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The Christmas Valley Chamber of Commerce Invites Everyone to the

Annual Christmas Valley Light Parade



December 9th, 2023

Line up begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Brim parking lot. Floats will begin their travel down the highway at 5:30 p.m. ending up at the Christmas Valley Community Hall where awards will be presented and refreshments of hot drinks and cookies will be served courtesy of the C.V. Chamber of Commerce and the C.V. Boosters.

Parade categories: Most Lights, Most Creative, Commercial, Public Agency, Religious and individual.

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Holiday Greetings to All

It's amazing how fast 2023 has passed. Maybe it is because the stresses and pressures of the COVID virus are no longer at the forefront and we are once again freely moving about. The Breeze is now over ten years old. Who would have thought it would take off as it did and sustain itself as it has.

Well it has done both - because throughout the years members of the many communities throughout Lake County have shared stories and written columns - some of them have been with the Breeze from the beginning. I and all who are involved in the Breeze are thankful for contributions. It is their hard work and dedication that fill the pages with a variety of content. Whether your favorite read is "From this Angle" by Toni Bailie, the varied meanderings of *The Prospector*,

Christmas Valley Boosters Annual Children's Christmas Party December 8th

Refreshments
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Booster Building



all about bee keeping with "Bee-cuzz You Asked" by Gary Brain or even my silly "Comings and Goings" column. There are always wonderful recipes from Marie Brain and of course Marie Lee of Lakeview has been offering up great stories about Lake County's history with a special focus on the north end.

All these writers are the heart of the Breeze -- they are why the paper continues.



Thank you to all our advertisers - your support throughout the years has allowed the Community Breeze to reach our North End residents with your information and pages filled with a lot of good reads.

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WE STILL REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We know that there are a lot more of you out there in the community who are going to donate, but time is running out for us! The provider of our fireworks has had to change the way they do business due to our current economy. **We now have to commit to a contract by December 1st.** You, the community, always come through with the funding we need by show time, but we can't commit funds we don't physically have to a contract. With the price increases that have arrived with this economy, we are close to \$15,000 short of a comfortable budget for a show comparable to our 2023 show.

We also realize that we have slacked off on our public thanks for all of you who have supported us through all these years. We can't thank you all enough, even if we tried! Please don't think we don't



notice you! We really enjoy lighting your donations on fire and watching them launch and explode! We hope that you enjoy watching your money go up in smoke as much as we do!

Donations can be mailed to NL Fireworks P.O. Box 181, Christmas Valley, OR 97641 or dropped off at the following locations (please make checks payable to **North Lake Community Fireworks Fund**):

- Patty Effingham's office
- Jimmy at Point S North Lake
- Becky at Christmas Valley Market (Chevron)
- Erica at the Water District Office
- Lloyd at Robbins Equipment

Several businesses in town also have donation boxes on the counters, Thank You again for all of the years of support.

Please spread the word!

The North Lake Community Fireworks Crew (The Pyros) would like to thank the following people and entities for following through with their donations for our 2024 show!

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Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

November was busy with a lot of volunteer driving, a horse show and a short four-day vacation at my friend, Bev's in Junction City.

I arrived on the afternoon of the 18th and got to watch four expert Pinochle players play so fast that I was completely lost, but watching them was a hoot. Later that evening we snacked, played Gin Rummy and had a few glasses of a good red wine.

Sunday, after the farm chores were done and breakfast eaten we headed off to Albany Oregon to visit the Albany Historic Carousel and Museum. Part of our plan was to ride the carousel in our 'riding outfits'. Just two old gals being silly and having a good time.

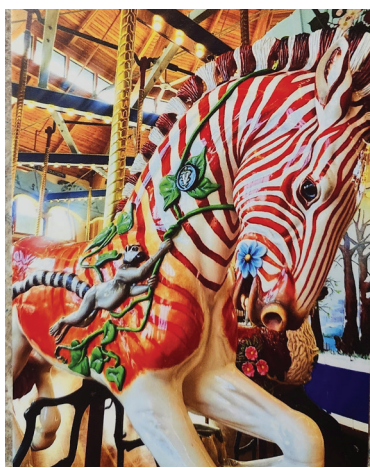
This Carousel is a work of art with each figure being hand-carved, using traditional tools, by volunteers under the tutelage of the museum's master carver Donna Grantham. Indeed many of these volunteers had never carved before and yet now they are creating in wood. What a great adventure.

Before our ride we toured the carving room where ten creations were works in progress. You can see in the photo the drawings from which the carvers work. The intricacy is amazing.

Each animal is adorned with many artistic elements and often passengers representing favorite pets of that particular piece's patron/sponsor.

Some of the figures in place on the Carousel took 14 years to complete.

Once the carving is complete the piece is moved to the painting room upstairs next to the gift shop. Here more volunteers painstakingly



apply the colors that will bring the figure to life.

