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By Terry Crawford

June 2021 was a whirlwind of activity for me. There is the mailing service which primarily serves Realtors in Bend. The housing market is pretty crazy right now with listing inventory way down with many properties selling before they even show up on the Multiple Listing Service. It is a seller's market and prices are on the rise and my clients are mailing out advertising at an astonishing rate - hence the whirlwind. Bend and its neighboring communities are growing and wherever there is bare land in the incorporated areas of Bend, Redmond, Prineville, La Pine and Madras, there is building happening. Much of the single family new construction is considered high density - so small lots. There are some developments that are creating low-income small square footage homes, but overall the cost of housing in Bend and the other communities is increasing.

There seem to be more and more people living on the streets in older motor-homes, vans, buses, and cars. Many of these folks are working one or more jobs as they try to save up enough money to pay first, last and a deposit - translate that to more than \$3000 just to get in the door, and that doesn't include deposits on utilities, or furnishings. And of course landlord, or property manager wants references and proof of a good rental history. It's scary out there, and shelter insecurity is on the rise.

With our improved weather I have been able to get a little yard tending done. The flower beds are for the most part weeded but the walkways and the front lawn under the fruit trees is still a work in progress because of the invading Aspen stems. (Did you know that a Quaking Aspen regularly reproduces via a process called suckering. An individual stem can send out lateral roots that, under the right conditions, send up other erect stems; from all above-

ground appearances the new stems look just like individual trees. The process is repeated until a whole stand, of what appear to be individual trees, forms. This collection



of multiple stems, called ramets, all form one, single, genetic individual, usually termed a clone.) The Aspen are trying to colonize my yard. At any rate my solution is to cut them off by hand. Sounds crazy, but I don't mow the lawn the horses do, and they absolutely won't touch any part of an Aspen. I can guarantee you that every blade of grass will be clipped around each stem, but not the stem and there are hundreds of them.

I altered my protective fencing around the flower beds and for the first time in three years I am getting to enjoy the beautiful blooms of my ornamental poppy plants. They really are spectacular and a feast for the soul as well as the eye.

My son Stephen just finished his first term of the Mt. Hood Community college Automotive Technology Program. This is a two-year Associates degree so it's

not just about the technology as it also requires the core transferable courses tied to all associates degrees Oregon colleges. The term was truly trial by total immersion because as a student in the first term you don't have a lot of options as returning students get first pick. Consequently, Stephen ended up with three, four-credit classes; Algebra, Psychology and Writing 121. He did an amazing job and received two A's and a B.

Now he is doing intensive, two-week, full-time automotive theory and lab blocks over summer term. But he was able to come out for a five day visit between terms. He brought the laptop and did quite a bit of preparatory studying, but we were still able to enjoy a couple of nice dinners, a few games of pool down at the Lodge and a great BBQ lunch at the Ft. Rock Poker Ride. We also enjoyed the cool evenings out in the yard, even if that meant a little horse company. Alex loves Stephen and if he is outside relaxing, the sweet horse always comes over to keep him company.

With the improved weather I have been able to ride Ben quite a few times. He is really a nice horse and I am so glad I was able to purchase him. He did have a bout of colic for who knows what reason and luckily Dr. Hally was in the area and able to give him a good once-over. I'm glad a dose of Banamine was enough to get him through his belly ache. I gave him a week off and he has been fine.

The Fourth of July is nearly here which is why the paper is being printed early. The press schedule is really full around holidays and it is just as well because I am still getting calls for the Chamber asking if there is a parade, if we are having fireworks, and so on. Therefore I have put the information on page one and the parade entry form on page five.



At this writing I am preparing for the excessive heat we will be getting over the last weekend in June. I have

gathered some tips for keeping you and your animals as comfortable and as safe as possible during days with very high temperatures. I hope they help.

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Marie Lee

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

## Valley Falls, Oregon: The Saga of Valley Falls

By Marie Lee

Most people don't realize that the lonely junction of Hwy 31 and Hwy 395 located at Valley Falls is not the original site of the gas station and store known today as Valley Falls. Over time the land south of the narrowing passageway of the Chewaucan River, known locally as "The Narrows" began to become known as "Valley Falls."

About the same time that Jennings plotted his town an increase in the valley's population brought about the need for a school. In 1909 Heaton Chandler purchased a ranch from Sid Colvin on the banks of Crooked Creek about four miles southwest of Jennings' new town site. The Heaton Chandler family had several school age children and

the nearest school was located a distance of eight or nine miles northwest on Willow Creek. Chandler considered that too far and so he hired Mrs. Clara Kimsey to teach his children at home.

