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The course was in great shape to host more than 50 players, who after a great nine-hole round enjoyed a catered by Lakeside Restaurant during which a drawing for great raffle prizes and an auction took place.

September 25th turned out to be a spectacular day for the tournament which raised many thousands of dollars. These funds are strictly earmarked for improvements to the course. Many thanks to participants, sponsors, donors.



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Lake County's North End Hosts Multiple Events

Late summer and fall saw more than several thousand visitors to the North end of Lake County, especially in the Fort Rock Area.

Outback Station hosted the Mary and Anna Memorial endurance ride which saw over 80 horse and rider teams compete at distances of 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles. Two weeks later Outback hosted one of many Volkswagon Vanagon/Westfalia gatherings throughout the United States. An estimated 2,000 plus folks were in attendance. It's a

an annual Family affair and much fun was had by all.

Rock Horse RV at Horse Ranch hosted the Clampers-who numbered more than 1,000 followed by the Summer Corruption motorcycle gathering for which I don't have numbers and then another group called Northwest Nomads was at the park in late September. Passing by one saw an ocean of small tents and some rather interesting lighting structures. Again no numbers but probably near 1,000 visitors.



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Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

There is no getting around it, I am a horse lover and horse enthusiast. I'm not sure how I will keep horses in my life as I get to an age where riding and even the upkeep may become too much. I don't dwell on it but, it is a concern. That being said I am happy that right now I am thoroughly enjoying my very sweet Arabian gelding, Benzo AKA Ben. He has blossomed from an underweight and incorrectly muscled retired endurance horse to a much rounder horse with the muscles to carry himself and his rider. After more than a year I was finally able to make the big leap from riding and training at home to heading off to a Working Equitation show in Eugene in mid September.

Was Ben ready, not really, but it was time to discover how he would handle being in a stall for several days, and all the confusion of



a new place with much going on. And of course there were the obstacles. Some of them he did willingly and others he pretty much knocked around. Daughter Jill was there lending a hand as our efforts were judged as Schooling rather than competition. By the end of two days we had made great progress. Still not going near the

Garatch (long pole we are supposed to remove from a barrel and carry.) And for sure there was no way he was going to stop at a tall table with a pitcher on it. That will come in time. But he did the bridge, the bell, the drums, the figure eight and the jump.

What was most exciting was his performance in his dressage tests. This was a event that was hosting two shows in the same arena. It gets a little chaotic but it is great for competitors because they save so much money on travel and stabling. Anyway, Ben's first test scored a 62 percent and his second test a 58 percent (even though something spooked him and he lost some points for breaking gate and not having a round circle). Now if this had been an exam in college these percentages would mean I would receive a letter grade of 'D' but in dressage these scores were quite respectable, and I was thrilled at how well he did.

I have to give hugs, loves and thumbs up to daughter Jill for helping in the ring as she was hobbling around on a badly sprained ankle, but she stuck it out and her being there ensured the whole experience was positive for both my horse and for me. We will be heading back to Eugene over the Halloween weekend for two more shows and again we will just be schooling. Hopefully my efforts at home working on the ground with him and some of his least favorite obstacles will pay off.

My friend Holly who is an avid and accomplished endurance rider co-managed a ride just out of La Pine over the weekend of Sept. 24, 25 & 26. Putting on a ride is an enormous task even with volunteers, and Holly and co-manager Suzie did a fantastic job. There were nearly 80 horse/rider teams on Saturday that rode 30/50 or 80 miles. On Sunday the distances were 25 and 50. Many riders rode both days.

One of the highlights of the event was the fabulous BBQ Rib, La Pine Frontier Days fund-raiser dinner. *See Comings page 5.*

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BARBARA IRENE MCBRIDE ANDERSON May 10, 1937~September 5, 2021



Barbara Irene McBride Anderson passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2021, with her loving family beside her.

Barbara was born on May 10, 1937, in Tacoma, Washington, to Florence (Schumiller) and Floyd Johnstone. Barbara was also raised in Tacoma, growing up and attending school there.

When she was 17 years old, she was at a local Ma & Pa convenience store reading a book by the wood stove when a gentleman by the name Julius McBride walked passed and knocked the book out of her hand as a way of introducing himself to her - and she was smitten.

The two began to date and fell instantly in love. Julius went over to serve in the Korean War and they wrote to each other often. They promised each other they would marry when he got back from the war and on Feb. 26, 1955, they did just that. Shortly thereafter, they began their family and moved wherever work could be found.

