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A Labor of Love

March 20, 2023 marks the five year anniversary for Wheeler County Trading Company's current owners Gabe & Megan Salvage.

Wheeler County Trading Company continues to serve customers five years later under its current ownership. Gabe and Megan Salvage, with their three kids, moved to Mitchell in February of 2018 from Lebanon, Oregon. Gabe, being a "burnt out" self-employed contractor in the valley, saw a great opportunity in 2017 to move over to Mitchell and buy the store from his Grandmother, Pat Bond.



The town of Mitchell's new brewery, Tiger Town Brewing Co., and the Great American Solar Eclipse of 2017 brought in tremendous popularity to the rural region which is already visited by thousands of tourists each year to see the Painted Hills Unit of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument located just nine miles from Mitchell.

The former owners of the Wheeler County Trading Company were ending their lease of the store and a move to Mitchell seemed like a good business and family move. Gabe had seen his grandparents run the store as a kid and had even helped them in the past - so fitting into the store

scene was easy for him.

After the store had been closed for seven months, Gabe and his family re-opened the Wheeler County Trading Company on March 20, 2018. They started out offering groceries and have since added hardware, feed, fencing supplies, chainsaw accessories, sporting goods, plumbing, electrical and lumber. Each and every day presents new challenges and opportunities to bring more selection and more old favorites to their store's product lines. After five years in business, they say they are more excited than ever to serve their customer's needs.

As the years have gone by, they have added to their workforce significantly to keep up with everything. When they started the business in the Spring of 2018 they had Miesha Bennett and Judy Boehlke working for them, both in a part-time capacity, helping to get the store stocked.

Since then the Wheeler County Trading Co. workforce has grown significantly to three full-time employees and a few part-time employees as well. Currently, Brianna Koon serves as the Assistant Manager of the store with Mandi Oelrich serving as full-time clerk and Ben Wallace as a full-time (Lumber) Yard person.

Thank you, Gabe and Megan, for your much needed service to the Mitchell community! You and your family are greatly loved and appreciated!



Wheeler County Trading Company

Gabe and Megan Salvage
Proprietors

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St. Patrick's Day is Friday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day celebrates the life of Saint Patrick—the patron saint of Ireland. This influential missionary has been credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. St. Patrick's Day takes place on March 17 each year because St. Patrick's death is believed to have been on March 17, 461. The Church began observing a special feast to honor him on this day starting in 1631.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day had been viewed mostly as a religious observance, and up until the 1960s, they even had laws that forbid bars from being open that day.

St. Patrick's Day switched over from a strictly holy day for Catholics to an official Irish public holiday in 1903. Although St. Patrick's Day falls within the period of Lent—a time when the Catholic Church prohibits eating meat, the ban is lifted on this specific day of celebration. Traditionally, Catholic families go to church in the morning on St. Patrick's Day, and partake in a meal that includes cabbage and Irish bacon.

It wasn't until 1798 (the year of the Irish Rebellion) that the color green became officially associated with St. Patrick's Day. Before then, another color was originally associated with St. Patrick, light blue that is the original color representing St. Patrick. A big part of that has to do with the fact that earliest depictions of St. Patrick showed him donning blue garments... and not green, according to *IrishCentral.com*. In fact, in 1783, George III (who was King of Great Britain and Ireland), decreed an order of chivalry for the Kingdom of Ireland, which was then known as the Order of St. Patrick. It's official color: sky blue.

For a while, the Irish were true blue to using the color blue as a symbol of St. Patrick. It wasn't until the 1798 Irish Rebellion that things began to change, per *Time*. Wearing a clover symbolized patriotic nationalism, and wearing green soon became standard practice which included uniforms as well. Of course, it doesn't hurt that Ireland is also lovingly known as The Emerald Isle. So in many ways, it was inevitable that blue became replaced by green.

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Mitchell's First High School was held in the Palace Saloon

Mitchell First Baptist Church

The first church in the Mitchell area was the Liberty Baptist Church. It was organized late in 1883, or early 1884, in a small settlement known as 'Liberty' which was located on West Branch. The church was housed in the schoolhouse on the homestead of James M. Mansfield (Irene Misener's great-grandfather) and his wife Nancy Jane Mansfield about one-half mile southeast of the residence. Among the charter members of the Liberty Baptist Church were James and Nancy Mansfield, James Howard, Sr. (Uncle Jimmy), Morgan and Sarah Ann Ross, Elizabeth Howard (wife of young Jimmy), Caleb and Coanza Woodward. James Mansfield was called to pastor.

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The Post Office of Liberty was established in the Mansfield home on January 2, 1889, with James M. Mansfield as Postmaster. The church and post office were named for Liberty, Missouri, the original home of the Woodward family.

