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Comings and Goings

Twenty-Twenty five Greetings to everyone, in other words - HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Breeze is in its eleventh year. It certainly doesn't seem that long ago but looking back through past editions. as I regularly do, I am amazed at how much content, how many shared stories and how many loyal contributors, readers and advertisers have allowed this little publication to remain a viable piece of our community.

Over the years we have seen many of our local businesses flourish, many of them experiencing growth that required major expansion to their facilities and meet the growing needs that come with growth. Some businesses have gone by the wayside and this has especially been true for food services which is will known as a very difficult venture to succeed in. When it comes to restaurants, Christmas Valley has seen significant ebbs and flows as needs have changed both in the owner's lives and the community's needs.

It is exciting to see that we have two great dining-out options and two full-service lounge/bars. I enjoy them both - each for its unique character and offerings. Additionally we have a very good food cart at 'Jack Rabbit Junction' and a great drive-through coffee stand, near Handde Pump, that each provide a wide variety of take-out options.

Christmas Valley will now have NAPA right in the center of town. La Pine Auto Supply (NAPA) has served businesses and individuals throughout the North Lake region for more than 30 years. Recently they have taken over the store-front area of BRIM. They will be providing us with the same quality parts and service we have come to depend on from the La Pine store. As of this writing the transition, stocking and restocking are in full swing and owner Christopher Hyland says in the not to distant future the new Christmas Valley Auto Supply will be hosting a Grand Opening.

It looks like an exciting 2025! Again, Happy New Year.





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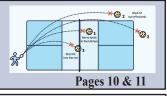
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By Marie Lee

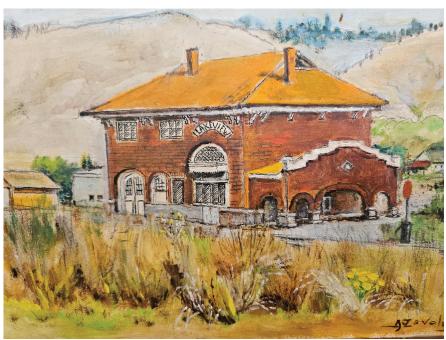


Lake County's museums located in Lakeview, Oregon have acquired several new pieces of art as they strive

Railroad Depot to life.

Lakeview artist Alex Zevely was raised in Klamath County the son of pioneer parents. Zevely was known to speak about his youth in Bonanza where boys' sporting activities were often foot races, jumping and marbles, sometimes in contests with Indian boys who consistently outdid their white friends and neighbors.

Glenn Tyler, an engineer



to showcase local artists. Painters and sculptures have portrayed our unique highdesert landscape and history. This scattered art display ranges from Native American to landscape, and speaks to the emergence of early frontier towns.

Alex Zevely's oils depict wild horses running through sagebrush and sand dunes. Another of his oils feature a herd of Pronghorn Antelope, while another piece done in watercolor brings Lakeview's

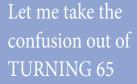
surveying, came to Lakeview Lake and Klamath Counties. as he enjoyed hunting, fishing, produced graphite pencil works.

My personal favorite

who studied mapping and in 1948 where he was appointed Lake County Surveyor. Later he served as watermaster for both He was an avid outdoorsman and photography. Tyler's many pieces of art portray his passion for western landscape. He painted in both oil and watercolor. He crafted woodburning scenes and

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among Glenn Tyler's works is a pencil sketch titled, "The Sycan Wolf," which captures our true isolated high-desert beauty. Other works by Glenn Tyler are displayed throughout the museum from an Alaskan landscape to a cabin in the Warner Mountains. Done o n

wood is a simple oil from the Beatty area, along the Sprague River, depicting a natural rock formation known as

the "Grandma Indian Rock," or "Tukwilla."

