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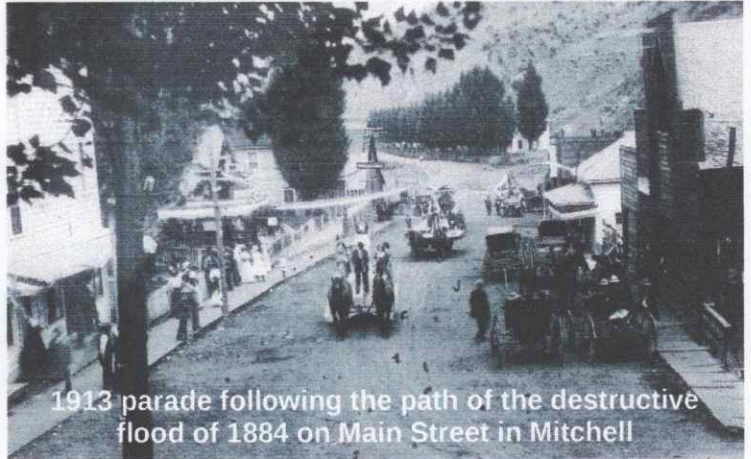
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Members of a visiting car club line up on Main Street in Mitchell in early 1900s



1913 parade following the path of the destructive flood of 1884 on Main Street in Mitchell

The Great Wheeler County Chicken Rescue

One sunny day in mid October the phone rang. My neighbor Irene was calling and said while gathering cattle with her husband Craig high in the Ochoco Mountains about 100 yards on a dry dusty side road off Hwy 26 they came across 8 chickens all dusty and huddled up, no water or feed. Irene asked if I would want 8 full grown orphan chickens and after a slight pause, I said Yes. We met at our centrally located mailboxes and in their pickup which was pulling a 24 ft. stock trailer I jumped. Off we go, up the hill on Hwy 26 to a side road, we go about 100 yards and sure enough there are 8 chickens still all huddled up together.

The three lively rescuers jump out of the truck, Craig holding a huge fish net, Irene with a can of chicken feed to tempt and I all energized and ready to herd the Grateful 8 chickens into that 24 ft. stock trailer. They all did not seem so grateful when we tried to chase, corner, grab tail, foot or wing. Craig finally caught one chicken in his huge net and put the one chicken in that 24 ft. stock trailer only to have that chicken immediately race out to freedom!

The next 1 1/2 hours was spent chasing the now Ungrateful 8 chickens up and down steep embankments, up and down the dry dusty side road, Irene trying to tempt with handfuls of chicken crumble and Craig still with huge fishnet. One by one the now Ungrateful 8 Chickens went into the 24ft. Stock trailer, now with doors closed.

Feeling very satisfied and not so exuberant off the dry dirt road onto Hwy 26 went the 24 ft. stock trailer filled with all eight Grateful Chickens. We drive into their new home with a very nice chicken coop, fresh water and plenty of food for all of the Grateful 8 Chickens to settle down and live the rest of their days at the Williamson ranch in Wheeler County Oregon.

Submitted by Carol Williamson



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Grinch Trivia

The Grinch wasn't always green. He was originally drawn in black and white by Dr. Seuss.



The character was later made green by Chuck Jones, the director of the 1966 TV cartoon, due to several coincidences in which he frequently received green rental cars.

Cannon's Corner



The old cowboy headed up to the line shack in late February, just after the weather broke. He could work on the fences and the cabin until the grass awoke.

The cows came up later, spring and summer past fast, uneventful save for a thunderstorm or two. October saw us all headed home, cows and all, got most of them but lost a few.

Come Saturday night I was headed to town to let off a little steam. Thankfully the crew wised me up about a thing called a pandemic, Covid 19, masks, shots, sounded like a bad dream.

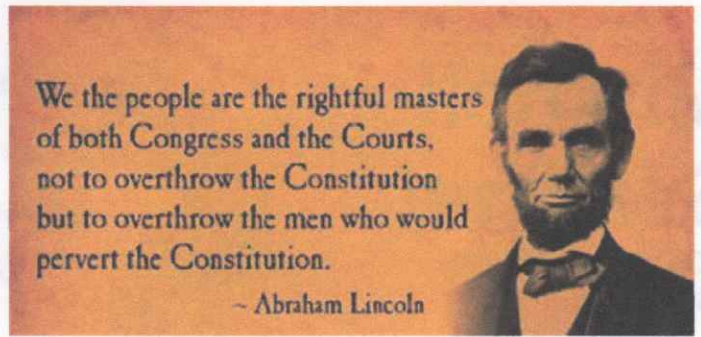
In that nine months I had quarantined unintentionally myself. After my long briefing, I was wishing I could be back at that shack or some place else.