In the meantime, Chandler organized the residents of the valley to build a school. The 70 Ranch donated land and the Valley Falls School was established in 1913. That first year there were twelve students. It was located beside Crooked Creek about two miles due west of Jennings' established town of Valley Falls. The school boasted a separate barn for each family's horse but when the creek was high the children traveling from the west side of Crooked Creek tied their horses and walked across on a foot bridge. Water for the school came from a shallow well that filled with sand so often that the children brought water from home or carried it from Crooked Creek.

S. B. Chandler, Heaton's brother, who owned the Chandler

Station ranch contracted a stage line from Lakeview through Crooked Creek Valley, Valley Falls and on north to Paisley. With that a more direct road ran through the center of the valley less than a quarter mile from the school. Travelers, freight and mail had to detour east almost

two miles to Jennings' Townsite. In the November 19, 1921 edition of the Lake County Examiner it was noted, "The work of grading the extension of the state highway from Chandler Station to the narrows was completed..." The highway was named The Fremont Highway or what is now known as Oregon State Highway 31.

On November 7, 1912 the Lake County Examiner reported that an Inland Highway Assn. was organized at The Dalles to build a substantial highway from The Dalles thru Central Oregon via Wasco, Shaniko, Prineville, Ft. Rock, Silver Lake, Paisley, Lakeview and to Alturas, California. Also, a branch from Prineville to Crater Lake and Klamath Falls was planned. There would

be signboards to attract tourists, home-seekers and sports-lovers. The planned highways would open markets for farmers and it would be the opening of an inland empire.

In the mid-1920s C.W.E. Jennings, seeing the demise of his town, put skids under his store building and moved it and the post office fixtures across the valley next to the Fremont Highway. Later he moved the post office building and the hotel to make an addition to the store and living quarters in the store's back section.

In 1929 the Valley Falls School District voted to close the school. That fall a school bus carrying Valley Falls students traveled into Lakeview.

north of the new site of Valley Falls. Hundreds came to witness the ceremony and celebrate as the first shovel of dirt was turned for the building of the final link on the Yellowstone Cutoff Highway. Both Lake and Harney Counties considered that highway to be the beginning of a tourist boom. The states of Oregon, California and Idaho had lobbied for the cutoff for years. Now there would be a shorter route for Northern California tourists traveling to the scenic wonders of Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park and on into Canada.

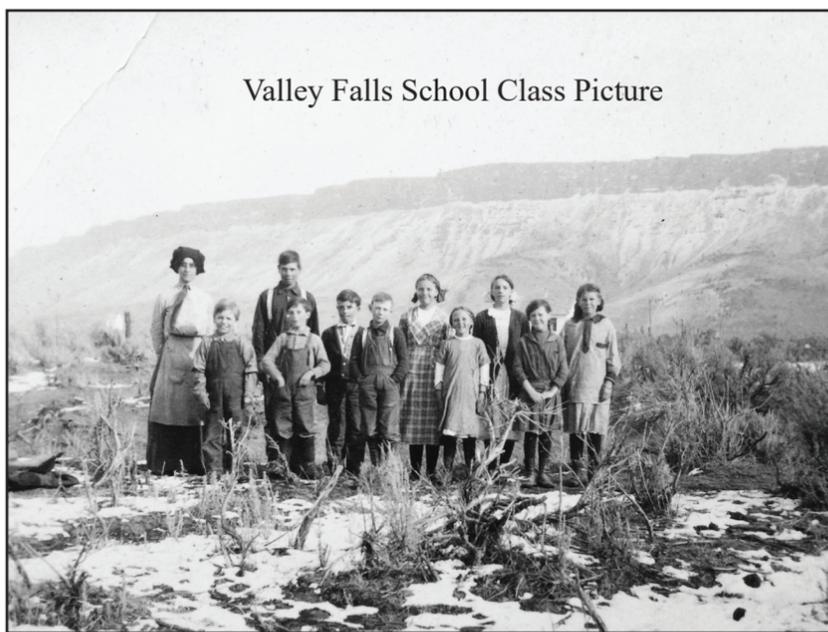
C.W.E. Jennings was elected to the Oregon State Legislature in 1936. During his two-year term Besse was Valley Falls post mistress as she remained at home to run the store and the gas station, the pumps now being operated with electricity. When Jennings returned, he resumed as post master until the Valley Falls Post Office closed in 1944. In 1948 the Jennings sold the Valley Falls Store to Mr. and Mrs. S.V. Carroll and retired to the Oregon Coast.

In 1950 the Valley Falls Grange was organized and that summer they purchased the abandoned school building for one dollar. They remodeled, added on and remained active until the late 1990s.

