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October 14th Annular Solar Eclipse Viewing in North Lake County



Time-line for Christmas Valley

Annular solar eclipse visible
(89.03% coverage of Sun)
Magnitude: 0.9508

Duration:

2 hours, 37 minutes, 6 seconds

Duration of Annularity:

3 minutes, 7 seconds

Partial begins:
Oct 14 at 8:05:58 am

Full begins:
Oct 14 at 9:19:08 am

Maximum:
Oct 14 at 9:20:41 am



Full ends:
Oct 14 at 9:22:15 am



Partial ends:
Oct 14 at 10:43:04 am



During an annular solar eclipse, the apparent size of the Moon's disk is slightly smaller than the apparent size of the Sun's disk. Therefore, only the outer edge of the Sun remains visible and the Sun appears as a brilliant ring if you are inside the path of annular solar eclipse. This is an otherworldly sight often called a "ring of fire". There are instructions for safely viewing solar eclipses posted on line by the American Astronomical Society and several other professional organizations.

This eclipse will be a warm-up act for the spectacle of the total solar eclipse crossing the United States just 177 days later on April 8, 2024. While not as dramatic as a total solar eclipse, an annular solar eclipse promises a spectacular vision featuring the striking sight of the Sun as a ring. We recommend solar binoculars for viewing the dynamic Baily's Beads, sparkling points of brilliant sunlight as the Moon's limb rolls over the Sun's edge.

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For me labor Day was the first day of an amazing vacation with my son Stephen. It has been years since we were able to get more than a few days or even hours alone together.

This outing was in the works for months. The plan - Camp on Hwy 138 (which follows the North Umqua River) and hike out to water falls along the route.

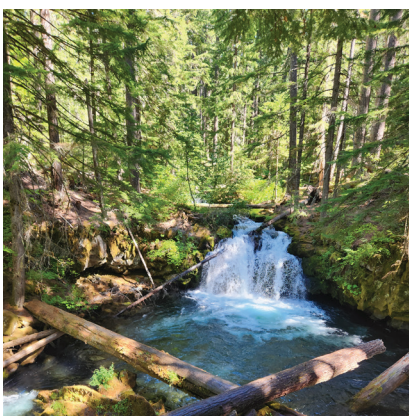
Steve and I are not into Glamping. We like tent camping, fire pits, cooking on camp stoves and relaxing with just the sound of a nearby river and a gentle breeze.

The weather was perfect, no clouds, no rain, no wind and comfortable temperatures. Oh and the campgrounds were virtually empty. We chose Island Campground as our base.

Our first afternoon and evening was spent setting up, enjoying chicken teriyaki with rice and sweet tea. Then Steve built a nice warming fire and we just enjoyed.

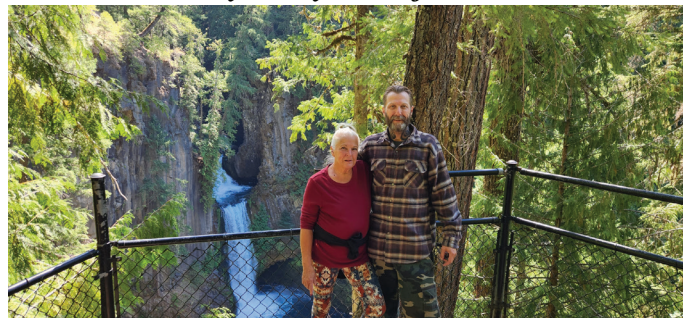
Day one involved a lovely drive along the river to scope out which falls we wanted to visit and then we went back to camp to pack a lunch and head off to Susan Falls.

This fall (pictured above) is



Comings and Goings a vacation to remember

By Terry Crawford



just off the highway and requires no serious hiking. Susan Falls is not tall but is very lovely as it flows in an old-growth setting. Just across the highway is Susan Campground which is managed by BLM and is very nice for picnicking. It is adjacent to the North Umqua Trail which we hiked after lunch for a few hours.

Day two was our trip to Watson Falls. This is the tallest fall in Southern Oregon at just under 200 feet. A good deal of elevation on this trail but it is not technical and the resulting view was more

than worth it.

Our next outing was to Crater Lake where we spent the entire day.

It was beautiful. We met so many nice people for all over the world that day. Actually we met interesting people on all our side trips.

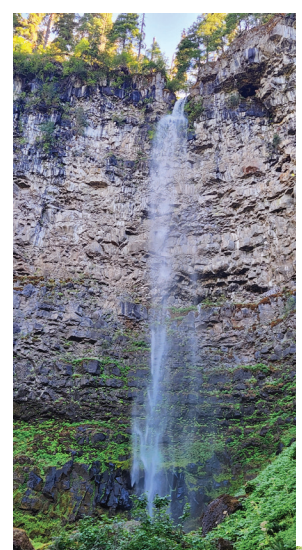
Below is Steve on the way to Fall Creek Falls. As you can see this area's old-growth was destroyed. However



the amazing geological features once hidden by the forest were now revealed and very interesting. This was a somewhat technical hike

with a lot of elevation but it was spectacular. There was a 20 plus foot tall, fractured boulder through which the trail traveled.