Frank and Jesse would be both delighted and confused having to wear a mask into a bank. Knowing the James Brothers they would unmask leaving just to let the bankers know who to thank.

If the Lone Ranger rode through town he wouldn't be alone, he would just be the Ranger. Even Zorro would take a hit and his identity would be in danger.

The cowboy decided right off to head back to the line shack, lay around and just be lazy. He wouldn't be coming home for a year or two, and only if the world tired of being crazy!

Dan Cannon 10/01/21



Our Constitution - Our Rights

The first ten Amendments to The Constitution of the United States of America are our *Bill of Rights*. They were ratified effective December 15, 1791.

Amendment I Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



"In those wretched countries where a man cannot call his tongue his own, he can scarce call anything his own. Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech; a thing terrible to publick traytors."
Benjamin Franklin, 1722



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Why does February have only 28 days?

No, it's not because it's terrible and everyone wants it to end immediately. The month's timing dates back to the 10-month Roman calendar, which began in March and ended in December. That's right. For a while, January and February didn't even exist. To the Romans, who made their lot by planting and harvesting, winter was a nameless, dateless slog. For part of the year, there was literally no system for keeping track of the days.

By the time the second king of Rome took the throne around 750 BC, the Romans decided to add two more months to their year in order to sync their calendar more accurately with the 12 lunar cycles. Those two months—January and February—each had 28 days, until the king decided to add an extra day to January to make the year 355 days long. Even numbers were considered unlucky at the time, and a 354-day year was unacceptable. The calendar still had its flaws. Following the lunar cycle worked well for a few years, but soon the seasons became out of sync with their typical months. To fix it, the Romans added a leap month called Mercedonius (March). Rome's high priests would decide when the month would arrive,

and no one else in the city could keep track of what day it was. As you might have guessed, this was a nightmare.

When Julius Caesar took power (Reigned 46 - 44 BC), he reconfigured the entire thing again and aligned the length of the year with the sun, so that each year would add up to 365 days. For some reason, he left February at 28 days.

Juliana LaBianca

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Mitchell Memories

An Independent Folk
by Mary Fitzgerald

Chapter 10



The third recorded flood that struck Mitchell was Friday, July 13, 1956. A major portion of the downtown was washed away by a raging Bridge Creek, and the best accounts of this disaster can be given best by those who witnessed the event.

"I was right in the middle of the flood, "Bob Cannon recalled. "Roy Smith had a convertible Ford sitting on one side and Clarence Jones had a pickup just above him, which shouldn't have washed away. But Roy's convertible just set right there and Clarence's pickup just kinda moved out and got in the stream and away it went.

"And Junior Jones, he had an Oldsmobile settin' on the hoist inside the garage. And that flood just sheared that hoist off right at the bottom. And I found the front end of that car over on my property, years later. And it wrapped one of those pickups of Clarence's around the bridge right here, too. Broadside. Just wrapped it around it. Didn't think the flood had that much power.

"And they was a young fellow from Portland here gettin' gas there at Clarence's and he picked up and run into the house. So he run and jumped up on the bed and it had a rubber mattress on the old bed. And he stayed in that house that was against these poplar trees over here. Threw him out on the bank. All he had on was his shorts. Tore his clothes off."¹

"The flood was Friday the 13th, July 1956. I had a barn back of my place, and it went out about 4:00 p.m." George Schnee said. "There were thirteen buildings went out. A 45 foot trailer house went over the bridge down here by the highway like a cork; it just went right over. The water gutted out the post office and took the safe down to the Painted Hills."² Several of the witnesses to the flood could remember for years the money that had been in the vault. When the safe was recovered, the money was pinned on a fence by the post office bordering the town's main street. There was no thought about the money disappearing as it was dried within easy reach of anyone passing by.

The Mitchell flood was well publicized due largely to Jack Collins. "My father had an airplane and because the roads were blocked and no cars could get through, he landed his plane on the highway to see if he could help anyone. A reporter from Portland wanted to get his story back to Portland before anyone else did, and he walked up to my father and asked him if he would fly him to Portland. My father said, "Sure," and he flew the reporter to Portland, "Bobby Collins Ferenstein recalled."³

"We lived here when the flood came, in '56," recounted Ethel McFadden. "We just got moved here. Anyway, I had water running out back and here it was, raining like

everything, you know, and I was kinda laughing at myself, the sprinkler going on and here it's raining.

"And finally, when Carolyn [Ethel's daughter] and I went out to look out over the bank, that creek was a river. It was just suckin' under the bridge down there. So we stayed on the hill. We didn't go downtown! Carolyn was seven at the time, and the next morning, it got cloudy again and she said, 'Momma, it's cloudy.' And I just passed if off, you know.

"And she said, 'Yes, but, Mom, they're all balled up!' She was thinkin' we was goin' to have another waterspout."⁴

Chapter 10 to be continued in Issue #5...

