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VOLUNTEERISM AT ITS BEST

Opinion by Terry Crawford

Today's world with its New, and hopefully very temporary, Norms places ever greater demands on the many unsung volunteers in our midst.

When the element of Small Community is added to the equation the demand is amplified. Should all of these giving people withdraw their support, the wheels turning in the background would surely grind to a halt.

Here in the northern end of Lake County all of our Special District Boards are comprised of - you guessed it - volunteers.

Our Fire District is manned by volunteers as is our Emergency Medical Service. These folks who are most often also working at full-time jobs, nevertheless place their names on the on-call lists. This translates to many nights of disrupted sleep as they respond to one emergency or another.

Volunteers man food share, and Dorcas. Others work at home creating Afghans for seniors, children and other's in need. They knit and crochet hats and scarves and gloves. Others create beautiful quilts, many of which are donated to community members as well as to not for profits such as the Ronald MacDonald House.

How about community members who have no transportation or even if they do are not able to drive long distances for shopping or doctor's appointments. There are volunteers helping with that too. Each trip they drive will take an average of seven

hours - a lot of time out of one's day. They do it gladly.

The North End's Chamber is another organization that is all volunteer and in most years it hosts an Awards Banquet at which volunteers from the communities of Lake County are honored. Of course this year the banquet was canceled. The Chamber, however, did not cancel honoring the volunteers slated to receive awards - rather they simply presented them in one-on-one settings. From the smiles on all of the recipients faces it is quite apparent they were pleased and excited to have been honored. A page in the 2020 Tourist Guide is devoted to these amazing people and the article also appears on page seven of this issue.

Have I mentioned all the volunteers or all the not for profits? No. I have only touched the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

I, as a volunteer driver and member of the Chamber Board, encourage community members to reflect on who they know who go above and beyond by volunteering and take a few minutes to thank them. Remember they do not do what they do for recognition, they do it because they care.

On another note, The 2020 Tourist Guide is printed and on its way back to Bend for pick-up. It will be available throughout the North End by July second. The Chamber placed its production on hold due to the shut down. They hope you enjoy this year's effort.

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Wanda Helen Lanier

(1946-2020)

Wanda Helen Lanier, 73, a longtime resident of Christmas Valley, OR, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2020, with her son Darren Dutcher (Redmond) at her side.

Wanda was born October 27, 1946, in Manhattan, NY to Walter and Evelyn Zvir. The family moved to Colorado Springs, CO, so Walter could be employed by Earl Beckett. A few years, a divorce then marriage, later Wanda found herself in Christmas Valley, OR, with her mother Evelyn and step-father John Pettus. Wanda is 3rd generation in Christmas Valley. Her maternal grandparents, Earl and Minnie Beckett were homesteaders in 1913 (before moving to Colorado Springs).

Wanda’s family have owned land in Christmas Valley for over 100 years. In 2013, Wanda’s family celebrated a century in Christmas Valley with a reunion.

Wanda graduated from Paisley High School in 1965. Soon thereafter, Wanda and Denny Dutcher (deceased) married and became parents to Sandra Blackman (Christmas Valley), and twins Darren and Drew (deceased) Dutcher. Denny was deployed to Viet Nam when Wanda was pregnant, so she stayed with her sister Suallen in Bend. She got up in the morning and said “I’m going to have my baby today.” Not having a car, she walked to the hospital delivered Sandra, walked home, and went back the next day to pick up Sandra.

Wanda loved Christmas Valley, loved the “laid-backness,” and knew most people. She had a saying, “I don’t need to use my turn-signal, they know where I’m going.” You walk into the store and they all know you. Wanda was also very active in the community. She and husband Denny started doing fireworks for their kids (and the neighbor kids) on the 4th of July. That tradition has grown over the last 50 years into a pyrotechnic display to be envied, which attracts people from 100’s of miles.

Wanda was with her mother, Evelyn, when Phil Pitmen said, you better get your real estate license, I just sold the whole damn desert to M. Penn Phillips Company.” So Wanda and her mother got their Real Estate License and sold real estate. Wanda referred to this time as the “good ole days.”

Wanda also worked for the forestry department. She attended firefighter school, was deployed to Mt. St. Helens, post-eruption, was a smoke jumper, spent time in a lookout station. All the time she was busy with the 4th of July pyrotechnic display and other activities. It has been mentioned she was a Rodeo Princess back in the day of rodeos. Also, it was during this time when game was essential and Wanda provided a elk for the family three years in a row. This happened before the roads were paved, you think the roads are bad now?

Because of her hard work to get North Lake School where it is today, she received a “Gold Shovel” for the ground-breaking. She was a presenter at the first graduation. Wanda spent the last years working at Park and Recreation and was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from her community for all she did.

Wanda is predeceased by her father, Walter, mother Evelyn, sister Suallen, husbands Denny Dutcher and later Sonny Lanier, and her son, Drew Dutcher. She is survived by her step-father John Pettus, brother Jon Beckett, daughter, Sandra Blackman, son, Darren Dutcher his wife Kelly and grandchildren MacKenzie Dutcher, Bailey Threet, Danielle Elizabeth and Darren A. Dutcher.



North Lake School Update

Submitted by David Kerr

With my retirement and departure from North Lake now in effect, I would like to give you my final update on issues facing our community and school.

