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The fields are greening up and the pivots are beginning to drop water on the crops. I'm sure those of you with lawns, flower beds and gardens are weeing spring's transformation and of course a lot of weeds and grasses where you wish they weren't. March sort of retired in a lamb-like fashion and April threw in a few very nice days, only to have them followed by some darn cold windy days. Tonight, as I am finishing up this edition of the Breeze the wind is whipping and the temperature although not extremely cold certainly feels like it with the wind chill. After a long, albeit mild winter it is hard to be patient. One good thing is that most of my fruit trees have yet to blossom so maybe they will be able to set fruit again this year.





This may ready as repetitive, after all I print something similar whenever there is an election coming up. I simply believe that it is critical to the stability of our amazing nation to honor the privilege we as citizens have to cast our votes.

Frequently I hear a comment such as, "My vote doesn't make a difference." That though process is flawed. Many times elections are decided by less than 100 votes. And, every time one chooses not to vote they are inadvertently and unintentionally giving another voter two votes. Think of it this way. I like candidate X and you like candidate Y. If you don't cast your ballot then my vote no longer cancels your Y vote but instead provides my X one more vote toward success.

Of course my mental math may be flawed but I am happy to know that for all the votes not cast an outcome may be altered, sometimes in unexpected ways.

Remember many of you have ties to family members who served in the military - many of them in past conflicts - conflicts that had our troops not been involved would have likely changed the world order we live in today. They fought, they died, they came home damaged. They sacrificed to preserve our republic and democracy.

With voting by mail, the process has been greatly simplified, so please take a few minutes to study your voters pamphlet, educate yourself as to the candidates and then mark your ballot and mail it in.

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Museum Opening May 25

By Marie Lee



Marie Lee

Lake County and Schminck Memorial Museums Reopen for the Summer Season.

Lake County and Schminck Memorial Museums in Lakeview, Oregon will reopen in May—opening is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 12 noon. If something goes awry with that date, I will blast it out on Facebook.

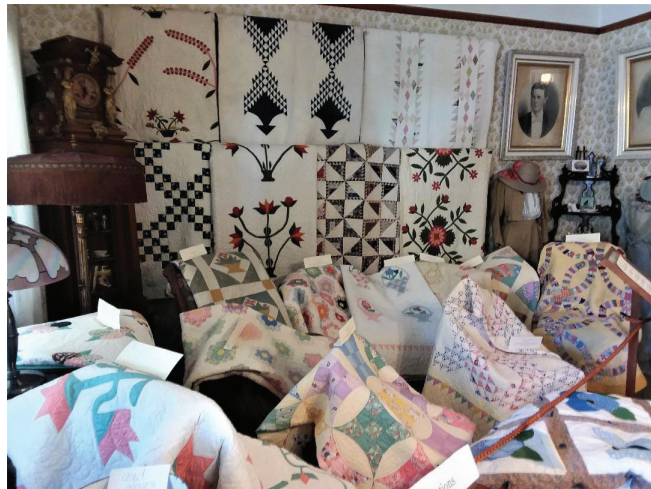
Regular days and hours are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12 noon until 4 p.m. starting the first Thursday in May and continuing through the last weekend in October. Both museums are located one-half block south of the courthouse, side-by-side, at 118 and 128 South E Street. If you want to schedule a private tour at another time, call me: Marie Lee, at 541-417-0459. Leave a message and I will return the call. I can also be contacted via private message (PM) on Facebook.

Lake County Museum has undergone another partial facelift this past winter. Counting the remodel of 2023 two full rooms plus the center hallway have received plaster repair, new paint, new flooring, and removal of decaying cabinets. New lighting has been installed throughout the entire building. That amount of work has brought a complete new aura to the building. Hopefully during

the winter of 2025 we will complete some much-needed upgrades in that building.

“God willing an’ the crick doesn’t rise,” two new exhibits will near completion by the museum’s opening. Those exhibits are a military exhibit, and an Alger family theater exhibit. A sawmill/logging exhibit is also in the planning stage and that work will continue throughout the summer.

Although the Alger Theater in Lakeview has now been officially



the movie theater business, the Alger family story is also an early 1900s tale of an intrepid pioneering spirit that carried on throughout the Great Depression and World War II.