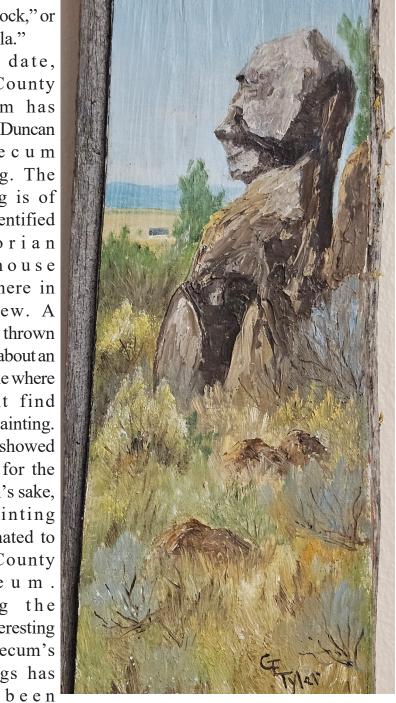
To date, Lake County Museum has only one Duncan Lincecum painting. The painting is of an unidentified Victorian era house somewhere in Lakeview. A hint was thrown my way about an estate sale where I might find such a painting. When I showed interest for the museum's sake, the painting was donated to Lake County Museum. Among the most interesting of Lincecum's paintings has

painted over. Accordingly, he once worked on a mural near the ceiling in St. Patrick's

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Lakeview.

Lake County Museum was gifted a painting in black and white done by the late



Edison Chiloquin. His capture of an untamed horse among Art Continued on page 3.

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Beautiful Artwork in Lake County's Museums

Chiloquin's Native American landscape along the Sprague and Williamson rivers of the

Klamath Basin is remarkable for its simplicity and accuracy.

Through an estate Lake County



Museum has recently been donated several additional paintings including a Maxine Hotchkiss oil. Maxine, now deceased, was the widow of the late Don Hotchkiss whose Lake County family roots are among the first white settlers in Goose Lake Valley.

Each of these artists deserve a story of their own, however, there is not enough space in this publication to do them justice. This is my invitation for a visit to Lake County and Schminck Memorial Museums during our 2025 open season:

May 1 through the end of October. We are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons and by appointment for private tours.

Here's to a Happy, Prosperous, and Downright Worderful Year Ahead!

Page 2: Left center: Lakeview Railroad Depot by Alex Zecvely. Top right: Cabin in Warner Range by Glenn Tyler. Bottom right: Grandma Indian Rock by Glenn Tyler.

Page 3: Top, Victorian House by Duncan Lincecum and Bottom Maxine Hotchkiss, Landscape.

If you enjoy Marie's writing as much as I do, then check out purchasing her books via Amazon.





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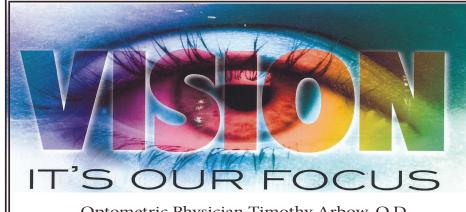
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From This Angle: New Years Intentions

By Toni Bailie



It's another New Year. time to formulate positive intentions. This year I want to focus on awareness and gratitude, noticing the small miracles of life all that I often take for granted.

I'm pondering the amazing life force within the cottonwood trees in our front yard. A few years ago, the towering trees began to age out and rot at their core, so we had them taken down. Then their life force surged and their roots sent up shoots all over the yard. New growth emerged from the stumps and soon tall branches began to unfurl new leaves each summer; providing welcome shade.

within house plants flourishing near windows in several rooms. With nothing more from me but water and encouraging words, they lean toward the

I observe the life force



light, bloom and grow, creating a welcome arbor to enjoy on bleak days.

Our wood stove heats us during the cold winter. I am grateful for Travis and Kyler Garner who supply rounds of lodgepole pine. Sometimes as I build a fire, I am amazed at the alchemy of the flames. These chunks of wood were once part of a living tree that absorbed light and energy from the sun. Now the wood blazes brightly releasing that solar heat, turning into glowing coals. Many cultures have myths about receiving the gift of fire to heat their dwellings and cook their food. I too am grateful for the warmth of fire.

the bird feeders with seeds. Within a few minutes, a message



goes out on the mysterious bird information line. Soon a bold blue jay perches on the ledge, picking out the sunflower



seeds. Sparrows and chickadees gather. A covey of quail, their comical top-knots bobbing, scurry along like little wind-up toys as they peck at seeds on the ground.

Another wonder of nature Each winter morning I fill is migrating birds tuned into mysterious cues that prompt their flight south in the fall,

> some traveling hundreds of miles. Then they return in early spring, winging their way north. What prompts their flight?