CONSTRUCTION:

While our campus is closed until further notice due to construction and the Covid-19 guidelines – significant things are still happening at North Lake!

The Annex building is being re-built from the floor up. When completed it will house our Alternative Education and Primary programs. We have added a “community” room for 4H and other community uses. When school resumes this fall 3rd grade will probably start in that room until the main classroom additions are completed around January with the major construction addition. Griffin Construction believes the Annex will be completed and ready to re-occupy near August 1.

The Bus Maintenance facility construction is in the beginning phase. When completed all of our transportation needs will be conducted from this building; bus parking, administration and routine maintenance. We anticipate this building being completion in January, 2021.

The main construction consists of a new 3rd grade classroom, special education classrooms and an elementary gym. Underground utilities and foundation work has been completed and walls are expected to start going up any day. This phase of construction involved tying into the current building and existing systems and some re-purposing of identified internal spaces. Our current 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade rooms were impacted by this tie-in. All rooms (except the current 3rd grade room) are expected to be ready in early August.

Our 30 year old carpet has been torn out and the entire facility will be re-carpeted in July. Our entire school is getting a facelift. All construction is expected to be completed in January/February. Some retro-fit projects may be completed in the summer of 2021. Most of our classroom furniture and materials are stored in the gym.

SCHOOL CLOSURE AND REOPENING IN THE FALL:

While school has been closed since mid-March, new Superintended Gail Buermann-Neumann and new High School Principal Jeremy Williams have been attending multiple work sessions with the Department of Education and their health authority representatives. Re-opening is complicated at this time and Mrs. Buermann-Neumann will have a draft plan available to the School Board in July. This plan will be finalized and adopted in August. I urge you to be patient as the new administration navigates through this complicated process.

MY DEPARTURE:

While I will certainly be less visible I do hope to remain active in certain North Lake activities. I hope to stay involved with the North Lake Education Foundation, perhaps stay involved with Klamath Community College as our transition continues, assist the new administration when and if needed and just be a quiet advocate for North Lake. I have enjoyed my time with you, I am proud of our shared successes and will now turn my primary focus to Mrs. Kerr and our grandchildren (#18 is due in December!). If needed I will be at what our grandkids affectionately call “Grandma’s House.” Thank you for letting me a part of the North Lake family! I wish you all well.

David C. Kerr *Superintendent/Principal*

North Lake School District #14

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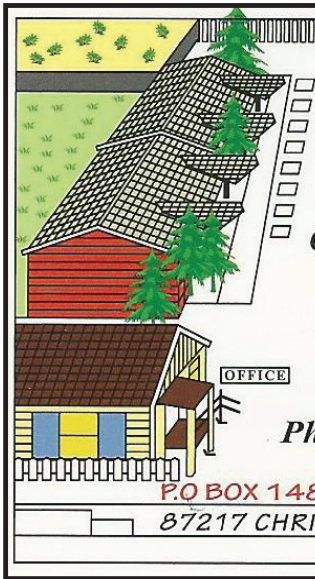
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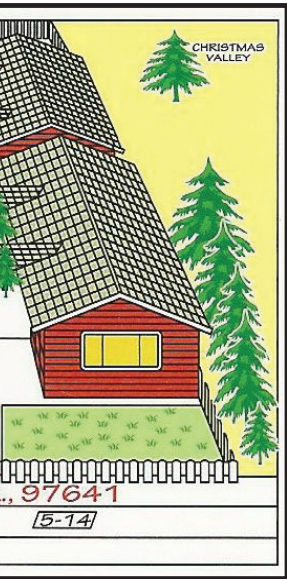
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Cheer Up, Things could be worse!

By Gloria Heglar

My mother used to end the above title with “so, I cheered up and sure enough things got worse.” We have all been through so much in the past few months that I really hate to complain. I should begin by saying we are having to laugh because the events are each so ridiculous that any one of them would qualify for a what a ??? *Moment*. It began when Clark retired; the day before his retirement party he had a torn retina. We felt lucky because we got an emergency Doctor in Bend to repair it and his party and all of our family made for a day of happy memories in spite of the emergency. We took a cruise to Alaska and that went fine. Clark, only a few days after he left the Forest Service was hired to teach photography at Paisley School. That was exciting. We traveled to California to visit our daughter Leanne and granddaughter Lauren and celebrated my August birthday with many of my Los Angeles friends. The trip was great with stops going to the red woods and along the coast road before arriving above Santa Barbara at our kid’s winery. On our return we drove as fast as we could to get home and relax. When we did, Clark announced he was blind in the eye he had just had

repaired. This time we were told the same doctors could not handle this problem and referred him to Portland’s Casey Eye Institute. Clark notified the VA and they took over organizing what became two very serious surgeries. We went back and forth to Portland 18 times, at least. Were it not for our friends who mostly drove us, sometimes twice a week, we couldn’t have done it. This began in August, 2019 and is still in progress at this time. We leave for Portland next week for a follow up. He lost all vision in his left eye but they have to this point saved the eye ball and that is important for his photography due to muscle reactions between the two eyes. We were tired, stressed, blessed, and grateful but the operations were very painful. By this time we were coming up on Christmas and shortly thereafter the news of the virus in China was starting. Clark was teaching four days a week and finding eye adjustments not as easy as he thought but his hearing aids were also broken and he couldn’t hear till they were returned from the VA in Colorado. That was six weeks. The trips to Portland continued until the total lockdown in March. We have kept our life simple since the lockdown. We saw a few Doctors in early February and began those creepy visits to empty offices

