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Walking the Applegate Trail

By Marie Lee

the early fall of 1996. During his presentation he added bits and pieces to a poignant story about an unfortunate child,

Rock Canyon. Laudanum was used as an anesthetic to relieve severe pain induced by such events as surgery or childbirth.



roses from her bag and placed on her grave.

Fun facts and incidents peppered Manley's tale of his reenactment adventure. He walked across the Black Rock Desert from Winnemucca, Nevada where he joined the group of about twenty-five individuals with fifteen wagons. The original Applegate Wagon Train had seventy-five wagons, however, by the time they left the western Oregon canyon near present-day Roseburg only five wagons remained with the group. Hardship and tragedy took many while others dropped out along the way, settling for locations other than the Willamette Valley. The Currier family remained with the wagon train and settled near the Albany/Corvallis area. Mr. Thompson related that the canyon was flooded with nearly four feet of water during the original train's journey in 1846.

Manley told an interesting story about Jesse Applegate, who traveled to Fort Hall where he met Levi Scott, who led the wagon train. Not long after they left Fort Hall, Jesse Applegate hurried ahead taking many

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By Marie Lee

Applegate Wagon Train stories are of special interest to Lake County folks because there is a connection to the Schminck Memorial Museum in Lakeview. Mrs. Schminck, Mrs. Lula Schminck, was the daughter of Elizabeth Currier Foster of Summer Lake. Elizabeth traveled west on that original Applegate Wagon Train, crossing the far southern edge of Goose Lake Valley. She was an orphan girl of about fourteen years while traveling west with an older married sister and her husband.

On Wednesday, March 15, Manley Currier Thompson, an extended member of Elizabeth's family by way of his Currier family descendancy, presented a program to Lake County Historical Society. Manley Thompson walked the Applegate Wagon Train route with a reenactment group during

and the child's connection to Elizabeth Currier Foster by way of Elizabeth's beaded bag embellished with red roses. Elizabeth's bag is displayed at Schminck Memorial Museum.

The little girl's last name was Henderson. Her mother was pregnant and due to deliver as they crossed the Black Rock Desert of Nevada, preparing to enter a dreaded stretch of the route known as High

Two of the young child's older sisters, out of curiosity, decided to taste the laudanum, but they found it very bitter and spit it out. They denied their younger sister when she also wanted to taste it, but later she managed to get into the laudanum. She drank the laudanum and it killed her. Because it is such a bleak area with no flowers to mark the child's grave, Elizabeth used her sewing scissors to cut one of the



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From This Angle: It Takes a Village

Once again, the generous Paisley community have pitched in to help with volunteer efforts. One of Paisley School's international students, Ege Mavinil (known by his nickname "Bob") is from Turkey where a recent earthquake killed thousands of people in the southern part of the country. His family, who reside in northwest Turkey, was unharmed. With the help of social studies teacher Stu Burgess, Bob and his fellow students started a friendly competition to see which class could raise the most money for disaster relief in Turkey.

Four groups of students competed: K-6, 7th and 8th, freshmen/sophomores and juniors/seniors. The K-6 group came out on top with \$300 raised. Their reward was a party with pizzas from the Pioneer Saloon.

Then the community stepped up with additional donations: \$100 from Volunteers in Paisley; \$300 from Refuge Community Church. A total of \$1,684 was raised for the earthquake relief.

The non-profit Inner Court Family Center (ICFC) opened in 2001 in a modular office building on land donated by the Brattain family. ICFC sponsors the Paisley School Lunch Program, Food Share and Senior Transportation. Last spring, the Paisley branch library was looking for a new space and moved into the ICFC building, which also houses the Food Share supplies. Many volunteers pitched in to help install shelves and move books into the new space.

Cheryl Kemry, ICFC director, has conceived another project: a community garden on land adjacent to the building.

She obtained a grant from Lake County Health Partners to fund supplies. Kenny Winebrenner and his community service crew built a deer fence around the plot and Travis Garner supplied gates. This spring volunteers will install



raised beds and a drip irrigation system, then help plant seeds. Summer crops will be lettuce and fresh herbs, with squash, potatoes, carrots and beets in the fall. Harvested produce will be available through Food Share and the Food Alliance. Look for the

garden's grand opening in June.

More spring events are happening with the help of local volunteers. ICFC hosted a St. Patrick's Dinner with a menu of shepherds' pie, macaroni and cheese and green-tinted desserts. Donations from the dinner will create an emergency medical fund available to local residents and help purchase a new H/Vac system for the ICFC building.

With the inspiration of Becky Marino, Volunteers in Paisley will sponsor a Spring Craft Fair and Flea Market on Saturday April 15 from 9:00-4:00. Vendors can rent tables for crafts, retail and flea market items. VIPs buys milk for the school lunch program and awards a \$500 scholarship each year to a Paisley School graduate.

