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The Annual Christmas Light Parade will take place on December 10th with it route beginning at KBE and traveling east on Christmas Valley Highway to the Chevron and then stopping in front of the Community Hall. Line-up is at 5 pm. All participants are welcome.

The entries will be parked outside of the hall for folks to get a closer look and take photos. Inside the hall will be cookies and hot beverages provided by the Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber of Commerce.



The Kids Community Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9th, from noon to 3pm. All children ages 0-12 will receive gifts from Santa. All are welcome to come and enjoy the party and refreshments.

The Tree of Joy gift pick up for families who filled out and returned forms is scheduled for December 15 from 1~3 pm at the Booster Building. Please let one of the Boosters know if you are unable to get to the hall so other arrangements can be made.

Praise the Lord Fellowship and the Konaway Nation are hosting their annual Christmas Dinner at the Christmas Valley Community Hall. All are invited to come share the meal with family and friends or to pick-up meals to take home or to deliver to people who are shut in. There are always gifts for everyone.



You are welcome to come early and visit or help set up the buffet. Dinner begins at 1 o'clock pm.



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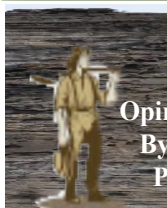
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Comings & Goings

By Terry Crawford

Well here it is - another year has flown by and the Community Breeze is one year older. I can't even remember what year the first edition was published - it was on my old computer and I don't even have a copy of it - at least not one I can find. No matter I think it was December of 2011. Back then it was only eight pages with four pages of color.

The amazing thing about the Breeze is that it took off on its own - the reader's liked it, but more importantly local writers became its foundation from the second edition onward.

Toni Bailie has written for the Breeze since January 2012 - wow. She shares stories and family history and highlights of the small, north-end community of Paisley.

Not long after Toni came Gloria Hagler who wrote a column for many years before retiring. At nearly the same time the Prospector joined in with his interesting observations on geological points of interest, and of early non-native visitors, such as the Spanish and surveyors, to the area.

Laura Parks wrote a wonderful column called, "Branching Out, thoughts on family and food. The commentaries and memories were a real treat as were the recipes she shared. With the advent of The Willows great success her time for writing was cut short. I think I may go back and begin reprinting those columns again.

Marie Brain has contributed a recipe a month for years, and they are always enjoyed when prepared. Gary Brain who has Summer Lake Apiaries has been writing about the keeping of bees in his monthly column, "Bee Cuzz You Asked." Readers love learning about the bees and following the life and care of the hives as seasons and needs change.

For several years Phil Dawsett wrote the column "My Ruminations," which incorporated his childhood and Viet Nam experiences as avenues to helping people move forward from difficult pasts and situations.

Next to join in was Carolyn Pottorff who wrote, "Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past." Those columns eventually became a book, and then several years after her death the Breeze serialized all the tales published in the book.

Historian Marie Lee from Lakeview has a strong reader following as she shares her research of Lake County's northern end. She has featured long forgotten little communities of the homestead era - their residents and their stories. Marie is very busy as a museum curator as well and yet she somehow manages to share an interesting story each month.

Currently the Breeze is serializing Gladys Martin's novel, "Desert Dandy" which is set in the Wagontire area during the early 1940s.

Linda Evans sent over a very fun "New Years Party" story that you will find on page four. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Other writers have shared stories and poetry throughout the years: Al Bailie, Pat Stagner, Rachel Wilson, Becky Womack and Mavis Paul - they spice the pages.

Thank you to every writer - you are the heart of this publication and a reflection of what Community looks like.

How about our November Deep Freeze?

My smart watch has congratulated me nearly every day for getting a lot of steps in. It's no wonder - four trips out the barn everyday - sometimes more just to make sure the horses have feed in front of them at all times and their water troughs are not iced over. I ended up a some good sized piles of ice chunks which are finally getting around to melting - slowly - so they aren't creating huge amounts of mud in the paddocks, but those paddocks are a mess with three weeks worth of cleaning to catch up on.

After three years of keeping my lovely, amazing quarter horse Alex fat, sassy and overall healthy, his sarcomas were finally beginning to impact his comfort and well being, so on November 15, Dr. Hally provided him a dignified, peaceful life to death transition. I can not thank her enough for her humanity and empathy for the animal and the owner. I have heard it said that it's no big deal - just dig a hole and shoot it. Well many of us have long-term relationships - partnerships with our horses, dogs, and cats and even some farm animals and it is important to us that we honor our unwritten contract to do right by them during their lives and to help them have a peaceful end when it becomes necessary.

Playing Darts in Christmas Valley

I never thought much about playing darts - I really like to play pool - especially nine-ball, but with only one pool table in the area and a limited amount of room and a lot of people playing darts on the electronic dart boards at the Sand City Lodge and at The Ranchhand, I ended up starting to throw them. Then I found out there was a league forming and decided to



From This Angle: When I Think of Home

By Toni Bailie

It was Carolyn Pottorff who came up with the name Easy Writers for the group that gathered in my home to encourage each other in our writing endeavors. During COVID quarantine, we began weekly meetings on Zoom. We have continued with that format, since we have a member in California, one in Eugene and several in Lakeview. We support each other's creativity. We have a couple who are writing novels, one who is translating a book from French to English, and others who choose from two writing prompts I supply each week.

Recently I responded to the prompt: *When I Think of Home....*

For me, home is a safe haven, where I can relax, kick off my shoes, grounded in a place that is special to me, that provides a sense of belonging.

I recall memories from my childhood home in the small community called Wocus, four miles north of Klamath Falls. I was blessed with parents who nurtured me, providing a place where I felt safe and could pursue favorite activities. Memories arise of sitting on Dad's lap while he reads me a story; in summer, hanging clothes outdoors; gathering fragrant bouquets of lilacs; picking juicy red raspberries; evenings playing in the yard with neighbor kids—All Bears Out Tonight, Red Rover, Mother May I; saddling my bay quarter horse mare Dolly to go riding in the hills; gathering with my parents and sister around the dining table to savor one of mom's home-cooked meals – a favorite was chicken and dumplings with apple pie for dessert.

