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## 2023 LIGHT PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS

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### The Winners!

**Most lights:** Dinsdale Farms ~  
**Most Creative:** Terry and Trina Terrill ~ **Commercial:** 1st, Brim Tractor; 2nd Mace Auto Repair ~ **Public Agency:** 1st NL EMS; 2nd CV Fire ~ **Individual:** Paisley Quinn ~ **Honorable Mention:** Remi Duke and Step Cruze

Parade Organizers, the Tocal and Allen families send thanks to all participants to Shara Shumway. The thanked CVNL Chamber for their \$250 gift to fund the purchase of 2024 prizes.




*Fog, fog and more fog throughout the end of 2023. But moving cattle and the day to day management the ranches as well as the hay farms doesn't stop for weather in the high desert.*





### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


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# Everyone Has a Story

By Marie Lee



Marie Lee

Everyone has a story; buildings have stories as does the land, and yes, animals also. Each story is unique and possesses its own degree of interest. If I have learned anything during a few years of caring for Lake County and Schminck Memorial Museums, it is that. It is a combination of the museum's aura and a smattering of the written

word that often persuade folks to bring their ancestor's stories and photos to my attention, and oh, the stories I have discovered!

We, all of us who call Lake County, Oregon home, live in a unique location on God's rotating and revolving earth. We are, for the most part, cowboy and beef raising country. In the past bands of sheep, many of them, foraged through our sagebrush and forests. There was a time when sawmills were located on nearly every stream carrying enough water to power a mill. Log trucks loaded with big timber were a common sight on Oregon State Highway 31.

Artistic creativity, a passion for geology and archaeology, and a strong desire for good education is another part of our natural inclination. Our land, our way of living, seasonal changes, plus desert and mountain sunsets and sunrises are a mecca for photographers, both amateur and professional.

Having rattled on about the above I went back through some projects of 2023

to remember some of those newly discovered, at least for me, stories.

During late winter of 2023 Lake County Museum underwent some renovation in one room: new paint, new floor, and we found a western-facing window where glorious late-afternoon sunshine streams through. As the room was repurposed, I had Fort Rock



Valley homesteads in mind. Homestead wives served meals and room for travelers and peddlers, they often served as postmistress, and it was not uncommon that she ran a miniscule general store—all in one small room. Stories about Loma Vista, Arrow, Sink, and other North Lake County settlements were forefront in my mind as museum artifacts were placed in that particular room.

Lake County's railroad story—the fact that it runs



no farther north than Lakeview came up again in 2023. E.

Clampus Vitus members installed a kiosk telling the story of the old narrow-gauge,

Nevada-California-Oregon (NCO). The arrival of a standard-gauge railroad by Southern Pacific in 1928 was cause for a

grand celebration. But the story did not end there, because Lake County finally purchased the rail line between Lakeview and Alturas, California during the 1980s when Southern Pacific filed to abandon the line. Railroad survey after railroad survey crisscrossed the entirety of Lake County to no avail.

Paisley area history



resurfaced as the Pioneer Saloon and Restaurant celebrated 140 years in that same building. Late in the fall of 2023 I reread and discovered previously unknown details about the tragic Christmas Eve Silver Lake fire. Some of it is simply too graphic, tragic, and depressing to print so close to a glorious holiday season.

Lake County Historical Society in conjunction with the museums sponsored a quilt show in mid-July. "Americana Memories" was our 2023 theme. Talk about stories—the

stories that came with those quilts were outstanding. We ran out of room between the two museums as we had 113 entries! And, nearly a quarter of those entries came down from



North Lake County. Among the quilts were patriotic colors and stories. There were several with Civil War era fabrics and designs. Other quilts spoke to the hardships of homesteading, depression, and war.

As we move toward 2024 projects, I am uncovering some of Lake County's library history. Interesting facts and stories about some of Lake County's unique and/or historical

buildings will be told in the 2024 Shaw Historical Library Journal. At least one more room, possibly two, and the central hall of Lake County Museum is now ready for renovation during this winter. We hope to celebrate with a grand re-opening early in May 2024.

Happy New Year to all my friends and readers. May 2024 be another year of discovery that I hope to pass along to you in this very special North Lake County newspaper.

Photo of Marie Lee at Pioneer Saloon by Larry Turner

# From This Angle: *Small Miracles* Community Happenings & Updates



By Toni Bailie

*“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.”  
(William Butler Yeats)*

**Toni Bailie** Perhaps a New Years resolution could be: Open your eyes each day, look for the small miracles.

Here are some small miracles I have noticed:

A pine cone breaks open, a seedling sprouts, reaching for the light from roots grounded deeply in the earth. The tree grows, season by season, absorbing energy from the sun, ring upon ring of new growth expanding the trunk. One autumn a woodcutter hews the tree, loading sections of log into his truck. We split the rounds into smaller chunks. Kindled to flame in our stove, the wood is transformed, releasing energy stored from the sun,

I marvel at the healing power within our bodies, imbued with innate wisdom. When I slice my finger, blood flows. Under the bandage my body’s cells begin to knit the tissue back together. Without direction from me the mending takes place.

