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## March Happenings

March is a busy month. It is the gateway to spring. This year Easter falls on its last day. We have St Patrick's day, activities including a Pancake Breakfast, an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Services.

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Christmas Valley has its very own used car and used truck dealership. The business prides itself on offering "Premium Used Cars & Trucks," as well as offering financing opportunities.

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One of many large herds of Antelope that are about near Silver Lake and between Ft. Rock and Christmas Valley

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A glimpse of what we will be seeing in the not to distant future. All my trees are showing signs of awakening as are the day lilies and a few other plants




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# Historic Buildings Close to Hwy 31

By Marie Lee



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Over in Klamath Falls the Shaw Historical Society is preparing their 2024 journal. I may have mentioned this before, so if I have, please forgive me. The subject of this year's journal is buildings. The area of coverage is Lake, Klamath, Modoc, and Siskiyou counties, a large area, so the number of buildings included will be quite limited. I have contributed articles on the Alger Theater, here in Lakeview, the Hotel Chewaucan in Paisley, and the Pioneer Saloon and Restaurant in Paisley.

There are many buildings from Lakeview north to Fort Rock that could be included, and that does not consider the rest of Lake County, west and east.

One of the first buildings that comes to mind is the Fort Rock Grange Hall. Years ago, I was in that building for Lake County Pomona Grange meetings and potlucks, and I attended a few dances at the Fort Rock Grange in my youth. I once had a little crush on a Fort Rock boy who shall not be named! My scant knowledge about the unique construction of the grange hall is that it was put together from abandoned homestead cabins.

The Christmas Valley Lodge

during its first year. Again, I may have already mentioned that I once owned a small glass ashtray with an inscription in its center: "Stolen From Christmas Valley Lodge."

South of Fort Rock, I have a memory of the long-gone Summer Lake Grange Hall. Lake County grangers visited each other and

given me a personal interest in that house. Among the museum's centerpiece, as visitors step through the front door, is Elizabeth Foster's upright grand piano—still very much in tune.

Lula Foster Schminck was the youngest of James' and Elizabeth's fifteen children. Although not all fifteen children were in the home during the same years, it goes without saying that the Fosters needed a large house. When the Foster ranch became profitable James and Elizabeth decided to replace the log home they originally constructed. Lumber for the new house was sawn at a mill in Cedarville, California, freighted over Cedar Pass, and loaded onto a barge to travel north on Goose

the Chandler Station Ranch house. Although it remains standing those striving to shore up its foundation seem to have abandoned the project. I have many fond memories of that house as my great-aunt and great-uncle, George and Ottie Chandler, made their home in that house for many years. It was built by my great-grandfather, S. B. Chandler. Although it never was, in my childhood memory it was a grand mansion. Aunt Ottie filled it with lovely old-fashioned furnishings; she made a rock garden in the north lawn that I later discovered was really her pet cemetery. There was a water fountain on the lawn where gold fish played and swam.

Closer to Lakeview is the Hunter's Hot Springs complex of buildings. Originally built as a healing sanitarium for ailing people, the resort has undergone various changes through the years. Within the grounds is the geyser named Old Perpetual. As long as the valley's water table remains high, Old Perpetual spouts about every sixty seconds.

Down here in Lakeview there is no space in the journal to include Lake County's old red-brick courthouse, the Heryford Building, the Indian Village Restaurant and its predecessor Hotel Lakeview. Both the Methodist and Catholic Churches deserve a paragraph or two. Like the folks who built and

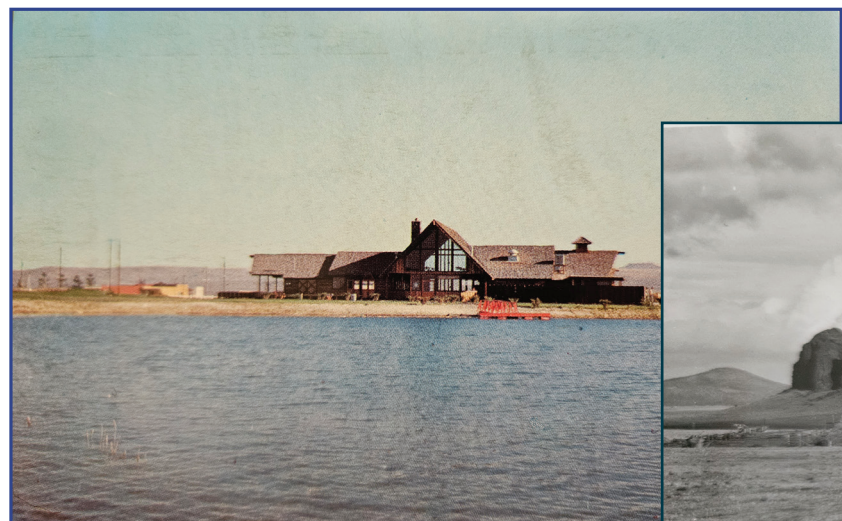
Lake. From Lakeview it was again use our buildings, each one has a story.