Although the Carousel looks as if there is no room for more figures, there are actually only 41 of the 52 spaces filled. Many of the works in progress will fill these slots and additional seasonal figures are being created.

The Albany Carousel is affordable and provides a joyful experience that will delight humans of all ages.

I know it's hard to take a day or overnight trip to the valley, but if you get the chance, pack up the

family and friends and head over to Albany and enjoy!!!!

On our way home we went to the Spaghetti Factory restaurant for an early dinner. Yum. Then it was off to the farm to take care of animals and then get down to the business of Gin Rummy, snacks and wine.

We had talked about going to the Coast on Monday with the dogs, but sort of put that on hold. Then Monday morning we decided to head over to Florence and leave the pups at home.

The weather was beyond nice. The drive over was beautiful with an abundance of late fall-early winter color. Bev had heard of a horse camp not far north from Florence so our first outing was to find it. There really wasn't a sign that said horse camp but there **See Comings, page 5.**



Me and Bev in our riding outfits at the Carousel: QUIGG (center); The Carving room and a water color of the master carver.

GOLD RUSH

By Marie Lee



Marie Lee

Civilized man has sought after gold from the beginning of recorded history. Some of the earliest explorers on the eastern shores of our North American Continent were hoping to find gold. Their prize was found, however, in the western regions of America. California's gold rush of 1849 was probably the most famous of

potential railroad surveys, plus the development of gold mining dominated front pages of early *Lake County Examiner* editions. Lost with the possibility of extensive railroad development, gold mining also disappeared into history.

According to geologists, gold can be quite fickle. Although a rich strike may be found in one small location the veins often trickle away to nothing. Such was the case in another gold deposit discovered on the desert some ten miles north and west of Plush. This gold streak caused

all gold strikes.

When the "49ers" became discouraged in California, they quickly moved on to Idaho and Colorado. They traveled through the desert areas of what is now far eastern Lake County toward the glitter of gold in Idaho. Further back in time, Spanish explorers traversed the eastern side of Abert Lake in search of gold.

Lake County's most famous gold rush, "High Grade," was shared with neighboring Modoc County, California. High Grade was



High Grade

the development of a short-lived mining operation called the "Windy Hollow Mines."

Discovery of gold along the Chewaucan River caused a small gold rush about the same time as High Grade in the Warners and Windy Hollow on the desert. Not to be left out, it was reported in a newspaper edition of February 2, 1907 "Gus Schroeder informed us, while in Lakeview last week, that some very fine specimens of gold quartz were being found in the vicinity of Silver Lake. He, himself, found a piece of quartz some time ago, but has been

unable to trace the ledge from which it came."

According to files in Lake County Museum, in April of 1913 the *Chewaucan Press* printed news that twenty feet of new tunnel in the Campbell mine had caved in. Accordingly, the Campbell Mine was near Paisley and had been actively under development for some time. The tunnel, it was reported, was already some 180 feet in length.

By March of 1925 an unnamed newspaper reported, "The Thrill of the search for gold at the Paisley strike has somewhat cooled so that now only those believers who are sure that rich ledges are to be found remain on the scene of the strike."

In April of 1925: "George Cooley, popular proprietor of a men's resort in Paisley, recently exhibited some brown looking ore of good hardness, that he guaranteed would run \$80.00 to the ton. Experts were called to examine the new ore



New Pine Creek Prospector

located in the south Warner Mountain Range between Fort Bidwell, California on the eastern side and New Pine Creek, Oregon on the western side. New Pine Creek had some slight advantage with the railroad's arrival in Lakeview during 1912.

High Grade's story is colorful and wild with an onslaught of prospectors, promoters and schemers, investors, merchandisers, saloons, and entertaining ladies. For a short burst in history Fort Bidwell's and New Pine Creek's population exploded. The town of High Grade was platted and established high on the steep, rugged slopes of the Warner Mountains. A stamp mill was built, but never used. Severe winters with snow drifts twenty feet deep brought an eventual death knell to High Grade. Deep and hard to locate gold veins eventually rendered mining operations impossible to maintain financially.

During the first two decades of the 1900s development of gold mines was one of two potential economic booms courted by citizens of Lake County. Along with railroad surveys that actually occurred,



Gaylord Mine

and much interest developed until George advised the "experts" that it was a piece of cottonseed cake ... why they let him live is still a mystery."

From This Angle: Children's Games

By Toni Bailie



Toni Bailie

I grew up in Wocus, a small community north of Klamath Falls. In the 1950s and 1960s it was like

living in a small town, we were familiar with all the neighbors. On summer evenings, several of the neighborhood kids would gather in our back yard to play games like Red Rover, Mother May I, All Bears Out Tonight, Blind Man's Bluff. The family next door had a big yard, so we would take a ball and bat and have an informal softball game.

At Pelican Elementary School, we went outside for recess. The boys had sacks of marbles with multi-colored swirls. They would draw a big circle in the dirt, and aim their Aggies and Steelies, trying to shoot each other's marbles out of the ring. Playing marbles have been found in Egyptian and Aztec ruins. In the early 20th century mass production allowed children to collect bags of beautiful glass marbles.