> This year I hope to cultivate a grateful heart as I tune into the blessings and small miracles of life.



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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 bee 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.

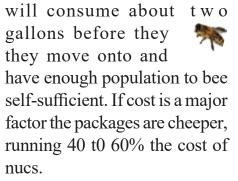
Now is the time to order your package bees or nucs for the Spring. Should you get package bees or nucs. What is the difference? Well,

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 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 a package and you may just be deep frames of comb, about rewarded in the late summer or 3 pounds of bees, young bee fall with some first year surplus brood developing inside the honey!. Not so with the package cells on 2 to 3 of the frames, and bees ads they will need all the

honey and pollen in the frames resources throughout the year

to establish the coning and get through the first winter. You will need to bee vigilant with feeding especially if



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 bringing unwanted pest with your package or nuc. Whether

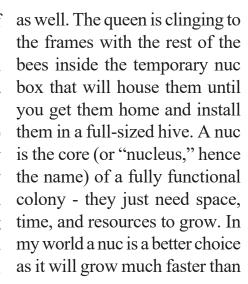
> it's a package or a nuc, chances are you will get a few small hive beetles and varroa mites included with the bees. These pests not only use comb but will also cling to bees in packages and nucs. All bees will have recently gotten a mite

treatment, but I would suggest you count mites within 4 to 6 weeks for any new bees you get just to bee 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 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 blessed and a prosperous New Year!



you have a package. They need to bee fed 1/1 sugar syrup until you see they are not consuming it. Nucs should also bee fed but they normally

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. 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

simmer another 15 minutes Or more until meat is very tender and liquid is thickened a bit to your desired consistency.

about 1 1/2 hours. Uncover and

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

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

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

Salute'! **Marie Brain**

The Flyway Restaurant





The Unwritten Contract

87285 Christmas Valley Highway

Opinion by Terry Crawford

Any person who owns an animal, be it a pet dog, bird, cat, And PLEASE don't pretend ignorance - anyone with eyesight can rabbit or small rodent or an animal considered livestock, enters into an unwritten contract with that animal. The contract reads; I am committing to care for you in a proper, humane, respectful and loving way. I will not consider you disposable, impervious to adverse weather, capable of going extended periods with no food, water or shelter. I will educate myself to your daily needs as well as what maintenance is needed. Most important in this contract is the commitment to ensure that when animal/s in my care are near end of life from age, infirmary or accident I will provide a humane and respectful passing.

I'm not a bleeding heart, but I am a spiritual person. I love all the creatures I share my life with as well as all the creatures that share our wonderful planet with us. In this I am not alone. Please don't assume that I am anti hunting, or a vegetarian or a bleeding tree hugger, I am not. But it does cause me great emotional distress when I see a helpless domesticated creature held in an inadequate living situation that is being severely neglected. I lose sleep and agonize over the situation, knowing that obtaining justice for the animal is sometimes very difficult.

If you have a horse, goat, sheep, burro, bovine or swine and hold it in a space that is unnatural, you must expect to have footcare as well as other maintenance procedures regularly scheduled. Hoof growth is constant so when a hoofed animal's movement is restricted in an imposed setting the results are often deformed, crippling and yes, painful foot abnormalities. There is no justification for allowing these types of situations to take place. If a person can't afford the hoof care then they can't afford to have the animal.

There are private individuals willing to take on the animal and hopefully bring it back to health. If the situation is so severe, then the right thing to do is to have the animal receive a humane death.

not help but see there is a problem.

Friday

When it comes to our house pets we again have unwritten contractual agreements. If you can't afford a fence - you shouldn't have a dog that needs to be chained in you yard. I was at an event a few years ago where an individual brought a large Pit Bull to the gathering. The dog was fully muzzled and had a huge collar with yet an even more massive chain attached. If this dog is so dangerous that it is unmanageable then what is its purpose? If it is a pet and loved and has a safe yard or kennel and shade and is fed well and has a good relationship with its owner - okay but really If I can not control my dog with a light choke chain and light-weight leather leash then shame on me. See Contract, Page 9.



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Caring for Pets in Cold Weather

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 with out 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 fermentationheat 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.