Traveling south from Paisley

held county, or Pomona, meetings on a quarterly basis. For some odd reason, I remember eating the best pumpkin chiffon pie at a potluck affair in the Summer Lake Grange Hall.

The Harris School in Summer Lake remains one of the most picturesque and photographed structures in Lake County. Oil and watercolor artists are in love with it. Lake County Museum displays a pen and ink rendition of the Harris School.

The James and Elizabeth Currier Foster house remains a historic sentinel standing beside



has an interesting story. It was a very up-to-date establishment when it was opened by the M. Penn Phillips Company. I was writing a paper for a college class when it opened and was fortunate to be among those who dined there

Highway 31 located about the mid-Summer Lake area. Serving as curator for Schminck Memorial Museum has

through the Valley Falls area is

Photo Credits  
Chandler Station, Top, taken by Marie Lee.

Alger Theater in Lakeview, taken by Marie Lee.

Historic Christmas Valley Lodge, just as it was being completed in the 1960's. Photographer unknown.

Ft Rock taken in the 1920's which date is assessed by the attire of people in an accompanying photo. Photographer unknown.

# From This Angle: Signs of Spring

By *Toni Bailie*



**Toni Bailie**

A friend once quipped: You know it's spring in the Oregon Outback when it snows horizontally. That can be true. But as the hours of light lengthen, we emerge from the winter doldrums as new life begins to stir within the earth. Hope dawns within as we notice the signs of spring.

Light coaxes the leaves to unfurl from bare branches, velvety pussy willows sprout on the willows. Daffodils and crocus push up from the warming earth. Desert lilies appear among the sage brush, sprouting from seemingly barren ground. Tawny hay fields are covered with a green carpet of new growth.

Calves dot the pastures, like newly minted coins, trotting after their mothers as the rancher spreads a morning breakfast bar of hay. The bald eagles have returned for calving season to feast on the after-birth when the calves are born. Our neighbor's new lambs and baby goats frisk in their pasture just for the joy of being alive in a brand-new world.



In the Chewaucan Marsh, spring heralds the return of migrating birds. Red wing blackbirds balance on swaying reeds, flashing their scarlet epaulets; meadowlarks trill from fence posts and yellow-headed blackbirds brighten the meadow with their golden plumage.

Honking Canada geese pair up and hatch goslings that swim behind them in small avian flotillas. The bugling voices of Sandhill Cranes once more fill the air. The cranes grow to be four feet tall with a seven-foot wing span. In the fall, those wings carried them to wetlands in California's Central Valley. They heed the call of lengthening days and fly hundreds of miles, returning to their Oregon nesting grounds. My friend Shannon and I eagerly await the cranes' arrival. She drives the school bus by the meadow where two pairs nest each year: she has dubbed them Lucy and Rickey and Fred and Ethel.



I always watch for the return of the vultures who roost each night in the cottonwood grove near the Chewaucan River. These are the only raptors that hang out in communal roosts. They might look a little weird up close, but they soar gracefully through the air, spreading their wings, mounting up on thermals, flying at speeds of 60 miles per hour. At dawn, I see them stirring in the branches, spreading their wings to catch the warming rays of the sun that dries their damp feathers. Then they launch out on their morning patrol, nature's clean-up crew.

Yes, spring has arrived bringing new life and new hope.

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# Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Well if wasn't Leap Year then March would have certainly lived up to the saying, "In like a Lion ...".

Let's hope the rest of the saying comes true and March goes out like a lamb. The night of February 28 was one of the windiest I have experienced since I moved here seventeen years ago. I usually sleep deeply and hear little, but not that night. Everything that could rattle or bang against the house - did. And, the morning was worse.