with masks and gloves in middle March. Then, my dearest childhood friend passed away in Dallas, where I grew up. She was my friend since we were eight years old. We talked most every week and this death really shook me to the core. She was the last to know everything about my early life and I felt alone and sad. As we saw a glimmer of spring and the chill of winter all in one week Clark received a call from the Paisley city office saying we had a leak in the water system and we used 199,000 gallons of water in a month. The whole city only uses 200,000 gallons a month, we were told. So, we hired a few people and completely re-piped our water from the meter. We never found a drop of a leak. The only leak I found was in our retirement account with deductions being subtracted from our emergency account faster than we could say boo! The guys did a great job and it only took about a week. Clark has sowed grass seed and our lawn should be back to normal in a few years. We expected some emergencies but they came fast and furious. Everyone laughed about the 199,000 gallons and we started watching TV from our chairs more and not talking much. About two weeks passed and our dog Harry

Barker (our official son) was panting and generally looking awful. We took him in to Lakeview, and to make this epilogue shorter, we brought him home to die with a rare pneumonia. They said he couldn’t make it through the night. We started home to Paisley so sad, tired and upset and when we got near Valley Falls, I saw the entire fender on the passenger side rip and fly into the air. My first thought was it was a pipe bomb. We got stopped and off the highway. I couldn’t open my door and Clark couldn’t see a reason for the extensive damage to the car. After walking around down the road twice he found a big buck in tall grass. Neither of us knows where it was because we were both watching and saw nothing. Our friends Lara and Greg lived near and helped us in many ways and Bruce and Bonnie drove out and took us home to Paisley. The car is taking over a month or more in Klamath because it couldn’t be fixed in Lakeview. Harry kept us awake for days but is still very alive on Steroids. The vets are shocked. We are too. He acts like a puppy. We appreciate every minute with him. We are cautiously optimistic. We are celebrating our 24th anniversary at the Summer Lake Lodge tonight; we still believe and have faith in the future. I have faith in you guys too, take care.

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By Toni Bailie

From This Angle: Appreciating Home

Coping with the pandemic has fostered gratitude for the blessings that often are taken for granted. Our Easy Writers group has been meeting weekly on Zoom, thanks to Jane Lincoln, our technology guru. Each week there are two writing prompts to spark our creativity. Here are my reflections on the prompt: What would you miss about your home if you had to move?

Home is that place where I can relax, surrounded by familiar furniture and pictures, comforted by daily routines, the presence of my husband Al and our black lab Smokey. During the Watson Creek fire, Paisley was on phase two alert: be packed and ready to leave at a moment's notice. I realized then how painful it would be to sever the grounding cords that anchor me to this place like roots of a tree receiving support and nourishment from the earth.

When we came to Paisley 25 years ago from the Portland-Vancouver area, I found my soul's

In summer I would miss our gazebo festooned with hanging baskets of colorful petunias and the



home in the wide expanse of sky and the hills that cup the verdant Chewaucan Valley. As I coast down Highway 31 toward town, my heart lifts when I see the row of poplar trees on the crest of the hill. Those trees were just saplings when Ross Colahan planted them 35 years ago.

yard swing that used to hang on my mother's front porch. We would sit there in the evening as wind rustled the cottonwood leaves, watching friends and neighbors passing by on Mill Street. I often think of her when I rock gently in the swing, listening to the whispering of our

own cottonwood trees. I would miss my neighbors, knowing their names and the names of their children and dogs. These neighbors wave when they drive by or linger to chat at the post office. I would miss dropping by the library to exchange news with Jan, our warm-hearted librarian. I would miss Laurie at the Paisley Perk who dispenses a smile and friendly greeting with a cup of hot coffee. I would miss visiting with the clerk in the Mercantile and savoring my favorite meal on fish night at the Pioneer.

I would miss my morning walks along the Chewaucan River, greeting the red wing blackbirds, the hawks and sandhill cranes, drinking in the beauty of pink wild roses blooming in the cottonwood grove.

If I had to move, I would deeply miss this small community that feels like a big extended family. Here people care about each other. We come together for support when there's a need or to share in the joy of celebrations, like the parade through town to honor kindergarten and 8th grade graduates.

For me, there's no place like home here in Oregon's Outback.

New policies at Summer Lake Hot Springs

We have implemented some changes in response to the Covid-19 Virus. For the foreseeable future there will be no day-use. Currently we are open only to those reserve at two-night stay at the Springs. Options are dry camping, RV with and without hook up and any of the on-site cabins.

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Rural Voices

On a Changing Land

Submitted By Carolyn Law

Do Lake County folks have a deep understanding and appreciation of their land - the diverse landscapes and nature?

From the dynamic vastness of the ever-changing sky and clouds, to weather changes sweeping in, to the incredible vistas that change dramatically with the shifting light, to the soil, grasses, forests, rivers, to the most delicate of wildflowers, to the drama of impacts to the land like fire, juniper encroachment, all the choices in recreating in special places, and so much more.

The answers to these questions is a resounding YES!

There is a wonderful opportunity to capture and share the many ways that the community of Lake County understands the land they live in and with. A project - "RURAL VOICES ON A CHANGING LAND" - funded through grants from Oregon organizations along with community partners, has activities and community conversations with the goal to distill the community's love and understanding of the landscape and environment in distinctive words and photographs that can be shared.