Blanketing? There is always discussion regarding blanketing a horse in the winter. One thought is that when you see the cows wearing blankets, your horse needs one. For a horse with a nice dense winter coat this probably is true for most winter days, but there may come a time when weather conditions or other circumstances indicate the need for a blanket.

Years ago, while working as barn manager at Stevenson's Polo Ranch a freak, and very violent weather event came through. While most of the horses boarded there were stalled with runs, they also were turned out into large pastures during the day (weather permitting). At any rate the sky opened up and the wind was blowing at a good sustained 30 mph. Everyone was grabbing jackets, gloves and then heading out to get all the horses into the barn, even the ones that generally lived in large turn-out pastures.

They were soaked to the skin and shivering. Those with heavy winter coats were actually the worst because we couldn't easily dry them. The stable horses were much more slick coated as they were blanketed at night and were ridden regularly.

Every cooler and blanket we had was being piled on the horses which were tied in the aisle way and in some cases doubled up in stalls. The rest of the day was spent getting them warmed up and dry.

The point of this reflection is that it is a good idea to have at least one blanket and one cooler available for that rare time when the weather goes crazy and your horse needs extra help getting and staying warm.



There are a few final touches and some administrative details to attend to, and soon the first dentist

The New Year 2025 Will See the **Opening of Christmas Valley's New Dentist Office**



office in Christmas Valley will be open for business

Asher Community Health Center has agreed to operate the dental office in addition to the clinic. Asher currently operates two rural dental offices in Wheeler County.

Asher will employ Dr. Wright as the dentist for the clinic and will hire a dental hygienist and dental assistant.

North Lake Health District (NLHD) broke ground on the dentist office project in January of 2024.

The project has been very much a local project with Rich Krabill of Krabilll Enterprises winning the bid to build the dentist office and Billy Effingham, originally from Christmas Valley, who works for A-dec Dental Equipment o of Newberg, Or helping with securing the dental cabinetry at no cost and the dental equipment at an affordable price.

The NLHD Board voted to appoint Board Chair, Nathan Church, to be the Board liaison for the project.

Church has been very hands on throughout the building process. He has worked closely with Rich Krabill extending

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By the way this dog was whole and will probably be used at stud. Just what the world needs - more unwanted puppies that are often homed with people that see such a powerful breed as a status symbol and ego enhancer.

Again, don't get me wrong, I love the breed. My son has a lovely little Pit bitch that is well mannered, well socialized and absolutely obedient. He took the time to expose her to people and other dogs, as well as cats, ducks, and horses from early on. The results; A dog he can take anywhere and be safe and welcome.

And then there are the Cats. For some reason many people think that getting a few "Barn Cats" is a great idea. Never mind that three of them are calico - read female - and they are not socialized and they are not spay. The attitude is that the owls will get most of them - not to mention disease. Oh and they think that if you feed them they won't hunt.

The reality is that socialized or not, fixed or not, and well fed or starved, Cats will hunt. It is their nature. They will also breed. The Humane Society of the United states estimates one un-spayed female cat and her offspring can produce 60,000 more cats in their lifetime. That may be in a perfect world but even if only five percent survive the number is still a staggering 3,000 cats. So please get your barn cats fixed - males and females, feed them and make sure they have access to water. They will do a great job for you in return.

been very instrumental in the details of the building from the windows and doors to the placement of equipment. He

> has worked closely with Billy Effingham to be sure that the dentist office gets the best equipment for the most reasonable price.

> All of the NLHD Board members, Daniel Miles, Tammy Oxenford, Jourdan Fields, Deanna Roberts and Nathan Church should be commended for the hard work they put in to the dentist office project. It got off to a rocky start, and

> > there were many hurdles, but soon the hard work will pay off and the doors will be open to accept dental patients.

> > > Top photo

shows the Dental Office Building ready for interior finishes and installations. Bottom photo is of (L-R-) Rich

was instrumental in planning Krabill, Nathan Church, and

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his help when needed. He the building layout, and has Dr. Wright.

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How to play pickleball

Rule #1: each rally begins with a serve

The pickleball game (and each rally) starts with a serve. The player on the right side of their court always starts the serve. You serve diagonally to your opponent:

The person serving can either hit the ball after it bounces or out of the air (a "volley serve") and their serve must clear the kitchen (including the line).