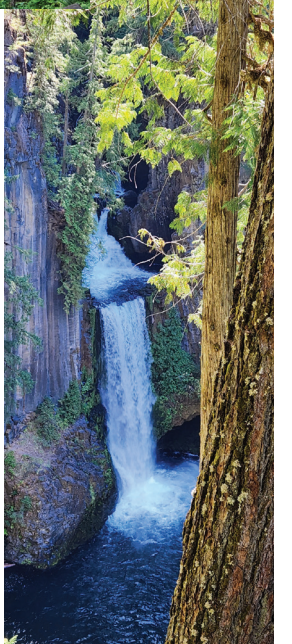
The two photos below are of



(top) Watson Falls and (bottom) Toketee Falls. The hike to Toketee while just less than a mile was quite vertical and involved 222 steps as part of the

trail. The resulting view was more than worth the effort. So fun.

Of course I have tons of photos as does Steve but there isn't enough room to share. The ones from Crater Lake came out super nice - especially the panorama.



See Vacation page 5



Marie Lee

Winema is one of the most recognized names amongst historical figures of the American West.

She was a Modoc Native American woman of great and unusual courage. Her Modoc name was Nanooktowa. Early in her youth she married a Kentuckian whose name was Frank Riddle and her name gradually became known as Toby Riddle. The moniker of “Winema” was a stage name given to her by Alfred Meacham who was a former Chief of Indian Affairs in Oregon. Meacham gave Winema her famous name while on a tour of the eastern United States. Winema translates, *somewhat*, to “Woman Chief.”

Winema’s story is both simple and complicated. Born in 1841 in an area near Link River, where Klamath Falls is now located, she grew up a typical Modoc child. Her father, Secot, was disappointed that she was a girl—like many of his era, he would have preferred a son. Her unusual courage, however, began to manifest during her childhood when she found strength beyond her years to save her fellow playmates from drowning in the dangerous rapids of Link River.

She was very young when

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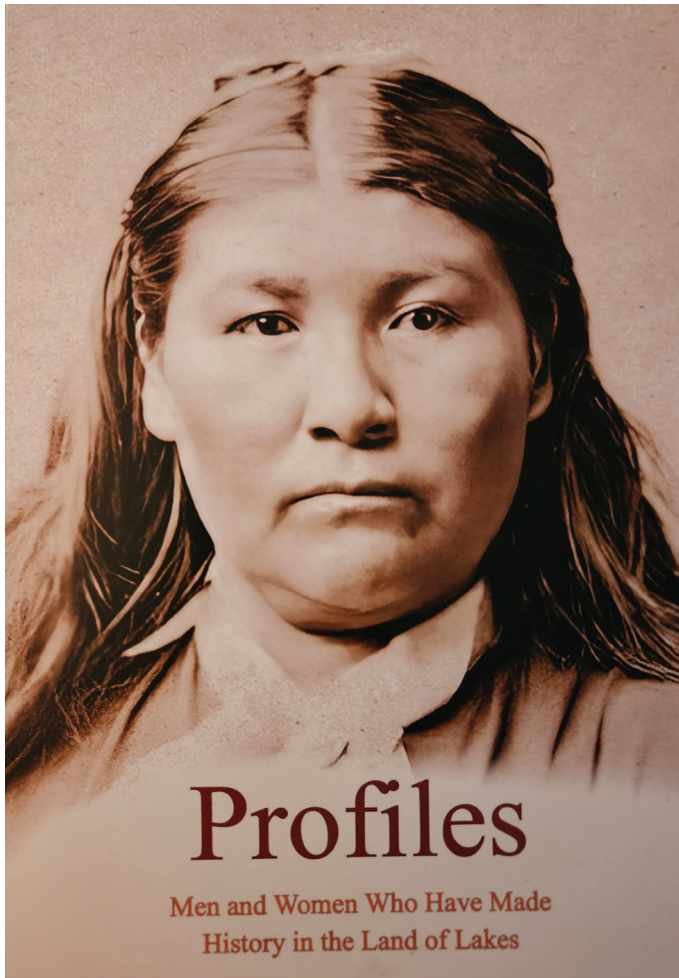


Winema, a Woman of Courage

By Marie Lee

she married Frank Riddle. Reportedly, Frank was engaged to marry a girl back in Kentucky and Nanooktowa was promised

Frank and his wife, Toby, became famous during the Indian conflict known as the “Modoc War.” Toby was a cousin to Captain Jack, as Secot, Toby’s father, was a brother to Captain Jack’s father. Captain Jack led a group of Modoc Indians who left the reservation due to unfair treatment by both the Klamath Indians and those in charge of the reservation. Armed conflicts between Captain Jack’s braves and the U. S. Military eventually found Captain Jack with his men, wives, children, and a few elders in an impenetrable stronghold. Captain Jack’s stronghold was located within the Lava Beds National Monument near Tule Lake, California. Toby and Frank served as interpreters between a



Winema

to another Modoc brave. Unlike many marriages between Indian maidens and white men who were trappers, traders, or explorers, Frank and Nanooktowa had a lifelong and happy marriage. To their marriage was born one child, a son. I was amazed as I read a book, titled “*The Indian History of the Modoc War*” written by Jefferson C. Davis Riddle, Winema’s son, in which he wrote extensively about his mother.

Peace Commission, activated to settle the conflict, and Captain Jack’s group.

