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There are many new norms in 2020, and most likely into the first half of 2121. The people of this county and of this country are resilient, and they are working diligently to make the best of these difficult times. No doubt there will be many changes in the next months and years as our Country's new administration settles in.

If Charles Dickens were about he might write yet again, *"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."*

The annual Thanksgiving meal at the Christmas Valley Community Hall took while not a huge social gathering still brought volunteers and the folks coming by to pick up meals together. There was no shortage of traditional dishes and a huge variety of desserts to chose from. This dinner is a gift of love and commitment from Praise the Lord Fellowship and the Konaway Tribe who will be providing a similar feast on Christmas day. Please call Rev. Susan Birch at 541-576-3079 with the number of meals you will need and for pick-up times.

We at the Community Breeze wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year



Jeff played Christian blues guitar as volunteers put together veggie/cheese plates and salads in the hall more volunteers prepared and heated side dishes for community members



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Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Greetings to all. I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was wonderful, even with all the virus issues. I want to thank the Christmas Valley Community Church for the lovely early Thanksgiving meal they prepared and provided to all community members wishing to take part. I drove by and picked up two, one for myself and one for a friend that is sheltering in place. We were both amazed at how much food was in each of our dinners, and the dessert too. We shared the meal (well part of the meal) together at her home, had a nice visit and looked forward to enjoying our left overs for the next few days.

On behalf of the community and the Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber I want to thank Kenny Winebrenner and the community service workers for placing the New American Flags on the poles and setting them out for Veterans day and for picking them up a week later. Also a big thanks to Becky Womack for helping remove last year's flags from the poles.

To all the writers that faithfully write columns for *The Breeze*, there aren't enough ways to say thank you. These folks come through even when circumstances make doing so difficult. Their work is what gives *The Breeze* its flavor and readability. December marks the beginning of a new year of publication. I honestly am not sure when The first eight-page copy was printed. I guess I should research that.

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Twenty-Twenty has been a wild ride, with curves and road blocks impacting our day-to-day lives. Anxiety and stress for many have become the norm. For others, not so much. For businesses be they local or international the financial stresses have been enormous and many times have caused long-time businesses to close their doors permanently. It is so sad that a little sub-microscopic crowned virus has raised so much havoc throughout the world.

Some see the virus as a bad flu, others as life-threatening. To mask, not to mask, the debates are endless. (See Coming. . . pg 13)

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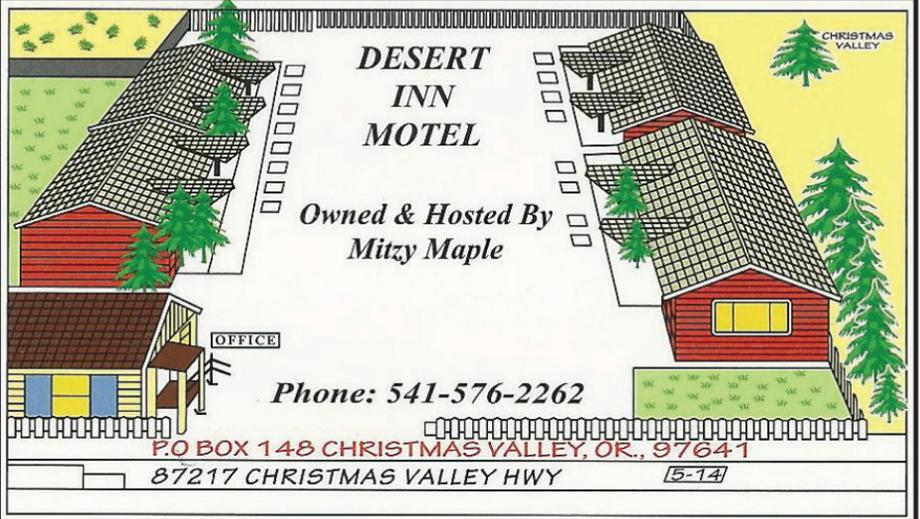


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Answer

Emily had used the mute button during her conversation with Anna so that all Anna heard was: "call...help...emergency...please hurry". Anna, sensing something was wrong, called the police and told them Emily's address. The police were able to come to Emily's house in time to catch the perpetrator.



Marie Lee

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

Forgotten Settlements of North Lake County, Oregon

By Marie Lee

Some never got used to the wind that never ceases. It blows bitterly cold for nine months of the year and for the remaining three the relentless wind often gives a false sense of relief from the bake-oven heat of summer. Homesteaders did their best to ignore the wind as it creaked through battened cabins. Sometimes they patched

the battens with tin cut from empty kerosene cans. Wind whined about tin stovepipes secured to roofs with wire. Sand added to their misery as the wind caused it to seep through cracks in the walls and sneak through window sills and door frames. Everything they owned was covered with a layer of grit. Plates, cups and saucers were set on the table upside down until time to dish up food and even then, sand flavored everything.

Only a selected few were able to outlast the emotional and financial cost of wind, sand, heat, cold and the worst of it all – a lack of water. Root crops such as potatoes, carrots, turnips, onions and peas, that can withstand killing frosts into the month of June, were the extent of garden products. Rye grass was the only hay crop they were able to grow for enough feed to winter through their scant, poor livestock. What the weather and lack of water did not consume was often eaten to ground level by hordes of jackrabbits.

Promoters claimed there was ample amount of water to make

the desert bloom. Those claims were not false. But homesteaders in the Fort Rock Valley from approximately 1905 until 1920 were decades ahead of electrical

mixture of soft and deep shades of blue, grey, green, brown and the fawn hues of fields spent from last season's harvest provides color to the rises and falls of the basin between.