Meanwhile, the girls would do acrobatics on the monkey bars, or try to wrap the tether ball around

a post. Jump rope was a favorite activity, with a girl on each end, twirling a large rope, while we took turns jumping to various chants: "Mabel, Mabel set the table, don't forget the red hot peppers!" At these words the rope would be twirled extra fast. The more athletic girls tried Double Dutch, jumping two ropes swung simultaneously.

My mom attended a small country school in Wyoming. She recalled playing the game Annie Over, with a team on each side of the building. One side would shout "Annie Annie Over" and throw the ball over the roof. A player on the other side would catch it, then run around to tag some the other team.

As I reminisce about the outdoor games I played as a child, I think about the young people today. I wonder if any of those games survive? We live

across from Paisley School and sometimes in the afternoons I see kids whizzing by on their scooters. But I've never seen them playing any of the old familiar games.



Some of those games date back hundreds of years. In the game Red Rover, two teams join hands in lines across from each other. Someone calls out "Red Rover, Red Rover, send Johnny right over." Johnny runs across and tries to break through the line. This game dates back to old English times, when it was a taunt directed at Viking invaders.

Blind Man's Bluff was a favorite in the court of King Henry VII. The person who is "it" wears a blindfold and tries to tag others. When they latch onto another player, they try to identify who it is. This was popular at court since it gave the participants an excuse to be groping each other.

When we played the game Hopscotch, we would draw a pattern of squares with chalk on the sidewalk, then hop in a sequential pattern to retrieve a pebble tossed into one of the squares. The origins of this game go back to Roman-occupied England. To improve their agility, the Roman soldiers would hop around a 100-foot course wearing full armor. The term Hopscotch was derived from "scratching" the course in the dirt.

Jacks was a game my sister and I often played at home, bouncing a small rubber ball and scooping up the metal jacks before retrieving the ball. A version of this game was played in ancient Greece using tiny bones or rocks.

Musical Chairs remains a favorite game at Paisley's annual Halloween Party everyone has fun playing to win cakes and cookies. But sadly so many of the other familiar games that were passed down over the years seem to have faded away, a thing of the past, often replaced by computer games.

Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber Annual Meeting Slated for Dec 8th

All are invited to attend the Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber of Commerce (CVNLC) Annual meeting on December, 8 at the Silver Lake Cafe at 4 pm.

Since the advent of COVID, the Chamber has held its activities to the Annual Tourist Guide, the Flag Project, Organizing the Fourth of July Parade and providing the parade trophies; and providing refreshments after the Light Parade as well as the funds for purchasing the next year's prizes.

We host a website where all our recent guides are available as well as current community information and a list of members. We maintain a small office in one of our board member's home.

We are an all volunteer group and each board member has many commitments beyond the chamber. With the advent of gearing up for more activities we are seeking applications from interested community members for board positions.

On the proposed slate for the coming year is the reawakening of the Annual Award's Banquet. Tentatively the weekend of Cinco de Mayo has been chosen for the event which will feature an authentic Mexican dinner provided by Christmas Valley's own Chef, Juan Pereda of Mrs. Clause's Coffee and More. We will have Pinatas and other fun activities as well as an abundance of great raffle items.

The Board is also looking into hosting several **8 Ball** pool tournaments in conjunction if they can determine that there is enough interest. You can go to christmasvalleychamber.org and let them know.

Also being considered: helping coordinate a community clean-up day in late spring; acting as a clearing house for North Lake School Seniors needing to complete their community service hours and local organizations and individuals who have need of such services and writing a featured business of the month article to be offered in both local publications.

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Winter Care Tips for Your Dogs, Cats and Horses

DOGS: Dog are not biologically built to withstand cold weather. They need proper shelter to protect them. While the best option for your pets is to keep them indoors during cold weather, this may not be a workable option for you.

If your pets must stay outdoors they need to be provided with safe sleeping spaces with special considerations for their comfort and



safety. When building a shelter for your dog the following tips are helpful. The bedding for the shelter should be a thick pad filled with cedar chips or newspaper. The shelter should be two to three inches taller than the tallest part of the dog when it sits down. Your dog's shelter should have 36 sq inches of floor

space for every inch of the dog's height. (If the dog is 10 inches tall it needs 360 sq inches of floor space - 36x10)

The entrance should be protected from the wind. Place the opening off-center to allow space for the dog to curl up in protected corners out of precipitation and drafts. It is a good idea to raise the dog's shelter above the ground as this will prevent moisture, runoff and dampness from getting inside.

It should go without saying that very young as well as senior dogs should be kept inside - they are far less able to withstand the cold.