It was a perilous position for Toby Riddle as she was often considered a traitor by her own people. Her own life was threatened, and there were days when she thought she would not return alive as she took messages back and forth between the Peace Commission and Captain Jack. The standoff ended with Captain Jack and some of his

followers murdering General Canby, Reverend Thomas, and nearly taking the life of Alfred Meacham, who were members of the Peace Commission. In the end, Captain Jack and three of his braves were hung at Ft. Klamath on October 3, 1873.

Sometime after the Modoc War, when Meacham’s health had returned, he took Toby, Frank, their son, Jeff, and several other Modoc Indians on a tour of eastern cities. It was Meacham’s intention to educate easterners, particularly politicians, about the Native American plight in the west. It was during this tour that Toby Riddle became known as “Winema.”

Frank and Toby Riddle lived out their lives on the reservation near the Yainax substation. Frank died in 1906 and Toby, or Winema, died during the Spanish Influenza epidemic in 1920.

A short biography of Winema, by her second-great-granddaughter, Debra Riddle, is included in the latest Journal of the Shaw Historical Library Volume 34, 2023 titled, “*Profiles, Men and Women Who Have Made History in the Land of Lakes.*” Also included is a very well-done biography of Sarah Winnemucca. Yours truly contributed three Lake County biographies: Reub Long, Leslie Shaw, and Sybil Harber. This latest journal can be purchased through their website at: <https://shaw-historical-library.square.site/>.

Leslie Shaw



Sybil Harber



Toni Bailie

From This Angle: *Up in Flames*

Unrelenting drought and unprecedented heat waves have parched Oregon forests. Lightning strikes spark fires in remote, inaccessible areas. Fire fighters respond with air and ground crews. Protecting endangered people and structures is their first priority.

Fires have charred camping places on the shores of pristine Waldo Lake where we once camped and swam in the clear, cold water and hiked the trail that skirts the lake. In August, lightning sparked a fire in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. Evacuation alerts were issued to hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail and to campers in the Mink Lake Basin. Hemlock forests grow along that trail on the east side of the Cascades, some of the forest giants are 150 feet high and five feet in diameter.

It grieves my heart to visualize fire raging along the shores of mountain lakes that dwell in the mythic realm of my childhood. I remember the winter in 1952 when our family lived in a mountain cabin while Dad was trapping marten. In summer, we would hike

the Six-Lakes trail that began on the shores of Elk Lake. The trail wound gradually uphill past Doris



Lake and Blow Lake, then up the steep climb to Cliff Lake, a jumble of rocks above cobalt-blue waters.

Beyond Cliff Lake, a trail branched off arriving on the shore of Vogel Lake. An island in the middle of the lake once harbored a two-room log cabin built by a Seattle brewer in 1919. Dad constructed a raft of dry logs secured with nails and twine to ferry gear and food to the cabin, sheltered in a stand of white pine and hemlock. Inside, the smoke-darkened logs were caulked with moss. On a cold winter day, flames blazing in the fireplace and stew simmering on the cook-stove were a welcome sight for Dad when he had covered long miles of trap-line

on his snowshoes. Dad used that cabin as a trapping base camp for nine winters in the 40s and 50s.

Sadly, the Vogel Lake cabin burned in the 1960s, leaving only the fireplace chimney standing. At Dad's request, it was there we scattered his ashes when he died in 1991.

In the summer of 1980, Dad joined me and my family on a back-packing trip into the Mink Lake Basin. On the shore of Vogel Lake, we spread sleeping bags over our bough beds. At dawn, I dipped water from the lake as tendrils of vapor rose from the surface into the cold morning air. Next day we camped at Winopee Lake. At dusk, Dad and I perched on a boulder above the lake. We watched a small herd of elk swim the channel

across the lake, melting into the shadows of the meadow. That magical moment lingers in my memory.

Next we hiked to Muskrat Lake, a jewel framed by stately spruce, fed by the waters of Packsaddle Creek. We camped in the spacious log cabin built by Luther Metke in 1931 as headquarters for a fur ranch. He planted muskrats in the marshy lake and sold their furs for a good profit. The cabin, lit by several windows, was furnished with a table, sink, cooking and heating stoves. We adults bunked downstairs while the kids claimed the loft for their night's sleep. My son Keith inflated a portable raft. He and his brother David launched into the lake and caught enough trout for a fish-fry.

The last time I stayed at Muskrat Lake was September 1991, after we had taken Dad's ashes to his resting place on Vogel Lake Island. As Al and I shouldered our packs and headed toward the trail head at Cultus Lake, I paused by a pine tree for one last glimpse of Muskrat Lake and the cabin. Now I fear that those trails and lakes have been consumed by fire, but their beauty will live on in my memories.

Vacation from page two

We also took some great videos of the falls.

We really met some interesting people along the way. On our second night in camp - at which we were the only campers, a small motor home pulled up and then parked in the adjoining space. My first thought was it seemed odd that with all the available spaces they picked that one. However, once I realized it was a lone woman and her dog, her choice made sense.

Soon after parking she walked over to say hello. She was from Germany and was on a year-long adventure exploring the 'continent'.

Here traveling companion, Toto, looked just like the dog from The Wizard of Oz, except he was about the size of a large Labrador.

We visited with a family from Cambodia who now live in the USA, but all over the country. They had gathered for a vacation and one stop along the way was Crater Lake. We took several photos of their family for them.

At Crater Lake we also enjoyed visiting with a lady from Brazil. We met other Brazilians at Toketee Falls and photographed them too.

