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Thunderstorms Nuture Our Soils

Did you know that thunderstorms and the rain they produce add nitrogen to the soil. Lightning during thunderstorms breaks down atmospheric nitrogen into forms that plants can use, such as nitrates, which then dissolve in rainwater and are deposited on the soil.

Nitrogen Fixation: The Earth's atmosphere is about 78% nitrogen, but plants cannot directly utilize this atmospheric nitrogen. Lightning provides the energy needed to break apart the stable nitrogen molecules in the atmosphere.

Nitrogen to Nitrates: The freed nitrogen atoms then combine with oxygen to form nitrogen oxides (like nitrogen dioxide). These oxides dissolve in rainwater, forming nitric acid and then nitrates.

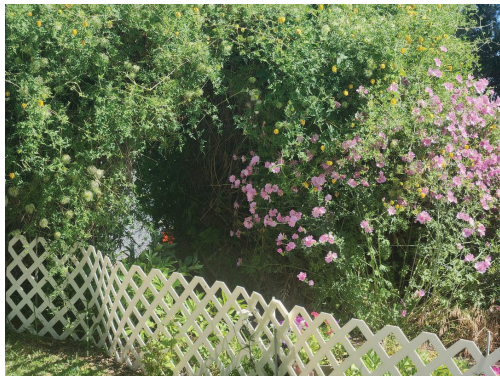
Rainfall as a Delivery System: The nitrates, now dissolved in rainwater, are carried down to the earth with the rain. This process is called "wet deposition".

Plant Uptake: Once in the soil, these nitrates are in a form that plants can readily absorb and use for growth.

Therefore, while some nitrogen fixation occurs in the soil through other means (like bacteria in plant roots), lightning-produced nitrates in rainfall play a significant role in supplementing the soil's nitrogen supply, especially after thunderstorms.

Senior Lunch

Sadly the notice for the Senior Lunch: 8-4-25 will not reach readers in time to take advantage of this chance to enjoy a meal and socialize. Held at the Silver Lake Care & Bar, the lunch consisted of hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravey with a veggie and a piece of cake. The cost was \$5.00. The lunch was open to those 55 and older.



My flowers have gone crazy this past month and I think it's the crazy weather and all the thunderstorms



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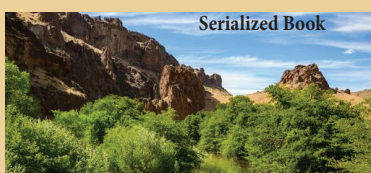
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seemed like crowds of people and an entire beef being lifted from a pit. Later, family, and extended family held an annual summer camp out at Fremont-Winema’s Marster Springs Campground. We gathered around evening fires and heard tales from the past related by the older generation. Now, I am the older generation.

All my ducks got in a row this past Saturday afternoon and I was able to take in the tail end of Paisley’s 2025 Mosquito Festival, specifically the quilt show. What a delightful setting for quilts in the historic Methodist Church. Old wooden pews with a glistening coat of white paint covered with colorful quilts, handcrafted and many stitched together with memories told for posterity. I realized several years ago that nothing brings warmth and softness to a room like a quilt.

Finally, I was able to see the plaque installed at Paisley’s Pioneer Saloon by the E Clampus Vitus organization. They gathered close to Paisley in late June to commemorate the saloon’s vibrant history. And, yes, I did notice that Paisley is misspelled.

I understand they are working to correct their error.

The Clampers are a colorful, fun-loving, sometimes boisterous group of guys. Their genuine love of history has endeared them to me forever. Nothing delights me more than to receive a visit from Jim Strong, a serious Clamper who lives in Christmas Valley.

Another recent friend writes for Encyclopedia Oregon, or vice versa, Oregon Encyclopedia. You can easily look it up on the internet. I made a couple of corrections on his Lakeview contribution and he asked me to look over his draft of Paisley. I truthfully explained that I see Paisley in a different perspective, probably a more rose-colored perspective.

I have written at different times for several publications about Paisley. My best explanation to an unknowing audience is that Paisley is an Eastern Oregon cowtown. She is a rare gem preserved from the days of America’s western frontier. A remote settlement where time stands still but on the other hand manages to slowly, slowly crawl forward.

Paisley is a special place for me and has been since my entrance into Lake County—now eighty-two years! It doesn’t get much better than a trip up the Chewaucan. I recall my dad’s fishing trips and a few early morning camps at Coffeepot Flat. I vaguely remember barbecues at Marster Springs with what

Her picturesque location, at the mouth of the Chewaucan River where it spills toward the lush Chewaucan Valley beyond, remains an artist’s ideal. Old cottonwood trees mingle with a few remaining ancient Poplars to spread foliage over some of Paisley’s older homes. Lawns, gardens, and fruit trees are often kept green and productive by a remaining series of irrigation ditches that network sections of the town.

It is true, as I explained to my new writer friend, that the appearance of the town is a bit scruffier than it appeared a few years ago due to the loss of a lumber mill that provided good paying jobs. Fremont-Winema National Forest has also lost employees who worked at Paisley’s Ranger District.

On the positive side, Paisley’s charter school appears to flourish as it brings in students from other countries to experience our unique western culture. Paisley Perk, is a drive thru coffee stand where one can select a modernly outlandish cup of coffee, or a mixture thereof. The Perk is conveniently located in the center of town,

and I, myself, have purchased a few mochas as I drive farther north to Summer Lake or Christmas Valley or another one of our North Lake County gems.