Geraniums on the window still flourish. Prompted by an inner impulse they form leaves, leaning toward the light. Their scarlet blossoms brighten the room. That same inner life force insisted on forming new saplings when our old cottonwoods were dismantled.

At daybreak, I walk along the river through an enchanted wonderland. Freezing fog coats weeds, grass, willow and cottonwood branches with feathery frost. Rising sun transforms them into silvery splendor – thistles with delicate frost tiaras, grasses and trees clad in graceful white gowns. I savor the transient spectacle of beauty.

Nature’s wisdom manifests among the birds flocking to our feeders. The moment seeds are dispensed they appear: a flicker with a bright red chevron on its breast, cocky blue jays foraging for the sunflower seeds, tiny sparrows landing in nearby trees. What avian hotline alerted them to the banquet?

Yes, there are miracles everywhere awaiting our discovery.

Christmas Valley will soon have a clinic again. Final documents are in the works to facilitate the North Lake Health Districts Medical Center being once again fully operational. There will be a Ribbon-cutting Ceremony to celebrate the event so be sure to watch for announcements and posters. This is a big deal for our community.

Another exciting improvement for the North end is toe construction of a dental facility. This has been long in the works and is finally going to come to fruition. Again, watch for announcements and posters for the Ground-breaking ceremony.

The Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber is gearing up. The Chamber is in the planning stages of the annual Awards Banquet and they are really excited to be able to once again publicly honor members and businesses. Their traditional

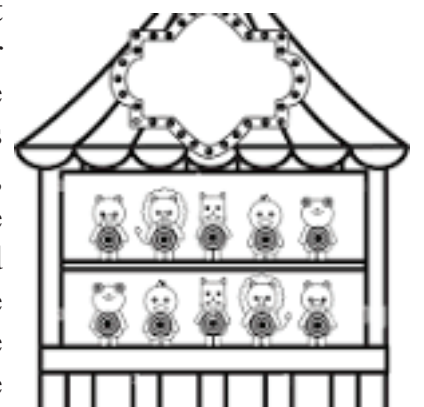
awards are: Educator of the Year, First Responder of the Year, Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer. As mentioned in last month’s Breeze, the theme of the event is Cinco de Mayo

and will be held in Silver Lake at the old school gym. Decorating this space will be both a changeling and a whole lot of fun. There will be a Best Sombrero contest, a raffle featuring some great high-end prizes, and several Pinatas that banquet-goers will be able to buy swings at. Who knows what surprises they will hold?

As always, the primary goal of this event is to honor members and businesses from throughout the north end. The meal itself is always priced to pay for itself and not to generate funds. Chamber members what the event to be affordable and fun. The fund-raising within the event comes from donated raffle gifts, gift baskets, gift certificates and other donations.

Another activity the Chamber is putting together is a series of 8-Ball tournaments over a 12-week period. The lounge at The Historic Christmas Valley Lodge, The Ranch Hand and The Silver Lake Cafe and Bar have agreed to each facilitate two tournaments. Scheduled tournaments are on Thursday evenings with sign up at 5:30pm. Two player teams - double elimination with winner - loser brackets playing alternately. The entry monies will be split 60/40 with the winning team walking away with 60 percent and the Chamber adding 40 percent to their account. Watch for posters and check on Facebook for more information.

It may not seem like it but July 4th is just around the corner and volunteers are needed for the children’s carnival. For years the Pyros managed this event, but with fewer and fewer people stepping up to the plate the decided to forgo it. Sam and Mike of the Ranch Hand stepped up to the plate but will not be hosting the event in 2024. If this activity is to go forward moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas need to commit to the project early on. With enough help no one should be tied up for more that a few hours. The major energy goes into the setting up and taking down. There will be sign-up sheets throughout the area for this activity.



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## Comings and Goings

Welcome 2024. I can remember when as a young person the idea of being around for the advent of the year 2000 seemed far from the realm of possibilities. When we are young time seems to meander and amble as we waited for new benchmarks in our lives to be reached - becoming a teen, getting to drive, the first date, and graduating from high school. The wait was agonizing at times.

Then our lives move into a realm where the demands on our time and energy change our perception of time. We go to college or to work, then relationships, long-term commitment, children, major purchases and we find ourselves juggling activities and rushing about and no longer are we anxious about reaching a new bench mark.

But, at some point, down life's journey we may look over our shoulder, shake our head and simply wonder when did time speed up?

Of course time is a human innovation. We shelter in artificial settings, we are no longer guided by the seasons or for that matter daytime and night time. We are not blessed with the ability to live in the moment. Rather our minds constantly churn jumping to thoughts of the past, and of the future, moment by moment. We are self aware. We are creative, and at times we are simply exhausted.

I'm glad the holiday season is over. It was a quiet one at the little farm. Shared meals, quiet times, a boisterous game of chicken foot followed by watching a high-energy movie and then dessert, more quiet time and peaceful high-desert sleep.

Winter is here and its demands coupled with the short days, long nights and cold cause one to be thankful for the warmth and comfort of home and to have compassion and prayers for those who are struggling to survive.

But the winter solstice has passed and by the end of January we will have an hour more daylight and will gain another 90 minutes by the end of February.

