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Photo by Terry Crawford

A lovely trail ride on the west side of Table Rock wound around this eruptive outcropping that was about 75 feet tall. The top center is graced by a resting buzzard. Hope he wasn't thinking of us.

## Department of Energy Public Hearing

Shortly after 5:30 pm on July 20, 2020 a public hearing meeting was hosted by the Siting Council of the Oregon Department of Energy at the Christmas Valley Community Hall. In addition to in-person comments the hearing included public comments via Webinar/Webex and by phone conferencing. The in-person meeting was well attended yet not so crowded as to prevent social distancing. Of the 16 people attending 11 expressed their wish to offer comments. Additionally between the Webinar and Phone participants the number of commenter's grew to 20. Once this was established a calculation resulted in each comment being limited to five minutes.

Initially technology threw in a few glitches that were primarily tied to the microphones. Once resolved the meeting flowed smoothly.

One of the primary concerns expressed was soil disturbance, dust, and potential adulteration of crops through containments freed from the soils as excavation took place.

Another major worry brought up was

the migration of Elk from the Green Mountain area to the Connley hills being altered in a way that could move the herd onto prime farm land, and on to North Oil Dri Road.

Property value tied to homes overlooking the proposed site were voice with an estimate of a 30 percent value loss.

One other worry is light pollution tied to the battery storage facilities associated with the project.

The majority of the issues presented were responded to by representatives of Obsidian. The soil disturbances, they noted would not take place at one time but would rather be done incrementally.

The entire hearing was recorded and interested persons can access it through the Oregon Department of Energy's web site.

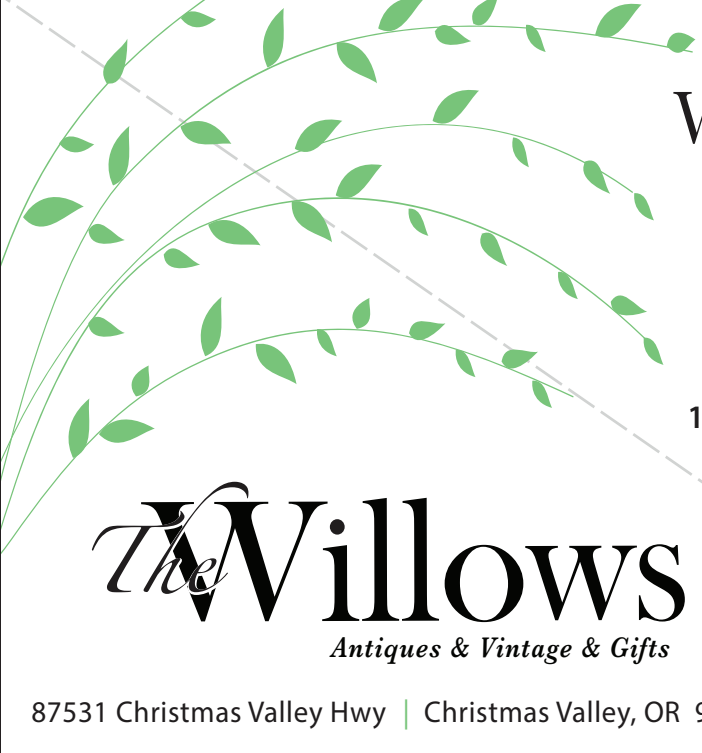
It is important to note that this was the final opportunity for public comment. It will now be up to the Siting Council to complete the process and base a decision the state and local ordinances, studies, recommendations and concerns.

## Major Solar Energy Facility in the Works

As one major Solar Energy project wraps up the siting process another has just submitted a Notice of Intent for a 3650 acre project on a 4300 acre site south east of Christmas Valley. On pages 13 and 14 of this edition is the complete Notice of Intent for Archway Solar Energy Facility. If one has concerns regarding this proposed siting the details regarding public comment and associated time lines for comment are in the document.

Invenergy, which is the largest privately-held energy operator in the world is the company that will be developing the site if approval is achieved.

Public input is sought but remember that comments should be based on current research rather than on personal issues concerning solar projects in the desert.



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# Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Here it is, Summer at last and I am so enjoying the beauty of the green fields, trees in full leaf and the flowers happily blooming around my yard. I have a lovely pink climbing rose with an amazing scent just outside my kitchen window. The triangle and walkway leading to the front door are in full bloom with Day Lilies, Potentilla, Sweet Williams, Roses, some Purple Spears (that's what I call them because I have no idea what they are), a few shrubs and many volunteer perennials that have decided to seed themselves there. The mound in the front yard is graced with Petunias, Gaillardia, Snow in Summer, Daisies and Iris to name a few. The entire mound is shaded with Aspen making for a lovely respite from the late afternoon heat.



About those Aspens. Great shade and fast growers; and prolific. Since I don't mow my lawn but rather leave that to the horses the hundreds (no



exaggeration) of shoots springing up everywhere - lawn, driveway, walkway, patio ... are left untouched. Those busy nibblers can clip off every blade of grass surrounding a shoot and never touch it. So about twice a growing season I nip them off by hand. Probably should get a lawnmower to take care of that. I'll put it on the list.

