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Mark Your Calendar



Kenny and Amber La Plant are please to announce that after a few technical setbacks the Restaurant at the Christmas Valley Lodge will officially open at 6:am on November first!

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Praise the Lord Fellowship will once again host a community Thanksgiving Dinner the afternoon of November 28th at the Christmas Valley Community Hall
Doors open for Fry Bread and Coffee around 10am



The Annual Christmas Light Parade
December 14th
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According to data from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 16 million Americans served in World War II, 6.8 million in the Korean War, 2.7 million in the Vietnam War, and over 775,000 served in Afghanistan; adding these together gives a total of roughly 26.2 million veterans from these four conflicts combined.

There are very few WWII Veterans still living, here and world wide. In looking at various data bases it is estimated - quite accurately - that there are about 160 of these men and women still alive. Most of them are in their late 90s. Each of these veterans is identified as the last survivor of various battles, divisions and so on. One of the youngest surviving WWII Veterans is a Navajo who served as a Code Talker and he is one of two of the 125 Navajos who served in this capacity.

Most of the older people had or still have connections to Viet Nam. They may have had a relative or friend who served in this long-lasting and impossible conflict. Some of the not so old may have had a father who served. Lake County has many Veterans of this war as well as a few who served in Korea and Afghanistan. Any time you encounter a Veteran, whether they served in peacetime, or were active in a conflict, remember to thank them for their service. Without their dedication and service we could have been living in a much different world.

You Should Have Your Ballot

Ballots for the November General Election will be mailed out on October 16. Remember that when one makes the decision not to vote one is relinquishing the right to complain about the government they are living under.



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Arriving in
A New
Place

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Spooktacular Playday Pays Out More Than \$2000

The SPOOKTACULAR Playday held on October 26th at the Christmas Valley Rodeo Grounds was not only well organized but also a very fun event for all who attended. A total of 25 riders competed in Barrels, Speed Barrel, Pole Bending and Key Hole for a chance at a big payday. I would not describe the competition at heated, but would call it supportive and



Top Photo is the Grim Reaper
Bottom Photo is an Equestrian Fairy

commodious. Everyone was there to have a good time, and they did.

In addition cash winnings to first third place there were ribbons and trophies and prizes galore.

Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union was there putting on a great super hot-dog feed. And there was cotton candy, pastries and beverages. Oh and the decorations around the cook tents were really great. I was expecting a photo of them to be sent over, but it never arrived. And deadlines being what they are there is no more time to wait on it. I'm sure it will be in the Whispers along with a lot more photos.



Lead Line:
Mckinnly Mort \$125.00

Riders 12 & Under
Treyven Moore \$240.00
Callie Greiner \$120.00
Paisley Quinn \$ 40.00

Riders 13 to 17
Makayla Quinn \$375.00
Natalee Martin \$125.00
Kya Kintzley \$125.00
Tied for second

Riders 18 to 30
Sammy Anderson \$345.00
Kaydyn Kintzley \$172.00
Montana Wironen \$ 57.00

Riders 31 to 50
Megan Murray \$375.00
Ashley Sherr \$187.00
Alesa Peterson \$ 62.00

Riders 51 and Over
Chanda Mort \$330.00
Trina Dickson \$165.00
Tanya Winters \$ 55.00

Costumes at the October Working Equitation Completion in Eugene

October 19th and 20th saw the culmination of the 2024 show season for Working Equitation shows. This is generally a very low-key show as there are no points toward year-end awards. But there is always a (Just for Fun) costume class and this year's entries were outstanding. I wish I had been able to get more photos but what I took simply didn't do justice to the riders efforts. In the photo below is Heather reliving the era of the Hippie with all the trappings - Tie dye shirt, head bands, bell bottoms, beads and slogans and recognizable graphics of that time -- Peace, Love and more.

My favorite was a rider in full Sonny Bono costume including the hair, mustache, appropriate attire and a guitar. She rode her freestyle dressage test to "I've Got You Babe." That's right, all the competitors had to ride a dressage test to the music of their choice

in costume. One rider was dressed as a Ghost Buster and of course rode to the movie's theme song. One of the junior riders rode a horse ballet with assistance from a primary ballerina and six supporting dancers. That was quite a production. Three riders rode as a unit doing all the required movements while also doing some drill team moves. They were all wearing long flowing riding skirts and matching tops and riding Andalusian horses.