Although I find all history captivating, military history has never been my first go-to. During my short tenure at Lake County Museums incredible military stories have come my way. I am now fascinated by that story of discipline, and sacrifice. Sacrifice not only



placed on a historic buildings’ register due to its art deco 1940 style of architecture, I personally feel that there is more to the story. An Alger family journal was loaned to me a couple of years ago and their story, as it relates to their small theater empire, needs to be told. That exhibit will showcase Lakeview’s Marius Theater built in 1928; Lakeview’s Alger Theater built in 1940 and still standing; and the one-time summer favorite: Circle J-M Drive-In Theater.

Merl and Janice Alger also owned and operated two theaters on the southern Oregon coast. More than



by military personnel, but by their families as well.

Such a story is that of Corporal Jessica Ellis, a graduate of Lakeview High School who was killed on Mother’s Day, May 11, 2008, while

on duty in Iraq. Heartbreaking as it has been for her parents, they have been generous in supplying the museum with precious artifacts plus Jessica’s story. Her story of an adventurous spirit and the need to make life better for those who surround us, no matter the location, is a story that mirrors goals of many of today’s young people.

Lake County Museum’s military exhibit features uniforms and military items unique to the time and place plus Lake County honor rolls from both World War I and World War II.

Agnes Barry, another Lake County woman, was an army nurse during World War II. Some of her items are also featured in the military display.

Schminck Memorial Museum remains mostly unchanged for this upcoming season. Much of the unique quality found in that museum can be attributed to the Daughters of the American Revolution who operated the museum until approximately ten years ago. Although a few exhibits have been altered, such as moving an extensive historic quilt display to the upstairs level, the Schminck’s early 1900s lifestyle exhibits have been preserved in the same manner as in the past.

If you find yourselves in the neighborhood this coming summer, I urge a visit to Lake County’s Lakeview museums. I find that children love our museums as much as adults. It is a fun filled educational experience for kids, parents, and grandparents. You will not be disappointed—I promise.

Top: the quilt display on the main floor of the Schminck Museum. Middle: the center hallway of the Lake County Museum. Bottom: Lake County Museum with picture of Goose Lake, railroad depot, portable organ, and dishes from Fairport Inn.

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From This Angle: You've Got Mail

Do you remember going to your mail box and discovering a letter from a friend or family member – a letter that you could hold in your hands, and take out later to read again? Now days you probably don't find anything much in your mail box besides bills or catalogs. I recently found a hand-written note in my mailbox that lifted my spirits and made my day, fan mail from a Community Breeze reader who appreciates my monthly columns.

A few years ago when my friend Valerie was spending the winter in Washington DC, we decided to exchange snail-mail letters. In our correspondence, we recounted amusing incidents and pondered deeper questions. I have also found correspondents through Oregon Humanities Magazine's "Dear Stranger" letter exchange. One was Kriste York from Corvallis, a creative writing teacher who was a fan of small towns. She came to Paisley, participated in our Easy Writers group and had a glimpse of small-town life. We made that connection by writing letters the old fashioned way.

When my mother moved to Oregon from Wyoming in the 1930s, she and her cousins began a Round Robin Letter that continued for years. A large manila envelope would make the rounds. When she received it, each cousin would read the letters and view the photographs. Then she would write a new letter and send the package on its way. After the older generation died, some of us cousins kept the Round Robin going for a few

years. But sadly, the letters stopped coming. A few of us are friends on Facebook, but it just isn't the same.

The demise of letters and hand-written journals will be a hindrance for future historians and biographers. A biography of Charles Lindbergh and his wife Ann was based largely on correspondence and journals.



"The Diary of Ann Frank," which has been published in scores of languages since 1947, has been supplemented by a narrative "Treasures from the Attic." The account is based on a cache of long-

forgotten letters from Anne and her family discovered in the attic of her cousin Buddy Elias. The trove of letters, postcards and photographs were sent to the Elias family by the Franks before they went into hiding in 1942. Future historians will have a more difficult time doing research. Missives sent by text, email or Facebook have a tendency to be less detailed and evaporate into cyber space.

A young woman named Hannah Brencher moved to New York City after college graduation. She began writing anonymous letters of encouragement and leaving them in the subway or coffee shops for people to find. In her book "If You Find This Letter" she recounts an event at a retreat before graduation. At the end of the retreat, each graduate received a brown paper bag full of affirmative letters that had been collected from family and friends.