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Katherine married Jack Gillette in 1951 and they bought land from the Buchanans at the post office and townsite of Lake in North Lake County. Jack and Katherine became ranchers and raised sheep for a time and then mainly cattle and alfalfa. Katherine worked for 3 years at the Forest Service and then worked at various other locations across the country including Wyoming. She always returned to North Lake County to the ranch. She liked tending cattle, dancing, baking, and cooking big meals for everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents Buster and Zula Calcote, three of her sisters, four brothers, and her husband Jack Gillette.

She passed away on July 2, 2025 at the age of 96. Her celebration of life will be held at the Booster building on August 16th at 1pm.

Donations in her memory can be made to: North Lake EMS, PO Box 423, Christmas Valley, Or 97641

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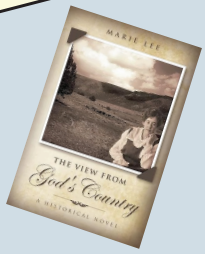
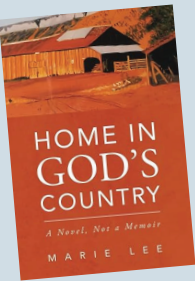
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BOOKS BY
Marie Lee



Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Just about the time I think I have some sort of a plan, things change. My friend Carol and I were going to head to Redmond on the 31st to enjoy the Deschutes County Fair's grand opening which included the West Coast Budweiser Clydesdale team in full harness leading the way through the center of town. Sadly this was not to be as something disrupted their travel schedule. They will be at the fair where fair-goers can visit them but I really was looking forward to the beauty of them moving along the parade route. And, I was going to have their photo on page one. Oh well, I know they are scheduled to make quite a few stops in the northwest so maybe I will get a chance to fit going to see them into my schedule.

So Plan B: It has been years since I traveled to Bend for a First Friday Art Hop and so I called Carol, and said we needed to change our plans. It took a little juggling but we will be visiting the galleries and shops in Bend, enjoying snacks and beverages and seeing art from the local community as well as major pieces from far away.

Last year my son Stephen and I were unable to take our week-long camping trip. He works for Boeing in Gresham and is a shop steward. They were on strike and his obligations to the union had to be fulfilled. This year things are back on track and we are slated to meet up in Junction City, where I will leave my car and then head out on our adventure. To date we have not settled on a base camp but expect it will be near the Oregon Caves. Jedidiah State Park is also on the list, but nothing is set in stone. We do have a few simple rules for our trips. No kids, no dogs and no itinerary.

We take our tents, food, camp cooking supplies a book or two and some playing cards and make ourselves at home. Then its hang out, go hiking to a nearby attraction or up to one of the many waterfalls found throughout the southern Cascades and the Coast Range. The main thing is we have time to enjoy each other's company while decompressing and resetting.

At the conclusion of our vacation I will be staying the weekend in Junction City at my friend Bev's house and working at the August, Working Equitation competition in Eugene. On my off days between now and then and into the middle of September I will be working with Beach Boy, trying to get our teamwork honed as we will be competing at the Region One Championship show.

Our new Dressage court is ready to ride in, well maybe one more light roto-tilling but it is certainly rideable now. Dan Castile did a great job of moving massive quantities of dirt to achieve a nearly level 130 by 63 foot court. We will be putting low railings along its edges and setting in some permanent letters. I am so happy to work with **See Comings, page 9.**



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RISOTTO WITH SPRING VEGETABLES

- 1 Cup shelled fresh Peas (or frozen)
- 1 Cup fresh Green Beans, cut into short links
- 2 TBSP EVOO
- 6 TBSP Butter
- 2 small Zucchini cut into matchsticks
- 1 Onion, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 Cups Risotto Rice
- 1/2 Cup Dry Vermouth
- 4 Cups boiling Chicken Stock
- 1 Cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- A small handful of fresh Basil Leaves, finely shredded (optional)
- Sea Salt & Fresh Ground Pepper

stock, with Salt and Pepper to taste. Stir over low heat until the Stock has been absorbed.

Cook and stir for 20 - 25 minutes adding the remaining Stock a few ladles full at a time. The Rice should be al dente and the Risotto should be moist creamy.



Blanch Peas and Beans in slightly salted boiling water for 2-3 min. Drain, and cool in cold water set aside


Heat Oil and 2 TBSP Butter in large sauce pan. Sauté Zucchini and Onion until crisp tender. Scoop out of pan and set aside with Peas and Beans.

Stir the Rice into 2 TBSP butter in saucepan until Rice starts to swell and burst, then add the Vermouth. Stir until Vermouth stops sizzling and most has been absorbed by the Rice, then add a few ladles full of the

Stir in the Vegetables and remaining Butter and about half the grated Parmesan. Heat through, then stir in shredded Basil. Adjust seasonings. Serve with remaining Parmesan.

*Enjoy!
Marie Brain
The Flyway Restaurant*

Remember, The Breeze always welcomes your recipes, so please send them along with a little information as to why it is one of your favorites!

 And another month to remember! Hot Damn Hot! July started out just fine. I couldn't tend to the girls this month as I had shoulder surgery. I did go out and checked their activity as much as possible with the help of Marie. We (she) added more supers and checked the top deep boxes on two of the hives that didn't have supers already on. The swarm that I captured a couple months ago is holding its own and it appears it should make it through the winter (fingers crossed) it was a very small swarm. So onto July.

July is the start of the dearth so make sure you have some sugar syrup around and plenty of water available for the girls. Remember the girls sometime get cranky during the dearth...To prepare for a summer dearth, make sure that your bees can make plenty of honey beforehand: Give them lots of space in the spring so they can capitalize on any brief but strong spring flows in your area.