Please enjoy the lovely story of Old Man Coyote. It is a favorite and generally shows up in the Breeze once a year.

## 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.)

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

## Old Man Coyote of Bunch Grass Butte

By Beckie Womack



Several years ago we had a place at the sink outside of Christmas Valley, just below Bunch Grass Butte and we ran our cattle there in the summer.

One day I saw a coyote out in the distance walking along the fence and going away from the house. I didn't think much about it at the time. Then one evening I had a bag of garbage and set it on the outside porch. The next morning the bag was torn open and garbage was scattered all over the yard. I cleaned up the mess.

Several days later I had another sack of garbage on the outside porch. I had gotten up early that morning and I looked out the window and there was an Old coyote going through the garbage. I could tell that he was old. He looked bad, and I was sure his teeth were so bad that he couldn't hunt for himself anymore.

I pulled some old hamburger meat out of the freezer and set it out for him and some water too. I took hay and made beds for him in the sage brush, and he used them. I started buying cases of dog food for him and he even got steak at one point. I watched out for him. When he would go away for a few days I would go looking for him.

He got so gentle around me that each morning and evening I would call for him, "Come on Old Man," and here he would come. One day I had the yard gate open and he came right into the yard and walked about.

He stayed all summer but when fall came he started coming in later each night and one day my Old Man didn't come home.

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 propylene glycol 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.

# Bee-Cuzz You Asked DECEMBER and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

Here we are the last month of the year, the shortest day (Winter solstice) and the first day of winter behind us. Your hives should be buttoned up and the colonies in full cluster mode. Not much to do as winter grinds on except to check your journal to see if you need to alter anything for next year. Repairing frames along with repairing and painting hive boxes should begin so you can get ready for the arrival of Spring.

Now is the time to order your package bees or nucs for the Spring. Should you get package bees or nucs. What is the difference? Well, A **package** is 3 pounds of bees (or so), a small can of sugar syrup to keep them fed, and a queen bee in her own tiny cage, all together inside a larger screen and wood cage. (That cage is "the package.") A package of bees is essentially a



nuc is the core (or "nucleus," hence the name) of a fully functional

are not consuming it. Nucs should also be fed but they normally will

bringing unwanted pest with your package or nuc. Whether it's a package or a nuc, chances are you will get a few small hive beetles and varroa mites included with the bees. These pests not only use comb but will also cling to bees in packages and nucs. All bees will have recently gotten a mite treatment, but I would suggest you count mites within 4 to 6 weeks for any new bees you get just to be on the safe side. I normally see more hive beetles in nucs as the can hitch a ride on the comb. Packages tend to just have the mites.

Whether you choose to buy a package or a nuc next spring, by mid-July your hive will probably look the same. You'll want to feed your new bees sugar syrup, you'll need to monitor and manage their pest populations, and you'll get the thrill of working with bees every time you

simulated swarm: A colony of well-fed workers clustered around a queen, just waiting to find a home which you provide. A **nuc** (pronounced "nuke") usually consists of 5 deep frames of comb, about 3 pounds of bees, young bee brood developing inside the cells on 2 to 3 of the frames, and honey and pollen in the frames as well. The queen is clinging to the frames with the rest of the bees inside the temporary nuc box that will house them until you get them home and install them in a full-sized hive. A

colony - they just need space, time, and resources to grow. In my world a nuc is a better choice as it will grow much faster than a package and you may just be rewarded in the late summer or fall with some first year surplus honey!. Not so with the package bees as they will need all the resources throughout the year to establish the colony and get through the first winter. You will need to be vigilant with feeding especially if you have a package. They need to be fed 1/1 sugar syrup until you see they

consume about two gallons before they they move onto and have enough population to be self-sufficient. If cost is a major factor the packages are cheaper, running 40 to 60 percent the cost of nucs.

A package and a nuc, both installed on empty combs on the same day in the same place, will likely be of equal population 3 months later - **as long as you feed them sugar syrup to fuel their growth!**

As always there is a risk on

go out to the apiary. Whatever you choose, your goal is always the same: Keep these bees healthy and happy, and make sure they have enough honey (or syrup) stored in their brood chamber to get them through next winter.

Consider carefully if packages, nucs, or a mix of the two is right for you, and then be sure to reserve them from your local bee supplier while bees are still available. Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

When we think of comfort food, a creamy, cheesy pasta dish surely fills the bill. Combining an Italian American favorite with that cheesy pasta results in a mouth watering Chicken Alfredo Lasagne that you are sure to love!

## Chicken Alfredo Lasagna

- 1 lb Lasagna Noodles
- 2 C cooked and shredded Chicken
- 2 16 oz jars of Alfredo Sauce (or 4 cups + of home made Alfredo Sauce)
- 1 1/2 Cups of shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder. (Or 2 cloves garlic mashed & minced)
- 1 tsp Onion Powder ( Or 2 Tbsp minced onion)
- 1 tsp Italian Seasoning
- Sea Salt and Fresh ground Pepper to taste
- 4 Cups fresh Spinach, washed and chopped

Heat Oven to 375 ° F & Cook Lasagna Noodles according to package directions

In a large bowl combine shredded Chicken, Alfredo Sauce, Garlic, Onion, Italian Seasoning plus Salt and Pepper.

