

# Mitchell Sentinel

A Community Monthly

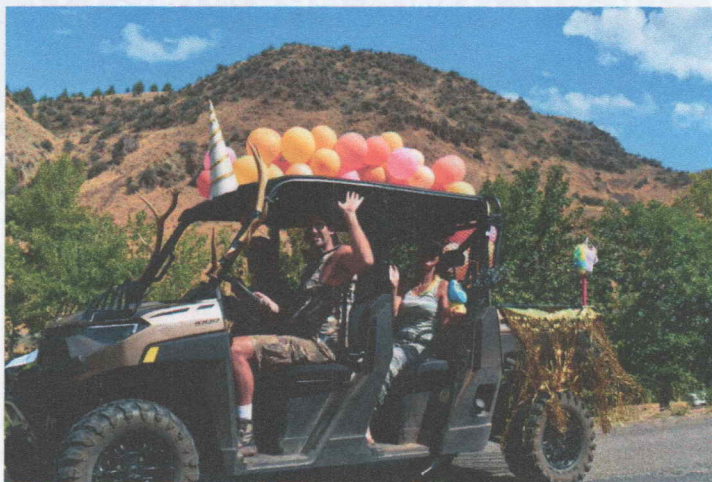
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Mitchell Oregon 1924

## 27th Annual Painted Hills Festival



Mabe Hill Mob

Hundreds gathered in Mitchell on Labor Day Saturday for the 27th Annual Painted Hills Festival and 10K, 5K, and Half Marathon Runs. There were 20 entries for the Painted Hills 10K Run, 30 for the 5K Run, and 30 for the Half Marathon. Daisy LaLonde, age 16, placed 1st in the 10k with a gun time of 42:34.8, Ashley Coltrane, age 34 placed 1st in the 5K with a gun time of 21:47.4 and Brandon Brasher, age 47, placed 1st in the Half Marathon with a gun time of 1:31:33.2. All Entries, Finishes, and Results can be found at [PaintedHillsHalf.com](http://PaintedHillsHalf.com).

Longtime residents Dan and Mary Cannon were honored as this year's Grand Marshals in the Parade that preceded down Main Street on September 2nd! The Grand Parade featured muscle cars, antique trucks, funny cars that "winked" at you, cowboys on horses, flags, floats, and fire trucks. Smokey the Bear

even made an appearance! The winner of the Best Parade Entry was "Mabe Hill Mob" with their Unicorns and Camo theme and bubble machines parade float.

The schedule of events at this family affair included live music throughout the day, kids games and a bouncy house in the park, the pie auction fundraiser, a spectacular Traditional Mexican Dance performed by the Vargas Family, an incredible Tahitian Fire Dancer, and the always popular Water Trough Races, just to name a few. Dan and Robert Cannon recorded their Mitchell Sentinel Podcast in front of a live audience.

The City Park was filled to its rim with Food Vendors and Craft Vendors. This year's Painted Hills Festival, which turned out to be one of the best ever, ended with a Street Dance in front of the Tiger Town Brewery.

A big Thank You to the Painted Hills Festival Committee, the many vendors, fantastic performers, and everyone who helped make this a happy, safe, and successful family fun day in Mitchell, Oregon!

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## Mayor for Mitchell

Please call Mitchell City Hall  
(541)462-3121 [Leave Message]



## City Hall is Closed

The Mitchell City Hall has been closed since around July 20th when the City Clerk went on Administrative Leave. The Clerk resigned on August 13, 2023, without returning to work. The City Council accepted her resignation at the Regular City Council meeting held on Monday, August 14, 2023. Her husband, the Mayor of Mitchell, resigned via Email two weeks later on August 28, 2023. Council President Patty Verbovanec is currently Mayor pro tempore.

Councilor Kaylee Ferguson was appointed Deputy City Clerk when Resolution #23-07, a contingency plan in the event the City Administrator/City Clerk is unavailable, was passed and went into effect at the end of May this year. Councilor Ferguson resigned from her position as Deputy City Clerk at the August 14th Meeting of the Council.

It was recently confirmed by Jered Reid, Mitchell's City Attorney, that there is no interim Clerk at this time, but that messages are being checked regularly.

The Clerk and Mayor positions are now open and have been publicly posted. If interested, please call Mitchell City Hall at (541)462-3121 and leave a message.



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## The Crossroad in Clackamas County

The Donation Land Claim Act, which went into effect on September 27, 1850, brought thousands of settlers from different regions of the country into the new Oregon territory via the Oregon Trail. At that time, Oregon City was the final destination at the end of the Oregon Trail. Some settlers chose a less dangerous route using a trail Sam Barlow and Philip Foster had created a few years prior. The new path went through the woods and over Mt. Hood, near the present-day Highway 26, and ended at Philip Foster's farm in the area today known as Eagle Creek. After resting here, most people would continue their journey along the Clackamas River to the trail's destination of Oregon City.