The project is a partnership of artist Carolyn Law and a couple non-profit organizations in the county. Law first came to Lake County six years ago for a residency at PLAYA Arts & Science Residency on the west side of Summer Lake. She had seen a lot of the western US but in

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The North Lake Community Fireworks team does our best to raise the funds necessary by January 1st to provide the entertainment that so many in our community enjoy on our nation's Independence Day, the 4th of July. We voluntarily participate in several fundraising events throughout the year to generate the money that directly funds the order of fireworks for our display. Many of our fund-raising activities **have been canceled this year** due to social distancing requirements! We depend, to a great extent, on charitable donations and this year we need extra help!

Due to the past year's global economy, our cost to put on a show comparable to last year's has increased dramatically. Our goal was to secure \$10,000, before January first, 2020. We were successful! But this year, we are unable to put on the children's carnival, the water-parks, or any other fund-raisers we normally participate in. This is where you can help us, our community, and yourselves! It is a potential win, win, win!

If you enjoy our show this year, or have enjoyed any of our previous shows, please consider donating to the 2021 show, and spread the word! All donations to the **North Lake Community Fireworks Fund** are tax deductible. Any money you can donate directly impacts the coming year's fireworks display and **every penny counts**. Why not help yourself to a receipt for a tax-deductible charitable donation to a local non-profit organization? And remember; every cent you donate goes directly to buying fireworks. Our volunteers don't take any compensation beyond the pride we feel when we hear people talk about our shows!

The community relies on us for the fireworks displays that remind us all of what Independence Day is about, and we rely on the community to help us provide the funding that facilitates these displays. Our most memorable displays come from the support of those who can afford to give more monetary donations than they can afford to give their time. So... you know you are getting your money's worth when you get to **enjoy watching every cent of your donation go up in smoke!**

Please consider making a donation to the North Lake Community Fireworks fund. Make checks payable to **North Lake Community Fireworks Fund**. Donations may be given to Patty Effingham at her office, Erica Anderson at the Water Department office, Carrie Mace or Becky Widenoja at CV Market, Lloyd Mace at Robin's Equipment, or Jim Anderson or Ben Widenoja at Point S Tires. Please ensure we have an address to send your receipt to.

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June 20 was the Summer Solstice and now the Queen Mother senses that she needs to start scaling back on her brood production. How does she know that ??? Eons of evolution I would surmise. The girls this month are gathering as much nectar as possible in preparation for the upcoming dearth and winter. Do a weekly check if you have the time, but if not, make sure to be aware of any changes. So what changes might you notice? If you look at your hives each day or two, you might see a decline in activity around the entrance. Take the time to investigate; the colony might have swarmed out and thereby taken more than half of the girls with the old queen. Not to worry too much but just make sure in a week or two you check to see if you still see new eggs and brood.



BEE-Cuzz You Asked
JUNE and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



JUNE: CHECKLIST

Feed: Liquid Feed every 10 days until they quit feeding

Check Queen for brood pattern

Check bee hive for health

Some mistakes Beekeepers tend to make are opening the hives too often. This may make the girls abscond or, just get angry, especially toward the later months of Summer and Fall. Bee vigilant, but not overly curious.

Some new beekeepers may think if sugar water is good, then real honey will be even better yet. This may be a serious mistake. Honey from other hives fed to your girls may bring in unwanted diseases. Some of the worst diseases can be spread by tainted honey. Better to feed sugar water than to risk introducing such diseases as foul brood. Another big OOPS from your (my) standpoint is skimping on protective gear and/or not making sure you are zipped up! Personal experience; I got in a hurry to work bees and did

not zip up my suit. In short order my stomach and chest were on fire with multiple stings! You see experienced beekeepers work their bees with just a veil - more power to them. I have tried it a few times but...stings HURT! Bee sensible;

suit up. Not using your smoker is a biggie. I first thought, "Why torture the girls with smoke?" Bee cuzz it Calms them and distracts them! Isn't it better to work your girls with a little smoke rather than being bombarded by angry bees? The smoke distracts them and blocks chemical signals the girls send to one another which could help them better organize a defense against you. Just use a few puffs of smoke into the hive and wait a minute or so and you will be surprised how little it really takes to settle the girls down. Another mistake some new beekeepers make is to hurry through an inspection. The girls will pick up on that and may get agitated. As Woody said in an episode of Cheers, "No Sudden Movements!"

I have learned that the internet has a wealth of knowledge just waiting for you. Expand your horizons! Just when you think you know what is going on, you might just be surprised by the Queen Mother and her girls.

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No Banquet this year, but the Awards continued for 2019 because there is no shortage of amazing, dedicated community members deserving recognition for all they do - usually under the radar. We celebrate them and thank them!

Patty Effingham received the

2019 Chamber's Choice; Richard Morehouse, pictured with daughter Debbie, was Voted 2019 Lifetime Volunteer; Tim Russell received the Volunteer of the Year award; Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union was Business of the Year. Our Educator of the Year, was Clark Simmons and

our Emergency Responder of the Year, is our Lake County Sheriff, Michael Taylor who was presented his award by deputy Tom Roark.

Congratulations and a huge "Thank You" to all these terrifically dedicated people for all you do for our community!

