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## Bees Under Snow

Photo By Gary Brain

Gary Brain's hives in Summer Lake: Learn about the winter cluster and how bees survive winter's cold in Gary's Bee Cuzz You Asked, on page six.

## Just a Few Thoughts

By Terry Crawford

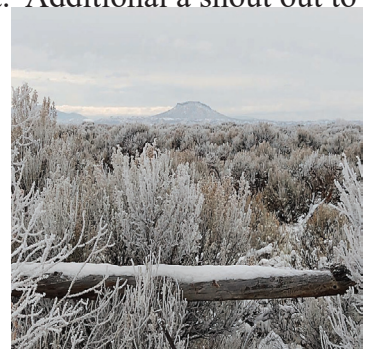
First of all I wish each and every one a joyous, prosperous and happy new year. Then there are some Thank Yous. Thank you to Shara Shumway, CV Park and Rec and the Community Service folks for getting the holiday flags out in the extreme cold. The many new and colorful additions looked great. Additional a shout out to all the hearty people that managed to get their Christmas lights and decorations up during this frigid spell. I sincerely hope that the bright sparkle of lights is a preview of what the year 2023 will hold for all of us.

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It's a new year with a very cold start. Folks are working hard to keep warm, take care of pets and livestock and themselves. The freeze, thaw, freeze, thaw and then real warm up that melted top layer of snow has created huge puddles with nowhere to drain and has raised havoc with our already compromised roads, as well as creating hazardous walking conditions. All one can do is to take extra precautions.

Another thing helpful to our community is consideration for all who live on our rural roads is for drivers to slow way down. The greater the speed the greater the damage as the edges of new, and now huge pot-holes are hit. They just keep getting bigger and deeper. It is confounding to find a reasonable explanation as to why one would beat their vehicle to the point it rattles on smooth pavement.

I am lucky and live on the highway. I have used my side driveway for years as it was more convenient, but with the incredible damage that has been done to the first 200 feet of the side road I am now using the driveway entry that opens up to the highway. With no support for the maintenance of township roads I don't know how folks are going to navigate them. A few years ago there were areas of damage on my side road that made unsafe and very damaging for emergency vehicles.



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## From This Angle: Jody Gaylord

By Toni Bailie

My friend Stacy Gaylord Moore lost her father John last October. Recently her mother Jody died at age 86. Over the years, I got acquainted with Jody when the Gaylord clan converged on Paisley each July for the annual Mosquito Festival. My impression of Jody as a quiet, soft-spoken woman was very different from what I learned when I read her obituary which recounted an adventurous life.

It was a tradition for family and friends to gather each summer at the old Gaylord farm house on Blue Street. During their stays in the family homestead, Jody cooked on a wood stove. She also painted water colors and designed the artwork for the annual Mosquito Festival float that always won first prize as most original entry in the parade.

My husband Al often helped them construct their parade float. One year he fabricated a giant mosquito which appeared in many guises. We were always invited to their Sunday morning breakfast. Jody and her daughter Stacy would bustle around the

kitchen, serving platters of waffles, bacon and blueberries from Stacy's farm. Jody had a kind, gentle spirit. She was a gracious hostess, welcoming us with her sweet smile, melting into the background while

as a pilot in their Cessna and enjoyed the thrill of flying adventures with son Kent and daughter Stacy. They explored from Yucatan to Point Barrow, Alaska. On their expeditions, she would cook meals on a



conversation flowed around the table.

Jody met her husband John when they were students at Occidental College in California. John was a commercial airline pilot who also flew his own private plane. Jody soloed

primus stove under the plane's wing.

Jody was piloting the Cessna in Mexico when she spotted a black turkey vulture directly in her flight path. The bird swept through the propeller and imploded against

the plane's strut. Jody skillfully landed the plane at a small airport, despite the right wing drag and blood-smeared fuselage. When they lived in Alaska, Jody was a teacher's aide for special needs students. She once chased a moose off the school playground in Fairbanks.

When husband John was president of Colorado Mile High Jeep Club, Jody learned can-can dancing and entertained at the club's event. When they moved to Hawaii, she learned the Hula and Japanese dancing.

I never once imagined this quiet lady kicking up her heels as a can-can dancer. She combined an adventurous spirit with a warm, gracious heart.



## Comings & Goings

By Terry Crawford

There is no doubt that November and most of December have been miserable when it comes to the weather. Even so, high desert dwellers are a hardy lot and don't burrow in when the elements make life tough.

When it comes to Stock Tank Heaters, have held out for years and just bitten the bullet and broken ice two or three times a day, and then in the middle of the night when necessary, but this year I had mountains of ice near the tanks and decided that it was just too risky for the horses health to not have continuous access to fresh water that wasn't ice cold.

Horses in the wild do pretty well when it comes to gut health, but even they lose when water becomes unavailable. They eat large quantities of forage and with out adequate hydration their digestive processes often fail.

So now the barn full of beasts have nice warm stalls if they chose to hang out in them, fresh cool water and lots of fibrous forage in the form of hay for the two young horses and chopped alfalfa-grass hay and molasses for the two old-timers.

Additionally they all get soaked beet pulp, and equine senior. Except for Ben, he gets

Omolene 100 instead of the senior as he is actually getting a bit chubby.

So there was a working equitation competition in December and I went over a week before to ride my friend, Amie's big red 19 year-old thoroughbred King to see if we would get along as I would be riding him the next week at the show. The test rides went well - and in the evening I enjoyed several games of Gen Rummy and glasses of wine with my friend Bev. Her husband Steve is not into playing cards when there are sports events to be watched. I am so lucky to have such friends.

So I drove over to Eugene on Friday, Dec. 16th and Amie wasn't at the barn - she had errands to run. I took the big guy out for a walk about and a bit of hand grazing then cleaned the stall and put him away. As soon as Amie arrived we saddled him up and I climbed aboard.