Since moving to Paisley in 1994, I have seen the residents of this small town unite in fundraising efforts, staging the annual Mosquito Festival and staging theater productions. It does take a village to keep community spirit alive.



Do-it-yourself funerals make for a personal touch

By Tom Zoeliner

Third Age News Service
(Publication date unknown)

After Donald Robinson died a peaceful death at age 70, his son in-law took charge of the body, washed it and dressed it at a church kitchen, and carefully laid out Donald in a mail-order casket. Then the entire family took the body to the veterans; cemetery in Redlands, Calif., and held their own graveside funeral. "it's the kind of thing my dad would have loved," said his daughter Vickie Gunther. "It was so personal."

And economical, too. The do-it-yourself funeral cost \$850 -- less than a quarter of the cost of the average American burial (at that time.) The Gunthers are one of a growing number of families who are choosing - for financial or emotional reasons - to care for their own dead rather than turning the procedure over to a funeral home. Many are surprised at how easy it is.

"You would think that taking care of a dead body is like this big official thing that nobody normal can do," said Gunther. "How can I embalm him? What about all of the government paperwork? So many people told me, "You can't do that. Well actually, yes I can." Gunther learned that embalming is rarely require by law, in any

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state. Only six states in the nation - Connecticut, New York, Indiana, Nebraska, Louisiana and New Hampshire require the participation of a licensed funeral director.

"A lot of people simply don't know that caring for their own dead is legal, and as they find out, they say, "This makes so much sense," said Lisa Carlson, the executive director of the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America in Hinesburg, VT. "One reason why it's such a powerful experience for people is that we're in a day and age when we give away a lot of the tasks of daily living, like eating out at a restaurant and not doing our own cooking. And while women have begun to reclaim a lot of the rituals surrounding childbirth, many are beginning to reclaim the rituals surrounding death."

The funeral industry is not particularly alarmed by this trend said Betty Young-McIntire, spokesperson for the California Funeral Director's Association.

She acknowledged that it is legal, and said that funeral directors may even offer advice over the phone.

"It's not an issue we deal with every day," she said. "It's a very small niche of the population that's caring for their own dead."

Burying one's own dead - from washing the corpse to digging the grave - is a practice with deep roots in American history. In fact, home funerals used to be the accepted norm. The original purpose of a

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May Election Information

Below is information on the May 2023 Elections. There are very few positions that have incumbents are being contested and there are only two positions which have no filed candidate.

Filed Candidates

CHRISTMAS VALLEY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Position 1	4 year term – Kit Cardin	No candidate filed
Position 4	4 year term – James A Silveus	Michael Passmore

LAKE COUNTY ESD

At Large #1	4 year term – Judy Springer	Judy Springer
Zone 1	4 year term – Will Cahill	Will Cahill
Zone 3	2 years remain on 4 year term – Samantha Hall	Samantha Hall
Zone 4	4 year term – Clayton Sharp	Clayton Sharp

NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Position 1	4 year term – Shane L Forman	Preston Fivecoat
Position 2	4 year term – Buck Church	Dan Jansen
Position 5	4 year term – Dwight Roth	Dwight Roth

PAISLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

Position 1	4 year term – David Shanahan	Krissy Funk David Shanahan
Position 2	4 year term – Brady Murphy	Brady Murphy
Position 5	4 year term – Nellie Garner	Nellie Garner

SILVER LAKE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Position 1	4 year term – Marvin Markus	Joel Johnson
Position 2	4 year term – Clark Simons	Clark Simons
Position 5	4 year term – Jamie Roscoe	Jamie Roscoe

CHRISTMAS VALLEY DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

Position 2	4 year term – Ione Maple	Ione Maple
Position 4	4 year term – Kenneth Morehouse	Paul Strong
Position 5	4 year term – Jim Strong	Jim Strong

LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Zone 2	4 year term – Darrel Denbrook	No candidate filed
Zone 3	4 year term – Shelley Batty	Shelley Batty

CHRISTMAS VALLEY PARK & REC DISTRICT

Position 1	4 year term – Shara Shumway	Shara Shumway
Position 2	4 year term – Glenna Wade	Dan Maple
Position 4	4 year term – David Uran	Dave Uran

NORTH LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT

Position 3	4 year term – Kathleen Thompson	Brad Oxenford Jourdan A Fildes
Position 4	4 year term – Alice Dinsdale	Tammy Oxenford



Thoughts on food & community.

This next dish was given to me by a good friend. Being kosher in a ranch kitchen is difficult but Betsy looked around and decided her Israeli Salad would be just right. The first time you make this be very exact in your measurements. Later you can play. Thoroughly simple, thoroughly delicious and perfect for summer!