Homesteaders in the Fort Rock Valley. Courtesy of Lake County Museum

technology and financial resources necessary to bring that water to the surface. Now, in 2020, during spring and summer the desert of North Lake County blooms under the stewardship of ranchers who employ modern irrigation systems producing large crops of nutrient rich alfalfa.

Some find the vastness of that wide-open country daunting while others find it beautiful. Thin juniper forests lend a shade of darkness to the lower reaches of mountains that surround the basin of Fort Rock Valley. A

The harsh environment of the Great Basin's desert country was mostly overlooked by those seeking to settle the west. It was an obstacle course necessary to traverse on their way through to rich land and temperate climates beyond the Cascade Mountain Range. By 1900 the blight of urban sprawl

began to dissatisfy those who de-



First year rye crop in the Fort Rock Valley in 1912. Courtesy of Lake County Museum.

of chickens, gardens and orchards. Political unrest in Europe made the North American Continent desirable to Europeans. A promise of "free land" in the great wide-open took on a renewed appeal that sparked the last homestead movement.

The homestead rush into northern Lake County was further fueled by the hope of railroad expansion. By 1910 a railroad line had been surveyed north and south the entire length of Lake County. Another east and west railroad was surveyed from Vale to Eugene. The convergence of those lines would be located near the North Lake County community of Silver Lake. But with time it became clear that railroad expansion would never happen in that remote desert land.

Fort Rock Valley's homestead rush lasted from approximately 1905 to 1915. By 1915 it was estimated that ninety-one percent of the valley was homesteaded with 315 cabins and 1,000 registered voters. Communities with post offices and schools with the required six students to as many

as twelve or fifteen dotted the valley. Many had a store, a hotel and a livery stable. Some in areas better suited to commerce and livability boasted more.

Communities with post offices and schools included: Arrow, Buffalo, Cliff, Connley, Fleetwood, Lake,

Loma Vista, View Point, Fremont to farm, some milk cows. a flock and Sink.

"Far Corners, Seldom Seen Places in the Land of Lakes. It is from Vol. 31, 2020 Journal of the Shaw Historical Library, Klamath Falls, Oregon and was authored and submitted by Marie Lee.

We Love Sharing Your Submissions!!

As a monthly paper *The Community Breeze* as an avenue for news and as a community forum where writers from throughout Lake County can share information, stories, history, art and so much more. *The Community Breeze* is open to all submissions as long as they do no harm. Opinions are welcome too as are letters to the editor.

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

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

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From This Angle: Honoring Volunteer Fire Fighters

By Toni Bailie



Toni Bailie

As I count my many blessings this Thanksgiving, I am so grateful that our home

and our beloved town of Paisley were spared from destruction during the Brattain Fire. We evacuated for a week, and followed reports of the fire, holding our breath and hoping against hope that we would be able to return to find our house and town still standing. Thanks to the heroic efforts of local volunteers who assisted federal fire crews, we are once more living in our chosen home in Oregon's Outback.

On September 7, the wildfire started nine miles south of Paisley, advancing on the small town. Local volunteer fire fighters sprang into action. The High Desert RFPA, formed in 2017 after the Ana Fire, deployed bulldozers to carve out 35 miles of fire lines above Paisley and along Highway 31 from Clover Flat to Government Harvey Pass. Volunteers were on a 24-hour schedule, battling winds and drought condi-

tions until September 20.

Our Paisley community wanted to host a big barbecue to celebrate their efforts, but due to Covid 19 restrictions we postponed that event until spring. We



Kevin Leemann presets unit citation to Brady and Amber Murphy

brain stormed some ideas and were able to express our appreciation in another way. Generous donations enabled Pastor Wayne Boyd to order beautiful commemorative knives inscribed with the words Brattain Fire. We wrote personal thank you cards to each member of High Desert Rangeland Fire Protection Association and Paisley Volunteer Fire Department and included a commemorative knife and a \$5 gift

certificate to the Paisley Transfer Site or the Paisley Perk.

At the October 24 meeting of High Desert Rangeland Fire Protection Association volunteer fire fighters received their thank

you gifts. Paisley School students in grades 1-3 wrote and illustrated thank you letters which were displayed on poster boards.

Kevin Leemann, HDRFPA president, presented unit citation awards to several volunteers for their outstanding efforts: Brady and Amber Murphy who were there every day; Glen Newton who took vacation time to help; Ryon Leemann who was there from the beginning; Jesse Hufford

who slept in his water tender for seven nights; Matt Withers who fought the blaze first at Clover Flat and then near his own ranch house at Summer Lake.

Composed of local land owners, the RFPA operates under the concept of neighbors helping neighbors, protecting 1.3 million acres from Valley Falls to Fort Rock. Trained volunteers drive donated equipment. The fleet includes 25 fire engines, three bulldozers, three water tenders and three high capacity pumps. In 2021, a grant will fund a project to record GPS locations of structures and mapping fuel break dozer lines in strategic locations.

High Desert RFPA is funded by donations, grants and membership dues. Joining the association is an opportunity for local landowners to protect their own and neighbors' property where no other fire protection services are able to respond quickly and keep fires small. If the association responds to a fire on a member's land, they will not be billed for time and equipment use. For information about joining, contact Doug White at 541-517-4826 or www.hdrfpa.org.

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Here we are in November and the winds of November are a howling! Temperatures and wind chill dropping to dangerous levels. Things are brown, cold and breezy.

Aren't you glad you are not a bee! I wonder how they feel flying out and not seeing any flowers left to feed on.. Well, this is the time they have been preparing for, and why you have been helping them with all the sugar water you gave them! If you are not sure now what to do over the next four cold months perhaps a few pointers will help.

