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September: What a Month

The summer has flown by but the heat and wind have continued. The area, indeed the whole state has been inundated by fires in the forests and on the desert, and the fire season isn't over yet. Resources have been stretched beyond thin. Each time I drive over to the valley, regardless of which pass I travel, there are signs on the highway warning of "Fire Traffic," and then there are large fire camps too.

Fall weather is flirting in and out with a cool day or two followed by some pretty high temperatures. And then several of the especially warm days were accompanied by significant winds, and even the threatening storm cells that passed through delivered little or no rain. Needless to say seeing our state burn hurts.

September was also filled with activities. The Park and Rec held their final play day

and a barrel racing competition, both were well attended.

I was lucky enough to qualify for the Western Zone Championships for Working Equitation with my super horse, Beach Boy, (that's his stable name). He is a very well trained Haflinger and I am so lucky to be able to partner up with him. His long-time owner was seeking a good home -See September pg.8



Vote By Mail Ballots

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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6th





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Marie Lee

Often folks who visit Lake County Museum are in search of family information—grandparents, or great-grandparents who once lived in the area. I am pleased to say that for the most part, our museum records have provided searchers with information. It is a double blessing when those family searches add information to our files.

A perfect example was the visit of Tom Massey, and his wife, of Kent, Washington. During August the Masseys drove a circuitous route to Lakeview searching at various points along the way for information about Tom’s ancestors. They had moved hither and yon about Oregon and once took up homesteading during the early 1900s in the vicinity of Arrow. What a coincidence, because I have enough personal information about those old North Lake County settlements to make me a dangerous historian!

I was introduced to both

Family Search at Arrow, Lake County, Oregon

By Marie Lee

the “Little House on the Prairie” books and Schminck Memorial Museum early in my grade-school years, and I haven’t stopped yet. Several years ago, I researched and wrote an article for a Shaw Historical Library Journal about early North Lake County settlements. During my years at Lake County Museum additional bits and pieces of information continue to surface. I find those stories to be a fascinating segment of Lake County History.

According to Tom’s research three different



land where water was so sparse that the only trees were thin stands of juniper on distant hillsides?

Tom was searching for an answer to those questions. It is hard for many to understand that siren call for those lonely wide-open spaces.

However, reality is that to wrest a living from such land requires many acres—more than a homestead allotment, and accessible water. While the promise of free land was the lure for those last homesteaders, history shows that very few had the funds plus the other wherewithal necessary to survive and win Uncle Sam’s bet thus earning one’s legal claim to a high-desert homestead.

Tom had learned that one man worked in a flour mill. Where was that mill? He was amazed to learn how it was that most of the men spent months away from their families working to support the claim while wives and children remained on the homestead. Although Tom Massey left with no more information



about his ancestors, he gained a better understanding of the courage and determination it took to undertake what sadly turned out to be folly for most. On a completely different quest I drove out Arrow Gap Road this summer.

Those long-ago homesteaders would be amazed to see that countryside today. Traveling north through Arrow Gap of 2024 finds a vista of irrigated farmland interspersed with clumps of farm/ranch homes, outbuildings, and parked machinery amidst groves of mature trees. Electricity has brought water from the depths of the earth to raise nutrient rich crops against Mother Nature’s odds.

Photos by Marie Lee



family units left from the same Willamette Valley community early in the 1900s to take up homesteads in the Arrow

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check Park and Rec's Facebook page for updates.

I know that the Christmas Valley Lodge will be having a Halloween party and I believe I heard a costume contest too. I'm not sure if they have music scheduled.



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From This Angle: From This Angle: Martin Murphy

By Toni Bailie

Paisley lost a beloved member of our community when Martin Murphy died August 30 at age 74. The son of Edward and Dorothy Murphy, he was born into a family that immigrated from Ireland and settled in Paisley. Martin was raised on a sheep and cattle ranch. As a boy, he worked on the ranch with his father. His first horse, a Shetland pony named Chiefy, sparked a life-long love for horses, roping and ranch life.

Since the death of Edward, Martin and his son Brady have operated the Murphy Ranch. Martin realized his dream of raising and training quarter horses, becoming well-known for providing horses that any cowboy would be proud to ride.



He also helped other ranchers when needed.

Martin married Jan, his wife of 54 years. His children, Kelli, Shanna and Brady, became his

pride and joy. Raising kids, horses and cattle weren't what he did, they were his life. He cherished his grandchildren, Sinjin,

Kierra, Dane, Quentin, Logan, Katie and Everett. His family reflect his values and work ethic.