ISRAELI SALAD

- 2 c diced cucumbers, cut in medium dice
- 2c fresh tomatoes, diced - look for tomatoes that are firm but ripe
- 1c onions, minced
- 1/2c fresh parsley, finely chopped

for the dressing

- 1T olive oil of excellent quality
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- juice of 1/2 lemon

Toss cucumbers, tomatoes, onions and parsley together, then add dressing. Serve immediately or put in fridge for 1/2 hour.

This is excellent with grilled meats or fish. Plus so very easy.

TIP Before squeezing out the lemon juice, take your zester from your catch-all drawer and zest the entire lemon. Set the zest aside and add it to a sugar cookie recipe. Stop by the shop for a great one!

We recently returned from a trip with our grandson to Southwestern Colorado. Beautiful country - reminded us of home. While at the Mesa Verde National Park, we heard this wise story:

A Navajo grandfather once told his grandson, "Two wolves live inside me. One is the bad wolf, full of greed and laziness, full of anger and jealousy and regret. The other is the good wolf, full of joy and compassion and willingness, and a great love for the world. All the time, these wolves are fighting inside me."

"But grandfather," the boy said, "which wolf will win?"

The grandfather answered, "The one I feed."

May you feed your spirit and those around you with love.

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This column was originally published in 2012 Breeze. There will be several more Branching Outs in future editions.

Comings & Goings

By Terry Crawford

Well this is certainly a winter to remember, and spring is sure not springing in. My snow shovel has moved more snow this year than in nearly all the years past. Most of the time it wasn't terribly deep but it seemed as if about the time I got the walkway, the car parking area and the pathway to the barn cleared it would snow again. Looking back to the first deep snow - you know the one that just wouldn't go away, when it did warm up the ground was so frozen that the melt had no where to go. So naturally when the temperature dropped the world became a skating rink. I ended up taking wet bedding from the stalls and spreading it on the path from the barn to the house, just to get traction.

One of the older retired horses though a fluffy white patch of snow looked like a good place to take a lay down in the sun. Well a sheet of ice was under that white patch and he was down for the count. It took every unused horse blanket placed under his legs for traction and three strong adults to get him back on his feet. He was exhausted and a bit sore from what could have easily been his last hurrah. I'm glad that we were home when it happened.

Ben, my gray Arabian has been over in the valley with daughter Jill since the beginning of March and he won't be coming home until the very end of April. She has been riding him, which is a good thing because he really needs regular exercise and training. Even more important for this guy is getting to hang out with people. He loves all the pets and treats he gets - he is very much a people horse.

I had a show in Eugene mid March and hadn't been on a horse since the beginning of November. The dressage test was new and I had never ridden it. I did go off pattern but was able to finish the test with a 5 point deduction. Our Ease of Handling round went well as I didn't even ask for the canter - I just wanted to work on building confidence with Ben. He can be very tentative. He did all the obstacles nicely but then rolled the side-pass pole off its stands. It didn't undo him as it had in the past and we were able to make two more attempts before asking the judge to wave us on. Even without cantering he still got a respectable score. Sunday was speed day, and I just trotted. Again my objective was and continues to be the building of confidence and trust.

Ben was great and I couldn't have been more pleased. He was a bit iffy at the little table with a pitcher/jug on it so earned some time faults with that one, but we got everything done. Later day Jill and I were cleaning stalls and picking up our area while the awards were being handed out. Someone called us to come on over - I figured they just wanted everyone there to support those getting awards. However, Jill was reserve champion in her division and Ben, in spite of mostly trotting and going slow placed fourth. I was shocked. But the key was that we completed all three phases without disqualifying on any of them. Sometimes patience and sticking to your long-term plan really does pay off.

Fast forward to March 23/24. My friend Bev in Junction City wanted me to come over on Thursday the 23 so we could go the North West Horse Expo in Albany on the 24th. I had a lot of business to take care of in Bend so I opted to go to Eugene via Santiam Pass rather than my normal HWY 58 route. What a drive. The wind was blowing clouds of snow and the road was pretty slick. The only plus was there wasn't much traffic. When I was finally out of the snow the road was a minefield of pot holes. But still got over in time to gab a snack and play several games of Gin Rummy before hitting the hay.

The expo was fun, there were so many breeds and disciplines represented and lots of live presentations and lectures. There were all kinds of vendors. So much to spend money on. I held out until I saw a really nice cornflower-blue vest. I agonized making the decision but in the end I bought it and I really am glad I did. Now I will just have to wrap myself in bubble wrap when I wear it so it doesn't get stained.