Evaluating your hives will provide important clues as to whether your bees are in a dearth. With no new nectar coming in, your bees will stop making honey or nutritionally expensive wax comb to focus on keeping the colony alive and healthy. Some colonies will reduce brood rearing during dearth, especially if they have only small stores of pollen and honey to feed the larvae. The main signs of a nectar dearth are:

Bees may seem agitated, Bees may become defensive. Foraging bees may visit the same flowers more than once searching for nectar. You may notice signs of robbing as eager foragers look to bring in any amount of sugar water they can find by venturing inside neighboring hives. If you choose to harvest honey from your bees (usually only from strong colonies that are at least a year old) you should

Bee-Cuzz You Asked JULY and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

remember that they'll need some honey to get through important clues as to whether your bees are in a dearth.



the dearth.

During dearth, inspect your bees. If you need your bees to draw out new combs on frames of foundation, or if they ever appear to be running out of food, offer them thin sugar syrup in an appropriate feeder to keep them well-fed. Clean up any honey spills during dearth and avoid leaving supers or combs exposed to prevent triggering a robbing episode.

If you detect robbing (bees fighting at the hive entrance), reduce the entrance size, or even stuff grass into the entrance to completely block it for a short while until the robbing fervor calms down.

Pay attention to which plants may still be blooming during your dearths. If you notice any nectar coming into your hives, and can figure out which plant it came from, growing more of that plant can help provide your bees with a bit more food during this challenging time of year.

Keeping your bees happy and healthy during dearth depends on preparation before dearth begins, and observation and action during nectar shortages. Evaluating your hives will provide

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pollen and honey to feed the larvae. Onto another subject. During one of my forays into the bee yard to retrieve some old equipment, I failed to adhere to that nagging voice, "put your bee suit on". I thought, as I always do, "I know my girls. All I need to do is work slowly, and everything will turn out fine." Let's see, IF one would remember the article that points out common mistrakes (yes I know it is spelled wrong) that beekeepers make; item #4 on the list is "Wear

protection"! We don't want any surprises!

As we get complacent, we get to feeling we are invincible and

we should bee able to, just every now and again, go up and "observe" the girls. Done that lots of times. But then, some small thing is begging to bee fixed or moved or, or, or... I cannot seem to get over the fact that no matter how good we think we are WE WILL BEE STUNG! So when entering your apiary to perform any task

that requires anything around the hives SUIT UP! Until next month Bee Safe!





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HOME AGAIN

After a few days I went down to the ranch and talked Willard into letting me bring him home with me. I could always catch him out in the pasture, but if any of the men wanted him, they had to rope him. Willard had traded a motorcycle for him not knowing he had a bad reputation and gave him to me. He had so much spirit I fell in love with him the first time I rode him. The motorcycle had bucked me off and I still have scars to prove it.

One day I went down the canyon to look for Weasel and found him with a bullet hole through his head. I was heart-broken and sick for days after that and could not understand why anyone would shoot my horse. I guess some rider he had thrown couldn't take the razzing he was getting about a woman riding a horse that had thrown him, so had shot him.

Mr. Graff, who had given us the chickens, heard about Weasel being shot and came up one day leading a pretty little bay horse named "Trusty and gave him to me. I appreciated the gift very much and he was a nice horse, but no horse could ever take the place of Weasel with me.

One time before we had moved in the house, it clouded up suddenly and started thundering and lightning. I was hurrying to cut some wood before it started to rain when I saw a rattlesnake crawl in a little playhouse Willard had built for Gertrude. I had stored some extra quilts and blankets in it. The house was only about four feet from our bed in the tent and I wasn't about to go to bed with that snake that near. So, I got the garden rake and started dragging out the quilts one at a time. when I got down to the last one the snake was all coiled ready to strike but I soon put an end to it with the rake.

Another time a lamb had come up missing and I was looking along the creek bank for it and saw it lying under a clump of willows. I starte4d to reach in and pull it out and get the bell off of it as I was sure it was dead. But something warned me not to reach in there where I could not see under the willow roots, so I got the garden rake and pulled the sheep out and there was a rattler.

Orville and I were walking up the trail one day and he fell down over a small sage brush and a snake rattled under him. I pulled him back and we ran. That was the one that got away.

We always cut the rattles off and saved them and had a two-quart jar full of them when we sold out.

The last year we were there we only killed two snakes. Many were killed when the road crew dynamited the rocks when building the road and their dens were blown up.

One of the men who worked on the Rocky Ford ranch got very sick and Willard went up to take care of him. After a few days he passed away and Willard helped lay him out in one of the outside buildings/ The next day an acquaintance came to get the body. When the car got stuck on the steep hill leaving the ranch, the driver looked back and said, "Bob you old S-O-B, you'll have to get out and walk.

Another old fellow, Dad Bull, who worked at the same

ranch, came down one day holding his side and suffering badly from a hernia. He asked if I had a big needle and heavy thread. "I have got to sew my guts in," he said. I got him a needle, thread and some disinfectant and he sewed up the rupture and was going strong in a few days.

ROCKS AND FOSSILS

We never heard of rock hounds at that time, but had always been interested in pretty rocks. I think Willard has bee a rock hound from the time he was a small boy. His folks traveled by covered wagon from Nebraska to Idaho, then on through Oregon to California, then back to burns Oregon , where they lived several years and owned the Riversed "Five brand and had many horses. Willard's father O.O. Dutche, used to ship carloads of horses to Omaha Nebraska, where the sold them. In later years they moved to Boise, Idaho, where Dad Dutcher took contracts building canals after the Arrow Rock dam was built.

Willard had gathered some very pretty and unusual rocks and fossils when he was a small boy, and still had them when we were married, and I still have some of them.

I had made some heavy denim aprons that I wore in the canyon and when I was out after the sheep or cows I would pick up the pretty rocks and carry them in my apron.