The ride did not start out the way I expected. King was in a very resistant frame of mind and was just not listening to what I was asking, which by the way wasn't much. As he started to settle I took him into the Dressage court with the intention of

practicing elements of the test I would ride on Saturday morning. He was pretty good until I rode him up the center line for the halt salute and trot off. We halted, we saluted and then rather than trotting forward, he angled left and popped off a couple of crow-hops. That was a surprise. So I rode him around the court's outside area for quite a while, then back in to the court to work on some canter circles. He absolutely refused to take the left lead - and I know he is well trained and takes his leads correctly and quietly. Not that night. I worked on a few serpentines and then left the court and re-entered to once again practice the trot-halt-salute-trot. We trotted, we halted

we saluted and then things went south. I asked King to move off my legs at a trot - he let out a bellowing snort and then bucked as if he were a bronc coming out of the shoot. Fortunately he only bucked once and fortunately I was sitting on him pretty chill because of our first adventure crow hopping. Me, well I was amazed that I was still on and not piled up on the ground. I rode him for another 20 minutes before handing him off to his owner as I didn't want him to have our ride having me get off right after the buck.

After a lot of thought and watching Amie ride him I decided that the best solution was to scratch and just help out at the See Comings & Goings, page 5.

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Grilled Huli Huli Chicken

This dish was invented by Ernest Morgado in 1955 when he cooked teriyaki chicken for a group of farmers. A Hawaiian staple with sticky rice, this rendition is baked instead of grilled.

Grilled Huli Huli Chicken

- 1/2 Cup Packed Brown Sugar
- 6 Tbsp Ketchup
- 6 Tbsp Soy Sauce
- 2 /12 Tbsp White Wine, Seasoned Rice Wine (or chicken broth),
- 1/2 tsp ground Ginger
- 2 1/2 pounds of Chicken Thighs or other meaty pieces



In a small bowl, mix first six ingredients. Reserve 1/2 cup for basting.  
 Pour Marinade into a gallon Zipper bag, add chicken pieces, squeeze air out of bag and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 400°  
 Remove Chicken from Marinade, arrange, skin side up in a rimmed baking sheet and roast, turning every 10 minutes, and basting with reserved marinade, until browned on all sides. Roast 30-45 minutes until juices run clear.

Serve with sticky rice, crisp salad and a green veggie.

Curried Carrot Ginger Soup

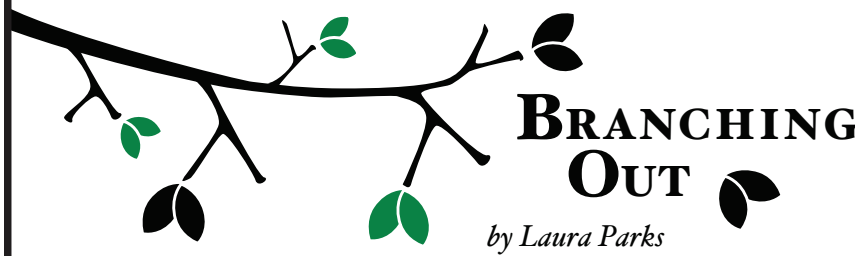
This crowd pleaser is a healing soup with pure simple ingredients. Often requested and seldom left over, you will enjoy the fresh flavors.

- 1 Tbsp Butter
- 1 Tbsp EVOO
- 2 tsp Curry Powder
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground Black Pepper
- 1 Yellow Onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 tsp Sea Salt
- 10 - 12 medium/large Carrots, scrubbed and chopped
- 2 inches fresh Ginger, peeled and chopped
- 5 cups Chicken Stock
- 1 15 oz can of Coconut Milk



In a heavy soup pot, on medium heat melt butter and EVOO. Add Curry Powder, Pepper, plus the Onion and Saute' 2 - 3 minutes  
 Add Sea Salt, Carrots, Ginger and continue sautéing another 2 -3 minutes.  
 Pour in Chicken Stock, bring to a boil.  
 Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook 10 minutes until veggies are soft.  
 Puree ingredients in a blender or food processor.  
 Stir in the Coconut Milk and heat to serving temperature.

If you like a thinner soup, add up to 1 quart milk or cream til you reach desired texture.  
 Enjoy with crispy French Bread



**Thoughts on food & community.**

Last Saturday I set off to do grocery shopping! The pantry was bare and I was ready to start my grand experiment. I was excited because it was what I used to do in the Portland area where I taught Kitchen Economy and International Foods classes and compiled a book called *Laura's Kitchen Economy*. I'd often take students to local markets and do price comparisons to show how to use simple foods in many different ways.

I began my adventure at Sid's Produce. I bought cucumbers, grapefruit, asparagus, limes, tomatoes, ginger root, yams, potatoes, apples, oranges and beets. On to Sagewood Grocery: Julie's store provided cheddar and Swiss cheese, black beans, gorgeous red peppers, fantastic spinach and broccoli, onions, green onions, a can of crushed pineapple, plus half & half, flour, sugar, cilantro and the very best ham hocks. Then off to Christmas Valley Market which is in the process of expanding. I bought milk, buttermilk, sour cream, eggs, frozen vegetables, bread and a small beef roast which will be used for soups and stews. This is my idea of fun!

At each market I envisioned different meals to make, side dishes to add, or sweets to offer. I did not buy anything that was not of top quality and had only spent about \$68.00. I did not purchase in quantity but what we would actually use in a 10-day period. When compared to how much it costs to go to Bend (gas, lunch and just the time involved), I had gone to three markets and spent only 40 minutes. I win!

I wish I had room to give you the recipes for everything I made with these wonderful ingredients but let's start here...

**BACON ASPARAGUS QUICHE**

- |          |                                                         |         |                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1        | recipe for single pie crust                             | 1 c     | diced Swiss cheese    |
| 8        | asparagus spears, steamed                               | 7       | eggs                  |
| 1        | green onion, chopped & sautéed                          | 1 c     | half & half (or milk) |
| 2 Tbls   | red pepper, diced & sautéed                             | 1/4 tsp | salt and pepper       |
| 3 slices | bacon, diced & cooked until lightly crisp, well-drained | 1/2 tsp | parsley               |

Make pie crust and cook 5 minutes in a 400-degree oven. Let cool 15 minutes then arrange the asparagus in a spoke fashion, sprinkling evenly with cheese. Add the sautéed red pepper & bacon together with the green onion. Set aside. In a medium bowl beat the eggs well, then add the liquid plus salt, pepper and parsley. Mix and pour into pie. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 50 minutes or until eggs are set. Let stand about 10 minutes.