To make a long story short, there was a whole section of stalls devoted to mustang mares that were part of "Teens and Mustangs" training program. There was one that my friend and I really liked. I told daughter Jill to look at her as I knew she was going to the expo the next day. Well she liked the one I told her about but she really liked one I had not seen, one that looked very similar. She visited with the mare's trainer and watched her work with her in the arena. She wanted the mare - not for herself but for me. She filled out paper work, and gave her credit card info so she could bid at the auction on

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of their tools in order to mark the forward trail. Instead of returning to the wagon train he proceeded quickly on to his home in the Willamette Valley. Accordingly, Mrs. Applegate, who was not anxious for Jesse to leave home in order to guide the wagon train in the first place, had given Jesse an ultimatum about returning home and tending to his own interests at the Applegate homestead!

As Manley Currier Thompson walked the trail in '96, he traveled light with only two sets of clothing. He bathed while wearing his clothes in order to do laundry at the same time. As they entered High Rock Canyon two of their group were sent ahead to return with cooking water and to also dam up a dripping spring for stock water. He mentioned that oxen pulling the wagons were often able to smell water for miles

ahead. Pioneers relied on that instinct as a guide.

Not often in our present-day life of modern conveniences and technology does someone have the opportunity for such an adventure. Mr. Thompson related how his own great-great-great-grandfather was a teamster. Manley, however, served as a brakeman during the 1996 expedition by maneuvering posts under and around the wheels. He made a series of tape recordings as he walked the trail, once catching the sound of water dripping into a tin cup at a spring while he patiently waited for a sufficient drink. During September of '96 they traveled at the optimum time for wild plums, and so Manley took advantage and made syrup for their breakfast pancakes!



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Everything you might want to know about the best lighting for your needs that are dark sky friendly can be found at darksky.org.

Good lighting design can mitigate glare and keep you and what you value safer.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked March and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain *Summer Lake Apiaries*



March came in like a lion, roared most of the month and went out like a T-Rex with a toothache, so no complete hive inspections were done. There were, however, some warm days scattered through the month which made the girls break ranks (break the winter cluster) much to my dismay, as the sub 20 degree nights stayed almost all through the month. I now need to do some extra feeding, as I have observed some new girls out looking around for the first flow of nectar from the Chinese Elm, Locust and Forsythia which seems not to be forthcoming yet. I have seen the girls feeding on my neighbor's fresh split Juniper as well as on a delivery of split firewood to the Lodge. The girls are looking for any source of food they can gather at this point. I did opt to feed pollen substitute to increase early brood production as I will be splitting the strongest over-wintered hives.

I will need to monitor the need for increased feeding and hopefully make a full inspection and rotation of the brood boxes as soon as conditions allow. I am amazed that the girls have survived this roller coaster of a month!

So let's talk about the first inspection and rotation of the

brood boxes. and what you might encounter.

It is not necessary to rotate boxes in the Spring but, if your brood frames are looking black and well used, now would be the time to switch those out for some nice clean frames and foundation. Don't forget to scrape any burr comb off the frames you are leaving and scrape or replace your bottom board as well.

Now go ahead and smoke the hive entrance and shoot a puff or two under the top cover. After a short wait, take the top cover off and set it aside. Remove an outside frame, inspect it and set it aside also. Inspect each

frame looking for the Queen Mother, eggs, and larvae or capped brood. Scrape off any burr comb the girls have made on the frame. Look for a compact brood pattern covering most of the frame. This would be a good thing to see. If the pattern is spotty throughout the brood chambers, consider replacing the Queen Mother. Look for swarm cells. These will be on the bottom of the frames. If you see these cells, give the girls more room by adding another brood box super or consider splitting the colony. Splitting will be discussed in detail next month after I attempt to split mine.

Finish your inspection of the top brood box, put frames back and set that box aside. I usually set it on the top cover. Next, inspect the lower brood box and then set it aside on top of the first box. Scrape off the bottom board and reassemble the hive. You may need to smoke the girls again part way through the inspection. You will know when to re-smoke by their attitude toward you. Also be aware of the temperature and wind conditions, NO major inspections if the breeze is up and if it is below 50 degrees.

Bee mindful of the honey stores. If they are low, FEED! It would be a shame to get the Queen Mother and the girls through the Winter only to have them starve out in the Spring. Consider feeding both 1:1 sugar water and pollen patties. Also now is the time to medicate your hives if needed. More on that later. Now would be a good time to add a queen excluder and your first super. This will help prevent overcrowding and swarming. Also this is the time when Boo Boo and Yogi are awakening from the long winter and are looking for food. Make sure your apiary is bear proof!

That is all for this month. April will be a busy month for us and the girls. Bee safe!

Since it still seems to be winter (Punxsutawney Phil was right!), I have been craving a nice, thick soup. I found this on a bag of dried soup mix. You could use any combo of beans, grains and rice that you have available. The result will be just as scrumptious! This makes a big pot for 10 folks. You can reduce the amounts for fewer people or freeze the leftovers

RED BEAN CHICKEN CURRY SOUP

3 Tbsp EVOO

3 Chicken Breasts, cut into bite sized pieces or use any leftover chicken pieces, cubed up)

1 medium Onion, chopped

4 cloves Garlic, peeled, smashed and minced

2 Tbsp Garam Masala (recipe follows)**

1 tsp Curry Powder

8 Cups Chicken Broth (Homemade or store bought)

2 Bay leaves

1 3/4 Cups of Beans and Grains mix (I used Bob's Red Mill Whole Grains and Beans Soup Mix but you could use canned Beans, Lentils, cooked Rice, etc.)