Spread a thin layer of Alfredo Mixture in 13 X 9 pan Layer Noodles on top of mixture, then add layer of chopped Spinach. Spread generous amount of the Chicken Alfredo mixture over the Spinach. Sprinkle with some Mozzarella and Parmesan Cheeses over top of that layer. Repeat the layering process until you use up all ingredients, making sure last layer is the Alfredo Mixture and cheese.

Cover pan with foil and bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 25 minutes or until cheese is golden and bubbly.

Add a crisp Green Salad and some warm French Bread and your meal is complete.

Salute'

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## Chocolate-a Espresso Tiramisu

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- 24 lady fingers , split
- 1/2 cup freshly brewed strong Espresso
- 3 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped (Or mix semi sweet & unsweetened)
- 8 oz Marscarpone cheese. (Or cream cheese)
- 1 cup Heavy Cream
- 1/4 cup Powdered Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup Kaluah



Mix Kaluah and strong Espresso together in a flat bottomed dish One by one, briefly Dip each of split Lady Fingers in Kaluah/ Espresso mixture and make one layer in the bottom of an 8 X 8" baking dish, cutting to fit in pan.

Place chocolate in small microwave proof bowl. Alternately microwave for 45 seconds, then stir, repeating until melted and glossy. Set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat Marscarpone, heavy cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla until soft peaks form. Beat in 2 Tbsp Kaluah and cooled, melted chocolate until combined.

Spread half the the Marscarpone mixture evenly over lady fingers in the baking dish.

Dip remaining split Lady Fingers in Espresso/Kaluah mixture and layer over the Marscarpone layer, cutting to fit as necessary. Spread remaining Marscarpone mixture evenly over second layer of Lady Fingers. Cover and chill overnight.

To serve, cut into squares and drizzle with chocolate sauce.

MARIE

# NORTH LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Superintendent Gail Buermann

December is always a turning point in the year, it seems, as we close in on the first half of the year, and begin the downhill run to the finish line in June. It goes faster every year! This year is no exception. Our Christmas break begins December 15, 2023, and school resumes January 2, 2024. The end of the second quarter is January 18, 2024. That marks the middle of the school year.

Our winter sports seasons are well under way, and we have once again formed a co-op with Paisley girls and boys for the basketball season. Sports are a healthy, fun activity for students, and lessons are learned on the court and field that cannot be taught in classrooms. We recognize and appreciate those opportunities to help our students learn and grow into respectful, accomplished adults.

From time to time parents ask me what their students can do at home to help keep them learning over weekends or long breaks. I used to hand out paper copies of ideas, activities, or share books full of ideas. Now, finding helpful resources is much easier. Teachers and parents can Google almost anything, and find amazing resources, many free of charge. The hardest part is sorting through and finding just what you want. For younger students, here are some suggestions: Reading is Fundamental and Reading Rockets. For math, try Prodigy Math and Math.com. There are many, many more! It's also easy for parents to simply include their students in everyday activities that require reading, thinking, memory math, remembering, sequential multi-step activities, and organizing. Think of how you can fit learning activities into every daily routine such as cooking, cleaning, feeding animals, shopping and filling up with fuel. Scheduling appointments can involve telling time, scheduling and organization. Trips to town can include prioritizing, organizing, calculating costs, and time management.

Older students can keep skills sharp by doing much the same things, but on a more complex scale, with deeper involvement in decision-making and more overall responsibility. Most students will need to have acquired solid skills for independent living by the time they graduate from high school. Opportunities to learn these skills abound at school, at home, and in the community. Learning and maturing is a remarkable process, so enjoy this time with your teenagers, and help them grow into healthy, independent adults.

Happy holidays to everyone! Our best to you as you welcome in the year 2024!



NL Middle School Basketball: Coach Tony Anderson, Gavin Forman, Tanner Willardt, Cauden Mace (front), Eli Leavell (back), Chris Anderson & Caleb Mitchem



Studying Newton's Laws of Motion in Ms. Scarboro-Youmann's Science Class: Top - Madeline Hufford; Bottom - Daniel Rebelledo & Bryden Paolore



## Christmas Valley Boosters Create Christmas Joy



Donations poured in for the Boosters Tree of Joy program. So much community support meant children throughout Lake County's North end who might have seen a bleak Christmas instead had one filled with gifts.

Needs and wishes were fulfilled. It is a huge, year-long effort that culminates in countless hours of organizing, handing out and often delivering the gifts to the recipients.

All are thanked for their donations. The Boosters are some of our communities behind the scenes heroes.

*L-R Shara Shumway, Sherry Shelton, Gail Kawahara, Sheri Blackman, Laura Krabill, Terry George Deanna Robberts  
Sitting: Lilli George, Jim (Santa) Brookins, and Amy Conrad*



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The KCC Associate Degree in Cosmetology is meticulously crafted to equip professionals with the skills needed to elevate their business acumen, as well as training students in beauty and wellness. Notably, the program focuses on key subjects such as marketing and financial business skills, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared to start or expand their salon. This unique approach distinguishes the KCC Cosmetology program, providing a comprehensive education that goes beyond technical skill alone.