**BEETS IN ORANGE SAUCE**

- |        |                           |         |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 6      | lg beets, peeled & sliced | 1/2 c   | orange juice              |
| 3 Tbls | brown sugar               |         | (or 1/2 Cara Cara Orange) |
| 1/4 c  | butter, diced             | 1/2 tsp | salt                      |

Layer beets in glass pan, cover with remaining ingredients. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to 60 minutes. Delicious hot or cold.

**BLACK BEAN AND CORN SALAD**

- |       |                                          |         |                      |
|-------|------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 8 oz  | frozen corn                              | 1 clove | garlic, minced       |
| 1     | 16 oz can black beans, drained well      | 3       | green onions, sliced |
| 2     | Roma tomatoes, diced                     | 3 Tbls  | cilantro, chopped    |
| 1/4 c | red pepper, diced                        | 2 Tbls  | rice vinegar         |
| 1     | jalapeno pepper, grilled, seeded & diced |         |                      |

Cook corn 2 minutes, drain and put in medium size bowl. Drain beans, add them and all remaining ingredients to the bowl. Toss and serve. May be made a day ahead. Great with grilled pork, BBQ beef or a simple salad.

Now is a good time to clean out your cupboards, enjoy our local markets, and *save some money!*

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## Dr. Sam Watah – Paiute Medicine Man

By Marie Lee



Marie Lee

Lake County Museum has to give credit to the research of Georgie Ellen Boydston-Stephenson. Her research spanned decades of thorough investigation by way of personal interviews and letters. It was probably into the 1950s when a Mrs. Isa (sp) Freeman of Bend loaned Georgie an interesting scrapbook.

During the bulk of time spent during her research Georgie Stephenson lived in South Carolina, often making bi-annual trips to Lake County to study the archives of Lake County Examiner and to conduct interviews. In June of 1939 she made a trip to Beatty in search of an interview with Dr. Sam Watah, a Paiute Indian who had medicine man fame.

Fast forward to Mrs. Freeman's scrapbook she loaned to Georgie and we find more localized information about Watah, plus his birth, via his obituary. Dr. Sam's story goes like this:

He died on the Klamath Reservation September 18, 1941; he was reported to be 106 years of age. The obituary, according to Georgie's notes, stated that he was given the name "Dr. Sam" when he was six years of age.

Watah was born in the Summer Lake area in 1835. Along with other members of the tribe he was taken by the Indian Service to

the Klamath Indian Reservation and lived in a Paiute camp near Beatty. He built his first house of logs on a hill located two and a half miles north of Beatty in a heavily timbered section of Sycan Valley. Later, he got a little money and built another house, then a third, and finally a fourth. All four of his houses were in a string and each one farther into the valley.

During her 1939 interview with Watah, he told Georgie, through an interpreter, that he had had three wives. According to the obituary she determined that he left a brother, a daughter and grandchildren plus great-grandchildren.

Information in the scrapbook indicated that full medicine man regalia was considered a prized possession. Until the time of his death, he asked the attending physician to take him to certain points on the reservation where he could obtain the necessary herbs and plants to prolong his life. Until his death he was alert and his eyesight keen.

From the same scrapbook came a story told by Mrs. Nettie Cannon of Paisley who remembered Dr. Sam Watah from her girlhood days. She related that Dr. Sam was the most important looking Indian that she ever saw.

Nettie traveled to Summer Lake from Lakeview during the fall of 1890 to visit Uncle Jim Foster. While there, she and the Foster girls went picking wild

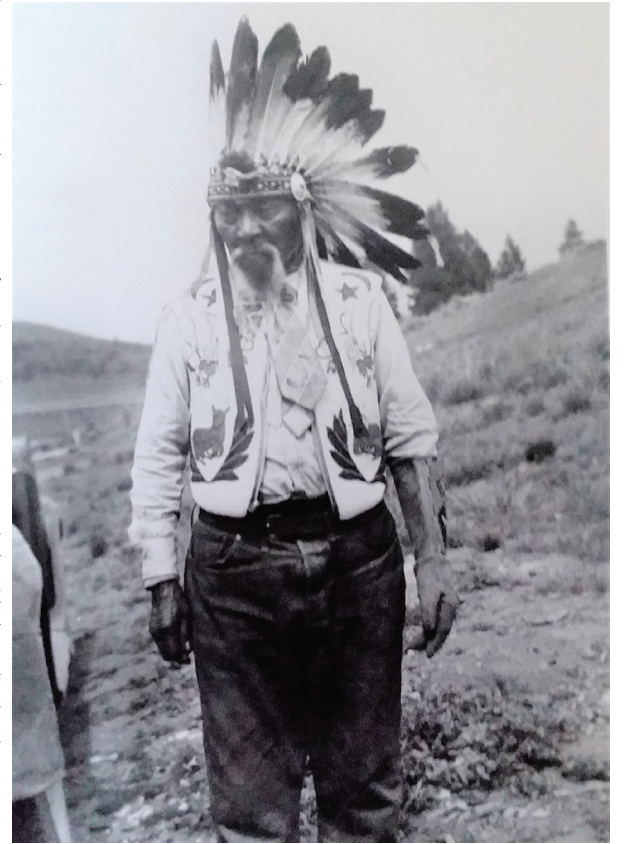
plums. They met a young Indian man who had come from Klamath with a camp of Indians and they also had come to pick and dry plums. He told the girls that an Indian woman in his camp had been bitten by a rattlesnake and so they took him to see Aunt Lizzie Foster. He asked for whiskey for the woman, but it was against the law to give whiskey to Indians. Aunt Lizzie gave him indigo, milk and some ammonia.