Rinse any dried soup mix or beans before using.

•Heat oil in a large stock pot and brown chicken on all sides for about 5 minutes. Add Onion and Garlic and sauté until translucent.

•Stir in Garam Masala and Curry Powder and sauté until aromatic, 30 seconds to 1 minute.

•Pour in Broth, add bay leaves and soup mix and stir. Bring to boil. Reduce to simmer, cover and cook for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally, until beans and grains are tender

•Add more broth or water if Beans absorb too much liquid.

For Vegetarian option: Use Vegetable Broth instead of Chicken Broth. Omit Chicken and add 3 cups Vegetables of your choice, such as Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Winter Squash or Cauliflower.



Garam Masala
(a wonderful Indian spice mix)

1 Tbsp Ground Cumin
1 1/2 tsp Ground Coriander
! 1/2 tsp Ground Cardamom (from pods if possible)
1 1/2 tsp Ground Pepper
1 tsp Ground Cinnamon
1/2 tsp Ground Cloves
1/2 tsp Ground Nutmeg
Mix together and store any extra in an airtight jar.

Marie Brain

Comings & Goings

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Sunday. Totally expecting to come home with a horse she returned with her trailer so that if she won the bid bring the mare back to the barn. Sunday night's report: Mare loaded and road like a pro and was very happy to have a run about and roll after spending three days in a stall at the expo. She is only three and will be spending the next year being pony-ed on trail rides, learning obstacles in hand and gaining confidence in the world around her.

Back to the drive over Santiam. I have not traveled that particular route for quite a few years and had not seen the devastation the fires caused in the past several years. It is heart breaking to see blackened shells of once majestic trees, and land being cleared and repaired so that replacement structures can be built. It is, on the other hand heartwarming to see that people are resilient and moving forward to rebuild their communities.

Notice of Sale of Real Property

Pursuant to an Order of the Board of County Commissioners dated the 1st of March, 2023, I, Sheriff Mike Taylor, shall at 10:00am on Monday May 1, 2023 proceed to sell at public auction in the Lake County Courthouse, 513 Center Street, Lakeview, Oregon, to the highest bidder, all rights, title and interest of Lake County in and to the following described real property situated in Lake County, Oregon. The minimum price (starting bid) shall be as indicated on each parcel and all parcels will be paid in full the day of the sale plus a \$185 administrative fee.

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Many of the properties are in the Christmas Valley area and the easiest way to find and view them is by using the Tax Lot Maps listed above.



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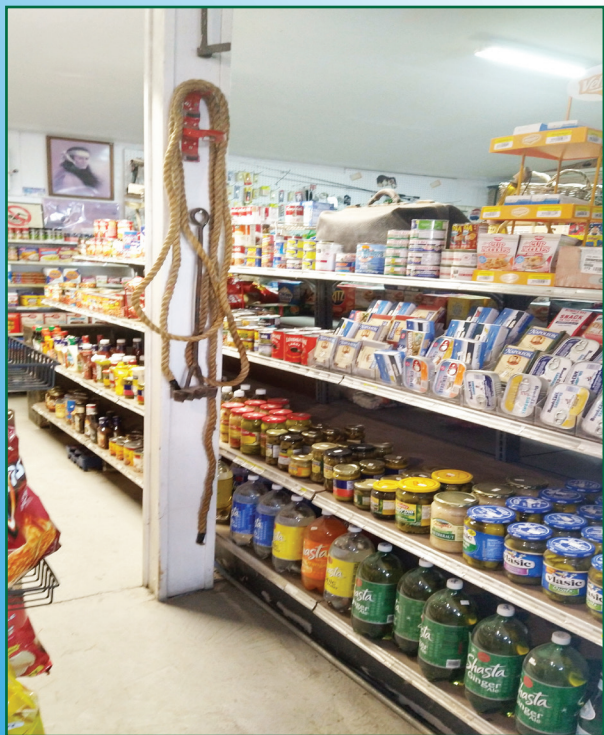
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The Community Breeze

Desert Dandy

By Gladys Martin

Chapter THIRTEEN

As Nancy and Beverly rode up the mountain, Nancy was busy telling what she knew of the country. "Somebody told Dad that Wagontire Mountain is a shield volcano, but we don't have to worry about it because it's dead. The only springs in the whole country are here, so it's a really important place. That's why there was a range war here. Whoever had the springs controlled the whole country. There's getting to be quite a few wells and water holes now, so they don't fight over the springs anymore."