In developing the program, KCC collaborated with Bellus Academy, a leader in beauty and wellness and the recipient of multiple industry awards “Many of the world’s most esteemed beauty and wellness brands are rooted in entrepreneurship, and cosmetology provides a path to blend creativity, craftsmanship and an entrepreneurial mindset into

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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 Four

All the way home Clint held to a hope that the dark, helpless feeling engulfing him would disappear once he returned to the desert. He expected to see bright blue sky, but sullen gray clouds seemed to travel with him, and it kept getting colder. "Sure wish you had a better heater, Ol' Walleye. Maybe we ought to move to a warmer place." Even as he said that, he rebelled at the thought of leaving his home on the desert.

His mind turned to Annie. What kind of life would it be for a blind person out here? Could she handle cooking on a wood stove? Would she be forever confined to the house and yard? There wasn't a horse on the place he would trust to carry a blind person. The doctor had said Annie might regain her sight, so he was clinging to that bright ray of hope. But alone in the gray cold, that ray faded to a dim glow.

Then he thought of Curt. Had he made the right decision about the boy and his future? At the time it seemed right, but now he wasn't so sure.

The store at Wagontire came into sight, the lights already on against the coming night. Clint only stopped long enough to pick up his mail. Melody's mother was the only one there. Her eyes searched Clint, questioning, but she was not inclined to pry. "Annie's awake and getting better, but the doc wants her to stay there for a while yet. She can't see much," Clint said, not quite able to say Annie was blind.

The rutted road around the mountain was frozen with patches of snow, making the drive rough and slow. It was full dark when he pulled into his driveway. He could smell juniper smoke from the chimney and saw a glow of light coming from a window. Smokey greeted him, moaning with pleasure at having his master home again. Clint greeted the dog, so pleased at being together once more.

The door opened and Ralph emerged, holding a lantern to light the way to the house. "Hey, Clint, glad you made it home all right. Anything I can carry in for you?" he called. "You could grab my bag out of the back. They sent a couple of grub boxes that I need to get inside so they don't freeze," Clint answered.

Melody held the door open for them, then pulled it firmly closed. "B-r-r-, it's cold

out there." Her eyes searched Clint's face and detected the strain he was under. She realized the situation was not as good as they had hoped. "You look tired and cold, Clint," she said. "Sit here by the fire while I finish supper. I just made stew and biscuits."

"Can't think of anything would be better than that," Clint said. "I only had a couple of candy bars when I stopped for gas. I'm sure enough ready for some real food". He gazed around the familiar room and felt deeply thankful to be home. He took a deep breath and gave the report on Annie's condition.

"Annie's out of the hospital and seems all right, except she'd blind. It might not be permanent, but the doc didn't give us much hope for getting her sight back. He wants her to stay there awhile in case there's any more problems. Nancy will go to school there, but will be able to help her when she'd not in school. Nan isn't a bit pleased about going to school with a bunch of farmer's kids. She wants to bring her mom home and stay out of school to take care of both of us. Getting pretty big for her britches, seems to me."

Melody turned to look at Clint. "Don't I remember you telling us how you took over a ranch when you were only 14?" Clint frowned "That was different. I was older than she is and didn't have much choice. You can't expect a girl to do things like that, anyway." "Nancy is not any ordinary girl, Clint Morgan," Melody said. "She is your daughter and she is a lot like you." She turned back to the stove, took the biscuits out of the oven and carried them and the Dutch oven of stew to the table. "Let's eat. You'll feel better with some warm food in you."

Over supper the talk turned to everyday concerns – how the stock was faring and what the weather was likely to do next. Clint said, "I left a day earlier that I'd planned because there's supposed to be a storm moving in behind me." "Yes," Melody agreed. "It will storm soon. At least it won't be so cold once the snow starts."

When they finished eating,

Melody started to gather up the dirty dishes. Clint took them from her and said "I need something to do and you need to get back to Wagontire quick as your can. If the storm catches you on the road it could be a rough trip. I can't say or do enough to let you know how much I appreciate all you've done for Annie and me." "Well, you'd do the same for us. We'd be a pretty sorry bunch of humans if we couldn't give each other a hand when it's needed," Ralph said.

The rising wind awakened Clint early the next morning. The sky lightened a bit while he was eating breakfast. Then the storm hit full-force. Clint loaded the stove with wood, pulled on warm outer clothes and stepped out into the storm. Smokey ran ahead of him, stopping to roll in the new snow, then bounding joyously back.

The horses had been well fed, but there was plenty of hay left. He remembered his dad saying that hay in the stack was worth more than money in the bank. The storm blew furiously most of the day, losing momentum just before dark. Next morning, the land was sparkling white under a clear blue sky. Clint rode for miles, checking on the cattle. He found them in good shape, having no trouble finding grass under the snow. Drifts covered some of the grass, but the wind had blown the snow away in places. The cattle chose those places to lie in the sun to chew their cuds.