Think about writing a letter of affirmation and encouragement – it could brighten someone's day.

Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Well the past couple of months I have been doing a lot of driving for the Special Transportation program -- about 2000 miles in March and again in April. This is a terrific service for many folks who for many reasons need a driver. It is good for our citizens and good for the drivers, especially if the car they use gets decent mileage. The mileage drivers receive augments their income a bit, so it is a win-win for everyone.

You may or may not notice that the Breeze as fewer pages. It was a trade-off. I really like the look of the paper when every page has color. Many of the contributing writers include photos with their stories and with the 16 page, 50/50 black and white color format most of them ended on a black an white page because advertisers copy is always in color. Additionally, because the Breeze is a monthly, the goal has always been to provide readers with content first and news that is useful given the time-frame.

Another reason to print less pages is the additional color costs are offset by using less paper.

You should have received the Voter's Pamphlet for the May 21 primary by now. There are some local candidates but they opted not to use the pamphlet. I believe there is one County Commissioner position being contested. I do hope you will exercise your right to vote.!



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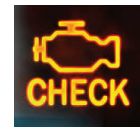
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 The year of April... April is April and the weather is predictable, don't know what is going to happen? It's going to be---Rain, Snow, Sleet, Sunny Skies or whatever.

This year toward the end of the month Ma Nature took pity on us and blessed us with decent weather. My hives didn't do well with the crazy warm days and then freezing nights.

During a warm day around the middle of the month I took a deep breath and started to inspect the hives. What I found was truly amazing. The strongest of the hives from last winter was the weakest. The hive that I gave little to no chance of making it into *Spring* surprised me bee-cuz in the Fall, when I saw too many drones still getting into the hive without the guard girls pushing them back out, I figured that

that hive would starve out bee-cuzz the drones would eat up the winter stores, (Just when you think you have figured it out...) Not so!

That hive became the errant swarm that decided to make its home in three un-used deep body hives that I placed in the winter yard just to have them out of the

way Low and behold they survived the winter.

So, back to what to do in April. Packages should be showing up

Bee-Cuzz You Asked APRIL and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



on our doorsteps soon and we will need to be ready to receive the new Queen Mother and the girls. Get on line if you have any questions about settling the new colony into their new digs. Have the Queen Mother's and girls new digs ready to move into. (No need to mention: FEED!)

Hive inspection should have been the prime priority

for this, and next month. But, again the weather may hinder normal inspection activities. When inspecting we need to be

looking for new brood, we need to switch the bottom boxes with the top brood boxes, clean the bottom boards and scraped burr comb off all of the brood frames. Again continue to monitor the Queen Mother's laying pattern. Monitor on at least a bi-weekly basis the hive activities on the days you can open the hives according to

temperatures (above 55 and no wind). Good luck on that.

Now is the time to determine if a Queen Mother needs to be replaced. Queens should be available from now until the middle of summer depending on your source. We need to be ever vigilant in looking for diseases and parasites in our pollinators. The strong hives need to have a honey super put on it to be sure you can capture some spring honey, or you may consider splitting and increasing your herd. Just make sure you can get a Queen Mother ordered up. Until next month Bee Safe out there!

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Growing up, my Sicilian father never said the word 'pasta'. He always referred to it as 'macaroni', which actually applies to tubular shaped pasta. We ate a lot of spaghetti, rigatoni and short lasagna (not tubular!) 'macaroni' all covered with a delicious sauce, which my East Coast family insists on calling 'gravy'! This macaroni dish was new to me as it is covered in a cheesy white sauce and filled with flaked tuna fish, mushrooms and sweet peppers.

Tuna Layered Macaroni Bake

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups elbow, or any short fat Macaroni (fusilli, cavatappi, penne, etc.)
- 2 TBSP EVOO
- 2 cloves Garlic, smashed and minced
- 1 cup sliced Mushrooms (it's almost morel season!)
- 1/2 Red Bell Pepper, sliced thinly
- 7 or 8 oz good canned Albacore Tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/2 tsp dried Oregano (or to taste)
- 2 Roma Tomatoes, sliced
- 1/4 cup dried Bread Crumbs (use heels of a loaf and make your own!)
- 1/4 cup grated sharp Cheddar or Parmesan Cheese or some of each
- Sea Salt and fresh ground Pepper

White Sauce

- 2 TBSP Butter
- 1 TBSP Flour
- 1 Cup Milk or Cream

Preparation

Cook Macaroni in boiling, salted water with 1 TBSP EVOO added, following package directions for time. Drain, rinse, and drain. Set aside.