Some time in 1894, services at the Liberty Baptist Church were discontinued. The First Baptist Church was then organized in the town of Mitchell. Most of the Liberty Baptist members moved their membership to Mitchell and became charter members there. James Mansfield and his wife Nancy Jane, William and Mary Sasser, and Sarah Ann Ross were all involved in the organization. Elder J. T. Moore was called to pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Mitchell was erected in 1895 just two years after the town of Mitchell became

incorporated. It was built on two lots donated by E. M. Andrews and W. H. and M. F. Puett. James Keeton and Ab R. Campbell owned and operated the sawmill that sawed, planed and furnished the lumber for the Mitchell Baptist Church building in 1895. James also made coffins while his wife Janie did the trim and the linings. The new church, located at 209 Se High St. in Mitchell was incorporated August 8, 1996. Carl R. Naas has served as the Pastor of the Mitchell First Baptist Church since June of 1980.



Mitchell First Baptist Church

Cannon's Corner

Traditions are changing, out in the old west Some for the worst and some for the best.

For decades cowboys who were prideful of their horsemanship, have now become hypocrites

Cowboys herd cows on a machine with four wheels instead of hooves, no saddle, just a cushioned place to sit.

Like the horse, you still have to maintain this mechanical steed. You don't have to feed them hay and grain, oil and gas is what you need!

Make no mistake they are just as dangerous as what they replaced - ATVs will buck you off, run you over and put you in cowboy disgrace.

They have to change their design and name of their transportation trailer; for they haul horses, no more!

The bigger the trailer, the more ATVs they can haul, I seen up to four.

Looking down from heaven cowboys share no pride or joy, They are dismayed, disappointed as they see the new wave of something called scooter cowboy!

Dan Cannon 09/20/2019



Mitchell Memories

An Independent Folk
by Mary Fitzgerald

Chapter 10 continues...



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

Carolyn’s fears are shared by many of the old-timers who remember the flood of ‘56, and the threat of a destructive thunderstorm is very real. Some feel Mitchell is long past due for a major flood, and often the old-timers eye heavy thunderclouds with trepidation.

When the post office was moved from its location in the old bank building near the center of town, some folks doubted the U.S. government’s judgment of locating the new structure so close to Bridge Creek. Remembering the many first-hand accounts of the flood of ‘56 he’d heard, as well as those of the first two floods that had devastated the town and taken lives, Robert Cannon, a local young man who had been employed to help with work on the new building, commented on the location: ‘It’s okay. It’s job security.’”

The fourth fire in Mitchell that affected residents deeply was the one in 1983 that burned the two-story rock building that was the 60-year-old Mitchell School. The fire was determined to have been started by a faulty oil furnace and by the time it was discovered, the flames were too intense to be extinguished. Onlookers could only stand by helplessly and watch the building burn.

Many memories remained, however, of the “good old school days” in the substantially built gray-rock building. “My first look at Mitchell School liked to scare me to death! There was a principal, Elders, and when I went to register my freshman year, his first remark to me as I walked up to the desk to sign up was, ‘Next victim!’ Well, I already knew the school was called ‘The Rock’ and he was called the warden!” remembers Evelyn Fitzgerald,⁵ though she was to learn her fears were groundless.

John McCulloch recalled the pranks the high school students used to play on Halloween. “They’d generally take all the boys out of school the next day and we’d go and fix our pranks. Outhouses moved from their holes and woodpiles would end up in the street. So the next day we’d get to go put the outhouse back where it belonged and stack the wood where it belonged. But see, it was a day out of school. Maybe there was a method in the madness besides the meanness!

“I remember one time we was moving Lupe McPhetridge’s outhouse and he came out the back door and caught us, and we all about got hung on Lucille Cherry’s clothesline. We was running through her backyard and everybody got their chin up on the clothesline and it about killed them!

“When I was little, in school, I used to get tied in my chair. I liked to go talk to my neighbors! But, I was not very popular with the girls because every time recess came, we was always tied in our chairs with their jump ropes!”⁶ This

method of behavior modification would surely be frowned upon in modern schools.

During the booming years of the timber industry, when nearby forests were prime for harvesting, the small town in the rocky canyon enjoyed prosperity. Sawmills sprung up in the midst of large stands of timber and the logging camps soon followed. The general stores enjoyed their years of success, the school and the churches increased their members and their assets, and the thirsty loggers contributed to the coffers of the local taverns. Unfortunately, like the over-grazing of the grass that had been belly high to a saddle horse before the large influx of settlers, the timber harvests took a toll on the old-growth trees and the logging industry dwindled, then ended.

Chapter 10 to be continued in Issue #6...

4 Ethel McFadden, Mitchell resident, interview, 1996

5 Evelyn Fitzgerald, Mitchell area resident, interview, 1996

6 John McCulloch, Mitchell area resident, interview, 1996

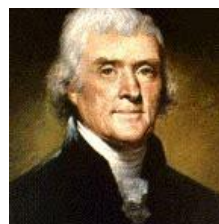


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“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.”