A Couple from Main was also at the rim overlooking Wizard Island. They had been visiting National parks for the past 35 years and had seen most of them. They said their favorite was Bryce Canyon and that was their next destination.

We also visited with folks from France, Canada, and many US states.

Our last day was our hike to Toketee falls. We got back to camp around 4pm and got ready to share a meal at a very nice resort restaurant called the Steamboat Inn. It was my treat and Steve's choice of menu items.

We shared a perfectly prepared steak head fillet with sides of creamy spiced mashed potatoes and a medley of fresh vegetables. For dessert we added coffee cake topped with ice cream and fudge. Boy were we full. It was the perfect ending of a wonderful week as was the big camp fire we enjoyed until well into the evening.

Saturday morning was bitter sweet because the vacation was over. We did caravan to just outside of Gilchrist and then I headed home and Steve headed to Bend for a quick visit with his daughter before heading home to Estacada.

Cottonwood Horse Camp Rebuilt

Before COVID, Gary and Marie Brain had committed to rebuilding the Cottonwood Horse Camp - which was pretty much falling down. This past September they were able to keep that commitment. In conjunction with the Forest Service (they supplied the materials) the couple spent two long weekends tearing down the old structures and starting over. The good thing was the corner posts were all good as were the gates.

Even so it was a huge task and a true gift to all those who use the facilities in our national forests.

Their efforts are a perfect example of what volunteerism is all about. They were not looking for a pat on the back, rather they just wanted to make this camp the camp it should be.

Thank You, Gary & Marie



Spooktacular Play Day
Sunday, October 15th, 2023
 at the
Christmas Valley Park and Recreation
District Rodeo Grounds, behind the
CV Fire Station

<p>Age Divisions</p> <p>Leadline 6 & Under Unassisted Rider 6 & Under 7-10 11-13 14-19 20-45 46-59 60 & Over</p>	<p>Sign Ups Start at 8:45 a.m. Events start at 10 a.m. \$500** Minimum Added Money Ribbons to 4th ~ Money Pay out to 3rd Prizes \$25 Entry Fee ~ put into the money payout!</p>	<p>Events</p> <p>Barrels Key Hole Figure 8 Speed Barrel Costume Class Egg Race</p>
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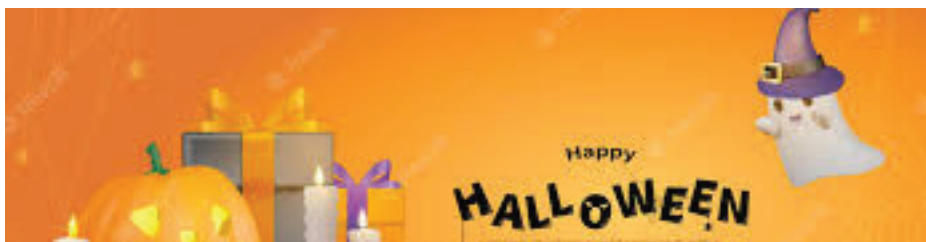
We have several things planned for Halloween but they aren't quite firmed up yet. Watch for more information on Facebook. Sorry we ran out of time to get this ready for the Breeze. We look forward to seeing you in your best ever Halloween Costumes.

TRUNK or TREAT

Trunk or Treat will take place on Halloween. All children are invited to come join in the fun. The trunks will be parked near the Christmas Valley Community Hall and the Hall will be open for use. Watch the Whispers for more information.

Holiday Bizarre

Word has it that there will be a Holiday Bizarre at the Fort Rock Community Church on November 11th. This is always a fun event with many nice hand-crafted gifts for purchase. We will have more information in the November Breeze.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Planning Commission to Meet at the Fort Rock Grange October 17th at 6:pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Lake County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00pm, at the Fort Rock Grange Hall at 64651 Fort Rock Rd, Fort Rock, Oregon 97735, or by Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/91484568866>) to receive public comment and testimony on the following applications. Failure to raise an issue at the hearing or to provide sufficient specificity precludes your ability to appeal the decision to the Board of Commissioners. If you have needs requiring special arrangements, please call 541-947-6036 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 23-033-CUP Public Hearing concerning an application by Michael and Nocean Burson to establish a Non-Farm Dwelling on a 7.15-acre parcel, described as T26S R19E S04 TL1200, approximately 18.25 miles northeast of Christmas Valley: approximately 8 miles east to Fossil Lake Road, then north 8 miles on said road, then east 2.4 mile on Lost Forest Lane to the northwest corner of the property; in an A-2 Agriculture Use zone, with a Comprehensive Plan Designation of R - Range. A decision will be based on Articles 3 and 24 of the amended Lake County Zoning Ordinance of 1980.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 23-038-CUP Public Hearing concerning an application by R&H Investments, Inc. to establish a Non-Farm Dwelling on a 20.00-acre parcel, described as T27S R18E S08 TL600, approximately 3.25 miles northeast of Christmas Valley: approximately 3 miles east to Carrico Road, then north 0.25 mile to the southwest corner of the property; in an A-2 Agriculture Use zone, with a Comprehensive Plan Designation of A - Agriculture. A decision will be based on Articles 3 and 24 of the amended Lake County Zoning Ordinance of 1980.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGE (GOAL 3 EXCEPTION) APPLICATION NO. 21-050-CUP, 21-051-CP Public Hearing concerning an application by Webster Road Solar Farm II LLC to establish a Photovoltaic Solar Project (Utility Facility), which requires a Goal 3 Exception (Comprehensive Plan Change). The Planning Commission will review all project components of the application submitted and give a Recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners (BOC). If later approved by the BOC, the Exception would allow a PV Solar project to be established on a parcel greater than 320 acres, but less than 1920 acres of nonarable land. Commercial Utility Facilities or other facilities for the purpose of generating power for sale are allowed as a conditional use under the Lake County Zoning Ordinance Articles 3 and 24, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.283, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-033-0130(38). The proposed solar site would be: T25S R14E TL 109, 113, 111 and 112 in the A-2 Agriculture Use Zone. The notice of public hearing has been mailed to all adjacent owners with 750 feet, which includes maps and a list of adjacent owners. Notice is also provided to all affected agencies (local, state, and federal) and a 35-day notice in advance of the hearing to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The application materials are available on the Land Use / Planning page of the county website and in the Planning Office in the Courthouse between normal business hours of 8:30-5:00 M-F and during the hearing. A Staff Report, addressing all of the criteria for the recommendation/ decision on the above application will be available 7 days prior to the hearing. If you have any questions contact Darwin Johnson, Planning Director at 541-947-6036 or by email at djohnson@co.lake.or.us.