They lived in Roseburg, Oregon, for a good portion of time and welcomed three boys while there, Jerry, Kevin and Larry. They moved down to California where they welcomed son, Mark, and then, finally, a daughter, Lanette. Their young family enjoyed going on fishing trips and camping while on hunting outings. Barbara was an excellent cook and baker, and the house seemed to always be filled with the delicious aroma of her cooking. She loved the holidays when she could showcase her talent and fill the bellies of her loved ones.

Barbara and Julius eventually moved to Christmas Valley, Oregon, in 1981 and, sadly, Julius passed away in 1986. Barbara would remain there for the next 35 years.

She eventually met Harold Anderson and the two married. His health declined and she cared for him until his passing. Barbara came to live with her daughter, Lanette, in May of this year after being diagnosed with cancer.

She loved to see the turkeys and deer and enjoyed the trees, hills and beauty that surrounded her.

Barbara cared very deeply for her family, and loved her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, even if she did not get to see them regularly.

Barbara loved to watch the old Westerns, especially if John Wayne was one of the actors.

She was the sweetest lady that loved to make people smile. Barbara will be dearly missed, especially by her favorite dog, Cocoa. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Johnstone and Florence Emma Schumiller; husbands, Julius Avon McBride and Harold Anderson; son, Keven Lee; brothers, Jerry and David Johnstone.

She is survived by her children: son, Jerry McBride and wife Becky; son, Larry McBride; son, Mark McBride; daughter, Lanette Rogers and husband Randy; 17 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Please visit the online memorial and sign the guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.



Marie Lee

Marie Lee was born on her family's ranch near Valley Falls. She studied journalism at Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University), and has published a memoir of life on the ranch, "At the Ranch Beneath the Rim." She has also published a collection of stories about growing up, "The Way We Were in Valley Falls," a children's book, "Cowgirl Lessons," and in 2017 a historical novel, "The View From God's Country." After growing up in Lake County, Lee lived in Texas and elsewhere in Oregon before returning to Lakeview, where she has lived for the past 30 years. Currently, Lee is researching another book about the families and history of Lake County.

Drifting Into Fall and a Little History

By Marie Lee

Summer of 2021 has been filled with unique challenges. In many ways it has been a comeback year from 2020. On the other hand, as we in Lake County drift into the fall of the year we find ourselves facing some challenges already faced by the rest of the country that we, for the most part, have previously escaped. From north to

Their great-grandfather's name was Christian Samuel Sonnichsen. Looking through their information, it appears that he must have filed his claim in 1908 because he received his patent in 1913. It is also apparent that he sold his claim soon after he proved up and moved on to Washington.



During those early homestead years, it is of note that rye was the main crop grown in northern Lake County. Because Christian Sonnichsen moved on to become a grain producer in Washington it is quite possible that he looked at the Cliff area with the hope of successful dry-land farming.

Down south, here in Lakeview, the Lake County Museum and Schminck Memorial Museum are open through the end October. Located side-by-side they are easy to access in one visit. We are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. If you are in town and need a special tour, give



south and east to west Lake County folks are a tough bunch and we'll figure it out.

Down here in the south, Lake County Museum and Schminck Memorial Museum have enjoyed a fantastic season. This season's museum visitors have been consistent and at times quite heavy. I often find that museum guests are searching for their Lake County ancestral roots.

Recently a trio of visitors from Washington state visited the museum in an attempt to explore the life lived by their great-grandfather as he took a homestead claim near Cliff. He was a German immigrant who after proving up on his claim, sold it and left to raise grain up in Washington. I was grateful for having researched the North Lake County early homestead story as I contributed to the Shaw Historical Library Journal of 2020 because I was able to give them a smattering of information. They left here and headed up to the Fort Rock area to see what they could see.

They had a 1917 photo of him with a self-propelled combine in the Big Bend country of Washington.

Life in Cliff was not easy, but on the other hand those hardy folks left memories of good times as they told stories about community dances, skating parties on Fossil Lake as well as duck and geese hunts near Fossil Lake.

A post office was established at Cliff in 1906. Prior to that, folks in the Cliff area had to travel forty-five miles to Silver Lake for mail. Walter A. McHargue applied for a post office in December of 1905. McHargue estimated that the post office would serve thirty-five voters and a population of 125. McHargue lasted about one year and John Green was appointed postmaster on December 24, 1906.