Fourth of July Quilt Show and Quilt Raffle at Hank's House - Another example of volunteerism

The Fort Rock Community church quilters will have a quilt show on Saturday the 4th of July at Hanks House in Christmas Valley from 10-4. There quilts and other sewed items on display and for sale. The monies from this sale are going towards our church addition building fund. The ladies give many quilts away each year to several local agencies like The Tree of Joy, for cop cars and families whose homes burn. They also give quilts to Prairie House in LaPine and also in Bend -Ronald McDonald house, Bethlehem Inn, Shepard's House and Grandma's House. They also will be giving away a patriotic quilt at the end of the day.

The High Desert Stitch Rippers, a quilt and craft group in Christmas Valley will also have their quilt (lower right) on display at Hanks House on Saturday July 4th in conjunction with the quilt show. Tickets for this one of a kind quilt will be available through the 4th at the Lakeside or from any of the High Desert Stitch Rippers for \$1:00 each or six for \$5:00. The drawing will be held at 4:00pm. You need not be present to win.

The quilt was made by the Stitch Rippers in honor of Karen Smith, with fabric being donated by Jared Smith from Karen's fabric collection. Karen, a very talented quilter donated a lot of time and energy to the 4H group and proceeds from the quilt will be donated to the group.

Measuring 94" x 94" the quilt is a Log Cabin pattern. The quilting was done by Vickie Gibbs.

If you have questions call Tara Grassman 541-410-6060 or Sandie Maerz at 541-815-5683





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From Page Five

On a Changing Land

truth, the landscape of Lake County is one of the more amazing with all its diversity in the landforms, vistas, and environments. When first at PLAYA she interacted with the grade 2-5 kids at Paisley school where the kids were asked to share their love of their special places in the landscape. Law then talked to various community folks about their Lake County landscape. Then she talked with Jim Walls at Lake County Resource Initiative and the head librarian, Amy Hutchinson, at the Lakeview Library about the idea of creating a project for the Lake County community to share their deep understanding and love of this landscape and environment with stories and photos capturing what they observe is changing, what places have specific memories, and what parts of their landscape are just plain loved. From all the collected stories and photos, the community would help to distill these thoughts and images down to a description of their land coming directly from this deep understanding and experience.

The project, “Rural Voices on a Changing Land”, is the result. Phase 1 took place in 2018 with a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust. During this phase there were photography workshops; a community landscape photography show exhibited in Lakeview, Paisley and Christmas Valley; launched an interactive website for people to overlay their photos and written thoughts over a goggle earth map of the county and

“Re-Map” the county with markers at locations that linked to and individual’s words and photo describing that specific place; had in-depth interviews with 18 people all over the county; and finally three community conversations in 3 locations to share thoughts about the land.

NOW -- We are launching Phase 2 of this exciting, interactive project through a grant from Oregon Humanities. Partners are Lake County Resource Initiative and the Lake County libraries.

We will have an on-going collecting of landscape photographs and words through a group Facebook page, virtual field trips into the landscape, another community landscape photography show, the www.ourlakecounty.org interactive website, transforming of the interviews into different formats to share, a movie/conversation event and a final town hall conversation event to craft the final unique language and images that captures and describes the relationship between the people and their land. Dates and events will be advertised by posters, Facebook group, and community groups.

STAY TUNED!!

Peanut Power Bowl

In the heat of the Summer, a cool crispy salad is just what we need. This salad is loaded with nutrients and flavor! The recipe serves 2 but is easily enlarged for more servings.

Peanut Power Bowl

Dressing

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- Lime Juice to taste
- 3/4 cup coconut milk


Salad

- 1 cup cooked Quinoa
- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1 cup sliced zucchini
- 1/2 cup pomegranate arils
- 1 cup orange pieces
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts
- Chopped cilantro, for garnish
- Sliced green onions for garnish

To make dressing, whisk peanut butter, coconut milk and lime juice in a bowl until smooth. Add more coconut milk and or lime juice, if necessary to achieve desired consistency and flavor.

In a wide, shallow bowl or individual bowls, make a layer of quinoa. Top with cabbage, carrots, avocado, zucchini, pomegranate arils, orange pieces, peanuts and dressing. Garnish with Cilantro and Green Onions.

Marie



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Michael Taylor, Sheriff



It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of retired Deputy Chuck Pore. Chuck passed away at home on his birthday May 24, 2020.

Chuck was hired with the Lake County Sheriff's Office on August 11, 1997 and retired on October 8, 2016, serving the community of Lake County for 19 years.

After Chuck retired, he moved to Shasta, California with wife Jennifer where he lived fulfilling his dream of creative art and caring for his beloved dogs.

Chuck is survived by his wife Jennifer, daughters Heidi and Holly, step-son Elijah, multiple grandchildren, his dogs, (who were his living passion) and his law enforcement family.

Chuck will be memorialized in our hearts forever. Until we meet again brother!

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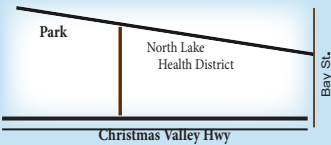


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Submitted by Ann Kasbohm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NORTH LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT FEATURED PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

Ms. Tara Jones has been practicing in Lake County since 2011 and has had an office available to local residents at the NLHD facility on Bay Rd., Christmas Valley, since late 2016.

