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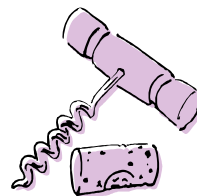
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| Grand Vines Restaurant             |                                 |
| Jonathan's/Oyster Bar              |                                 |
| Lulu's Tutto Cucina                |                                 |
| Pinot Station - Dundee             |                                 |
| Ponzi Wine Bar                     |                                 |
| Red Hawk Vineyards                 |                                 |

If you know of a restaurant or vineyard that would be willing to save their used corks for us, let us know and we will add them to the cork list!

Be sure and visit **Van Duzer's** new tasting room with a magnificent view of the valley! Stop by for a sip after a day of bird watching at Basket Slough Wildlife Refuge.

From Hwy 22 & 99W, go north on 99W then west on Smithfield Road about 3 miles. You can't miss them!



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## Do you come here often?

Some, apparently, like it cold, thanks to a rare form of genetic mixing between two butterfly species. The unnamed alpine-dwelling species of the butterfly genus *Lycaeides*, seen here, appears to be a genetic mashup of two known species—*Lycaeides melissa* and *Lycaeides idas*, according to a new study.

Often, new species form when one distinct species splits into two; species that crossbreed usually have offspring that can't reproduce. Even when crossbreeding creates a viable hybrid, the offspring often inherits multiple copies of each parents' chromosomes, or sets of genes.

But the new *Lycaeides* species is an even rarer "homoploid hybrid"—a crossbred species with the same number of chromosomes as its parents, representing a blend of the two original genomes.

Scientists had theorized that homoploid hybrids would be more likely to form when the new species was adapted to life in an extreme environment. The discovery of the *Lycaeides* hybrid supports this theory, as the insect's preferred fluttering range is in the harsh cold above the treeline in the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

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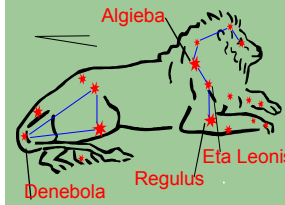
## Animals in the Sky? By Karen Snipes

In previous issues, our "animals in the sky" have been the great birds, Aquila (uh-KWI-luh), The Eagle, and Cygnus (SIG-nus), The Swan. In this issue, we'll be profiling our first Earth-based animal, Leo (LEE-oh), The Lion.

In Greek mythology, Leo is seen as the vicious lion terrorizing the area around the ancient plain of Nemea. As one of Hercules' twelve labors of penance for killing his wife in a fit of rage, he was sent to slay the lion. Hercules won the battle, and both he and the lion have been memorialized in the night sky. Leo is also one of the twelve constellations of the zodiac. One reason the lion symbol might have been chosen as a zodiac during midsummer, is that when the sun was among its stars in July/August, the lions of the desert left their accustomed haunts for the banks of the Nile River, where they could find relief from the heat in the water.

During early April, Leo is high in the southern Oregon sky around 9-10pm. To find this beautiful constellation, first find the "pointer stars" of the big dipper (the two stars at the end of the cup). Follow the line made by these two stars moving toward the south and a little east to find the star Regulus, one of the brightest stars in the night sky (22nd). Regulus marks the bottom of "the sickle", an asterism (pattern of stars) that looks like a backward question mark. For me, it's easiest to see the sickle if you are facing south to southeast. The star Regulus also marks the great lion's heart while the rest of the question mark outlines the back of the head and mane. The triangle of stars to the lower left of the sickle makes up Leo's rear end and tail. Once you find Leo, a bonus find will be the planet Saturn - the beautiful bright planet sitting just west of Leo's head and chest. What a beautiful pair they make!

So...on the next clear night, step outside, look up, and enjoy!



40 mph - average speed of a barn swallow



80 percentage of time a hummingbird perches

## Biz Buzz A quarterly look at a business that is helping us



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Plan to attend our 2007 auction/dinner, **A Night in the Wild**, to be held May 12th @ 5:00pm at the Wittenberg Inn. They will be serving you a scrumptious pasta dinner and sponsoring a no-host bar. The Wittenberg is located at 5188 Wittenberg Lane, Keizer, 97303. Email us for advance tickets.