As it turned out, the estimate of 125 people on the post office application was in anticipation of a population increase that never quite reached that goal. In the beginning the post office at Cliff served fifteen,



and it took a few years for the post office to serve fifty. By 1918 the homestead era population was decreasing significantly. The post office at Cliff was terminated on June 30, 1920.

me a call at 541-417-0459. I am also glad to open for a special tour after the season closes. For me, it's a great day if I am able to showcase a little local history!

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From This Angle: Family Heirlooms

By Toni Bailie



Toni Bailie

A sentimental longing for the past can be a sign that we believe our lives are meaningful. Sharing memories of our loved ones who have died helps us stay connected to them and to each other. Even after we die, we stay alive in the memories of future generations. That is why I have a passion for preserving family memories in written form.

Cherished possessions also preserve family memories. I have an oil painting by my mother's cousin Dale Randall. It depicts the homestead of my great grandfather Benjamin Engle. In 1992, I made a road trip to Wyoming with my mother and my daughter Angela. We saw where my mother was born and raised near Hulett, Wyoming and met cousins' still living in the area. The day we visited Beaver Creek, I took a photo of Angela and my mother in front of the Engle homestead. Later my husband Al enlarged the photo and made a picture frame from boards we brought back from the old house. Now that photo hangs next to cousin Dale's painting.

On my kitchen counter is a cookie jar shaped like a cow. My mother always kept it filled with cookies for her grandkids. I also have her vintage potato masher. A covered roasting pan is a legacy

from my Grandmother Negus. When I roast a chicken in that pan, I remember all the meals she cooked for her family over the years. In my utensil drawer is a big spatula my dad used to flip pancakes and hamburgers when he ran restaurants in Crescent, Chemault and Diamond Lake Junction. That spatula comes in handy for scoop-

ing cookies off a baking sheet and dishing up meatloaf. Using it brings back memories of dad in his white cook hat and apron, standing at the grill with the spatula in his hand. A set of blue willow dessert plates have a story to tell. In 1946, my parents traveled from their home in Oregon to Wyoming to care for my grandmother Agnes in her last illness. After her death, my grandfather returned to Oregon with them. They sold most of the household goods at an auction. Mom always regretted selling the blue willow dishes. She remembered that a neighbor, Mrs. Hook, had purchased them. When my parents celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, I contacted a Wyoming cousin who knew Mrs. Hook. All that remained of the set was the dessert plates. I purchased them as a surprise gift that really pleased my mother.

Marie Lee, who writes a column for the Community Breeze, is the curator of two Lake County Museums. The Schminck Museum, a Sears Roebuck kit built in 1922, was the home of Dalpheus and Lula Schminck. Crossing the threshold, a visitor steps into the

Schminck home, furnished much as it was when the couple lived there. Dalph courted Lula Foster, riding a bicycle 75 miles to her home in Summer Lake. On each visit, he brought her a pressed glass goblet. A china cabinet is full of goblets Lula collected over the years.

A grand piano sits in a place of honor in the parlor. The piano belonged to Lula's mother Elizabeth Currier Foster, who had it transported across the Cascades to Summer Lake in the 1870s. The dining room table is set with original plates and the kitchen is furnished with a wood cooking stove and sacks of flour from a New Pine Creek mill. An impressive pansy quilt in the master bedroom was appliquéd by Lula, each pansy is a unique design. The museum fosters memories of a couple who kept the romance alive in their marriage.



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What a treat. Members of the La Pine Chamber of Commerce and committee members of Frontier Days, using a huge BBQ cooked an massive amount of ribs to perfection. The meal also included Ann's cowboy beans, a tossed salad and was capped off with a cherry-rhubarb cobbler. They also provided juices and iced tea. One of my favorite things about the dinner was that rather

than being served on paper plates they provided blue metal plates and ceramic dessert dishes. As riders and volunteers enjoyed the dinner the awards were handed out.

I have in the past ridden many endurance rides, some had very nice completion awards and others, well let's just say maybe minimal effort in that area. Now considering that only one person comes in first, only ten come in top ten etc., Most riders

will only get a completion award. The ride management had t-shirts, hats, goody bags and all kinds of little surprises for riders.

This ride also featured a 'Trail Ride' which means that you pay to ride one of the flagged loops and also get to have your horse checked by the ride Vet. It is a way to introduce interested riders to the sport.