On the horses, Alex, my amazing quarter horse has been diagnosed with an lymphatic cancer. Right now he feels fine and just has a lot of masses on his side and belly. They don't hurt, but at some point the whole thing will go south. Until then he will get to enjoy the good life - unlimited food - good company - and loads of love. He will still get to enjoy some short trail rides but the serious training and competing are off the table.

Enter Ben. Ben is a 13 year old Arabian gelding who has primarily competed in endurance races. His owner became ill and treatment caused some nerve damage and balance issues, so no more riding. A good friend who knew I was looking suggested I give him a look-see. I did and two weeks later he came to live in Christmas Valley. Ben is a cool customer. While the Gambler 500 were here they were also all over the state. That weekend Ben and I went to Crescent Lake to ride with a friend. None of the horse trails were open - so at the camp ground host's suggestion we headed up the paved road for about 1/2 mile and then took a very ratty road that would eventually reach a small lake.

As Gambler cars - about 30 of them - were going up and down the road, Ben simply ignored them. The drivers were amazing. They would stop and we would ride on by. They took pictures of the horses, and chatted a bit. What an fun group of people and what a great job they do for our communities, forests and BLM lands. Ben and I are now taking lessons with Audrey Arballo to help us transition to new disciplines. She's a great teacher and we are definitely making progress.

I'm sure most folks heard that Sue Pettijohn's home and barn could have been a pile of charred wood, twisted metal and ashes had not community members rushed to the scene of a bird-caused explosive brush fire. Thankfully Sue had a defensible zone around her home. We all need to take a few minutes to assess how much fuel is near our homes and outbuildings, and clear dangerous fuel as a preventative measure. Please take time to read Sue's thank you to the community on page eight.

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**Deadline: The 20th the month**



Gloria Heglar

Well, who doesn't for goodness sake! We have been good little warriors in this war on the virus for months now and yet we all have a problem. No one wants us to visit but we don't want anyone to visit us. I hear the people who live on the beach are afraid of vacationers bringing in the virus and can you blame them?

When I go into the Pioneer and every booth and table is full of strangers on the weekends. You can't help wondering where they came from and how they feel. People are in the campgrounds and I don't blame them either.

We have had to stay in a hotel for a night to visit Doctors in Bend and Portland and both times we just wished we were back home. There are so few places to eat that it is quicker to go to McDonald's and drive thru the line winding around the road to get a burger through the window than to drive around town finding an eat in restaurant. Our hotel in Portland was the VA's choice



Clark Heglar

and we know it well but you sort of stay in one spot and limit your use of the space because you just aren't too sure it is safe. My daughter in California fell over the garden hose and nearly broke her leg bad enough to be put off of her feet for two weeks. She works from the bed and has ordered us to not come to California till further notice. Our Granddaughter is working on a new movie in pre production at home in LA but they can't find a location to shoot the movie so it may be delayed for a second time. She says "Ma, you two stay home." They just want to save us from the virus and California is the hot bed now.

Patience, Gloria, the world is still closed to us. I awaken every morning and say my thanks that we

Do you want to go to the beach for a few days?

By Gloria Heglar

have our sweet home where we can at least rest, relax and I can enjoy my wonderful husband's company. What a blessing.

It takes a lot of faith, hope and a huge portion of patience to stay sane. Most of us are doing okay, but I did hear from a reliable source that a man rode through Paisley recently on a motorcycle completely in the buff and then made a second pass in a standing position. Glad I missed that Streak of a man desperate for company!!!

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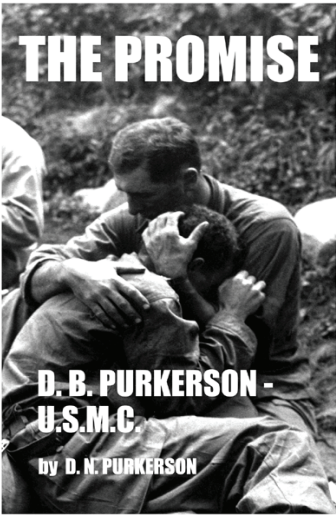


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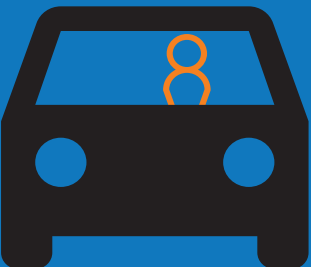
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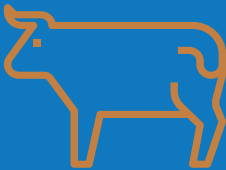
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Toni Bailie

# From This Angle: Family Camping Traditions

By Toni Bailie

I take a familiar old book from its shelf and flip through the pages. “Mother West Winds Children” by Thornton Burgess was passed down to me from my mother who used to read these stories to me. As a child, I was captivated by the tales of Mother West Wind and the Merry Little Breezes. For the price of a foolish green fly, Grandfather Frog would explain how Jimmy Chipmunk got his stripes or relate the latest peccadillos of Reddy Fox, Jimmy Skunk and Sammy Jay.