We also found a lot of petrified wood. We built a fence

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**Dog Grooming
by Vicki**

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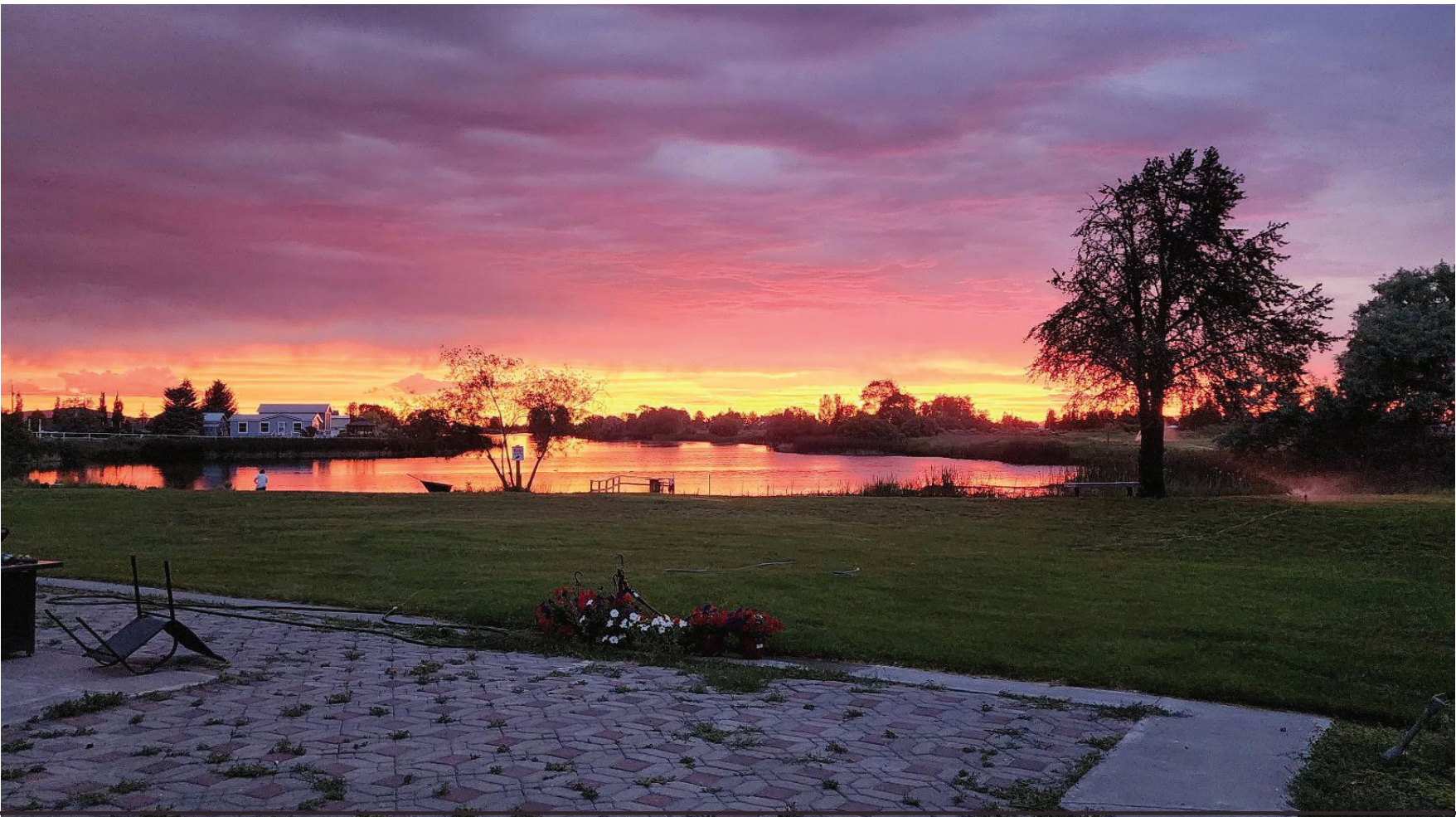
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Comings

From page four.

Dan on this project as it allows us to train obstacles in the south arena and Dressage in the North arena. And Dan also tilled up the warm-up arena at the Rodeo Grounds which is great as it gets the horses off the property. Hopefully the Park and Rec District will be able to get the Rock Dog back out to remove all the rocks that have worked their way to the surface in the main arena - making the footing once again safe. I realize that no play days are scheduled but I also know that we are not the only riders using the grounds.

Pickleball is going great! We have regular players and players who fit it in when they can. Over the past few months all the players have improved and many are becoming quite competitive. Don't let that scare you away. Beginners are nurtured along and progress quickly, especially with the wonderful mentoring and coaching by Earl DyFoon who is helped by his daughter Emily. Watching them play on opposite sides of the net is beyond entertaining. Their skill set is probably out of reach for most of us. However, they tone it down to a fair level for those they are playing against. I think there should be a short video clip of Emily serving posted on the Chamber web site soon.

Everyone is welcome to join in. While the Community Hall can only accommodate one net, the North Lake small gym allows for three nets. That translates to 12 players playing at the same time.

I'm going to finish on a less than positive note. There are just too many puppies being born out here. They are not finding homes, many are in terrible condition due to lack of adequate nutrition. Please people, take advantage of the spay and neuter clinics our local Humane Society puts in place for you. We just took in a five month old female pup that had been abandoned - left for weeks to fend for herself. She was starving and weak. She will be spay soon and has a permanent home with us.