For two more generations the Valley Falls Store remained the centering spot for those who lived in the valley. The mail stage left and picked up mail at the store. There was a minuscule *See Valley Falls, pg 5.*



Valley Falls Today



Valley Falls School Class Picture

On May 31, 1931 there was a ground breaking ceremony just

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# From This Angle: Mosquito Festival Revived

By Toni Bailie



Toni Bailie

Last year Covid 19 shut down Paisley's annual Mosquito Festival. This year, thanks to the efforts of a stalwart committee, there will be a festival July 23-25. Amy Davis, Daniell Cardoza and Chelsea Jones have been planning this year's event. The weekend leads off with a parade on Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by a pit barbecue at the Community Center from 3:00—6:00. Vendors are encouraged to come with outdoor displays and they are hoping to have a water slide and bouncy house for the children. Breakfast will be served Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Community Center. T-shirts with a 2021 logo will be on sale.

During the weekend, contestants from Northern Nevada, Eastern Oregon and local ranches will compete at the rodeo arena north of Paisley. Friday morning entrants in Ranch Horse Class will cut and rope a cow, followed by barrel racing and Jackpot Horse Roping. On Saturday competitions include team branding and doctoring and

old-tradition horse roping. Sunday events are breakaway roping and muley roping.

The marshes and irrigation



ditches of the Chewaucan Valley have been notorious over the years as prime mosquito breeding territory. Local residents who stepped outside their screened-in porches were besieged by the blood thirsty predators. Our small town's solution was to host a Mosquito Festival to raise funds for vector control. The first festival debuted in August 1984. Ms Quito, elected by popular ballot, led the parade which featured modern and antique farm equipment. Visitors for the event could wield their guns at a turkey shoot, race a raft

down the Chewaucan River, sample beef roasted overnight in a pit barbecue or enter the "Spittin' Hollerin' Cussin' Contest. Proceeds from the Festival helped purchase mosquito fogging equipment.

By 1986, Mosquito Festival had expanded to include

event for his publication. In 1987, Oregon Public Broadcasting filmed the unique festival. Leading the parade in 1988 was Ms Quito Kari McAllister and Paisley Pioneer Norman "Snooks" Bannister. A Jackpot Axe Throw and 50's Classic Car Cruise and Dance were featured activities.

Over the years the parade featured creative floats designed by Gaylord family and friends who converged on the old Gaylord farm house each summer in July. Stephen and Lillian Gaylord built the original house in 1882; their eleven children were raised in the two-story home. Their son George taught



draft horse and mule pulling contests. A horse-sized mosquito held pride of place in the parade, while Carol Jones reigned as Ms Quito. Robert Shotwell, a correspondent from the Oregonian, wrote up the

school in Southern California, but every summer he brought his sons John, Robert and George Jr. to live in Paisley and work in the hay fields. A tradition began when family and

See Mosquito next page.

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## Mosquito

friends from all over came for the Mosquito Festival weekend.

The Gaylord parade entries have featured a “Swat Team” marching to a military cadence, brandishing giant mosquito swatters; a replica of the Paisley rodeo arena with a giant mosquito saddled up for the bucking bronco event and one with a fish the size of a Volkswagen chasing that same mosquito. The fish was on loan from Polk County Soil and Water Dept. and rode all the way to Paisley from the Willamette Valley.

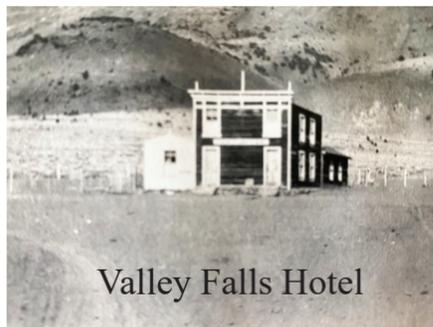


In 2017, throngs of former students gathered at the festival to celebrate Paisley School’s centennial. Paisley students Ashley O’Leary and Kaylin Arrington organized the centennial event with the help of Edna Vernon DeLarm, class of 1965 and Carolyn Silveria Potorff, class of 1954. Alumni from 1943 through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

This year’s festival will be a little more low-key, as we emerge from the Covid 19 restrictions, but friends and families will once again gather to enjoy the festive weekend.

## Valley Falls from pg. 3

branch of the Lake County Library tucked into a far corner. The grange ladies made money at the store as they ran a hunter’s lunch counter. The store, itself, was like a modern-day convenience store selling travelers and locals grocery odds and ends and ice cream plus cold sodas and beer drawn



Valley Falls Hotel

from ice-cold water in refrigerated bins. Sammy the monkey, the last remnant of a tiny traveling zoo financially rescued by the Carroll family, entertained and reigned terror upon the folks of the valley and travelers passing through.