Heat 1 TBSP or so EVOO in skillet and sauté Garlic, Mushrooms, and Bell Pepper until soft. Add the Tuna, Oregano, and Salt and Pepper to taste. Heat through .

Grease a 3 - 4 cup oven proof casserole and add half of the cooked macaroni. Cover that with the hot Tuna mixture, then top with the remaining Macaroni.

Make the White Sauce: melt butter and stir in flour. Cook for 1 minute, stirring. Add the Milk or Cream gradually and bring to a boil. Simmer for 1-2 minutes, stirring, until thickened. Season to taste and pour the Sauce over the Macaroni. Top with sliced Tomatoes and sprinkle with Bread Crumbs and Cheeses.

Bake in preheated 400° F oven for about 25 minutes or until topping is well browned

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We hope to see you there!

Desert Dandy

By Gladys Martin

Chapter Twenty Eight

It was getting well along in the afternoon on Saturday when there was a knock on the Barlow's door. Bob had contacted Doctor Dan about Annie's returned vision, so he had taken Annie in for an appointment. Eunice was busy in the kitchen. Nancy, Robbie and Grandpa Dave were playing dominoes in the living room. Eunice called, "Can you answer the door for me Nan?"

Nancy ran to the door and found Mr. Knight standing there. "May I come in?" he asked gruffly. "Yes, come in. Bob should be home any time now." "It's you I want to talk to," he said. "Shall we sit down while you explain how you got to my place and what you were trying to do?"

Nancy sat on the edge of her chair. "I ran most of the way, I was trying to get to Wagontire to help Dad with the calving. Out on the range we have to ride miles every day. Sometimes Dad has to help a cow and sometimes calves are born in a storm and get chilled. It takes two of us riding, and then there's the chores and keeping the house warm and taking care of any leppy calves. It's way too much for one person. But we got a letter from Dad today. He says George is sending Mike, one of his hired hands, to help. I'm sure glad because there's no way I could get there."

Mr. Knight's eyes bored into her. "Don't you realize you could have got shot?" "I guess I didn't think of that," Nancy said. "All I could think about was how bad Dad needed help. If we lose too many cows, we might not be able to keep on ranching. Now he'll likely hate me when he finds out I'm accused of trying to steal a horse." The misery Nancy was feeling was evident in her voice.

"I don't think he will hate you. He'll probably feel pretty good knowing you care that much. It made me feel good to know Sparky cares about me and my ranch," he said.

Nancy was taken by surprise. "I thought you didn't like him anymore. That's what he told me."

"I've finally realize I shouldn't blame him for what other people have done. I just talked to him and he made me believe your story. It was a foolish thing to do, but I admire your spunk. I won't press charges but you'd better

not try anything like that again," Mr. Knight said sternly.

Nancy was still terrified, but the cold fingers of fear around her heart began to lose their icy grip. "I promise I'll never do anything like that again," she declared.

On Monday morning, Josephine rushed up to Nancy. "We were so worried about you. Then when Pastor Bob came and told us you were all right, it was such a relief. You tried to get to Wagontire, didn't you? And then we heard your Mom can see again. Wow! What a weekend."

Nancy didn't want to talk about her attempt to get to Wagontire, so she talked about her mother instead. "Dr. Dan said that the blood vessels constricted when Mom got so scared. It was just some swelling that was making her blind. She sure is happy about being able to see. I thought maybe we could go home right away, But Dr. Dan wants her to stay here for a while. She may need to wear glasses."

Sparky rushed up to the girls. "Guess what, Nan? My Grandpa came to see me. He wants me to go to Howard Prairie with him this summer, and he said you could come with us."

Annie was thrilled to have her sight back, but asked Nancy to continue reading the Bible to her, it was special for them to share it. One day when Nancy was reading, Robbie came in and asked, "Where's Davy?" "I thought he was playing games with you," Annie responded.

"I thought he was with you, but now I can't find him," Robbie said with a note of worry in his voice. A quick search revealed Davy was not in the house, had not put on his coat and the front door was ajar. "Annie turned to Robbie. "Go tell your Mommy to pray for Davy to be safe and for us to find him real quick." Then she turned to Nancy. "Start searching for him in that direction and I'll go this way."