- 1 Bob Cannon, long-time Mitchell resident, interview, 1996
- 2 George Schnee, long-time Mitchell resident, interview, 1996
- 3 Bobby Ferenstein, long-time Mitchell area resident, interview, 1996
- 4 Ethel McFadden, Mitchell resident, interview, 1996

OBITUARY

Annette Wornell passed away on January 8th, 2023 in Redmond, OR after a long battle with dementia.



Annette Wornell

Annette was born on August 28th, 1936 in Denver, CO to Omar and Marjorie Coleman.

The early 1970s saw Annette and Husband Billie Lee Wornell discovering Mitchell, OR where they purchased and operated the Texaco Service Station. When Billie passed away, Annette remained in Mitchell. With a small son to care for, she found employment at Schnee Grocery and Sidewalk Cafe. Later she worked as City Clerk and Water Master. Annette volunteered for any cause that needed her help, Wheeler County Transportation, Spray Rodeo, and others when she had extra time. Also she trained as an EMT and served on the Mitchell Ambulance.

Annette enjoyed reading, sewing, photography and of course her pets

Annette is survived by son Lynn (Debbie) Fletcher, Pleasanton, CA; Daughter-in-Law Nocona Sobleski, Vistalia, CA; Grandchildren Jason (Elicia) Jacobs; Christopher (Kathleen) Jacobs; Curtis Polston, Degan Polston and Chelsey Frost. Annette is also survived by six Great Grandchildren.

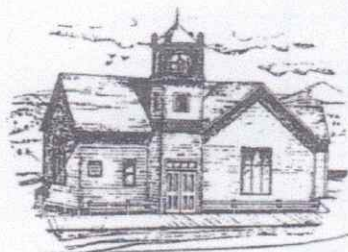
Annette was preceded in death by husband Billie L. Wornell and a son Dean Curtis Polston.

Graveside services were held at West Branch Cemetery at 11:00 am on January 30th. A memorial Luncheon followed services at the Mitchell Baptist Church.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mitchell Ambulance Fund, 202 SW High St, Mitchell, OR 97750.

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Ethan and Emily Submitted by Teresa Quant Riley

In writing for this paper, I realized that our city of Mitchell has a younger generation putting down roots. Two such people met here in town. They both moved in on the same day right next to each other. (Go figure!) That fateful day was May 31, 2021.

Their names are Emily Olson, who's roots run deep in Central Oregon and Ethan Gazin who moved here from Arkansas. Ethan was born in Texas, moved from Texas to Oklahoma, then to Tigard, Oregon, and then back to Arkansas again. His next move brought him right here to Mitchell, Oregon. It didn't take long for Emily to bake Banana Bread and deliver it to her next door neighbor, Ethan. They started dating then got married on April 30th, 2022. They were married in the church in Powell Butte with Carl Naas, pastor of the Mitchell First Baptist Church, officiating.

Ethan works for both ODF (Oregon Department of Forestry) and ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation). Emily worked for Ashley Tolton at Painted Hills Pastry until it closed. Her calling, however, was in Children's Ministry which she learned after attending Bailey College. Emily started teaching the kids in Sunday School and soon they were singing as a choir. The small choir began with 5 kids and then grew to 6. Emily is the current Music teacher at Mitchell School.

Those of you who attended Mitchell's Christmas Tree Lighting last year had the pleasure of hearing the kids' choir sing Christmas Carols and the opportunity to meet Emily. I asked Emily what her and Ethan's goal is and she replied, "To plant our roots in Mitchell and give back to the community."

Emily is hosting a Women's Tea Party
Saturday, February 18, 2023 @2:00pm
at the Mitchell Baptist Church.



RSVP to Emily Gazin Call or text (541)704-5361.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gentlemen, please join us
For Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
at the First Baptist Church
Every Thursday @ 6am

City Council Meeting is scheduled
for Tuesday, FEB. 21ST @5:30pm
The Public is Welcome!

Mayor Steve Tripp has scheduled the floors in
the Community Hall to be finished the 1st
week in March! Hopefully, Senior Meals will
resume soon after that!