As the years passed ownership of the Valley Falls Store continued

to change. The grange hall closed its doors for good. Modern times, prices, and conveniences caught the store in the vortex of changing country culture. Now, very few slow their speed as they pass through on Highway 31 or veer to the right on Highway 395.

Not many remember that Highway 31 was called the Fremont Highway or that Highway 395 was known as the Yellowstone Cutoff, or later the Three Flags Highway. If not for being recorded in this journal, few would know that Valley Falls began with the bright promise of a future railroad that never arrived.

## 2021 July 4th Parade Entry

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BEE-Cuzz You Asked

JUNE and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

June, a typical month of snow, rain, and scorching heat toward the end of the month. Hopefully Ma Nature has settled down to a more normal pattern. My gals are happily gathering the bountiful crop of Russian Olive nectar. One thing to mind during the heat of June is to make sure that your colonies have a source of water. As mentioned in previous articles, even though they are gathering lots of liquid gold they still need the basis of life, water. During HOT days the girls will bring in water to the hive and some will fan their wings to create a mini swamp cooler, just like what we use to keep our homes cool; same process just in a much smaller scale. Now would be the time to put a small wedge between your telescoping cover and your inner cover. This will help greatly in ventilation during the hot days.



the girls with the old queen. Not to worry too much but just make sure in a week or two you check to see if you still see new eggs and brood. If

Some new beekeepers may think if sugar water is good, then real honey will be even better. This may be a serious mistake. Honey from other



not there is still time to purchase a new Queen Mother to get back the colony on track.

I inspected my new colonies that I purchased and they are going like gangbusters! I will probably not rob any honey stores this year as I want to go into the fall with all of the new hives loaded with winter stores.

Some mistakes Beekeepers tend to make are opening the hives too often. This may make the girls supercede or abscond or just get angry, especially toward the later months of Summer and Fall. Bee vigilant, but not overly curious.

hives fed to your girls may bring in unwanted diseases. Some of the worst diseases can be spread by tainted honey. Better to feed sugar water than to risk introducing such diseases as foul brood. I add Pro Health A Mann Lakes product. Pro Health is a feeding supplement composed of lemongrass and spearmint (essential oils concentrate) and helps promote strong and healthy hives when used as a feeding supplement during late winter, early spring and during dearths of nectar. It also stimulates bees to draw out new foundation faster when used

as a spray.

Another big OOPS from your (my) standpoint is skimping on protective gear and/or not making sure you are zipped up! Personal experience; I got in a hurry to work bees and did not zip up my suit. In short order my stomach and chest were on fire with multiple stings! You see experienced beekeepers work their bees with just a veil - more power to them. I have tried it a few times but...stings HURT! Bee sensible; suit up. Not using your smoker is a biggie. I first thought, "Why torture the girls with smoke?" Bee Cuzz it Calms Them and Distracts Them! Isn't it better to work your girls with some smoke rather than being bombarded by angry bees? The smoke distracts them and blocks chemical signals the girls send to one another which could help them better organize a defense against you. Another mistake some new beekeepers make is to hurry through an inspection. The girls will pick up on that and may get agitated. As Woody said in an episode of Cheers, "No Sudden Movements!"

Bee Safe this summer!





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The door from the lobby opened and the jovial group looked up to see John Darsey standing with his right hand down and held to his side. He strode into the room, stood in front of Dick Banister, raised his hand which they could see held a gun, and said, "You God-damned thief," and fired. He then turned and left the hotel, apparently believing he had accomplished his mission.

The men laid Banister flat on the floor and discovered he was still breathing. Someone ran down the street to fetch Dr. Hansen. The doctor had Dick carried to a room in the hotel and sent someone to break the news to his wife. They stayed at Dick's bedside for the next three days, until he died.

When the sheriff arrested Darsey, who was a well-known moonshiner, he admitted he had shot Dick because he believed Dick had robbed his still. Later, it was learned that Ray Cannon had been the thief and Dick knew nothing about it.

Dick was 33 years old at the time of his death. He left a wife and young son.

**Lambert Russell Jones  
Died June 10, 1912**

Bert Jones arrived in Paisley in 1911 and purchased the Chewaucan Press. Shortly after his arrival, he met Nettie Cannon. An attractive woman in her early 30's, she was married to Benjamin Franklin Cannon and was the mother of a teenage son and young daughter. In spite of the, Bert was attracted to her, and openly pursued her.