Hey Folks,
It's that time of year. It's dark earlier and School is in session. Please slow down and give our children the safe space needed as they get on and off their school buses.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked SEPTEMBER and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

September is an odd month for beekeepers. The weather is still warm, although the nights approach freezing. I hope the Sage can bloom bee-for the first freeze, That will get some last minute winter stores for the girls. It just feels like we should be doing something - but there is not much for us to do. It is too late to raise queens or make splits. We are not adding supers because the nectar flow is over. If we have harvested honey, we are starting to condense the hives for the winter. But, we cannot condense them too much too early. As usual, it can be difficult to strike just the right balance.

We want to condense the hives and get them into winter configuration, but if we do it too soon, we can actually force fall swarms. And then everybody loses; The bees, the Beekeeper, and all of those who benefit from hive products. Because a fall swarm has no chance of surviving.

The queen has already reduced her rate of egg laying and the hive will not seem as populous as it was two months ago. There will be less drones and fewer frames of brood. The lower box will contain a lot of pollen. Hopefully the upper box contains a lot of honey. While the colony is still very active, they are not bringing in as much nectar or honey as in the past months. As a matter of fact, most hives will neither gain nor lose significant weight this month.

The colonies' activity level and configuration changes from month to month. This is important to remember. I often get calls from beekeepers who are concerned because the hive does not look like it did a month ago or, like the picture they have in their head. That picture is often static and they expect the hive to look the same all the

time. Sort of like expecting your child to look the same all the time - it just doesn't happen that way. A beehive is constantly changing from season to season and month to month. It takes practice to adopt a mentality of thinking what a beehive should look like according to this season's weather and the current time of year. I have worked to cultivate a practice of thinking about what the hive should look like before I open it up.

Lessons I Have Learned:

Feed the hives that are a little underweight. But do not feed the strong ones because they will plug the brood nest and are likely to throw a fall swarm. And don't feed the really weak ones. They will not survive even if you feed them, so it is a waste of time and money. Hard not to do, but they will most likely disappoint you. You may want to take the weakest hive that you know will not survive and combine it with a stronger hive. You will need to find and kill the queen of the weak hive before you combine it. Put a piece of newspaper in-between the two colonies and let nature take it's course. The girls will tear up the paper to get to the new intrusion and eventually will accept the weak hive without the queen.

The adage, "take your winter losses in the fall" applies to these

really weak colonies. It is still a little early in September to start combining these weak hives that won't overwinter; we will most



If you need control methods just do a search on the web. And, as most parents learn, they do very well without us. Which brings me to my next lesson I have painfully learned. Do not overwork a hive in the fall. Getting into the hive too often messes up their rhythm. There really isn't much the bees need from me in these months. I have had to learn to curb my need to "help them". Getting into the hives more often than every three or four weeks hurts them more than it helps them at this time of year. The girls will not like the interruptions of their fall routine and will let you know!

I have started treating for mites. I have found out that just one treatment of oxalic acid is not enough to fully kill a mite population. I have started a routine of treating 4 times between mid Sept and on into October.

This normally reduces the mite population to 0.

Wait until at least mid-October for any serious condensing of the hive. We still have a lot of hot days and condensing them too much too early has caused me serious problems in the past. It is heartbreaking to see a hive go into swarming mode in the fall because we have artificially cramped them to soon

I have only a couple of supers to harvest for all of this year and will cherish the girls' efforts. When you do attempt to pull off the supers, be advised the girls will defend their stores so make sure of your protection and ZIP UP!

On another note I have a great BBQ Sauce recipe to share with you! It is something you might want to try with some pork chops. I have tried it two ways and both are absolutely fantastic.

Green Beans with Olives and Tomatoes

Having so much wonderful produce coming from the garden is an inspiration! Read on to see this recipe that is a jazzed up version of traditional Italian Green Beans and Tomatoes. It's fast, it's fresh, it's delicious!