When I think of home here in Paisley where we have lived since 1994, I think of a cozy wood fire on a cold winter day; sitting in the yard swing or gazebo enjoying colorful flowers in summer; serving a meal at our dining room table to dear friends; sharing conversation, memories and laughter with my husband Al; kicking back in my comfortable recliner in the evenings after dinner.

When I think of home, I appreciate this place in the Oregon Outback that resonates deeply with me. When I return on Highway 31, at the top of Picture Rock Pass the vast expanse of Summer Lake and the Chewaucan Valley spreads before me, opening a spacious place in my soul. I feel an inner "Yes, this is home."

When I think of home, I remember some of my elderly friends who can no longer manage on their own, those in care centers who long to be back in their own homes.

When I think of home I feel concern and compassion for the many people who are homeless, without the basic comforts I sometimes take for granted. I do not judge whatever complex circumstances led them to living without permanent shelter. I humbly receive the precious gift of my home and seek to finds ways to extend compassion to those shivering in the cold.

When I think of home, I am grateful for a warm, safe place to live, for food, electricity and clean water. I say a prayer of gratitude for our modest house here in quiet Paisley, for the feeling of connection with friends and neighbors

sign up to play. I didn't have a partner but neither did a local fellow named Todd - so we became a team. Most of the time we play on Sunday afternoon - unless we have to schedule a make-up match due to conflicting schedules. It's far more fun than I expected and slowly I am getting a bit more accurate - not necessarily consistent -- but that will come in time.

A Change in The Breeze's Format

Money is getting tight for all of us. The Bulletin is getting hit with increased paper costs which of course get passed on to the customers. The inclusion of color on every page is also very expensive, therefore I have chosen to run 50/50 color. You will see all the advertisements on the Color pages and all the content on the Black and White pages. I really like having color graphics and photos with every story but for now they will be in B&W. My reasoning is that I have never charged advertisers for color but have

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It was a doomed affair right from the start. You see, Miss Goose, her friend's call her mother, decided to throw a party that would be out of this world. It was to be sort of a who's who of the rhyming underground.

The trouble began when Miss Goose asked the Farmer in the Dell if the party could be held at his place but when Old MacDonald found out he wasn't asked there was a huge argument, so she told them both to forget it. Ole King Cole heard of the disagreement and called Miss Goose to offer his castle as the perfect party palace. Everyone knew he was a merry ole soul for the wild after hour's parties he often hosted. After thinking about it, Miss Goose remembered the scandalous headlines in the tabloids the day after Cole's birthday party when Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall and couldn't be put together again. Conspiracy theories ran rampant while Cole denied there was ever a party held.

Miss Goose then did what every girl does when faced with a dilemma. She called her BFF and explained the situation. "I've got





THE NEW YEARS PARTY!

By Linda Evans

it," said her friend. "The kids are leaving to spend the weekend with their father so the house will be empty, and we can have the party here. Goose thought this a grand idea, so plans began, and invitations were sent. The festivity would be held at her friend's home that everyone knew as the home of the old woman who lived in a shoe. For those who don't know, that's the famous Shoe Bar and Grill from the sixties that closed down after that freak the emperor showed up nude and trying to convince everyone he was fully dressed.

Finally, it was the big night and guests began arriving. The first to show up were Jack and Jill. Jack driving the new Ferrari he got after collecting on the insurance claim from that nasty fall. The ants were next, marching in one by one. The cat drove over from Middleville along with the cow who was totally over

the moon. Alice took a break from her Wonderland Tour and walked in with the Mad Hatter. The three blind mice were late having gotten lost trying to find their way along the crooked road which isn't easy when you can see a thing.

The Muffin Man catered the affair with hot cross buns and peas' porridge hot or cold. In the kitchen Polly put the kettle on and brewed up an exotic beverage made from plants out of Mary's garden.

It was soon after all the guests had a sip or two of this strange brew that things got crazy. Jack began jumping over candlesticks, that playboy Georgie was chasing all the girls and making them cry and Little Boy Blue wouldn't stop blowing his horn while the pied piper kept

hitting sour notes on this flute. It was getting dreadfully loud, and the neighbors were about to call the Three Little Pigs.

Just when it was beginning to quiet down, Henny Penny came running in yelling 'the sky is falling, the sky is falling'. No one paid much attention to her, she's such a drama queen.

It was when an eency wincey spider showed up that everyone ran. Within minutes the old house was empty except for that cute little Jack Horner who was still sitting in the corner wondering why his thumb was in a pie. Next to him sat Mary Quite Contrary and together they began to laugh. They were the only ones who knew what grew in Mary's garden. It was that mysterious plant that Polly put in the kettle, which brewed the brew, that caused such a ruckus, the night that Mother Goose wore her wolf suit and wanted to be Queen of all Wild Things.

Listen

By Mavis Paull


Choose this day to listen and you will hear the rhythm of your life and everything around you. Listen, don't you hear your heart beat? The steady throb tells you: "This is the day the Lord has made! Enjoy it. Tomorrow will have its own rhythms. Worry not!"

Listen closer. Can't you hear the rain on the window pane? It beats a cadence all its own. Hear the little birds chirping their thanks and every blade of grass bows low in gratitude for each drop of rain it receives.

Listen carefully, the trees are singing a hallelujah chorus. You can feel it as the breeze passes by. Each leaf dances with joy, creating its own note played in the symphony of life, heard all around you.

The earth itself is in tune with the heavens. Spring is coming. Air, land and sea rhythms slowly begin to change. Each must sing a different tune and wear a different cloak, but the rhythm goes on.

Yes, there are the stormy seas and the calm seas, the rainy days and the sunshiny days. Plants bloom and plants die. Just like people – babies are born, age and then die. But the thread of life continues to weave a rhythm through it all. To enjoy life to the fullest, you must stop often and listen to the rhythm that surrounds you, the cadence of heaven's harmony.



Childhood Memories – My First Bike

By Carolyn Pottorff

As a child, my most precious possession was my bicycle. World War II was going on when I was seven. Metal, rubber and many other products were unavailable for civilians. One day, my aunt phoned and said Montgomery Ward had received a few bikes and should she get one for me. Mom said yes, and uncle brought it next weekend.


This was a full-women's bike. I was a little on the short meant I had to ride up. If I sat on the feet wouldn't touch. My aunt bought a light which screwed onto the handle bars and I figured I was all set.