CATS: Cats can freeze in cold weather without shelter. Sometimes cats left outside in frigid weather will seek shelter and heat under the hoods of automobiles. This may result in death or injury when the ignition is turned on. It is a good idea to bang loudly on the hood of your car a few times before starting the engine. (Wild animals may also seek shelter under the hood so that banging on the

hood will save them too.) Remember that pets wintering outside need more calories and should be fed according. Water is always a critical element of pet care and for the pet living outdoors in the cold special attention needs to be given to assuring they have access to water that is not frozen. A heated bowl is nice but just checking and changing frozen for warm water works well too.

An often overlooked hazard to pet health is spilled antifreeze and Toxic snow melting chemicals. There are nontoxic antifreeze products and ice melt that are pet and plant safe. An antifreeze containing propyleneglycol will not kill your pet. Still it is important to clean up spills and wipe feet if they do accidentally make contact.

HORSES: Most horses don't mind cold weather if they are healthy, dry, well-fed and have access to shelter from the wind. Very old, young and very thin horses often need additional care. Keeping horses dry is a major factor in keeping them warm. A wet coat packs down and loses its protective properties which in turn allows the body heat to be sucked away by the air - especially on a windy day. Because much of a horse's body heat is produced as a result of fermentation of fiber in their hind-gut, calories are important but providing your horse with a steady supply of hay will keep a steady fermentation- heat producing process going. As with all animals access to water is critical. Water that is not too cold is preferable when possible.



Horses should be given access to shelter so they have a way to stay dry and to get out of the wind. It doesn't have to be fancy, it just needs to provide a place of protection. Some horses will hang out in the worst weather and others will use the shelter. It is simply important that they have the option to access protection.

(Information for this article was gleaned from a variety of easily accessed sites on the Internet including the Mesoamerica-Humain Fact Sheet.)

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was a sign that said horse trail system and so off we went up a very steep road that eventually turned to gravel and became one lane. We were both thinking the same thing, "Sure glad we aren't pulling horses and sure hope we don't meet any cars."

We did encounter a couple of cars but no trucks with trailers. Eventually we arrived at the camp which had four nice corrals and good signage.

We hiked for about 45 minutes and were really pleased with the condition of the trail/s and discussed a future trip with the horses as we enjoyed the peace of the forest.

Then it was back down the road and to a nearby state park that connected to the trail system, allowed camping with horses and had a campground host. We visited with him and learned that he also takes care of the horse camp we had just visited.

Our concerns about the road were alleviated when we learned

that a bit further north there is a shorter and better (read wider) road into the camp.



We were also concerned about mountain bikes as this system is shared. The host explained that the bikers preferred the north end of the system and seldom used the trails that carried most of the horse travel.

Information gathering over, we headed over some dunes and out to an expanse of beach that

drew your eye to a vanishing point.

The sun was shining, there was no wind and it was nearly 60 degrees. We walked, picked up shells and rocks, rescued a couple of jelly-fish and simply took in the peace of the day - the rhythm of the ocean, the smell of the sea and the pleasure of all that friendship offers.

Once we had returned to the truck, it was off to Old Town Florence for another early dinner.

Florence has always been



one of my favorite places at which to spend time when I go to the coast. The wharf, the shops and the restaurants are spot on.

We immediately agreed on a restaurant - it is one that we had both enjoyed on other outings. The special - Salmon Tacos.

These were beyond yummy. Each taco had a substantial, perfectly prepared piece of salmon with just the right combination of crunchy, tasty fillings. We complemented this with a Margareta. Then after our meal we did a little walk about and visited a really cute just for dogs shop looking for a rain coat for Bev's West Highland White Terrier puppy, Abby.

We enjoyed a leisurely walk back to the truck, took care of the animals and headed up to the house for one last game of Gin complemented with some snacks.

My drive home over 58 on Tuesday was beautiful; no rain, no snow, no ice - nothing but blue sky and an uncrowded road.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked NOVEMBER and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

Burrrr! It's Cold!! November started fairly mild but...toward the end of the month it has become frigid! Things to be aware of are the following:

Record keeping, review your pluses and minuses and figure out what you need to do next year.

Pay your "yard rent" to the kind neighbors that have allowed you to place your hives in their keeping. Usually a pound of honey per hive is normal.

Bee Aware of the Winds of November! The winds of November will come a slashing. I have pounded steel fence posts in to keep my hive stands and more importantly my hives from tipping over. Remember to check your entrance reducers. They may have been dislodged in our November winds. I checked all my hives again and rearranged my entrance reducers and tacked them into place. Those 60+mph November Summer Lake winds do tend to re-arrange things. If you wrap your hives be sure to secure your wrapping or you may end up seeing in your neighbors pasture! I have winterize all my hives by placing my moisture boxes (or sometimes called quilting boxes) and feeding spacers on. The moisture boxes consist of a cut down super with window screen tacked to the bottom and then filled with pine



shavings. The box is on top of the one inch feeding spacer and inner cover. The top cover then is placed onto of the moisture box and the hive is secured to the stand with cargo stripes to keep it from tipping over. I will add winter feed in December or January weather permitting.