I headed out to the barn in full (goofy but warm) barn clothes, only to make a quick U-turn to retrieve some sunglasses from the house. I needed them not for UV protection but to keep the dirt and flying objects out of my eyes.

Then began the battle of getting hay from the feed room into the aisle and then into the horses feeders. What a mess. The horses didn't seem to mind the wind or its accompanying noise, they just wanted me to hurry up and feed them.

Once the mission was accomplished the next challenge was to make sure the main entry door didn't rattle its self off the track. I finally resorted to blocking the back and anchoring the front by tying it to the feed room door. By now I had managed to spend nearly an hour on chores that usually take me about 20 minutes.

With everything battened down, I headed back to the house

with the added windblown ice pellets mixed with snow. I ended up walking sideways like a crab to protect my face. The Lion definitely had arrived.

St. Patrick's day is just around the corner and there are always good traditional meals to be had and fun activities to take part in.

For me this quasi holiday has always felt like an announcement of spring. Of course, in the valley it already is spring, at least the Crocus and Daffodils think so. They were in bloom everywhere when I was over there to pick up a horse on the 19th.

Yep, I just acquired another horse. This gentleman is 24 years old and has been a great little show horse and at times lesson horse. Now for most breeds, 24 is getting near the end of their performance career, but he, Beach Boy, is a Haflinger, and Haflingers are known for their longevity. Many of them are still active, on a lighter scale, well into their 30's.

Beach Boy is a strange name for a horse but this is his barn name and it is generally shortened to Beachie. The name came about when his previous owner bought him instead of a beach house. "That was a long time ago when he was expensive and beach houses were affordable. At any rate that is his handle.

Beachie has a lot of hair so he is sporting a partial body clip and really looks strange without his blanket on, but over the next few months he will shed all the old hair and show off his deep golden color and flaxen highlights.

I have gotten a few rides on him and am now waiting for our lion-like weather to moderate and become more spring like, and for the arena to once again dry out enough to provide good footing.



There isn't much else going on at the farm, just the general maintenance and for course the chores. As it is said, "What goes in must come out." Well a lot goes into a horse every day and sometimes it seems as if a lot more comes out. Actually, what comes out is heavier than what went in because it now had the weight of water and digestive juices. Ah well, it keeps the body moving - all that shoveling.

DARK SKIES: this is a subject I feel strongly about. We have amazingly dark skies in Lake County. So much so that on a clear night one can walk outside, look up and see the Milky Way, planets and constellations along with millions of twinkling stars. This is a precious resource that can bring tourists and their dollars into our county but there are some individuals and businesses creating extreme light pollution. One so much so that their security lights shine into the front window of a house 1/4 mile away. All that needs to be done is to "down shield" the lights. The same holds true for homeowners using LED lighting on for instance their front porch, that is so bright it is disruptive to a night driver's vision. Please point it downward.

## Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Lake County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00pm, by Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91484568866> or in-person at the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Courthouse at 513 Center Street, Lakeview, Oregon, to receive public comment and testimony on the following application. Failure to raise an issue at the hearing or to provide sufficient specificity precludes your ability to appeal the decision to the Board of Commissioners. If you have needs requiring special arrangements, please call 541-947-6036 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

APPEAL OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 24-001-APPEAL Public Appeal Hearing concerning an appeal filed by Matthew Louie of a Planning Director's decision to deny an Electrical Permit for a Commercial Reconnect for up to 201-400-amp power service to a vacant property. The appellant has appealed the denial decision to the Lake County Planning Commission. The property is described as 12.00 acres: Within T39S, R18E, Sec.13 TL1101 in an A-1, Exclusive Farm Use Zone. The appeal will be reviewed in accordance with Article 30 of the amended Lake County Zoning Ordinance of 1980, and Article 2 and Article 1 the basis upon which the building permit was denied.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 24-002-CUP Public Hearing concerning an application by Jody Sullens & Denise Mazol to establish a Non-Farm Dwelling on a 20.00-acre parcel, described as T27S R17E S04 TL1800, approximately 0.25 mile west on Stagecoach Lane from Rainbow Road, north of Christmas Valley, to the northeast corner of the property; in an A-2 Agriculture Use zone, with a Comprehensive Plan Designation of A - Agriculture. A decision will be based on Articles 3 and 24 of the amended Lake County Zoning Ordinance of 1980.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 24-003-CUP Public Hearing concerning an application by Mark & Kathleene Winslow to establish a Private Campground on a 2.40-acre parcel, described as T30S R17E S05B TL301, approximately 2.00 mile east on Lake View Lane from Hwy 31, north of Summer Lake, to the southwest corner of the property; in an A-2 Agriculture Use zone, with a Comprehensive Plan Designation of FR - Farm Residential. A decision will be based on Articles 3 and 24 of the amended Lake County Zoning Ordinance of 1980.