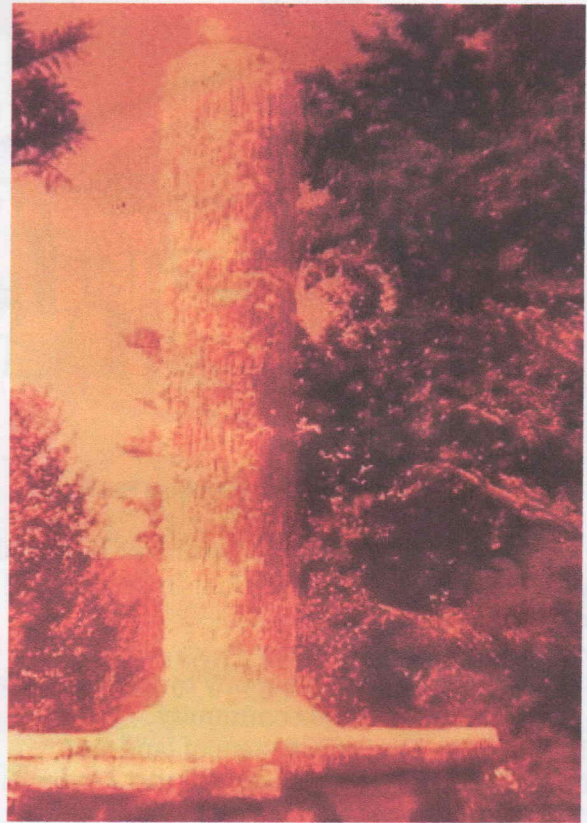
In 1851, Portland overtook Oregon City as the area's central city. In 1852, Philip Foster built a second road from his farm in Eagle Creek to Portland. Known as the Barlow-Foster Trail, this new trail passed over Royer Road and to Foster Road. A small group of travelers decided to stay and settle in this area and call it home.

Over time, this small community grew and eventually established a school and a post office. In 1866, the families gathered at the crossroads store at Royer Road and Foster Road to decide on a suitable name for their community. Ed Pedigo, a potter who had moved to this small community from Iowa in 1854, came riding up on his horse. With the battles of the Civil War still fresh in mind, he recalled the phrase "The Place of a New Beginning." Pedigo's thoughts had reminded him of Saul of Tarsus, who had set out on a journey from Jerusalem. As Saul approached the walls of Damascus in Syria, he was transformed after meeting the Savior. (Saul became known as Paul after that transformation.) Pedigo the Potter suggested they name their town after Damascus. The area's 27 families approved of the name.

The Damascus Post Office was established on August 26, 1867. Pedigo would bring the mail from Milwaukie on his horse once a week along an old Indian trail. Over time, as the small town grew, it became necessary for more frequent mail service. Development from Portland had progressed to nearby Gresham, and the streetcar went from Gresham to Damascus' neighbor, Boring, to Estacada, bypassing Damascus. Boring's Post Office became the central mail distribution point for the whole area. Ultimately, many surrounding towns lost their post offices to Boring, which to this day continues to cover more than 40 square miles of mail distribution. The final day of service for the Damascus Post Office was on August 8, 1904.

In 1959, a celebration of Oregon's Centennial took place in the town of Damascus. It was so popular that it became a three-year-long celebration. The Centennial Peace Candle was the main attraction. The candle was made from 20 tons of wax collected by children in and around Damascus. The Marines helped to move all the

ingredients needed to build the candle to George Livingston's house. The Marines cut and welded oil drums together, then stacked them to make the large candle mold. A plumber's ladle was used to melt tons of wax all over the outside of the empty drums. They figured out how to make a wick that would burn for a long time.



The Centennial Peace Candle - Damascus, Oregon

The finished candle was 21 1/2 feet tall and 35 inches across. The Marines moved the candle to Main Street in Damascus. The Centennial Peace Candle was lit on June 14, 1959, and burned at one inch every 36 hours. The candle's flame burned for 100 days - one day for each year of statehood. A concrete and steel replica was built in 1962 and still stands today as a monument to the original Centennial Peace Candle.

In 1962, Damascus hosted the Little World's Fair to celebrate the "Man of the Past." The 22-acre site included a Midway, a Stockade, an Indian Village where Indians from all over the Northwest camped in Teepees, a Frontier Town complete with Gunfights, and an old unpainted barn converted into an Opera House. The Frontier Town had a Blacksmith Shop, a Saddle Shop, a Hotel, the Barlow Trail Saloon, and a City Hall with a Jail. There was even a Frontier Town Newspaper called the Damascus Pioneer, and a Stage Coach provided rides around the fairgrounds. Stagecoach rides were popular in the Frontier Village.

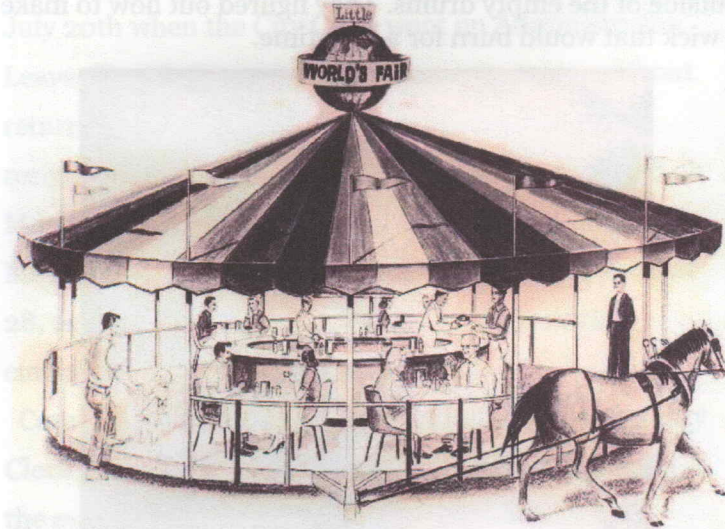
The Damascus Frontiers performed at the Saloon, and the outdoor Amphitheater provided a place for Hollywood

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### Stars to perform.