Nettie was unhappily married to a man with a violent temper and a reputation as a heavy drinker. He was suspected of being abusive. Nettie soon found herself involved with Bert, who was personable, nice looking and well educated.

Cannon was aware of the romance and had repeatedly warned Bert to stay away from his wife. In spite of this, Bert continued to see Nettie whenever he could. According to the Lake County Examiner, "he was repeatedly warned by friends, but did not seem to realize his danger."

Cannon, a sheep man, was known for his trigger temper. He told Nettie he was going out to

**Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past**

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

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

check his herd and would be gone overnight. He loaded up food and bedroll, kissed Nettie goodbye and apparently left town. In reality, he concealed himself nearby and waited.

When he quietly approached his home, he found Bert and Nettie together. When accosted, Bert fled the house and hid behind the woodshed door. Cannon followed, grasped Bert by the shoulder, pulled him out and immediately shot him with a .38 Smith and Wesson. According to the Examiner, the bullet entered just above the lift nipple, passed through his body and lodged under his right arm. Death was presumably instantaneous.

Cannon immediately notified the authorities, as well as an attorney. The coroner and the sheriff promptly arrived from Lakeview, along with Cannon's attorney. They found Bert's body lying in the woodshed, with no signs of struggle.

The coroner summoned a jury, an autopsy was performed, and several people testified. The Examiner concluded its story by saying, "The sympathy of the entire community is with Mr. Cannon." He was released on his own recognizance. In time Bert's brother arrived from Canada, purchased a headstone and packed up his brother's belongings.

There was no further mention of Nettie.

**Troy Lawson  
1897-1957**

Tory Lawson was a quiet man, always ready to help his neighbors.

A veteran of both World Wars I and II, he was a founding member of the local VFW Post. As a young man with a young family, he took up a homestead in the Fort Rock Valley. He was later divorced, but his three beautiful daughters were his pride and joy. Tory was a slight man who weighed less than 160 pounds, but had work had made him strong, and he could take care of himself in most situations.

On a Thursday afternoon in 1957, Postmaster Anita Banister was sorting and distributing

mail. Since it was a sunny day in hunting season, there were a lot of strangers around, most of them armed. Postal Clerk Audra Silveria stopped by to pick up her own mail. When she saw the volume of mail, she went behind the counter to help Anita, leaving her mother, Neva McCall, waiting in the car.

Two men, Don Ferguson and Jesse Hibdon, were parked nearby in a blue and white Oldsmobile with California license plates. One magazine account described them as "drunk and stupid." They sat for several minutes finishing off a bottle of whiskey. Hibdon, who had lived in Paisley 10 years earlier, convinced Ferguson that the Post Office safe was full of cash that was used for the mill's payroll.

Ferguson finished off the bottle of whiskey, donned gloves, and entered the post office, gun in hand. He stood at the window and when Nita asked if she could help him, he demanded the "payroll cash." She reached in the cash drawer and gave him a few dollars. This only mad him angry. He made the two women face the wall and demanded that Nita open the safe. She did, and gave him less than \$200 that was in a cash box. When the women tried to explain there was no payroll, he pistol-whipped both of them.

Neva McCall watched all this through the window. Then she slipped out of the car and crossed the street, aware that Hibdon was watching her. She entered the care and blurted, "I

thin the post office is being robbed." Troy Lawson, was enjoying a cup of coffee, borrowed a deer rifle and ran across the street. He opened the Post Office door, but Hibdon shot him in the back before he could enter. Troy fell to the sidewalk and died instantly.

Hibdon and Ferguson left town, heading north. A massive manhunt began. Ferguson was caught almost immediately. Hibdon took off cross-country, avoiding armed search parties. Four days later he was captured in La Pine, tired, hungry, and thirsty.

Troy Lawson, a good man, was dead. He was mourned by the entire community, and ceretainly by Nita and Audra.

**Tom Brattain  
1904-1989**

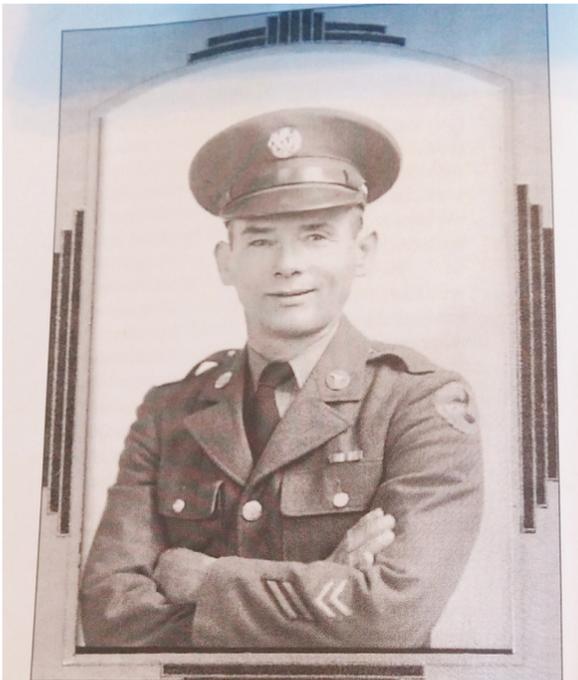
*Narratives of Tom and Paul Brattain, recorded circa 1985.*

