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DARK SKY SANCTUARY IT'S A BIG DEAL

By Terry Crawford

For several years I have injected information and articles about the value of preserving the dark skies of Lake County and for the most part folks in the north end of the county have petty much seen the issue as unimportant. I expect that this is in part to the fact that the incredible night sky we are treated to here has become so common place as to be run of the mill. Here in the north end light pollution is not excessive but it is happening.

A businesses open area doesn't need to be lit up as if it is a high-security prison nor does a hay-farmers equipment yard. All the studies show that excessive lighting creates very dark shadowed areas which are great for masking a person's presence.

It is the same for home lighting. Some of the new LED lights being used on front porches are so bright that the nearly match that of a car's headlights on bright. There are two highly viable properties (no pun intended) that have at least ten bright yard and house lights that can be seen from more that a mile. They are not down-shaded.

Actually none of the lighting issues I just mentioned have taken the time to direct the light downward or shield it. Perhaps it is simply a lack of knowledge and understanding, or maybe they just don't care that their lighting is detrimental to the overall quality of our amazing dark desert sky.

I am including articles from the *Smithsonian* magazine and the *Good News Network* about Oregon's recently certified Dark Sky Sanctuary.

Calling all stargazers:

Oregon is now home to the largest Dark Sky Sanctuary in the world. Earlier this month, **DarkSky International** certified a remote, 2.5 million-acre area in the southeastern part of the state.

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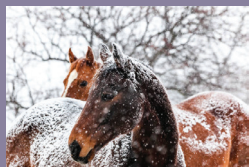
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Star Gazing and the Desert

By Marie Lee



Lake, Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, parts of Fremont-Winema National Forest, BLM lands, Summer Lake Wildlife Area, 80,000 acres of state-owned rangeland, and the Oregon Outback Scenic Byway.

On the ranch beneath Abert Rim hot summer nights became a good excuse to move our beds outdoors. Because we did not want to advertise our remote location, the yard light at the ranch was only turned on when needed, as a result we had prime star gazing until sleep overtook our weary eyelids. What grand nights those were as we gazed into the Milky Way, and tried to find the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper. If I could relive my childhood I would pay more attention to the locations of such astronomical features.

On a cold winter night with a blanket of snow on the ground star gazing is an equally fascinating treat. If I happen to

Native Americans, explorers, mariners, soldiers, trappers, prospectors, early settlers, cowboys, and lonely shepherders kept track of their locations by the position of stars. All things considered it is no wonder that now, having exhausted and yes, sometimes abused, many of earth's natural wonders star gazing, a common practice for country folks, has become a "Dark Sky"

in to our campgrounds, motels, restaurants, museums, gift shops, and other attractions. But, having been there before with other of our natural resources, we also worry when governments and boards began to organize such things as viewing the stars in God's sky.

If I had the ability to bestow such a gift on my children, grandchildren, and every child in the world, I would give them a night of racing with the moon across the desert landscape from Fort Rock to Silver Lake. I have



For those of us who were raised on, or near, the high-desert, the wonderment of a "Dark Sky" is nothing new. We used to call it "star gazing." There is nothing better than a clear night sky in our remote, high-altitude landscape. We've never kept it a secret and we have been more than happy to share it with our visiting friends and cousins who live in the city.

Now large portions of Lake County have been certified to be located within a "Dark Sky Sanctuary." While the far northern section of Lake County is not included other outback areas include: Adel, Plush, Summer



be driving away from the ranch on one of those pristine nights I am reminded of how small and yet vast is our universe. To see cattle and horses huddled close to juniper trees as star shine reflects and glistens over fields of snow is a picture that will forever remain in my soul.

phenomenon.

Ideas are being formulated to protect our new Dark Sky Sanctuary. Too much unnatural light could be a problem. Who knew!?! Folks in this outback country patiently waited for the long years of World War II to pass in order to finally gain electricity and with it the light bulb.