Her qualifications, in addition to her LCSW, includes certification as a substance use/addictions counselor. Her practice includes individual and family therapy for all ages with treatment for anxiety, depression, family conflict, anger management, addictions, trauma, severe and persistent mental illness, behavioral issues, medication management, crisis services and bereavement/grief just to name a few.

Tara has also been working to support families in crisis for



the past 8 1/2 years, focusing on family services and supporting individuals and families with current or past suicidal ideation and attempts, managing depressive symptoms and support in gaining emotion regulation tools to manage current

depressive and suicidal thoughts. She works with all ages of clients from 5 to 100 years of age.

Help is only a phone call away. Behavioral issues can be a difficult battle for people of all ages and can undermine families in their efforts to live happy, productive lives. We are so pleased to have Tara on staff to lend her expertise to the community. Please call for an appointment @ 541-515-9233. Her hours are 8:30 – 3:30, every Thursday.

POSITION OPENING: DAY CARE PROVIDER
Your North Lake Health District is looking for a (preferred) licensed Day Care Provide to operate services in our annex building on Spruce Road, Christmas Valley. Please leave a message @ 541-576-2165 with your name and phone number and we will return your call within 5 to 7 business days to discuss details.



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.

Nineteen miles east of Christmas Valley on the first curve you come to is Buffalo Wells; so called because this was the last site where bison migrating from the Great Plains were seen. The year was 1840, five years prior to the first wagon loads of people heading west.

On this year it was recorded that no bison's swam the Snake River, rather they split at 'Meeks Crossing' with some going into the Blues and others going due west along the Malhuer River, just as Steven Meek did leading his 'Lost Wagon Train' in 1845.

On our Wagontire Mountain, out of water, Meek sent scouts south on the Spanish Road towards Buffalo Wells looking for the liquid. We don't know how close they got to Silver Lake where water could be had, but we know they failed.

The buffalo were retracing their forefathers footprints back to the Pacific Ocean. Buffalo are easy to track, just like a hog, there is nothing they love more than a good Wallow.

The mid-Willamette valley towards Lebanon is covered with buffalo wallows, just prior to the Spanish Road, later renamed the Santiam Road, which closely follows HWY 20 east. The old Motor-Vu Drive-In Theater in Corvallis was made from a huge buffalo wallow. Gravel was brought in to elevate the front tires of the car to a more comfortable viewing position. There is even a wallow visible today in Toledo- just prior to the Spanish Port at Yaquina Bay.

We know where the Buffalo Wells bison were heading but how about the one that choose the route thru the Blues, a road Meek could have picked had it not directly run thru the center of the Shoshoni's

BUFFALO WELLS

Opinion by the Prospector



main military base of operations.

The last people to try that were considered the worlds leading military - The Spanish. Spain's Method of Operation for invading countries was to go in and offer help and free gifts. It was during the "Give-Away Buffalo Days" that the bison were allowed to be pushed thru the Ochoco's. This marriage lasted between five and seven years then - what a divorce.

Not only was there a complete and total rout of Spain's Army but possibly, unbeknown to the Shoshoni Army, was that King Charles II borrowed way to much money to finance his search for the 'City of Aztlan'.

A final battle on a low hill on the south end of Harney Lake bankrupted Spain and was the beginning to her demise on to the 'slippery-slope' of lost power.

The Shoshoni Army was so taken up with this victory that they changed their name to their defeated enemies - The Saydocarah - The Conquerors.

The Spanish Road runs due west thru the Ochocos, the road Meek finally found that lead to a Spanish Port near The Dalles. Due

to the rapids downstream this port was only good for the construction of rafts to float down goods to waiting ships in the Pacific Ocean.

The road continues westward and skirts Mount Hood on the northern flank and ends up on the north end of French Prairie. This road was later renamed the Barlow.

This part of the Willamette Valley is littered with buffalo wallows with some of today's nurseries converting them to water reservoirs.

The Spanish had a port near

Willamette Falls that ships could reach.

If you still believe that buffalo are native and not domesticated as I am indicating bear this in mind. The Willamette Valley consists of several over lapping prairies with a cool, clean river running down its gut. Among these prairies are groves of massive oaks offering back-scratchers. If they were native, the bison would have still been there when the historians arrived. They had to have been pushed up and over the Cascades and Rockies to Kansas from this buffalo utopia.

An inventory was taken on the Staked Plains, called that because the Spanish drove tall stakes in the ground to indicate where the road was located in this immense sea of grass, before the slaughter it is estimated that 20 million bison were living there.

It was said that the Native Americans placed the bison on a elevated position of worship and I believe I know when this prayer to the Mighty Chief Above thanking him for the bountiful buffalo occurred; just before breakfast.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Obsidian Solar Center



Public Hearing on the Draft Proposed Order and
Request for Comments

Summary:

Notice Date: June 17, 2020

Draft Proposed Order Issuance Date: March 12, 2020

Date of Public Hearing: The previously noticed hearing date of June 23, 2020 is hereby canceled and rescheduled to July 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Proposal: Application for Site Certificate (ASC) from Obsidian Solar Center LLC (owned by Obsidian Renewables, LLC and Lindgren Development, Inc; applicant) for a proposed approximately 400 megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic solar energy facility on approximately 3,921 acres of nonarable land (includes a “reasons exception” request to the statewide policy embodied in Goal 3, Agricultural Lands).