When hitting a volley serve, it must be hit with an underhand forehand or backhand stroke with contact below the waist. Your paddle must also move in an upward arc when you strike the ball.

Rule #2: the ball must bounce once on each side before either team can volley

Before any player can hit a shot out of the air (called a volley), the ball must bounce once on each side (known as the "two-bounce rule").

Rule #3: each point continues until a fault

After the serve, play continues until a rally is won either by someone hitting a winning shot or a "fault" is committed. A fault ends the rally. In pickleball, there are four basic fault types:

The serve lands outside of the required service area or beyond the kitchen (including the line).

The ball lands out of bounds (behind the baseline or outsid the sideline).

The ball hits the net and falls on your side.

The ball bounces twice on one side

Rule #4: you can't volley in the kitchen

The 7' zone on each side of the net marks the non-volley zone, or 'kitchen'. As the name suggests, you can never hit a volley while any part of your body is in the kitchen (or even on the kitchen line). You can't let your momentum carry you into the kitchen after a volley either.

That said, you can hit the ball if it bounces in the kitchen—just not out of the air. If your opponent hits a short shot landing in the kitchen, you can enter and play it from the kitchen.

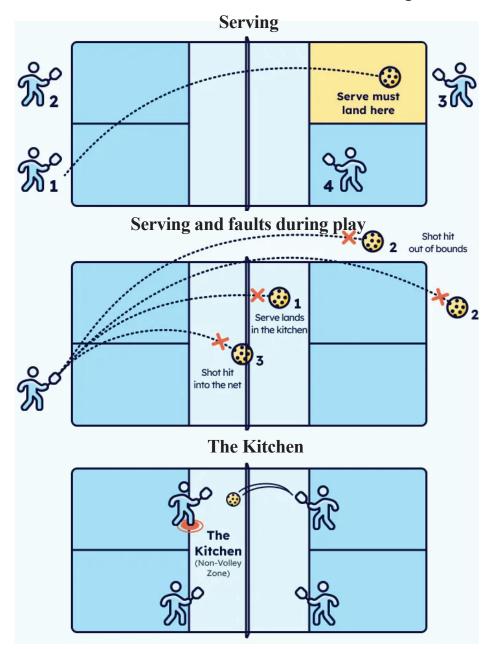
Rule #5: you only win points on your serve

In traditional pickleball scoring, you only win points on your serve and you continue serving until you lose a rally. After winning each point on your serve, you switch sides (left and right) with your partner and serve to the other opponent.

When your team loses a point, your teammate begins serving following the sequence described above until another point is lost by your team (the serving team). Once that happens, the serve "sides out" (switches) to the other team.

Rule #6: the correct score must be called before serving In pickleball scoring, you'll hear players announce three numbers, like "0-0-2". Here's what each number means:

Rule #7: first team to 11 points wins—but you must win by 2 Following all the rules above, the game continues until one team gets 11 points. However, they must win by 2. As a result, some games can continue for a very long time. You might see final scores of 12-10, 15-13, or even 21-19. These are often the most fun games.



For more details and rule explanations go to, "How to play pickleball - 9 simple rules for beginners," by Brandon Mackie



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PICKLEBALL at the COMMUNITY HALL



THE COURT HAS BEEN PAINTED IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AND THE NEW NET IS ASSEMBLED AND UP!

TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ABOUT SCHEDULING GO TO THE CHAMBER'S WEB PAGE christmasvalleychamber.org and click on PICKLEBALL

There you will find a calendar - updated every two weeks - of times the hall is open for play.

For now, just call 541-480-0753

Soon we will have an interactive page on which players can communicate, book a time, or find a playing partner.

BENEFITS OF PLAYING: GETTING SOME EXERCISE - MEET NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

It may seem as if PICKLEBALL is a pretty new sport but the sport has actually been around nearly 50 years. In 1965 what began as an improvised game to entertain family and friends slowly grew into a game that is played world wide. People of all ages and walks of life enjoy this all-inclusive sport and you are invit-

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Our Homestead In the Canyon Now Succor Creek State Park in Malheur County Oregon

Authored by Ida Dutcher

THE BAR CROSS RANCH

The lambs and calves were weaned by this time so we were the snake laying in the same place so I knew I had killed it. only milking one cow.