We are glad to share our world with urban dwellers who do not have such an advantage because of their city lights and glitzy attractions. In fact, we have been known to gloat a little over what we have. We welcome them

written about it previously. As we left the Ward Ranch and drove toward Highway 31, the desert moon was so large it felt as though Dad was driving beside it. We could touch it, it was so close! The desert night wrapped around us: my family, my two little brothers and me, as Dad drove Grandma's Kaiser Manhattan with the moon. There was no other living thing in that mystic landscape but jackrabbits, coyotes, probably a few rattlesnakes, and us. The moon and the stars in the desert sky belonged to us and only us on that wonderful night!

Buick Family Homestead Building moved to Museum

On January 5th, Tom Rosenthal led a team of volunteers to move a vintage building from the old Kinnear Buick homestead near Windy Point next to North Lake School.



After several days of preparation, the cabin was successfully moved to Fort Rock. It now sits next to the Schoolhouse on the Museum grounds and volunteers will work to have it ready for display.

The historical society thanks the many volunteers who helped with this relentless endeavor:

Tom Rosenthal, spearheading and organizing the move; Neal Russell for providing the excavator, tractor, dump truck and trailer, plus all his labor;

Sandy Logan for working traffic control; Chandra Mort for operating the pilot car; Hunter Kittredge for labor and setting blocking and last, but not least to Jim and Louise Robertson for donating this wonderful piece of Lake County history to be enjoyed and displayed for many years to come!

The board looks forward to supplying and furnishing the new Buick Family Home.

If you have anything (pre-1940s) you'd like to donate, please let us know. We are making plans for pre-season preparation for the new operating year. Pictured left is the original homestead property; below is board member Tom Rosenthal with the newly placed building on the Museum grounds.



IN A LANDSCAPE



Concert in the Wild returns to Fort Rock state Park Sunday, September 22, 2024. A Pie Social and Dance will follow the performance at the Fort Rock grange Hall, benefiting the Museum and Grange. Bring a pie to share! For more information or to purchase tickets contact inalandscape.org



From This Angle: Mosquito Festival Lives

By Toni Bailie

Toni Bailie

Mark your calendars for July 26-27 for the 2024 Paisley Mosquito Festival. Yes, there will be a Festival this year, thanks to Missy and Mitch Walton who have stepped up to coordinate the event.



At the initial planning meetings, community volunteers have started work on the weekend's activities, which will be at the Paisley Community Center and city park. Stu Burgess will serve as announcer/emcee and find entertain for a beer/garden dance on Friday night. Vendors will display their wares on Friday and Saturday. Patty Westgate and Volunteers in Paisley will sponsor a parade on Saturday morning, featuring Paisley Pioneer Duane Young.

Mike Douglas will organize the popular barbeque. John Harms will coordinate a vintage car show. Lora Mayea, with the help of Jessie Clark, will display quilts in the Community Church. Other suggested events will be a Saturday morning Fun-Run, kids' fishing derby, 3-on-3 basketball, 4H petting zoo. Mitch will coordinate games for children, including sack races, corn hole and sand box activities. The Community Church will host a breakfast on Sunday morning.

Pasiley's Mosquito Festival began as a fund raiser for vector control. The marshes and irrigation ditches of the Chewaucan Valley have been notorious over the years as prime mosquito breeding territory. Local residents who stepped outside their screened-in porches were besieged by the blood thirsty predators. According to one legend, a mosquito landed at Paisley's airport and the locals pumped 2,000 gallons of gasoline into its wing tanks before noticing it was a mosquito.

Volunteers hosted the first Mosquito Festival on August 4, 1984. Ms Quito, elected by popular ballot, led the parade which featured modern and antique farm equipment. Visitors for the event could wield their guns at

a turkey shoot, race a raft down the Chewaucan River, sample beef roasted overnight in a pit barbeque or enter the "Spittin' Hollerin' Cussin' Contest. Proceeds from the Festival helped purchase mosquito fogging equipment and electric mosquito zappers, placed strategically at two-block intervals. The zappers proved ineffective, but each summer an anti-mosquito mist keeps the insects under control.

By 1986, Mosquito Festival had expanded to include draft horse and mule pulling contests, a 10K run, art show, bingo game and Sunday morning breakfast prepared by the Lioness Club. That year, 225 people chowed down on pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. A horse-sized mosquito held pride of place in the parade, while Carol Jones reigned as Ms Quito. Robert Shotwell, a correspondent from the Oregonian, wrote up the event for his publication. In 1987, Oregon Public Broadcasting filmed the unique festival. Leading the parade in 1988 was Ms Quito Kari McAllister and Paisley Pioneer Norman "Snooks" Bannister. A Jackpot Axe Throw and 50's Classic Car Cruise and Dance were featured activities.