Now is the time to check your equipment. Paint and repair supers and anything else that needs to be repaired.

Try making creamed honey from the honey you gathered from your cappings. You'll find recipes on how to make creamed honey on the Internet. So easy!

Check your hives on the *warmest days*; temperatures above 60 degrees if possible. I use a stethoscope to listen for activity. A couple of taps on the side of the hive should let you know that the girls are still there. It is a good way to find out which hive box they are in. If your girls are on the top of the hive, they need some food! The honey stores are depleted and you need to intervene. Do not use outdoor liquid feeders at this time as it may fool the girls into a false honey flow. Use your feeding spacer (see Internet for more information) and place winter food patties right on top of the frames next to the bees. You can use the Internet to find easy recipes to make these food patties.

Just make sure it is *at least 50 degrees or above* if you open a hive.

Your girls and the Queen Mother should be in their winter cluster now. DO NOT disturb the cluster! It is another marvel of Nature. More on the winter cluster next month. Also check the Internet to subscribe to monthly newsletters about beekeeping. So much knowledge at you fingertips!

Well I am up against the editor's deadline so Bee safe and enjoy your honey this winter!

BRAISED LAMB SHANKS BRASATO

With the colder weather upon us, it's so nice to get out the Dutch oven and cook something hearty and rich with flavor. This Lamb recipe really fills the bill.

1 oz dried Porcini Mushrooms (any mushroom will do but wild ones are more flavorful)

(You can use 3/4 cup fresh mushrooms too)

2 cups boiling water

4 Bay Leaves

4 Whole Cloves

2 fresh Rosemary Sprigs (or good teaspoon dried)

2 pounds meaty Lamb Shanks, cut into 3-4 inch pieces

3 Tbsp EVOO

1 cup chopped Onion

3-4 slices Bacon chopped (depends how thick your bacon is)

1 cup chopped carrots

2 Tbsp Tomato Paste

2 Cups dry Red Wine

1 15 oz can chopped Tomatoes (or equivalent chopped fresh. I used some stewed tomatoes. I did not drain)

1/2 cup beef or Chicken Broth

1/2 tsp Sea Salt

1/2 tsp fresh ground Black Pepper

3 cups hot cooked Polenta (Brown rice would work too)

- Reconstitute dried Mushrooms in boiling water. This will take about 30 min, or if you want, Microwave for a couple of minutes.

Make a Bouquet Garni by placing bay leaves, cloves, and rosemary sprigs in the center of a piece of cotton about 6" square. You can use cheese cloth or a piece of old cotton sheet, etc. Gather up the corners and tie with clean string.

- In a large Dutch oven, brown Shanks on all sides over medium heat. Remove meat to a plate.

Add onion, carrots and bacon to Dutch oven. Saute' until tender, stirring occasionally.

Stir in tomato paste and return Lamb to kettle, pour wine over meat and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes, turning meat occasionally.

- To Dutch Oven, add Bouquet Garni, mushrooms and their liquid, tomatoes, broth, salt and

Pepper. Simmer, covered for about 1 1/2 hours. Uncover and simmer another 15 minutes

Or more until meat is very tender and liquid is thickened a bit to your desired consistency.

- Remove and discard Bouquet Garni, adjust seasoning to your liking and serve meat

And tomato mixture over hot cooked Polenta (grits) . Makes six good servings.

Add a crisp green salad and you have a meal you can serve to company!

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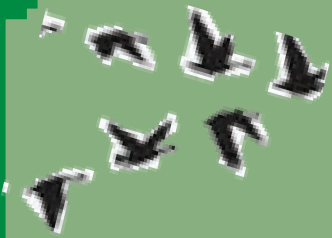
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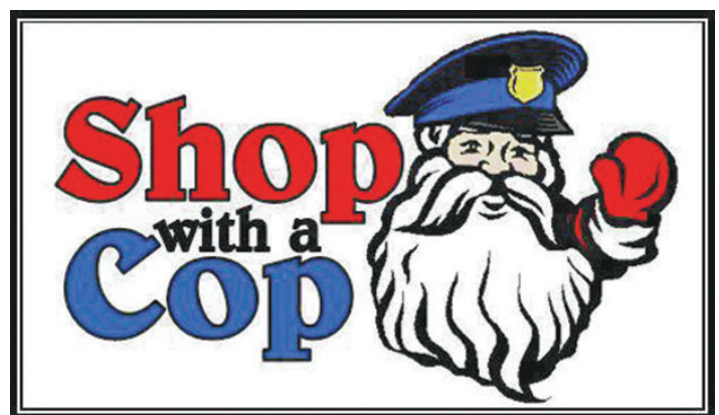
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NORTH LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT

Medical Center

District Approves Asher Community Health Center's Proposal to Provide Services to North Lake County

Condensed from an article by Karen Morgan

On November 1, 2023, the North Lake Health District board met in a special session to discuss the proposal submitted by Asher Community Health Center to provide healthcare services for North Lake County.