First on the list is moisture and ventilation control. Inadequate ventilation can cause moisture to condense and freeze on the inner cover and drip down when it thaws. This water can be near 32 degrees and can chill and kill bees if it drips on them. The bees cannot move out of the way if they are stuck in their cluster. This moisture is partly the product of the bees' bodily activity just as you breathe out frost in cold air.

The easiest way to tell if ventilation is adequate is to look at the underside of the top cover. Dry wood = probably ok/might be too much; Damp wood = may need more ventilation; water condensation on wood = probably inadequate. I have at least one 1 to 1 1/2" hole/s near the rear corners of my deep hive bodies with thin pieces of wood or hard plastic anchored in one corner with a screw so I can adjust the diameter of the opening



BEE-Cuzz You Asked Novemberrrr and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



if needed for correct ventilation and moisture. Ventilation's flip side is if winter winds blow into the hive it can cause too much airflow. If your bottom board has a rear slot for a mite board you must close it off.

Your entrance should have been reduced when you put on the mouse guards. I usually cut them down to about 2 to 2 1/2" wide. You also can buy moisture boards from a apiary supply company and put them on the top of your hive to absorb any excess moisture.

Second on the list is winter/cool weather inspections. So on a warm day when the bees are flying, say 60 degrees or higher, is a good time to remove the top and inner

covers and look into the colony to see where the bees are clustered. If you cannot see the bees it is possible they are still low in the hive, especially during an early winter inspection. This is not reason to tear apart the hive, rather take a good flashlight and shine it down between frames you can see where the bees are. With experience you will know when it is OK to pull a frame or two to view down to the next box.

Don't pull frames unless you know what you are doing. The object is to figure out where the cluster is and if they have enough food left. That means they have enough honey OVER the cluster. Also note how big the cluster is -- if

they are only covering 2-3 frames in Jan/Feb they may not make it. However I have seen colonies with a grapefruit size cluster in March make it. If you find the cluster right up at the top, i.e. the bees are right under the inner cover-that would mean emergency and you would be making fondant that day! I will delve into that subject next month. Remember though if it is a warmer day many bees would be up there retrieving food and fussing around so you might not be seeing the cluster up there. If bees are up top and you have frames of honey you could put them in adjacent to the cluster to replace empty frames there but DO NOT EVER BREAKUP THE CLUSTER--i.e. do not insert frames in the middle of the bees, do not shuffle the cluster frames around whatsoever. Do not assume a colony is OK because you see bees flying in and out-it may be robbers if it is a warm day.

Robbers can be in there even if the colony is still alive-though it would have dwindled to the point they cannot defend the entrance. If you open such a colony when robbers are there the robbers will race out the top. Ragged, broken open cells of honey are a sign of robbing. When it is below 50 degrees with no wind it is ok to remove the top and inner covers but do not take off boxes or pull frames. Again, the time hive is open is maybe 1 or 2 minutes max. When it is below 50 (normally) most of the bees inside See BEE-Cuzz page 7

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Sam Ferra was born in Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, in 1871. He lived in a number of places in Oregon and worked primarily on farms and ranches. In the 1920 census, he was listed as a herdsman living with Alex and Edena Fitzpatrick.

He didn't marry until 1921 when he was 50 years old. His wife, Ethelyn Kenneth Marri-man, was eleven years younger than Sam. She had a son and a daughter from a previous marriage and Sam helped raise them.

The moved to Paisley in the 1930;s probably because Sam's brother John lived here. According to census records, they lived on Blue Street in the original house that stood where Jody Cooper's home is now located.

Sam worked as a cowboy on the ZX Ranch. I think he must have enjoyed that work, because on his headstone below his name and the dates, is this inscription: "He is herding stars with Buffalo Bill."

Note: Thanks to Diane and Bob Elder for their help. Diane found the 1940 census records and bob recalled Sam much better than I did because Bob is a whole lot older than me!

BEE Cuzz you asked: from page six

will be together in the cluster. The bees probably wouldn't be flying, and you can usually tell if the cluster has moved up into the food super or not (by food super I mean the top box). As temperature goes above 50-55 the cluster will be less coherent-bees will be moving around retrieving honey and flying so the cluster will not be as distinct.

Again, you don't want to



remove boxes or frames. The bees would get *quite upset*. They have propolized everything in place and sealed up cracks to stop drafts. You can usually see the capped honey by looking between the frames without removing them. Use your flashlight.

Without opening the hive I often put my ear to the back and sides of the hive on a cold day when the bees would not be flying (eliminating possible robbers confusing things) -you can usually hear a soft hum. If you rap on the side once or twice you should hear a buzz rise then immediately fall off like zzzzzzzz. If you don't hear anything the colony may be dead. Sense my hearing is less than adequate I use a stethoscope to aid in hiring the girls.

Well this is getting to be a long winded article so I will continue winter inspections and winter feeding next month.

Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past

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

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

Upton "Dad"

Worthington

1866 ~ 1951

"Dad: Worthington was a long-time ZX Cowboy. I'm not sure how he received his nickname - he never married

picnics, and parties show Dad as one of the participants.

As nearly as I've been able to ascertain, Dad was the first buckaroo boss on the ZX, serving under Superintendent Fitzpatrick. Life for a cowboy was difficult and primitive at best. When moving herds, they ate a a chuck wagon. Each morning, beds were rolled



ZX Cowboys: Eddy Green, Will and Duncan Blair, Harry Roberts & Felix Green

up and tossed on top of the wagon, then the day's work began,.

New calves had to be branded and castrated before the long trek to summer range began. When snow started, the herds were trailed back to Paisley. Some cattle were sold and trailed to the railroad, while the other cows were wintered over.