Beach Boy and I just enjoyed the show. We came in fourth over all and had a great time.



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I came across this table of information while researching information on WWII and thought it most interesting as it compares, by country not just the deaths but categorizes them by causation. The last column illustrates how many people died from non military causes. It is interesting to see where the most devastation occurred.

Place	Tot. Deaths	Military Deaths	Civ. Deaths via Military	Civ. Deaths via Famine/Disease
China	20,000,000	3,750,000	8,191,000	10,000,000
Russia	13,950,000	6,750,000	4,100,000	3,100,000
Ukraine	6,850,000	1,650,000	3,700,000	1,500,000
Poland	6,000,000	240,000	5,820,000	0
Germany	5,700,000	4,456,000	2,135,000	0
Japan	3,100,000	2,300,000	800,000	0
India	3,087,000	87,000	0	3,000,000
Belarus	2,290,000	620,000	1,360,000	310,000
Yugoslavia	1,700,000	446,000	1,400,000	0
Hungary	864,000	200,000	664,000	0
Greece	807,000	35,100	171,800	600,000
Kazakhstan	660,000	310,000	0	350,000
France	600,000	210,000	390,000	0
Philippines	557,000	57,000	164,000	336,000
Uzbekistan	550,000	330,000	0	220,000
Italy	514,000	341,000	153,200	0
Romania	500,000	300,000	200,000	0
United Kingdom	450,900	383,700	67,200	0
United States	419,400	407,300	12,100	0
Lithuania	375,000	25,000	275,000	75,000
Lithuania	370,000	25,000	345,000	0
Austria	370,000	261,000	124,000	0
Czechoslovakia	355,000	46,000	320,000	0
Azerbaijan	300,000	210,000	0	90,000
Georgia	300,000	190,000	0	110,000
Latvia	260,000	30,000	190,000	40,000
Burma	252,600	2,600	250,000	0
Latvia	250,000	30,000	220,000	0
Netherlands	210,000	6,700	187,300	16,000
Armenia	180,000	150,000	0	30,000
Moldova	170,000	50,000	75,000	45,000
Kyrgyzstan	120,000	70,000	0	50,000
Tajikistan	120,000	50,000	0	70,000
Ethiopia	100,000	15,000	85,000	0
Turkmenistan	100,000	70,000	0	30,000
Finland	96,800	94,700	2,100	0
Belgium	88,000	12,000	76,000	0
Estonia	83,000	34,000	49,000	0

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From This Angle: From This Angle: Arriving In a New Place

By Toni Bailie

Al and I sat in unfamiliar chairs. Warmth from a wood stove chased away the December cold. We looked at each other and wondered, “What have we done?” Prolonged hours of darkness and cold make December a poor month to make a major life change.

After years of visiting my parents in Paisley, spending blissful summer days up the Chewaucan River, hiking, fishing and camping, we decided to heed the call of the Oregon Outback. We put our home in Camas, Washington up for sale. Al quit his job at the paper mill and we took a leap into the unknown. Al wanted to follow his dream of using his carpentry and artistic skills. I had a newly-minted massage therapy license and was prepared to launch my own business.

As we were loading our house-

hold goods into the moving van in Camas, the buyers who had put earnest money on our house backed out. What to? I called my friend Bill from Massage School and poured out our tale of woe. Bill encouraged us to pursue our dream. “Just step out in faith, the doors will open,” he said.

But where would we live in Paisley? We needed funds from selling our house to purchase a new place. That winter, Mom had traveled to Arizona with friends. “You can stay in my house,” she said. “Just promise not to throw anything away.” She knew I got exasperated at all the clutter she accumulated.



So there we sat in her living room, missing our friends in Camas, feeling lonely and marooned as the holidays approached. We drove to Seattle to spend Christmas with my son Dave and his family. When

we returned, our neighbor Deanne, a long-time friend of my parents, invited us to join their group of friends on New Years Eve. As we played Bunco and laughed together, our spirits lifted.

In January, I began offering massage at Mom’s house. That

spring, Al found work with a contractor doing home renovations in Summer Lake. Then our realtor in Camas decided to buy the house as an investment. We began looking at homes for sale in Paisley. I liked one up on the hill with a view over the valley. But Al fell in love with the big shop at the house on Green Street. The manufactured home had a room that I could convert into a massage space. We could relax in the big yard shaded by tall cottonwoods.