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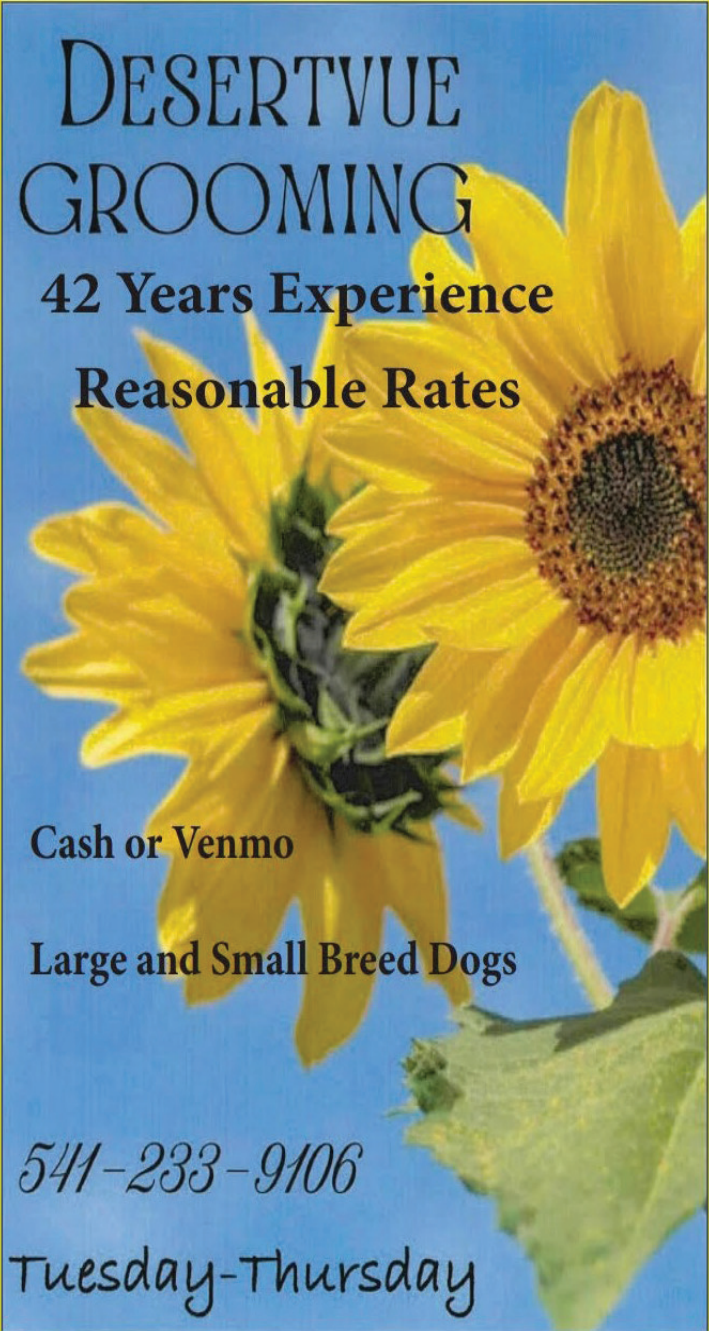
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Rockhounding for a Profit in Lake County

The southern half of Lake County is littered with Uranium mines that have been played out of their highly radioactive rock called uraninite pitchblende. It is used in our Nuclear reactors but it's what is found around these mines is where today's money lies. Rare-earth metals have just sky rocketed in value due to world tensions. Rare-earth metals are microscopic in nature so one needs to learn what to look for in their host rock. There are many other types of valuable rocks that lay around these mines. But

first a scientific explanation of radioactivity. Elements, like uranium and thorium, shed excess energy in the form of alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays. While it Radioactivity is the emission of particles or rays from the nucleus of the unstable atom. Elements, like uranium and thorium, shed excess energy in the form of alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays. While it sounds alarming, the good news is that not all radiation is dangerous. Alpha and beta

particles are easily stopped by a sheet of paper or even our skin, while gamma rays require thicker shielding. To put it simply: radioactivity is caused by some elements with unstable nuclei. Radioactive rocks look like regular rocks, so you can't just look at a rock and know if it is radioactive. Most rocks have such low radiation that they are not harmful. In addition, all that glows is not necessarily radioactive. You can find out quickly if a mineral or rock you found

has levels of radioactivity by using a Geiger counter. Although these glowing rocks and minerals are not a usual everyday find, they do exist casually among us. Whether buried in layers of rock, stocked away in a museum, or hiding in disguise in your kitchen cabinet, it is safe to say you are in close proximity to radioactive rocks on a daily basis Our Great Lakes have thirty-eight mega-nuclear plants on their shores which return radiated water flowing

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into the St Lawrence River. Both sides of this river have the highest cancer and birth defect rates in the world.

Thorite is a mysterious thorium-bearing mineral. The Earth’s crust actually contains more thorium than uranium, making Thermite a significantly valuable find near the spent mines. Researchers are aiming to develop thorium-based



Image of Thorite-bearing mineral, rock

reactors due to its increased safety, shorter radioactive waste half-life, and longer life span (20years) that will result it such reactors surpassing uranium-based reactors. Get your claim located because the future is very, very bright! Literally!

Another rock that glows under ultra-violet light known as the “florescent treasure of the desert zones,” Autunite.

Carnotite, another radioactive rock laying around here plays a fascinating role



Image of Carnotite

in the geological story of the American west. Formed through the weathering and alternations of primary uranium ores it is often found nested within the sand hills of arid regions. Carnotite’s vibrant yellow color serves as a beacon, hinting at its significant uranium content. Zircon of the cubic zirconia fame in jewelry is located within our county. It

too is radioactive but not at harmful levels. On the same token, your new Granite



Image of abandon uranium mine in southern Lake County

counter top is radioactive. Relax!