"Bill Brown used to have lots of sheep out here, and lots of horses. But everybody has cattle now. I'm sure glad there's no sheep any more. I wouldn't every want to be a shepherd. A long time ago they had sheep and cattle wars. Dad told about some buckaroos that put a herder in a wool sack and hung it in a juniper tree, then ran all his sheep over a rimrock." Beverly shuddered. "That was an awful mean thing to do," she said.

Nancy continued. "You can see all over the country from the top. Iron Mountain, Squaw Butte and Big Juniper are the closest mountains, but you can see Glass Butte and Steens Mountain too. Steens has snow on it most of the time."

"Are there any lakes to go swimming in?" Beverly asked. "It's so hot, I'd like to go swimming. Do you know how to swim, Nan?" "Sure," Nancy replied. "Mom and I go to Grandma and Grandpas place every summer to get fruit and corn. I get to so swimming in the river there." "Are there any rivers or lakes near here?" Beverly asked. "No, afraid not. Hey, maybe there is a place we could go swimming. Dad says there's a big water tank at the Eades Place. He says it's big enough for a swimming pool. Let's ride over there instead of to the mountain. It's quite a way, so we need to hurry."

When they got to the water tank, Nancy was amazed at its size. "Dad wasn't kidding, it really is big enough to swim in." They watered their horses at the trough, then tied them in the shade. They climbed the steps so they could see into the tank. The water was less than two feet from the top, and clean. The girls looked at each and grinned. "The last one in is a rotten egg," Beverly challenged. "I didn't bring our swimsuits," Nancy said. "Go skinny dipping," Beverly replied. She began tugging on her boots.

"I'm going to leave my underpants on just in case," Nancy said.

They ran up the steps, clambered over the side and fell into the cool, refreshing water. They raced each other across the tank, then did water stunts. A shadow crossed the surface of the water, an eagle passing between the girls and the sun. It drew Nancy's attention to how late it was. "We'd better head home, Bev. Your mom will worry if we're late." They hurried home, hoping to get there before Beverly's mother became worried.

Beverly was not used to riding and the fast trot was causing chapped legs and sore muscle. She reined Banjo to a stop and started to dismount. "I have to



go to the bathroom," Beverly mumbled. When she tried to remount the muscles in her legs did not respond. She couldn't get her foot high enough to reach the stirrup. She started to cry from frustration and exhaustion.

"Oh, quite bawling, I'll help you up," Nancy said. She made a cup with her hands for Beverly to put her foot in, planning to toss her into the saddle. "Ugh! You weigh a ton. Here, step on my knee with your other foot". That method proved successful and they rode on toward home, Beverly sniffing in her misery. "You're such a crybaby. Do you always cry about everything" Nancy taunted. "Are you always so smart-alec and mean?" Beverly responded. "You're just a mean old goat. Nanny, Nanny." "Nancy's eyes spit fire. "Don't you ever call me that. Curt and Sammy used to call me that and I hate it." She kicked Dandy into a fast run. Banjo ran too. At first Beverly was terrified but soon found the faster pace easier on her body than the bone-jarring trot.

Nancy unsaddled Banjo, as Beverly was so stiff and sore she could barely walk. "Want to go up on the mountain tomorrow?"

Nancy asked as they walked toward the house. Beverly groaned. "I don't care if I never get on another horse. I'm going to stay in bed all day tomorrow."

"Don't be such a baby," Nancy said. "You'll feel a lot better if you ride again tomorrow. You'll never learn to ride if you don't get used to it." "Miss know-it-all again. Well, I am not going riding tomorrow, so there! Nanny, Nanny." "I told you not to call me that!" Nancy's fist shot out, catching Beverly a solid blow on her shoulder.

"What's going on?" Alice demanded. Beverly ran to her mother, sobbing. "Nancy hit me." "I told her not to call me Nanny and she did it anyway." "She wouldn't do that," Alice declared.

Without another word, Nancy mounted Dandy and headed for home. The miles between the two ranches gave her time to calm down. Still, when Annie asked if she had a good time with Beverly, Nancy answered, "She's a cry-baby and I hate her mother and I don't want to see either one of them again."

Nancy and Beverly did see each other at the store the next two Sundays. On the surface they did not seem unfriendly. But when Chuck suggested they ride together again, they both found excuses not to.

It was early July when they met again. The Kline's pickup pulled up to the Morgan home just as Nancy was finishing hanging out the laundry. Lena was driving and Beverly was with her. "Hi Nan," Lena said. "I'm taking supplies out to Lost Creek for Mike, he's bringing the team over so he can start haying. I thought we could set up his camp and cook dinner for all of us. Want to come along?" Nancy glanced at Beverly and hesitated just a moment before running to the house. "I'll ask Mom," she said over her shoulder.