Each trail rider received a light-weight back pack with gift certificates, horse treats, socks, hoof

picks and fly spray, and a nice water bottle too.

One young man and his mother rode 10 miles on Saturday and the boy, who is nine said he wanted to do a real ride on Sunday and so together they rode the 25 mile trail.

I was able to volunteer on Friday evening and all day Saturday. On Sunday Carol Hamil and I went up and helped do a major clean-up of the camp. Deschutes National Forest is very picky.

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BEE-Cuzz You Asked September and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

Well here it is September already. What a roll-a-coaster of a year. Hopefully fall and winter will be somewhat normal--whatever that is.

The fires were devastating again throughout the state and from what I saw we should have a super Morel harvest this next spring. I think I will have a somewhat normal honey harvest as I have started pulling off supers on some of my hives. The Sage looks like it will be in full bloom in the next few weeks so again, hope springs eternal although the



of the hive by yellow jackets. If you are going to treat for mites or other problems do it this month. Check to make sure the girls have enough honey stores for winter. Don't get greedy! Remember 80 to 100 pounds of total hive weight is needed to go into the winter in our area. Do your first fall inspection, making sure you have a laying queen, and good overall health in the hive. Combine weak hives and check for mites or hive beetles. IF you have bear issues be on the lookout as Boo-Boo and Yogi will be

A short-list of what to do in September.

the girls were packing in the winter gold. After showing her the ins and outs of treating with Oxalic acid, Serena did a complete inspection and treatment of some of the colonies. I hope we can get together the first week of Ducktober and finish the inspection and treatment of the rest of the colonies and hopefully Serena will be helping with the September to do list.

a nice warm place for winter, don't let it be your hive. Feed, Feed, Feed. Two to one sugar ratio for your syrup. I add lemongrass and peppermint oils to my fall feeding. I like the smell and the girls do too. It is somewhat of a stimulant for them to feed. If you use yard feeders, like I do, (these are the feeders that are not directly attached to the hive) be sure to place the feeders well away from your hives as you may encourage robbing



forecasters are saying freezing temperatures for the last week of September.

I did an inspection of my hives with Serena my apprentice, during the middle of the month and I was pleasantly surprised at the strength of most of what we inspected. We opened half of the new hives and found that

Supers off, mice guards on! Mice tend to start looking for

looking for a free meal. We just found a big bear scat right beside our motel with what looks like some of our plums in it!! Marie and I spent a couple hours after work checking the electric fence and fortifying the apiary. More work to do tomorrow.

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My first memory of the hotel was V-J Day when World War II ended in August 1945. My mom, Audra Silveria, and Yvonne Duty (later Gerking) were waitresses at the time. It was illegal to sell hard liquor by the drink in those days, so Freda closed the bar and the kitchen, then set up a bar in the dining room. Mom, Yvonne, and sometimes Freda, poured drinks for the town. My clearest memory is how the bells rang - the fire bell, the Methodist Church bell and the school bell rang all day and night. Eventually, Mom and Yvonne put me and Yvonne's daughter Rolene to bed, and the party went on. I woke once when Mom was helping my Dad into the house. I've been told he crawled part way. Most adults were very cranky and quiet the next day.

Sometimes I would follow Freda around while she cleaned upstairs in the hotel. Originally, there was only one bathroom upstairs, containing a commode, a sink and an extra-long claw-footed tub. The rooms were pretty basic -- a light hanging from a cord, an iron bed and a dresser. The floors were covered with linoleum so old the pattern was worn off. The beds had springs and a ticking-covered mattress. It was topped with a quilt so faded the squares were pretty much the same color. Sometime around 1952, a second bathroom was added for ladies, with a tub smaller than the men's.

Several men were permanent guests: Nels (Smitty) Smith was Freda's father. He was semi-retired, working in the hay fields in the summer. He helped out by carrying in stove wood and sometimes tending bar.

Homer (Red) Morris was an old cowboy and former rancher. He had a fringe of reddish hair and one glass eye that was never quite aligned. He didn't use that bath tub very often. He cleaned the brass spittoons in the bar, tended stoves and shoveled the walks. Red and Smitty usually ate at the round table in the kitchen and spent most of their time visiting with customers in the bar.

