotlight again when their (locally) famous "Wampler Odessa Ranch" sign is stolen in the night. She and her family offered a \$1000 reward to anyone who found and returned the sign.

The clue knocked out everything east of Odessa in Zone 3.

## CLUE 3

Old Hay Seeds gather for a picnic.  
Vague agrarian frustrations start to get specific.

Two bold ones speak with the power of ten.  
But the Kansas Cyclone roared louder than the men.

Promises made in a distant place sour across the landscape.  
The movement gains momentum when federal incentives stagnate.

Come what may, 'Oregon Style' is the only way.

Themes emerge. And they sound familiar to a modern ear.  
"Conspiracy! They want to silence the free!" is the cheer.

Mutual regard helps fan the flame.  
And fightin' words take aim.

Veiled subtext in Dorothy's classic tale.  
Plays out with a "Bang!" and ultimately does fail.



He fell back on the stoop.  
On the street named of this drupe.

But so too Fehl the cunning and dangerous Tiger.  
And the town around them grew a little bit wiser.

From the doorstep of this historic home, find what you seek by continuing south in this county.

### **SOLVE 3**

This clue tells the story of the Populist Uprising in Jackson County during the Great Depression. The promises of Populist ideology were discussed among struggling farmers as early as the Table Rock Alliance picnic in 1892. Similar picnics occurred in the years that followed and national Populist orators visited Southern Oregon to drum up support, like Mary Elizabeth Lease (aka the “Kansas Cyclone”). Speaking of Kansas, many believe that “Dorothy’s classic tale,” The Wizard of Oz, is an allegory for the Populist movement that was gaining steam at the time.

Llewellyn A. Banks (an agricultural entrepreneur turned newspaperman, known as “cunning and dangerous... as a tiger” by his opponents) and Earl Fehl (fellow newspaperman and perennial candidate for local office) became the key figureheads of the Populist Uprising in Jackson County, preying on social and economic discontent of many in Southern Oregon at the time. A book titled, The Jackson County Rebellion: A Populist Uprising in Depression-Era Oregon, by Jeffrey Max LaLande, details the rich history behind this uprising.

This clue solves to The Roots-Banks House on Peach Street (peaches are drupes) and W. Main Street in Medford. Llewellyn Banks shot and killed Medford constable, George Prescott, on his front porch. Prescott was coming to arrest Banks at his home on conspiracy and ballot theft charges. Banks shot Prescott through his front door with his hunting rifle.

This clue directs hunters to continue south of Medford in Jackson County.

### **CLUE 4**

“One day in 1968, Chambers discovered a clue—  
and that led him to what he swore he would never do.”

But anyone who knew him would say he’s no quitter.  
And his legacy is any Oregon trail, beach or roadside that is free of litter.

Of course, he had a somewhat reluctant partner with the spotlight.  
Whose political might helped them win the fight.

“What happens in Oregon is going to set a precedent for the rest of the nation.”  
And like that, the name “McCall” became synonymous with bottle bill legislation.

Outside of this place that shares his name, a sapling was planted in 1890.  
As a symbol of love by a father who delivered the Daily Tidings.



Magnolias still bloom from the branches of this Oregon Heritage Tree.  
From here, wander toward a Great Place whose acres number 93.

#### **SOLVE 4**

Richard Chambers is the unsung hero of Oregon's Bottle Bill. Chambers was an avid outdoorsman and, in the late 1960s, he grew increasingly frustrated by the beverage containers he found littering his favorite beaches and trails across the state. Chambers decided something needed to be done to motivate people and businesses to deal with their beverage containers responsibly. Over several years, he was the boots on the ground in the Oregon legislature trying to get deposit return legislation passed. Governor Tom McCall was reluctant to engage in this effort initially but used his political prowess to see it through during the 1971 legislative session. Governor McCall signed the Oregon Bottle Bill (first in the nation) into law on July 2, 1971.

The McCall House in Downtown Ashland is named for a different McCall family, but likewise significant in Oregon's history. John and Lizzie McCall built the mansion in 1883 and raised their family in the home. One of their daughters, Elsie, passed away in 1890 and the McCalls planted a small magnolia tree in front of the home in her honor. That tree is there today and was designated an Oregon Heritage Tree in 2018.

Just down the road from the McCall House sits Lithia Park. In 2014, the American Planning Association designated Lithia Park as one of America's Great [Public] Places. Lithia Park occupies 93 beautiful acres in the heart of Ashland and hunters will find the prize within the park boundaries.

#### **FOUND!**

#### **CLUE 5**

With this final clue...  
don't worry; I won't **stonewall** you.

It's all smiles around here.  
Though you may be tempted to rest, don't stop!  
You are near.

**Let's Laugh** as we head down this narrow path.

Now pause for a moment to smell that sweet, delicate fragrance.  
I won't **Mock** you. This process takes patience.

Let's use our imaginations as the **bridge** to see...  
A giant serpent from the deep sea?  
Or just a **fallen tree**?

Now it's time to be brave and check.  
Reach in under that wooden creature's neck.  
Will you meet your demise or find the prize?



## SOLVE 5

The words in bold in this clue connect to visible cues in the immediate area of the hide location, which is along a short, narrow trail that runs parallel to the main trail in Lithia Park and across from the Japanese Garden. “Let’s Laugh” is part of an inscription on a bench at one end of this side trail. Heading down the path away from the bench, cross a bridge over a water feature that is surrounded by a stone wall. From that location, one can view a placard on the right for the Western Mock Orange shrub. On the left, you are greeted by a log that resembles a sea serpent rising from the watery depths! Or maybe it’s just a fallen tree—you decide! The bottle is tucked under the fallen tree, just above the root area and behind some strategically placed bark.