One nice day, Mom and I got to the store just as the mail stage pulled in. The driver was unloading bread and the passengers were sitting in the car.

Did I mention I hadn't mastered the brakes yet? They can be tricky when you're standing up. Mom was a foot or two ahead of me. When it was time to stop, I hit the store front with a bang. The headlight hit me in my stomach, knocking my breath out. I stepped off the bike, got the kick stand down, and then blacked out.

Mom turned and saw me sprawled on the sidewalk. She said, "Oh, for heaven's sake Carolyn, get up and quit showing off." One of the stage passengers told her rather timidly, "I think the little girl fainted." Well, I spent a couple of weeks after that practicing stopping and Dad removed the headlight.

To me that bike was freedom! I rode it almost daily for the next few years.





Marie Lee

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, fog hung low over the valley beneath Abert Rim. My father, Donald Simms, herded the Simms Ranch sheep. His ark was snugged up in tall sagebrush where wind broke around the gaunt grey bushes to provide shelter for the sheep’s bedground. It was bitter cold, but there was no snow on the ground and they wanted to hold off feeding hay for as long as possible.

Although the local draft board held back as much as they could on drafting farm and ranch boys, Donald, at twenty-two, knew his number would be coming up soon. His father, Lytle, was in poor health with much of the ranch’s physical labor beyond him. Donald was their only child and hired help was almost impossible to find due to the war in Europe. Young sheepherders had gone off to war and older men were reluctant to spend months alone with a band of sheep pasturing high in summer mountain ranges or far out on the desert during winter.

It was a dreary day and Donald found himself unusually lonely and a bit melancholy. He turned the sheep back toward the ark for noon. He rekindled a fire in his camp stove and turned on the radio. He found only static. He blamed it on the fog. That night he tried again, radio waves penetrated easily through night air so he felt certain

Dad’s Memory of December 7, 1941

By Marie Lee

that he could pick up some news, but again there was only static. It made



him uneasy although once again, he decided it was on account of the fog.

He fished around on the radio before dawn. He was beginning to pick something up but couldn’t get the clear of it. He tried to find a better signal, but the sheep were getting restless and started to move out. He heard enough to know that something had happened. He had to give up and follow the sheep. At least the fog was beginning to lift.

Before noon he heard a droning

noise that came from the south end of the valley. As it grew louder and came into view, he saw a fleet of aircraft. They flew directly overhead through the valley, from south to north. He whistled to Billy, his dog, and Billy turned the sheep back toward camp when Donald heard a car. As he came into camp, his father drove up in the pickup.

Lytle creaked the door open, stepped out and squinted upward as another fleet of aircraft came from the



south taking their course due north, straight over the valley. He leaned against the fender as he told Donald that Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor, causing massive damage to the United States Navy and an unknown loss of life. They’d finally been able to pick up news that morning, on the radio up at the house.

All that day and for several days afterward aircraft flew over the valley as the U. S. moved aircraft to Alaska.

I first heard Dad’s story of that “day in infamy” during the spring of 1996. Fremont National Forest had just concluded a historical show where my husband, Fred, and I had showcased sheep ranch history. We, (mostly Fred) had restored the old sheep ark to something of its former self and Dad played the part of sheepherder during the show. When the show ended, Lee Juillerat, from the Herald and News in Klamath Falls, came to take pictures of the ark and interview Dad. During that interview Dad told his personal story of December 7, 1941.

Dad was drafted that summer. Before he reported, he and my mother were married. Mother followed him to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to spend every minute possible with him before he was sent overseas. Just before his unit was shipped to the South Pacific, Dad was discharged. He was deemed more useful to the war effort by working the ranch, plowing fallow ground for grain and raising meat to feed the military and a war-ravaged Europe.

I often thought that Dad was somewhat disappointed at his discharge, but nevertheless he put his nose to the tractor, almost literally, and never looked up until the war was over. He returned to the ranch in April of 1943, shortly before I was born in June.

CREAMY HERBED CHICKEN

Chicken is so versatile, you can fix it so many enjoyable ways. You can make this recipe as written or shred the chicken breasts after cooking, mix with the sauce and pour over fettuccini for a yummy pasta dish.

CREAMY HERBED CHICKEN

For the Chicken

- 4 Chicken Breasts pounded 1/2” thick
- 2 tsp each of Onion Powder and Garlic Powder
- 1 tsp fresh chopped Parsley
- 1/2 tsp each dried Thyme, Rosemary and Tarragon (or any herb you prefer)
- Salt and Pepper to taste

For the Sauce

- 4 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 tsp fresh chopped Parsley
- 1/2 tsp each of dried Thyme, Rosemary and tarragon (if you have fresh herbs, use them)
- 1 cup Heavy Cream
- Salt and fresh ground Pepper to taste

Coat Chicken with Onion, & Garlic powders and Herbs. Season with Salt and Pepper

Heat 1 Tbsp EVOO in a skillet over medium heat and cook Chicken until opaque and not pink inside (about 5 minutes per side) Transfer to plate and set aside. In same skillet, heat another Tbsp of EVOO, saute’ garlic, parsley, thyme and tarragon for about a minute until fragrant

Stir in Cream, season with salt and fresh Pepper to taste. Simmer gently for a couple of minutes to allow the sauce to thicken slightly.

Return Chicken to skillet. Sprinkle with Parmesan and extra herbs if desired. Serve with or over hot fettuccini and a crisp Green Salad.

Enjoy!



Pork Chops with Balsamic Glaze

Such an easy recipe and so easy too

What you need

- 4 boneless Pork Chops (can use sliced Pork Loin)
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground Pepper
- !2 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1/2 tsp Onion Powder
- 1/4 tsp Ground Ginger
- 2 Tbsp EVOO
- 2/3 cup Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 tsp Sugar

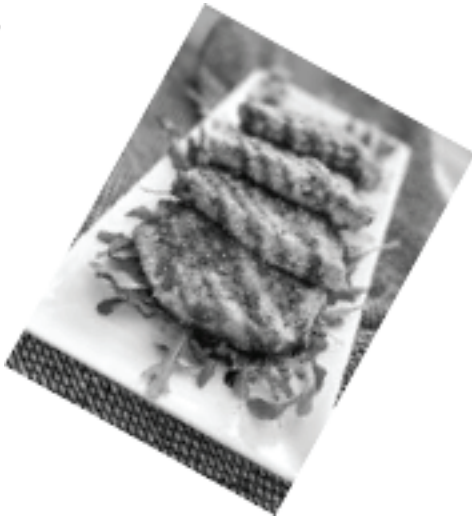
Pound the chops with mallet or edge of a saucer to 3/4 of an inch thick.