Annie finally spotted him, wandering aimlessly down a street half way across town. "Dad, where are you going?" she called out to him. "I'm just looking for the church," he answered. "Someone must have moved it. It's almost time for service to begin."

"You are getting cold. Here, put on my coat and let's go find a warm place," Annie told him. She walked with him toward home. Safely back in the house, Annie and Nancy warmed a blanket over the stove and wrapped it around Dave. Annie told Nancy, "We'll have to watch him and be sure we know where he is all the time."

When Bob came home, they told him what happened. He found an old cow bell to hang on the door. "That will make enough noise so we won't have to worry about Dave sneaking out," he said.

Ten days later the bell wakened everyone in the middle of the night. Bob grabbed a flashlight and found David half a block away, with no coat. Back at the house, Annie put more wood in the stove while Eunice gathered dry towels, pajamas and slippers.

Two weeks later, Robbie came into the kitchen where Eunice was preparing breakfast. "Mom, Davy isn't getting up like he usually does," he said. "He looks really happy, but he's awful cold."

"I'll go check on him," Annie said. Nancy came downstairs as they were going into the bedroom David and Robbie shared. Annie touched his face, knowing her beloved father had died in the night. "He's dead, Robbie," she said softly.

Robbie replied, "He told me last night that Jesus was coming to take him home. He said he had to leave his body here, but he wouldn't be dead."



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Mountain Bison

By The Prospector

Few animals have captured the imagination as have the buffalo. The image of Plains Indians in colorful trappings riding on horseback into prodigious herds of buffalo has created an aura of romance and mythology. This association of horses and Native Americans was historically brief and culturally and economically unique- has almost completely shrouded many in the historical features of the bison in the pre-horse era.

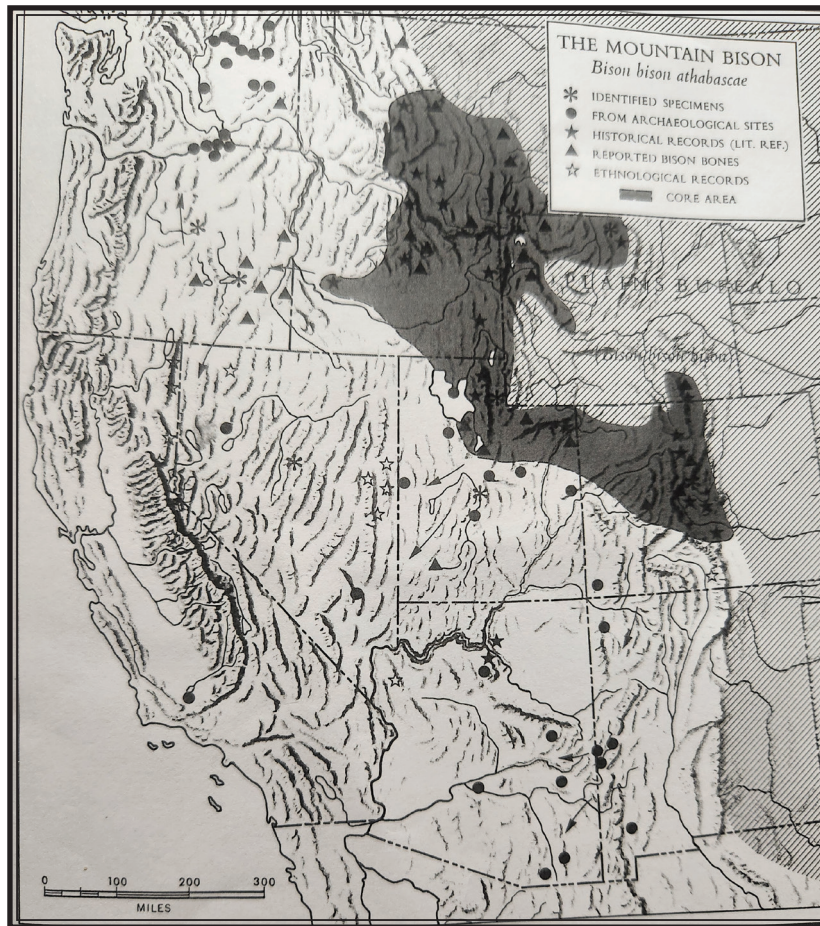
Additionally, is misleading to think of this species as living only on the plains. Zoologists recognized two species or races, of bison. The plains buffalo (*Bison bison bison*) is well known and at one time was the dominant grazing animal throughout North America, with numbers estimated to have been 60 million.

