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# Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

My happy note is that once again my sweet horse Ben was calmer and more relaxed than I had hoped for when he practiced at the Park and Rec Play day on August 14. Our goal was not to go fast, but to do each event in a controlled quiet trot or lope that ended with a smooth downward transition to a halt. He performed beyond my expectations and only had one mild melt-down at the green and white poles acting as the entrance to the Key Hole. Initially he pretty much slammed on the breaks, but with a little encouragement and coaxing he pranced in, which while looking elegant was definitely not what I had in mind. Nevertheless, he did the obstacle. Also one of the youth riders rode over to me and pointed out that she was wearing a helmet. She said that she had read my comments about helmets in the paper and made the choice to wear one. Helmets protect the brain from the sever jarring riders experience when hitting the ground hard.



Helmets can mean the difference between a bruised ego and a bruised brain, or a brain that is so traumatized that the damage may last the remainder of the person's life.

As many readers know or suspect, I am pro vaccination. There is a long list of reasons why, but the primary ones are: I am of an age considered high risk, I volunteer drive many people to doctors appointments who have serious health issues and I especially do not want to be the person that had an asymptomatic case of COVID and caused someone to become very ill or to die.

Another reason I believe in vaccination is that as a child I contracted the measles - there wasn't a vaccine for them then. I spent two weeks in a dark room with a very high fever and nearly ended up hospitalized. It was a horrible experience that left an indelible memory. All of my children were fully vaccinated as required by the school and also through their own choice opted to get flu shots every year. I wonder how many folks that are anti vaccination for COVID were anti vaccination for their children?

The Pfizer COVID vaccine recently attained full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval and it is expected that the Moderna vaccine will receive full FDA approval within the next few weeks. Health care providers are hopeful that with full FDA approval more people will chose to avail themselves of the protection afforded by vaccination. Additionally with the highly infectious nature of the Delta Variant raising havoc throughout the United States and other parts of the world, we are seeing renewed requirements regarding the wearing of masks and social distancing.

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# We Still Have Our Home

Jeff McClung



We want to say a great big THANK YOU to members of the Lake County Rural Fire Protection Association, who responded to the fires behind our butte in Fort Rock.

They actually fought and contained 3 or more other fires that were started by a lightning storm the night before.

We packed the important stuff, pets and papers and went to the Fort Rock museum parking lot while they fought the fires.

They worked so hard and fast, that we were able to go back home by the evening.

The Silver Lake Fire Dept. was also there and a big Thank You to them as well!

The fire actually came within one half mile from our home.

They brought in a big bull dozer and put a fire break around our house and the back side of our butte.

We can sleep better now during fire season, knowing they are there to help.

## William C. "Bill" Baker

Bill Baker passed away July 6, 2021, one month to the day before his 101st birthday. He died peacefully at his home on Sink Lane, Christmas Valley.

There will be a

Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 11th at noon.

It will be a potluck picnic at his home on Sink Lane.

Bill led an extraordinary life. He served in World War II and Korea in the Air force, SAC as a flight engineer.

He was also a test pilot for Bel Air Craft.

He then went to Alaska where he owned a cannery and many different fishing boats and tenders.

He was a cattle rancher in Washington State and was a home builder in Washington and Oregon.

Bill is missed by many friends and family.



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.

## Lake County Tribune published at Fleetwood in 1918

By Marie Lee

A collection of old scrapbooks in the possession of Arlene and Ed Henry who curate the Historic Village Museum at Lakeview recently wound up at Lake County Museum, now curated by yours truly. Names of people who compiled those scrapbooks have disappeared over the years of their numerous transitions, but they have turned out to be a treasure of Lake County history.

There is a May 1963 clipping from a weekly column ran by the *Lake County Examiner* titled, “Lake County in Years Gone By.” It referred to the fact that Betty Morehouse of Christmas Valley had sent the Examiner a copy of an old Fleetwood newspaper. The Fleetwood paper was dated May 30, 1918. The article also went on to say that Betty

quit publishing. Early in 1920 Charles and his son bought the *Silver Lake Leader*. They then published under the name of the *Silver Lake Leader and Lake County Tribune* until they moved south to Lakeview in April of 1928. After moving to Lakeview, they reversed the name

wells, post-holes, etc., in considerable confusion. Homesteaders about to make final proof on their claims are confronted by the fact that the land they now live upon is not the same land they filed on; post-holes, which they supposed were firmly riveted to their claims,

on his first trip after the trade wind, made many unexpected discoveries—that in many places where the auto trail once was the volcanic ash now is. These discoveries were invariably followed by various volcanic remarks not usually used in polite conversation.”