In a small bowl combine Salt, Pepper, Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, and ground Ginger. Season chops on both sides with this mixture.

Brown the Chops in EVOO in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Brown well on both sides, and until Chops are cooked through, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove the Chops from the pan to a plate. Keep warm. Lower heat slightly.

Add the Balsamic Vinegar and sugar and cook until it thickens slightly, 2-3 minutes. Return the Chops to the pan with any juice that has collected on the plate.

Turn Pork Chops several times to coat them with the Glaze. Serve hot, pouring additional Glaze over the chops for serving.



Enjoy!

Burrrr! It's Cold!! November started fairly mild and then went to single digits at night before mellowing out toward the end of the month.

Things to bee aware of are the following:

Recordkeeping, review your pluses and minuses and figure out what you need to do next year.

Pay your "yard rent" to the kind neighbors that have allowed you to place your hives in their keeping. Usually a pound of honey per hive is normal.

Bee Aware of the Winds of November! The winds of November will come a slashing. I have pounded steel fence posts in to keep my hive stands and more importantly my hives from tipping over. Remember to check your entrance reducers. They may have been dislodged in our November winds. I checked all my hives again and rearranged my entrance reducers and tacked them into place. Those 60+mph November Summer Lake winds do tend to re-arrange things. If you wrap your hives bee sure to secure your wrapping or you may end up seeing it in your neighbors pasture!

Now is the time to check your equipment. Paint and repair supers and anything else that needs to be fixing.

Try making creamed honey from the honey you gathered from your cappings. You'll find recipes on how to make creamed honey on the Internet. So easy!

Check your hives on the *warmest days*; temperatures above 60 degrees if possible. I use a stethoscope to listen for activity. A couple of taps on the side of the hive should let you know that the



girls are still there. It is a good way to find out which hive box they are in. If your girls are on the top of the hive, they need some food! The honey stores are depleted and you need to intervene. Do not use outdoor liquid feeders at this time as it may fool the girls into a false honey flow. Use a shim (see internet for more information) and place winter food patties right on top of the frames next to the bees. You can use the Internet to find easy recipes to make these food patties.

Just make sure it is *at least 50 de-*

grees or above if you open a hive.

Your girls and the Queen Mother should bee in their winter cluster now. DO NOT disturb the cluster! It is another marvel of Nature. More on the winter cluster next month. Also check the Internet to subscribe to monthly newsletters about beekeeping. So much knowledge at you fingertips!

Well I am up against the editor's deadline so Bee safe and enjoy your honey this winter!

Bee-Cuzz You Asked DUCKTOBER and the BEES

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

find that the sisters prefer my bucket feeders to the top feeders that I have.

Bee vigilant for the dreaded Yellow Jackets as they can and will destroy a weak colony. Something I noticed this year, as I tried a different technique to keep my girls cool on those warm days. I slid my top cover off about three inches to give a little more ventilation. What I found out is that the Queen Yellow Jackets LOVE to get in and set up camp for the winter in-between the top and inner cover. The girls are not up in the top anymore and the Yellow Jacket queens must have thought it would bee a good place to over-winter. I must have squashed ten to 12 of them.

You should have all your queen excluders off and mouse guards on by now. Make sure you have adequate

ventilation for your hives or condensation will form on the inner cover and top hive cover. IF this happens the condensation may drip onto your bees. I have a small hole in the top corner of the top main hive body and put ½ inch sound board (fuzz board) between the inner cover and top cover to help control condensation. I also use a shallow super with fine mesh screen tacked to the bottom and filled with wood shavings placed between the inner cover and top cover to help with condensation. This method seems to bee better for my hives that just a vent hole or fuzz board.

Now is a good time to take inventory and make a "to do" repair and maintenance list for the

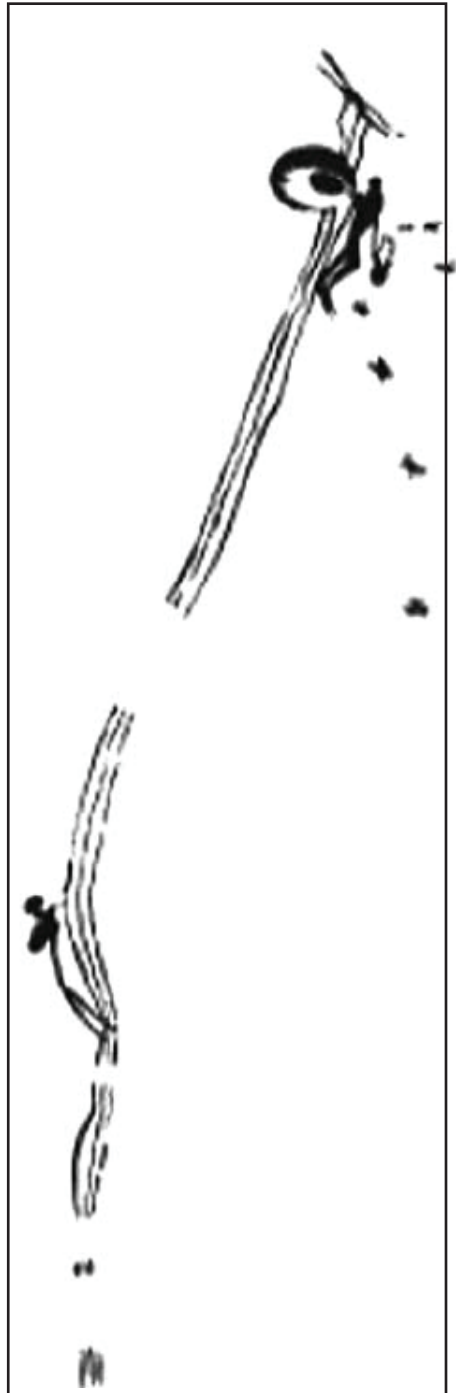
upcoming winter months. On warm days (over 60°) you should break open your hives and remove burr comb, check for the Queen Mother, and do a final inspection of the hive. Just remember, if you see the colony in a cluster do not disturb!