Damascus also had its own Revolving Restaurant, The Carousel. A horse kept the Restaurant moving in circles.



Artist Rendering of Damascus' Revolving Restaurant

The Centennial Peace Candle Monument is the only remnant from the Little World's Fair in Damascus except for a few remaining buildings.

Bordered by Gresham, Happy Valley, and Boring, the people of Damascus existed happily by tradition as a semi-rural, unincorporated community.

On May 2, 1973, Oregon's system of land-use regulation was enacted by Senate Bill 100. Under the Oregon law, urban areas in Oregon must draw an imaginary land use line to control urban expansion onto farm and forest lands. The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is used to plan for urban development on farm and forest lands. While agricultural lands and open space outside UGB are protected, subdivided land for tract housing, shopping malls, and other kinds of urban development are not allowed past the boundary line.

In 1979, Portland-area voters created Metro, a regional government, to manage the UGB of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties.

In 2002, Metro brought 10,000 Damascus acres into the Clackamas county urban growth boundary. Damascus had reached a population of approximately 10,000 at that time.

In 2004, Damascus decided to incorporate to preserve its culture and history. Many hoped becoming an actual city would help Damascus retain some rural character by taking control of its own borders. Becoming a city would hopefully allow the citizens to determine their own density, plan their own parks, and preserve their heritage. Damascus prides itself on its open spaces and small-town feel.

Damascus had a contentious existence as a city from the very beginning. When Damascus was first incorporated in 2004, the City Council had five elected

members. The voters adopted a city charter, which expanded the number of elected Council members to seven at a special election on September 21, 2005. There were controversial officials, divisive fights over spending and planning, and complicated dysfunction. They went through seven city managers in eight years.

In March of 2010, Damascus voters rejected four controversial tax-limiting ballot initiatives being promoted by statewide groups. These measures, if approved, along with the three government-limiting initiatives that were passed in 2008, would all but end the city's ability to provide services, resulting in an essentially non-functioning city. The proposed initiatives came only weeks after at least three statewide groups devoted to limited government stated that Damascus and at least a dozen other small towns in Oregon were nothing but experiments in their attempts to place similar tax-limiting initiatives on ballots.

In 2012, Damascus became the first city in the State to require a public vote to approve its finalized growth plan. City officials and voters rejected six plans in four years. The last attempt failed by 75% of the vote. With no plan, the city was essentially a taxing district without a way to spend the money.

The community of Damascus was continually being torn apart. Many were frustrated because the city could not agree on a finalized growth plan after being brought into the urban growth boundary, which is required before it can take on zoning, economic development, and capital projects. City officials actually discussed whether the city employees were allowed to use the copy machine without a public vote!

A campaign to recall the Mayor and the city council president began in May of 2013, but the recall effort was aborted just short of going to vote. The voters chose to propose disincorporation instead. Damascus residents voted on a measure to authorize disincorporation, but turnout needed to be higher to reach the State's disincorporation threshold. The vote requires more than 50% of all the registered voters to pass, not just a majority of participating voters in the election.

The contentious infighting, controversy, and dysfunction continued. In the primary held on May 17, 2016, the citizens voted on a proposal to disincorporate for a second time. The proposal was approved this time, and the city of Damascus ceased to exist on July 18, 2016.

The city gave up the lease on its City Hall, which was located in a strip mall in the middle of town. Happy Valley annexed that area along with other significant chunks of ex-Damascus, and the space that used to be the city hall became a liquor store. The Mayor at that time even annexed his property into Happy Valley, like many other residents. Happy Valley moved in on

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## *The Color of the Heart*

I saw her on the corner,  
 her coat was wet and worn.  
 Her legs were bare, with mismatched socks  
 her shoes were old and torn.  
 Her hair was long and tangled,  
 her eyes were soft and brown.  
 A sadness lay within those eyes  
 when our eyes met, she quickly looked down.  
 I was on my way to somewhere  
 I can't recall just where.  
 I could not see and walk away,  
 I couldn't just not care.  
 She watched the people pass her by,  
 but mostly she looked sown.  
 She brushed away the snowflakes  
 that fell upon her crown.  
 She gently smiled at me,  
 a crooked, timid grin.  
 I waved, she waved and smiled again  
 with a face so wistfully thin.  
 She shivered as the snow fell  
 clutching her coat to her chin.  
 She huddled beneath the thin jacket  
 searching for warmth from within.  
 In the storefront, I spied a long coat  
 robin red, fur-lined, with a hood.  
 I hurried to the park bench.  
 There she sat, covered in snow, still as wood.  
 I touched her shoulder, slowly she turned.  
 Her eyes, filled with tears, looked so lost.  
 I wrapped her in luxury,  
 kissed her stained cheek  
 only a heart can see the invisible cost.