In 2017, throngs of former students gathered at the festival to celebrate Paisley School's centennial. Paisley students Ashley O'Leary and Kaylin Arrington organized the centennial event with the help of Edna Vernon DeLarm, class of 1965 and Carolyn Silveria Pottorff, class of 1954. Alumni from 1943 through the 1990s attended, with more than 650 people lined up for the traditional pit barbecue.

Thanks to Missy and Mitch Walton and their volunteers, the Festival will live on in 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Most local governments in Oregon, from the smallest Cemetery district to the largest city, must prepare and adopt an annual budget. Schools, counties, cities, rural fire protection districts, and most special districts are all subject to the same budget provisions.

Each district forms a Budget Committee made of the Districts board members and an equal number of Appointed electors. The appointed electors must meet the following guidelines:

- Electors are registered voters in the district
- Cannot be officers, agents or employees.
- All members have the same authority
- Appointed for staggered 3-year terms
- If the district can't fill all appointed members, the Committee can be fewer.

Budget Committee Members are needed for the following Districts:

Christmas Valley Park & Recreation District

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 9 and May 14th, at 9:00am

Budget Hearing – June 11 at 9:00 am.

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Christmas Valley Rural Fire Protection District

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 9 and May 14th, at 5:30 PM

Budget Hearing – June 11 at 5:30 pm.

All meetings to be held at Christmas Valley Fire Hall

North Lake Health District

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 1 and May 6, at 5:30pm

Budget Hearing – June 3 at 5:30 pm.

All meetings to be held at Health District Office

If you are interested in serving on any of the above budget committees, please

Contact Patty Effingham at 541-576-2640.

Christmas Valley Domestic Water Supply District –

First meeting TBA. If you are interested in serving on this budget committees, please contact Erica Anderson at 541-576-2090.

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- HomePath Services: Scams, Identity theft
- Construction Contractors Board: Disaster & Fraud
- Adult Protective Services: Elder Abuse

So happy to see the beautiful Sand Hill Cranes

Over the past month I have driven highway 31 to Lakeview and each time I have seen returning pairs of these remarkable birds getting ready to nest.

They are a treat to observe and their presence, for me signals the onset of spring.



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From this rugged swath of high desert landscape dotted with sagebrush, visitors who stay up late can see large numbers of stars, planets and other celestial bodies.

“It’s surprising sometimes to see that many stars all at once,” says Bob Hackett, executive director of Travel Southern Oregon, to the *Guardian’s* Dani Anguiano. “It catches you, and it makes you pause because you feel like you can touch it ... That vastness of the whole cosmos up there—it almost makes you get closer to the people you’re with on the ground.”

DarkSky International is a nonprofit that certifies areas that have developed comprehensive protections against light pollution. To date, the group has certified more than 200 Dark Sky Places in 22 countries.

The newly certified area is called the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary, and officials spent four years working to earn the designation. They’ve implemented a lighting management plan that will help preserve the region’s unobstructed night sky views, which includes measures such as installing motion detectors and reducing the number of lights that point upward.

Additionally, every light source within the sanctuary’s boundaries will need to comply with DarkSky International’s standards within the next decade, reports KLCC’s Nathan Wilk.

In Dark Sky Sanctuaries, travelers can marvel at the cosmos without interference from light pollution. Travel Southern Oregon

These efforts will not only benefit stargazers and astronomers but also help protect the many animals that call the region home, such as sage grouse, bighorn sheep, migratory birds and white-tailed jackrabbits.

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Humans, too, suffer because of light pollution, which is getting worse year after year. In addition to obscuring views of the night sky, it is also a health hazard. Studies have linked light pollution to an array of problems, from sleep disorders and depression to obesity and diabetes.

The new Oregon sanctuary is now the biggest in the world. But local officials want to make it even bigger: They hope someday to expand the sanctuary into neighboring Harney and Malheur counties, covering a total of 11 million acres, per KLCC. If they achieve this goal, they’ll have protected roughly one-fifth of the entire state, reports *AFAR’s* Bailey Berg.