Advertisements in the newspaper were by the LaPine State Bank; M. Fleet, notary public at Fleetwood; Dr. F. M. Wilson, two miles west of Fort Rock; Lakeview Abstract Company with Edson Watson, manager, along with want ads and legal notices of final proof by homesteaders on their claims.

Local activities were reported in columns titled “Fremont Times,” “Clover Leaf,” and “Gleaming’s from Wastina.”

World War I raged during 1918 and one article read: “Glen Barker got notice to report at Lakeview the 29<sup>th</sup>, for the army draft. One by one the call comes bringing the realization that we are at war, closer home. Glen will be greatly missed by all. May good luck be with you, Glen, is the wish of the Fremont citizens.”



to *Lake County Tribune and Silver Lake Leader*.

As years rolled by and various Lake County newspaper ventures shifted and changed, Glen Charles became sole owner of the *Lake County Examiner* in 1942. The 1963 article went on to state that as short-lived as the Fleetwood newspaper was, it played a significant role in newspaper history of Lake County.

One story written in the Fleetwood newspaper talks about an unusually harsh windstorm: “The highly spirited movement of the volatile volcanic ash soil of the garden of the gods during Tuesday’s atmospheric activities, has involved the question of ownership of claims,

and went flying through the air to other locations.

“The auto-truck mail driver,

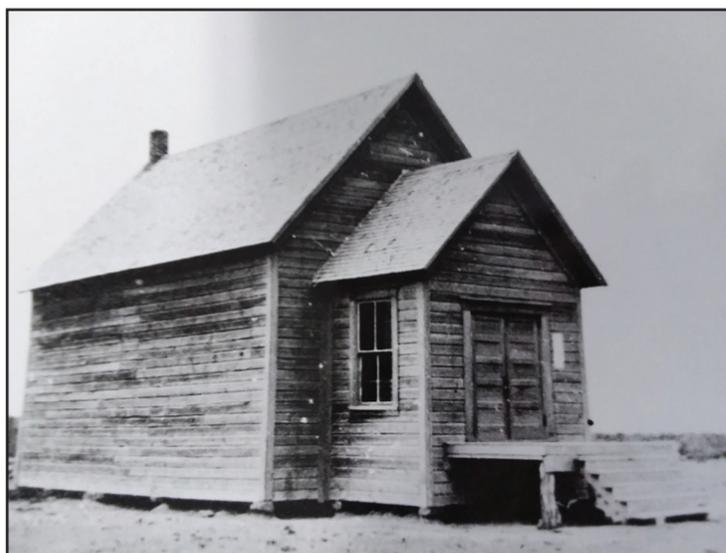


Photo courtesy of Lake County Museum archives. Old Sink School House – taken by Earl Ferguson, August, 1919.

Photo courtesy of Lake County Museum archives. Beeler family who homesteaded near Fremont: Oak Beeler with covered wagon. Ivan driving team.

enclosed a letter explaining that her husband, Kenyon, had found the newspaper in an old homestead shack at the Sinks.

Included in the column was an explanation that in 1918 the Fleetwood newspaper was published by L. B. Charles and his son, Glen. By coincidence, in 1963 the owner-publisher of the *Lake County Examiner* was this same Glen Charles. It turns out that his father, L. B. Charles, homesteaded in the Fort Rock Valley in 1907, moving his family from Newberg, Oregon. In 1915 Charles and his son, Glen, bought what remained of the plant and equipment that printed the *Chewaucan Ripple*, published in Paisley around the turn of the century. Charles then began publishing the *Lake County Tribune* at Fleetwood, east of Fort Rock.

In 1918 the *Fort Rock Times*

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# From This Angle: Serendipity

By Toni Bailie

Serendipity is a fortunate, unexpected discovery. Serendip was the old name for Sri Lanka. An old Persiana fairy tale relates the adventures of three princes of Serendip who were always making discoveries of things they had not been seeking.

During Mosquito Festival, I made a serendipity discovery while browsing a neighbor's yard sale. I spied a framed oil painting propped against their porch. My heart quickened. "I know that place, it's Muskrat Lake Cabin!" The artist had rendered an image of a small log cabin on the edge of a green meadow. In the background, pine trees encircle a small lake. It was a replica of an enlarged photo of that same scene, a photo that I treasure.

So many memories crowded into my mind of happy interludes spent in that cabin. There is a home movie taken by my mother in the winter of 1952. Standing on several feet of snow, I reach up to the cabin's eaves, break off an icicle and flourish it triumphantly. My mother, little sister and had accompanied by father into the High Cascades where he had laid out his marten trap line.