Well, I have a date with my one-man boat, a pond, and hopefully some ducks and geese. Getting low on Goose-a-Roney...

Until next month shoot straight and bee safe!



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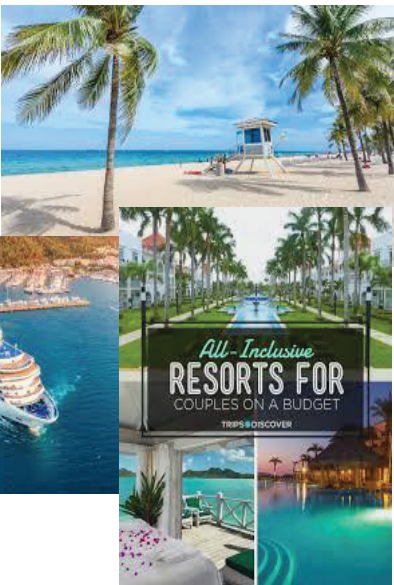
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Desert Dandy

By Gladys Martin

Chapter Nine

Early next morning, Nancy shook Mary awake. “Dad’s going to bring the horses in. Do you want to watch?” The warm bed felt so \ good, Mary was tempted to decline. However, she really wanted to watch so she got up. There was a definite chill to the outside air.

Clint picked up a long rawhide whip, mounted his horse, tipped his hat to Mary, and was gone. In a few minutes, Nancy jumped with excitement. “Here they come!” The horses burst into sight, a gray mare in the lead. Eleven horses followed close behind, all running full speed. They streamed through the corral gate and stopped in a cloud of dust. The early morning sun caught the dust, turning it into a golden haze.

After breakfast, Clint made sure Nancy and Mary were started on their day’s ride, then drove off on some mysterious errand of his own. Nancy and Mary were home by mid-afternoon. Nancy was as lively as ever, but Mary was tired and had sore muscles. “It’s probably the elevation,” Annie said. “Nearly everyone who comes from a lower elevation has a problem with being tired. Four thousand feet is a big change for most people. The best thing to do is go take a nap.”

By supper time Mary was rested. She and Nancy were full of tales of their ride. Mary was enthralled with the open country and all the flowers and animals they had seen. After supper, Clint tipped his chair back and said calmly, “How would you girls like to run some wild horses tomorrow?” “You mean Mary and I can help?” Nancy’s eyes were wide with excitement.

“I figure you girls can handle the cavvy,” Clint said. “Lum and Curly will help. If we can catch that wild bunch when they’re full of water, they’ll be easier to handle. I thought Mary might like to see that kind of action.”

Mary’s eyes were almost as big as Nancy’s. “What is a cavvy?” she asked. “Cavvy is short for caballada, the Spanish word for a saddle horse bunch,” Clint explained. “If we can run the wild ones into a bunch of broke horses they’re lots easier to handle.”

In the morning, Nancy was disappointed with the horse Clint chose for her to ride. “Why can’t I ride Dandy? He wasn’t tired at all yesterday.”

“Nan, you know we never ride a young horse that hard. Besides, Dandy’s never been used to handle horses. You’ll be safer on a more experienced horse.” Nancy saddled Sailor, knowing full well her dad

was right. Clint was riding Chief, his favorite for running horses. He chose Target for Mary and Annie was on her favorite, War Bonnet. They started out, trotting for a while, then walking, conserving the horses for harder use later in the day.

Lum and Curly already had the cavvy in place. Clint rode on with Lum and Curly. They rode several miles, in no hurry and enjoying each other’s company. Then Chief indicated there were other horses in the area. It was just a movement of the horse’s ears, a turning of the head and testing of the air. Clint was reasonably certain where the sorrel stallion and his mares would be. Generally, the wild ones would travel into the wind.

The men’s conversation continued. “George has got to hire another man,” Curly said. “There’s too damn much work for him and me to handle.”

“It’s hard to find men now with the war still going on and everyone in the service,” Lum said. “It’s hard to find a good man. I remember one came looking for a job. He said he’d been a buckaroo for years. The first day he tied his rope on the saddle backwards, so I figured he didn’t know his head from a hot rock.”

“At least he could learn,” Clint remarked. “I remember one guy you had that couldn’t get anything right. If you’d put his brain in a magpie it would have flown backwards.”

“The next one wasn’t much better,” Lum said. “He was a good hand but he stole everything that wasn’t nailed down. He had boxes of stuff he’d stole. There was eyeglasses, false teeth, spoons, jewelry, tools, wallets.”

“They need somebody they can get some work out of,” Curly declared. “Hy wasn’t worth a dam. When he was drunk he couldn’t have blown his nose if his brains had been gunpowder.”

Lum chuckled. “Women have been taking over the shipyards and farming. Maybe they’ll take over buckarooing too. How’d you like that?” Curly grunted derisively. “women should stay home, cook and raise kids. They got no business out here.”

“Annie helps me and she’s real good help too,” Clint said. Lum spoke up, “And what about Sunny? She’s run that ranch over in Dry Valley since her old man died. She’s doing a good job of it, and raising kids at the same time.”

Finally, Clint saw the tracks he’d been looking for. “Let’s go this way,” he said. “I’ve a hunch the horses we’re after are over on the next ridge.” The horses were where Clint expected them to be. They rode on by, over a mile away, as if they had not interest in them. “I’m going to check on the grass in this next valley and see how the cattle over this way are doing,” Clint said. “We’ll pick up the horses later.”

Half an hour later they were back where they had seen the mustangs. Clint studied the tracks and decided it was time to make their move. When they rode in on the horses most of the mares were full of water and slower moving. Even full of water and most of the mares with foals, they set a lively pace and the dust boiled up around them.

Clint watched for another dust to rise. When he saw it he grunted with satisfaction. “Good girl, Annie, Just keep that cavvy coming

the mares, but when they tried to turn back the others pushed them forward.

Finally, the stallion made a break for it alone, determined not to be caught. As he left the bunch he ran by Mary, so close she could see the hate and fear in his eyes. The sight of that head with blazing eyes and ears laid back was something she would never forget.