Debbie Heisler Clark

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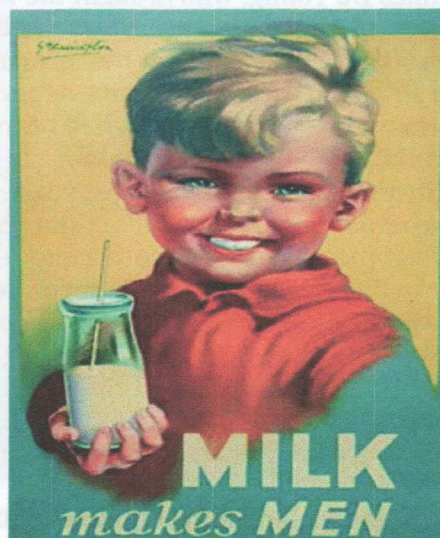
*Mr. Sunshine says*

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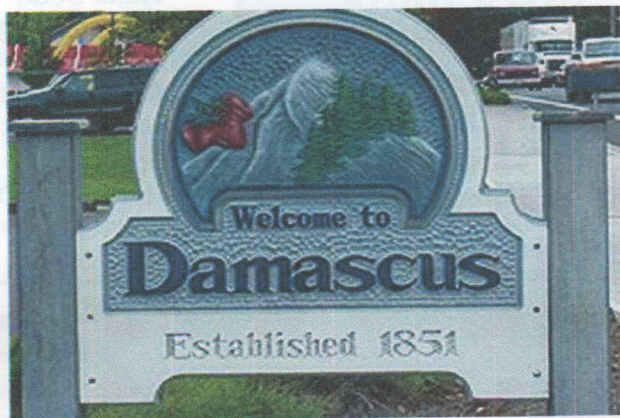
Try my delicious chocolate chip Chip-A-Roos. They're a lot of cookies with a lot of chips. And they're made with that special Sunshine freshness I put in all my cookies. Delicious chip-chip-Chip-A-Roos. You'll love them. (And so will the children.)

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Damascus from the west, annexing more than 1,000 acres. Clackamas County took over road maintenance and any other remaining duties. The leftover tax money was returned to the Damascus taxpayers. Clackamas County began collecting taxes as it does for all of the unincorporated land in the county.

Citizens in support of Damascus remaining a city moved quickly to challenge the 2015 Oregon law that was used to lower the bar for disincorporation. James De Young, a former resident and city councilor of the City of Damascus, successfully sued the State of Oregon over the 2016 disincorporation vote by presenting statutory and constitutional challenges to a judgment that declared that the city validly disincorporated under Ballot Measure 93, which the voting residents of Damascus had previously approved in a special election.

On May 1, 2019, the Oregon Appellate Court nullified the disincorporation of Damascus. The court explained that the voter turnout did not reach the State's 50% threshold, which should not have been approved. The court held that the vote should have been invalidated back in 2016.

That ruling led to a quick reconstitution of the Damascus City Council. Spurred by former City Councilor James De Young, who brought the issue before the Court of Appeals, a group began operating as if Damascus was back. The bones of the former council — those who still lived within city limits, as several, including former Mayor Diana Helm, had been happily annexed into Happy Valley — gathered for the first Damascus City Council meeting in three years.

Three of the remaining five councilors showed up, enough for what they argued was both a quorum and majority due to the vacant seats. They appointed De Young the new Mayor of Damascus, added two new councilors who were in lock-step with wanting the city back, began drafting financial plans, hired an interim city manager, and set up a schedule for meetings at a local church — since the former City Hall had now become a popular liquor store.

City leaders began looking into contracting out city services such as police and planning, possibly with

Clackamas County. But government officials near Damascus say that too much has happened since the city dissolved to bring it back.

In a letter to 21 state legislators, Clackamas County commissioners emphasized that the vote in 2016 and steps that local officials have taken since are reasons not to re-form Damascus as a city. The letter reminds legislators that city funds have been disbursed — Damascus has no money. Plus, neighboring Happy Valley has already moved in on Damascus from the west, annexing more than 1,000 acres.

According to the nullification by the Court, Damascus never legally ceased to exist. But the fact remained that the city had already removed all of its city employees, turned over its assets to the county, and let the City Council terms expire. Now, by order of the court, Damascus will have to build itself back into a city from the ground up. This was the first time anything like this happened in the State's history.

To resolve the many legal problems presented by the Appeals Court ruling that nullified the disincorporation of Damascus, Lawmakers proposed inclusion into Senate Bill 226, whose title includes "relating to elections." It would not lead to a third vote but instead would set into statute that the vote taken in 2016 was a valid decision.

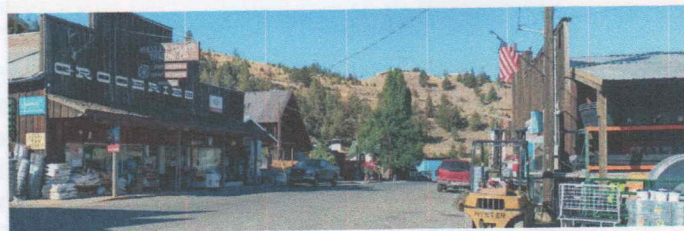
On September 3, 2020, the Oregon Supreme Court reinstated the disincorporation vote of 2016, and the city no longer exists. What was once the City of Damascus is now again unincorporated territory in Clackamas County. The people won the fight to exist in tradition.

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## My Time in Cowboy Country

As a young child, I had lived in a small house on a city lot, on the outskirts of a town in western Oregon. My heart, however, was 100% cowgirl/horse! We saw World War 2 come and go, and in our case, were still experiencing the "tail-end" of the great depression.