Martin was a devoted member of St. John's Catholic Church and he served on the Paisley School Board for 12 years. With his wife Jan, he volunteered for the Paisley-Summer Lake Food Share Program

Martin was always willing to help his Paisley Community. Over the years, he and Jan hosted various Paisley School students, providing a loving home during the school year for their nephew and other young people.

On two occasions when wildfires threatened Paisley, Martin provided space on his property for the fire fighters to establish their headquarters and camp. His family, friends and community will continue to honor his kindness, resolve in hard times and love of family.

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 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.

I had some issues that prevented me from doing my normal inspections from February of this year until now. Unfortunately I lost 2 hives but the rest are doing as well as expected for not being attended to.


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

So, short-list of what to do in September:

Supers off, mice guards on! Mice tend to start looking for a nice warm place for winter. Don't let it be your hive.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked SEPTEMBER and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

 Feed, Feed, Feed. Two to one sugar ratio for your syrup unless you are planning on the Sage bloom. I add lemongrass and peppermint oils to my fall regiment. 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 of the hive by Yellow Jackets.

If you are going to treat for mites or other problems, do it this month.



I just did a Formic Pro treatment, for mites and as of this writing, I will pull the saturated pad off Sunday. 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. Bee advised the girls WILL DEFEND their stores! As I had to retreat while pulling off some supers, I have first-hand experience. A diligent use of smoke is advised.

If you have bear issues be on the lookout as Boo-Boo and Yogi will be looking for a free meal. So far this fall I have not seen any sign of bear activity around my hives. Two years in a row! Keeping my fingers crossed! Ductober is just around the corner! 



Bee safe out there!

Did You Know?

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

I love to make Breakfast Stratas. They make feeding a group so much easier! You can get everything ready the night before and tuck your Strata in the oven in the morning. This recipe is a way to serve a traditional breakfast without the last minute work. It uses English Muffins instead of the traditional Italian Bread.

Ingredients

- 6 English Muffins
- 12 slices Canadian Bacon
- 2 cups Cream
- 8 Eggs
- 1/2 tsp Paprika
- 1/2 tsp Onion Powder
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1 tsp Sea Salt
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground Black Pepper
- Fresh Chives chopped for garnish

Hollandaise Sauce (Knorr makes a really nice packaged Hollandaise sauce mix)

- 3 Egg Yolks
- 1 TBSP fresh Lemon Juice
- 10 TBSP Butter, melted, still warm
- 1/2 tsp Sea Salt

Eggs Benedict Strata

- Separate English Muffins and lay them overlapped in a baking dish. Tuck slices of Canadian Bacon in between the Muffin halves.
- Whisk together Eggs, Cream, Paprika, Onion Powder, Garlic Powder and Salt.
- Pour evenly over Muffins in baking dish. Cover dish tightly with foil and refrigerate overnight.
- Next morning remove Strata from fridge and let rest at room temperature for half an hour. Preheat oven to 350°



• Bake covered Strata for 1 hour or until a table knife inserted in center of casserole comes out clean.

While Strata bakes, make the sauce. Add Egg Yolks, fresh Lemon Juice, and Salt to a blender and blend at medium-high speed until lightened in color, about 30 seconds.

Lower speed and slowly drizzle in warm melted butter. Continue blending until all Butter is incorporated.

Adjust Lemon Juice and Salt as needed, then drizzle over cooked Strata. Sprinkle with fresh Chives before serving. Enjoy with friends or family.



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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for him - one where he would be ridden and end enjoyed and of course well taken care of. I was looking for a horse to compete with and so a deal was struck. I have a super partner.

The Championship was held at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. Competitors came from near and far. British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, California and even Nebraska.

The photo on page one was taken during the Dressage phase of the competition. For this show there were two judges - one at the top of the court and another on the side of the court. I was lucky enough to ride under an international judge from Sweden and a highly respected judge from Southern California. The both gave us very respectable scores and very helpful comments.

On day two of the show we rode our ease of handling test. This is judged much like a dressage test but with the added element of obstacles. Halts are expected to be square and immobile, transitions need to be smooth and at the same time prompt. Correct gates and correct leads are also considered as one transitions from one obstacle to the next. This particular test was really quite a challenge because the level I ride at rode this test is a small arena. Indeed when I saw the course map and noted it only had ten obstacles - a low number for my level - I thought it odd. But when I saw the very limited space - even for just ten efforts it made sense. There was very little room for error and a lot of potential to make a mistake and get disqualified. Happily we made it through, not perfectly but again respectably and our scores once again reflected this.