Thomas Jefferson

Grinch Trivia

Dr. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, was inspired to write the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" based on his own frustrations with the commercialization of the Christmas holiday. He struggled to come up with an ending for the original story. "Finally in desperation... without making any statement whatever, I showed the Grinch and the Whos together at the table, and made a pun on the Grinch carving 'roast beast'... I had gone through thousands of religious choices, and then after three months, it came out like that," he previously stated about his writing process.

Cortney Drakeford
International Business Times
11/26/21

Dr. Seuss' original book of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was published in 1957 by Random House. Geisel was notoriously "anti-Hollywood" and hesitant to allow his book to be turned into a 1966 CBS television special.



Mitchell's Last Great Shootout Around 1946

"Tigertown, the saloon and business section of Mitchell, was the scene of this incident.

I have researched memories and recollections; this is as near as I can tell it went.

Pat Buckley came to town to hurraw, to have a little fun, got too fortified and carried away.

Marshall Monk Bailey warned him to go home, sober up and return to Tigertown another day!

Buckley answered, 'I will leave, but I don't want it to look like you made me run -

You wait right here Mr. Marshall, I'm going home to get my gun.'

Buckley returned ready, but the marshall was readier.

Buckley never got a shot off, the marshall fired straight and true, because he was sober and steadier.

Down went Buckley with three 38 wounds in his chest.

A crowd gathered around and coincided poor old Buckley would end soon, start his eternal rest.

Someone in the crowd said 'Let's get him inside, make him comfortable, put something under his head!'

'Here's a blanket, cover him up, he looks cold and in a few minutes he will surely be dead.'

Thirty minutes passed, Buckley hung in there and Buckley didn't die.

'How about loading him in a car and taking him to the hospital? Don't you think we ought to try?'

They loaded him into Hudspeth's station wagon and off to Prineville they sped

It was truly a miracle that Buckley was still holding on and not dead

At Mossy Rock, the driver lost control of the car and rolled it, as they failed to make the turn

The men ascended from the wreck, it was another miracle they were unhurt, Buckley was a screaming,

'Get me out before it catches fire, and I burn'

They dragged him out, laid him beside the road, hiked to Beaver Guard station and called for another car

The emergency crew promised themselves to drive safer and slower, because they really hadn't made it that far!

As the relief car braked to a stop, they threw Buckley in and off they went

Buckley's luck was still holding, it must be purely heaven sent

They finally made it to the hospital; Buckley was even improving, though he was getting stiff and sore

The doctor relayed to the crew, Buckley would live, and they were finished with their chore

The doctor also added, or so I have been told,

'What saved Buckley wasn't their expert care, or safe driving, it was because Bailey's ammunition was old!'"

R. D. Cannon, 7/14/1992

Bring Me All Your Flowers Now

I would rather have a single rose

From the garden of a friend,

Than have the choicest flowers,

When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have the kindest words

Which may now be said to me,

Than flattered when my heart is still -

And this life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile

From the friends I know are true,

Than tears shed' round my casket,

When this world I've bade adieu!

Bring me all your flowers, Whether pink, or white, or red.

I'd rather have one blossom now

THAN A TRUCKLOAD WHEN I'M DEAD!

- R.D. Richards

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The Mitchell Wagon

Anthony “Pike” Helms told his nephew the legend of how Mitchell was founded. It began with the discovery of gold in the year of 1862.

With the discovery of gold at Canyon Creek in 1862, it was necessary for Canyon City to obtain equipment and supplies from the Dalles which was about 200 miles away. Back then, this was no easy task. The fully loaded supply wagons and pack animals (horses and mules) would leave the John Day River at Burnt Ranch, travel over a rocky and winding land trail up through the Bridge Creek Canyon, past the present site of Mitchell, and then over the mountain and down to the John Day River again - finally making it upstream to Canyon City. The round trip would take anywhere from three to four weeks.

Legend has it that on one particular occasion, a muleskinner with a “Mitchell” Wagon freighter fully loaded with corn liquor and drawn by four mules was struggling along through Bridge Creek Canyon on the way to Canyon City. Back in those days, the “Mitchell” Wagon was considered to be one of the sturdiest pack wagons in the world. When the muleskinner was crossing the rocky creek near the middle of where present-day Mitchell is located, the Whiskey Wagon broke an axle. His team managed to drag the wagon out of the creek and up onto dry land. After unhitching and unharnessing the mules to let them graze, he took a bottle of his cargo and had a long drink. After some careful thought, the muleskinner gathered some rocks and built two trestles. He took one of the side boards from the wagon and placed it on the trestles. He then proceeded down to the stream and cut some poles from the willows. He built a makeshift framework and stretched the canvas cover of his load over it to build a canopy. He took armloads of bottles and arranged them on his newly built bar. He happened to have a couple of cases of tin cups, so he placed some of the cups out on the bar alongside the Whiskey bottles. Now all he needed was some customers. The strangest thing happened! Out of nowhere, travelers from Kentucky, Tennessee, Carolina, Virginia, and elsewhere showed up. A good time was had by all. Many of them decided to stay and sent for their women and children. They declared that from that day forward, “...this place should be called *Mitchell*.”