The first post office was here at the Brattain house -- my grandparents were postmasters. Settlers came once a week for mail. They would come and spend the day, have a big visit and stay for dinner.

The Gaylords had gold mines up the canyon behind the Brattain place, but didn't do very good. My granddad, Thomas Jefferson Brattain, used to walk up there, take an old gunny sack and get some pretty good looking rock. He would pound rocks, and he had an old glod pan, and he would get a little color. One day he came back with a good looking nugget and wouldn't tell them where he found it. One time somebody found some gold - there was a big rush, the whole town was vacated for two or three days. This whole flat south of town was all homesteads of 160 acres. I still own a 640 acre section in Sycan.

The main road used to go between the Brattain house and barn. They used to haul their produce e with big freight teams - six or eight mules and horses. They drove with a jerk line, riding the wheel horse, with just one rein on the lead horse or mule. They had bells on the hams - you could hear them for a mile, warning people a team was coming. They had a brake - a big lever to break - going down steep hills. It used to be exciting to see those big old freight teams.

*NEXT Month: We will continue the narrative by the Brattian family - it is full of interesting facts and history. This will be followed by stories about Paul Brattain. And then most likely in the August Edition the remaining stories contained in Carolyn's book will be printed. We hope you have enjoyed the serialization of her book.*



Troy Lawson served in the military in both WWI and WWII and died as a local hero protecting the Postmaster, Anita Banister.

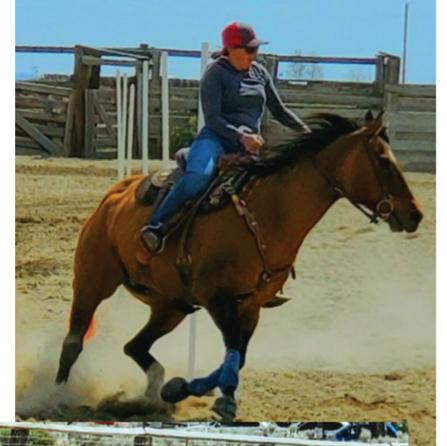
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The photos on the right are from the first play day. Top is Terry Terrill, then Rachael Bonine, the gray is ridden by didn't get the name and the POA has Ashley Sheer and Dad Kevin Quinn

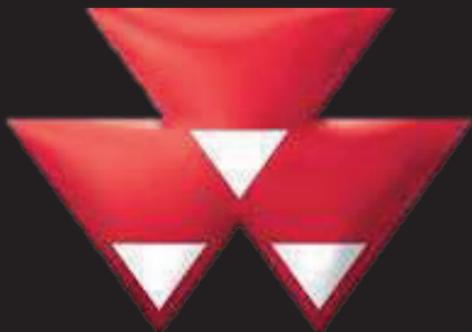
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- 1 Cup Shredded Coconut



Combine all ingredients in a festive bowl and Voila! A patriotic salad

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- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1/3 Cup Honey, warmed slightly so it will mix in better
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- 2 Cups Sour Cream
- 1 Cup Butter, Melted
- 4 extra large Eggs



In a large mixing bowl, mix Dry Ingredients together, then stir in Sour Cream, Melted Butter and eggs, and warmed Honey and mix until fully incorporated and smooth. Pour into the buttered baking pan. Bake until toothpick comes out clean when inserted in center, 35 - 40 minutes or so depending on your oven.