Day three was the speed trial and we had a great round and more importantly Beach Boy aka Beachy got to do what he really enjoys - Go fast and do the obstacles too. Even better, they played Beach Boy music during our ride. That really energized the audience and my horse.

I had a nice wind-down after the show and with the nice weather I decided to tackle a project I had been putting off. Moving a lot of

dirt so I could secure a section of fence that was not safe for the dogs. This ended up being a two day endeavor, and naturally day two, while quite warm had sustained winds of about 20 mph. Oh what fun.

Yesterday, that would be September 28th, I decided to join in the fun of the Harvest Golf Tournament. Serious golf was not the order of the day - not when teams could by as many mulligans (free shots) and strings that allowed putts that didn't reach the hole to miraculously score as if they did. Our team had a blast but we sure didn't come in at 15 below par. The catered lunch was very good and the auction generated a lot of really good bids.

After that long day I had to head over to the Lodge to get signed up for Dart League, and then throw in an open dart tournament. Signed up - rushed home - fed horses part of their dinner - rushed back to the Lodge played darts - went home and finished feeding - then Bed.

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BACK TO MARY'S WATER AGAIN: Continued

There were always riders passing by and I would fix them something to eat as they were usually hungry. It was a long way to the home ranches or a place to eat, especially after the sheep camps had moved out.

It was customary to stop and eat at the camps or homestead cabins. The rule was, "Come in and eat and wash the dishes." Doors were never locked and food was left for anyone that rode by hungry.

After we were on the mountain awhile, we decided to move on down in Leslie gulch where it would be cooler and feed was better. But we had our p problems there too, as there were many rattlesnakes. And as the sheep would graze on the steep hillside the rattlers would bite them in the eyes, about the only place they could get at a sheep. After losing several head we thought we had better go back to Mary's Water.

We started out early in the morning to beat the heat as much as possible. I was driving the team and wagon as I had done when we moved up on the mountain and I felt quite capable of handling the team while Willard drove the sheep and cattle. But toward evening I hit a deep rut in the road and broke the wagon tongue So, there was nothing we could do but stop for the night and repair the wagon tongue. We had used all the water out of the canvas water bag, so had to make a dry camp.

When I hit the ditch, the little girl was sleeping in the bottom of the wagon bed and the sourdough kettle had upset on her head. Since there was no water to wash her up with, I had to clean her up as much as I could with dry towels but her hair was stiff and she had to go that way until we got to water the next day.

We started out again at daybreak. This time I walked and carried the baby and drove the stock. I wasn't about to take a chance of breaking that tongue again.

We arrived at Mary's Water quite early and I was glad to be back to our former home-site again and soon had the girl in the old wash tub soaking the sourdough out of her hair. I got her all cleaned up, the washing on the line, and the tent all straightened up again. It was good to get back to mu little stove and not have to cook on the campfire when it was so hot. I had, however, gotten to be quite an artist at baking biscuits and cake in the iron dutch oven. I would set it on a bed of hot coals and put coals on the lid which was made for this purpose.

Willard would ride out almost everyday to see what was going on around the country. The sheep were not much trouble to watch there as they would graze awhile in the cool of the morning, then come in and lay in the shade until evening again.

I would put the little ones down for their nap and walk down in front of the tent where there was quite a flat and look for Indian arrow heads and found many nice ones of many shapes and sizes.

Another day when I was doing my morning's work I heard the sheep bells and the sheep were coming on the run. I walked up to to where I could see what had scared them and saw a coyote

killing one of our big lambs. I walked near and waved my apron trying to scare it away but it didn't run until I was really near. It finally ran but sure hated to give up its breakfast.

I dragged the lamb down to the camp and dressed it out. The coyote had done a good job of cutting its throat. So, we, instead of the coyote, at the mutton.

Willard had permission from the sheep men to skin any of the sheep that had died on the bed

grounds or range and as wool was at a good price, that was our source of income.

We had learned by this time that the land at Mary's Water was un-surveyed land and could not be homesteaded until such time as it would be surveyed. There was no way of knowing when that would be. A few days after we learned this, Willard was riding and discovered Succor Creek Canyon and was told it could be homesteaded. when he rode in that night, he told me to start packing as we were going to move down in the canyon and would leave real early the next morning. It was the middle of August and plenty hot.