It was late morning when Clint returned. As he put his saddle away, he noticed Smokey looking intently toward the road, then he caught the faint sound of an engine in the distance. As they watched, the vehicle hit a drift and disappeared in a cloud of white. It emerged, barely moving, and revved the engine to get a run at the next drift.

By now Clint could see it was a new pickup. He watched as it fought its way up the driveway. When the driver stepped out, Clint exclaimed, "Hod! Your old crowbait, what're you doing way out here? Come on in, I was just about to rustle up some grub." Hob tended the fire in the heater



while Clint built a fire in the cook stove and started peeling potatoes. "What did you do, rob a bank and come here to hide out," Clint asked. "Hell, no," Hod responded. "The bank robbed me. Just cause I'm driving a new pickup don't mean I'm rich. I need something I can depend on since the old one turned up its toes on me."

The two men talked about old times working together before Hod brought up the subject he had come to discuss with Clint. "Bunny got a letter from Nan saying her mom is blind. She wants to quit school and bring her mom home to take care of here. I got to thinking, if you was to go to work in the mill and move to Hines It'd be lots easier on all of you. You'd make more money and could be at home more. The neighbors would look out for Annie when both you and Nan were gone. I could get you a job there, come spring when the loggers go back to the woods."

Clint sighed. "I sure appreciate you thinking of me, Hod. I don't know what to do. Maybe Annie will get better and be able to see again. Curt offered to come back to the ranch, I realized he's a man now and needs to live life his own way. He loves to fly and wouldn't be happy out here punching cows around in the sagebrush."

Clint turned to Hod. "You'd better head back to Burns if you want to get home before dark. Sure was good of you to come out and make such an offer." "You think about what I told you," Hod said. "The mill aint such a bad place to work once you get used to it." "I'll think about it," Clint promised.

Back in the house, Clint washed the dishes and cleaned the kitchen. Then he pulled on his overshoes and coat and headed for the door.

**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.



# CAMPTOWN RACES

By The Prospector

De long tail filly and de big black, Doo-dah! Doo-day! Dey fly track and dey both cut across, Oh, doo-day! De blind boss stricken in a big mud hole, Doo-dah! Doo-dah! Can't touch the bottom with a ten foot pole, Oh, doo-dah-day!"

Stephen Foster at age sixteen wrote this song when, even though he was an Irish Caucasian, was a slave for the largest slave owner in all of America, William Penn.

The songwriter's lyrics were based on his youthful experience as a prison-laborer for the log mills of Camptown. The Camptown saw-mills were located along the Susquehanna River, where the logs were further trimmed and numbered then pushed into the river current for the downhill journey to Scranton for allocation as railroad ties and for the building of canal barges and house buildings, all owed by Penn. Penn needed so many slaves he imported them on consignment.

Foster became a slave because he "smitten with the Irish Curse" a suitor of older women that's not clear resulted in his being placed in a juvenile reform facility and where he was assigned the most dangerous job available -- felling massive trees.

The southern black dialect, which made "Camptowns" a standard number in the black-faced Christy's musical stage performance aka minstrel shows (a taboo subject nowadays). The

Blacked Faced actors represents all slaves not just not just one ethnic type. All Slaves!

Foster disclosed the positive

the river, swim across and back five miles to the finish line but it was Saturday Night that was the party night. When these different



attitudes of black slaves toward the traditional family structure preserved on many and probably most of the plantations (which were in many ways a holdover of the tribal communism of their native Africa.

A close reading of Camptown Races explains the enigma of why Stephen Foster was a friend and admirer of his fellow black workingmen yet chose not to engage in the hypocrisy of abolitionism.

The curators of the Old Kentucky Home do not attempt to hide the facts and have preserved the site slave quarters, which convey the sense of community among the black cooks, house cleaners, liverymen and farm-workers who had gained the admiration of norther Foster for their social solidarity and sense of kinship -- the essential human qualities.

Sunday was their day off for the races. Five miles down

ethnic groups got together they fused polyrhythms from West Africa with classical melodies and also marches from Europe. This became the forerunner of Modern Jazz.

There was the 'cakewalk' the best dancer received at the end of the night. Thus the phrase "that takes the cake". Good example of the 'cakewalk' is James Brown's Elephant Walk and Michael Jackson's Moonwalk.

The different ethnic groups in Penn Plantation were of course African Slaves but the most numerous were Italians followed by the French then the Irish-Scots. Money is being sent to the descendants of the slaves for their suffering they endured. . To be fair all ancestors of Slaves need to be identified. The way Italians tend to multiply this this will not be an easy task. Doo-Dah!

Who has to pay? The Ohio Territory was created decades before the United States were

formed and their charter demanded that No Slavery of any kind would be allowed plus ten per cent of the land would go to Education, hence Ohio University. This territory represents 4 1/2 states today and should not have to pay one iota. The worst State was without a doubt, Pennsylvania named after William Penn. The Quaker State, the very heart of the self-proclaimed Yankee "Abolitionist" North need to pay in triplets and threw the nose. History has studiously ignored the ashamed slavery practice by hypocritical do-gooders.

After the War Between the States, unmarried Black Men were forced north to work the most dangerous jobs forced on them. It is high time to open actual record of Northern enslavement of black labors, which explains the belated issuance of the much-ballyhooed Emancipation Proclamation.