In the early 80’s they placed a Geiger counter on an airplane and flew around Lake County to assess how radiation has spread thru ough the area. One discovery was that one town had new asphalt laid only to discover it was radioactive because the paving company used the overburden from our old mines as a filler. That ended that study.

Do your homework before the field and a good source is “Radioactive3 Rocks” which will in turn help you to learn all you should know to get started. This source also has instructions on how to build a homemade Geiger counter.

Less than a hundred miles and just across the Nevada border, the world’s largest lithium mining operation is being developed. Another stone’s throw away is gold. Nevada produces 75 percent of our nation’s gold. This gold deposit contains over 6,000 tons of gold and constitutes the second largest concentration of gold in the world. It too is microscopic and needs a trained eye to see it.

Remember the Comstock Lode was discovered eight years after the Gold Rush . Likewise in 1965 a prospector walking a suspect area and seeing nothing, stopped to tie his shoe and realized he was walking on the world’s second largest concentration of gold.

Making a Geiger Counter

How a Geiger counter works. A Geiger counter uses a special tube filled with inert gas at a very low pressure to detect radiation. Inside this tube, there is a cylinder shaped piece of metal that acts as a cathode. Within this cylinder, there is a small metal wire that acts as an anode. When a high voltage is initially put on the anode of the tube, nothing happens, but when a radiation particle strikes within the tube, it causes the inert gas to ionize and break down in a chain reaction. This causes a few micro-amps of current to flow for a few milliseconds. This flow of current can be measured by different electrical circuits.



A simple, homemade Geiger counter can be constructed using basic electronic components like a Geiger tube, resistors, a capacitor, a MOSFET, a transformer, and a piezo speaker. The circuit typically involves a 555 timer to generate a square wave that drives a MOSFET, which then steps up the voltage using a transformer to power the Geiger tube. When radiation enters the tube, it causes a current to flow, triggering the piezo speaker to produce an audible click.

(To get full instructions you can go to www.instructables.com and search for the article "Simplest Geiger Counter".

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Our Homestead In the Canyon

Now Succor Creek State Park in Malheur County Oregon

From page seven.

Authored by Ida Dutcher

around the yard of lava rock and when we brought in the petrified wood or rocks we would pile them on to of the fence. We had two steps up to the yard from the creek which ran in front of the house. On each side of the gate we had two large logs of petrified wood. Once when I was coming in and it was frozen, I slipped and fell over on the logs and broke two ribs. I wonder how many people have broken ribs this way?

When we were building our dam, I found a large petrified tooth We called it a horse tooth but once a group of students came out from the college of Idaho and the Dean told us it was a pre-historic tooth, a lot older than the horse and also larger. I still have it in my collection.

We used to stop out at a creek by Grave Yard Point to let the horsed drink and rest awhile and we would find beautiful plume agate. I understand they are very scarce there now.

MOTHER DUTCHER

In 1921 Willard's mother came out to spend the summer with us and liked it so much she decided to homestead on Trimney Creek which joined our place. Willard built her a house. It was small but comfortable and she called it The Wee House among the sage brush. Our girl stayed there with her a lot as she did not like to be alone. I was only about one and a half miles from our house, but was out of the canyon.

After spending a year there, she found she had cancer and passed away in 1922, so the place was never proved upon. I enjoyed having her with us so much. She was such good company and I loved her dearly.

She was so afraid of the rattlers. Once she was washing the dishes and I had stepped outside. I heard her scream and I knew what that meant. A rattler had stuck its head up from a cabinet where she was standing. I got a long stick, pulled out the cabinet and killed the snake.

Another time she was down the creek helping me get some wood. She had gotten a rock in her shoe and sat down on a rock to take her shoe off. I looked and saw a snake under the rock she was sitting on. I didn't want to scare her any more than necessary, but I said, "Mother, move quick." She knew what I meant and screamed and did just as I told her to do, moved fast.

She used to stay with the children while I would be riding after the cattle. One time when I cam in she was amused at the children's drawing. Gertrude had drawn a house and had done a good job. But Orville had just made a lot of straight marks on his paper. She asked him what it was and he said, "Porky pine quills."

ODDS AND ENDS

Willard had a trap line running from the canyon over to the Hole in the Ground one year, a distance of twelve miles. The children and I often rode over with him and sometimes some of the boys who came out to see us would go with us. We would take what we needed for the trip on the pack horses and spend the night there in the old house that was build near the Owyhee River. We had to go down Cherry



Creek Canyon, a very steep trail. Willard and the children would walk and he would lead his horse and the little mule would follow as the pack horses also did. But my horse wouldn't lead down there, so I had to ride him down. He always made it without falling, although I often wondered how.

Sometimes there would be a dozen or more coyotes caught on the trip which would have to be skinned and stretched on the boards to dry. but the good part came when the pelts were taken to market.

Several of the boys would come out and stay with us and they thought that quite the lie. Willard would tell them a lot of tall scary tales about the Indians and out-laws who used to stay there and they would be afraid to go out to sleep in their bed rolls, especially when Willard would give out a big yodel about the time they went to sleep.

We got some registered black-faced sheep and were very proud of them. We had them in a corral one day when Gertrude said, "Orville, come and see the black-faced ewes." He got to the fence and looked around and said, "Where are the black-faced me's?"

We had a shepherd sheep dog then and he was almost human when it came to looking after the sheep. If they went out on top of the rim, we would send bobby up after them and he seemed to know if he had missed some of them. He would come out on the rim and look down and if we waved up or down the rim he would go until he found them and brought them all in. If we didn't wave, he knew he had all of them and came on down. He saved many a long climb to the top for us. I guess we called him Bobby because he had a short tail.