They went back to the camp with the Indian and found the woman lying near the fire. The wound on her leg was cut open and bound tightly above the incision, directly exposed to the heat.

Across the fire stood Dr. Sam. He was wearing a derby hat and chewing tobacco. Every so often he would spit and hit the wound every time. When Dr. Sam applied the indigo and milk the patient seemed about to faint from the effect. One of the girls handed Dr. Sam the ammonia and told him not to hold it too close to the woman. He jammed it against her nose; instantly she gasped and fell back.

The girls thought the Indian

woman had died so they hurried home and locked all the doors and windows. They were afraid that the Indians would think they had killed the woman and come after them. But the next morning Aunt Lizzie told them that the woman was alive and better. Aunt Lizzie sent the girls back to the camp with a poultice made of charcoal and carrots mixed together. She sent instruction for Dr. Sam to apply the poultice to the wound



and he did.

During the next spring they saw the woman's son who reported that his mother had recovered and he thanked the Fosters.

### Comings & Goings From Page Three

show. Oh and by the way it was very cold for Eugene. It only made it to 36 and that wasn't until 3:30 in the afternoon.

Amie rode her dressage test in the morning and then scratched for the other two classes as she was experiencing a bout of vertigo and a migraine headache. Amie has a non-malignant brain tumor that frequently disrupts her life. What it doesn't disrupt is here bubbly personality and happy positive outlook. She did ride in the Sunday clinic and told me she got a lot out of it.

Daughter Jill has move her horse up a level and did a great job executing roughly 20 simple lead changes - and simple is a misnomer because progressing through a double serpentine of weave poles at the canter (for example) with a simple change at each change of direction requires true cooperation between the horse/rider team. I will be happy to just get Ben through all the obstacles with no spin-outs.

I'm not sure if I have described my cooking skills to readers - they are minimal because I really don't like to cook.

So having enjoyed Marie Brain's delicious Curried Carrot Ginger Soup at the Flyway Restaurant at the Lodge at Summer Lake and having attempted to make it myself - a dismal failure) I asked her to cook a few quarts for me to take to the show for the Saturday pot-luck lunch. She did and it was very thick so I added a quart of half & half (at her suggestion) to extend it.

It was so good. Everyone who ate it wanted the recipe and I had to tell them my friend made it and I would need to get the recipe from her. Marie sent it over for this issue, so check it out. Even the show's promoter - who doesn't like carrots - gave it a taste test, ate a whole bowl and enjoyed every bite!

I - the non cook - made the Huli Huli Chicken which says Grilled but it's cooked in the oven. I didn't have any white wine or seasoned rice wine so I used rice vinegar. It turned out a beautiful golden color and was very tender.

My son, Stephen came out for the whole week - Christmas day to New Years day and we

pretty much just hung out, did some TV show binging, ate and relaxed. On the Friday before Christmas we had a Ham dinner with all the trimmings, exchanged gifts and totally enjoyed watching great grandson Jamison open his toys - and socks. Needless to say, the toys were a hit, the socks while not creating enjoyment will serve him well over the winter.

My friends Stephani and Carol, as well as Carol's brother also shared dinner and the evening. We played a short game of Pictionary and then called it an evening.

Stephen bought me a home, electronic dart board. This is going to let me practice. Finding just the right spot to mount it - well that took some thought. We considered the pantry door and the door to the utility room and nixed both because playing would often clash with cooking, laundry and so on. Next option. Next to the dining room table, which is seats eight and is a huge piece of beveler tempered glass.

Down came the wine rack, then several plants were re-situated and then Stephen explained that if one of the darts hit that

glass just right the whole thing would shatter into thousands of pieces. Well I thought about that and decided not to chance that happening.

I finally decided to move the book case that has been the first thing you see when coming in the front door. That was an all day project. It now is where the dart board didn't go and surprisingly it looks nice there. All that is left is to re-hang the wine rack - but first I have to figure out where the stud is or if I need to use molly screws to mount it figure out what kind of mounting is needed because the rack holds eight bottles of wine and the each weigh about 2.5 pounds. So about 21 pounds including the metal rack.





## Bee-Cuzz You Asked December and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



Here it is Late December and a cold one it is! I believe it is the coldest and longest cold spell we have had in a decade.

This month I will try to explain what a winter cluster is in a honeybee colony. Again, a complicated subject to be reduce to a few paragraphs.

If you have ever seen a winter colony of bees it is a marvel of nature. Unfortunately one cannot usually open a hive up and see a colony in full winter cluster as it is usually fatal to the colony unless it is a WARM windless day. Then Bee-aware they Will defend!

Rely on photos from the Internet to quench your desire to see this marvel of nature. Imagine thousands of stingers drawn to protect the Queen Mother and her offspring.

Bee-cuzz bees are like frogs, fish and snakes, they are exothermic or cold blooded but, unlike most cold blooded creatures bees do not die off in the fall or hibernate but rather are active all winter eating and metabolizing honey to keep warm. The girls "shiver" to keep the colony warm by contracting their flight muscles against each other rather than on the wings. Confused? I went to college got a degree and

still need to digest all of this stuff!

Back to the Queen Mother and the girls. Late in August or September and in our neck of the woods in October, the Queen Mother starts producing "winter" workers. They are physiologically different than their summer sisters. The hemophilic (blood) protein is different than the summer girls. The winter girls have put on some weight! This fatty profile helps the girls to last through the non-foraging winter months. They will live four to six months

compared to the summer slim gals that have only a 45-day life span.

The single purpose of the winter girls is to get the colony to spring. Most brood production stops as the colony is awaiting warmer days. Do not be surprised to see bees out and about on days that happen to get above the magical 45 degrees as they will take cleansing flights; they do not poop inside the hive. As the

temperature fluctuates so does the cluster. It will expand and contract with the outside temperature to moderate the temperature in the hive. As the temperature decreases, the cluster bee-comes tighter and more compact on the comb. The bees at the core maintain a temperature bee-tween 65 and 90 degrees while the outer layer of bees maintain a temperature from about 45 to 60 degrees. The exothermic layer of mantel (outermost layer) bees serves as an insulating layer for the inner bees.