Asher Community Health Center was established in 1974 and is a 501c3 nonprofit organization which is located in Wheeler County. Their main medical center is located in fossil Oregon. They have two satellite medical clinics - one is Spray and the other in Mitchell.

Asher Community health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and qualifies for Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) grant funding. This translates to long-term financial stability.

As a FQHC provider Asher is able to provide primary care to all clients regardless of their ability to pay (though minimum fees are required), to provide mental health substance abuse care, to provide dental services, to provide prenatal care and to connect clients who need it, to transportation services.

On October 2, 2023, Asher CEO, Dr Albert Pacheco; Ph.D Linda Donnelly, Asher Board President, and CRO Teresa Hunt visited the North Lake Districts Medical Center campus. They were pleasantly surprised to find a fully furnished, well maintained medical clinic.

Asher is not charged rent for the clinic's use, but they are responsible for their electric, Internet and day-to-day medical consumable, medical waste disposal, employee wages and other associated clinic costs.

Asher invited North lake Health District board chair, Nathan Church, Board member Jordan Fildes and Denise Griffiths to their October 25, 2023 Board meeting in Fossil to discuss our districts expectations and to provide the Asher board more of a feel for whether this contract would result in a good working relationship.

After the October 25 meeting, Asher submitted their proposal to provide primary healthcare services to NL County, and after careful deliberation the North Lake board accepted Asher's proposal.

Asher has interviewed and has communicated with Denise Griffiths throughout this process and has offered her the position of primary care provider at the Christmas Valley campus. She has accepted. Currently Asher is interviewing for and filling the other clinic positions.

Both organizations predict a smooth transition and are hopeful that the Christmas Valley campus will re-open in mid-December.

Of Asher, NLHD Board chair Nathan Church says, "They have been involved in Pioneer Medicine for 50 years, and against all odds have med their clinics in wheeler County a success. They are a good fit for us here in North Lake County."

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By Gladys Martin

Chapter Twenty Three

Early next morning, Ruth walked over to the Barlow home. "It's time you had a break, Eunice. I'll take care of the house and the boys. You just get away from everything and relax today," she said.

"But Ruth, I can't do that," Eunice started to argue. "I'm not taking no for an answer. You just go enjoy yourself for one day. The world won't come to an end if you aren't working every minute." Ruth's tone of voice left no room for disagreement.

"Yes, I would like to see Annie and go to church to play the piano for a bit. And I'd enjoy a walk outside since it isn't raining," Eunice conceded.

Later, Eunice was sitting on the edge of Annie's bed, holding her hand and singing softly. As Clint watched, he saw Annie's lips start to move. Was she trying to sing? He watched closely. Annie's eyes opened and a puzzled look came over her face. When she closed her eyes again, her lips moved and he heard her singing along with Eunice, "Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear"

Eunice stiffened like a shock had gone through her, but she finished the song without a hitch. When it ended Annie opened her eyes again. "Where am I?" she whispered.

"You're in the hospital, Annie. You've been asleep a long time," Clint said gently.

"I thought I'd gone to Heaven and the angels were singing, but it's so dark here. It can't be Heaven. I'm so tired, it must not be morning yet," she said and closed her eyes again.

Clint looked at the window where a watery sunlight was coming in. A strange foreboding, like a dark cloud, came over him. He looked at Eunice and saw the questions in his own mind reflected on her face. "I'll go get the doctor," Eunice said. She kissed Annie's cheek. "I'll be right back."

"Where's Nancy?" Annie asked. "She's at Eunice's house with your dad and the boys. Ruth from next door is taking care of all of them today," Clint answered

"Have you and Eunice been here all night?" Annie asked. "I've been here most of the time. Curt has been here too," Clint said. Annie looked perplexed. "How could Curt be here, isn't

he somewhere a long way from home?" she asked.

"Curt came to see you," Clint answered. He took her face in his hands and kissed her forehead. Annie reached up and clung to him.

A rustle behind him alerted Clint that someone was entering the room. He turned to find Eunice and Doctor Dan coming toward him. "So you finally woke up, Sleepyhead," Doctor Dan said. He took Annie's wrist to check her pulse. She responded to



commands to move arms, legs, fingers and toes. He listened to her heart and shone a light into each eye. Finally, he tucked the blanket around her and said, "You need to rest some more now while I talk to your husband."

Clint followed the doctor into a small room. The doctor turned to Clint and said, "Your wife is blind. I can't say if it is permanent. There is always a chance she will regain her sight. Right now, she seems to be normal otherwise. She may have problems moving around and will probably have some memory loss. But she has come through this better than we thought possible."

Clint was relieved to know Annie was going to be all right, or nearly all right. But Annie blind? His Annie who saw beauty in everything. How could she cope with ranch life in that condition?