On backpacking trips in later years, we would head into Three Sisters Wilderness. From the Cultus Lake trail head, we climbed through a pine forest for a few miles, then broke into the clearing where the cabin greeted us for an overnight stay. Muskrat Lake is a jewel fed by Packsaddle Creek. The roomy

cabin has two stoves and room for bunks. A sizable loft could sleep an overflow crowd. We dipped water from the creek that meanders through the meadow. On one trip, my boys inflated a rubber raft, launched it on the small lake and caught some fat



Toni Bailie

The Forest Service issued a permit and muskrats were planted in three marshy lakes. Over the years, my dad used the cabin as headquarters while trapping alone and with numerous partners. When Muskrat Lake became part of the Three



trout for dinner. In September 1991, when we took my dad's ashes to nearby Vogel Lake, Al and I stayed at Muskrat Lake cabin on return trip. I remember pausing for one last look at the cabin, feeling a deep sense of loss.

The cabin was built in 1934 as headquarters for a fur ranch.

Sisters Wilderness, the Forest Service granted an exemption for the cabin. Normally any man-made structures would be demolished. But a group calling themselves Friends of Muskrat convinced the rangers that they would maintain the cabin. They were true to their word for many years. Alas, most

of them have probably died and the cabin has fallen into disrepair. My brother visited it a couple of years ago and said the roof is in bad shape. A beaver dam on the creek flooded the cabin floor.

Seeing that oil painting of the cabin in its prime was a bitter-sweet joy. Another serendipity discovery was finding the painter's name inscribed in the lower right corner: June Johnson, my mother's long-time friend. When I was growing up in Wocus, north of Klamath Falls, the Johnsons were our neighbors. I would go horseback riding with their son Bobby. Even after the Johnsons moved to Tygh Valley, mom and June stayed in touch. I had no idea June was an artist.

What adds to the mystery is how that painting appeared in my neighbor's yard. They had discovered it at Florence Jayne's estate sale a few months ago. Florence was a Paisley artist. But how did the painting come into her possession? Possibly from my mother, although I never saw it hanging in my parents' home.

When I asked the price, Craig said, "If it has special meaning for you, just take it for free." I brought the painting home, dusted it off and hung it in a place of honor in my living room. Seeing it brings back warm memories of sharing the wilderness with my parents and children.

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## Two 9/11 Survivors Share Their Story with AARP Writer Steven Greenhouse

**Stanley Praitnath, an assistant vice president for Fuji Bank, who worked on the 81st floor of the South Tower:** I'd seen huge chunks of fireballs falling from the North Tower. I took an elevator to the 78th floor of my building to switch to an express elevator, to leave. The security guard said, "Your building is safe, is secure. Go back to your office." I stepped back into the elevator, went back into my office, and the phone was ringing, so I answered it. I'm standing up with a phone in my hand, and I see something gray, a plane, small at first, then larger and larger. I'm mesmerized, not realizing a plane is coming toward me. The plane starts to tilt, and it looks like time just stopped, and it's happening in flashes of a minuscule second. I can hear the revving sound of the engine, and the plane is coming closer, closer, closer.



Stanley Praitnath and Brian Clark in 2002

I dropped the phone and I screamed, and I dove under the desk. All I remember saying at that time was, "Lord, I can't do this. You take over."

The bottom wing took out most of the floor I was on. It looked like a demolition crew came and ripped the entire office apart. Every piece of furniture was mangled. The only desk that stood firm was the desk I was hiding under. My Bible was on top of that desk. That's the only reason I can attribute to why I was saved.

The ceiling above me collapsed, and the sprinkler system came on. I was screaming for somebody to help me: "Please don't leave me to die." Somebody on the floor heard me, and the person had a flashlight.

**Brian Clark, an executive vice president of Euro Brokers, who worked on the 84th floor and was one of his office's volunteer fire marshals:** I got down to the 81st-floor landing and was confronted by a heavyset woman coming up the stairs with one of her coworkers. She said, "Stop. You can't go down. We have just come off a floor in flames." She blocked us. And the people I was with, this chain of seven or eight coworkers behind me, all went bump, bump, bump. Now we're all standing on this rather tiny landing, and the debate began. Up or down?

About 30 seconds into this, I was distracted by a banging noise, a muffled cry. I dropped out of the debate and concentrated on what I was hearing. I made out this male voice calling for help. [Clark's Euro Brokers colleagues turned around and headed back up the stairs with the two people who had come from below.] I went in on the 81st. It was dark on this floor, no electricity and some black smoke. The stranger's voice was, I'm guessing, 20 yards away. My flashlight beam was like a high-beam headlight on a country road at night in the fog. You just saw the particles but nothing else.

The flashlight caught him and went down into his eyeballs. He said to me, "One thing I got to know. Do you know Jesus Christ?"

I said, "I go to church every Sunday. Come on, we've got work to do here. Let's move here."