As the cold winter sets in the cluster moves slowly upward and sideways to the honey stores, never downward. In the spring when you open your hives for inspection you will most always find the bees in the upper main body of the hive. The girls will rotate from the outside to the inside of the cluster to get food and warm up.

So that is the "Cliff's Notes" version of a winter cluster. Next month a few recipes for the honey you harvested from the girls and some information regarding my overwintering hives, Stay warm and Bee Safe this winter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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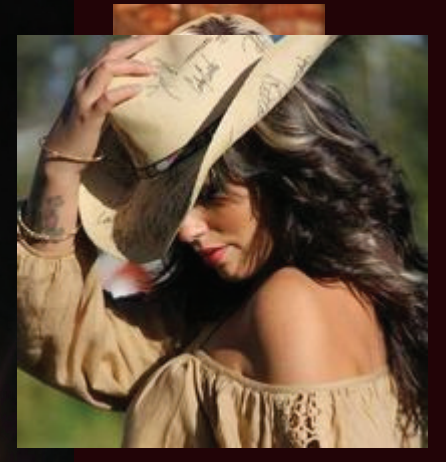


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May 1947 World War II has been over for more than a year.

There were still a few muddy spots in the road, a reminder of recent stormy weather. This Sunday morning, as the Morgan family were on the way to the weekly gathering at Wagontire Store, the May sunshine was doing its best to dry the road.

Two years had made some changes in the weekly gathering. George had hired Mike, a young farm boy just out of the Navy. Lum had hired Chuck, just out of the Army, a bit older than Mike and an experienced ranch hand. Chuck had taken two weeks off to get married and enjoy a honeymoon with his new bride. Melody's husband Ralph was home from his stint in the Army.

George and Lena were last to arrive. To everyone's surprise, George pulled up close to the door, then helped Lena out and handed her a pair of crutches.

"Lena, what on earth happened to you?" Melody asked. "I tripped over the boots George left on the back steps. Must have landed wrong and sprained my ankle," Lena explained. "It's a good thing you're so well padded or you might have been worse off," George said. "It must be nice to be able to bounce when you land."

The women helped Lena into Melody's home and made sure she had a comfortable place to sit with her injured ankle propped up. The men stayed outside to enjoy the sunshine. "You just missed seeing Gus," Lum said to Clint. "He heard about that wild horse Chuck saw and wanted to know more about it."

"Well, if it's a good horse to be had for the catching he'd be interested. Probably wouldn't matter to him if it was branded or not," Clint replied.

"He didn't seem very friendly," Mike commented. "Is he always that grouchy?" "Most of the time," Clint answered. "Once in a while he'll talk to you when he's drunk, but most often he just gets mean. I wouldn't want to cross him or Hank, either one."

"Talk about good horses, is that horse of Nan's as good as I hear he is?" Ralph asked. "He's a might good horse" Clint replied. "He's gentle with Nan but could chase a cow down a badger hole. I've even run in some mustangs on him and he has enough brains to make up for his size." "Gus was asking about him too," Curly said. An uneasy feeling swept over Clint but he pushed it away and joined with the rest of the men admiring Ralph's new saddle.

Nancy had gone with the women to eat a share of the cookies and lemonade. She listened with little interest to their chatter as they swapped recipes. She decided to go inspect Ralph's new saddle. After examining the saddle and listening to Mike and Ralph tell war stories,

Nancy wandered off. She wished Melody's younger brother Bucky was there. Last year he had taught her how to throw a knife so it would stick in the barn door.

Eventually, people started gathering outside, ready to go home. As Nancy ran over, her mother asked if she would be willing to stay and help Lena for a week. "Nan, I've taught you how to cook, clean and do laundry so I know you could be a big help," her mother said. "I know you will miss Dandy but it's important to help our neighbors when they need us. We'll pick you up on Sunday, if not sooner."

At the Kline ranch, George picked Lena up like she was a small child and carried her into the house. He placed her carefully on the couch and put pillows under her injured ankle. "What can I do to help?" Nancy asked. "Sunday night is cook's day off, so I just put leftovers out and the men fix sandwiches," Lena said. "We'll have to heat up the pot of beans. It's early to start supper but you can feed the chickens and gather the eggs. After Mike milks the cow, strain the milk and wash the bucket."

Supper was bountiful in spite of being leftovers. For dessert there was chocolate cake. Mike pushed his plate back after a second helping of cake and canned peaches. "Miss Lena, you make the best chocolate cake in the whole world."

Lena turned to Nancy. "Chuck



just got married. His wife has a daughter about your age. Won't that be nice to have another young person around?" Lena said. Nancy was a bit dubious. "I suppose so, if she likes horses and isn't a prissy sissy like my cousin Patty."

"Just give her a chance, Nan. She won't know everything you do but she will know other things. You can learn from each other," Lena said. "You'll get to meet her at the shivaree."

What's a shivaree?" Nan asked. "It's a party friends have for a newly married couple," Lena answered. "It's supposed to be a surprise but this one won't be. I went

to one a long time ago. It got pretty wild. The bride got mad and one of the buckaroos poured beer into her hip pocket to cool her down. It didn't work! We'll try to make this one more peaceable."

With supper and dishes done, Curly and Mike went to the bunkhouse. George, Lena and Nancy settled down in the living room.

Nancy was fascinated with all the picture of people hanging on the walls. "The couple in the big oval picture and my parents," Lena explained "The picture over there is George and me when we got married. That beautiful girl is my daughter Nellie and the two kids are my grandchildren Jill and Jimmy. This other picture of all my cousins. I'm right here on the left end."

"I've got a bunch of cousins too," Nancy said. "I hardly ever get to see them. Two of them are in South America. My Uncle John is a missionary there. My Mom's parents live in Talent and he's a preacher. We go over there every summer to pick fruit and vegetables, we can a bunch of stuff to

bring home."