We cut willows and built a corral so the sheep could be penned up nights to keep the coyotes and bobcats from

killing them and a close watch had to be kept on them days to keep them from wondering far away.

After we were there a few days, Willard went to Nyssa after some of the things we had left there, including my sewing machine. I was just paralyzed



with fear thinking of staying there while he would be away, at it would take him at least four days to make the trip. but I didn't let him know how terribly afraid I was. The coyotes howled nearby every night and he had killed several rattlesnakes. The time soon came and he hooked up the team to the wagon and pulle4d up the steep rough road out to the top of the canyon and I was alone with my little ones. But I did not have long to feel sorry for myself as the sheep had to be watched and there was washing to do. I sat the tub on a apple box, got the washboard and started washing.

Then I picked up one of my skirts and there was a big centipede on it. It must have been six inches long and at the time I would have sworn it had a hundred legs. I killed it y pouring hot w3ater out of the tea kettle on it and, oddly enough, it was the only one I ever saw there.

I had to walk down the canyon to milk the cow every morning and evening. We had put up a fence to keep the stock down there so they wouldn't come back and go out of the canyon and they couldn't get through on the lower end.

The first evening after Willard had left, I was carrying Orville and the milk pail and Gertrude was following along behind me going down a very narrow trail when I saw the largest rattler I have ever seen. It was a sheer drop down to the creek bed so I went back and told Gertrude to hold her baby brother and I gathered up my apron full of rocks and started throwing them at the snake. It crawled down in the rocks so I went back and go the babies and we crawled down to the creek bed expecting to see more snakes every step. But I got the cow milked and came back up through the creek bed again on the way back to the tend.

When I got back I was so frightened I was sick to my stomach. I fed the children but for some reason I wasn't hungry.

I didn't sleep much that night and next morning I got back I went down the trail and I saw the huge snake down in the rocks again where it had gone the evening before. So again I went down the bank scared stiff but the cow had to be milked. I had to do it. I was getting the children's breakfast later when the thought came to me that the snake was dead. It surely wouldn't crawl there and wait for me.

That evening I left Gertrude and Orville back down the trail a safe distance away and went back and looked and there was

When Willard got home he pulled it out and measured it and said it was the largest he had ever seen. It was four

> feet long and as big around as his wrist and still had twelve rattles. Some had been broken off, most likely when I hit it with the rocks. I had killed two more nearer the camp before he got back and it no longer made me so sick killing them.

> > Between the this

time and October, when they holed up for winter, I had killed seventeen. I wasn't so afraid of them any more and I felt like every one I killed was an enemy disposed of. Another scare I got while he was away was when the dogs, Red and Steve, got in a fight by my bed one night. I thought sure they had a coyote in the tend. The coyotes had been yapping near the sheep corral and the dogs had been barking at them so I got up and fired the 30-30 rifle in the air to scare them away. So things got quieted down and Red came in and laid down by the bed and I guess when Steve came in, he thought it was a coyote and jumped on him. After he saw his mistake, he looked so ashamed. I had to laugh, although I was still shaking from the fright.

When they put off a blast near where I killed the big rattlesnake when we first moved in the canyon, they blew out a den of snakes and the powder men who put off the shot said snakes flew up in the air by the dozens. We knew there was a big den of them there as we killed many near there. Once i was riding by and one rattled under my horse's feet and the horse nearly threw me off. I got off the horse and go the snake cornered under the cliff. It saw it couldn't get away, so it bit itself on the side, and it died so quickly it never took its fangs from its side.

But not all snakes are bad, so I want you to read this, to know about Petey. Petey the Snake.



August, 2024 began the serialization of Ida Dutcher's little book, "Our Homestead In the Canyon:

Now Succor Creek State Park" in Malheur County, Oregon.

The book was first printed in 1970 when Mrs. Dutcher was 78 years old

and shares her memories of homesteading during the early years of her marriage.

We hope you enjoy the read as much as we did. The book has many photos which we will share but because of their age they will not be crisp.



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.

Eleven miles from Silver lake on East Bay Road is Farm Wells Horse Camp. To get there take East Bay Rd. to FS Rd. 2914 and turn left. Travel a few miles and you will arrive at your destination.