Clint was pleased with the results as they closed the corral gate. “Good job, Annie,” he said. “You did everything just right, I’m real proud of you.”


“Come on Mary, I want to see if there’s any of these mustangs you like the looks of,” Clint said. “I think they’re settled down so you can get a good look.” They peered through the corral fence. Suddenly Mary caught her breath. “That’s Dancing Leaf,” she gasped. Clint peered through the fence to get another look at the mare. “She’s foaled in the last few days and it aint with her,” Clint said.

Later Annie explained to Mary how Gus had caught Dancing Leaf and used her to race the Indians. Clint thought Gus had been afraid someone would figure she was not an ordinary horse and then he might be in big trouble with the Indians.

But Nancy was sure the sorrel stallion had stolen her away from Gus, it sounded much more exciting. She vividly imagined the stallion coming in the moonlight, kicking the corral gate to splinters and stealing the mare away.

Next Month: Chapter 10





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.

STAY AT HOME PROSPECTING IV

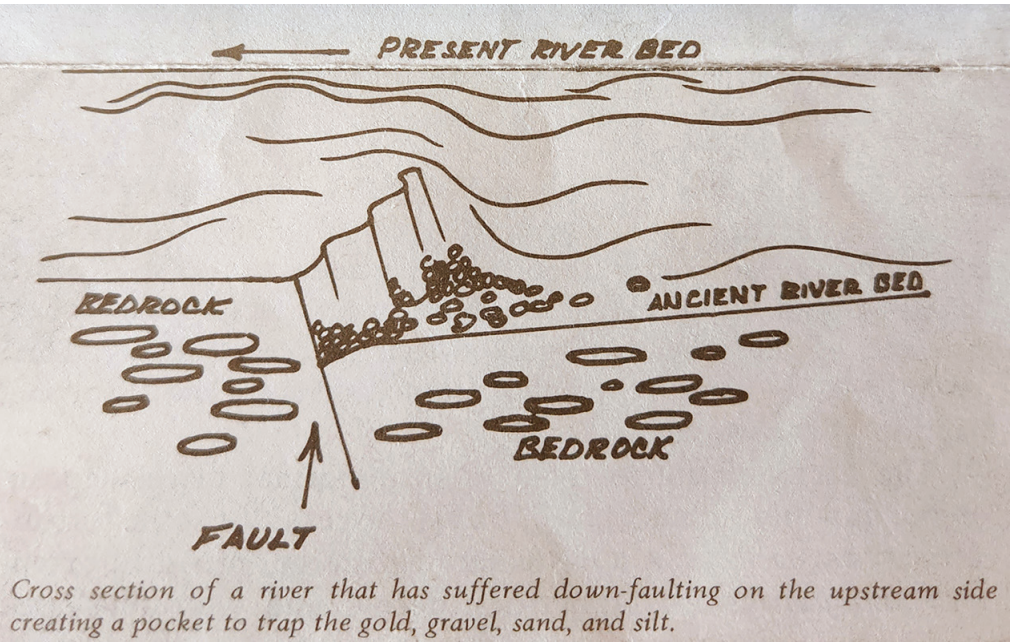
By The Prospector

It's time to go on a field trip. Starting at the intersection of HWY 31 and Fort Rock Road, head toward the rock. Watch for the first driveway on the right (about a mile) and turn in. After closing the gate look toward the bluff to your west. That is where the Anasazi rock drawings are located.

After a short drive and hike up the hill you will cross the old trail that has been used in north south migrations for many thousands of years. Now about four feet wide, it was originally only 16 inches in width. The change came with the advent of man leading animals during their travels.

The original trail was the result of migrating animals which interestingly never had mud puddles as larger game using the trail birthed on the high side of indentations which repaired them before they enlarged.

Once you reach the rock drawings and admire and enjoy them, turn around and face east. Scan the far horizon that is a couple of miles away and notice the small bunches of trees along the ridge. There are two sets that are pool-cue straight - numbering three each and that are spaced exactly the same distance apart. This is very unnatural - having trees growing in a straight line, but there, with your own eyes, you can see it.



With your trusty map that shows contours you place on that map the location of those trees. While you have the map out mark the location of the trees because when you actually get to the trees you will discover that it is not all that easy to find the straight tree lines- every thought you know they are there.

Now that you have located the trees and marked them so you can get far enough away to eyeball them to find your straight lines that out several hundred yards. I use a plastic tape to mark trees while I am exploring and then remove them (they are easy to retrieve) on my way out. You don't need to show others, it's their job to explore and discover.

Walk along a tree line to the edge of the fault block you are on

with the understanding that the trees are on fault lines and where veins are located. Now that you know the angle of the fault/vein you can drop a rock and where it lands is where you want to dig because after the gold is released from its bedrock encasement by decay and weathering it begins to creep down the hillside and may also be washed down rivulets and gullies and into old stream beds -- but in our case it's as close to the uplifting fault and down to the bedrock because gold, due to its weight will accumulate there.

As you are digging you will begin to notice different types of rock such as: Feldspar, quartz, corundum and of course 'black sand' and magnetite. Don't stop digging because you are have almost reached the heavy metals

are silver and gold--gold being the heaviest with a specific gravity of 19. That translates to gold weighing 19 times as much as an equal amount of water to its mass. Gold can't go through bedrock.

As you climb over the side to reach your diggings notice the different types of strata that make up that rim rock. If you find a layer of river gravel., WHOA! Investigate the rocks. This is how placer deposits of gold are found. If you just happen to find a layer of vegetation growing out of a seam, Whoa! This shows mineralization and needs to be investigated.

Let's go back to the Rock Drawings and look back to our two sets of trees. Looking at the left set you will see the tree on the far end is the same size but not in line with your straight trees and is a little south of the vein. This is your most important tree because it tells you there is metal in that vein. Why? The last thing a metal vein does before it breaks to the surface is roll toward the sun, to southern exposure because the metal has been magnetized. This tree is also important as it shows the high end or the closest point to the surface this metal vein comes. The tree line on the north side has a metal bearing tree that has been destroyed by lightning.

So if I were you, I would start looking on the far side for your treasures!