Clint was in the hallway when

Curt walked up. "Mom woke up," Clint told him. "She seems to be OK except that she is blind. Doctor Dan thinks she probably will get over it. We need to be counting our blessings. If it's hard for us to accept, think what it'll be like for her. So we better put smiles in our voices to cheer her up."

After supper, Curt said, "Dad, could we go to a restaurant and have a cup of coffee? I need to talk to you." In the restaurant over cups of coffee, Curt said "I've been thinking about Mom being blind.



and Nancy entered the room. Clint walked to her bedside and whispered her name. She reached a hand toward his voice. "Clint, I'm so glad you are here. Who is with you?" she asked. "Curt and Nan, we're all here today," he said. Annie's face lit up and she held out her hands. "Come here, Nan." Nancy went into her mother's arms and they held each other a long time. Nancy began to feel like the world had not actually fallen apart after all.

"Curt, come close so I can touch you too," Annie said. Curt moved in close to Nancy and hugged his mother.

Later, at the bus depot, Curt turned to Clint. "Keep me posted and I'll come home for a visit the first chance I get," Curt said as he hugged Nancy and Clint. "So long, take good care of Mom for me," he said. Then he boarded the bus.

A day later Doctor Dan told Clint, "I have discussed this with Bob and we think it would be wise for Annie to stay with them for a while yet. I know a woman who has been blind many years and can help others learn to live with it. I know you have a ranch that needs attention so it would not be practical for you to stay. I assure you, she will be in good hands."

"But Doc, Bob and Eunice have two kids and Dave Farner to take care of. Is this asking too much of them?" Clint said. "This was Bob's suggestion. There are others to help with Dave and Annie." And so it was decided. Nancy would be staying to enroll in school in Talent.

When she heard this, Nan said, "I can't go to school with the kids here. They're all farmers! They don't know anything about horses or anything important."

"I understand how you feel Nan," Clint said. "But there's no other way. Please try to make the best of it for Mom's sake."

Next Month: Chapter 24

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.



BATTLE OF THE CAPITAL BEGINS

By The Prospector

Captain Sam Huston had thousand men under his command and what was accomplished in the three days prior the invasion of the British (who had orders to burn our public buildings as a way to disrupt the moral of the Americans. What it caused instead was to bind together the newly formed forces made up of Americans, Native Americans, and Freed Blacks and Navy Cannon crews willing and eager to take on a superior force. It was a three to one ratio. This is what a lookout atop a nearby mansion reported of the battle to Secretary of War James Madison.

I can see many British bodies still strewn about the ground to the east of the Capital. Our attack was most clearly injurious to the enemy, and they have now retired from the scene. The battle seems to have settled into an exchange of fire at a distance, which the sturdy walls of our Capital should withstand readily enough. I think it unlikely the British will renew their efforts before tomorrow at the earliest, and they may have been repulsed entirely.

I am, your obedient servant, F. Key. Indeed, this lookout was so inspired with what he observed that he wrote the Star Spangle Banner.

The night before the battle it rained with such, force that every step taken up Jenkins Hill, which we call now call Capitol Hill, would cause their footfall to sink a foot into the mud. The August 15th thunderstorm was not unusual but the timing and intensity was seen by our forces as a sign from Above.

Leading the charge was British Admiral Broderick who 30 years earlier was a Major in the British Army that round up five hundred blacksmiths in Ireland and Sargent Patrick Driscol (now fighting the

British) had watch as his father received 500 lashes while strapped to a tripod that had been erected in the town square. Many Irish men died on that Black Day but Driscol's father died a few days

the gates and then proceeded to help him unload the wagon filled with cannons. Never once did the sentries check who was with the freed black man because they knew these men were the most



later, never having reviled where the Irish fighter's weapons where stashed.

Now the man who had ordered his father killing was charging Sgt. Driscol's position. Driscol, gathering twelve of the best Riflemen from Kentucky with their famous guns, ordered them to hold their fire until he gave the order saying, "Or I'll cut your arm off!" Sgt. Driscol left arm was lost in the Battle of Horseshoe but he was able to raise his sword with his good arm when he yelled, FIRE!! the Admiral was blow off his saddle.

James Monroe wanted to get into the fortress but unsure what the best approach might be and not wanting to be shot by the sentry on duty encountered a large wagon driven by a black man heading into the Capital. Behind it trailed a group of armed men. Monroe, who would become President in three months, took a chance, stop the wagon, and told the driver of his dilemma. Henry Crowell told the Secretary of War, "You'll will ride behind me." As they neared the fort the sentries thru open

patriotic of Americans and would never bring a *Trojan horse* into the fort.

The Native Americans known as the Ross Twins who were studying law negotiated a ceasefire with the British so they could remove their dead and wounded. Among the wounded was Admiral Broderick (the storm softened ground had cushioned his fall) but he was in such bad shape that he asked the Americans to care for him. Tiana Rogers another Native American was operating the infirmary in the unfinished House of Representatives at that time. The Admiral also fell under the care of Sgt. Driscol who being a true military warrior wish him well enough to return to the battlefield which happened 14 months later in the Battle of New Orleans. Broderick was once where again he was shot to

ribbons. The Admiral asked 'Old Hickory' for medical help and specifically asked for the Cherokee Maiden who had followed Huston to the Big Easy.