My Mom was alone with me and my two younger brothers. To put it mildly, we lived very frugally. I remember, so many times, literally begging my Mom for a horse and a baby sister. Each was equally impossible.

As I grew older my best friend, Wanda, and I would hunt for, and save, discarded pop bottles. When we saved enough for \$1.00 each, we would walk several miles to the Fair Grounds, where we could each rent a saddle horse for 1 hour.

It was 1947 and I was 14 when my Mom married our stepdad. We bought an 80-acre place in Central Oregon, where there were many ranches and open country. The climate is semi-arid, and after irrigation was introduced, it produced very good crops, from alfalfa to potatoes. Our place was 4 miles NW of Tumalo, which at that time, was just a little "wide-spot" with a grade school, little store & an irrigation district office. We lived on what is now called "White Rock Loop." In those days our address was Route 2, Box 898, Bend, Oregon.

I knew that I was in Cowboy Country, and our stepdad took us to all the rodeos. At Redmond, the Native Americans would set up their teepees next to the rodeo grounds. I was in my element!

We had wonderful land. With a stunning view of the Three Sisters Mts., as well as snow-capped mountains! The land was (about 95%) flood-irrigated. The house and barn and fences, however, clearly had not been used for years! Someone had done a really quick "do-over" on the house, but there was no electricity or plumbing on the place! In front of the house was an uncovered cistern (for domestic water storage). In it were dead rabbits and mice, rocks, and lots of dirt.

Our stepdad secured all the fences and repaired what had to be done on the barn and sheds. When all these things were made usable and we were settled in the house, our stepdad took a trip to the local livestock auction in Redmond where he bought 20 dairy cows. I still can remember many of them and their names. With no electricity, this meant a lot of hand-milking. Each of us kids learned how to milk. We each got to call the cow that we milked, "our cow" and we got to name "our cow." Our stepdad was very fast with his hands and had had dairy cows before. While he each milked "our cow" he milked the other 17! He had brought his electric milking machine, but, of course, couldn't use it until we got electricity on the place months later. We did have a hand-operated cream separator, so we sold cream to the dairy in Redmond and fed the skim milk to the hogs. A dairy barn came a couple of years later.

We had so many experiences - all of them fascinating to me, because I had been starved for the country life!

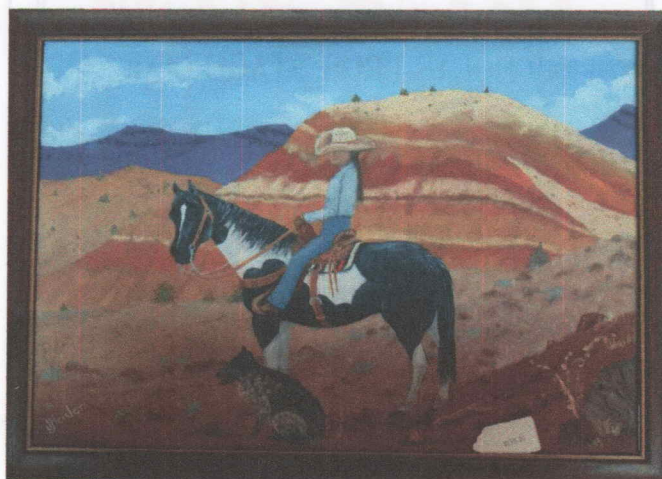
One time, several of our neighbors came over to help us butcher and scrape a hog. It was quite a procedure! We had a long, open vat, with water in it. A fire was built under it and

after hours, it finally started boiling. The men lowered the butchered hog into the boiling water. It was then laid out on a sheet-covered (outdoor) table. All the women and girls sat around the table and scraped off each individual hair with a small knife. I remember one lady taking the head home to make "head cheese." I was really glad that our Mom didn't want it! We rendered lard (in the oven of our wood-cook stove) for days. We saved and used it all - we even used it for baking. It made wonderful pie crust, but no one knew how bad it was for people.

We raised good strawberries and garden there, and Mom & I canned & froze it all. We had to take the frozen food (including our meat) into Redmond, where we rented a frozen food locker. Corn, tomatoes, and green beans were all a little "dicey" because frost comes early here. Besides wonderful alfalfa hay, the biggest crop in Central Oregon, at that time, was potatoes - Deschutes Netted Gems. They were processed at Hodecker Potato Co. in Redmond, where he had huge potato barns (all antique malls, etc. now). We had some land in Alfalfa, some in potatoes and the rest in pasture. After a couple of years, our stepdad acquired the first "potato sacker" in our area. It was quite a contraption! It hooked onto the back of the potato digger. The potatoes came off the digger, on to the sacker. They landed on a "belt" which consisted of 6-8 feet of metal rods, each about 2 inches apart. This "belt" would vibrate rapidly, in order to shake off the excess rocks and dirt (which was very sandy). My modest brother and I were given the job of picking off any larger rocks on each side of the belt. We were each paid \$1.25 per hour. This was huge wages for kids in those days! It was such a wonderful experience! We would go around to all the farms in our area. Those ranch women would cook us some of the most wonderful meals - all at a "sit-down" table complete with a fabulous dessert! Those were some of my happiest childhood memories. I started my first bank account at U.S. National Bank in Redmond in 1948.

