



Halloween Neighborhood Night

Mitchell enjoyed yet another spooktacular Halloween Neighborhood Night this year. On Halloween Night, the Mitchell Community came together to fellowship and enjoy a variety of seasonal activities all along Main Street. Fun was had by all - kids and adults alike! The Main Street Family Festival included a Costume Contest, Apple Bobbing, and Dip your own Caramel Apples at Tiger Town Brewing Co. Mitchell's very own Mayor, Jake Crawford, hosted a Halloween Dance at his Dance Hall. Judy's Place sponsored a Coloring Contest and a Count-How-Many in the Jar Contest. Quincy Brooks hauled a brave bunch of souls on the Haunted Hay Ride.

Tiger Town Brewing Co. awarded some fun trophies and other prizes to those who entered the Halloween Costume Contest. The trophy for the "Scariest Costume" went to Justin Spitzer who came to town as a Wolf. Paul Ryno won the "Best Costume" trophy as Elvis, the "Most Creative Costume" trophy went to Adam Temple who was dressed as a Beer Keg, and the Trophy for "Funniest Costume" was won by Heidi's Baby, Alejandro, who magically "turned" into an



Photo by Patrick Farrell

Avocado! What a festive event!

The Coffin Races contestants and their teams lined up at Wheeler County Trading Co. and raced their unique hand-crafted gravity-fed coffins downhill along Main Street. Paul Ryno and his Team received a trophy for *Fastest Race Time*. The *Most Spooktacular* trophy went to Lily Cannon and her Team.

The Haunted House was located upstairs at the Little Pine Lodge and was a huge success. Many of those who dared to enter went through the Haunted House more than once! A great big "Thank You" to Dennis and Summer Lewchuck for producing and directing such a fabulously Spooky Haunted House for Halloween Neighborhood Night!

The Chili Cook-Off, Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate Fundraiser were held on the street level of the Little Pine Lodge. There were 45 votes placed into the Ballot Box for Best Chili with

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each one ranking their top three choices. 3rd Place went to Terry Riley for her *Medium* "No Bean Fantastic Chili." Brianna Koon took 2nd Place with her *Hot* "Green Chile and Chicken White Chili." Cathi Cook is the 2023 Grand Champion First Place Winner with her *Mild* "Confetti Chili." Runners Up were Fred Carlson with his *Medium* "Chloe's Crusaders Classic Chili," Leslie Coppini with her *Medium* "Just Chillin' Chili," and Dennis Lewchuk's *Mild* "Chili Hawg." All contestants received a Little Pine Lodge Gift Certificate. Congratulations to all who entered this year's Chili Cook-Off!

The Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate fundraiser was successful raising a total of \$240.00 in donations. All proceeds support the Grinch Busters of Mitchell, a Non-Profit Community Organization. The Grinch Busters sponsors the Mitchell *Sentinel* Publication and also decorates Mitchell's Main Street at Christmastime. Thanks to ALL who contributed and to ALL who helped with this Community Event!

Here is what Toney Ryno shared: "We just wanted to say THANKS to ALL who made Halloween so fantastic!!!"

"I can't tell you how many things Paul had to tell me about in the car ride home last night that he thought made it the best Halloween ever! He started talking about all of the houses he trick-or-treated with the best candy and the dorm who had their own kind of haunted house with mermaids in one room! He was brave enough for the first time to drive a coffin with his friend this time and thought that was scary but worth it. He loved all the things downtown, especially the haunted house with the scary clown guy because no matter how many times he went through...the clown did something different and scared him again. The hayride was a good way to hang out as a community and we didn't have to feed cows."