In the winter, the cowboys had their own bunkhouse, known as "the bunk shack," It was nothing like the modern bunkhouse, with separate rooms and indoor plumbing. There was an outdoor privy. If the cowboys wanted to spruce up before a dance they either went to the hot springs or rented one of the tubs at the Chewaucan Hotel.

When Dad became too arthritic to continue as a cowboy, he became a "chore boy" at the Coglan. This meant he was expected to relieve the cooks of heavy work, such as chopping and carrying firewood, cleaning ashes from the cook stove, milking a couple of cows, and carrying in the milk.

Eventually, Dad had to give up that kind of work. He rented a cabin from Letha Gaylo9rd, who was a long-time cook at the Coglan. Finally, he spent the last years of his life in the "old folks' home" in Lakeview. His funer-

al, held at the Paisley Methodist Church, was filled to overflowing. He had lost contact with his family back in Maryland.

Loring T. "Boss"

Richardson

1890 ~ 1958

Boss Richardson grew up on ranches near Dorris California. He was a true "working cowboy," who loved competing in rodeos, but was also expert at the day-to-day work on a ranch.

He arrived in Paisley as a young cowboy and found a job on the ZX. He met Thelma Tucker at a dance at Benefiel Hall and fell in love with her. Boss was working at the Coglan and made it into Paisley almost every evening to court Thelma.

Like a lot of young buckaroos, Boss loved to reдео on the side. He tried his luck at bull riding at Pendleton, but was beaten by the famous Indian cowboy and stunt rider, Yakima Canute. In later years he took day money at several rodeos, including Pendleton.

My mother told me that Boss was a real crowd pleaser: a handsome man, he would turn his bronco so he faced the grandstand, then smile at the crowd.

He owned a small ranch in Bly. One Sunday morning in 1945, a local preacher, Archie Mitchell, and his wife stopped at the ranch to ask Boss's daughter Elaine to attend a picnic. Boss told them he needed Elain's help moving cattle, so she couldn't join them.

Later that day, while trailing cattle, Boss and Elaine heard an explosion. Hurrying toward the sound, they discovered that a Japanese balloon bomb had exploded, killing Mrs. Mitchell and five children. The government tried to keep the tragedy a secret, but eventually everyone learned that these were the only World War II casualties on continental U.S. soil, as a result of enemy action.

A couple of years later, Boss was offered a job managing the large McCullom ranch at Wagontire, and he moved his family out there. After a few years, Boss retired; he and Thelma moved to Burns, where he died in 1958. Boss lies beside Thelma in the Tucker family plot in Paisley.

Boss is a member of the national Cowboy Hall of Fame, located in Oklahoma City, OK.

Next Month from Carolyn Silveria Pottorff's "Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past: Sam "Chuckwalla" Mandeville & Joe Silveria



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After Christmas Turkey Salad



- 3 Cups of diced left-over turkey
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- 1/3 Cup chopped pecans (or other nut)
- 1/3 Cup diced onion
- 1/3 Cup diced green pepper



Dressing:

- 1/2 Cup mayo
- 1/2 Cup sour cream
- 1 TBS lemon juice

In a large bowl, combine turkey, cranberries, nuts, onion and green pepper. In a small bowl combine mayo, sour cream and lemon juice. Mix well and pour over turkey mixture, then stir gently to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Serve in a lettuce lined bowl

Winter Time Hot Chocolate



- 1 1/2 square (1.5 oz.) unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 Cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 Cup boiling water
- 3 Cups hot milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- Marshmallows



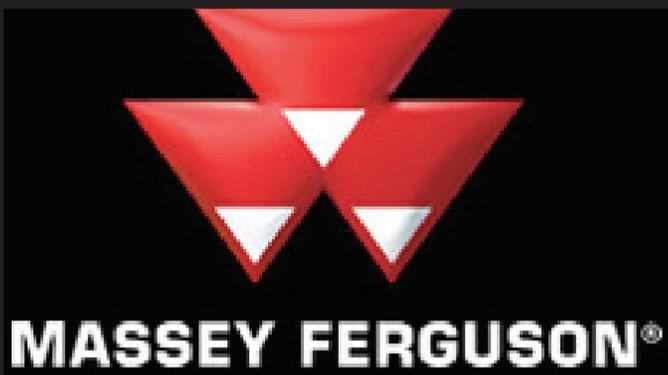
Melt chocolate in top of double boiler over hot water. Stir in sugar and salt then add water gradually stirring well until smooth. Add milk and cook for 2 minutes, then add vanilla. To serve put marshmallows into each cup, add hot chocolate mixture and enjoy

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Kitchen Sink Minestrone

When the windy, rainy days of fall hit, I usually get the itch to make a big pot of soup. My very favorite is Minestrone, a thick soup of Italian origin that contains lots of veggies and pasta. It's a meaty soup that usually has no meat. Although a few pieces of bacon round out all the flavors nicely. I usually start with some EVOO, garlic and onion and build from there depending what I have in the freezer and pantry. Minestrone is forgiving - throw in whatever is on hand and it will taste great as long as you incorporate Garlic, Onions, and Tomatoes! And the kitchen will smell even greater adding to the anticipation and enjoyment.