These majestic animals were brought to near extinction through systematic slaughter as a means to eradicate native populations whose cultures as well as food and shelter securities were intertwined with the bison..

Buffalo Bill Cody won a shooting contest and his nickname by killing 1100 buffalo within 72 hours (daylight only). The other guys score was 900 kills. When ask how he could do that Bill was quoted, "Hit the buffalo so the smell of blood doesn't reach the rest of the herd (downwind) and just keep shooting".

The other, mountain bison (*Bison bison athabasca*), has received little attention, and consequently

zone. Early nineteenth century trappers recognized a difference in species and referred specifically to



its habits and attributes have been largely ignored. The mountain bison lived in the forest and mountains, particularly the Rocky Mountains, of the United States. In Canada, where it is called the wood bison, it lived in the meadows and forests of the subarctic

the "Mountain Bison". The general characteristics are slowly emerging.

Its most significant attributes were: latitudinal migrations; extreme shyness, manifested by a tendency to escape into forests or other topography unsuitable for pursuing horsemen; agility and speed; dark pelt with longer, finer hair than the plains buffalo; and a tendency to congregate in small bands. The contemporary descriptions are consisting except for gross size. Here are some samples from writers of the era.

This animal which old mountaineers call the "bison" were described as follows: This animal bears about the same relation to the plains buffalo as a sturdy mountain pony does to a well-built American horse. His body lighter, whilst his legs are shorter, but much thicker and stronger, than the plains buffalo, thus enabling him to perform feats of climbing and tumbling almost incredible in such a huge and apparently unwieldy beast." One way of losing their pursuers would be somersaulting down a hillside of tangled brush.

It is doubtful that many Native North Americans relied upon bison as a primary staple before the

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He said he'd be alive and young again. He'd get to see Beth Ann. Don't feel sad, he really wanted to go."

"Out of the mouth of babes," Annie whispered to herself.

David Farmer's funeral was attended by nearly everyone in Talent, and some from Phoenix, Medford and Ashland. He was known and loved in a wide area.

Robbie probably missed David the most, as they had been constant companions. He began playing with Philip a lot more. Sometimes they rolled on the couch or on the floor. Then they would race each other back and forth across the living room.

In mid-April someone called and asked to speak to Annie. The voice on the other end of the call said, "Hi, Annie. This is Nellie, Lena's daughter. I'm in Medford on my way to see Mom and thought I'd stop in to see you on my way. You might be able to go on out to Wagontire with me, if that doctor will turn you lose."

Annie was thrilled at the prospect of riding out to Wagontire with Nellie. "I'm almost sure the doctor will let me go."

Doctor Dan was willing to release Annie, but was cautious. "I don't want you riding horses or pitching hay. Just take it easy, when you get tired go lie down to rest. It may take a year or more to heal completely. So far you've done better than expected. Don't take a change of messing things up now."

After promising to behave, Annie went back to the Barlow's and started packing. Nancy was not pleased when told she would have to wait until school was out before she could leave Talent.

"It's only six weeks, Nan. If we can't come back to Talent, you can ride the bus home. Help Eunice as much as you can while you are here," Annie told her. "Dad went home to heaven and now I'm going home to Wagontire. It won't be long until it's your turn to go home too."