1 TBSP EVOO
1 Clove smashed and minced garlic (or 2)
4 cups Steamed Green Beans (can use canned or frozen)
2 cups Chopped fresh Roma Tomatoes
1/4 cup Pitted Green Olives (use black or Kalamata or whatever you have, pitted) and a Handful of chopped fresh Herbs (Parsley, Thyme, Basil or combo)
1/2 tsp sea Salt & 1/2 tsp freshly ground black Pepper
1 TBSP Red Wine Vinegar (had Apple Cider Vinegar)
Heat Oil in large pot over low heat. Sauté Garlic, cooking until fragrant and transparent, about a minute.
Add Green Beans, Tomatoes, Olives, Herbs and Seasonings and toss. Drizzle in Vinegar and toss to coat. Sprinkle with fresh Herbs and turn into a serving dish. Garnish with a little Parmesan Cheese if desired.
And enjoy as a side dish with Steak or Chops of your choice.

What's not to love?!
MARIE

BBQ Sauce

With apologies to All Recipes. com for altering a great recipe.

The ingredients are as follows:

1/2 cup fancy ketchup
3 tablespoons of your harvested fall honey
2 tablespoons of a good quality soy sauce
2 or 3 or 4 cloves of your harvested garlic, crushed (I like garlic!)
6 - 4 ounce (1 inch thick) pork chops
Pre heat your BBQ grill or, use your slow cooker if you do not want to tend to a grill

Whisk all ingredients in a bowl to make a glaze for your chops
Sear the chops or place the chops into the slow cooker
Brush the glaze on both sides of chops or pour the glaze into the slow cooker with the chops
Cook the chops on the grill brushing glaze as you turn the chops, about 7 to 10 minutes on each side of the chops until a internal temperature of 145 degrees is reached with an instant thermometer or, cook in your slow cooker on low for 3 hours and internal temperature reaches 145 degrees.

Serve with black rice or pasta with the drippings from the slow cooker drizzled over everything!

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CLINIC UPDATE:

As many residents know, as of May 31, 2023, the La Pine Community Health Care Clinic ceased providing primary healthcare at the Christmas Valley Medical Center.

The North Lake Health District (NLHD) Board send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several provider organizations to invite them to provide the board with a proposal to contract as the primary healthcare provider at the District's Medical Center.

Denise Griffiths, who served as the primary healthcare provider at the Christmas Valley facility while employed by the La Pine Community Health Care Clinic, submitted a RFP to provide services.

Her proposal was unanimously approved at the August 7, 2023, regular NLHD Board meeting.

The Board and Griffiths will enter into a Service Agreement and Griffiths will obtain the necessarily credentials to operate a medical clinic.

The NLHD Board would like the community to know that is continues to be a time consuming process before the Christmas Valley Clinic at the Medical Center will once again be providing services to the community, and want community members to know that their patience is deeply appreciated.

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Nancy listened for the whoosh of the air brakes when the big bus stopped in the small town of Talent. She secretly wished Ole Walleye and the stock truck had air brakes. "Those seats felt comfortable at first, but I'm sure tired," Annie said as she stood up and stretched. "Oh, look there's Eunice waiting for us." It was good to see a familiar face among strangers.

Eunice greeted them warmly, giving Annie a hug. She turned to Nancy and hugged her too. "My goodness, girl, you've grown since you were here three months ago. You are already taller than I am."

"You didn't need to come get us," Annie said. "We only have light bags. The half-mile walk would have been good for us." "I wouldn't think of letting you walk in this cold, wet weather," Eunice replied. "Besides, I enjoy the chance to get away from the house and kids for a few minutes. Come this way, the car is just around the corner."

"How is Dad doing?" Annie asked. "Better, I think," Eunice replied. "He doesn't seem to be grieving as much but he is not always aware of what is real. He and Robbie have developed an affinity. I worry about the future, but Bob says, 'Don't borrow trouble.'"

"Annie sighed. "Do you think he'll recognize us?" "I hope so, Annie," Eunice said. "But don't be too disappointed if he doesn't." When they got to the house, Bob was in the kitchen cooking. Nancy peeked into the kettle. "That smells good. I'm about starved," she said.

At a table in the living room, four-year-old Robbie was playing a game of dominoes with Grandpa Dave, while seven-month Philip crawled around. Eunice walked over to Dave and touched his shoulder. "Rose Ann has come to see you," she said gently. Dave looked uncertainly at Annie and Nancy. Annie took his hand. "I'm Rose Ann, Dad. I've come to visit you." His face lit up and he took her in his arms. "I've missed you, Rosie. You have grown so much." Annie pulled Nancy close. "This is my daughter Nancy." The old man looked at Nancy with no sign of recognition. Nancy said, "Grandpa, do you remember the little girl you called your special angel? I'm almost grown up now."

"Yes, I know you now," he said. "Will you forgive an old man for being so slow?" Nancy threw her arms around him. "I love you, Grandpa," she said. He held her close and stroked her hair. "Yes, you are my special angel, Nancy."

Later, Nancy crawled into one side of the bed upstairs. "I'll sure be glad to get back to my own room," she said with a sigh. "So



will I," Annie agreed. "It seems like we've been gone a month. I'm so thankful for Bob and Eunice caring for Dad."