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 Honeybee colonies are lost for various reasons, but taking the time to investigate what happened to a lost colony is an opportunity to learn what changes you can make to have more success with future colonies. Before considering what, if anything, your colony may need from you, you first need to determine whether they are still alive. Though it's a harsh reality of beekeeping, many beekeepers do lose hives during the winter months.

The loss of a hive can happen for various reasons, often depending on the region and type of management plan used by the beekeeper. The most common reasons for these losses are to varroa mites, weather, and starvation. There are many ways you can check in on your bees. It is always preferable to do so without opening the lid (which may break the propolis seal your bees have created before winter began, to keep in as much heat as possible).

As you approach your hives, taking a quick look at your beehive's entrance and the ground out front can tell you a lot, no matter the season but especially in the winter months. Bees typically only leave the



hive during the cold months on the warmest days, to defecate outside. Therefore, fresh feces may tell you that your hive has

been active. If there is quite a bit of bee poop out front of the hive and snow around the hive, you will likely see yellow stains, left as your bees conduct their cleansing flights.

Despite the initial shock of seeing dead bees outside, it can actually be a good sign because it shows that the hive is operating as it should. Even in the dead of winter, bees remove as many of their dead as possible. Ironically, not seeing any dead bees outside could mean the colony isn't strong enough to remove them, which could indicate a problem.




As I have mentioned in previous Bee-Cuzz articles a knock on the side of the hive will often create a small commotion within their cluster. Just by gently knocking on the outside and holding your ear to the side of the hive, you may be able to hear that telltale buzz, assuring you that the colony is still tucked in safe and warm. Be aware, though, that on a warm day, a guard bee or two may decide to leave the hive to find out what's making that racket!

It should be noted that some beekeepers express a concern that

knocking on the hive can disturb the bees and, in the worst case, potentially break up the cluster. I don't necessarily share that level of concern if the knock is as gentle as possible, but be aware of this and consider if this is the right approach in the situation.

There are other options for

checking inside a hive for a live colony, like  using the light knock method along with a stethoscope to better hear through the hive's thick walls. You could also try using a thermal imaging camera or temperature sensor to determine heat levels from the outside of the hive, too.

During the winter months, bees use the strength of their numbers to huddle up in a cluster of bees, working together to stay warm and survive until spring. The cluster will move throughout the hive and consume their honey stores as they go, often moving upwards within the hive.

If a cluster of bees has moved through its stores and is now at the top of its hive, there may be a need to give them supplemental winter feed. Adding feed like winter patties, fondant/sugar bricks or even granulated sugar can be a huge help in avoiding death due to starvation.

I have found that using your screened bottom board is a great way to not only tell that you have an active colony within a hive but to also determine where the Cluster may be located. As you check the debris on the bottom board, you can use the accumulation of wax cappings to tell what position the cluster **See February and the Bees pg.12**

### Pot Roasted Leg of Lamb

With Lambing season in full swing and Easter coming up at the end of the month, I thought this rich but simple lamb dish would be appropriate. This dish comes from the Abruzzo region of central Italy fronting the Adriatic Sea. It is Pot roasted to let the meat absorb the flavorings of the veggies and fresh herbs.

#### Pot Roasted Leg of Lamb

(Serves 4) Preheat oven to 350° F

- 3 lb Leg of Lamb
- 3- 4 sprigs of Fresh Rosemary plus more for garnish
- 1/4 lb Streaky Bacon slices
- 1/4 C EVOO
- 2 - 3 cloves of Garlic, crushed (the more the merrier!)
- 2 medium Onions, sliced
- 2 large Carrots, sliced
- 2 Celery Ribs, sliced
- 1 1/4 cups Dry White Wine (Chardonnay works great. Again, the more the merrier!)
- 2 Tbsp Tomato Paste
- 1 1/4 cups stock, chicken, beef or veggie
- 1 lb Roma tomatoes, cut in fourths and seeded, if desired
- 1 Tbsp or more chopped Fresh Parsley
- 1 Tbsp chopped Fresh Oregano or Marjoram (in the same family of herbs)
- Sea Salt & Fresh Ground Pepper

Prepare Leg of Lamb by trimming off any excess fat, then season with Sea Salt and Fresh Pepper, rubbing in well. Cover lamb evenly with bacon slices and tie in place with kitchen string. Tuck broken up sprigs of Rosemary under the bacon and string.