Who would get the biggest check would be the one who suffered the most. The African were paid or I should say credited the most because the most work followed by ethnic groups which the Irish being credited the least, thus suffered the most thus the biggest check.

When me check arrives, me hopes there are Fair Maidens abound to share a wee bit of the John Barleycorn and help me morn my dearly departed ancestral slaves and celebrate a Blessed Celtic New Year! "Oh, Doo-dah-day!"

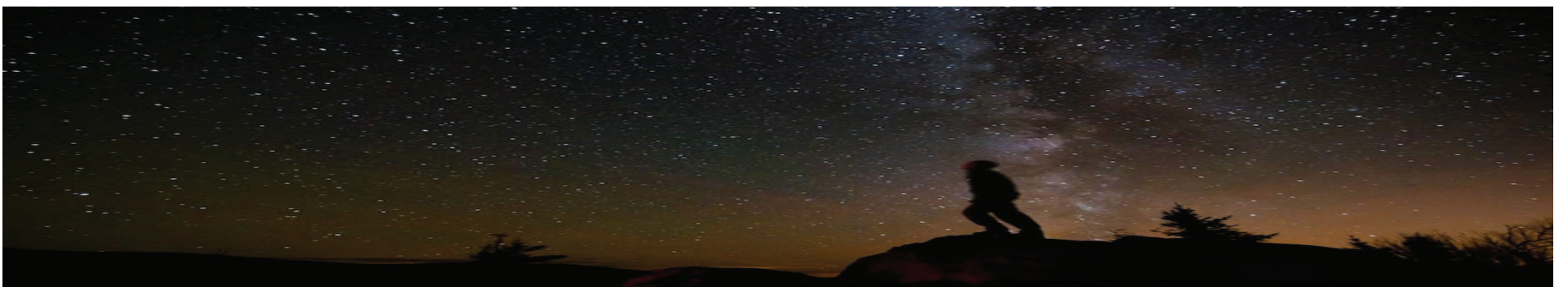
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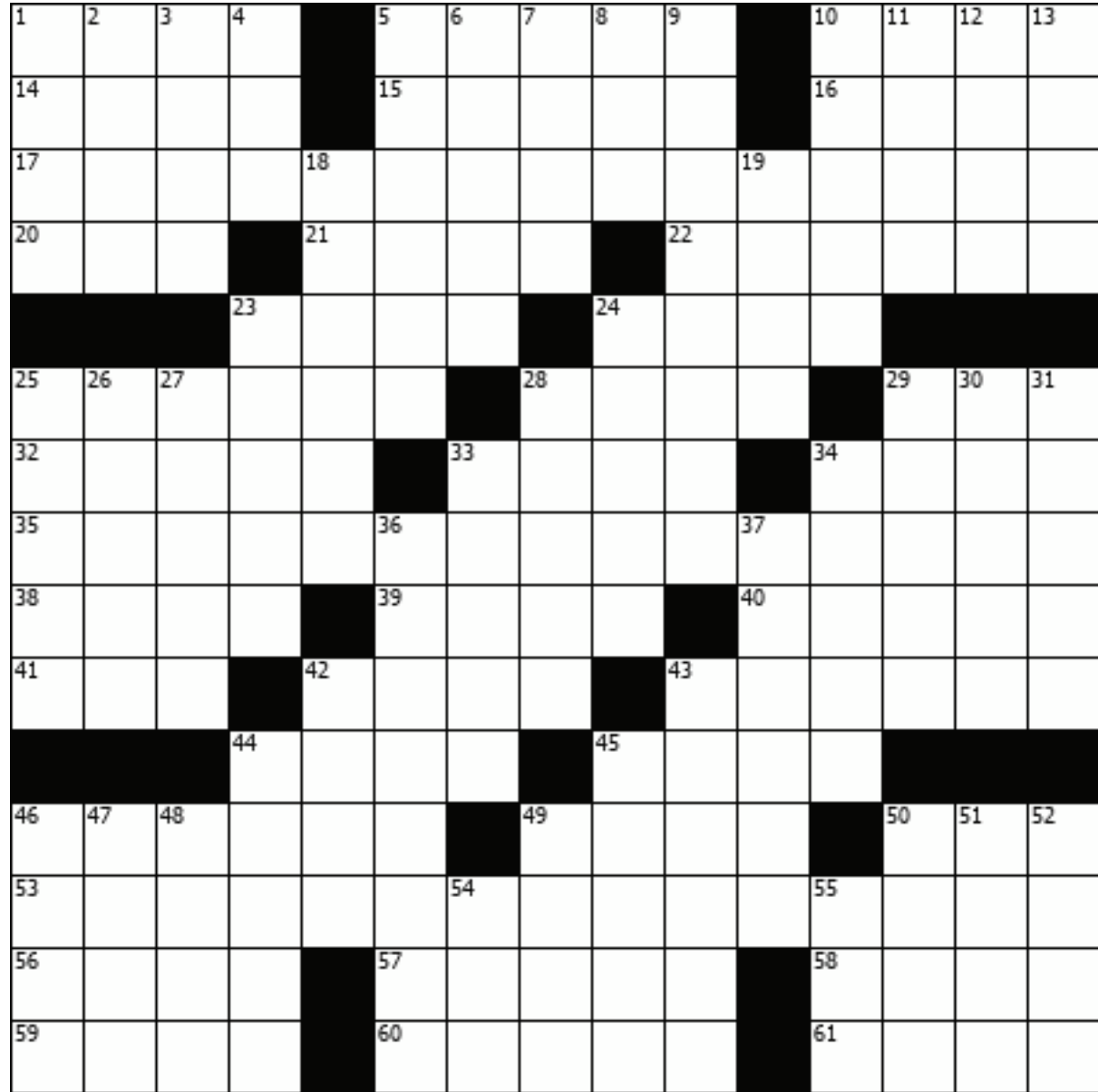
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Across