Over the years, I offered massage in Christmas Valley and later opened an office in Lakeview. In his dream shop, Al crafted furniture from milled juniper, and remodeled many houses. Later he directed several performances of the Paisley Players Theater Group.

Our lives have been enriched by many friendships and experiences. We are thankful that we had to courage to take that leap of faith and start a new life in the Oregon Outback.

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Hey Folks,

It's that time of year. It's dark earlier and School is in session. Please slow down and give our children the safe space needed as they get on and off their school buses.

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 This Ducktober is like many other years in the High Desert, as it has many warm days and cooling nights. Ducks and geese are moving into the Summer Lake Refuge and hunters are again trying to harvest some.

Bees are still out trying to find the last Rabbit brush and Sage blossoms to get their final stores in bee for winter sets in. You should have weighed your hives and marked the light ones. Any hive under 70 pounds is subject to winter die off and needs to be monitored for robbing and disease. If you see robbing occur you need to reduce the entrance. October is a good month to treat for mites. Just remember some treatments need warm days for the treatments to be effective. I treated just bee for the cold nights and first snow set in.

I know I sound like a broken record but FEED! Stay away from entrance feeders as they promote robbing. Top feeders

or bucket feeders have worked well for me. I find that the sisters prefer my bucket feeders to the top feeders that I have. Bee vigilant for the dreaded Yellow Jackets




as they can and will destroy a weak colony. Something I noticed this year, as I tried a different technique to keep my girls cool on those warm days. I slid my top cover off about three inches to give a little more ventilation. What I found out is that the Queen Yellow Jackets LOVE to get in and set up camp for the winter in-between the top and inner cover. The girls are not up in the top anymore and

the Yellow Jacket queens must have thought it would be a good place to over-winter. I must have squashed ten to 12 of them.

You should have all your queen excluders off and mouse guards on by now. Make sure you have adequate ventilation for your hives or condensation will form on the inner cover and top hive cover. IF this happens the condensation may drip onto your bees. I have a small hole in the top corner of the top



main hive body to help control condensation. I also use a shallow super with fine mesh screen tacked to the bottom and filled with wood shavings placed between the inner cover and top cover to help

with condensation. This method seems to be better for my hives than just a vent hole or fuzz board. 

Now is a good time to take inventory and make a “to do” repair and maintenance list for the upcoming winter months. On warm days (over 60°) you should break open your hives and remove burr comb, check for the Queen Mother, and do a final inspection of the hive. Just remember, if you see the colony in a cluster do not disturb!

Well, I have a date with my one-man boat, a pond, and hopefully some ducks and geese. Getting low on cheesy garlic goose burgers!

Until next month shoot straight and be safe!

Did You Know?

Honey contains all of the substances needed to sustain life, including enzymes, water, minerals and vitamins



I love creamy, whole grain rice. Add cheese and I'm in heaven! This recipe combines both ingredients then adds pumpkin and white wine for a wonderful flavor combination. Italian influence, of course!

Pumpkin and Parmesan Risotto

Ingredients

- Pumpkin - Parmesan Risotto
- 2 to 2 1/2 Cups Water
- 2 C Chicken Broth
- 3 TBSP Butter
- 1 C finely chopped Onion
- 1-2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 2 Cups Arborio Rice (I used Brown Rice)
- 1 C Dry White Wine
- 4 1/2 tsp fresh Sage, chopped (or 2 tsp dry)
- 1 Cup canned Pumpkin (or 1 cup fresh cooked, mashed up)
- 1/2 C grated Parmesan Cheese (2 oz)

Putting it all Together

In a medium saucepan, bring the water and broth to a boil, reduce heat and simmer.
In a large, heavy saucepan, melt Butter over medium

heat. Add Onion and Garlic, cook until translucent and tender, about 3 minutes. Add uncooked rice and cook, stirring for 2 - 3 minutes just until it begins to brown.

Slowly add the Wine to the Rice mixture, stirring constantly over medium heat until liquid is absorbed. Stir in the Sage. Add Broth and Water mixture to Rice 1/2 a Cup at a time, continuing to stir constantly until Rice is slightly creamy and just tender. (This should take about 20 minutes.)



Stir in Pumpkin and Cheese, heat through. Add additional hot Chicken Broth until rice is very creamy. (Arborio Rice will be much creamier than Brown Rice.)
Serve Rice in bowls while hot. Garnish with fresh cracked Pepper and fresh Parsley.