As a young man, Red was married to a woman named Pearl Moss, and they had a homestead at Clover Flat. One day, Red was hand-digging a well and was quite a distance down. He was hot and dry, so he yelled up to Pearl, "I'm thirsty. Bring me a drink of water." Pearl replied, "Just dig a little faster and get your own." Their marriage broke up not too long after that and

Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past

From the same-titled book by (now deceased) Carolyn Silveria Pottorff

Of Carolyn, friend and fellow author Toni Bailie wrote, "With her brilliant mind and rapier wit, Carolyn could deliver barbs that always made me laugh. She was a wealth of information about Paisley residents, all their intermarriages and peccadilloes."



Pearl married a man named Jack Barker.

In theory, Freda was in charge of the kitchen and dining room and George in charge of the bar. George was a heavy drinker, so in reality Freda was in charge of the whole thing and we automatically turned to her with any problems.

Freda was a small, skinny woman who didn't weigh more than 110 pounds, but she was tough and strong. She was known as the best squaw wrestler in the country and she could flip most men with very little trouble. She was a two-fisted drinker who never let it interfere with her work. She was pretty cranky the morning after, but she would be there in the kitchen, flipping pancakes and frying bacon. She arrived at 5:00am and opened the dining room at 5:30am. We always did a big breakfast business, most of it was over by 7am. Platter-sized pancakes, eggs, bacon, ham and sausage were served to working men with hearty appetites.

Freda taught me what I know about serious drinking. Rule one: drink your whiskey with a water back, no fruit or sweet mixes. They are what make you sick. Rule two: when drinking with a group, always take your burn buying a round.

The bar and restaurant were hangouts. The Pioneer only served beer, so if you wanted hard liquor, you went to the Hotel. The dining-room was a hangout for non-drinkers and teenagers. That's one reason Freda had no trouble finding girls willing to work for her. In addition to local boys, there were underage hay hands and cowboys, and in the summer Forest Service fire fighters.

A couple of those boys taught me and my girlfriends how to do the "bop."

The volume switch to the juke box in the dining room was under the counter where young guys couldn't find it. On one occasion, however, a young ranch hand named Jerome "Toge" Young figured out where to hit the juke box and cause it to play without using money. Eventually, Freda caught him and tossed him out. Toge decided to get even. After the cafe closed, he posted Vida Barry as lookout. With his friend Denzel Hitchcock, Toge tiptoed upstairs. They went into the men's bathroom, filled the big tub to the top with cold water, then opened gunny sacks containing several wood ducks. Then they quietly closed the door and left.

In the 1950s the teenagers had a lot of fun harassing Smitty and his lady love. Smitty was romancing a woman named Lucy, and Lucy was married. They were both in their late sixties, so we thought the situation was hilarious. Lucy would drive her Buick downtown at night after her husband had gone to sleep, park across the street, and Smitty would pick her up, drive out onto a back road, park, and then . . .

Sometimes we would follow them, which prevented them from parking, and that really entertained us. On one occasion, a number of local teenagers noted Lucy's parked car and they had a real inspiration. They put her Buick up on blocks. Around 3am, Smitty dropped Lucy off. She got in the car, started it, put it in gear and nothing happened. She walked home. I always wondered what she told her husband.

Three organizations held their annual banquets at the hotel: The Masons, Odd Fellows, and Rebeekahs. (The banquets were strictly for members, no spouses or dated included.) The menu was always the same - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and a vegetable, usually green beans. Sometimes dessert was vanilla pudding, other times a scoop of ice cream.

For banquets, Freda usually closed the dining room to the general public. She would put several tables together and cover them with white linen clothes. At the end of the meal, Freda passed a plate around the table to assure we received a tip. The waitresses agreed that the Masons were by far the best tippers, followed by the Odd Fellows. The men always gave paper money, at least one and sometimes as much as a five. The Rebeekahs were way behind, sometimes only putting in a quarter. I often wondered if they were like that in church, putting their fist directly over the plate so no one could see how much was dropped in.

While Freda cooked a lot, she wasn't full-time. Two of the other cooks I recall were Elsie O'Conner and Fleta Green. Elsie was my favorite. She was a petite, pretty woman in her early 40s. She smiled a lot and was fun to be around. She made wonderful pies. I still think her banana cream was the best I ever tasted.

Fleta was a lot older, in her early 60s, and kind of cranky. She had also cooked on the ZX and at the school. Sometimes her brother, Pete Vernon, would drip by. He'd tease her until she lost her temper. On one occasion she actually picked up a broom and whacked him with it. Pete was laughing so hard, he couldn't even defend himself.