The Admiral was told that he and everybody else would address her as Cherokee Princess, which all did until her death in 1837.

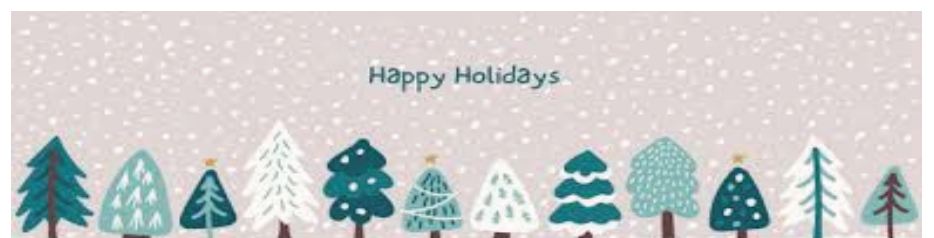
Her life's history is so filled with stories that it is hard to keep fact from fiction. One account that is known to be factual is that this six-foot-tall, slender, sixteen year-old woman was strong. So strong that when after the battle and with much celebration throughout Washington D.C. she marched into the tavern where Captain Huston

had gotten stinking drunk, and hauled him out over her shoulder. Stories of her marching into taverns where the Captain Huston had gotten stinking drunk and hauling him out over her shoulder. (Huston was a powerfully built man, standing at least 6'2").

Inspiration once again overtook Francis Scott Key; and he wrote;

***Whose bold gaze and sure brow,
through the perilous fight.
At the gates as we watched,
were so gallantly standing.
Gave proof through the night
that our dame was still there.
O say, does that Star Spangled
Banner yet wave o'er the land of
the free and home of the brave"***

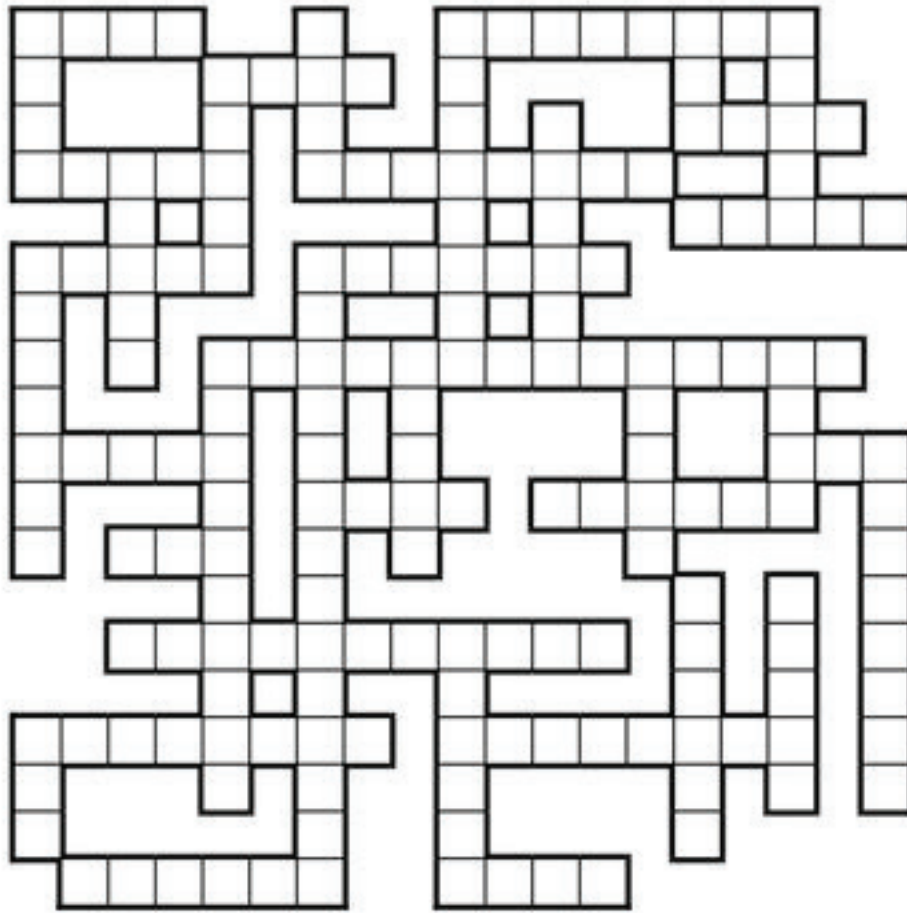
(Our mast was hit in battle so there no flag waving but the symbolic meaning was correct in every fashion Mr. Key!)



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditionally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

November Solution

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- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

- FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake
- Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
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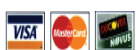
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