These and many more country memories are all priceless and I'm country/horse to the core at age 85. Instead of riding them, I paint them.

Joanne Adams Heisler 2018



This framed painting by Joanne Heisler is for sale at the Little Pine Lodge in Mitchell.



# Annual Hunters



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## The Mitchana

The Mitchana was the name given to the first Mitchell High School year book. The first issue was published in 1924 by the Mitchell High School Students.

Here is the Foreword in that issue:

### Foreword

Endeavoring in a brief way to show the people of Mitchell what the money they have given to the cause of education has accomplished, the students of Mitchell High School are editing this year-book to show how they have taken hold of the opportunities so generously provided.

We are glad to get away from the cut-and-dried style of high school annual and branch out upon questions of importance. We wish to show our ability, not in a boastful way, nor for notoriety, to read, think and reason, so you will feel that you have not sacrificed for us and for education in vain.

We not only give you a picture of high school life but have taken up some of the questions before our community and the world today and discussed them in a brief way. We represent the coming generation and, not in a proud way, we hope to give the present generation faith in us.

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### The Mitchana

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## The Class of 1923

The M. H. S. (Mitchell High School) was first established in the old Palace saloon, or Palace Hall in Lower town. The enrollment consisted of about 19 freshmen, five juniors and two sophomores. Mr. Stein was our first instructor, and the only one for the year of 1921-22. Everyone succeeded in making his class by three or four credits.

Our second term of high school was opened also in the Palace saloon with the expectations of moving into the new building soon. "Soon," however, proved to be six or seven weeks. Our instructors were: L. A. Enlund, principal, and Miss Hope McKenzie, assistant.

Everyone looked forward to the class that was to graduate that year. One senior, Ray Blann, dropped out and only four were left.

It was a sad thought to see these four pupils before us being given diplomas on the night of commencement. That they might be leaving us forever touched a tender cord. Yet it was a glad thought to think of the opportunity of education that had been given them. It meant the same for all the young people of Mitchell and the coming generation.

The commencement exercises were held in the auditorium of our new building. Various students and members of the class themselves gave excellent numbers. Senator Upton from Crook County, delivered a most wonderful message to the class. It was a consolation to all. It was the crowning of success to M. H. S.

The baccalaureate services were also held in the auditorium.



First Mitchell High School  
Old Palace Saloon

Eld. Fred Brown delivered the baccalaureate servom. The choir from the local church was complete master of the beautiful selections it sang.

These students are now in different parts of the country. Mildred Virginia Cannon, president of the senior class, is now at Monmouth preparing to teach. Ialeen Olga Folston is now teaching as a substitute in the advance room of the grade school. She has completed her course in teaching and is now ready to accept some school for next year.

Bessie Estella Campbell has gone East and is residing with her sister. Lawrence Sigfit is now working in the lumber mills at Bend.

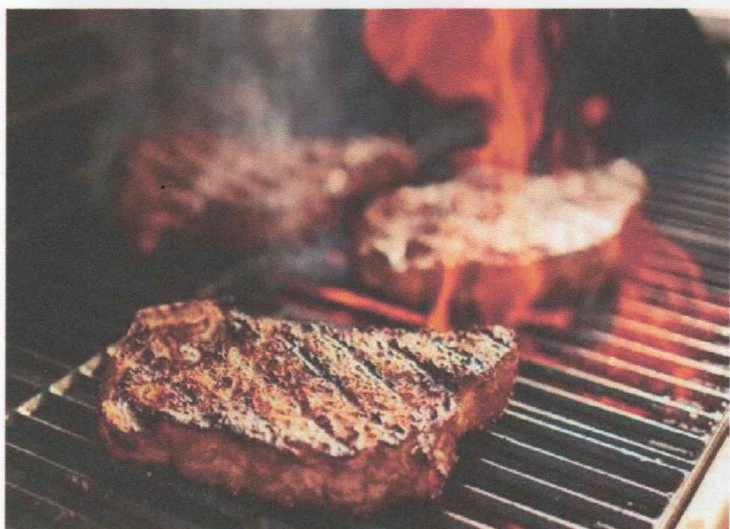
May the Alumni ever cherish M. H. S. in their minds. May M. H. S. always remember them as dear friends, jolly students, and as its first class to graduate.

### The Mitchana



THE STUDENT BODY

ENROLLMENT OF M. H. S. 1923 - '24



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## Back in the day...

- John Erikson, George Owen, and Milt Laswell built Rock Creek Lake and 5 Mile Ditch to Spanish Gulch. The lake was enlarged in 1921 by Boyd C. Erickson, for this effort, he received  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the water for his flat ranch.
- James T. Keeton and Ab Campbell owned and operated the sawmill that sawed, planed and furnished the lumber for the Mitchell Baptist Church in 1895. James also made coffins and his wife Janie did the fabric trim and lining.
- Calvin Chambers (Cal) (Nickname: Cowboy) is buried in the SE Corner far away from Graves because he couldn't get along with anyone, so he was buried where he wouldn't cause no trouble. Cal had a homestead in the early 1900's, near a spring which bore his name. Chambers Spring is near the headwaters of Fry Creek south of Mountain Creek in Wheeler County.
- The first Post Office in this area was at the Sutton Ranch. In 1867, Al Sutton was the Postmaster. This location was about 1 mile west of the Painted Hills.
- Wheeler County News was a newspaper in Twickenham, Oregon. F.M Shott was Editor.