Proposed Facility Location: North Lake County, approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley and seven miles southeast of Fort Rock.

Draft Proposed Order Review: The draft proposed order (DPO) was issued on March 12, 2020, which opened a public comment period. Written comments may be submitted per the instructions in this notice. An opportunity to submit oral and written comments at a hearing on the DPO will be presided over by a third-party hearing officer from the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), appointed by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Under ORS 469.370(2), the hearing will be held in the affected area of the proposed facility as well as held remotely, via teleconference/webinar detailed below. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) will provide equipment for individuals to give oral testimony via the webinar described below to EFSC members and the hearing officer.

The Oregon Department of Energy will hold the in-person portion of the public hearing according to policies and guidelines for social distancing, safety of the public and staff in place at the time of the hearing. ODOE will update the project webpage in advance of the hearing with these details: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>

In-Person/Teleconference/Webinar Public Hearing Information:

Date: July 20, 2020

Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

End Time: 7:00 p.m., or later based on public participation

Location: Christmas Valley Community Hall
87345 Holly Lane
Christmas Valley, OR 97641

Teleconference/Webinar Presentation:

<https://odoe.webex.com/odoe/onstage/g.php?MTID=e826a9a37cc8819eb15290118166d73cc>

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ODOE strongly recommends joining the Webex meeting online, if possible. When you join, please use your full name to sign in to help staff manage public comments. Additional information will be provided at the hearing about how to provide an oral comment using Webex features.

Comment Deadline: July 20, 2020, at the close of the hearing listed above.

Description of Proposed Facility: The proposed facility, including related or supporting facilities, includes approximately 400 MWac of photovoltaic solar energy generation equipment to be located on approximately 3,921 acres of non-arable land.

Equipment includes solar modules, tracking systems, posts, cabling, inverter/transformer units (approx. 160); 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collection system; up to 4 collector substations (1 acre/each); up to two operations and maintenance buildings; perimeter/internal roads (approx. 50 miles) and perimeter fencing

(approx. 18 miles); 50 MW of battery (flow) storage equipment; 115 kV transmission line (approx. 2 miles); and, a 115/500 kV step-up substation and point of interconnection.

Location of Proposed Facility: The proposed facility would be located within a site boundary of approximately 3,921 acres. The proposed site boundary is located within Lake County, approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley. A map of the proposed facility and site boundary is included at the end of this notice. Specific locational maps can be found in ASC Exhibit C at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx> and on ODOE’s online mapping tool: <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Overview: On October 17, 2019, ODOE, staff to EFSC, received a complete ASC from the applicant. The complete ASC seeks approval from EFSC to construct and operate the Obsidian Solar Center (proposed facility). Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain approval of the ASC and be granted a site certificate from EFSC in order to construct and operate the proposed facility. On March 12, 2020, ODOE posted additional information to the ASC on the project webpage listed above. On the same date, ODOE issued a DPO on the ASC. The DPO recommends EFSC approve the ASC and issue a site certificate, subject to recommended conditions of approval. The DPO is not a final order. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of an in-person and webinar/teleconference public hearing on the DPO on Monday, July 20, 2020 and of an opportunity to provide comments on the DPO, extending from March 12, 2020 through July 20, 2020 at the close of the DPO hearing. Please note that any comments submitted to ODOE after the first March 12, 2020 public notice do not need to be resubmitted.

Public Hearing and Comment Period: A public hearing on the DPO, conducted by the EFSC-appointed third-party OAH hearings officer will be held in-person and remotely via teleconference/webinar at an EFSC meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020. The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a brief overview by ODOE staff on the siting process and proposed facility, followed by an overview of the hearing format provided by the hearing officer. Oral and written comments may be provided at the in-person/teleconference/webinar public hearing described above.

Written comments **must be received by the comment deadline of Monday, July 20, 2020 at the close of the public hearing**, submitted by mail, email hand-delivery or fax to the hearing officer, in care of:

Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capital Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
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EFSC will not accept or consider any further public comments on the site certificate application or on the DPO after July 20, 2020, which represents the close of the record on the DPO for the proposed facility.

EFSC Review Process: The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, Divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. ODOE serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the application review process.

The proposed facility is an energy facility subject to EFSC jurisdiction under the definition in ORS 469.300(11)(a)(D)(iii). As such, the proposed facility must receive approval from EFSC of a site certificate prior to construction.

To be eligible to participate in a contested case proceeding, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing or in a written comment submitted on or before July 20, 2020 and received by ODOE before the record closes on July 20, 2020 (close of the public hearing). Even if a person commented before March 12, 2020, that person must raise an issue(s), either via oral comment at the public hearing or in

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writing during the comment period to be eligible to participate in the contested case. Failure to raise an issue in person or in writing prior to the close of the record of the public hearing with sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes consideration of the issue in a contested case. To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, a person must present facts that support the person’s position on the issue. See OAR 345-015-0016(3).

Please note: All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments may be available on the ODOE webpage for the Obsidian Solar Center as an attachment to the Proposed Order, to be issued at a later date.

Comment submission does not register your contact information to receive future electronic notices. If you would like to receive notices for this proposed facility or any other EFSC facility, and have not already done so, please follow the information in this notice to subscribe to the ClickDimensions email notification list.