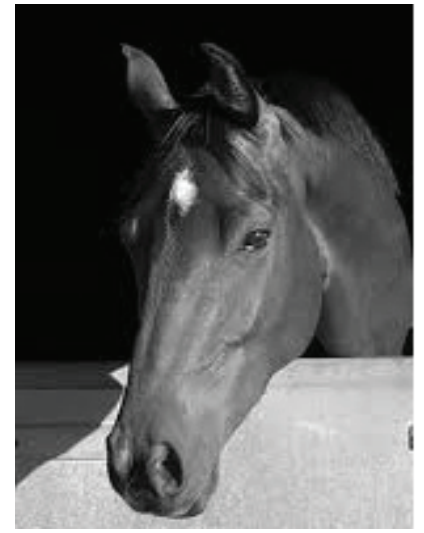
It was still dark when Nancy awoke but her mother was gone so she knew it was morning. Downstairs, Annie had coffee made. Nancy sat down beside her mother. "Do we get to go home today?" she asked. "Not yet," Annie said. "I want to spend as much time as possible with Dad. I'd like to go tomorrow and see if we can sneak over the mountains between storms."

It turned out to be an enjoyable day. Nancy helped Eunice with housework, fed baby Philip and played games with Robbie and Grandpa Dave. That evening Annie talked seriously with Bob and Eunice. "I can never thank you enough for what you've done for Dad. I could take him home with me, you two have so much to do."

"Dave is no problem for us," Bob said. "Here he is close to a doctor. He has friends who stop to see him and he goes to church with us. I don't think he would be happy away from those familiar things." "You're right, Bob," Annie said. It saddened her to think of leaving her beloved father, but at the thought of Clint

and home her heart quickened.

It was foggy the next morning. After breakfast Bob said. "It will probably be nice a little later in the day. You should be out in the sun once you get up into the hills. It's a good day to travel before the next storm moves in." Nancy felt excited about going home. Maybe Dandy had come home. That would make everything



"Now don't you worry about the boys. I'll take care of them," Ruth said. "And I'll call the hospital and let them know you're coming." "Hold her steady, Nan, we're on our way," Eunice called to Nan as the car moved into the street.

At the hospital, Annie was whisked away by women in white dresses. Eunice answered questions at the desk. Then she took Nancy's hand and led her to a chair. It was hard to wait. When no one came for a while, Nancy got up and paced the floor. A tear trickled down her cheek.

Then Bob arrived. "You had best take Nancy on home," he told Eunice. "A hot bath and clean clothes will make you both feel better. I know the doctors here. I'll call you as soon as I have something to report."

Eunice took her hand and said, "Let's go, Nan. God is watching over your mother. Bob will let us know when she wakes up." Back at the house, Nancy's tears started again. Everything dear to her seemed to have been swept away, leaving her desolate.

She followed Eunice's instructions to take a bath and dress in clean, dry clothes. She settled down in the big rocking chair to feed Philip his bottle. When he fell asleep, Nancy put him in his crib.

Late in the afternoon the phone finally rang. When Eunice hung up the phone she told Nancy, "Your mother had to have surgery. She had a skull fracture and a lot of bleeding. She is still unconscious. They don't know yet if there was brain damage. Bob is trying to get word to your father." Eunice put her arms around Nancy. "She is in 'God's hands. We will pray that He will heal her." Nancy buried her face on Eunice's shoulder and shook with sobs.

Next Month: Chapter 22

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.



Two hundred miles outside of Moscow, Napoleon Bonaparte first recognized the determination of the Russians he hoped to defeat. What came to pass was 32 days of scorched earth. Every building was burned along with every blade of grass. Forests were burned, all water sources were poisoned and livestock was slaughtered.

The old and infirm citizens left behind had plenty of ammunition to badger the advancing army even though they knew it was a suicide mission. But they stood for their Mother Russia.

The extreme destruction was not the result of the enemy but rather the Russian people did this as a way to help in the defeat of the enemy.

The Russian Army, on the other hand was held up in their forts, oiling the weapons and staying warm with a frozen glass of Stolichnaya in their hands.

When the World's number one army showed up, frozen, and starving, France's world domination came to a screeching and complete finale. History has shown us that once you are on the top of the world and lose that standing, a return is never to happen.

The French defeat echoed that of Spain's only a few years earlier as Napoleon's brother, the anointed King of Mexico was surrounded by 80,000 followers of the Father of Mexico; Father Hidalgo.

And yet the Father hesitated, even after three years of destroying his Country's enemy. At that time there were only 1000 soldiers within the Palace and had he followed thru with mission history would have been changed.

To retreat when victory was at hand was his greatest tactical error and one that has puzzled historians and biographers ever since.

Hidalgo often hosted gatherings at his home where he would talk about whether it was the duty of the people to obey or to overthrow an unjust tyrant. Hidalgo believed the Spanish Crown was such a tyrant and he saw injustice daily in his work with the poor. What he began in

MEXICO'S WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

By The Prospector

San Miguel as a movement toward independence became a social and economic war of the masses

which were available to them in the south. Huston was following his orders from the commanding

it is yours."

The commander of our forces, General Winder, failed to defend the largest and most advanced naval shipyard in the world but rather set it afire. He then ordered all troops to Georgetown, leaving our Capital defenseless. Many felt this was treason on the General's part.

A spy for the Secretary of War, Manes Monroe (who would become president in three months) laid on a roof top with a telescope witnessing the battle.