## The Business

I have been in the tire business for nigh on 62 years.

I have changed them all, from lawn mowers to large tractors, fronts and rears.

Let's see — the smallest was 4 inches and the largest was around 34.

About the time I thought I would catch up, here would come a bunch more.

There were narrow ones, wide ones and wider ones still.

There were ribbed ones, slick ones, grooved ones and super traction ones to get them up steep hills.

I think it is about over now and with destiny's retirement I can keep.

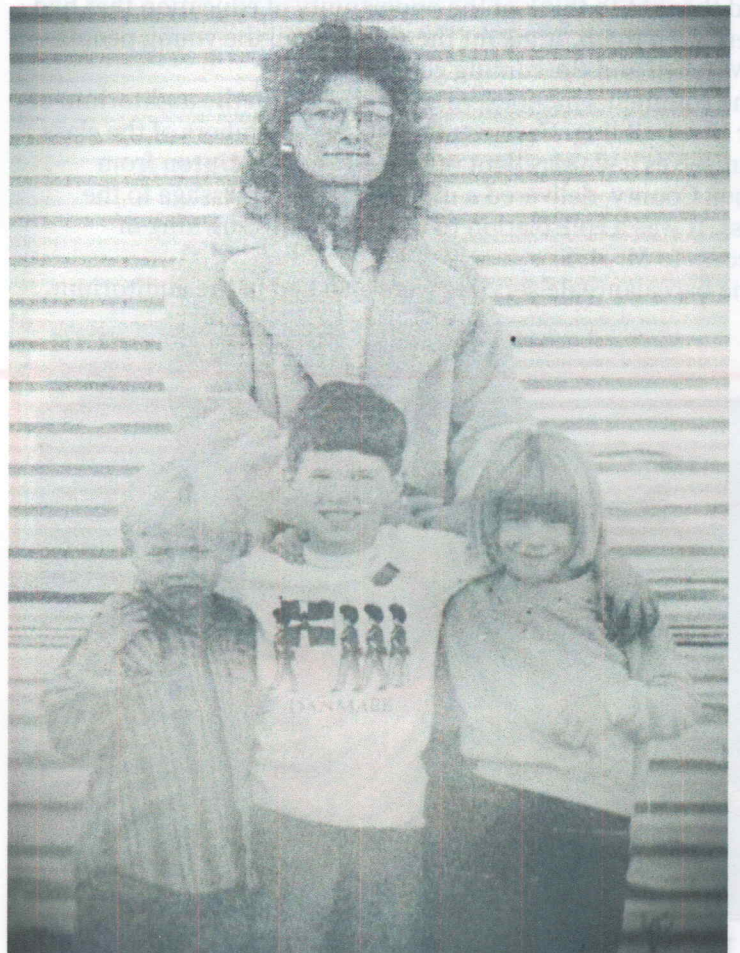
I am tired — I change them all day and at night I change them in my sleep.

Why just last night I dreamed I had died and was headed to heaven,

when things went from good to worse.

Someone knocked on my coffin lid and said, "Dan, get up! You have to change one more — we have a flat on the hearse!"

Dan Cannon  
05/03/2003



Mitchell Pre-School 1987 - Mrs. Mary Smith  
Left to Right: Jeffrey Erickson, Jim Bob Collins, Alicia Charapata





## KRABILL FAMILY in concert

Come enjoy a morning of worshipping the Lord with the Konrad & Shannon Krabill Family from Shedd, Oregon. Honoring the Name of Jesus with a cappella singing, live instrumental accompaniment, and testimony in between - you are invited to join them at:

**MITCHELL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**209 SE HIGH ST., MITCHELL**  
 ~ September 24, 2023 11:00 a.m. ~

We'll see you there!