Now I’m mailing the book to my granddaughter Tori for her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. I enclose a note, reminiscing about the times I read those stories to her as we sat around a campfire. Perhaps someday she will read them to her children and grandchildren.

When my grandchildren were growing up, Tori, Patrick and Sydney came to Paisley in the summer and we’d go camping up the river. This carried on the tradition of my childhood when I would trek into the mountains with my mom, dad and sister Susan to spend warm

summer days swimming in a lake or fishing from a raft. When my grandkids came, we often camped at Dairy Creek, cooling off in the swimming hole by the weir, exploring trails, and roasting marshmallows for S’mores, their favorite gooey chocolate treat.

One summer they entertained themselves with a catch and release chipmunk trap. They propped a wooden box up on a stick, tied a long piece of twine to the stick and baited the trap with peanut M&Ms. When a chipmunk investigated, they jerked the string and the box captured a hapless little rodent. They would release the chipmunk and watch it scurry away, then re-bait the trap.

On the shores of Lofton Reservoir, Patrick and Sydney spent a whole day building a raft from driftwood. On the same outing,

Patrick and I launched the canoe. As we paddled around the lake, we saw an osprey fly over with

come to Paisley, a small town in Oregon, near a vast amount of open land that allows every person to gaze upon its beauty or relax in the shade by a creek. The air is fresh and the skies are clear. Just 15 minutes out of town and you are in the woods at a campsite hidden under the trees with a creek flowing alongside. When you hit that water after a hike through the woods it will send a chill up your spine. Give it a few minutes and it will be the best feeling you’ve ever had. “

Patrick and Tori won’t be coming to Oregon this summer, but they often go for mountain hikes or white water rafting near their home in Colorado. Sydney will be arriving in July for more outdoor experiences. As he says in his essay, “Going for a vacation in Oregon’s Outback is a great way to escape my life in the city. I am glad my family has passed on their love for the wilderness. Every time I go back to that little town of Paisley, there is a great feeling of coming home.”



a snake dangling from its talons.

When Sydney was in school, he wrote an essay called The Trees in the Hills, expressing his appreciation of those outdoor adventures: “For many years I have

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Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance Launches New Resource to Aid Those Most Impacted by COVID-19

Lakeview, OR— Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) launched the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network to connect community needs with community volunteers and resources. The Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network is an online resource that brokers connections between people who have been impacted by COVID-19, including low-income, older adults, and individuals with special needs, to those who are willing and able to offer support.

There are different types of support folks can request, including assistance purchasing and/or transporting food from grocery stores to one’s home, picking up and delivering one’s prescription drugs, and transporting food boxes from food pantries to one’s home. There are multiple ways local organizations and individuals can offer aid, including volunteering at the local food pantry, signing up to support a community member, and donating to the Mutual Aid GoFundMe. All donations from the GoFundMe help support grocery assistance and general funding for food pantries. The Mutual Aid Network operates in 12 counties in Eastern Oregon, including Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties.

(EOHLA) was formed in 2014 to support and provide community health programs in Eastern Oregon. EOHLA is part of the Nutrition Oregon Campaign, a statewide campaign grounded in the science of the developmental origins of health and disease (DOHaD) that shows the relationship between early life environment, including access to nutrition, and lifelong chronic disease risk, and how that risk is passed from one generation to the next.

Through this partnership, and as a health focused organization,

we know the myriad issues and contributors to creating health are made worse by the pandemic, notably growing numbers of our community members facing food insecurity due to job loss, school closures or other changes to circumstances. As such, we placed special emphasis on healthy food access for individuals and families by ensuring support to local food pantries, because, during the pandemic, local food pantries throughout the region have seen their volunteer base decrease, while the demand for food and other supplies from pantries has increased.

Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance board member, Arvinder Singh, states, “We believe that the resources and support that community members and local pantries need exist within our communities. The Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network helps to make those needs within our communities come to light and connects them with existing volunteers and resources within our communities. The program has already come to the aid of the Lake County Food Share, helping to recruit several volunteers in preparation for a special food distribution event.”

Funding for the Mutual Aid Network is provided by the Oregon Community Foundation Recovery Fund and The Ford Family Foundation COVID-19 Special Allocation Funding. This funding supports the work EOHLA, Nutrition Oregon Campaign, Oregon Food Bank, and Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) have under way to support food access during the pandemic.

For more information or to request or offer help on the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network, please visit <https://eohla.org/easternoregonmutualaid> or contact Meghan Chancey at 907-712-7595. Meghan Chancey, Program Coordinator, Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance [mchancey@eohla.org](mailto:mchancey@eohla.org); 907-712-7595.