This is my go to recipe that friend Judy Blaze gave me years ago. It will make a big stock pot of soup. Embellish and enlarge as you like and enjoy

Kitchen Sink Minestrone

- 4 TBSP Butter
- 1/4 Cup EVOO (Extra Virgin Olive Oil)
- 3 or 4 thick slices of Bacon chopped up
- 3 Cloves of Garlic, smashed and finely chopped
- 2 large Onions, chopped
- 3 Celery Stalks, chopped
- 2 Large Carrots, chopped
- 2 Large Potatoes, chopped
- 1 Can Cannellini Beans, rinsed and drained (or Kidney beans)
- 1 Cup chopped Zucchini (or any summer squash)
- 6 1/2 Cups Chicken or Veggie Broth
- 1 Bunch Fresh Basil (or a handful of frozen basil. Keep frozen till you throw it in the pot)
- 2 Chopped Roma Tomatoes (or canned tomatoes)
- 2 TBSP Tomato Paste
- 1/4 head of Shredded Cabbage
- 4 oz Parmesan Cheese Peel (It's ok if you don't have. Just add more cheese later)
- 3 or 4 oz of some sort of small pasta or broken spaghetti
- Kosher Salt and fresh ground Pepper to taste

Heat Butter, EVOO, and chopped bacon and cook for a couple of minutes. Add Garlic and Onion, Celery, Carrots, and Potatoes and cook for a few minutes more. Throw in Cannellini Beans, Zucchini, and Tomatoes, and Cabbage. Cover and cook all for another 15 min or so, stirring frequently.



Add Bouillon, Basil, Tomato Paste and Cheese Peel, season to taste. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour or so. Remove and discard Cheese Peel.

Add your choice of Pasta and cook another 10 min or so til Pasta is Al Dente.

Serve in large Soup Bowls, sprinkled with more Parmesan and fresh herbs if you like. Add a crisp green salad with Italian or Oil and Balsamic Vinegar Dressing and Crusty Bread. **Mangiare!**

Marie

WELCOMING 2021

Submitted by Kelly McCord and NL Health District

I think we can all say the year of 2020 has been one of the most difficult years known to most of us for a very long time. We have experienced social and economic hardships as well as health concerns for ourselves and our family and friends. 2021 will likely be one of the welcome New Years to come in many years.

As we think about the approaching New Year, it may be helpful to take into consideration the hardships of 2020 and how we may support a better year to come for ourselves and others. Supporting local businesses can help maintain services as well as economic stability during these difficult times. We can also make the effort to minimize a sense of isolationism by sharing a friendly greeting when our paths cross.

In continued support of the wellbeing of our community our local clinic has maintained several services during the pandemic. Dr. Arbow has continued to see patients, supporting eye health

and current eyewear prescriptions. Dr. Eichner has continued to see patients in his chiropractic care. The NLHD is pleased to welcome The Giving Plate, open Saturdays as a children's food bank and hosting fun and safe holiday activities throughout the year. The clinic has maintained full services for established patients seeking primary care appointments, x-ray, immunizations, wellness exams, flu shots, Outreach services and behavioral health, as well as lab work and COVID testing with provider orders.

We're ALL frustrated by months of imposed restriction to our daily activities, but we can minimize the impact by respecting that many of these restrictions are often employer or government imposed and not the decision of front line employees. As a medical facility, the clinic is following guidelines from the Center for

Disease Control mandating that masks must be worn anytime you enter the building, (always remember to bring your own mask with you). Limiting exposure is also in practice asking that adult patients attend appointments alone unless they need to have one other person with them for medical reasons. **Anyone wishing to be seen by a**

clinic provider who is symptomatic with cold or flu symptoms is not to enter the building, but rather call from the parking lot and be escorted in through the ambulance entrance to minimize exposing others to seasonal colds and flus as well as possible COVID exposure.

From the staff of the North Lake Health District, we wish you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and a bright New Year.



Hey Folks,
It's that time of year. It's dark earlier and even if the campus is closed the buses are running and need drivers to please slow down and give drivers, children and buses the safe space needed.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Submitted by Ann Kasbohm

Lake County Public Transit Has Two Providers To Help Those Without Transportation

Special Transportation and the Lake County Senior Center both serve North Lake

If you are confused by which service to use, check with the schedulers of both programs to see which service can accommodate your needs. The goal is to get folks to medical care and also get them to shopping facilities.

Anyone without their own safe transportation is qualified to use either service. If you are using a wheelchair, the Senior Center has ADA equipped vans; they also give scheduling priority to seniors and those with disabilities, and medical trips, and only have 2 vehicles, so that's one thing to consider before you call.

Frequently, vehicles will have more than one passenger and more than one appointment time to meet. At times, this makes for a long day, especially when appointments fall hours apart.

Special Transportation relies upon a network of volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles. When scheduling, it is important to remember that Special Transportation drivers do not work for a wage. They are paid a reimbursement for their mileage only.

Drivers may also take care of some of their own business while a rider is at an appointment or shopping elsewhere. Be patient and remember that it is just as long a day for your driver as it is for you. Be sure to bring your own funds for a meal, or bring your own lunch that will not make a mess or stain your driver's upholstery.

We all love living in the high desert, and we all know that we may have to travel 60 or 100 miles to take care of health issues and major shopping. We encourage you to use these services, and at the same time be appreciative of those who use their time and vehicles to make your rides possible.

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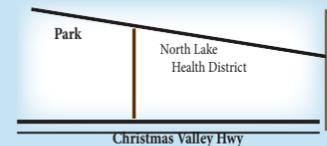
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The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting ready to do a little exploring.



STONE CORRAL

by the prospector

This massive stone corral is located the eastern shore of Stone Corral Lake. In late fall, when I visited the site, was home to thousands of waterfowl of every description. Many I recognized as the swans, geese, and pelicans. But there were ducks there I've never seen, all out swimming around, all seeming to be yelling at the top of their lungs. The noise was deafening and beautiful at the same time.