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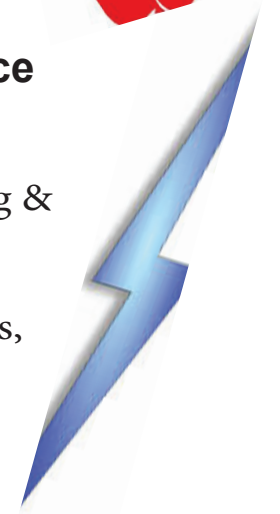
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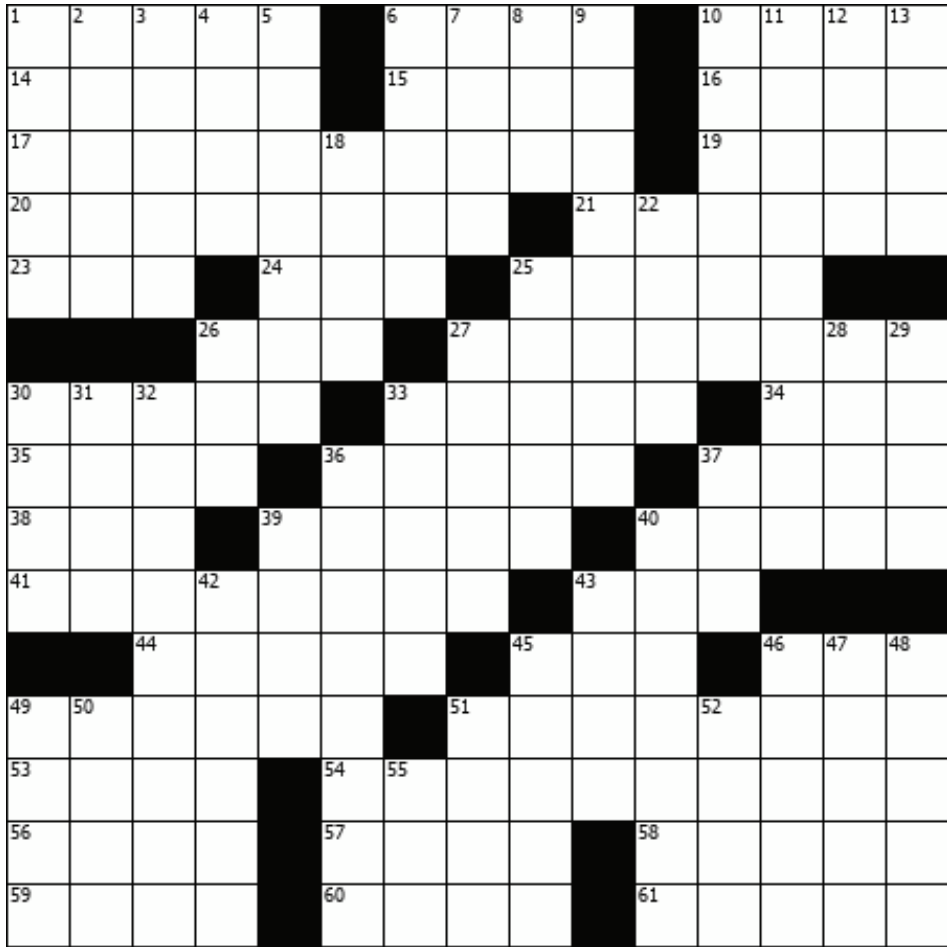
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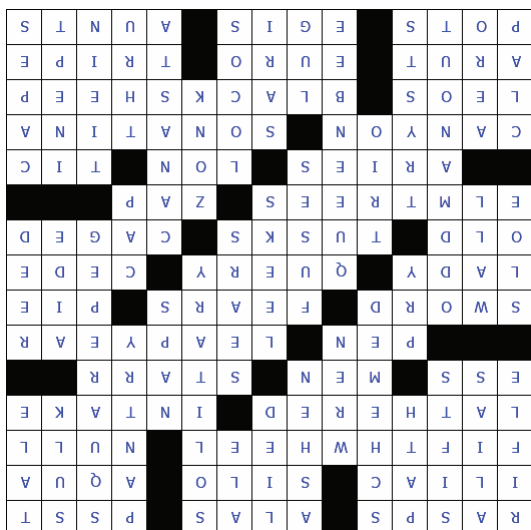
May Crossword



- Across**
- Sounds like Satchmo
 - "Ah, me!"
 - Surreptitious sound
 - Pertaining to the hipbone
 - Tower for a Titan
 - Lung opening?
 - Misfit
 - Empty, in math
 - Soaped up
 - Kind of valve
 - Count ending
 - Restroom sign
 - Super Bowls I and II MVP
 - Its tip may be felt
 - 2004, but not 2003
 - Bilbo or scimitar
 - Phobias
 - Rhubarb, for one
 - What luck may be tonight
 - Question
 - Sign over
 - What few want to grow
 - Boar features
 - Pent up
 - Shade sources
 - Shocking sound
 - Sign of spring
 - Creepy Chaney
 - Behavioral quirk
 - Bryce, for one
 - Short composition
 - Most with August birthdays
 - Misfit
 - In ___ (routine-bound)
 - Continental dollar
 - Utter nonsense
 - Poker winnings
 - Sponsorship (Var.)
 - Cousins' moms