Emergency Ordinance

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to ORS 198.550 (3) the following Ordinance was read and adopted by the Christmas Valley Domestic Water Supply District Board of Commissioners on April 29, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED: that due to a water shortage within our system The Christmas Valley Domestic Water Supply Board of Commissioners hereby orders that effective August 1, 2020 the can be NO OUTSIDE IRRIGATION between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A copy of this ordinance is available for public inspection at the Water District office, 87379 Holly Lane, Christmas Valley, Oregon and at the office of the Lake County Clerk, 513 Center Street, Lakeview, Oregon.

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*Arvinder Singh* *July 15, 2020*

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This month we will chat about “Summer Dearth”, when to take some gold from the girls, and queen replacement. First, summer dearth. Dearth as defined by the dictionary is simply a lack of something. As it applies to beekeeping we generally think of summer dearth, which is simply a time where the major blooms of plants and trees have come and gone and we go into the dry summer months of mid July, August and some of September. No matter how we think of dearth, the girls know the real status of the nectar flow. Honeybees behave in distinctly different ways when nectar shortages occur, that is the surest way recognize a dearth. Here is some of the behavior you may see in the girls.

You may see bees on flowers they normally avoid; not only honey bees but other nectar and pollen gathering bees. You may see them revisiting flowers they have already visited once. I see this quite often. Bees will sample a flower fly to another one and come back to the first



# BEE-Cuzz You Asked JULY and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



one they visited to try again. You can see this on flowers that have multiple blooms on one stem. Robbing and fighting may occur on hives that are close to each other, if this happens, try an entrance reducer on the weaker hive but, remember it is hot this time of year and the hives need all the ventilation they can get. The girls may bee seen trying to feed on your hummingbird feeder or even investigating your garbage can. I have seen bees working in horse and other animal feeds. I am seeing my bees dash, dart and dive around the hive and my yard. They may just check things out because of a different smells, trying to find sources of nectar. In a few weeks the rabbit brush and other fall blooms will bee coming on and the girls

will once again bee foraging for the gold. We have also been planting wildflower seeds around out property to help with the dearth. I have found good success with “all in one kits” that have several types of wildflowers that bloom different times during the year. The all in one kits have both the seeds and paper mulch which helps hide the seeds from birds and helps with moisture retention for the seeds.

So when to take your supers off? In our part of the state I have found that one can take off a full super as early as July as long sit is a strong hive. Just remember to install another super in its place, bee-cuzz in September and into October the Rabbit brush and Sage are blooming and I like to give the girls time

to harvest that source of nectar. Midwest and Eastern beekeepers typically start taking off supers in mid June and then start to feed for winter. In the high dessert our honey flow is still going strong. A few tips about removing supers: bee careful as the girls are *very* protective of their stores. Make sure you are suited up and move slowly. I will go into detail later on the actual steps that I do to rob the hive.

Now is the time to think about re-queening. If you have old or failing queens consider replacement. First, check to see if you can get replacements then decide which queens are weak or failing. As with most everything in beekeeping, replacing queens require specific steps. Having said that, I shall leave the details for next month.

Until next month bee safe! Douse those campfires! And pray for our fire fighters to stay safe that are battling the Ben Young fire out of Paisley.

Bee Safe this summer!

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### An Important Message from the Environmental Protection Agency

The sources of (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals and human activity.

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic containments**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production,mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and Herbicides**, come from agricultural, urban storm-water runoff and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical contaminants**, synthetic and volatile organic chemicals are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and also from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, Naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water and bottled water may contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessary indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hot Line 800-426-4791.

### Important Information About Water and Your Health

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/Aids or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advise about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC (Center for Desease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants. **For more information call the Safe Drinking Water Hot Line 800\*426-4791. Additional information can be found on the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/faq.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/faq.html).**

### Lead in Drinking Water . . . Are You at Risk?

Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Christmas Valley domestic Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water to your tap. We can not control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water to drink or cook with. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hot Line or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>, or [www.leadline.org](http://www.leadline.org), or by contacting Edge Analytical, drinking water testing laboratory at 541-639-8425



Our groundwater wells are recharged by precipitation infiltrating the soil surface, then percolating deep into the ground to recharge the aquifers. Water travels through the ground and is filtered naturally underground. The water is then pumped from the ground and piped to your home for drinking.

2019 Results for Regulated and Unregulated Contaminants for Christmas Valley Domestic Water

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You can see our most recent test results in the data table below. We are required to report only those substances that ere present at detectable levels. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year, therefore some of the data can be more than one year old.

Primary Standards (directly related to the safety of drinking water)						
Inorganic Contaminants	Units	MCL	MCLG	Range/Result	Did a Violation Occur?	Likely source
2019 - Arsenic	ppb	10	0	3	No	Erosion of natural deposits
2019 - Barium	ppm	2	2	0.0044	No	Erosion of natural deposits
2019 - Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.19	No	Erosion of natural deposits
2019 - Nitrate	ppm	10	10	0 - 0.05	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminants						
2019 - Sodium*	ppm	N/A	N/A	30.8	No	Erosion of natural deposits
* Sodium is not regulated ans is a recommendation only. If you are on a sodium restricted diet, please contact your health care provider for guidance.						
Lead and Copper	Units	MCLG	AL	90th %	No	Erosion of natural deposits
2018 - Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.118	No	Household plumbing

**AL - Action Level**, the concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements

**EPA - Environmental Protection Agency**, sets water quality standards and establishes methods and monitoring requirements for water utilities.

**MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level**, the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal**, the level of a contaminant in drinking water which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG’s allow a margin of safety

**PPB - Parts Per Billion**, the equivalent of one second in 32 years.

**PPM - Parts Per Million**, the equivalent of one second in 12 days.

**pCi/l - Picocuries Per Liter**, a measure of radioactivity.

**Result** - the column that shows you what level of contaminant was found in the water you drink.

**TT - Treatment Technique**, a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Christmas Valley Domestic Water Source Assessment:** An assessment of our water system has been completed by the Department of Human Services to determine susceptibility to potential sources of contamination. A copy is on file and may be obtained by contacting the office at 541-576-2090

Thank you for Saving My Home!



Sue Pettijohn's home and barn on Twilight

So much and many Thanks to our community for the fast response to the fire that was started by a young raven.

It started with a Puuff and in less than a minute it was as big as a truck, a fire ball raging in the sage, winds spreading it so fast .....and in minutes neighbors, and friends were on the scene with shovels doing everything they could to keep the fire away from my house.

With little water pressure and only a garden hose, I really didn't think there would be anything left.

Suddenly farmers were sending water trucks and the Christmas

Valley Fire arrived and they held the line with only 20 feet between the flames and my home and barn!

That fire took seven acres so fast. From a puuff to an inferno in seconds. So if you hear a weird puuff, look toward the power lines and hope it isn't a fireball of a bird carcass heading for the tender dry brush.

A friend said, " You must feel traumatized." I said, "No I feel Blessed."

Thank you Christmas Valley. I wish the country could come together as well as our little community did!

Sue Pettijohn

FIREWORKS COST MONEY

Do you enjoy the Fireworks Show with your family and friends every year? Few people in the North Lake County area will answer no. Indeed locals and visitors from throughout Oregon come to Christmas Valley every year to enjoy an amazing show - a show that has earned a reputation of being one of the best in all of Central Oregon.

What many do not realize is that the North Lake Fireworks Fund can provide donors with tax deduction for documentation..

January so now is the time to help out.

Can you afford to give more? If so please do. Remembering that this annual event benefits our community and its businesses. It benefits our



Donations? Yes because this organization if manned by a group of dedicated volunteers who devote time year-round to provide the annual show. They take classes, they provide fund raisers and much more.

Fund raisers? In normal years the group participates in a number of fund raising activities, but no so with the advent of COVID 19. So folks it is up to you to help fund the 2021 show.

What does it cost? The fireworks alone cost \$10,000. That's a lot of *mu la*. But think of this amount from a different perspective. What if just 700 supporters donated \$10 each? That's \$7000 dollars-a good portion of the needed funds. (The fireworks must be purchased by Jan-

families and friends. Your donation is a win win.

The above photo is of Jim Anderson and Ben Widenoja accepting a check for \$500 - a check that was sent from a long-time visitor to the area over the Fourth who lives in Eugene Oregon.

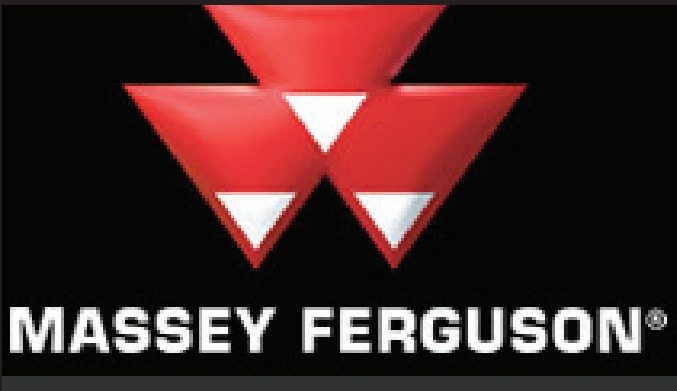
The Fireworks Fund also received a donation from the County for \$700 and any money earned by the Chamber on July 4th T-shirt sales.

So folks, how about saving up \$10 worth of cans and bottles - cash them in and donate. Write a check, save a jar full of change donate on Go Fund Me at North Lake Community Entertainment. Small or large, every dollar helps sustain our tradition!

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We wish you all a safe journey through this surrealistic experience and that you stay safe and healthy.

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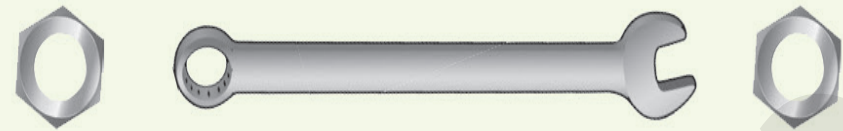
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## Sweet Potato and Black Bean Salad

Sweet potatoes are in the spotlight now as being so full of good nutrition. Couple them with the protein value of black beans and you have quite a tasty combination. This salad can just about stand alone as a one dish meal .