Next morning, Nan asked Lena if she washed clothes on Monday. "I can wash clothes for you. I do it all the time at home," Nancy said. She gathered all the dirty clothes and filled the tubs with water. Lena was surprised to find an eleven year old who could do laundry. The clothes had to be put in the wringer just right. When the laundry was done Nan liked to see the lined of clean clothes drying in the sun.

It was a busy week. It seemed like no time until it was Sunday again. Nancy was eager to get home, but she knew Lena still



needed someone to help her. There were two strange women in Melody's home when Nancy and the Klines got there. Lena took one look and squealed with delight. "Sis! How did you get here? And Nellie too."

"When we heard you were crippled, we drove out to take care of you," her sister said. "We hid our car so it would be a surprise. The look on your face made the whole trip worthwhile."

"Hey, everybody," Lena called out. "This is my sister Edna and my daughter Nellie." The two women were welcomed with open arms. Nancy was relieved. She could go home with a clear conscience.

Clint told Nan, "Lum needs to move his cattle over to this side of the mountain and his kids and Chuck are all gone. So I offered the Morgan family for a crew."

Nancy stopped in surprise when she got to the Morgan's pickup. "Who's dog is that?" she asked, pointing to a black dog in the truck with Smokey. "Sam brought him to me last week, he wanted me to train him," Clint explained. "His name is Obsidian, Sid for short, and he's a pretty good dog."

They stopped at Lum's ranch so Clint could take Lum's truck home to use in the morning. At home, Nancy wanted to take a ride on Dandy, but Clint told her to take it easy on him so she could ride him the next day.

After supper Clint told Nancy to get to bed so she would be ready to get up at 3:30. In bed, Nancy listened to the familiar sounds of home. The wind sounded so different from what it did in the poplar trees at Lena's. She heard Smokey stirring in his bed on the porch and the soft murmur of her parent's voices. It was good to be home.

**Next Month: Chapter 11**





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 V

By The Prospector

A mile from the intersection of Hwy 3 and Fort Rock Road, toward the rock is Bell Rim and home to pictographs drawn by the Anasazi. After trying to figure out their meanings, turn around and face East. Then scan the raised rim rock that is about a mile away. Locate the two sets of trees, three each that are growing in a straight line and at the exact same angle heading east and towards the Black Hills.

Once you find these trees, you will notice that on the very end on tree each is off center in a southern direction. Those two trees say the vein is metal attracted to the sun at the end of its push to the surface.

Return to the Hwy and head towards the rock. In about a mile you will come to Cow Cave Road. You want the road to the south - follow your heart and head south. In about a mile you will come to a dead end and a 'secure' Spanish campsite. As you enter this small valley, look straight ahead where three huge piles of rocks have obviously been placed. The first monuments say 'danger,' because it is a heart with a crack going thru it. The second pile looks like an overstuffed chair tilted forward. The tilt is so you can see it from a great distance. This indicates 'campsite.' The third pile of rocks that a massive juniper fell on was once a lookout tower. Before it fell, you could look up and see the place that was hacked out for a sitting position for the guard. The limbs that were axed fell to lower branches where Wolf Lichen, at least one hundred years old. The tree did not knock over the last monument, rather the monument was knocked down at an earlier time. The important thing is that it signaled "Dangerous Campsite!" That translates to the Shoshoni Indians regularly attack this camp.

That is good news for us prospectors with metal detectors because valuables were buried before departing for their mines. These caches held everything but their basic needs. A cache was found in a 'secure' Spanish site in Arizona that valued out at over \$400,000.



We have hundreds of miles of Spanish road here in Lake County and Spanish Law required 'secure campsites' every ten miles. They were usually just off the main drag but monument would lead to them. Memorize the 'Dangerous Campsite' monuments. A main reason why the campsites were off the beaten path was to distance them from the cows and horses - that was what the Indians wanted. The Shoshoni wiped out every one of the Spaniards and so many of those caches are still to be found.

Now back to veins. This is where the hiking begins. Finding the trees is a lot harder than you think because of space, but you will find them. You know from your studies the first vein is the one you want to investigate. Lightning struck the metal veined tree!! On the second vein there is a mine entrance on the east end. It is a typical entrance, fourteen feet down so it would take a man on the shoulders of another man to reach the edge. The large rocks around the entrance were once on-end and could be toppled over to close off any escape.

On the second vein is an excellent example of the fissure showing the largest of the cracks going straight to the metal tree. This is just behind the mine entrance. The reason to stud the fissure from a mile away is to train your eyes to see this pattern. In time your eyes will begin seeing these veins all over Lake County. Likewise studying the monuments will enable you to begin seeing these monuments all over Oregon -- Hwy 140, Hwy 31, Hwy 395, Barlow Trail, Applegate trail and many more.

The main route was Hwy 20 and was used to bring the buffalo to Kansas from Newport, Oregon, which by the way is just south of Spanish Head. There is an ad that shows the transplanted Cypress tree the Spanish brought from our Everglades. This Spanish Road has an intersection in downtown Christmas Valley at Old Lake Rd about three hundred yards from the Chevron Station.

There is a three foot tall metal marker showing the spot where the buffalo crossed heading back to the Staked Plains. The buffalo returned every year until 1844 when the last migration was seen at our Buffalo Wells.

As I've been saying for years, "there is no reason to prospect in far off places when you can prospect right here in Lake County!" Learn to recognize the signs. Have fun, good luck and a successful new year.

#### Curtis McDanial

January 1, 1953 ~ December 28, 2022



Curtis McDanial passed on December 28th while out feeding livestock. He was only four days short of his 70th birthday.

He is survived by his three daughters: Ivy, Anna, and Sandra; his four sisters and his brother; his brother-in-law Terry Tucker and his Aunt Billie Sue Blue.

Curtis moved to Christmas Valley in 1979 and worked for Jack Gillette and then put about ten years in with Christmas Valley Domestic Water. During those years he frequently played the role of Santa - an activity he fully enjoyed. He loved the out of doors and was an avid fisherman. One of his favorite spots was at Ana Reservoir.