You can bake in large buttered Cast Iron Skillet if desired as well. Stir up some Honey Butter to slather on the warm Corn Bread.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

*Submitted by Ann Kasbohm*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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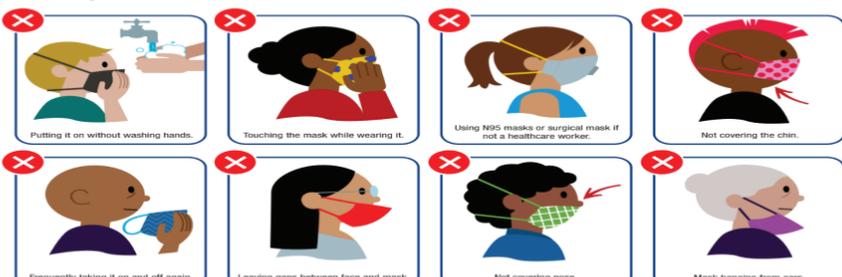
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The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting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



# Declaration of Independence/ The Bill of Rights

By the Prospector

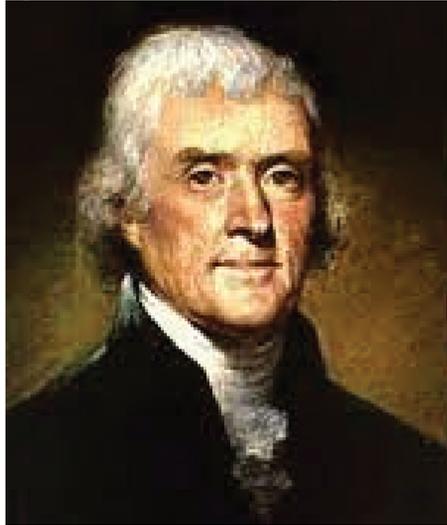
It's hard for me to believe that a group of young white men who conducted this Nations business on a regular basis in a tavern could possibly write and craft two documents that are absolutely timeless and flawless; our Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. Our Founding Fathers had to have had help.

During the mid-1700's the World exploded in violence with slaves taking back control of their lives, property and destroying the crops they were forced to plant and harvest by their Masters who were killed plus burned out. Most notably Haiti, Jamaica, Peru and Cuba were returned to their rightful owners. Why didn't this war against tyranny carry over to the newly formed Nation called America?

Confederate General Thomas Jackson was put on trial for two felony counts ten years before the War of Northern Aggression for building a school and church for colored children. When ask why he did that in court he stated; "In the Lords eyes all children are equal". After the Battle of Bull Run this general would be addressed immortally as 'Stonewall'.

The main author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, wrote "All Men are Created Equal," yet had a nine year old slave carry his valet with the

country's most important papers to his meetings in Nation's Capital. This young man was the son of Mr. Jefferson's house keeper at Monticello and his favorite cook. When Mr. Jefferson was attending meetings this slave was attending school.



Thomas Jefferson and Slave Sally Hemings

This relationship lasted over seven years with this slave graduating with Honors in Medicine and becoming not only a highly respected doctor, as a respected lecturer at colleges of medicine on surgery techniques when he could get away from his practice.

The Original Founding Father George Washington was a slave owner. Being in the military for most of his life he was broke until he met the recently widowed Martha who brought into the marriage

enough money for our first Commander in Chief to purchase the largest plantation in the States who immediately handed the 'reins' to a slave to manage this estate. This slave from the West coast of Africa had to determine which plants to



plant, when to harvest and market for a profit. This slave not only had to handle the business end but had to determine housing for slaves and their personal needs. This slave was allowed to construct schools and an infirmary to meet the needs of the slaves as long it keep Mount Vernon in the Black. This slave must have been superhuman be-

cause Our First President had him drive to the meetings at the Capital which was one-way at 8-10 miles a day two weeks in length to reach the destination. Before this slave climb up into the finest carriages built in New England he was tailored in the latest fashions after leaving the barbershop. All of Founding Fathers treated their 'legal commodity' with respect because they had to! As they wrestled with creating a new Nation, they left their business with people they could trust, the slaves.

It was these slaves that help to create the Declaration of Independence and especially the Bill of Rights. Human Beings that have been enslaved as the Africans have been for centuries and generation after generation by simple osmosis could spell out the Rights. What would be your first Right? Being able to speak out without fear of reprisal. Your second Right? Being able to defend myself and family. Right down the line each slave would know the same answers. See how easy it would for the Fathers to tweak the language and make it sound like their original.

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Drink plenty of water or other cool, non-alcoholic fluids even if you're not thirsty. Avoid drinking extremely cold liquids as they can cause stomach cramps.

Plan ahead. Reduce activity and avoid exercise in hot weather. If activity is unavoidable, try to schedule it for the cooler part of the day and rest often. Whenever possible, stay indoors or in the shade.

Stay cool and keep air circulating around you. Draw your blinds or curtains and use a fan or air conditioning if possible.

Eat smaller meals more often and cold meals such as salad.

Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from natural fibers.

Keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cold water and taking cool (not cold) showers.

If you must be out in the heat: Limit outdoor activity to the coolest part of the day. Protect yourself from the sun and 'slip, slop, slap' when outside by covering exposed skin, using sunscreen and wearing a hat.