The trail leading away to eh east was originally an animal trail that measured 16 inches across. When humankind and their pack animals began using it the trail widened to four feet.

The most remarkable thing about these trails is that they were designed and maintained by animals.

As you spend time exploring you will notice the path is not straight up or down but angled to such a degree as to naturally cause you to use all your leg muscles as they will use one set while allowing another set to replenish. This in effect allows you to travel further than you would normally. You will not find any mud puddles on these trails as the animals

Migration Trails By The Prospector

and cascade the soil into the FS Rd. 2901. The trail now

hole. the next traveler follows takes you to Fremont Point-



suit. Human use extended this design even as they widened the trail. Every foot of this trail is engineered for the benefit of the animals traveling it.

Traveling twelve miles along the trail you will arrive at the beginning of Winter rim on Picture Rock Pass at a

the highest point of the rim the trail back to the water (about 10 miles). From there source-a natural spring- you you can travel downhill to can continue along the face government Pass and Currier of the rim rock to abandoned Horse Camp. Add 16 more mines and other campsites. miles and you will arrive at If you don't like heights skip Marster Springs Campground this part because the trail on and cross the Chewaucan River the rock face is just three feet at Jones Crossing. This is wind with quite a distance to approximately ten miles from the bottom. Paisley on Road FS Rd.33.

Our journey - 70 miles.

dropped off and then picked are. up down the trail without on HWY 31 ten miles away amazing discoveries. and down hill.

miles from Harris School then I wish you all a House and several hundred feet

lower in elevation. This trail is on no map that I have seen, know to step on the high side place called Lewis spring and but Fremont mentions it in his journal. This is the spot where he split his forces to attack the miners at Ana Springs (reservoir). The very top of this trail is interesting and it was built by man. Three trails intersect - the path in the middle is almost straight up and down with the next one wider with switchbacks, but the outside trail is really elongated with little parts at the switchbacks built on the side of the rim. In this park-like setting you will find fragments of plumbing. Hollowed out cedar logs and man made creeks. Following

I could not explore this Back on the trail, the area because I was running out next stop is Moss Pass Trail of time for my meeting with my head which is about ten miles ride. I went back on top to the beyond paisley (FS Rd 3510) Trail and continued downhill. I off Clover Flat Rd. and 18 miles past another trail leading off to from Valley Falls Junction. the edge of the rim. I had only Ten miles further along you time for one look-see and it. It will reach Cox Pass Trail head was made for a picnic with rocks from Cox Creek Rd. This is arranged on which to sit. The where we will stop for now. view is what you can imagine it would be sitting on the edge The fantastic and original looking down on summer lake trail is perfect for what is called and its valley. Across the valley 'Leap-frogging' because the you will notice Mt. Diablo and intersecting roads are where realize you are looking down individuals or groups can be and just how high in the sky you

My first attempt on this back-tracking. It allows you trail found me lacking in time to chose direction and distance. and now I can't wait to return to For this reason I chose to be finish what I started. That's okay dropped off at Fremont Point because I believe this oldest trail and arranged to be picked up in Lake County will yield some

Right now I have a bad About a mile from my case of Cabin Fever and there drop-off I encountered a trail is only one cure for that. I hope going over the rim about three I see y you on the trail. Until

Happy New Year.

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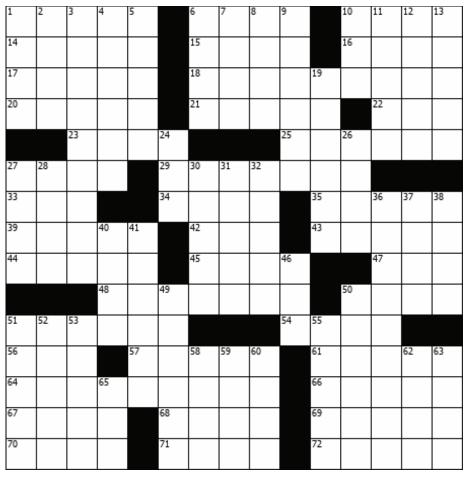
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CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office

NLEMS - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm

40. Clock reading

FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5:30 pm at the Clinic North lake School dist: - 2nd Monday at School Library