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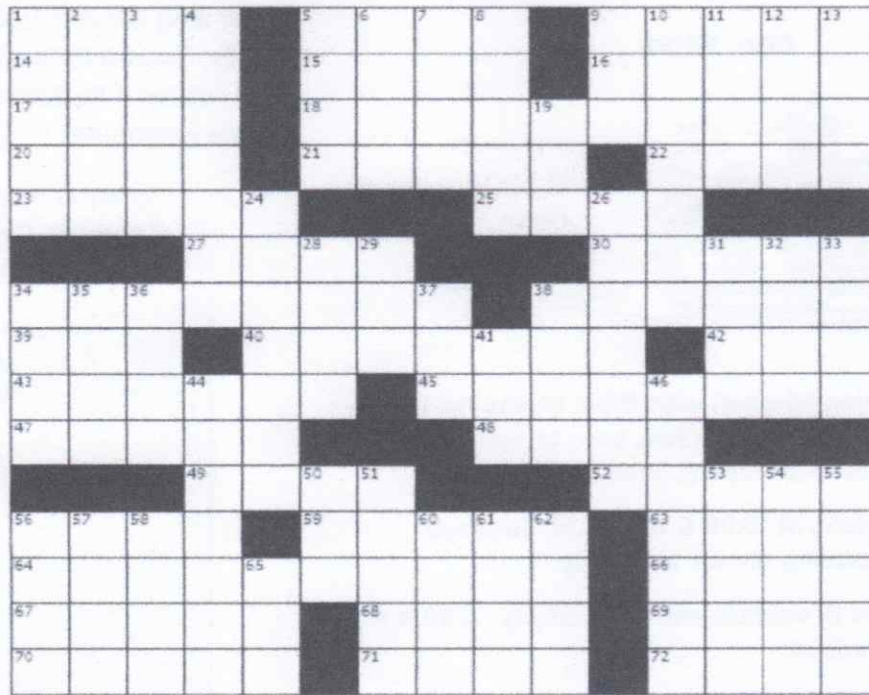
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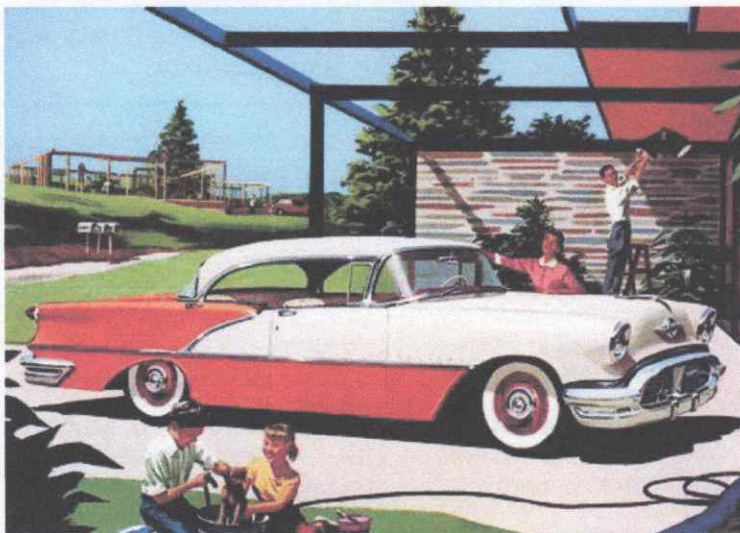
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- 1. School exam
- 5. Baseball hats
- 9. Terrific
- 14. Coffee vessels
- 15. PDQ's kin
- 16. Gall
- 17. Hawaiian cookout
- 18. New Year's Day promise
- 20. Twirl
- 21. Barbecue site
- 22. Landlord's due
- 23. Map book
- 25. Olympic sled
- 27. Fine rain
- 30. Fixed prices
- 34. Car cooling device
- 38. Fatal
- 39. Common verb
- 40. Aquatic mammal
- 42. Take advantage of
- 43. Tidier
- 45. Adolescent
- 47. Parties
- 48. Actress ___ Barrymore
- 49. Resound
- 52. Send payment
- 56. Peak
- 59. Unattached
- 63. Pop
- 64. Philanthropic
- 66. Lyric poems
- 67. Copier's need
- 68. Work
- 69. Steak, e.g.
- 70. Stockholm native
- 71. Skirt bottoms
- 72. She, in Paris



Down

- 1. Oklahoma city
- 2. Explode
- 3. Slowpoke
- 4. Giant wave
- 5. Food fish
- 6. Cruising
- 7. Bygone
- 8. Rot
- 9. African antelope
- 10. Hideaway
- 11. Famous canal
- 12. Bard of ___
- 13. Camper's home
- 19. Baseball's ___ Gehrig
- 24. Cat breed
- 26. More environmentally friendly
- 28. "A ___ is Born"
- 29. 2,000 pounds
- 31. Goon
- 32. Leisure
- 33. Toboggan
- 34. Used the doorbell
- 35. Zone
- 36. Transaction
- 37. Informer
- 38. Sly glance
- 41. Newsman ___ Koppel
- 44. Narrowed gradually
- 46. Wondrous
- 50. Model Carol ___
- 51. Reluctant
- 53. Cindy Crawford, e.g.
- 54. Utopian
- 55. Test for flavor
- 56. Behaves
- 57. Grub
- 58. Horse's hair
- 60. Woodwind
- 61. Slender
- 62. Snakelike fish
- 65. Intense rage



Vintage AD 1956 Olds 88 Holiday Sedan

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