They arrived at the Lost Creek meadow, coming to a stop in a small round valley at the head of the creek. It was shady and cool under the trees, wild flowers bloomed in the lush grass. Lena handed Beverly a bucket and Nancy a dipper, instructing them



to get a bucket of water from the spring. The water was clear and cold, and the girls drank deeply before filling the bucket. Then they helped Lena unload the pickup and get the camp ready. Afterward, they sat in the grass. "Do you want to talk about that day you went swimming?" Lena asked "Well, we sort of had a fight. I called her a baby and she called me Nanny twice. I got so mad I hit her and her mom didn't believe she called me that. Beverly just stood there and smirked when her mom said she couldn't do that. That really made me mad," Nan said.

Lena spoke softly. "We can't change the past, but we don't need to let it spoil the present. Could you put that fight in a box with a lid on it, and lock it? Then throw away the key and start over. This time remember the Golden Rule and treat people like you'd want them to treat you. In the meantime, how about getting another bucket of water?"

The girls walked to the spring, their eyes downcast and not saying anything. When the bucket was full, Nancy looked at Beverly, noticing the unhappiness on her face. "I'm sorry Bev, I really was mean. I remember once long ago at Silver Creek I wanted to go wading. Curt and Sammy got one on each side of the creek and threw mud at me. I screamed until a big girl came and made them go away. She helped me wash the mud off and found me a nice sandy place to play. She was so nice. I always wanted to be like her, but I acted mean like my brother instead. I'm ashamed of what I did and I'm truly sorry."

Beverly liked at Nancy and almost smiled. "I don't forgive me for being so mean to you." They shook hands to seal the deal. Lena watched the girls coming back to camp, carrying the bucket together, talking and laughing. She spoke softly to herself, "For once in my life I must have said the right thing."

Next Month: Chapter 14

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.



Crystals have long been recognized as more than 'just rocks'. Deeper understanding reveals that crystals are alive and conscious. We have seen that crystals have been proven to store large amounts of information, can harness the energy of consciousness, have many technological functions, and contain silicon and carbon—the building blocks of life. They also process unenergetic qualities that have promoted healing and emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being. They have been used throughout history as a conduit between the world of life (as we know it) and inanimate matter, but it's their life-like properties (reportedly observed) that could be more literal than previously thought.

Tapping into the healing properties of stone and crystals has been an ancient practice, and their unique powers continue to be rediscovered. Different types of stones have particular frequencies which can match up with various systems in the human body and assist the systems to function better. For instance, black tourmaline is a great stone to help people stay grounded, focused and articulate, while selenite and apophyllite can be

Do-it-yourself

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house's front parlor, in fact, was as a viewing room for dead bodies, said Carlson. Undertakers supplied only coffins, not funerals and most towns had a circle of women who, not unlike midwives, were often called upon to help a family in their time of need.

It wasn't until the Civil War when burials could be delayed by months, that embalming became widely known. By the turn of the century, for-profit funeral homes began to supplant home funerals. "In just three or four generations we have lost the common lore and wisdom of what to do at the time of death," said Carlson. This is part of the wisdom, updated for today.

Crystal Blue Persuasion II

By The Prospector

Sentient: able to perceive or feel things.

used to bring in white light and energy. Iron pyrite can be used to offset negative energy



or deter physical danger. Hematite is used for grounding and balance.

Carbon is the sixth element on the periodic table of elements, and is associated with all organic chemistry and everything that is normally considered to be alive. But directly below it, one octave below, is the element of silicon, the primary element of quartz crystal, and comprising about 80percent of the Earth crust.

Crystallography is the science of crystals and the study of the crystalline state. Since matter is crystalline, the properties of crystals are to a large extent also the

properties of ordinary solid materials. Crystals are known transmitters and receivers with incredible storage possibilities. Crystals, when programmed, hold certain frequencies and can counteract opposites, plus utilize tone and sound. Crystals can naturally absorb nature's information.

Because gemstones grow in the Earth, and are in essence alive, some people think they are here to help us. For the first time in history, very different kinds of gemstones are widely available to the masses, and each gemstone holds its own unique properties. That wines are different from each other is because what the plant draws from the soil to make that wine taste different from other wines. It's this same method of creation that gemstones create the different kinds of power within themselves.