Heat EVOO in Dutch Oven and sear Lamb to brown all over, about 10 minutes

Remove Lamb to plate and keep warm while you cook Garlic, Onion, Carrots and Celery together for about 6-8 minutes or until they begin to soften.

Nestle the Leg of Lamb on top of the Veggies and press down to partly submerge. In a medium bowl, stir Tomato Paste into White Wine, add Stock, Tomatoes, Herbs and Seasoning and pour over Lamb. Simmer for about 5 minutes.

Cover the Dutch Oven and cook in 350° F oven for 2-3 hours or until the Lamb is very tender.

Remove Lamb from the Pot and remove String. Keep warm. Strain the juices from the Veggies, skimming off excess fat. Reserve strained Juice.



Arrange Leg of Lamb on a platter surrounded by the Veggies and Herbs, garnish with fresh sprigs of Rosemary. Serve reserved Juices in a pitcher or jug, to pour over each serving.

Garlic Mashed Potatoes and a Waldorf or Green Salad will finish this festive meal. Salute'!



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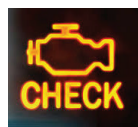
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By Gladys Martin

## Chapter Twenty Six

The storm blew in during the night. When Clint stepped out the door, the wind tore his breath from him. There had been storm warnings. The radio said it, but Clint put more faith in the sky, the actions of the animals and the ache in his joints. Judging from these signs, he expected a three-day blizzard. The cattle would put their tails to the wind and drift with it.

Clint would have to spend long hours in the saddle, making sure the cattle found the best places to weather the storm. He needed to bring the saddle horses in and feed them. Hay and grain would give them strength to fight the drifting snow.

A storm like this put stress on the animals and on him, but he had weathered many such storms in his thirty years of ranching.

Next morning the windows were plastered with snow. After a good breakfast, he donned warm coat, cap, gloves and overshoes and headed for the barn. A horse whinnied and he called back, "Keep your shirt on, I'm coming." That commanding voice sounded like Dandy.

Could he really be out there in this storm? The horse was plastered with snow. "So you finally decided to come home! That's going to make one girl mighty happy," Clint said.

Clint shoveled snow away from the corral gate and put out hay and grain. Dandy seemed uneasy and drifted away. Then Clint spotted another horse, almost out of sight in the snow. "So you brought your pal along," Clint said softly "I hope you both will eat hay and grain and stick around for a while."

Next, he needed to use the team and his wooden snowplow to open a way to the ridge and the shelter of the juniper tree where he could put out hay for the cattle. The team, Rowdy and Chub, pulled the heavy snowplow, making a path through the drifts for the cattle to follow. Then Clint rode Chief, driving the cattle to the shelter of the junipers.

The house was cold and Clint was exhausted when he finished his outside work. As he built the fire, he wished Annie had been here. She would help load the hay and gather the cattle, then go home to build a fire and have a good meal waiting for him. He cried out to her in his heart, "Annie, I need you."

The hearty meal and hot coffee made him feel better. It seemed like he had been struggling all his life and was just

sure the corral gate could swing freely, and then got out of sight. The two horses were securely corralled before he left to feed the cattle.

The following week was a busy one. It was challenging to find ways to help the cattle get to dry grass under the snow. He found a dead cow and some of the live ones were not in good condition for calving. Clint would do his best to get them in better shape by then.



managing to hang on. Maybe he should go to work at the mill like Hod had suggested.

Annie always turned to her Bible when she had questions. Could he find answers there too? Clint picked up the Bible and started thumbing through. An underlined verse caught his eye. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." He felt there was a glimmer of hope, like a ray of sunshine lighting up a cloudy sky.