We had two big bucks which weren't afraid of Bobby, so he had trouble bringing them in, but they were afraid of the other big dog. One day Willard sent bobby after them and the turned and fought him, so Willard sent old Duke after them. When they saw him they ran and jumped off the rim and just sailed through the air for several hundred feet. I don't think there was a bone in their bodies that wasn't broken.

One time when we lived in the lower canyon, Willard got u p in the morning and built the fire and called me. But I didn't get up and went back to sleep. As he walked down the trail he stopped to roll a cigarette and looked back and saw the tent was on fire. He ran back and put the fire out before much damage was done. You bet after that I got up when he called me.

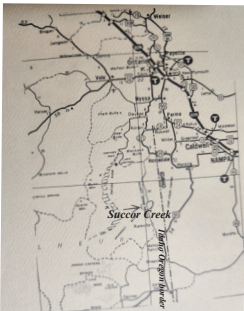


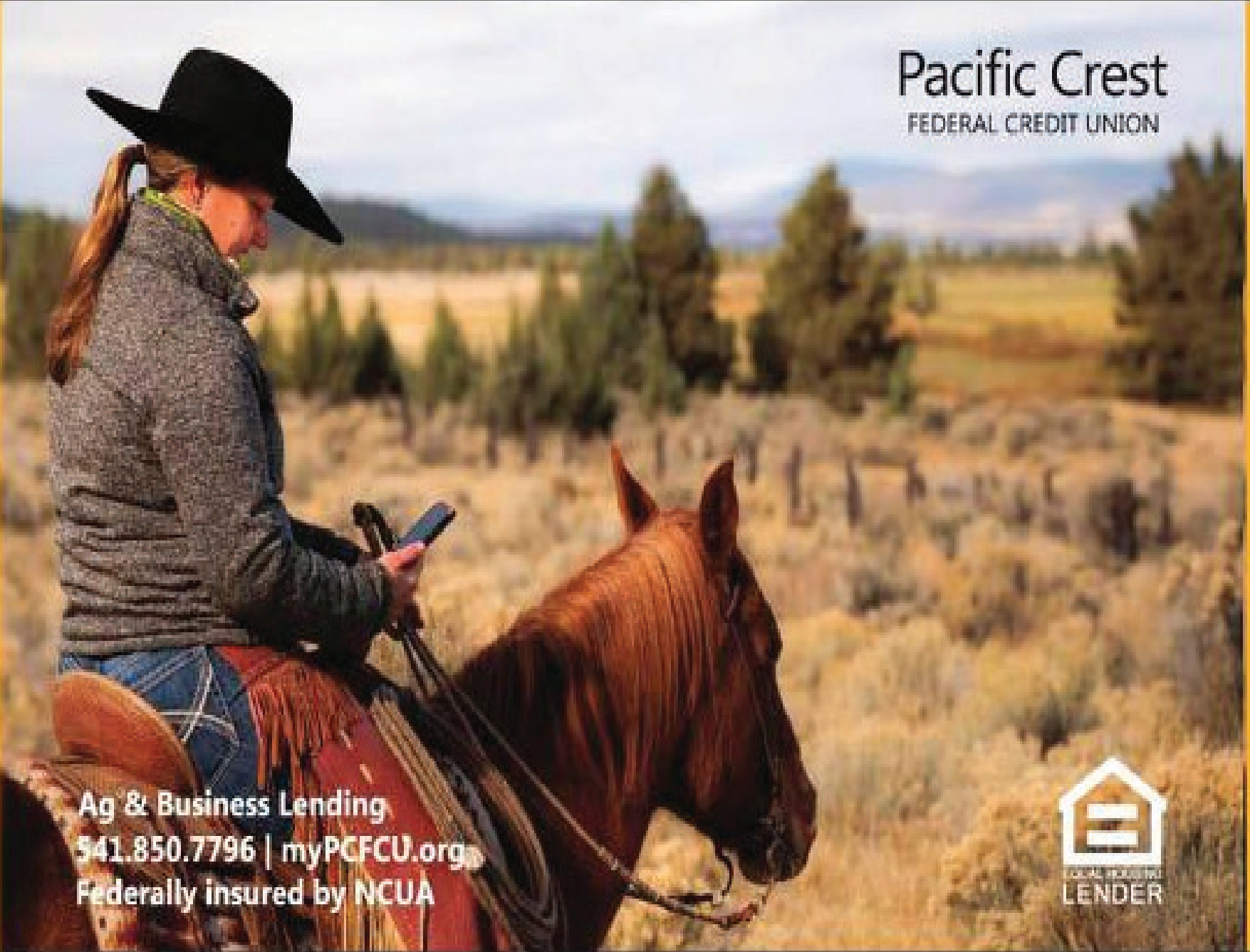
Ida Dutcher

August, 2024 began the serialization of Ida Dutcher's little book, "Our Homestead In the Canyon: Now Succor Creek State Park" in Malheur County, Oregon.

The book was first printed in 1970 when Mrs. Dutcher was 78 years old and shares her memories of homesteading during the early years of her marriage.


We hope you enjoy the read as much as we did. The book has many photos which we will share but because of their age they will not be crisp.