EFSC Decision Process: Following the public hearing and after the close of the record of the hearing on the DPO, EFSC will review the DPO and comments received on the record of the DPO public hearing during a scheduled EFSC meeting. Following its review, either at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting, EFSC will direct staff to prepare and issue a proposed order. Along with the proposed order, ODOE will issue a notice of contested case. Following the contested case proceeding, EFSC will issue a final order on the ASC. The Siting Division Public Guide contains information on the EFSC process, including the contested case process.

To view this information on ODOE’s website, please use the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Documents/Fact-Sheets/EFSC-Public-Guide.pdf>

Receipt of this Notice:

- Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:
1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property boundary on which the proposed facility would be located. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this proposed facility.
 2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Obsidian Solar Center. If you wish to be removed from this mailing lists, please contact Kellen Tardaewether.
 3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions to receive email notices related to the Obsidian Solar Center or all EFSC project-related notices.

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Additional Information: Additional information about the proposed facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the

- following options.
- 1) Oregon Department of Energy’s webpage:
The ASC, DPO and additional details regarding the proposed facility may be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx> to review and access free of charge.

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx>

- 2) **Updates by email/mail:**
Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Obsidian Solar Center as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>. To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kellen Tardaewether (see contact information provided above).

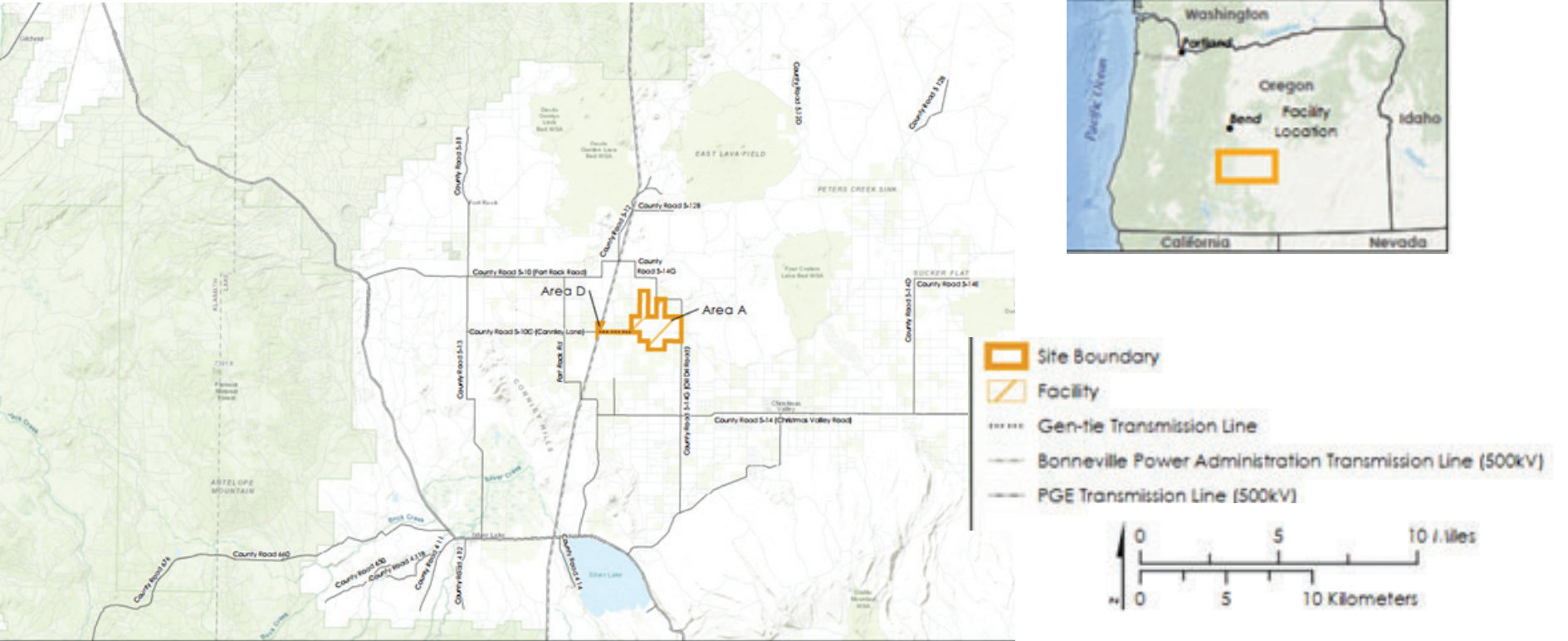
- 3) **In hardcopy:**
Hard copies of the proposed Obsidian Solar Center ASC and DPO are available or have been provided to be available for public inspection at the following locations at no cost. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to ODOE. Please contact the below locations to arrange viewing of hard copies of the ASC and DPO:

Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst (Agency Representative)
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Email: Kellen.Tardaewether@oregon.gov

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Accessibility information: ODOE is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For review of the DPO or attendance at the public hearing, if you require any special physical or language accommodations, or need information in an alternate format, please contact Michiko Mata at 503-378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at 800-221-8035, or email to michiko.mata@oregon.gov. For any other accommodation needed to attend the public hearing, please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.



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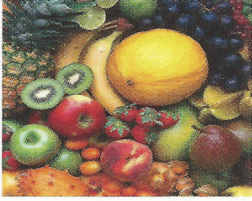
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Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake
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