Who built this corral? The Basques ran sheep thru the Steens Mountains and wintered at lower levels around the corral but why would a sheep herder want to corral the sheep? They would have to bring food and the dogs were doing just fine out in the wilds keeping the sheep corralled. Sheep have to be constantly moved or otherwise

they will eat clear down thru the roots of the grass killing it. This was the main 'beef' between the cattle ranchers and sheep herders. The cows can only digest the soft green tips of the grasses thus encouraging regrowth just as you do when you mow your yard. Cows are the very benefit to our desert unless you believe the B-S on their flatulence that they create. Besides why would an interior walls almost six feet tall be needed to contain sheep? The Shoshoni Nation permitted the Basques to graze sheep on their land. Trespassing or using their land without such permission was punishable by death.

Peter Skene Ogden found out in 1824 what the ramifications of

trespassing on Shoshoni land were. One of his last journal entries, written just outside the present town of Lakeview, stated, he had three hundred heavy armed soldiers, three hundred support personnel and six hundred cows and horses. Ogden was heading north on the Spanish Road that parallels Hwy 395. His next journal entry



was several weeks later was written just outside of Salt Lake City, Utah in a town later named in his honor stating, "Everyone killed except for me and one other." Shoshone Warriors did not believe in enslavement and fought many battles to release slaves in particular the Modocs and the Spanish in the Revolt of 1690. This is the reason Ogden knew his comrades were all dead; Shoshones don't believe in enslavement.

Did the Spanish build this corral during their occupation of the Ochocos? Spanish Law re-

quired that structures of any sort must be made with "permanence" and this stone corral definitely falls in that category. If indeed the Conquistador's slaves built this they would have ~ marked their territory ~ with monuments surrounding the corral visible for miles but there isn't a monument to be found except several miles to the south by Hart Lake.

The height of the stone fence is under six feet tall. If by chance it happens to be 'five foot, nine inches - the height of the King. That would be good evidence. The 5' 9" Rule was used extensively



be it for hiding treasure the measurement of their petroglyphs. Petroglyphs of a snake represented the King and when measured from the head to the ground are very close to 5' 9". Another rule

of measurement was the 33 inch rule. Measure the distance inside the perfect circle of stone and if the distance can be divided by 33 inches equally it would more evidence pointing to the Spanish. Thirty-three inches is "the stride of an officer" according to Spanish Law. That old foundation you been wondering about can be tested with the 33 inch rule.

There are no monuments within fifty yards of the corral. Additionally, Hart Mountain literally shoots straight up for thousands of feet, it being a fault mountain, and it runs for twenty miles with the entire face one massive landslide covered in manageable size rocks. A very large percentage of the rocks in the corral are Water Worn! The builders didn't even use the easily accessible cubicle shaped rocks but instead stacked round, water-worn rocks. These rocks were brought in from somewhere else and not from the hillside which would have reduced

the amount of energy needed to move and build the corral. Some of the boulders in the corral are of the same basalt that the Sunstone Diamonds seven miles away by the crow flies are found and which are water worn.

Going to a place I've had on my list for over thirty years, a simple horse corral, and turnout was an experience that left me with more questions than answers.

The Stone Corral deserves another Look-See! My 'bird book' is already packed.

Robert "Bob" Baesler ~ 1937 - 2020

Robert "Bob" Baesler, passed away in Roswell, NM on October 13, 2020. Bob was born in Lexington, Ky, on June 8, 1937, the son of Henry and Roberta Baesler, who both preceded him in death.

Bob was raised in Athens, KY, and grew up working on his family's tobacco farm. He enjoyed growing up with his cousins and loved his Aunt Florence, but he always had a wanderlust to see the world. In August 1958, Bob married Julia Lynne King in Helmville, Mt. He then served four years in the U. S. Coast Guard. After boot camp, he was voted Best Shipmate

by his peers. While stationed in Florida he served as a member of the Honor Guard Unit when John F. Kennedy visited the area. After being honorably discharged from the Coast Guard, Bob spent his career in the farming and ranching industry.

At the beginning of his career, Bob worked to develop and expand the registered Charolais and registered Brahman herds at Live Oak Farm in Ocala, FL. Answering the "call of the West," Bob and his family moved to Oregon in 1971, where he accepted the challenge to develop Viewpoint Ranch,

a combination of deeded and Bureau of Land Management-leased land totaling one million acres. As manager, he was responsible for turning the undeveloped land into a productive alfalfa crop to support the growing cattle herd. After completing his goals, the Viewpoint Ranch was sold and Bob moved his family to Brenham, TX where he developed an interest in Brangus cattle.

Working with DR. Gardner at Willow Springs Ranch, Bob crossed Brangus with Angus and Hereford to develop a herd of hearty cattle that dressed out well. After Dr. Gardner passed away, the

ranch was sold and bob moved his family to Roswell, NM where he worked at the Diamond A Cattle Company for Robert O. Anderson. While at Diamond A, bob partnered with Paul Tellez and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and served as an integral part of expanding the cattle trade with Mexico. Bob spend a lifetime honing his knowledge about farming and ranching. Always on the search for new innovations, Bob was fortunate to travel to Uruguay, Thailand, Ukraine, Cuba and Mexico to learn about those countries' farming and ranching practices.

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Robert "Bob" Baesler



Bob Baesler on Charcoal & Becky Messner on Whistler handing off the mail at Wagontire road (1976) during America's bicentennial celebration

Through selling cattle, Bob developed strong business relationships with many ranchers across the U.S. and in Mexico. He had a strong desire to help ranchers breed better herds, so he created his company, Bulls and More. Through this company he was able to bring together ranchers who were buying and selling cattle. As the company expanded, he added selling Mix 30 feed to his customers. Bulls and More helped him realize his true passion -- creating and building relationships among ranchers. You could always find him in the office on his phone--day, night and holidays--brokering deals to help his customers build genetically stronger herds and improve their businesses.

Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lynne, his children, Jennifer (Jerry) Rawdon of Roswell, NM. Lee (Michaela Croker) Baesler of Rockwall TX; and Brad Baesler of Roswell; and grandchildren, Austin, Meagan and Jacob. He is also survived by his brothers, Scotty (Alice) Baesler of Lexington, KY and Ronnie (Elaine) Baesler of Lexington, KY.

Comings and Goings -- from pg 2

As with voting, our right to decide what is best for us is an critical element of being privileged to live in a country where such rights are guaranteed by our constitution.

I wonder though, if making the decision regarding wearing a mask - either for or against - need be so controversial? Personally, I wear a mask because I am older, because should I be one of the people who is asymptomatic, I don't want to cause another to become ill at any level, and certainly not to have the virus that I inadvertently exposed them to be a contributing factor to serious damage of their long-term health or causative in their death.

I saw there was a demonstration in Christmas valley that overlapped with the curb-side dinners being distributed at the Christmas Valley Community Church. Had it not been for the overlap I would not even have been aware of the demonstration and would have liked to cover it for *The Breeze*.

Again thankfully we live in a country where peaceful assembly and protest is guaranteed by our constitution.

As of Monday, November 23nd, Lake County had 98 positive tests for the virus. This does not

mean that there are 95 active cases as this covers a nearly two month period. But it does show that even though Lake County went months with no positive tests, that status came to an end and now positive tests are averaging three to five a day - sometimes more.

I really didn't want to write about these issues but the whole mess is so in everyone's consciousness that I decided I would.

I am not trying to change anyone's mind, or behavior, I simply think it is important for community members to consider the health of their family, friends and neighbors and take as many precautions as they feel are reasonable.

Hopefully the vaccines that are in the works and on fast tracks will be available sooner than later. And hopefully people are getting their flu shots. It is kind of funny that we vaccinate our dogs, cats, horses and herds of livestock to protect them and then choose not to do the same for ourselves.

All I can say is, please try to stay healthy as we ride this monster situation to its fruition. I know we all want to be here to ring in the New Year along with our families, friends, and neighbors.

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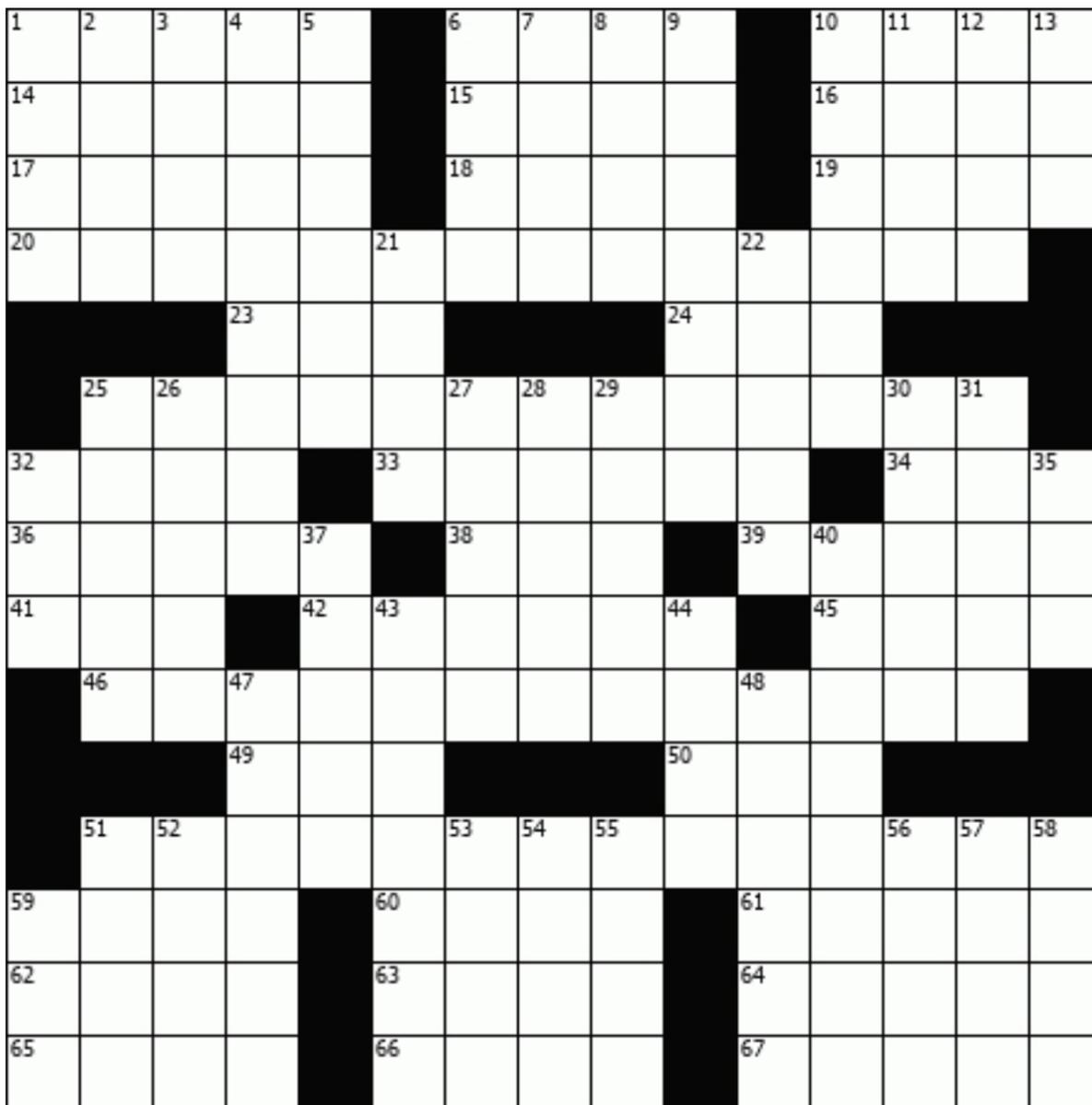
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- 12. Gets hitched
- 13. Compass he
- 21. Big Apple nine
- 22. Catchall category
- 25. Cupcake topper
- 26. Utah's official state snack
- 27. Rouse from slumber
- 28. Security feature
- 29. Veil fabric
- 30. Surround
- 31. Fix firmly
- 32. Sit-up muscles
- 35. Junior, e.g.
- 37. "___ evil . . ."
- 40. "Paper Lion" star
- 43. Rehearsals
- 44. Feminizing suffix
- 47. Fumes
- 48. Nursery-rhyme seat
- 51. Diversionary tactic
- 52. Shangri-la
- 53. Palm, for one
- 54. Romanov ruler
- 55. 24 minutes, in the NBA
- 56. Dean of "Lois & Clark"
- 57. High-pitched tone
- 58. Finish off, as a dragon
- 59. Stick out