“As the population of Oregon and the trend of light pollution continue to rise, the unparalleled scale and quality of the Outback’s dark skies will long serve as a starry refuge to people and wildlife alike,” says Dawn Nilson, an environmental consultant who helped get the area certified, in a statement.

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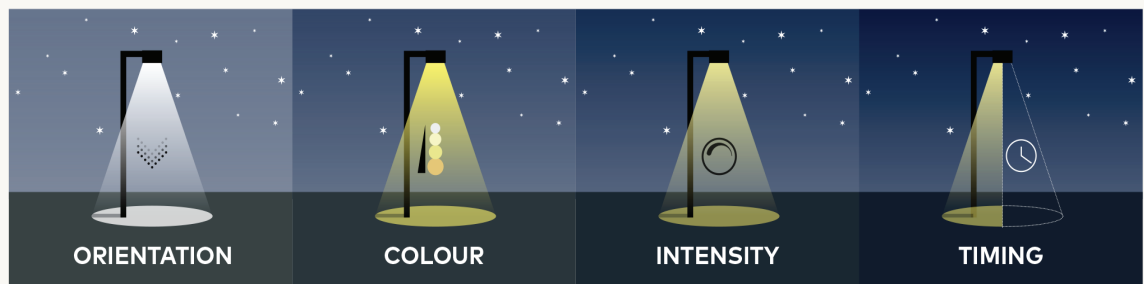
See the graphic to on right for a depiction of these outdoor lighting principles. Go [here](#) for more information on outdoor lighting basics. IDA’s [info-card](#) on the five principles for outdoor lighting is a great engagement tool and can be ordered from IDA.

Outdoor lighting is intended to enhance safety and security at night. However, poor lighting design, particularly glare from overly bright and unshielded lights, can actually have the opposite effect. Good visibility is the primary lighting goal. Lighting that operates in tandem with the design of our eyes is the best solution.

GOOD LIGHTING & NIGHT SKY STEWARDSHIP BENEFITS

Oregonians and those that visit our state cite its natural beauty, abundance of recreational opportunities, astounding biological and geographical diversity, and its accessibility to a cornucopia of excellent food and beverages as attractors. A natural night sky supports all these special attributes. Some of the more well-known adverse impacts of artificial light at night include:

- Upsetting circadian rhythms¹
- Links to obesity, depression, sleep disorders, and heart disease².
- Disturbance on mating behaviors in frogs, moths and fireflies, and directional confusion and demise of newly hatched sea turtles³.
- One billion annual deaths of migrating birds in North America that collide with buildings often as a side-effect of light pollution⁴.
- Diminished visibility of stars.



LIGHT TO PROTECT THE NIGHT
Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting

USEFUL		ALL LIGHT SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE Before installing or replacing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs, and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.
TARGETED		LIGHT SHOULD BE DIRECTED ONLY TO WHERE NEEDED Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.
LOW LIGHT LEVELS		LIGHT SHOULD BE NO BRIGHTER THAN NECESSARY Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.
CONTROLLED		LIGHT SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN IT IS USEFUL Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.
COLOR		USE WARMER COLOR LIGHTS WHERE POSSIBLE Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.

Just a note: How we react to and capitalize on this amazing sanctuary will have economic consequences. Multitudes of people throughout our state as well as people throughout the world place a high value on preserving spaces where the majesty of a truly dark sky can be gazed upon and embraced, where they can view the Milky Way and its amazing colors with the naked eye. The Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary made national news and magazines. It is a big deal for the present and for the future.

What can I say? March Madness. What few I have left are going ballistic trying to determine if they should be gathering or staying inside. "Beware the Ides Of March" so they say. In some regions as much as a 47 percent winter loss has been recorded. The largest bee keeper in the United States lost over 50,000 hives! Sooo, the age-old mantra is Feed, Feed, Feed!

The Queen Mother is getting into high gear, laying as many eggs as she can to replace the winter fatties (the fall girls) that are not so plump right now. Bee kind and remember them, they gave their all to get the hive through a nasty winter. The girls are trying to get out and get as much pollen as they can find, which is a challenge here in March.