### Sweet Potato and Black Bean Salad

- 1 lb sweet potatoes or yams
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin (or more to taste)
- A pinch of crushed red pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp fresh squeezed lime juice
- 1 14.5 oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 ribs of celery, sliced diagonally
- 1/2 lb kilbasa sausage, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro



Peel sweet potatoes and cut into cubes. Toss with 1 Tbsp olive oil, cumin, red pepper, 1/2 the salt and 1/2 the pepper or to taste. Spread on rimmed baking sheet and roast in 450 degree oven stirring halfway through until tender. About 25 minutes.

Whisk lime juice , 2 Tbsp oil, remainder of salt & pepper in a large bowl.

Add potatoes, black beans, celery, onion, sausage, and cilantro, tossing to coat.

This salad can be served warm, room temperature, or chilled.

*Marie Brain*

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Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid

Volunteer to help local food pantries and those most impacted by COVID-19

The Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network (MAN) was created to assist folks and food pantries in Eastern Oregon who have been affected by COVID-19. This program connects community needs with community volunteers and resources. The Mutual Aid Network operates in 12 Eastern Oregon counties, including Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties.

**Ways you can support:**

- Volunteer at your local food pantry
- Sign up and support members who need your help
- Donate to the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network GoFundMe

**Some current needs include:**

- General personal hygiene items in local food pantries
- Donations to support CAPECO food pantry operations
- Lake County needs transportation to help bring fruits and vegetables to Christmas Valley

For more information about how to request support or offer support, please visit our website:  
<http://eohla.org/easternoregonmutualaid>

Meghan Chancey

Program Coordinator

[mchancey@eohla.org](mailto:mchancey@eohla.org)

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Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network



Dr. Natasha Rudd, N.D., L. Ac.



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*Dr. Rudd is currently accepting new patients and referrals for patients seeking natural therapies for any type of health condition.*

To schedule an appointment to be seen by Dr. Rudd at the North Lake Health District's Medical Complex please call 541-385-6249.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

INFORMATION

Submitted by Ann Kasbohm

Lake County Public Transit Has Two Providers To Help Those Without Transportation

Special Transportation and the Lake County Senior Center both serve North Lake

If you are confused by which service to use, check with the schedulers of both programs to see which service can accommodate your needs. The goal is to get folks to medical care and also get them to shopping facilities.

Anyone without their own safe transportation is qualified to use either service. If you are using a wheelchair, the Senior Center has ADA equipped vans; they also give scheduling priority to seniors and those with disabilities, and medical trips, and only have 2 vehicles, so that's one thing to consider before you call.

Frequently, vehicles will have more than one passenger and more than one appointment time to meet. At times, this makes for a long day, especially when appointments fall hours apart.

Special Transportation relies upon a network of volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles. When scheduling, it is important to remember that Special Transportation drivers do not work for a wage. They are paid a reimbursement for their mileage only.

Drivers may also take care of some of their own business while a rider is at an appointment or shopping elsewhere. Be patient and remember that it is just as long a day for your driver as it is for you. Be sure to bring your own funds for a meal, or bring your own lunch that will not make a mess or stain your driver's upholstery.

We all love living in the high desert, and we all know that we may have to travel 60 or 100 miles to take care of health issues and major shopping. We encourage you to use these services, and at the same time be appreciative of those who use their time and vehicles to make your rides possible.


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NORTH LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT

HEALTH CARE FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Dr. Timothy Arbow, O.D.



Dr. Timothy Arbow, Optometric Physician has been providing eye care to North Lake County for over nine years. Born and raised in Bend, he has a strong connection with Lake County through a long held family ranch in Silver Lake. Over the past 40 years he has practiced with offices at times in Christmas Valley, Bend and Eugene. The main office is located in Eugene. The office staff and Dr. Arbow are dedicated to providing excellence in patient care, education, and optical services.

Dr. Arbow is a graduate of Seattle University and the College of Optometry at Pacific University, where he received his doctorate, and currently serves as a Pacific University adjunct Clinical Professor. As a dedicated health care professional, Dr. Arbow has been thoroughly educated and trained to provide you and your family with the highest standard in eye care. He is a Board Certified diplomat by the American Board of Optometry. He is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association and the Lane Optometric Society. He is a past president of the Eugene Jaycees and an active member of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club.

For the past 20 years he has served as the Chairman of the Sight and Hearing Committee providing eye and hearing care for those in need. He was named a Helen Keller Benefactor by the Oregon Lions and has received the Spirit of Service Award by the Oregon Lion Foundation. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Eugene Hearing and Speech Center and chairs their foundation.

Dr. Arbow provides primary eye care as well as routine vision examinations. He is experienced in diabetic eye care, cataract pre and post-surgical care, glaucoma detection and management, and LASIK eye care.