Praitnath: I'm confronted by one lousy wall, a drywall that stood firm. The man with the flashlight said, "Climb over. I'll catch you on the other side." At this point, I'm banged up, bruised, bloodied. He stood on a desk, reached over the top of the wall and grabbed me in a headlock. I squirmed and he pulled, and I flew over on the other side. I knocked him off his feet. When I realized where I was, I was lying on top of this guy. He got up. I don't know how to thank this man. I grab him, give him a kiss on the cheek.

Clark: I dusted myself off and put my hand up and said, "I'm Brian." He said, "I'm Stanley. We'll be brothers for life."

Praitnath: He said, "All my life, I've lived as an only child. I always wanted a brother."

Clark: At that instant, I noticed that I had punctured my right palm. He had a puncture wound on one of his palms, too. I smushed our hands together. And I said, "In fact, we'll be blood brothers."

Praitnath: This guy did something, this act of kindness and love, that I will go to the grave remembering.

Clark: I said, "Now, come on. Let's go." We looked down the stairs and didn't see any flames, just the smoke coming up. The stairs were empty.

Praitnath: We walk all the way down. On the ground floor, I can

hear the firefighters, the cops and the EMS workers, and all these men and women in uniform, they're belching orders: "Run, run, run! Do not look up. Do not look around. Just go!" And as they were sending us to safety, you could hear that scream behind us, because the building was crumbling. These men and women were sacrificing their lives so Brian and I could go to safety.

Clark's company lost 61 people that day. Praitnath's lost 23. Cantor Fitzgerald, an investment bank based on the 101st through 105th floors of the North Tower, lost 658. Only 18 people from the South Tower's impact zone survived. Praitnath and Clark were among them. They remain close friends.



Above is a photo of the memorial Tribute in Light in 2019 and to the left is the Iconic Photo of the Towers after impact and prior to collapse

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# BEE-Cuzz You Asked AUGUST and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



Well here it is August already and I was reminded that may-bee I should start an article for the paper. Fires surround our county and the smoke has been fierce along with the abnormally hot weather. I was approached by a bee keeper from the other side of the mountain to see if I would take on a beginning bee keeper from Paisley and I said sure why not!

We met and we decided to get together in a week to inspect my hives.

As luck would have it a friend from Christmas Valley call just before Serena (hope I spelled it right) was to come over to help with the inspection. My friend had a swarm settle on her barn rafters! So instead of a simple inspection we changed gears and gathered the swarm. Normally late swarms like this don't stand much of a chance to survive the winter but we will see...

I have put together some one-liners to help us through August.

Onto the one-plus liners:

Use the weed eater and mow around your hives so that the bees can get in and out. Make sure you have protection as they bee=come more agitated towards the fall.

After pulling off your supers check your hives to make sure they have laying queens. You may not see as many brood as you did in the spring but not to worry she is cutting back for the winter.

Provide water for your bees—this will keep your bees alive in this heat. A simple method is to just fill a shallow pan with rocks and fill the

pan half full of water, the girls have a place to drink and the rocks give them a perching place to drink without drowning.

Bees may be hanging on the outside of the hives to help keep it cooler inside the hives—not much honey coming in so they are just keeping cool. You should see some of the girls fanning heir wings at the entrance this is their way of turning on the fan! Not to worry normal stuff going on.

Harvest any fall honey & get it extracted. Any honey that you pull off to extract should be extracted within a few days; in this heat wax moth damage can happen in just a few days. Also, small hive beetle can also do a great deal of damage to your supers and your honey. I noticed some small hive beetles in one of my hives for the first time ever. So, I will be reading up on the control of the pesky critters. Don't pull your honey off until you are ready to extract.

Complete a fall inspection for each hive look for the Queen Mother and her laying patterns She should be laying in an orderly pattern, eggs and brood clustered close



to each other, not randomly. More on that later.

Take an inventory at your bee yards to see what equipment you need to repair or replace over the winter. I

will be scraping and repairing boxes and frames that have not been in use this season.

Get your entrance reducers on towards the end of September to keep mice out of your hives. Check for mice bee-fore installing mouse guards. Check your bottom boards for holes big enough for a mouse to go through.

Store any frames with drawn comb with paradichlorobenze (moth crystals). Wax moth damage can be devastating to your combs. Store them in a cool ventilated area. Do not store your supers in plastic garbage bags as this acts as an incubator for the wax moth! I have had an ongoing issue with these wax moths. I store all of my hive boxes and supers with moth crystals year-round and still get some damage. Mostly my fault for not keeping the moth crystals stocked in the boxes.