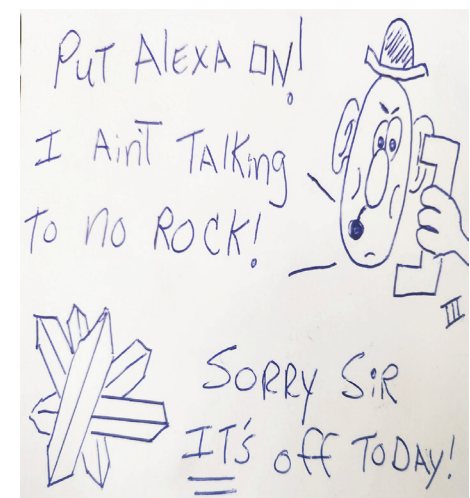
The healing properties of the element bismuth are said to relieve symptoms of isolation, both spiritually and emotionally. As a stone of transformation, it calms disorder and helps push changes in the right direction with a physical vitality, connecting to "all that is". The power of wisdom can be actualized through bismuth. It improves concentration and visualization.

Researchers have shown that crystals can be so flexible they can be bent repeatedly and even tied up in knots and then return unbroken to their original form (Gallium crystals). This overhauls our current understanding of crystalline structures, and challenges the very definition of a crystal.

The Native Americans preferred the Super Seven that is a quartz that contains seven materials, including goethite, cacoenite, rutile, lepidocrocite, amethyst, clear quartz and smoky quartz. These crystals are very different stones. Embodied within their structures are the energies of seven different stones. These powerful stones epitomize the universal brotherhood of man and the sisterhood of woman.

NASA are growing crystals crossed with human DNA in the Space Station with the goal of making computers more "sentient".

Certainly crystals are not plants nor are they rocks. But for certain they are fascinating.



Information

As long as it is kept at room temperature an average-dead body can be kept at home for two to three days before changes room evident.

Temperature affects the rate of body change more than the elapsed time since death. Keeping the body cool helps.

Dry ice, packed inside pillowcases, can be used to keep the temperature down.

Cover the surface of the bed with newspapers or disposable towels.

With a single phone call, a casket can be shipped to your door withing 24 hours.

Kitty litter or coffee grounds can be packed underneath a sheet at the bottom of the casket to keep the air fresh.

Transporting a dead body to the cemetery in your pickup truck almost invariably requires a "burial transit" or "disposition" permit from the town/county health department.

A death certificate can usually be filed by the family and does not require the intervention of a funeral director.

Carlson is the author of "Caring for the Dead: Your Final Act of Love," which details the funeral arrangement laws and permitting procedures in all

50 states. Those who want to have a private send-off can get further details at the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America's Web site (www.funerals.org/famsa). The FAMSAs number is 800-765-0107.

Why would anybody want to keep a relative at home after they're dead? "It's the ultimate sense of control and personalization, particularly in the case of an unanticipated death where you haven't said your goodbyes," says Carlson. "Having something physical to do also takes away the sense of helplessness."



APRIL CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Wabbit hunter
- 5. Minneapolis suburb
- 10. Recipe direction
- 14. Toward shelter
- 15. Hit's accompaniment
- 16. Without delay, in a memo
- 17. Fork-tailed seabird
- 18. Africa's largest city
- 19. Good enough to eat
- 20. Occupational suffix
- 21. Quite late
- 23. Words of compassion
- 25. "Adam Bede" author
- 26. "So help me!"
- 28. Kind of sugar or syrup
- 30. "That's too bad"
- 31. Initial venture
- 32. Solomon, to David
- 35. Williams and Koppel
- 36. Shankar's strings
- 37. Adolescent development
- 38. Brian of Roxy Music
- 39. "John Brown's Body" poet
- 40. Struck, long ago
- 41. Dweebs
- 42. Walking
- 43. Ivan and Peter
- 45. Nuclear weapon, in old headlines
- 46. Moonshine
- 49. Hither partner
- 52. British author Blyton
- 53. "Toy Story" cowboy
- 54. Inactive

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Down

- 1. Atropos, for one
- 2. Title role for Peter Fonda
- 3. Heroic action
- 4. Home in the hills, perhaps
- 5. Accompany

- 6. "Cheers" character
- 7. "Understood," hippie-wise
- 8. Emperor after Claudius
- 9. Not run-of-the-mill
- 10. "Peter Pan" playwright
- 11. "... say, not ___"
- 12. Done-for
- 13. Fencing sword
- 21. Use a surgical beam
- 22. ___ May Clampett
- 24. Copyright symbols
- 26. Deeply despise
- 27. Wilson of "Starsky and Hutch"
- 28. Insignificant specks
- 29. "I smell ___!"
- 31. Stool pigeon
- 32. Animated pooch
- 33. Aware of, as a hoax
- 34. Brand of depilatory
- 36. Had one's ups and downs?
- 37. Like most radios
- 39. A Muppet
- 40. April or November surprise
- 41. Gaggle male
- 42. Compliant one
- 43. Thus far
- 44. Hotel booking
- 45. Increase by
- 46. Like mortals?
- 47. Prefix for sphere
- 48. When both hands are raised
- 50. One of five Norwegian kings
- 51. Radar's quaff on "M*A*S*H"
- 54. It looks good on paper

March Crossword Solution

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