Resting places, at regular intervals, along the route from the Dalles to Canyon City were a requirement for travelers and animals to be fed and rested - equipment had to be repaired. Mitchell began as one of those stopping places and continues to serve as such.

1950s Vintage AD

Across

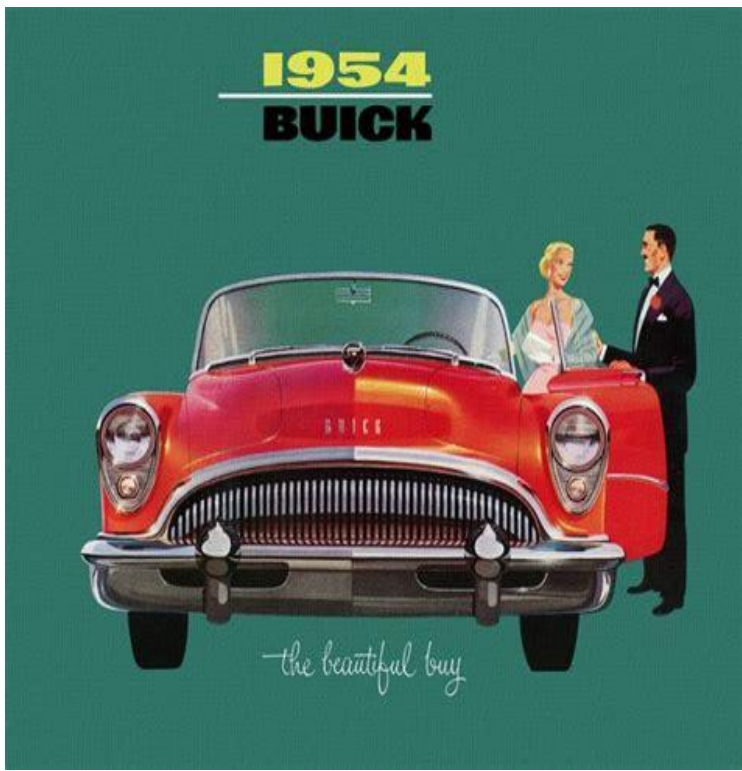
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- 6. Shoe part
- 10. Additional
- 14. Dad's sisters
- 15. Wheel shaft
- 16. Bakery employee
- 17. Begin
- 18. Ocean's fluid (2 wds.)
- 20. Cavity
- 21. Prisoner
- 22. Wind dir.
- 23. "Oliver ____"
- 25. Thrilled
- 27. Program
- 29. Least desirable
- 31. Salad ____
- 32. Desert haven
- 34. Racetrack animal
- 38. Property claim
- 40. Viola's kin
- 42. Await judgment
- 43. Discontinued
- 45. Decorate
- 47. Yank
- 48. Furious
- 50. Medicinal amount

- 52. Paring tool
- 55. Actress ____ Streep
- 56. ____ Vegas, Nevada
- 57. Junior's dad
- 60. Express relief
- 63. Helper
- 65. Not fresh
- 66. At no time, poetically
- 67. Clue
- 68. Anchorman ____ Jennings
- 69. Different
- 70. Plus
- 71. Change

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Down

- 1. Money
- 21. Singer ____ Hayes
- 46. And not
- 2. Passenger vehicle
- 24. Bride's response (2 wds.)
- 49. Singer ____ Franklin
- 3. Unchanged
- 26. Over
- 51. Method
- 4. Scattered
- 27. Talented
- 52. Jet
- 5. NJ time zone
- 28. Increase
- 53. Artist's stand
- 6. Common contraction
- 29. Author Oscar ____
- 54. Road curves
- 7. Test
- 30. Norwegian port
- 55. Slogan
- 8. ____ Fitzgerald of jazz
- 33. ____ belt
- 58. Brad
- 9. Alphabet part
- 35. Strike back
- 59. Lodges
- 10. Actress ____ Farrow
- 36. Cozy
- 61. Secluded valley
- 11. Eight musicians
- 37. Rim
- 62. Cow crowd
- 12. ____ Witherspoon of "Just Like Heaven"
- 39. Astronaut ____ Armstrong
- 64. Indignation
- 13. Was mistaken
- 41. Sequence
- 65. Resort
- 19. ____ corgi
- 44. Clothe



Vintage AD 1954 Buick

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