Update your record book—you won't remember in the spring! I never do. "CRS" I do bee-lieve

Check your hives for stored honey. Most colonies will need at least 60 pounds of honey to winter successfully. The top deep super/hive body should be packed full of honey. If it isn't, you should feed the bees some syrup. Use the mantra FEED FEED FEED whenever you have doubts about their stores. If mixing your own syrup in the fall, the mixture should be 2:1 sugar to water by weight. Add some peppermint or lemongrass oil to stimulate the feeding activity. That would be 4 lbs. of sugar to 2 lbs. of boiling water. You can also get high fructose corn syrup. However, you may not use corn syrup or any type of syrup that you purchase at the grocery store. It has things in it that can cause problems with your bees. NEVER feed honey purchased from the grocery store or other beekeepers—it can spread diseases to your bees.

Mites are bee coming a big problem nationwide. Make sure you check for mites in your hive. Go to u-tube to see an easy way to check for mites with a powdered sugar shake. Serena I will be treating for mites with oxalic acid which is wood bleach in crystal form. Treating is normally when there is little to no brood so, early spring and late fall are the times to treat with this method.

OK some one-liners were more than one line. See You In September and Bee Safe!

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

My father loved to skate. He'd take me to the shore of the lake, bundle me up and tie me in the chair, and we'd skate around the lake. My dad would skate clear down into the marshes. The canal went clear across to the Coglean house. They had a Chinese cook. We'd get on the iced-over canal and come up it like a race horse. There was a Negro, Lance Griffin. He called me his boy - he would get us a good dinner.

We would put up ice-all the saloons had ice houses. About 15-30 men would cut ice at the weir, and haul it in wagons. They would cut ice into blocks, tamp ice chips in between the cracks, and pack them in sawdust. You'd have to take an ax and chop into it in the summer. Some private people had ice houses.

Snow drifts would stay on these hills. My father was an adventurous person. He would take a pack horse up to big show drifts and bring show back for ice cream. In April, when we started cattle up the canyons, there would be snowdrifts from top to bottom. I'd ride up to the top, tie my horse to a quaking aspen and slide down. Since then the climate has changed.

On the desert in late winter there would be thousands of sheep. You wouldn't go very far and you'd smell those old sage brush fires from the sheep camps. What made the desert so productive and the flowers bloom so profusely - the ground would get wet enough to freeze and heave, providing natural cultivation. Years ago, the desert would just be covered with sand lilies, Indian pinks and pea vine. I put in a lot of years shoveling sod and digging ditches.

I took a homestead on the Sycan in 1922, before I was married. Then I relinquished it to my brother Tom. I was reluctant to take my wife up there on a homestead, so we stayed at the ranch. Tom was married in 1937. Ruth was teaching school in Adel. Prestor Robinson and his wife finagled her and Tom together. The next couple of years, she and Dulcie divided the chores around the house and did their church work together.

My wife Dulcie was raised on a big ranch in California. I met her at the Lakeview Roundup in 1921 at the dance pavilion. She was beautiful. I walked up to her and said,

*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 peccadilloes.**

"Let's dance," and away we went. It was the first night of the rodeo. The old folks kept watching. I was 21 years old, thought the world was mine. Her mother said, "Who's that tall fellow? You'd better look out," Dulcie was only 17 and still going to school in Los Angeles. She'd just finished at Miss Head's school in Oakland, then went on to Los Angeles, came back to Berkeley at Secretarial College.

When I first met her, I forgot her first name, but there was a young fellow named Milton Riggs working at that ranch in Ft. Bidwell where Dulcie and her family were staying. He told me who she was. We wrote back and forth. The next two years we went to the Roundup and to Fandango at Cedarville. Next time she came up I got a marriage license. Her father had to deliver a car load of mules, wanted us to wait 'til Mon-

floods. In 1964, we had snow and warm rain. In that flood, part of Paisley washed away. From below the mill down here, the river channel moved. Several houses washed down. We made a shift dam after the flood - it broke while I was in the middle of it. I threw my power saw and jumped as far as I could to get out of the way of the big timbers..

A big whirlpool had started, I was thrown around. I floated free, the water receded, And I circled around in the whirlpool. the other two fellas had got out -- one came down the bank. There was 60-70 feet of grass rope laying on the river bank. Mrs Branch didn't notice it; she was just running up and down the bank calling, "Help, Help." I was in the water trying to paddle. I doubled myself up to protect my lung capacity and not get cramps.

After I made several circles,

the counter contained a freezer for the ice cream - chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and maple nut ice milk for the milk shakes. Containers held caramel syrup. Soda glasses, milk shake containers, silverware, ice cream dishes, and coffee cups were stored on the shelves under the counter. Green and chrome milk shake makers and the cash register were on the counter next to the fountain.

In the kitchen behind the dining room was a large, wood-burning stove with a grill top and double oven. Next to it was a deep double sink with drains on each side. A refrigerator against one wall contained meat, butter cubes and milk. The help ate at a large, round table in the corner, and sometimes the proprietors entertained there.