When I worked for him, George Currier was in his mid-40s. (At the time, I thought that was really old.) He was fairly tall, with a soft pudgy middle. He had dark hair combed straight back, blue eyes, and thick glasses. He pretty much always had a few drinks under his belt and was rather pompous, although he was always a gentleman to the girls who worked at the hotel.

One day, someone informed Freda that several "Hollywood girls" were in the bar. Hollywood was the name for the red light district in Lakeview.

NEXT Month: We will continue the author's memories of the Chewaucan Hotel then move on to the chapters of Carolyn's memories of adolescence in Paisley.

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We would enjoy seeing photos of artistic creations with stories about the artist. There is no doubt that a wealth of talented writers and artists live in the amazing Oregon Outback and we want to share their work with our readers.

The Breeze is posted on-line every month shortly after being printed and can be found by typing in: thecommunitybreeze.com. It's that simple. So tell your friends in the County's south end to check out what you have had published and invite them to become regular readers and contributors.

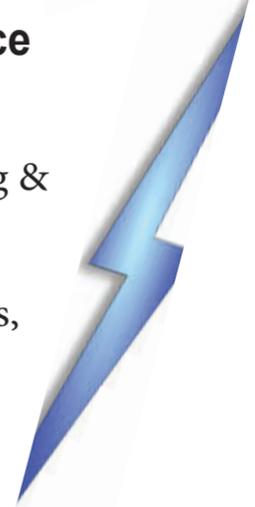
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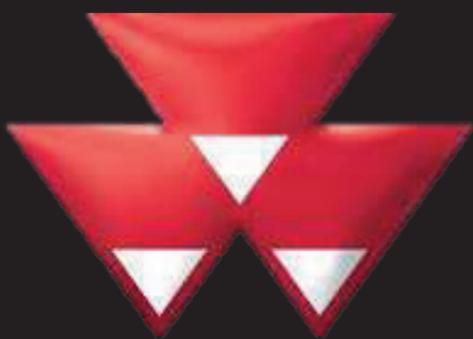


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Last year I had an abundance of Italian Roasting Peppers that I roasted and froze for future use. Well I decided I needed to make use of them and went looking for a recipe. I found this: It was one I could use the roasted peppers in instead of bell peppers. Hope you like it.

- 4 pork chops or steaks, thick cut
- Sea Salt and Fresh Ground Pepper
- 3 TBSP EVOO
- 4 Cloves Garlic
- 1 Large Onion
- About 8 Italian Roasting Peppers
- 1 tsp Fennel Seeds
- 2 TBSP Tomato Paste
- 1/2 Cup Dry White Wine
- 1 1/2 Cups Chicken Stock



Season chops with Salt and Black Pepper. Then in an oven proof skillet, brown Chops in 2 TBSP EVOO 3 - 4 minutes per side. While chops brown, smash and chop Garlic, slice Onions and Peppers.

Remove the chops from the skillet - and to the remaining TBSP oil, add the Fennel Seeds, Garlic, Onions, and Peppers, tossing to combine and sauté 5 minutes to soften. Add wine and stock and stir to combine. Nestle the chops in the pan, placing Peppers and Onions on top of the meat. Roast in oven to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. 15 - 20 minutes depending on thickness of chops.

If you don't have roasting peppers, substitute 1-2 Cubanelle Peppers, 1 Red Bell Pepper, and one red chili pepper. Or whatever you have available.

Enjoy!

AARP Film Crew in Christmas Valley

AARP Films part of their *RideSheet* Pilot Video, "Oregon Paves the Way" in Christmas Valley

On September 21, 2021, the AARP Portland production crew led by Trip Jennings and Sara Quinn filmed part of the *RideSheet* Pilot video at the North Lake Health District/ CV La Pine Community Health Center location on Bay Road in Christmas Valley and at Sid's Produce on Christmas Valley Highway.

The Christmas Valley filming featured local resident Robert Singleterry as the Christmas Valley transit rider and Lake County Senior Center driver, Amador Aguirre, as the driver.

Robert Singleterry is a fellow current employee of Aguirre who started as a rider with the Lake County Senior Association. He played the part of the rider in this filming as he lives fairly remotely and this lent to the nature of the production.