Dandy called to him when he left the house on the third morning. The sound lifted his spirits and he called back, "Your ornery son of a gun, I had a hunch you'd hang around. Is your buddy still with you?" The other horse was still there. He put hay and grain out for them, made

Then good weather held for most of the following month. As the days grew longer and the sun stronger, snow started melting on open places. Clint even found time to work with Dandy and his friend. The third week in February Clint saw a lone rider approaching. It was George. What a welcome change to have a person to talk to. George brought a packet of mail with several letters from Annie and Nancy.

"Did you lose any cows in the storm?" George asked. "I've lost two that I know of and there might be more under the drifts. They aren't in as good shape as I'd like them to be for calving." Clint replied. "Nothing I can do but take the best care of the cattle and hope it's good enough."

Clint led the way to the lot where he was keeping Dandy and his wild friend. George whistled



in surprise when he saw the two horses. "So that's Nan's horse, he decided to come home after all. The other one looks just like that fancy race horse you rescued a few years back."

"He's the spitting image of Red Tree. I've named him Juniper. He's got to be out of Dancing Leaf. He must have been asleep under a bush somewhere, one of the other mares must have adopted him," Clint said. "It should make Nan real happy to have her horse back again," George said.

"Well, Dandy is smart enough to train to carry a blind person," Clint said. "If I do that, he'd be Annie's horse, instead of Nan's. I think she'd

be all right with it, and I would give her Juniper to make it easier on her."

George said, "We got to wondering how you was going to make out during calving. I'm sending Mike over to help you, if that's OK with you."

"That's the best news I've heard in a long time," Clint said. "It sure is good to have great neighbors like you folks."

"Do you have a letter to send to Annie? I'll be going to Wagontire in a few days and can mail it for you." "I've got a letter started," Clint said. "I'll add a line and put it in an envelope. It'll take a load off Annie's mind to know Mike will be here with me. We sure appreciate all you're doing for us."

After George left, Clint settled down to read the letters from Annie and Nan. But the

**Next Month, chapter 27**

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.



# MYSTERIES OF THE PHAROHS-----NOT!

By The Prospector

**"Half a Truth is often a great lie."**

**B. Franklin  
Founding Father**

Dr. Zahi Hawass, the world's most celebrated archaeologist and former Minister of State for Antiquities in Egypt has been called the "real life Indiana Jones." I doubt our Harrison Ford portraying of the ultimate Prospector got more 'smoke and mirrors' by far.

Zahi: "The blocks for construction of the pyramids were quarried then shipped up the Nile River".

The average weight of these blocks are between 22-26 tones. To create a six-sided block from stone you need at least a two thirds larger piece of rock to whittle down. Somewhere there is a pile of rubble the size of all of the pyramids that has never been found. Two options; either the good doctor is not looking very hard for the quarry or one never existed.

Zahi: "The precision of these stone is such that you cannot pass an envelope between them." If indeed it were true, it would be miraculous to form a rock six different ways a square facing each other and the next top to boot. Now consider the corner pieces that are not only squared but angled precisely. Through these blocks there is hole approximately 24" by 24" that go all the way thru the pyramids and exciting out the northern face near the top. Nothing fancy about these ventilation shafts.

Zahi: "The shafts that are common throughout the pyramids and point to the North Star. This is how we measure the age of the each pyramid. " Is there a telescope gun sight that points to exact moment when she passed by? Of course not. With a monument to death of a ruler with artifacts stacked to the ceiling several stories tall, one would surmise that a different method of dating would be more useful. However, the problem with that idea will be addressed.

Zahi: "The Great Sphinx is the oldest carved structure in

Egypt" There he goes again stating the big cat was carved from apparently a native piece of limestone. You can certainly see the layers of sedimentary rock. What you are looking at is the negative imprint of concrete

could be barged up the river a whole lot easier than the twenty-ton plus blocks.

More evidence of manufacturing is seen where the exposed blocks are mortared



Dr. Zahi Hawass  
World's most famous archaeologist

forms. Where his shoulders form, the different layers are identical with a bit of overflow allowing the 'stucco' to adhere better. (Looking at the giant pyramid Giza the stucco cap is quite visible.)

If your able to make cement while not just pour the blocks. Your pyramids are located in the World's largest desert for sand. The Nile River for combining the mixture, which would also include lime and volcano ash. These materials

in place. The bricks are identical showing manufacturing in a grand scale.