Unfortunately I have seen few bees come into the hive with much if any pollen. You should consider feeding pollen patties this month to get the hive producing more foraging girls. The entire hive should return to almost normal operation now, but the increased population is in desperate need of FOOD!

March is when many hives will starve out. I have had strong hives make it through a tough



winter like this one and starve out just bee-cuz of my neglect. Feeding at this time IS an emergency. Do not let your guard down just bee-

cuz there are some days of mosquito hatching weather. On good days, above 55 degrees, inspect your hive!

No fooling, this is the best way to see if you have issues. Just a bit of well-earned advice, the girls may be somewhat aggressive as they are expending lots of energy flying around and not bringing back the much-needed stores so, remember to keep your suits zipped up and your cuffs tight.

Two things to consider: The Queen Mother will get into high gear by producing replacement



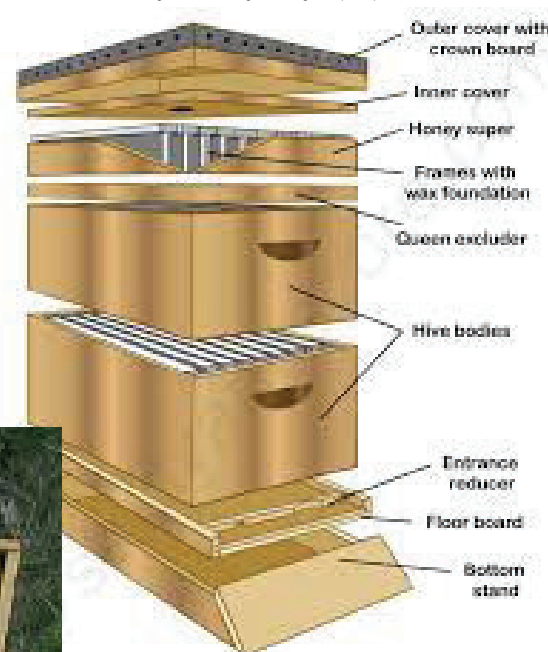
workers which will tend to produce early swarming and will place huge demands on food sources and will also cause a great need for brood chambers. You should also reverse your brood chambers as needed. This is very important, as the Queen Mother needs more space to lay eggs. Just move the top brood chamber to the bottom and remember to clean the bottom board of dead girls.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked MARCH and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

by increasing much needed expansion space for the colony and may give you and the girls some extra honey this fall.

See you in April where we will chat about taking care of the package bees or nucs you ordered in February. Bee safe and enjoy any sunny days(??) ahead!



Easy, Easy, Easy!

Love those meals that are a breeze to prepare. This recipe fills the bill. Precook the Rice and Quinoa, assemble and prep all ingredients; it all goes in the oven together.

Sheet Pan "Fried" Rice with Shrimp

Serves 4

- 3/4 lb small or medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 TBSP Tamari or Soy Sauce + 2 TBSP
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground Black Pepper
- 1 small Onion, Diced
- 2 Celery Ribs, Diced
- 2 Medium Carrots, Diced
- 1 TBSP Rice Vinegar
- 1 TBSP Mirin (rice wine)
- (Or use 2 TBSP Seasoned Rice Vinegar, skipping the regular Rice vinegar and Mirin)
- 1 TBSP Toasted Sesame Oil
- 2 tsp toasted Sesame Seeds
- 1 Cup Frozen Peas
- 2 Green Onion, chopped
- 2 Cups cooked, cold Jasmine Rice
- 2 Cups cooked, cold, White Quinoa (you can use all Rice if you desire)

Preheat oven to 475° F. Toss shrimp with 1 TBSP Tamari or Soy Sauce and Pepper. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine Rice, Quinoa, Onion, Celery, and Carrots with remaining 2 TBSP of Tamari (or Soy Sauce), Rice Vinegar, Mirin, Sesame Oil and Sesame seeds. Stir to break up Rice and Quinoa and distribute Veggies evenly.

Spread Rice mixture onto a large rimmed baking sheet. Bake until rice starts to brown, about 15 Minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking and top with marinated Shrimp. Bake an additional 6-8 minutes, or until Shrimp are pink and cooked through. Remove from the oven and immediately mix in Peas and Green Onions.