He took an 18-year hiatus from our area and moved to Texas where worked for Wood Entertainment - helping in the productions such as the Dallas/Ft Worth Livestock Show and Blues over Texas.

Curtis returned to Christmas Valley in 2008. He told long-time friend Roxann Willsey he had, "come home to die." At that time Curtis had multiple serious health issues and had no expectations of many more years. He managed to stay relatively health for most of his final years.

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January 2023 Puzzle One

Across

- 1. Something to break into
- 5. Persona non \_\_\_\_
- 10. Lady's-finger
- 14. Commandment word
- 15. Pickett trooper
- 16. Osso buco base
- 17. WKRP's Jennifer
- 18. To a sailor's left
- 19. Brontë heroine
- 20. "That's enough!"
- 23. Bonehead's response
- 24. Sweet tooth and others
- 25. Aurora's counterpart
- 28. Rum-soaked cake
- 31. Writer's digression
- 34. Social introduction?
- 36. Christ's following?
- 38. Sharp-billed wader
- 40. "Come no farther!"
- 43. Sacher creation
- 44. Knot's locale
- 45. Plane section
- 46. Acts like Tom?
- 48. They accompany turkey and dressing
- 50. Cartoon voice Blanc
- 51. It might be skipped

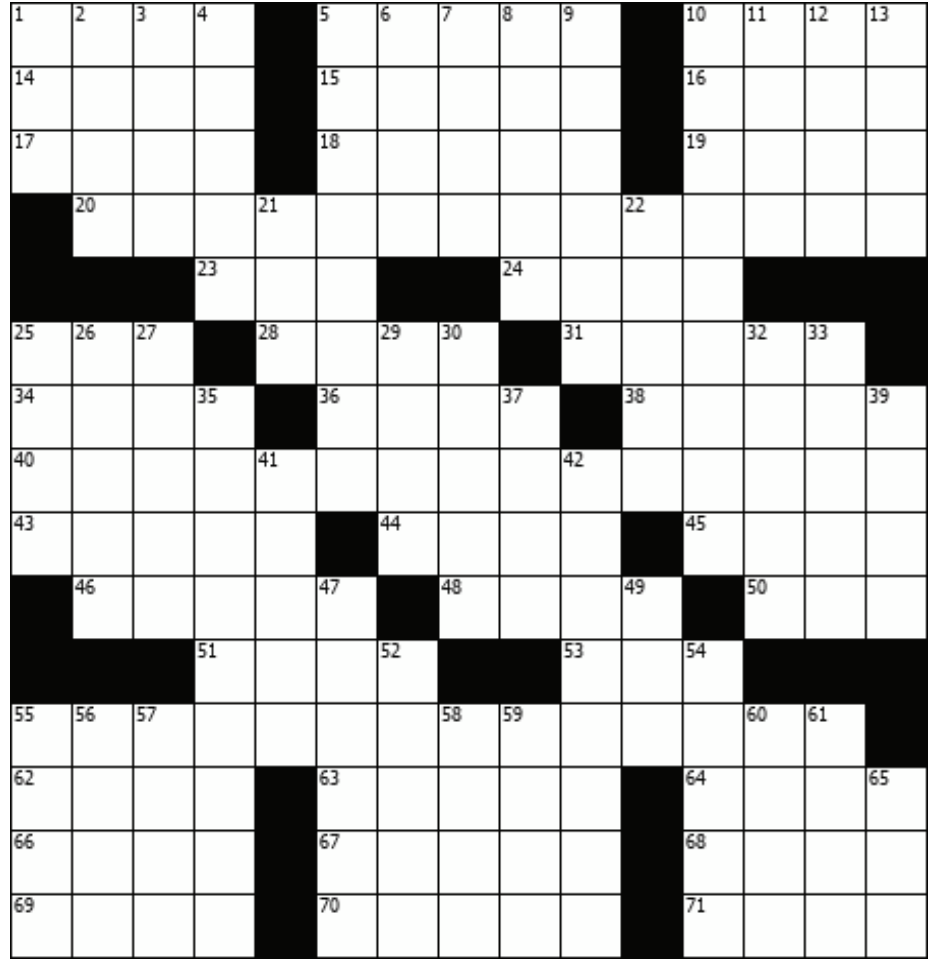
- 53. Epitome of easiness
- 55. "That's enough!"
- 62. Mendacious one
- 63. Hellenic Republic
- 64. Sushi go-with
- 66. Pony up
- 67. Say "ouch!" when pinched, e.g.
- 68. Maintain
- 69. Annoying type
- 70. Maritime birds
- 71. Coniferous evergreens

- 22. Commencement
- 25. It may be due
- 26. In the lead
- 27. Stop partner
- 29. Trap enhancement
- 30. Like Sidney Lumet's men
- 32. Night or day activity
- 33. Unsettlingly strange
- 35. Translate
- 37. N.Y. attraction at least

Down

- 1. Cardinal's cap monogram
- 2. "That's trouble!"
- 3. Off-limits item
- 4. Part of SAG
- 5. Sign of maturity
- 6. Auto making a comeback?
- 7. "\_\_\_\_ ben Adhem"
- 8. Towel fabric
- 9. Tennis great Gibson
- 10. Inadvertence
- 11. Super's collection
- 12. Instruction for the chef
- 13. Hearty libations
- 21. Give a name

- 81 days per year
- 39. Blow the whistle
- 41. Stop on the line
- 42. Violent storms
- 47. Heavenly object
- 49. Spanish replies
- 52. Conger chaser
- 54. Give it a shot
- 55. Duel provoker
- 56. Meat stabber
- 57. They may be wild
- 58. Look ahead
- 59. Run for the money?
- 60. Roof repair site
- 61. Depict unfairly
- 65. Stammerer's syllables