A door led to the back porch where we chipped ice first thing every morning. We stacked dirty dishes on a tin-topped table with a hole in the middle. Beneath the hole was a container where we deposited food scraps. When it was full, we emptied the scraps into a garbage can. Periodically, the garbage was hauled out to the Currier Rance and fed to the pigs.

As far as I know, the hotel was always owned by the Currier family. "Bub" and his wife Kitty Belle were the first proprietors. Later it was owned by "Bud" Currier and his son George. During the years I was around the hotel, Gorge and his wife Freda were the operators.

My first memory of the hotel was V-J Day when World War II ended in August 1945. My mom, Audra Silveria, and Yvonne Duty (later Gerking) were waitresses at the time. It was illegal to sell hard liquor by the drink in those days, so Freda closed the bar and the kitchen, then set up a bar in the dining room. Mom, Yvonne, and sometimes Freda, poured drinks for the town. My clearest memory is how the bells rang - the fire bell, the Methodist Church bell and the school bell rang all day and night



my back was all scratched from nails and wires in the wooden dam. I held my head above water, started to paddle and pull myself toward shore. I got over and a fellow jumped down. He was so befuddled he didn't throw the rope. They took me down to Dr. Fred - my back was sore.

**Chewaucan Hotel  
1911 ~ 1977**

There are still a lot of us who remember the old hotel, and most of us have seen pictures. It was built of wood without a foundation, with a balcony on three sides, and was painted white. I was familiar with it because my mother worked there in the 1940's and I worked there in the 1950's.

The dining room had large plate-glass windows facing Main Street (Highway 31). It was heated by a large, round wood stove. In the first row were three tables covered with oil cloth and the second row had a long table and a counter with six stools. A soda fountain behind



*NEXT Month: We will continue the author's memories of the Chewaucan Hotel and room allowing we will begin the chapters of Carolyn's memories of adolescence in Paisley. They are quite entertaining.*

# Dollar General Breaks Ground in Christmas Valley

## Information about Dollar General Stores from the Web



Ongoing excavation of Dollar General site in Christmas Valley

If you have been wondering what the excavation to the west of Oregon Country Realty is all about the cat is now officially out of the bag. Christmas Valley will be home to a Dollar General store.

Dollar General has a long history that dates back 75 years. Originally it was a true dollar store but over time it evolved into box store far removed from everything being priced at one dollar.

Today's Dollar Generals are considered discount retailers that provide affordable basic products. Their basic box design averages 7,400 sq. ft. which is about .043 percent of a typical Walmart type box store. The interiors are no-frills and feature metal shelving, strip lighting and low-cost display signs. Each store stocks between 10,000 and 12,000 unique products - some are brand names while others are private label goods. They don't sell in bulk but rather lean to smaller packaging of basic items. The big box stores play host to more than 60,000 unique products.

Dollar General stores generally have limited amounts of fresh produce and carry few perishable items as their short shelf life cuts deeply into profit margins.

Other cost-saving strategies include locating in predominantly rural and suburban areas where the cost of rent and labor is more affordable.

Dollar General as of February 2021 had 17,266 stores in 46 of the 50 states. There are no stores in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho or Montana.

Dollar General doesn't own its stores, which helps to keep real estate costs down.

Carrying a limited number of items gives Dollar General more buying power with suppliers, as it buys in bulk.

The chain sells products at 20 percent to 40 percent less than drug and grocery stores.

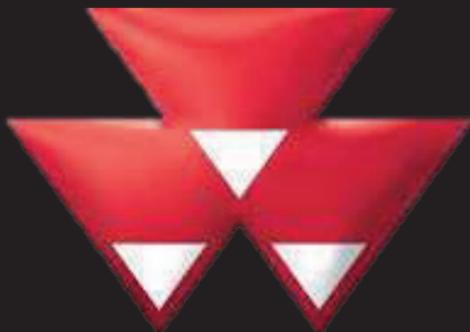
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- 1 TBSP Butter, melted
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- 1/4 tsp turmeric
- 1/2 C Mushrooms (Morels or Porcini especially good)
- 1 C Mayonnaise
- Butter a large baking dish.



Bring Wild Rice and Water to boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce to low, cover and simmer until the rice is tender, not mushy, 25 - 30 minutes. Drain and fluff rice with fork. Let stand for 5 minutes more.

While Rice cooks, heat EVOO in pan. Add Chicken, Onion, and Mushrooms and cook, stirring, until Chicken is browned and Onions and Mushrooms are tender, about 5 minutes. In a large bowl, combine Rice with Chicken, Onions, & Mushrooms. Fold in Green Beans, Cream, Butter, Turmeric, and Mayo. Place in prepared baking dish.