With a crisp salad, this is a complete meal! Enjoy!

**This dish is gluten free and dairy free. You can make it vegetarian by substituting Firm Pressed Tofu for the shrimp.





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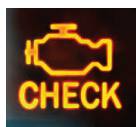
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Chapter Twenty Seven

Nancy stopped short, not believing her eyes. She ran into the house, calling “Mom! Mom! Grandma’s car is gone, somebody must have stolen it.”

“Calm down, it wasn’t stolen, I sold it to pay medical bills,” Annie said. “We’ve done fine just having Ol’ Walleye.” “But Mom, how can we get home without the car?” Nancy asked.

“If Clint can’t come get us, we can take the Greyhound to Klamath Falls, the Red Ball Stage to Lakeview and catch the mail stage to Wagontire. It won’t be a problem getting home, when it’s time for us to go,” Annie replied.

But Nancy was upset. She had planned to drive the car back to Wagontire within a week to help Clint with the calving, which would start the first of March. She couldn’t think of any other way to get there now, but she knew someone need to help her dad with the calving.

At school, Nancy was preoccupied and didn’t join in the games at recess. She even missed three words on the spelling test, an un heard of thing for her to do. Mostly she retreated to a corner of the schoolyard and listened to Sparky tell

about his grandfather’s place and what they used to do together,

After a week of sulking, Nancy’s mood suddenly changed. She started leaving early for school. Being blind, her mother couldn’t see what she was carrying each day. One day she asked her Mom, “Do you supposed I could spend a night with Josephine?” “Let’s check first with Bob and Eunice,” Annie said. Eunice agreed it would be beneficial for Nancy to get away for a day, so it was arranged for her to stay over with Josephine the following Friday night.

Josephine’s Uncle Archie picked the girls up at school on Friday. When they got to the house, Nancy looked in her bag. “I picked up the wrong bag. I’ll run back and get the right bag real quick.” A short distance down the road, Nancy ducked into a grove of trees. She quickly changed

into her Levis and retrieved the food and extra clothes she had stowed away. That done, she ran in the opposite direction, away from Talent.

Two hours later, Josephine’s Uncle Archie knocked on the Barlow’s door. “I come to see is Miss Nancy OK, she said she needed to get her other bag. It’s been two hours and we’re getting worried.” Their shocked look made it obvious something was very wrong.

As Nancy ran, she

and a gray mustache. This had to be Sparky’s grandfather.

A woman came out of the house. “Are you all right, Ben? Who is that with you?” The man called out to her, “Go call Jack Norris and tell him to come right away. I just caught a horse thief red-handed.”

When the police car pulled into the ranch yard, an officer got out. Sparky’s grandfather told him, “I caught this girl stealing a horse, had him saddled and ready to leave.” Officer Norris spoke to



remembered what Sparky told her about his grandfather’s ranch. She had mastered the special whistle that Sparky’s horse, Dan, would always come to. When she found the pasture, she whistled to the horses grazing there. One horse raised his head and she walked toward him. She slipped her belt around his neck. Then she walked slowly to the barn, leading the horse. In the tack room, she found Sparky’s saddle

Just as she turned to leave, a dog started barking and a light on the end of the barn came on. The barking dog came closer. A minute later, a flashlight was shining in her face and the man was saying, “Who are you and what the hell are you trying to do? Come out here in the light.”

Nancy. “I’ve seen you before, you are Pastor Dave’s granddaughter. You and your mom have been staying at Barlow’s place, is that right?” Nancy nodded her head.

Tears began trickling down Nancy’s cheeks. “Dad will hate me when he finds out I’ve been accused of being a horse thief. I didn’t mean to steal the horse. Sparky said it’s his horse and he’d let me ride it any time. I was just going to borrow it.”

“Sparky! So he’s behind this. He’s turning out to be like his no-good mother,” the older man exclaimed. Nancy turned to him with eyes blazing. “Don’t say things like that about Sparky! He loves you. He talks about you all the time. He doesn’t know anything about this. I just had to do this on my own.”