# Mitchell Lions Club

**Trap Shoot  
Rifle Target Shoot**



**High Score  
Wins  
Turkey or Bacon**

**Food and Beverages Available**

**Saturday-September 23, 9:00 am**

**Old Hudspeth Mill**

**16089 Highway 26, Mitchell**

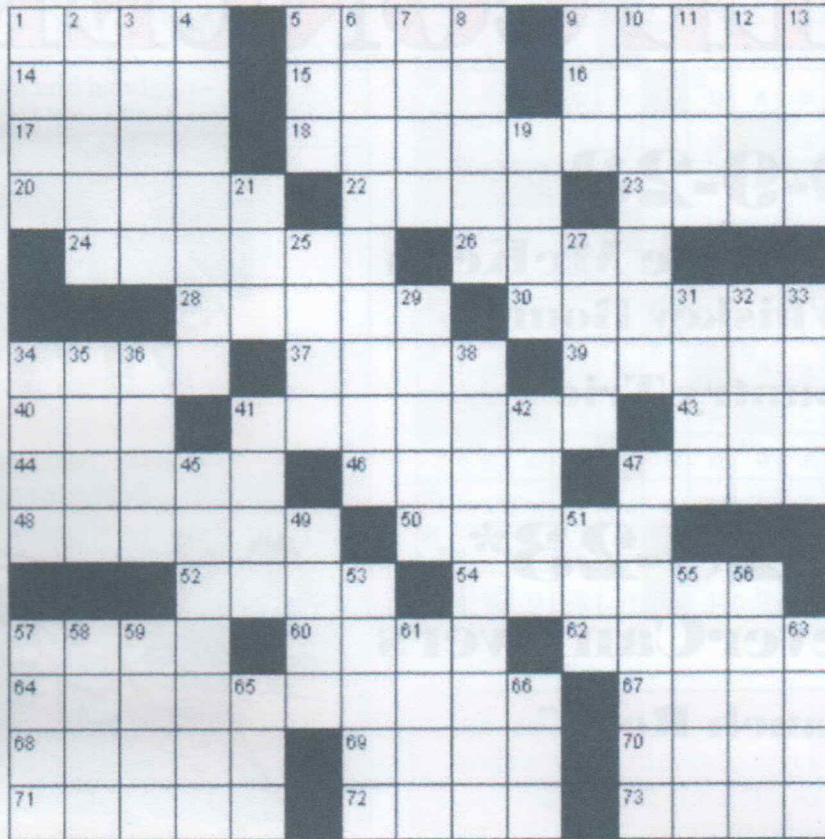
**GOOD FAMILY FUN**



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

- 1 Exile site for Napoleon  
 5 Barley beards  
 9 Out on \_\_\_\_  
 14 Boxer Spinks  
 15 Exactly  
 16 Chocolate source  
 17 Opera's Te Kanawa  
 18 One with an inside track  
 20 Berate  
 22 Woman of distinction  
 23 "Handy" man  
 24 Particles in electrolysis  
 26 "The King and I" country  
 28 Below, for Byron  
 30 Drinks greedily  
 34 Jekyll's alter ego  
 37 Arguable  
 39 Man of Steel portrayer  
 40 Boat propeller  
 41 Spy's byword  
 43 Follow relentlessly  
 44 Role for Charlie Chaplin  
 46 Gambling game  
 47 "\_\_\_ Nagila"  
 48 More tense  
 50 Lowest operatic voice  
 52 Go for a dip  
 54 Soprano Maria  
 57 Lecturer, briefly  
 60 Asian desert  
 62 "\_\_\_ Without a Cause"  
 64 Family gathering place  
 67 Deceive  
 68 Monkeys' taboos  
 69 France's Cote d'\_\_\_\_  
 70 Letters on a B-52



- 71 Adorn with droplets  
 72 Gambler's woe  
 73 Animal skin

## Down

- 1 Antlered animals  
 2 Olympus alternative  
 3 Element number 5  
 4 Dye type  
 5 Cash dispenser  
 6 "Peanuts" character  
 7 Zilch  
 8 Cherry leftovers  
 9 Be in a cast  
 10 Sixties TV western

- 11 "\_\_\_ See Clearly Now"

- 12 Damsel  
 13 Gaunt  
 19 Flowery garlands  
 21 Buck's mate  
 25 Identify  
 27 Askew  
 29 Biblical mountain  
 31 Mother of Helen of Troy  
 32 Ukrainian city  
 33 Big name in computer games  
 34 Table d'\_\_\_\_  
 35 36 inches  
 36 Aerodynamic force  
 38 Bulldoglike

- 41 Gush forth  
 42 \_\_\_ Nostra  
 45 Put out of order  
 47 Stayed out of sight  
 49 Diana of "The Avengers"  
 51 Camera type  
 53 Fable ending  
 55 Bad treatment  
 56 Calyx component  
 57 Commoner  
 58 Rend  
 59 "Ars Amatoria" poet  
 61 Classic clown  
 63 Hit the road  
 65 Australian state: Abbr.  
 66 "\_\_\_ Doubtfire"

Solution to Crossword Puzzle is located on page 15.



# FALL CONCERTS

**9-9-23**

**Jeremy Wayne McKern  
and Whiskey Bound**

**"Country Trio"**



**\*10-28-23\***

**The NeverCanEvers**

**"Ranch Rock"**



**11-11-23**

**Robert Henry  
and the Repeaters**

**"Five-piece country  
dance band"**



## **Second Saturdays** **\*except October\*** **Dayville Dancehall**

The Dayville Community Hall is located on Hwy 26,  
Admission \$5, Doors open at 6pm, Music 7-10pm

**FOOD, BEER, and A 100+ YEAR OLD DANCEFLOOR**







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## SENIOR FRIDAY LUNCH

Senior Meals are served to the community every Friday at the Mitchell Community Hall - Dinner Bell rings around 12 Noon or soon after Dan Cannon arrives! (he usually gives the invocation)

### Lunch MENU

September 22	CANCELLED
September 29	Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, salad, fruit, dessert
October 6	CANCELLED
October 13	Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Green Beans, fruit, dessert

60 +  
\$5.00



59 -  
\$6.00

Everyone is WELCOME! Please join us!

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## Get your COFFINS Ready!

Halloween Neighborhood Night

### Coffin Races

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

**FREE to Enter**

Prizes for Most Spooktacular Coffin  
and Fastest Race Time



Coffin Building  
Specifications

**ALL COFFINS  
MUST BE:**

- Able to Steer
- Able to Brake
- Gravity Fed  
(push-powered)

Get your  
**COSTUMES**  
ready, too!

The Annual Halloween  
Costume Contest will be  
held at Tiger Town Brewery  
on Halloween  
Neighborhood Night

Halloween Neighborhood Night Complete Schedule of  
Events and Times Will be in the October Issue of the Sentinel