January 2023 Puzzle Two

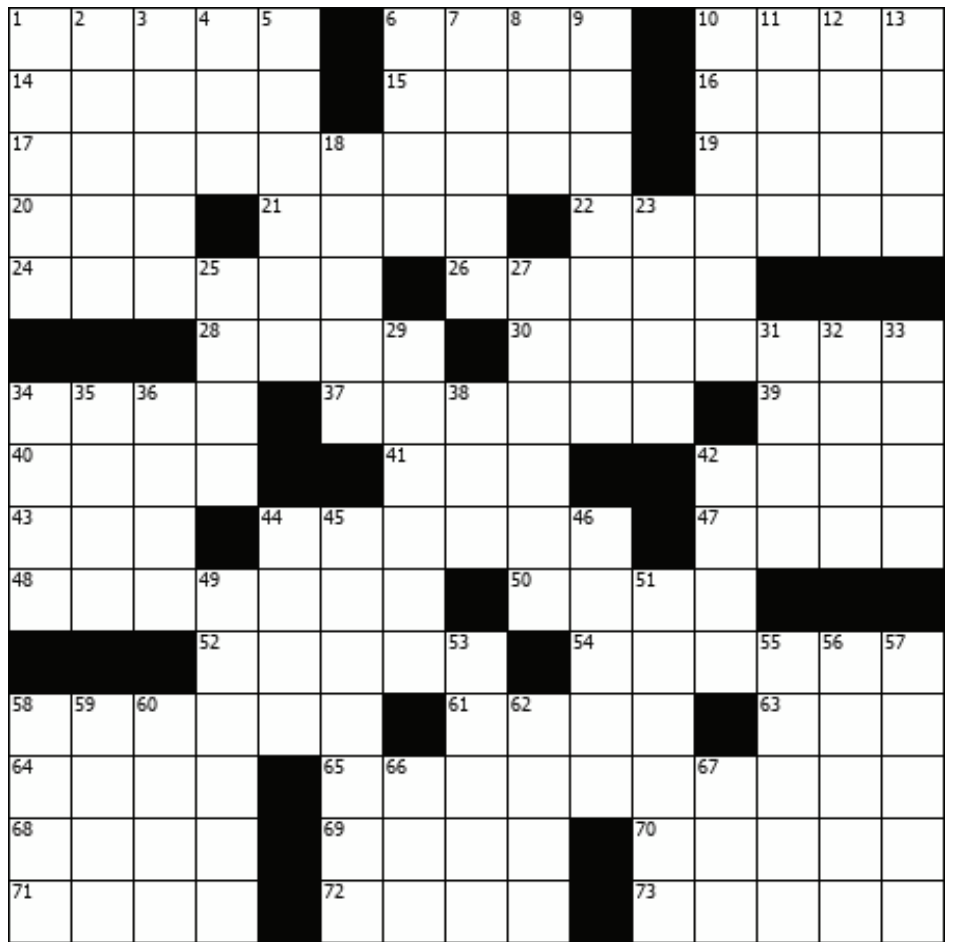
Across

- 1. Protective gear
- 6. Thin
- 10. Not nearby
- 14. Actress \_\_\_\_ Keaton
- 15. Rocker \_\_\_\_ Turner
- 16. Actor's desire
- 17. Outward look
- 19. Spanish house
- 20. Toothpaste form
- 21. British nobleman
- 22. Hebrew greeting
- 24. Constructs
- 26. Performed
- 28. Watched
- 30. In \_\_\_\_ (late with payment)
- 34. Rank and \_\_\_\_
- 37. Zone
- 39. Vegas cube
- 40. Some poems
- 41. Cooking vessel
- 42. Fellow
- 43. TKO caller
- 44. Language of Syria
- 47. Prophetic sign
- 48. Bullfighter
- 50. Hurt
- 52. Portable shelters
- 54. Uses the oven
- 58. India's Mother \_\_\_\_
- 61. Over again
- 63. Have a cold
- 64. Location
- 65. Written works

- 68. Fibs
- 69. Attract
- 70. Famous
- 71. Admit defeat
- 72. Mailed
- 73. Plant beginnings

Down

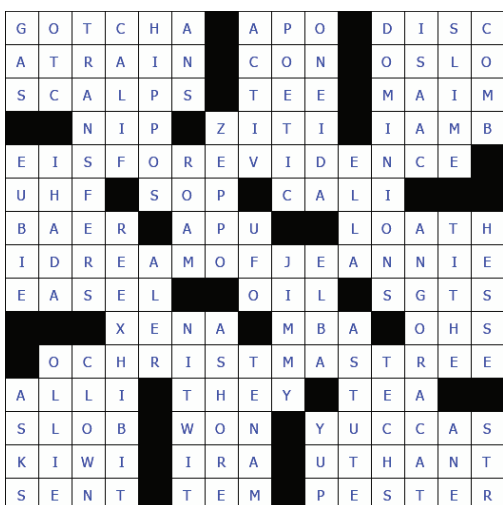
- 1. Traditional saying
- 2. More mature
- 3. Syrup tree
- 4. Single
- 5. House-selling business
- 6. Night twinkler
- 7. Actress \_\_\_\_ Evans
- 8. Co. abbr.
- 9. Conductor's title
- 10. Pinball parlor
- 11. Young horse
- 12. And
- 13. Paper measure
- 18. Fragrant flowers
- 23. German title
- 25. Average grades
- 27. Treat for kitty
- 29. Leave
- 31. Eve's guy
- 32. Work up
- 33. Perceived
- 34. Mold
- 35. Inspiration
- 36. Remaining
- 38. Taxi
- 42. Leonardo's "\_\_\_\_ Lisa"



- 44. Citrus drinks
- 45. Reagan and McDonald
- 46. Concerned one
- 49. Sergeant's command (2 wds.)
- 51. Dubuque residents

- 53. Lucifer
- 55. Fry lightly
- 56. Worn out
- 57. Toboggans
- 58. Body powder
- 59. Pennsylvania port
- 60. Hollow stalk
- 62. Salamander
- 66. Intense rage
- 67. Sock end

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The Case of the Wife in the Kitchen

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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
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- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
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