“And just exactly what is it you are trying to do?” the older man asked. “Dad needs help



calving and now one seems to care. He can’t do everything all alone. I had to figure out some way to get there. I was going to borrow Sparky’s horse, ride him to Grandma Jeannie’s and change horses. Then I could cross the mountains and change horses again at Bev’s in Summer Lake. From there I could ride on home. After calving was over, I’d take all the horses back and get Mom home somehow.”

The older man shook his head in bewilderment. “It’s a good thing we stopped you, young lady. There’s over twenty feet of snow in the mountains. You wouldn’t have got far.”

“Do you want to press charges, Mr. Knight,” the officer asked.

“Let me check out her story, then I’ll decide,” the older man answered. “I’ll let you know tomorrow. The officer turned to Nancy. “I’ll take you back to the Barlow home. Get in the back of my patrol car.”

Meanwhile, Bob Barlow had checked with the hospital and police station, trying to find Nancy. Annie, Eunice and David were holding a prayer vigil in the kitchen. The policeman knocked on the door. “I am Officer Norris. Nancy is in my patrol car. She hasn’t been hurt. I’ll bring her in.”

Nancy came in, fearing there would be anger and blame instead of the love and forgiveness she needed. The expression on her mother’s face took her completely by surprise. “Mom, what’s wrong?” Nancy asked. “I can see!” Annie whispered.

Next Month, chapter 28

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.

MACHU PICCHU

By The Prospector



Located high in the Peru's Andes Mountains

lies an abandoned fortress because it became too difficult to use because the damn holding the water back no longer existed leaving this beautiful castle 'high and dry'.

When the Spanish arrived in South America they found many examples of valleys completely flooded by man-made objects blocking the rivers. It may have started with a natural landslide clogging the river and then built up from there.

It was a landslide the brought the majority of the building material to Machu Picchu. It's that angle of the photographs don't show. If the cameras were pointed uphill, you would also notice an International Airport being built to accommodate the passengers from around the World. This will also destroy the uniqueness of this site. As your plane is banking in to land, you and everyone else, will see that at one time it sat on a lake shore. The height of the damn would equal Hoover Dam or better.

Spanish wrote extensively about the damn building in South America and its complexity in maintaining the flow (which could not be allowed to go over the top as to do so would destroy the whole damn.)

Whole communities were living on the face of the damn to control discharges to farm lands as well as for other purposes. The damn was composed of natural objects such as tree stumps with their root wads as anchors. Some of these damns were a thousand feet tall all interwoven with trees, mud and brush but, not too tight as want some water needed to go on thru. Another thing the Spanish were interested in was the roofing material used in the 'village on the face'; it was Gold! It was used because it didn't rust. It was the gold of the Machu Picchu Damn that created the



famed gold chain weighing three tons that was lost or I should have said recovered by the Incas.

The links were three inches thick and sixteen inches round all connected. This is how the Spanish transported their valuables. One link per slave to carry. It was when the Spanish left Machu Picchu citadel that they were ambushed with a landslide created by the women of the village. All the males were murdered by the Spanish.

All of the gold that could be found in Uruamba, which was the name of the town and lake (reservoir); was melted and poured into irrigation trough molds. The resulting bars were then bent to form chain links that weighed about a hundred pounds each. Once it was completed, the laborers were forced to pick up the fifty-seven link chain and shoulder it. They started back towards Cuzco along the lake shore trail.

Naturally they had difficulties maneuvering the heavy chain because they hadn't learned to walk cadenced step. Progress was jerky and slow,

making the caravan an easy target for the women who survived the massacre and now lying in wait for them on an overhang above the four-foot-wide trail on the face on a cliff.

When the rocks started 'raining' from above chaos broke lose. A few of the slaves were hit and dropped the chain causing a 'chain reaction' of the next man dropping his share and so on and gold chain slowly but surely slide into the lake below. No Spaniards lived to tell their story thus beginning the "legend of the Lost Inca Gold Chain."

More evidence of Uruamba being on a lake shore is all the terraces covering not only Manchu Piccu but northward just out of camera lens. The elevation at the site is 12,500 feet above sea level making it freeze every night of the year. However, the lake being at the Equator absorbed enough heat during the day to keep the crops along its shore from freezing. From your air plane you'll see peninsulas built to extend into the lake that are twenty feet wide with water on both sides for warmth and canals built to

warm interior lands for farming. If this lake was any farther from the Equator, north or south, it would be called a glacier.