What he witnessed was 1000 armed citizens defending our nation's capitol as they faced three to one odds and against the most advanced army in the world. And he watched them WIN!

This inspired the Spy, Francis Scott Key to compose the Star-Spangled Banner.

"And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our dame was still there."

Next: Battle of the Capitol - The Treaty of Guadalupe or 1846 and Required names of towns/locations to move south. To Understand true locations convert:

Mexico City - Cortez, Colorado
San Miguel - Telluride, Colorado
Monte de Las Cruces - Rockland Id
Chihuahua - Chase, British Columbia
Rio Grande - Columbia River
Calden Bridge - Bride of the Gods



Father Miguel Hidalgo

against the upper classes.

When Hidalgo retreated north from Mexico City with his army (mob) he encountered Spain's army at Monte de Las Cruces. Many casualties on both sides resulted but the result was predictable. The Royalists could not win against such overwhelming odds.

The Battle of Calderon Bridge did not end well for Hidalgo when a stray cannon ball landed in an ammunition cart and scattered his 'mob'. In the ensuing smoke and fire, Hidalgo's undisciplined soldiers broke. The Calderon Bridge is located outside Guadalajara - (it was a significant agricultural area that supplied the Spanish.)

The Bridge spanned caldrons (rapids) where tons and tons of salmon were harvested annually.

Hidalgo next fled over the bridge spanning the Rio Grande and continued heading north in the hope of finding weapons and mercenaries. He was captured and sent to Chihuahua to stand trial. He was convicted and executed on July 30, 1811 in Chihuahua by being shot in the back. Spain's choice of execution.

Other signs of revolt and agitation were concurrently in the wind.

A 21-year-old man by the name of Sam Huston was in Baltimore with Cherokee and Choctaw 'kids' who were seeking to better their education in medicine, law and other advanced subjects, none of

general of the Tennessee militia, Andrew Jackson.

Huston was to deliver a document to the Powers in Washington DC that stated he would, "Rid the Florida's of Spaniards.":

A change of plans ensured when Huston learned of the British landing on our shores with the intent to burn down our Capitol. Huston went to DC, recruiting an army as he went.

One of his first volunteers was a freed black man. Huston told him, "You don't have to fight, it's not your battle." The reply he received was, "This republic, Sr, is as much mine as

OCTOBER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Dummy, in bridge columns
- 6. Isinglass
- 10. Ottawa-based law enforcement gp.
- 14. Love to pieces
- 15. Bell-ringing company
- 16. Skin soother
- 17. Oscar nominee for the 1947 film "Crossfire"
- 19. Tall tale
- 20. Like many thick soups
- 21. Found out
- 23. More desperate
- 26. Ruckus
- 27. Donkey
- 30. Big, heavy book
- 31. Hedy of "Algiers"
- 35. Bryn __ College
- 37. Immediately following
- 39. Ike's wife
- 40. Pennsylvania port
- 41. Spooky
- 43. Kind of tide
- 44. Church notice of a marriage
- 46. Tear to bits
- 47. Not fooled by
- 48. Lansbury or Bassett
- 50. Breakfast staple
- 52. "Can't Help Lovin' __ Man"
- 53. Was on the ballot
- 54. God
- 56. Take unfair advantage of
- 60. Beethoven's Third
- 64. Big poem
- 65. Comedian who said, "When I eventually met Mr. Right I had no idea that his first name was Always"
- 68. Elevator man
- 69. Once again
- 70. 39.37 inches, in England
- 71. Agnew's plea, briefly
- 72. Ship stabilizer
- 73. Vegas machines

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- 1. Catcher of pushers
 - 2. Smell
 - 3. Post-shower wear
 - 4. Tire pattern
 - 5. Recluse
 - 6. Disfigure
 - 7. __ League
 - 8. Christmas stocking punishment

- 9. Toughen by heating, as glass
- 10. Comic whom "everybody loves"
- 11. Highlands family
- 12. Additional
- 13. Remain undecided
- 18. Actor Power
- 22. Alan Arkin's son
- 24. Middle East bigwig
- 25. Longtime New York Observer film critic

- 27. Tiny life form
- 28. It's a wrap
- 29. Try to hit the ball
- 32. Change, as a law
- 33. Lasso
- 34. Move a fern, e.g.
- 36. "Tin Cup" actress
- 38. Hint of color
- 42. More nervous
- 45. Starter for happy or dash
- 49. Arctic jacket
- 51. Plays lightly

- 55. Tyrolean refrain
- 56. Peasant worker
- 57. __-the-minute
- 58. "Bubble, bubble, __ and trouble ..."
- 59. Largest digit
- 61. Division word
- 62. Part of CPA: Abbr.
- 63. War god
- 66. Golf ball holder
- 67. Piercing tool

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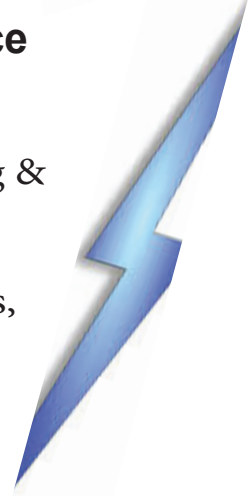
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- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 3rd Mon at 7pm at The Christmas Valley Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at The Community Hall
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

- FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake
- Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall
- NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm
- NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5pm at North Lake Clinic
- NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.
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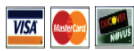
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