A proud grandpa, he enjoys sharing his love of North Lake County with his wife, Susan, his three children and their spouses and six very special grand kids.

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Call Dr. Eichner at **541-633-6563**  
to Schedule your appointment

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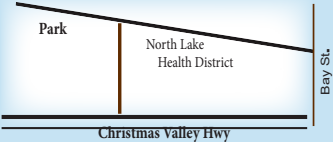
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The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting ready to do a little exploring.

# Derrickk Cave

Opinion by the Prospector

Derrick Cave is my favorite prisoner holding cell because unlike Fort Rock Cave and Paisley Cave it was left intact. The latter lava tubes were dynamited and seriously disturbed. This damage must have happened prior to Dr. Cressman’s arrival because he speaks of having to dig thru the roof fall in 1938.

The Benjamin Lake Cave also was used to hold the slaves digging for obsidian.

Our southwest is devoid of obsidian. The Mayans cane to Glass Butte for centuries to obtain the Rainbow Obsidian. The only place in the world to obtain the ceremonial glass the Mayans demanded. Additionally it shows how trade between tribes thousand miles apart was engaged in thousands of years ago. Their trail from Glass Butte to their cities throughout Central America is still quite visible.

The Connely Hills Cave also held prisoners for the purpose of building the fort on the west side of the hills. This cave was heavily damaged during the 60’s. To find the fort notice that there is a very well defined trail to the site from the caves.

Don’t expect to see much of the caves because someone came along and bulldozed the openings closed.

As you drive south on Hwy 31, slow down and observe the topography to the east (between mileposts 35 and 36) and you will see remnants of a Spanish road cut thru the basalt rim rock that was just ten per cent from completion. Just a bit more evidence of the Spanish plans to acquire the land the natives called Oreygone, Land of Peace and Plenty.

Why is Derrick Cave fun to explore? Because it is a very safe

cave environment, one that whole family (without the usual necessary safety equipment needed to explore a cave).

The ceiling is at least thirty feet



in above you. Enter the cave using the descending set of placed rocks that resemble bleachers to to reach the ground floor.

At least several hundred yards of sand was brought in to line the floor making walking around a breeze by eliminating the normal tripping hazzards found in many caves.

The Forest Service says this cave was found when a bulldozer fighting a forest fire knock a hole in the ceiling. This hole is nearly in the center of the cave and not only provides light but the needed ventilation.

While in the cave notice the Lichen that grows within the circle that was knocked out. A rock has to stay in one place for at least a hundred years before it decides to grow on that rock. The Lichen will survive by growing different kinds of colorful plants over the centuries. When assessing if rocks were placed in their present position by ‘the

hand of man’ the Lichen are good indicators as to when the placement took place.

Most of these kinds of man placed rocks in Derrick Cave were

says this door was added during the 1960 for the protection of food and water stores for up to 1200 people in case of nuclear attack.

Looking at the stacked rock wall covered with Lichen we can see the wall far exceeds the age of seventy-five years ago but the metal door is a mystery.

The three very large rocks now lying on their sides by the door were used by the Spanish to control the exit from that part of the cave. Should prisoners try to rush the opening theses three rocks, then stacked and balanced in such a way that when necessary could simply be pushed over to block the door opening.

Derrick Cave is a place to picnic to in all kinds of weather. Be it one hundred degrees or freezing outside the cave remains a comfortable fifty-three degrees and dry.

Arm your young ones with flashlights and let them explore the cave. There are no hidden holes or exits. It’s escape proof!

Lat: 43.5226:  
Long: -120.8656  
N 43 31’21”  
E 120 51’ 546”

done by the Spanish as the Natives were happy leaving the rocks where they originally lay.

Descending into the cave look east to the stacked walled in lava tube heading east with the metal door at the entrance. Forest Service

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**Summary**

Date Issued: July 22 and August 1, 2020

Proposal: 400 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility occupying approximately 3,650 acres of agricultural-use (A-2) zoned land

Location: Lake County, east of Christmas Valley

Public Comment Deadline: September 4, 2020

Preliminary Application for Site Certificate - Anticipated Date of Receipt: October 2020

**Introduction**

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Archway Solar Energy LLC (applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America LLC, that it intends to submit a preliminary application for site certificate (pASC) to construct and operate the Archway Solar Energy Facility, a proposed PV solar energy generation facility. Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain a site certificate from EFSC prior to construction and operation of the proposed facility. The Department is accepting public comments on the NOI from July 22 through September 4, 2020.

**Proposed Facility Description**

The Archway Solar Energy Facility would include up to 400 MW of solar PV energy generation components (solar modules, trackers, posts, cabling, inverters and transformers) to cover or occupy up to 3,650 acres, within an approximately 4,300 acre site boundary.

Proposed related or supporting facilities include lithium-ion of flow battery storage systems; power collection system and collection substation; point of interconnection 500 kilovolt (kV) substation; operation and maintenance building; 500 kV transmission line; internal roads; and temporary construction staging areas. More detailed information is available in NOI Exhibit B (see hyperlink to Department’s project webpage in More Information below).