RideSheet is a new open-source ride scheduling software application designed for the unique needs of small, demand-responsive transportation providers. By incorporating a new transactional data specification, known as the TDS, it enables two or more providers in a community

to inter-operate more efficiently, improving service for their clients. According to AARP, the *RideSheet* Pilot being tested by Lake County's Senior Center is demonstrating key findings

and having good success on how to provide and track rural transportation services for people ages 50 and over. So much so that AARP decided to showcase their work nationally so that other rural communities can learn from them. "This video will be used to feature how your [Lake] county is creating transportation solutions to enable people to 'age in place' – something most people desire and greatly prefer," says Kim Sedmak from AARP.

This video will air at a future date to be determined on their monthly program on RFD TV.

Story and Photo by Karen Morgan of the Desert Whispers.



Lake Co. Planning Commission Positions

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Lake County Board of Commissioners is seeking two (2) volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission: Position 2 (South Lake) and Position 7 (Central Lake). Volunteers participate in public hearings regarding land-use proposals on private property, located outside the town/city limits of Lakeview and Paisley which are required to be reviewed for compliance with Local and State law, and compatibility with adjacent property land uses, and suitability given the property's size, location, physical constraints, etc. Ideally, members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a four-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Lake County Courthouse located at 513 Center St in Lakeview, and occasionally at other meeting places in the various rural communities within the county. Meetings typically last from one to two hours. The positions are unpaid; however, reimbursement will be paid for mileage costs relating to meeting attendance.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission, please stop by the Planning Department or Board of County Commissioners Assistant's Office to pick up an application, or call 541-947-6036 to get one mailed/emailed to you. The application is also available at www.lakecountyor.org. Please respond as soon as possible, preferably before December 7, 2021 at close of business so the Planning Commission can review the applicants before making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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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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.



The Connelly Hills

By the Prospector

As you walk along the site imagine that nearly 10,000,000 cubic feet of top soil was brought in using skids. When looking up the slope the skid trails are still very visible. There is a road going up and around the north end of the hills that re-appears above the site and was the place the sleds hauled to, then loaded with top soil and brought down to the site.

Another way to imagine this excavation job is to consider it would take over twenty thousand dump truck loads to match the amount of soil that was used for this massive backfill undertaking.



After leaving the HWY31/MP34-35 site and following that trace heading East the road completely disappears with occasionally row of rocks indicating direction. Spanish Roads that are 500 hundred years old don't have trees growing within the tracks. This old road has trees growing everywhere showing no disturbance in the landscape except for that occasional row of hand placed of rocks. By lining up the sections of row rocks I could sight down its direction and locate where in the Connelly Hills it would land ten miles away.

Starting out in downtown Fort Rock head south on Pitcher Road. In four miles you will intersect with Peaceful Lane. When exploring if your able look at your area from miles away you can save yourself time and trouble. For example, soil that has been rolled over five hundred years ago has a distinct 'burnt orange' color but you won't see any of that at this site. Start looking at the north end of the hills and alluvial hills will appear at the base -- all reaching the same height by the action of water. Fort Rock, which appears to the North, had its side completely washed out and gutted with the most extensive wave damage on both sides of the opening.

Some sort of extreme water erosion occurred between the Rock and the hills -- enough to gut the rock and form those hills.

As you sight across those alluvial hills directly across from you you'll detect that a couple of them seem to have been connected and filled in between using the top soil that which at one time was coving the now exposed rocks outcroppings. Obviously the builders wanted to form a building of sorts from these rocks, but the project never reached completion.

That level ground you are seeing is one thousand feet by four hundred feet wide with an approximate depth of twenty-five feet and a three-degree slope for drainage.

To access this site, go another mile until you intersect with Mattis Road. Continue East, making sure you return the gate as you find it. As soon as you pass thru the gate go directly to the Hill's and don't follow the road that heads southeast.

As you head to the site stop at your first outcrop and see the tools that were used to remove the overburden. Stone tools that are 16-20" by 8" wide fully notched are lying where they were left. The heavy wood sticks that connected to these stone are completely gone -- they would have been useful in identifying who was digging.

where the sleds were brought you can find a four-foot-wide trail that heads south to the Connelly Caves. These caves were most likely used as a base camp during construction.

Remember, a four-foot wide trail means man was leading a beast of burden. A trail from the site to the caves is still visible.