Sheriff's Report

Submitted by Sheriff Michael Taylor

November 19, 2022, Deputies responded to a report of criminal trespassing on South E Street. The reporting party stated her ex-boyfriend had been on the property earlier in the day but she did not see him. The female went on to report two previous trespassing incidents and a previous assault she did not report at the time. The investigation has been forwarded to the Lake County District Attorney for a charging decision.

November 19, 2022, Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of south G street and south 9th street. Deputies contacted Johnny Turnbull, the driver of the vehicle. A driver's status revealed Turnbull was revoked and had no insurance on his vehicle. The vehicle was impounded due to no insurance and driving while revoked. Turnbull was cited and released.

November 19, 2022, Deputies responded to assist the Oregon State Police with a traffic stop in the area of highway 140 and airport road. The female driver was arrested for DUI and booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 19, 2022, I conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Maple Circle and Oak Lane in Christmas Valley. During the traffic stop, it was revealed that the driver, Justin Stafford had a warrant for his arrest. Stafford was booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 21, 2022, Deputies responded to the Chevron regarding a former employee damaging the restroom. Justin Luster was identified by multiple witnesses and subsequently contacted. During contact Luster became uncooperative and volatile and was consequently arrested for Criminal Mischief, Theft and Resisting Arrest. Luster was booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 21, 2022, Deputies responded to Safeway regarding Josh Frank creating a disturbance. Deputies learned of an active Parole and Probation

Detainer for Frank prior to arriving at Safeway. Frank was contacted, searched and arrested. During the search, an illegal weapon was found on Frank's person. Frank was also charged for Felon in Possession of a Weapon. Frank was booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 21, 2022, Deputies responded to the 700 block of South E Street, regarding a domestic assault. The investigator led to the arrest of Rebecca Epperson for Domestic Violence Assault. Epperson was booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 21, 2022, Deputies responded to the 1000 block of South E Street regarding a vandalism. The reporting party stated he was having problems with his landlord and believes the landlord is responsible for the damage to his business signs. The investigation found no evidence of a crime related to the damaged signs.

November 22, 2022, Deputies responded to a report of domestic violence at 86396 Hill Lane in Christmas Valley. The investigation revealed, Michael Lafon pushed his sister and threatened others to burn their house down with them in it. The investigation led to the arrest of Lafon for Menacing and Harassment. Lafon was booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 26, 2022, Deputies responded to a report of criminal trespass on South E Street. The reporting party said Jesse Strout, who had been previously trespassed from the property, had returned to her residence. Strout left prior to the Deputies arrival however the reporting party had provided video of Strout on the property and refusing to leave. Strout was located at the intersection of South G and South 10th. Strout was arrested for Criminal Trespass II and booked into the Lake County Jail.

November 27, 2022, Deputies responded to the 300 block of North U Street regarding a report of trespassing. As a result of the investigation, James Tovar was arrested for Burglary, and Trespass and booked into the Lake County Jail.

Comings & Goings

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Out and About

On November 19th, PLAYA hosted a Dark Sky Party as a way to celebrate and raise awareness to the fact that parts, indeed most, of Lake County have some of the darkest skies on EARTH. My friend Carol Hamil and I attended.

The event included guided walks out onto the PLAYA where participants could view the Milky Way with no disruption from ambient light. Being that it was a very cold evening, and I failed to wear heavy boots I did not take advantage of the 20 minute outing but many others did.

However, Carol and I did get to view Jupiter and its four moons through a very high powered telescope. The photo on showing Jupiter with the moons is almost exactly what we were able to view. It was stunning. So far away, yet clear to our eyes.

The evening was filled with conversation and reconnection with friends. There was a table full of food choices - everything from cocktail meatballs to home made cookies. Poetry tied our amazing sky was shared as were several stories and thoughts about how precious our dark skies are.

Bob Hackett, the Executive Director from Travel Southern Oregon visited with stargazers throughout the evening and gave a brief presentation while explaining that his organization is working on establishing Lake County as a sanctuary for Dark Skies,

The article and photos to the right explain Jupiter’s unique moons.

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December Crossword

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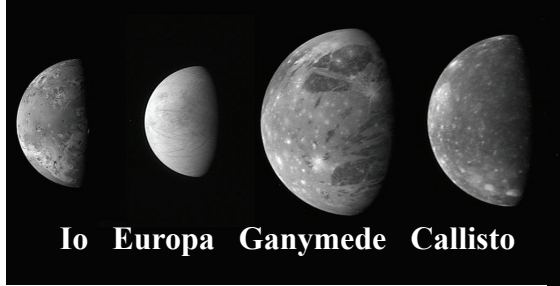
- 1. Prankster’s exclamation
- 7. Mil. address
- 10. Brake component
- 14. Duke Ellington’s transport
- 15. Bamboozle
- 16. City founded by King Harald III
- 17. Sells for twice the cost, maybe
- 18. Driving range item
- 19. Injure badly
- 20. Bit of brandy
- 21. Tubes on the table
- 22. Rhythmic foot
- 23. Sue Grafton mystery
- 27. Channels 14 to 83: Abbr.
- 28. Drench
- 29. Colombian city
- 30. ‘30s heavyweight champ
- 32. “The Simpsons” shopkeeper
- 34. Not at all eager
- 38. Sitcom with a 2,000-year-old character
- 42. Atelier item
- 43. Fix a squeak
- 44. Certain NCOs
- 45. Lawless character
- 48. Bush deg.

- 50. Sounds of surprise
- 51. Carolers’ choice
- 55. “__ meant was ...”
- 56. “So __ say”
- 57. Hot beverage
- 58. Neatnik’s nemesis
- 59. Took first
- 60. Agave family plants
- 63. Relative of the extinct moa
- 64. Popular tax shelter
- 65. ‘60s United Nations secretary general
- 66. In the mail
- 67. Pro __
- 68. Bedevil

Down

- 1. Fab time
- 2. Financial page abbr.
- 3. Bus travelers’ needs, perhaps
- 4. Mt. Shasta’s state
- 5. Huge herbivores
- 6. RSVP, e.g.
- 7. When Proctor renounces his confession, in “The Crucible”
- 8. Done like Donne
- 9. Five Nations tribe
- 10. Spheres of influence
- 11. Author Asimov
- 12. Foul stuff
- 13. Search thoroughly
- 21. Herbert Marx, familiarly
- 23. Jazzman Blake
- 24. “If __ Hammer”
- 25. Wander
- 26. Raines of film
- 31. Show again
- 33. Roswell sighting
- 35. Feline in which a blue eye indicates deafness