Bake in preheated for 45 minutes, until chicken is no longer pink in center.

Add a crisp salad for a complete meal. Enjoy!

*Marie*

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**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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**14 Diseases Nearly Eliminated  
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- Polio**
- Tetanus**
- Hepatitis B**
- Hepatitis A**
- Rubella**
- Hib** (Haemophilus influenzae type b)
- Measles**
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**
- Reta-virus**
- Chickenpox**
- Diphtheria**
- Mumps**
- Pneumococcal Disease**

**The FDA approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech  
 COVID-19 is seen as a Key Achievement  
 for Public Health**

The Food and Drug Administration has given its full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, calling it a "key achievement for public health."

The two-dose vaccine is now fully approved for people ages 16 and older. For those who are ages 12 to 15 and for those who are immunocompromised and need a booster shot, the vaccine is still available under an FDA emergency use authorization.

The approval, says the FDA, means "the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product."

How does a drug get final FDA approval?  
 Back in December 2020, the FDA allowed the Pfizer vaccine to be used under an emergency use authorization. Pfizer and BioNTech applied for full approval in May.

Now that it has gone through a full review by a U.S. regulator, this final stamp of approval means the Pfizer vaccine can now be marketed with other approved vaccines and drugs.

The process of final approval, outlined by the FDA, requires an analysis of the drug's benefits that also examines its risks and looks at clinical trials from the drugmaker. Much of this was already done when the FDA authorized the vaccine's emergency use.

But among the measures the FDA required for full approval that weren't required for emergency use were data on how people fared six months after being fully vaccinated. The FDA also inspected manufacturing facilities in the intervening months.

The final approval also means the Pfizer vaccine gets a brand name: Comirnaty (it's pronounced koe-mir'-na-tee, according to the FDA).

**From NPR public media web site**

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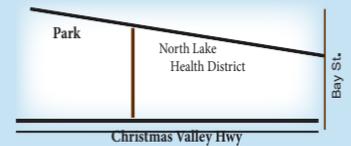
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The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting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



# HIGHWAY 31 MP34-35

Looking east you will see a indistinct road cut that runs from the valley to top of the rim rock. Above the 'cut' you will notice that at least seventy-five yards of the rim rock has been used to construct this road which again is not something that is unusual. What is unusual is that the basalt rock was fashioned into building blocks approximately three feet wide and two feet thick square. Each one of these blocks is stacked on top of each other with a three inch set back just like the landscaping blocks you buy today with that little hook on the end to lock the block in and keep it from sliding when back filled.

On the high end of this 'cut' the blocks are stacked seventy feet deep and span well over one hundred feet in length. Each row of blocks is set with precision with the grade and vertical rise in perfect alignment. I'm going to warn you right now that if you do go to investigate this site you will come home with more questions than answers; like, who built this road?

Prior to the bottom of the 'cut' you'll find exposed bedrock with a vertical bored hole obviously to hold a post of some importance such as a gate. It's certainly in the right spot for a gate. At the start of the 'cut' you will find a small cave and there is a small cave at the top also that would be ideal for guard

stations. If this is the case why the need for control and security at this road cut? Less than a mile North and South each way along the rim rock, the terrain naturally climbs to the higher level without all the fanfare of the road cut. No need for the road cut across the face of rim rock

## By the Prospector

The Spanish were very particular about placing monuments by the intersection of the Townships and Ranges. This 'cut is not anywhere close. Spanish would have chiseled up that rim rock with instructions and maps to been seen from afar as they have in countless locations



with all its troubles. As you climb the grade you'll notice the outside of the road is higher than hill side. When chiseling rock into a shape it said that at least forty per cent is knockoff as the block is created. That overburden then becomes backfill as the first third of the 'cut' is completely filled with the leftovers. This 'cut' was built for "permanence" which is a trademark of the Spanish during their occupation here but that's where it ends.

## Humans

in a hurry. When you are up there poking around see if you can find what was used to chisel the rock. That will definitely help in aging the site.

On top the road turns eastward and has a two foot tall rock fence lining its south side. 'Two Foot' suggests sheep

I believe this part was erected by the Basque to keep the critters from entering the man size fissures that perforate the rim rock in its entire length.

When exploring these natural caves and enclosures I've never found any smoke on the ceilings. Why? The Basque would predate the Spanish by five hundred years and they did not build roads. However their presence may help determine the age of this site.

The road on top disappears Look carefully East and you will see a faint trace of a road that is going due east riding up over a slight rise. We are going to follow that road to a monumental under taking in stone that was stopped before it could rise from the desert floor. Maybe we can learn the 'who' and 'when' of these stone builders.

though out Lake County but the 'cut' rim rocks are unmolested.