Enjoy
Marie Brain
The Flyway Restaurant

Share Your Favorite Fall Recipes

The Breeze always welcomes your recipes. With the warmer weather finally arriving we are sure that many of our readers have favorite summertime dishes, many that are quick and easy, to share.

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December 14

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BACK TO MARY'S WATER AGAIN: Continued

I was afraid to drive the wagon after breaking the wagon tongue on our last trip, so I chose to drive the sheep and cows. We had brought back two more horses but I was afraid to ride horseback, so I walked and carried Orville.

the wagon road was not much more than a trail with many washouts from water spouts and it did not go where the trail went, on which I would be driving the stock. So, after the first mile or so I was on my own to find

my way to the canyon. After the first few miles it got so very hot and the sheep wanted to lie down in the shade and the horses were heading for Meadow lark Spring for water and the cows were in between. The baby was crying and I felt like crying too, when I came out where I could see the wagon and Willard was coming up the hill carrying Gertrude. He turned the horses and cows and they went on down toward the canyon. We drove the sheep down where we could ride in the wagon and drive them on down. They seemed to know there was water and shade ahead and went right on down without any more trouble.

I had sure had enough for one day and was so glad to get in the shade and eat our lunch beside Succor Creek with the rim rocks towering up above us.

Succor Creek was named after a band of Indians attacked and massacred several white emigrants burned their wagons and stole all their livestock, what was not killed made their escape and hid along the creek where it empties into the Snake River which is now near Homedale, Idaho.

As I have been told the story one man from the group went back to Fort Boise for help, another went on toward Baker. The one made it through to Boise and the soldiers came to the rescue. The man going to Baker was never heard from again. So the creek was named after the fish sucker but Succor meaning rescue.

LOST GOLD

I have been told a troop of soldiers made camp in Succor Creek Canyon and was carrying the pay roll with them. The man in charge hid it in a iron Dutch oven. There was an Indian attack on their camp that night and the money could never be found. I wouldn't advise anyone to spend much time looking for it, but wouldn't it be a thrill to find a pot of gold like that. I will admit I have looked around some while we lived there myself.

OLD TIMERS ON SUCCOR CREEK

When we moved in the canyon there was the remains of a dug out where old timers told us a man they only knew as scar faced Charlie stayed (it was surmised) out of the reach of the law. I think he lived there at the time Spanish Charlie lived on his place, on the hill from Rocky Ford. I have heard he was shot and killed, but it was never known who the killer was. I never knew if he was in the canyon at the time he was murdered.

THE PAT CRIFFIELDS

A.W. or Pat, as he was always called, filed a desert claim on

620 acres just as the road comes off the hill coming into the lower end of the park in 1903 and lived there with his family of several children until 1910. A pile of rocks still marks the spot where their house and fireplace was.

We later became good friends and visited them where they lived on a ranch of Succor Creek near Homedale.

In the early days of WWI a nitrate mine was mining there. A large tunnel was dug, and many of the buildings were

still standing in 1917. This was where the canyon narrowed up, and only a trail led on up to our house so we would leave the wagon there, a distance of about two and one half miles. Which wasn't too pleasant if it was dark or storming. Many water spouts through all the past years have washed the soil away from the creek, and what used to be alfalfa fields are wide gravel beds along the creek.

THE BAR CROSS RANCH

Several miles below the canyon is a ranch known as the Billy Issac place, or the Ranch, and he owned a lot of horses. Ashton Riley and Don Ross was his main buckaroos. Most of the corralling and branding was done at the Board Corrals located near the Owyhee breakers. Most of the horses ran for miles around this part of the country, including thousands of wild horses.