On Jan. 7, 1610, Galileo Galilei's improvements to the telescope enabled humanity to see Jupiter's four largest moons for the first time. Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto-the so-called Galilean satellites-were seen by the Long Range Reconnaissance Imager on the New Horizons spacecraft during its flyby of Jupiter in late February 2007. The images have been scaled to represent the true relative sizes of the four moons and are arranged in their order from



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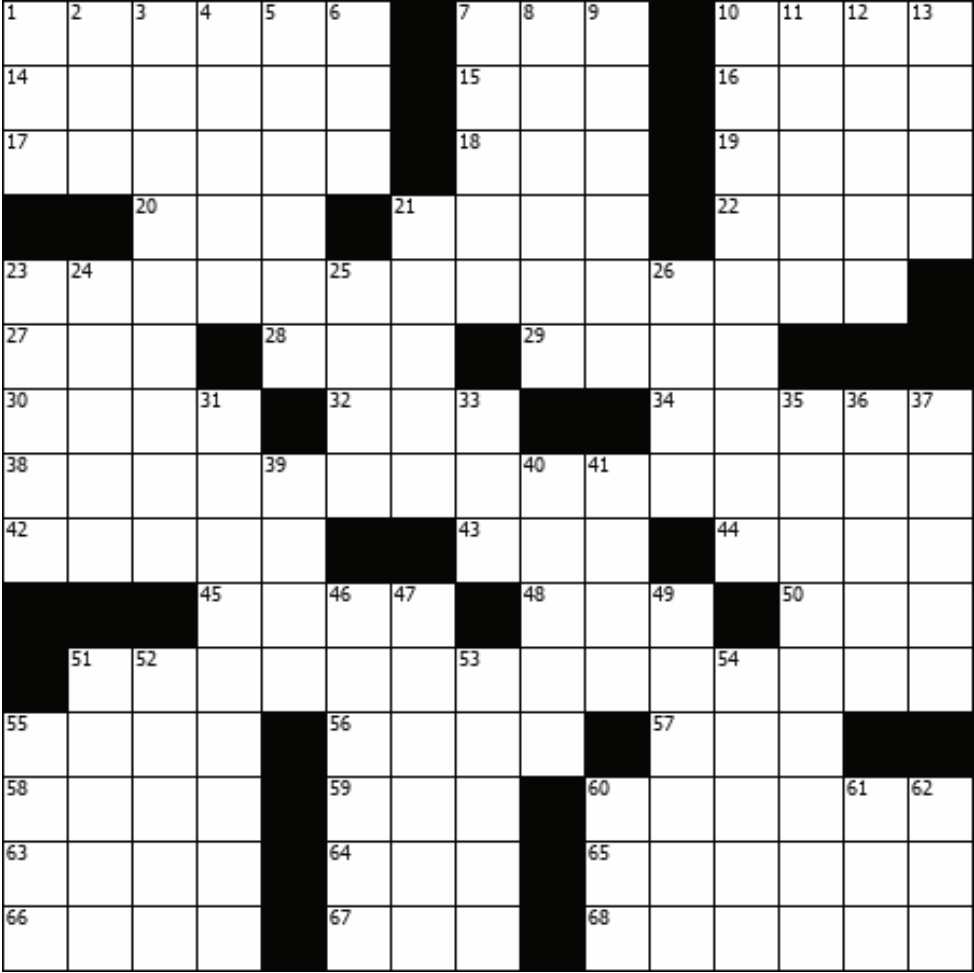
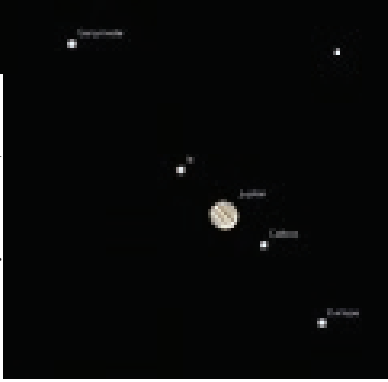
ceals an ocean of liquid water. New Horizons obtained data on Europa's surface composition and imaged subtle surface features, and analysis of these data may provide new information about the ocean and the icy shell that covers it.

New Horizons spied Ganymede from 2.2 million miles away. Ganymede, the largest moon in the solar system, has a dirty ice surface cut by fractures and peppered by impact craters. New Horizons' infrared observations may provide insight into the composition of the moon's surface and interior.

Scientists are using the infrared spectra New Horizons gathered of Callisto's ancient, cratered surface to calibrate spectral analysis techniques that will help them to understand the surfaces of Pluto and its moon Charon when New Horizons passes them in 2015.

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Jupiter
Io is notable for its active volcanism, which New Horizons studied extensively. On the other hand, Europa's smooth, icy surface likely con-



MATH PUZZLE

You know 2 + 2 comes to the same as 2 x 2. Now find a set of three different whole numbers whose sum is equal to their total when multiplied.

The three different whole numbers whose sum is equal to their total when multiplied are 1, 2, and 3.

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- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- 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
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- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
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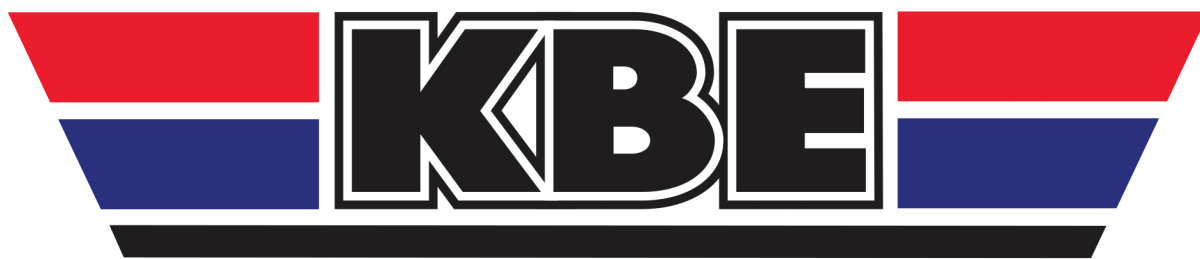
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