Across

- 1. Dorothy, to Em
- 6. Perched on
- 10. Homeowner's pride
- 14. Owl in the "Harry Potter" series
- 15. Rude one
- 16. Farm team
- 17. Artist Matisse
- 18. Chucklehead
- 19. Like some shoppes
- 20. Start of a Will Rogers quip
- 23. Half a laugh
- 24. Schedule stat
- 25. Part 2 of quip
- 32. "Easy ___" (old-time radio show)

- 33. Act of respect
- 34. Dash lengths
- 36. Takes to the cleaners
- 38. Carrier to Seoul
- 39. Stallone role
- 41. NBC weekend show
- 42. English Channel swimmer of '26
- 45. Bank holding
- 46. Part 3 of quip
- 49. Whichever
- 50. Wimple wearer
- 51. End of quip
- 59. Martial art
- 60. Heavenly bear

- 61. Threshing tool
 - 62. Manipulator
 - 63. "Hud" Oscar winner
 - 64. Minneapolis suburb
 - 65. Till compartment
 - 66. Feudal toiler
 - 67. Piquant
- Down**
- 1. Classic soft drink
 - 2. Ticked off
 - 3. Inventor Rubik
 - 4. Cob covering
 - 5. Influential groups
 - 6. "Dancing Queen" quartet
 - 7. Grabbed
 - 8. Move like molasses
 - 9. Undertaking
 - 10. Inspect
 - 11. Linchpin site

FUN WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Your job is to fill in the blanks with a 4-letter word that matches the clue already given. This 4-letter word must complete the 7-letter word next to it. Have fun!

- 1. Therefore = ? = V __ TI __
- 2. Whirl = ? = A __ IR __
- 3. Demeanour = ? = A _ B _ _ _ T
- 4. Shoestring = ? = G _ _ _ I _ R

Answer on page 2.

The Intruder: A mystery essay by Psychic Master

Emily was sitting at her study table, home alone, on a cold and stormy night. Her parents had taken a flight earlier in the morning to Australia as her grandmother had passed away. She had wanted to follow her parents but she had an important English examination the next day which she could not miss.

The storm was getting heavier by the minute and the wind was howling outside. All this noise made it very hard for her to concentrate. She was on the verge of dozing off when she was shaken alert by a sudden "THUD!" She dismissed it as a window which had been slammed shut by the wind.

She tried to concentrate on her books when she heard faint footsteps. Emily got out of her room and looked around when suddenly, without warning, she was grabbed by the neck. She tried to scream but it came out as a mere whimper as the intruder was pressing hard against her throat with his arm. She tried to free herself from his grip but to no avail.

"Give me all your money!" growled the man who had grabbed her from behind.

"Th-there is none h-here! Please ll-let me go!" cried Emily.

"Don't LIE TO ME!" screamed the increasingly agitated man. She felt the man strengthen his grip around her neck. She said nothing and a few seconds passed by in silence. Suddenly the phone rang which alerted both of them.

"People will get suspicious if I don't answer the phone," said Emily, with a controlled voice. The intruder let her go.

"Alright, but NO funny business, or ELSE!" said the nervous intruder. Emily walked toward the phone. She took a deep breath and calmed herself. She picked up the phone.

"Hey Em! How's the revision going?" said the caller.

"Hey Anna. Thanks for the call. Hey you know those Science notes I lent you last week? Well I really need them back. It would be a great help to me. It's an emergency, so if you could give me them tomorrow it would be great. Please hurry in finding the notes. I need to get back to my books now. Bye," Emily said. She hung up the phone.

"It was wise of you not to say anything," said the intruder, although he was more than a bit confused by her conversation.

"Now TELL ME WHERE THE MONEY IS KEPT!" screamed the thief.

"It...it's...in my dad's room. The first room on the right. Third drawer," said Emily.

"SHOW me!" said the man, and removed his grip around her neck. She took a big gulp of air and nearly fell. She swallowed hard and said a silent prayer. She walked slowly, in silence, toward her father's room. All of a sudden, they heard police sirens. The intruder froze in his footsteps. He ran to the nearest window and jumped out of it.

Emily ran outside in time to see the intruder being escorted into the car. She saw Anna and she ran toward her and hugged her.

"Smart kids," said the policeman.

What had happened?

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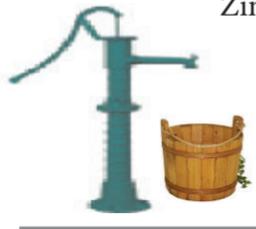

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- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 6pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at Park and Rec office
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 1pm at CV Community Hall
- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

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