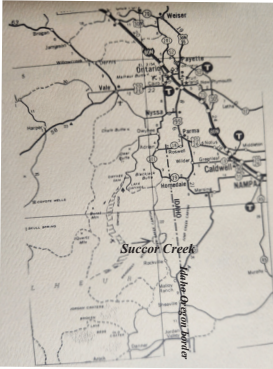


Ida Dutcher

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

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

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



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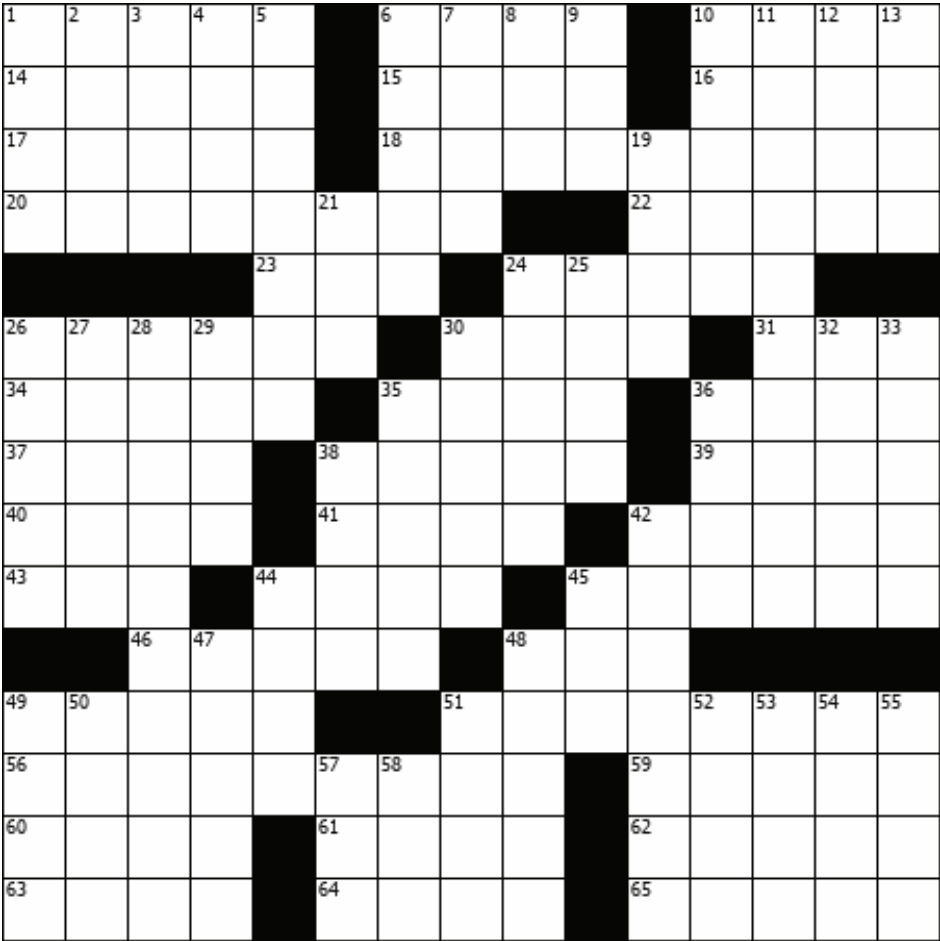
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Across

- 1. Hidden supply
- 6. Wallop
- 10. Historic times
- 14. Director Woody ____
- 15. Chablis, e.g.
- 16. ____ McEntire of country music
- 17. Zoo sounds
- 18. Ways in
- 20. Citrus drink
- 22. Counts calories
- 23. Brewery product
- 24. Chick's comment
- 26. Sci-fi weapons
- 30. Speaks
- 31. Actor ____ Allen
- 34. Maxim
- 35. Salon treatment
- 36. Window section
- 37. Croon
- 38. TV Host ____ O'Brien
- 39. Teen skin problem
- 40. Steeped drinks
- 41. Very many (2 wds.)
- 42. Small bay
- 43. Earth's star
- 44. Mast

45. Enrages

- 46. Starchy veggie (sl.)
- 48. Successful song
- 49. Corrode
- 51. Statue base
- 56. Napoleon ____
- 59. Female relative
- 60. Radar indication
- 61. Cargo
- 62. Strict
- 63. Narrow opening
- 64. Smaller amount
- 65. Snaky shapes

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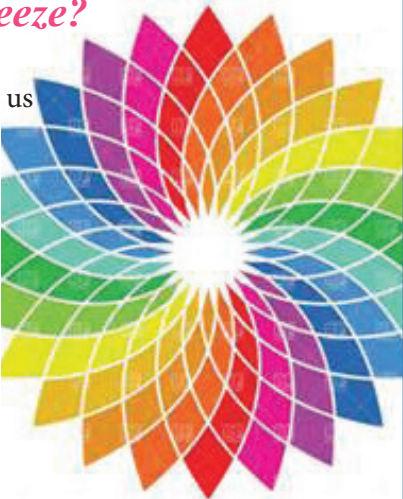
- 1. Scientist ____ Sagan
- 2. African lily
- 3. Chowder ingredient
- 4. Brave person
- 5. Trap
- 6. Stockholm resident
- 7. Draw the ____
- 8. Picnic intruder
- 9. Miles ____ hour
- 10. Tennessee ____ Ford
- 11. Power outlet
- 12. Aid and ____
- 13. Back talk