The greatest crime against humanity happen just after Britain took control of Egypt. The 'good queen mother' ordered Howard Carter, age 48, to destroy everything place all the metal in a smelter right at the entrance.

THE ONLY REASON WE HAVE KING TUTANKHAMUM TREASURE TO ENJOY IS

CARTER AND HIS THEIVES DIDN'T FIND IT!!! Sixty-one other sites were not so lucky and were looted.

In King Tut's tomb was a boat in which he would travel in the afterlife. This complete boat was over four hundred feet long and two and a half stories tall. Complete will gun wales, pilothouse and living quarters. This boat, fit for a king was carved from a single Redwood, tree. This is what Carter and his thieves burned to stay warm in the cold desert nights along with any fabrics that could burn.

King Tut's collar, made from gold, found its way to the Atkins Museum of Art in Missouri. So much for honor among thieves.

The history books are calling Carter the greatest archaeologist that ever lived and DR. Hawss the "world's most famous archaeologist". There is no need to go to Egypt you can see everything from your favorite armchair.

Running the full length of Lake County is the oddest human immigration trail heading north thru its middle. Many miles of trails are quite visible and survived the receding ice flow during the last ice age.

On top of Winter Rim there are twenty-six miles of such trails running the full length between Government Pass and Picture Rock Pass.

Our natural treasures have not been looted so get out there and enjoy. On this very same trail, other humans that obviously cared for him buried a forty something Caucasian male. When the Kennewick Man was laid to rest, the pyramids were only an idea.

Dorothy 'stuck her landing' when she told Auntie Em that "There's no place like home".

NEXT: Manchu Picchu! And more advice from Dorothy.



## February and the Bees from pg.6



may be (left/right/front/center) in the hive and which frames they're digging into to consume some of their honey stores. Cleaning your bottom board tray 1-2 times per month can be a great diagnostic tool without having to open the hive.

If you haven't found any indication of life in the colony, you may have a hive that perished for one reason or another. Don't panic and break open the hive's seal to check them inside straight away, though, wait a week or two and

check again. If they are in fact still alive and just quiet, opening them up too soon can cause harm to the colony.

Though it can be disheartening and quite sad to lose a hive, it can be an opportunity to learn more about what went wrong for that colony and to learn more for better success with future ones. In fact, most experienced beekeepers see a "deadout" as just

that - a true opportunity to build their knowledge.

Well let's hope for a warm Spring this year. I'll be inspecting the girls soon (I hope!) and start feeding them when the temperature normalizes.

Until Next month Bee safe out there!



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- 1. Recipe Measures (abbr.)
- 5. Watercraft
- 9. Beat it
- 14. A Baldwin
- 15. Upon
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- 17. Juan's house
- 18. High \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Plane spotter
- 20. Certain steaks (hyph)
- 22. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Cruz
- 24. Negotiate
- 26. \_\_\_\_\_ and shine
- 27. Decorative clothing
- 30. Landed property
- 34. Figure skater's jump
- 35. Elbow room
- 38. Angeles preceder
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat
- 40. Harpooned
- 42. Freon, e.g.
- 43. Slip up
- 44. Deserves
- 45. Soothe
- 46. Cooks with vapor
- 48. Egg dishes
- 51. Sleeveless jacket
- 53. Space agency (abbr.)
- 54. Small sofa
- 58. Minor aspect
- 62. Into pieces
- 63. Papa's spouse
- 65. Machu Picchu dweller

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- 5. Tiny tree
- 6. Lennon's Yoko \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Upon
- 8. Copier's need
- 9. Emphasized
- 10. Swiss cottage
- 11. Decorate anew
- 12. Urgent acronym

- 13. Insignificant
- 21. Moray
- 23. Brother's daughter
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ beam
- 27. Fixed prices
- 28. Put forth
- 29. Category
- 31. Aquatic plants
- 32. Browned bread
- 33. Snaky shapes
- 36. Cooking vessel
- 37. Fiery felony

- 40. College term
- 41. Old fashioned
- 45. Ecstasy
- 47. Reluctant
- 49. French title
- 50. Compass dir.
- 52. Make docile
- 54. Young fellows

- 55. Unwrap
- 56. Wind indicator
- 57. City transportation
- 59. Diarist \_\_\_\_\_ Frank
- 60. Chills
- 61. Final
- 64. Spoil

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- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
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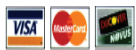


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