As with the HWY31/MP34-35 site no evidence of who constructed this important site and just how old this site is. If you have an answer to these questions, contact me. It's been bothering me for years. Next we are heading to Lava Butte for another unexplainable pile of rocks.

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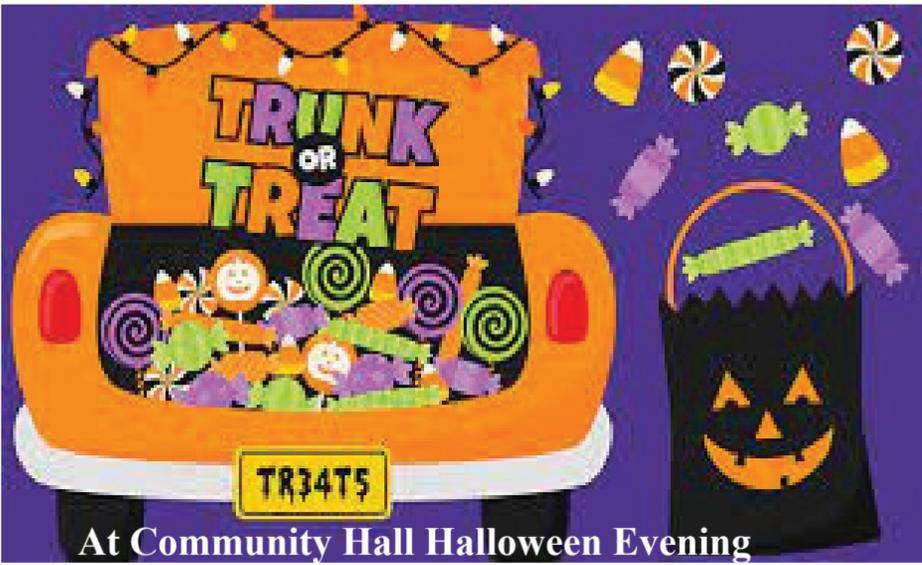
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Across

- 1. Pop
- 6. Three-seater
- 10. Daredevil's specialty
- 14. Chilean resort
- 15. Writing on the wall, e.g.
- 16. In the old days
- 17. Uppity one
- 18. Indolent one
- 20. "Waiting for Godot" character
- 22. Animated pet dog
- 23. Outback bird
- 24. Indy 500 feature
- 26. Lively one
- 31. Actress Thurman
- 34. Verdi's "D'amor sull'ali rosee," e.g.
- 35. Some are high
- 36. Gear tooth
- 37. Uncover
- 38. Pretended
- 39. Harrow's rival
- 40. Catered to
- 41. Steadier
- 42. It usually smells great
- 43. Start of a Musketeer credo
- 44. Happy one or 1958 Danny Kaye film

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- 47. Proper Post
- 49. Inventive account
- 50. Holding of value
- 52. Smoothed feathers
- 57. Quick one
- 60. Give the slip
- 61. Up for the job
- 62. Teensy amount
- 63. Danish philosopher Kierkegaard
- 64. They're caught at the beach
- 65. Homophone for pique
- 66. Papal council

Down

- 1. It may be stolen in parks across the country
- 2. Grecian vessels
- 3. Run rampant
- 4. Bridge need
- 5. Japanese floor covering
- 6. One way to fly
- 7. Muscat locale
- 8. Shriner's hat
- 9. Take your pick

- 10. Shake awake
- 11. Teacher
- 12. Cicatrix
- 13. Atlantic City game
- 19. Some are stuffed with potatoes
- 21. Word with machine or ray
- 24. Like a hornet's nest
- 25. Served perfectly, in tennis
- 26. Former Israeli city
- 27. An archangel
- 28. Without intellectual involvement
- 29. Indian taxi
- 30. It's often wild

- 32. Bullwinkle, for one
- 33. 39th VP
- 38. Some add it to the fire
- 39. Goal
- 41. Strike down
- 45. Chicken ___ king
- 46. Tops in politeness
- 48. ___ and bounds
- 50. Yonder
- 51. Island in the West Indies
- 52. Pocket bread
- 53. Dike problem
- 54. Counterweight
- 55. Steinbeck title word
- 56. Fender find
- 58. Short swim
- 59. Female hare

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Public Meetings

- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 6pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at The Community Hall
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

- FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake
- Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
- NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5pm at North Lake Clinic
- NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.
- SL Rural Fire Dist - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Silver Lake Fire Hall

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