When you get to the top look back down the incline and you'll notice that whoever was building this road walked off the job leaving about ten per cent unfinished! Just a little more debris from the quarry would have it done.

In the quarry you can find evidence of builders leaving the site

To be continued: Next: Connelly Hills

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## Horsing Around

The CV Park and Rec Play Day saw its final competition for the season on August 14th. The series included High Point Buckle awards in five categories: Pee Wee, Junior, Young Adult, Adult and Senior.



This year's winners were: Wyatt Griener, Pee Wee ~ Harliegh Goodan, Junior ~ Kristie Milner, Young Adult ~ Megan Murray, Adult and Terry Terrill, Senior.



The events were well attended and participants are looking forward to more competitions next year.

The Play Days are sponsored by Christmas Valley Park and Recreation District. The buckles were sponsored by Peggy McElroy, Shara Shumway, Terry Terrill and Becky Womack.



The banners in the background advertise local businesses who provided sponsorship and support for the event.

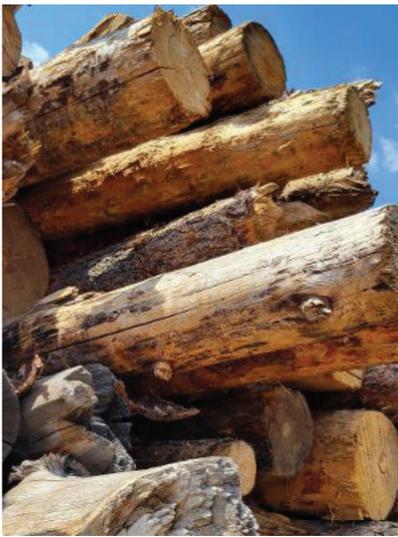
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- 1. Court zero
- 5. Gather wool, in a way
- 10. Springtime occurrence
- 14. Lasting introduction
- 15. Condor's haven
- 16. Top-notch
- 17. Stern stories?
- 19. Deserve
- 20. Sit in judgment
- 21. Irish republic
- 22. Red-hot
- 24. Coastal covering
- 25. Ballet bends
- 26. Mother superior
- 29. Some baseball players
- 32. Eighteenth U.S. president
- 33. Type of violet
- 34. "What'd I tell ya?"
- 35. Word with show or block
- 36. Gives the axe
- 37. Comparison word
- 38. Flock member
- 39. "Semper fidelis," for one
- 40. Wrenches and such
- 41. Finishing stratagems
- 43. Full DNA sequence
- 44. Fashions
- 45. Land force
- 46. Professional dancer
- 48. Indiscretion
- 49. Small bit of money
- 52. Medicinal plant
- 53. Schooner travel expenses?
- 56. Stadium level
- 57. Plumed wader
- 58. It's offered in a hospital
- 59. Lays down the lawn
- 60. Age group
- 61. Important historical periods

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- 4. Be mistaken
- 5. Some gown fabrics
- 6. Got wind of
- 7. Superior neighbor
- 8. Need a nurse
- 9. Bouncing off the walls
- 10. Feathered companion
- 11. Farrier's raspy send-off?
- 12. Oppositionist
- 13. Pull up dandelions, e.g.
- 18. Dough additive
- 23. Bootlicking
- 24. Enthrall
- 25. Left-winger of years past
- 26. See eye to eye
- 27. Ivy League member
- 28. Audible barnyard crankiness?
- 29. Data
- 30. Domain
- 31. Have an inkling
- 33. Crowns
- 36. Author W. \_\_\_ Maugham
- 37. Theater award
- 39. Brought in, as a salary
- 40. Entice
- 42. Errand boys, e.g.
- 43. Grains at the mill
- 45. Ethan or Woody
- 46. Millinery inventory
- 47. Hodgepodge
- 48. Forefather
- 49. Fight memento
- 50. Gumbo ingredient
- 51. Takes advantage of
- 54. Grow up
- 55. Pass with flying colors

Down

- 1. Took a powder
- 2. Redundant partner of "done with"
- 3. Selfsame

August Solution

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If the man killed himself, he would not have been able to rewind the cassette. Thus it is clear someone else killed him

MYSTERY

King Nupe of the kingdom Catan dotes on his two daughters so much that he decides the kingdom would be better off with more girls than boys, and he makes the following decree: All child-bearing couples must continue to bear children until they have a daughter!

But to avoid overpopulation, he makes an additional decree: All child-bearing couples will stop having children once they have a daughter! His subjects immediately begin following his orders.

After many years, what's the expected ratio of girls to boys in Catan?

Hint

The likelihood of each baby born being a girl is, of course, 50 percent.

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**Public Meetings**

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

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

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