- 1. Inlet at the shore
- 5. Attention-getting sounds
- 10. Open, but just
- 14. Dedicatory poems
- 15. Buick fit for a king?
- 16. Closeout, e.g.
- 17. READY
- 20. Coastal flier
- 21. 1969 World Series champs
- 22. In need of laundering
- 23. Storage compartments
- 24. Reduce to carbon
- 25. Blue shade
- 28. It may be followed
- 29. Part of a dehumidifier
- 32. One might stand up in court
- 33. Livestock abode
- 34. Davenport
- 35. AIM
- 38. Family follower
- 39. Something that smells?
- 40. "Keep your \_\_\_ the ball!"
- 41. Two of nine?
- 42. Its password was Mickey Mouse
- 43. How Yul Brynner acted?
- 44. "They \_\_\_ With Their Boots On" (1941)
- 45. Baldwin's center
- 46. More in need
- 49. Like an academic point
- 50. Ginger adjunct
- 53. FIRE
- 56. Enjoys brandy
- 57. Like a graveyard at midnight
- 58. Sacrum or radius
- 59. Attempt at a carnival booth
- 60. Word with folk or tap
- 61. Several bits



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Down

- 1. Overcome difficulties
- 2. Redolence
- 3. Ore deposit
- 4. Ending for heir or steward
- 5. Impassioned
- 6. Tests the weight
- 7. They cause swelling of the head
- 8. Make a dent in
- 9. Cutting, as prices
- 10. Not inactive
- 11. Place to hear crime stories
- 12. Lily family relative
- 13. Tear apart
- 18. Martin Sheen's son
- 19. Paint unit
- 23. "\_\_\_ Day Out" (1994)
- 24. Irene, Marie or Pierre
- 25. Social class
- 26. Vegetable oil component
- 27. Sinks one's teeth into
- 28. Irreverent
- 29. Watched the birdie
- 30. "\_\_\_ and his money ..."
- 31. Many a pram pusher
- 33. Expansive
- 34. Arrange hair
- 36. Half-starved
- 37. Fireplace floor
- 42. Nutritional regimen
- 43. Knitted shoe
- 44. Smelting residue
- 45. Word with strip or book
- 46. Subdued attention getter
- 47. Part of B&O
- 48. "Sorry 'bout that!"
- 49. Early hours, poetically
- 50. Nautical salute
- 51. Pocket fluff
- 52. Blunt sword
- 54. Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 55. Partner of flow

## Recognizing the transformative power of education From page eight

a vibrant and rewarding career,” said Lynelle Lynch, CEO of Bellus Academy. “The associate degree offered through KCC empowers licensed professionals with a business management credential that can accelerate their career and open new paths of opportunity.”

Recognizing the transformative power of education in the industry, KCC is partnering with the KCC Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit, to offer scholarships through Beauty Changes Lives – an organization that to date has provided over \$2.8 million in scholarships to cosmetology students.

The KCC Foundation will donate scholarships to sponsor student

tuition for the new online program. Parameters for eligibility, such as Oregon residency, can be customized at KCC’s request.



Federal student financial aid is also available. “Our approach

to cosmetology, combining it with business and marketing coursework, has proven immensely popular, and this next step allows more

interested students to pursue their career aspirations,” said Dr. Roberto

Gutierrez, KCC president. “Whether a seasoned veteran or new to the industry, we hope people will take advantage of this incredible opportunity to enhance their career pursuits.” For more information about the KCC Cosmetology program visit [www.klamathcc.edu](http://www.klamathcc.edu). Salon services are available at KCC Cosmetology, 357 E. Main St. in Klamath Falls. A wide variety of hair, skin and nails services are available to the public; call 541-882-6644 to make an appointment, or for more information visit [www.klamathcc.edu](http://www.klamathcc.edu).

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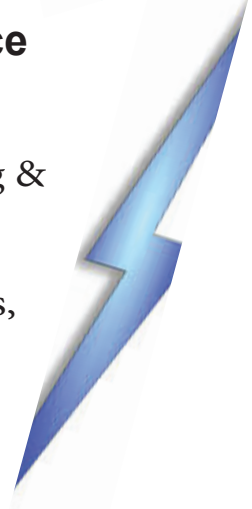
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- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 6pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at The Community Hall
- CV Water Board - 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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- NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.
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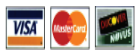
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