- Down**
- Part of NRA
 - Fake handle?
 - Works with sand
 - Walkway
 - Plotted
 - White as a sheet
 - Made up a story
 - Beer alternative
 - Single
 - Kitchen storage
 - Misfit
 - Have a long face
 - Bunch of baloney
 - St. Paul's architect
 - Cats take them
 - Blackens
 - Snoop
 - Onion cousins
 - Assistant
 - Stalk by the river
 - Blackthorn's fruit
 - Room need
 - Misfit
 - They may be blown in boxes
 - She has lots of workers
 - Toothpaste topper
 - The Andrews Sisters, e.g.
 - Form of rummy
 - Secret meetings
 - Clobber
 - Crazies south of the border
 - Many a McDonald's promotion
 - All thumbs
 - Cloaks
 - Clean erasers
 - Lead-in for plane or space
 - Rani's wrap
 - "No ___ traffic"
 - Wheel fastener

MAY SOLUTION



Bison from page 10

introduction of the horses in early of 1500's. In pre-horse days, Native Americans killed bison by stampeding them over cliffs or shooting them with arrows. Arrows were effective only at close range, and bison were different to approach. These native people were not mobile enough, nor were 'jumps' (cliffs) that convenient; so bison were most likely a supplement at best.



the meat was dried at the kill site and few or no bones were carried back. The records from Malheur and Harney Lakes, Oregon based on native people interviewed indicate

after the bison were gone, they used tules as building materials for houses in place of hides.


For at least seventy five years before the arrival of white men, mounted native "Americans were hunting bison

The horse altered this, for the shooting distance was reduced to several feet; and the added mobility of scouts and villages, plus their newly acquired capacity to carry meat, significantly extended the Indians' hunting range. Archaeology digs around the area has yielded bison bones and pronghorn antelope that weren't unknown in Oregon and Washington in modern Times, were abundantly represented in levels before the advent of horses.

The great weight of the bison and the absence of horses for transporting them indicate that the kill sites were in close proximity to the villages, for


in the Far West. Either by direct killing or by restricting movements of small herds from core Range, and greatly decimated the mountain bison over a large area; today the only surviving mountain bison in the western United States are in Yellowstone national Park, and even these have been genetically diluted by contact with the Plains Buffalo.

How far west did the Mountain buffalo migrate west? The record is 19 miles east of Christmas Valley at a place called Buffalo Wells which should be properly be called 'Bison Wells'.



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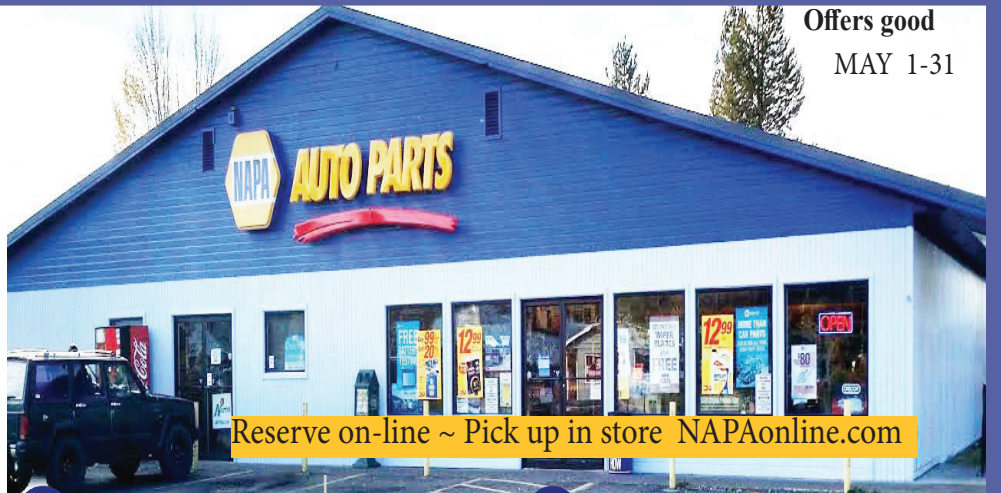


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