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.



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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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.

VINEYARD MOUNDS

By The Prospector



Scattered about in the western part of North America are remains of many Spanish vineyards. These areas are usually flat sections of ground which can be readily identified by mounds ranging in size from ten feet across at the base and three feet high, to twenty feet across at the top and six to eight feet in height.

Hillock planting of grapevine is an ancient practice in the semi-arid regions of

Europe. Egypt also had grapevines on mounds several centuries ago. Scientists have labeled the vineyard mounds as everything from glacier 'humps, to prairie dog burrows and even prehistoric fish nests and hog wallows.

A recent archaeologist who viewed these mounds in Egypt chose not to believe the handed-down oral history stories of local Egyptians who said that they were vineyards of their ancestors. Instead, his scientific



report indicated the mounds were created by glacial action.

In some vineyards in Spain vines are still grown on a mound. Undoubtedly the reason for this practice is that in irrigating the field, the fruit of the vine isn't lying in water rotting. The earth hump acts as a huge wick to draw moisture up to the vine roots. The mound of soil in such cases takes the place of trellis for the vine.

There are many places where the old earth hummock vineyards can still be seen. One of the most interesting of the Spanish vineyards remaining in north America is located in northwest Washington State, a few miles southwest of the city of Olympia and not far from the town of Littlerock. This old "vinedo" covers several hundred acres and contains hundreds of vine mounds. Most likely, this large grape-growing area was the accomplishment of some hardworking padres and their mission charges. Called the Mima Mounds, these grapevine "wicks" averaged about twenty feet across at the base and at five to six feet in height.

Another large ancient vineyard area is near Yakima

Washington. Ironically, new vineyards are being planted in the Yakima district, their owners believing that are pioneering the industry there.

Many years ago two very reliable prospectors (on two separate occasions) asked me about mounds such as I have described which they observed in the Valley Falls area.

Crooked Creek that flows out of Lake Abert looks like a good vineyard prospect. Why? You need flat land with available water that can be controlled for irrigation purposes.

My prospecting buddy's are off to new *diggings* at the 'Elderado in The Sky' and are unable to help so I am asking you for your help. If you know of mounds in the Valley Falls area or any area here in Lake County, please let the staff at the Community Breeze know, and I will follow up.

Once a vineyard can be located, new discoveries can be based on the understanding that certain building had to be constructed.

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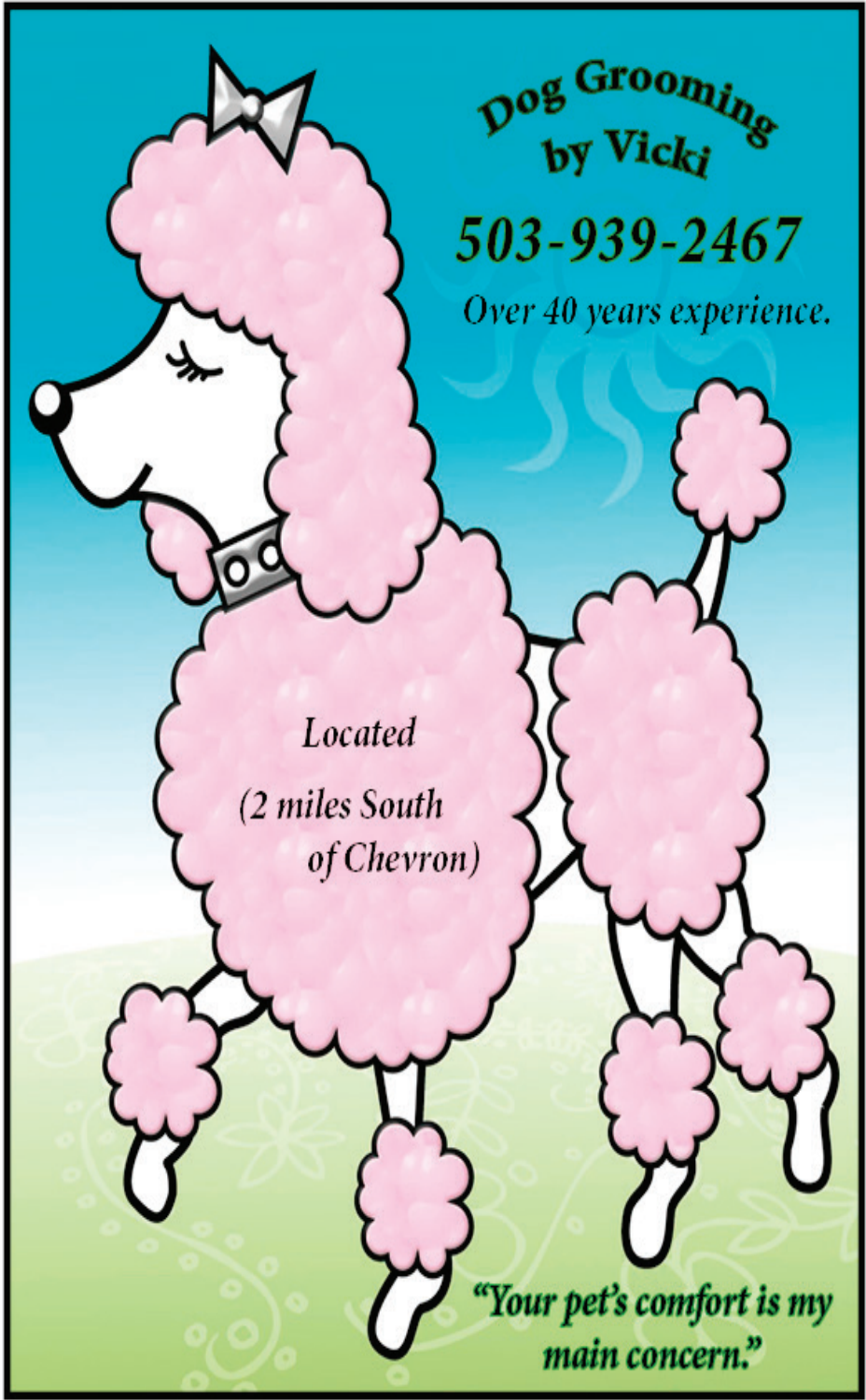
October Crossword