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- 26. Continues
- 27. Goodbye, in Paris
- 28. Alamo locale (2 wds.)
- 29. Nest contents
- 30. Mister (Sp.)
- 32. ____ tube
- 33. Track events
- 35. Arctic
- 36. Twinge
- 38. Dracula's garment

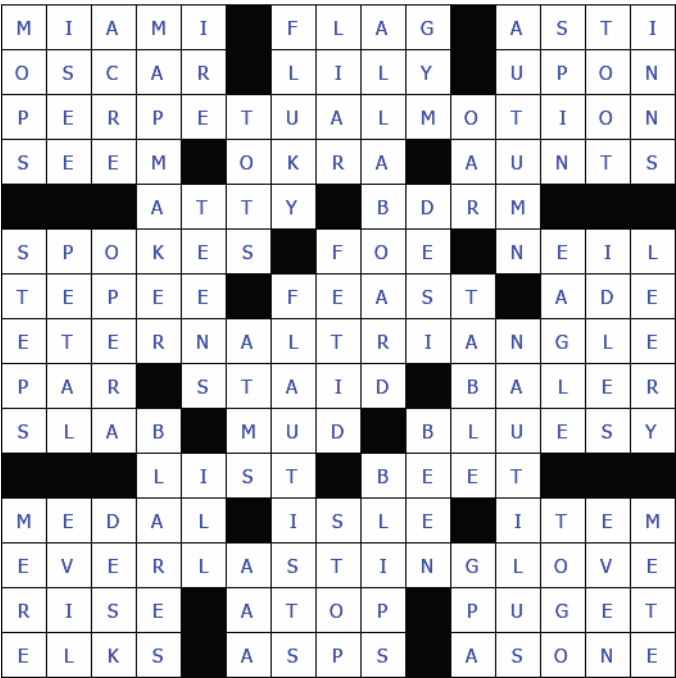
- 42. Strong
- 44. Pace
- 45. Assist
- 47. Conform
- 48. Obeys
- 49. Recedes
- 50. Rock's partner
- 51. School groups (abbr.)
- 52. Poses
- 53. Golf pegs
- 54. Farm measure
- 55. Telescope glass
- 57. 100%
- 58. Fish eggs

Public Meetings

- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 2rd Tuesday at 6pm at The CVFire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at The Community Hall
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- NLEMS - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum
- NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5:30 pm at the Clinic
- North lake School dist: - 2nd Monday at School Library

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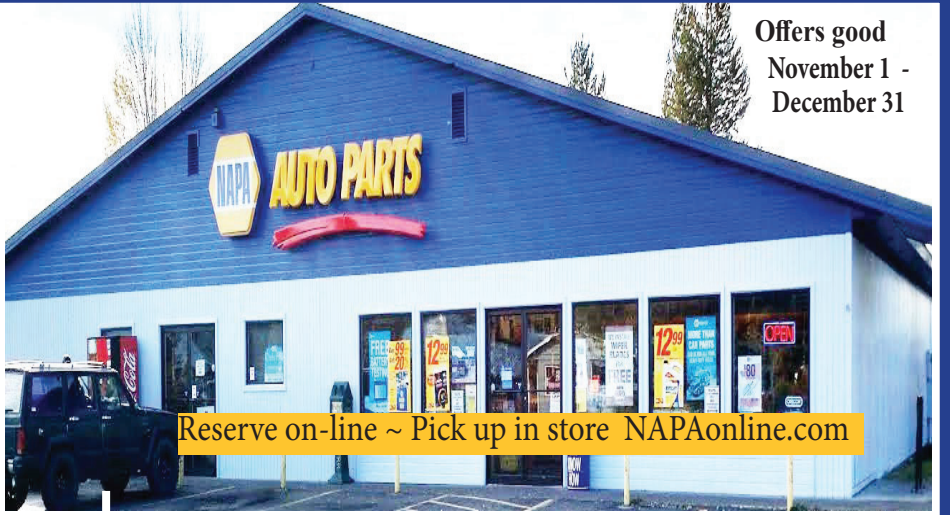
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