'Seek' shade and 'slide' on some sunglasses.

Rest regularly in the shade and drink fluids frequently.

**Dogs & Cats**



If the pavement is too hot for your bare feet it is too hot for your pet's paws. Dogs don't always know when to quit playing. Keep a close eye on your dogs and cats for signs of heat distress. It should go without saying that when it is hot outside it is an oven in your car. Leave Fido at home where he can stay cool. Also a fan on the floor helps move air through your pets coat.

**Horses**

Make sure your horse or horses have plenty of clean fresh water and a shaded area or shed with good cross-ventilation, they will position themselves to gain the greatest relief from the heat.

Horses that are heat stressed may also show signs of excessive sweating and reduced feed intake.

Restrict exercising your horse to the early morning and late afternoon/evening when it is coolest. Electrolytes can be added to their feed to replace essential salts lost through sweating.

Heat stressed horses can be cooled down by hosing with cool water, starting from the feet and moving up slowly, sponging with water or by placing wet towels over them.

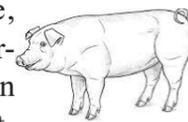
Excess water must be scraped off afterwards unless there is a good breeze, as water in the coat on a hot, humid, still day will act as an insulator and it will quickly warm up again.



**Pigs**

Pigs are highly susceptible to heat stress and sunburn, and should not be exposed to long periods of direct sunlight or extremes of temperature. Providing outdoor pigs with sufficient water and mud hole areas is extremely important when temperatures are above 77°C.

Pigs are unable to sweat and so try to cool themselves by: increasing water intake, lying on a cool surface, wallowing in mud or water, panting and reducing feed intake



**Chickens**

Chickens need a little extra help during extreme heat. Of course the most important thing is an ample supply of fresh cold water.

It is suggested that for those very hot days several frozen water-filled milk jugs be set out. Shade should be available for your chickens and even a mister can be beneficial.



Remember, Chickens don't sweat, they dissipate heat through their combs, wattles, feet and by panting.

During extended periods of heat they may eat less and your egg production may drop a bit.

Also note that heavier breeds are less heat tolerant as are chickens with small combs.

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**Across**

- 1. Film sleuth
- 5. Chowder or gumbo
- 9. Diamond complements
- 14. Mucho money
- 15. Legally invalid
- 16. Honshu city
- 17. \_\_\_ about (legalistic phrase)
- 18. Sicilian landmark
- 19. True pal?
- 20. Amusement park prizes
- 23. Classic clown
- 24. Leprechaun-like
- 25. Cash register button
- 28. Agt. Scully's employer
- 30. Digital displays
- 34. "There was \_\_\_ woman ..."
- 35. Zesty dip
- 37. Three sheets to the wind
- 38. Beaming
- 41. Corn holder
- 42. Precious ones
- 43. Certain Windows window
- 44. Ifs or buts partners
- 46. Storm center
- 47. Necklace parts
- 48. Postal credo word
- 50. Pure finish
- 51. It's probably better

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**Down**

- 1. Some Navy noncoms
- 2. Something dropped
- 3. Major league family surname
- 4. Spongelike toy
- 5. Allergic reaction
- 6. Surpass
- 7. Radius partner
- 8. Blueprint
- 9. Denier's words
- 10. State since 1948
- 11. Filed item
- 12. Meagerly manages
- 13. Sack adjective
- 21. Threw in one's cards
- 22. "If only!"
- 25. 1993 treaty, briefly
- 26. Layered bulb
- 27. Fixed a shoe, in a way
- 28. Laissez-\_\_\_
- 29. Deli orders
- 31. Gridiron infractions
- 32. Dressed lavishly
- 33. Stoop parts
- 35. Rock rhythmically
- 36. Sauce source
- 39. Plow pioneer
- 40. Driver's hurdle
- 45. Be short with
- 47. Bring into existence
- 49. "\_\_\_ a Nightingale"
- 50. Popped
- 51. Finish second
- 52. Lugs
- 53. Chip's partner
- 54. Throw in the towel
- 55. Martinique et Haiti
- 56. Creole vegetable
- 57. Like some misses
- 58. Separation

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**Poisonous drinks**

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| CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 6pm at Booster Building                 | FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall          |
| CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)        | Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake |
| CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall | Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall         |
| NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at Park and Rec office           | <b>NA Wednesdays</b> at CV Community Hall at 7pm                 |
| CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office              | NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5pm at North Lake Clinic         |
| EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building                             | NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.    |
| FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange                     | SL Rural Fire Dist - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Silver Lake Fire Hall     |
| Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum         |  |

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