**Proposed Facility Location**

The proposed facility would be located in Lake County, southeast of Christmas Valley. A map of the proposed facility site boundary is attached to this notice. More maps are available in NOI Attachment 2; the Department maintains an online mapping program where the proposed facility site and regional location can be viewed via hyperlink: <https://arcg.is/1Gf8CK>.

**EFSC Review Process**

The review of an application for site certificate (ASC) is a consolidated, comprehensive process where the Department requests comments from state and local agencies, tribal governments and the general public throughout the process, and concurrently reviews other permits necessary for the proposed facility. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. The Department serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the ASC review process.

Pursuant to ORS 469.504(4), an applicant must elect to demonstrate compliance with the statewide planning goals by either obtaining local land use approval from the affected local government(s) or through EFSC’s determination of compliance. At this time, Archway Solar Energy LLC intends to satisfy the Council’s Land Use standard

(OAR 345-022-0030) by seeking an EFSC determination under ORS 469.504(1)(b).

**Public Participation**

There are several opportunities for public participation and comment during the NOI and ASC review process. During the NOI and ASC phase, there are opportunities for the general public to provide written comments to the Department and attend informational meetings, if scheduled by the Department. In addition, during the ASC phase, following issuance of a draft proposed order, there is an opportunity for the general public to provide written comments to the Department and provide oral comments to the Council and Hearing Officer at a public hearing in the vicinity of the site of the proposed facility, where opportunities for in-person and remote participation would be provided.

The purpose of NOI and ASC informational meetings is for the Department and applicant to provide information about the proposed facility and EFSC review process to the general public, which differs from a public hearing, where the purpose is to provide the general public an opportunity to provide oral comments to the Council and Hearing Officer on the ASC and DPO. The Department will provide notice of all future public informational meetings and hearings.

**Notice of Intent**

The NOI provides notice to the Department and the public that the applicant intends to submit an ASC in the future. The NOI contains preliminary information about the proposed facility and provides an opportunity for the public, state and local governments and Tribal governments to comment on the NOI.

This Public Notice initiates the first public comment period in the EFSC process, extending from July 22 through September 4, 2020. In accordance with OAR 345-015-0110(2)(f), interested persons may request an informational meeting by contacting the Department representative listed below in this notice, where any public meetings would be conducted in accordance with policies and guidelines for social distancing and safety of the public and staff in place at the time.

**Public Comment Period**

Comments on the NOI are due by September 4, 2020, and must be submitted in writing by U.S. mail, e-mail, or by fax. Please send comments to:

Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst  
Oregon Department of Energy  
550 Capital Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
Phone: 503-373-7945  
Fax: 503-373-7806  
Email: [sarah.esterson@oregon.gov](mailto:sarah.esterson@oregon.gov)

**Please Note:** The submission of comments does not automatically register your contact information to receive notices. If you would like to receive notices for this proposed facility or any other EFSC project, and have not already done so, please follow the instructions in the next section.

**Receipt of this Notice:**

You are receiving this notice because:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property for which proposed facility would be located. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this facility if the site boundary remains the same.
2. You have previously signed up via ClickDimensions to receive notices on this facility, or all facilities.

**See Notice page 14**

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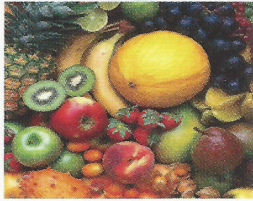
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## Sheriff's Report Submitted by Sheriff Michael Taylor

On 07/08/2020, at about 1400 hours Deputies were stopped on Christmas Valley HWY about a mile north of town. An adult male stopped and asked me to come to his house because he had found a 22 rifle when driving down Langdon Springs Ln. The reportee said he had found it on July 3<sup>rd</sup> late at night and did not call it in. The reportee said there were no houses close to where he found it.

On 07/08/2020, Deputies met with an adult male in Christmas Valley for the return of a firearm involved in an investigation from Stockton California. The firearm was returned to the subject.

On 07/10/2020, Deputies were contacted at the substation by the victim about a stolen cow and calf, not a pair. The victim said

the two have been missing since 07/01/2020. There is no suspect information

On 07/11/2020, Deputies responded to a 911 report of a suicidal subject involving a possible overdose of muscle relaxers and threats of harm with a firearm. The investigation led to an adult male being lodged at Lake District Hospital on a police officer's hold.

On 07/23/2020, Deputies responded to the 64200 block of Millican Road for the service of a restraining order. While there, Deputies were presented with an investigation involving the unlawful possession of a schedule III controlled substance, an adult male being the suspect. The investigation led to a citation-in-lieu of custody being issued. .

## Public Meetings

- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 6pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at Park and Rec office
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 1pm at CV Community Hall
- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

- FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake
- Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
- NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5pm at North Lake Clinic
- NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.
- SL Lioness - 2nd Wed at 10am at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- SL Rural Fire Dist - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Silver Lake Fire Hall



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