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- Across**

 - 1. South Florida city
 - 6. Stars and Stripes
 - 10. Italian wine region
 - 14. Movie award
 - 15. Bell-shaped flower
 - 16. Once ___ a time
 - 17. Physicist's fanciful quest
 - 20. Appear to be
 - 21. Gumbo vegetable
 - 22. Mom's sisters
 - 23. Mem. of the bar
 - 25. Real-estate ad abbr.
 - 27. Bike-wheel parts
 - 30. Adversary
 - 31. Astronaut Armstrong
 - 35. Wigwam relative
 - 36. Thanksgiving meal
 - 38. Orange drink
 - 39. Whodunit plot element
 - 42. ___ for the course
 - 43. Sedately dignified
 - 44. Hay processing machine
 - 45. Thick piece
 - 47. Dirt + water
 - 48. Like B.B. King's music
 - 49. Supermarket shopper's reference
 - 51. Borscht ingredient
- Down**

 - 1. Floor-washing tools
 - 2. Phrase of understanding
 - 3. Farmland unit
 - 4. Cartographer
 - 5. Anger
 - 6. Happening by accident
 - 7. Fib teller
 - 8. Train conductor's cry
 - 9. Exercise locale
 - 10. Harvest season
 - 11. Rotate
 - 12. Whistle sound
 - 13. Quaint hotels
 - 18. High-chair users
 - 19. Rowboat implement
- 52. Military decoration
 - 55. Tahiti, for one
 - 57. Line on a 49 Across
 - 61. Newlyweds' pledge
 - 64. Go up
 - 65. On the summit of
 - 66. ___ Sound (Washington State water)
 - 67. Moose relatives
 - 68. Poisonous snakes
 - 69. In unison



- 24. Promgoers
 - 26. Arnaz of early TV
 - 27. Stairway parts
 - 28. Rose leaf
 - 29. "The Magic Flute", e.g.
 - 30. Foul-smelling
 - 32. Hawk relative
 - 33. Just hangs around
 - 34. Suspicious
 - 36. Certain woodwind players
 - 37. Dining-room furniture
 - 40. S&L conveniences
 - 41. Captain Nemo's submarine
- 46. Loud noises
 - 48. Existed
 - 50. Under the weather
 - 51. Radar-screen images
 - 52. Insignificant
 - 53. Diabolical
 - 54. Work station
 - 56. Halt
 - 58. One way to order lunch
 - 59. Equalize
 - 60. Parcel (out)
 - 62. Org. for motorists
 - 63. College student stat.

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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