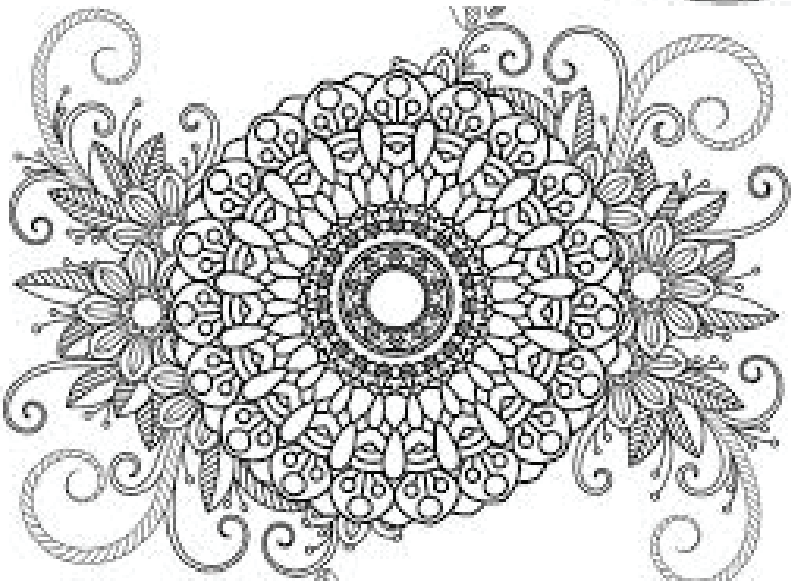
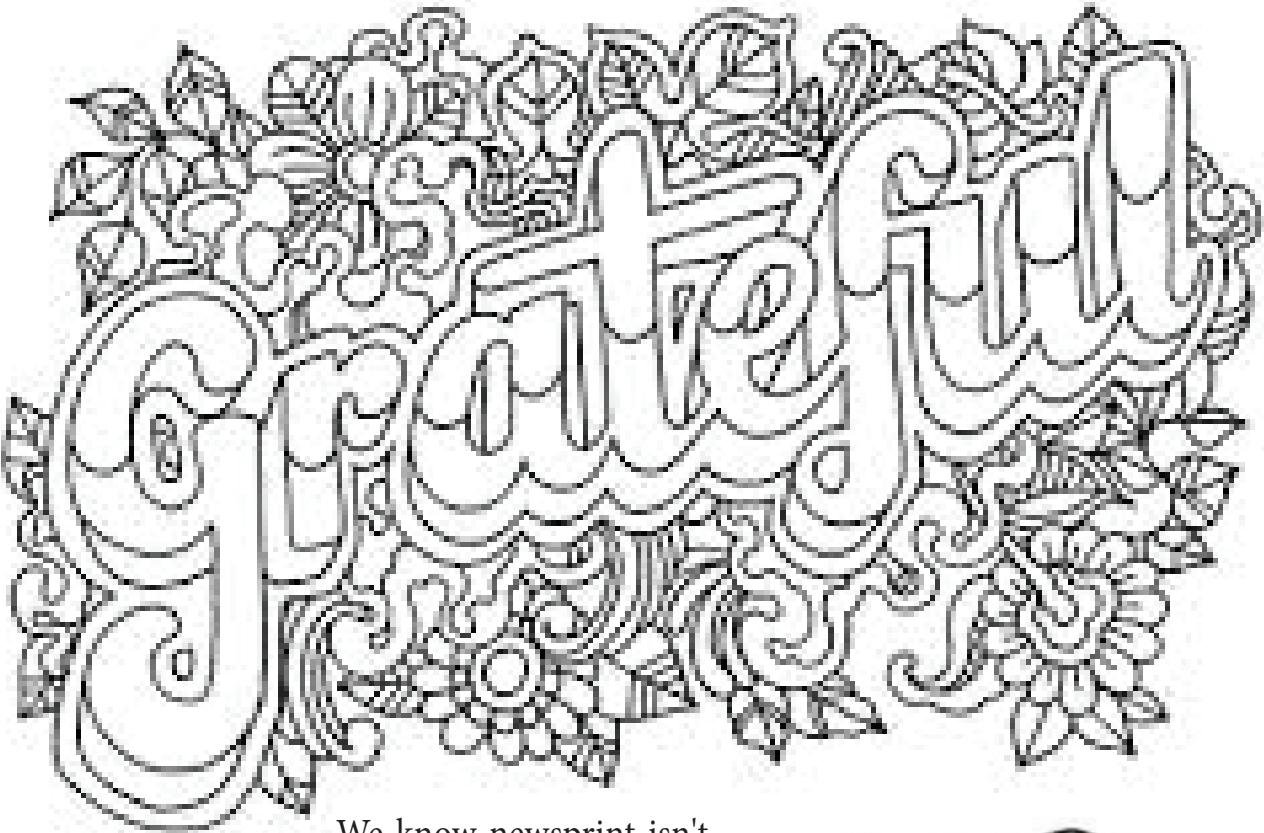


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20. Throat-clearing sound

21. Snoozing

22. Compass point (abbr.)

23. Bemoan

25. Desirable quality

27. Memorize

29. Camera support

33. Young's opposite

36. Playground fixture

38. Advertising symbol

39. Earphones

41. Camper's lamp

44. Doubtful

45. Church walkway

47. Came across

48. Aquatic animals

51. Nasty looks

53. Sticker

55. Decomposed

59. Ascot

62. Most recent

64. Ramble

65. CIA activity

67. Fine fabric

68. Horse strap

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70. Unlocks

71. Giraffe's feature

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73. To the point

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1. _____ spray

2. Honolulu greeting

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4. Tooth covering

5. _____ Moines, Iowa

6. Bookie's concerns

7. Dublin's country

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11. Makes do

12. Storage containers

13. Poker opener

19. Copycat

21. Dickens title beginning (2 wds.)

24. Monster's loch

26. Tip

28. Glamorous _____ Hayworth

30. Verse

31. Fairy tale monster

32. Stop that!

33. Cleveland's state

34. Departed

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46. Unlawful

49. Nevada town

50. Picturesque

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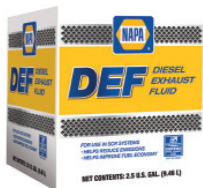


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