An excellent example of this Inca farming can be found north with another lake at a high altitude called Lake Titicaca that measures and astounding 3,500 square miles that supports all the farming on its shores because of the warmth from the lake. This lake was formed because of a landslide then added as time went by.

The Inca trail that the Spaniards were ambushed runs the entire length of South America from the southern tip thru Mexico with a slight detour to the Yucatan then north thru Texas then a direct line to Lake County; Glass Butte before preceding north.

Right here in Lake County, according to Dr. Luther Cressman, are buildings that humans reassembled to meet their needs from an existing rock pile called Boulder Village and Carlon Village. These village date roughly five hundred years older than Manchu Piccu.

As the seats on the airplane become less available and it becomes harder to visit the site you'll hear falsehoods about Manchu Piccu. The best one to date is:

The citadel known a Manchu Piccu was built on top on a mountain top to use a safe haven for all the 'virgins' from the country side for protection during war time". Now every Prospector will tell you don't put all your gold in one poke; or in layman terms, 'all your eggs in one basket'

Across

- 1. Bad actor
- 4. Sir, in India
- 9. Military student
- 14. Presidential nickname
- 15. Ouzo flavoring
- 16. Whirlpool competitor
- 17. Large glass alcove
- 19. Nash output
- 20. Just right
- 21. Complain about
- 23. Danson and Kennedy
- 24. Trunk contents
- 26. Complacent
- 29. Stiff straw hats
- 31. ___ whim
- 32. Get cozy
- 36. Heaps kudos on
- 38. Vague discomfort
- 39. Get going
- 41. Skips past
- 42. Baseball feature
- 43. Countdown number
- 44. Writers on glass
- 47. Margin
- 49. Hold the floor
- 50. Bouquet holder
- 54. Hair dryer
- 56. Pulitzer poet Conrad
- 57. Expect
- 59. Gum flavor
- 62. Saguaro

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- 64. Swimming-pool tester
 - 65. Little kids
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 - 67. Be off base
- Down**
- 1. Regular routine
 - 2. Dwelling
 - 3. Asked for milk, like a young 35 Down
 - 4. Wind catcher

- 5. Actress Jillian
- 6. Kept under wraps
- 7. Pinpoint
- 8. Word of warning
- 9. Collapse, with "in"
- 10. Sermon enders
- 11. New Hampshire school
- 12. USNA grad
- 13. Menlo Park monogram
- 18. Did exist

- 22. Cousteau's domain
- 24. Heirs, often
- 25. Stride
- 27. Not deserved
- 28. Shocked reactions
- 29. Oregon Trail town
- 30. Wooden strips
- 32. Chew the scenery
- 33. Put the finger on
- 34. Woman's shoe
- 35. Household leaper
- 37. Fly-ball path
- 39. Dele canceler
- 40. Get tuckered out

- 42. Improve, as skills
- 45. Wrecker's job
- 46. Wave heights
- 48. Upper-crust
- 50. Spirit
- 51. "Go fly ___!"
- 52. Sir, in Seville
- 53. Put in a log
- 55. Singer Redding
- 56. Warmonger of myth
- 57. Circus routine
- 58. Customary manner
- 60. Geologic division
- 61. African viper

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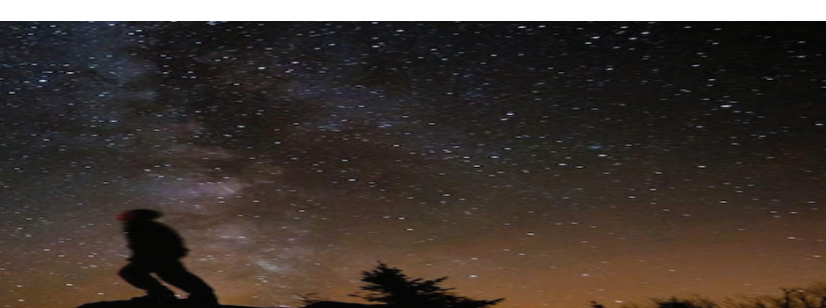
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