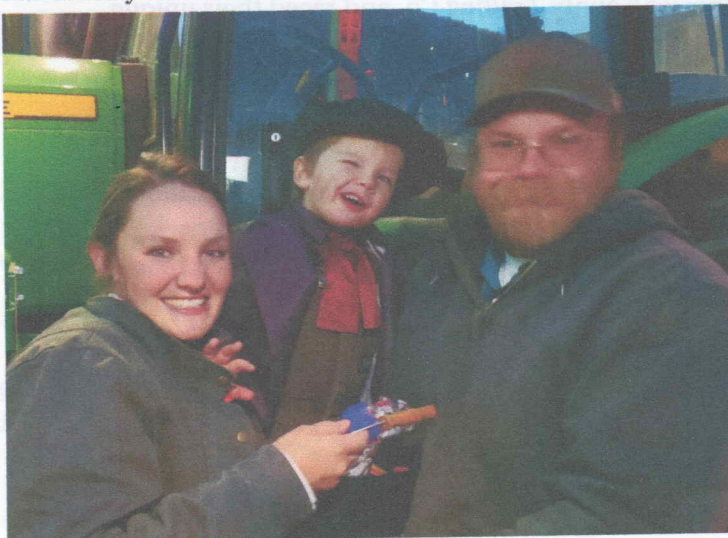


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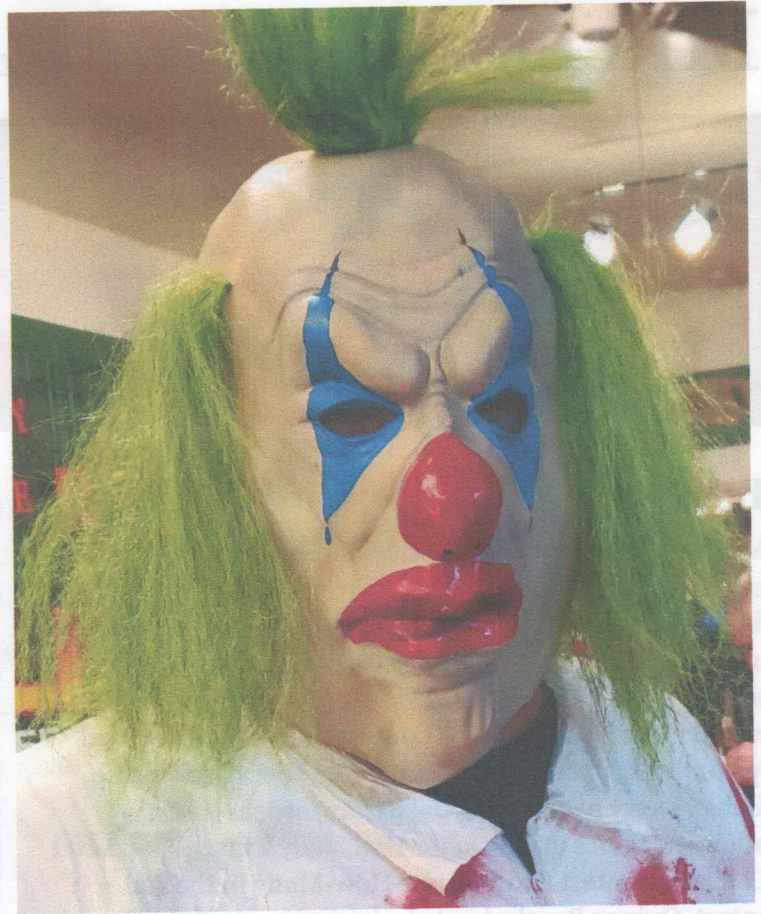


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"We talked about costumes we loved like Alex as Michael, the bee & beekeeper, a keg, the frat "boys", the police officer writing tickets, and the ghost with the scary music hovering around pushing his coffin up the hill. He was so proud of his trophies for the Coffin Race & Costume Contest that he took them to school today and tried to drink out of one this morning at breakfast ;). He called Grandma first thing so she could come up and check out the excellent photos that Dajuana was so graciously putting IN FRAMES for everyone. He even thought the type of hot dogs at the Little Pine were the tastiest kind you can buy...I loved the chili cookoff. I had to drag him away from the dance after a few songs to get some sleep but of course he thought they were playing the coolest dance music that he just couldn't miss and lots of kids were dancing."

"THANKS again Mitchell...our town is the BEST spot for Halloween hands down 🍁"

P. Toney Ryno - Nov. 1, 2023

What a fabulous Community Event! Thanks to all who contributed in order to make this year's Halloween Neighborhood Night a safe, fun and historical event!

Dajuana Dodd-Editor/Publisher



**A Big Thank You to
Pat Farrell for taking
these wonderful photos
Halloween
Neighborhood Night!**

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I Got a Call Today...

Today, Thursday, October 19, 2023, Justin Brooks called to tell me that Bill Spoo passed away at 12:10 this morning. The last few years have been trying for Bill. Leukemia and treatment for that, hip replacement, heart attack, stroke, Covid, and finally pneumonia. Bill and I talked, we weren't afraid of death, but the pathway there scared us.

1949 saw 26 6-year-old students enter the Mitchell School System. Bill and I were 2 of those 26. Bill was our first Calculus problem. We figured Bill would have to grow to 6'4" to grow into his large ears. He got real close! I always teased Bill about those damn mill kids. They were a bad influence on us more refined town kids. For sure they were tougher and knew more about sex than us innocent, naive town kids.

Bill was part psychologist, all philosopher. He, self-taught, not book-learned, but life-learned, was a student of life and the behavior of man. His interests ran deep and wide.

Bill's parents were Seventh-Day-Adventists so he attended Church regularly. Later in life became a believer in God, not so much in religion.

The Spoo Family moved to the Mitchell area in 1940. They were in transit from Sisters where they had been in the sawmill business since 1925. Their new mill was named Mitchell Pine Lumber Company, owned and operated by Ed Spoo, the father, and his sons Bob and Willis. Bud, another son, chose another route. Ed also had a brother Herman who helped out. Herman walked with a pronounced limp because being a true lumberman, one leg was wood. It replaced one lost in a logging accident. Herman loved to entertain kids by sticking a knife in his leg, he just had to remember which one was the wooden one.

The Spoos saw the beginning of the end in the early 1950s, they had enough timber to last until 1957. In 1954, Spoos bought Bayside Lumber near Eureka, California to cut the timber they had acquired in the area. The Bob Spoo Family moved to California, so Bill left Mitchell for the first time. Bill grew the Lumber Business and took an active management position with the business. It was sold, and Bob's Family moved to Gerlach, Nevada. Bob and Bill became off-grid Farmers and Ranchers.

The next move, Bill returned to Oregon, he brought his wife Charlene, sons Tom, and Jamie, and Daughter Jenny. John, his oldest, had moved on to Montana. They



Bill Spoo and Marc Anderson - Classmates 1949 1st Grade

settled in Prarie City before moving to Mitchell and the Fitzgerald place where he worked for Derby Smith. His time here he raised cattle, sheep, and alfalfa hay which he pelletied for export to Japan. He also took time to go to South America to raise cattle. Back to Gerlach until he sold and retired to Mitchell until October 19th, 2023.

Dan Cannon
10/29/2023

Bill Spoo Obituary

William "Bill" Robert Spoo of Mitchell, Oregon, passed away on October 19, 2023, in Bend, Oregon, at the age of 80.

Bill was born on April 11, 1943, in Prineville, Oregon, to Bob and Edna Spoo. He grew up in a sawmill camp in Central Oregon owned by his grandfather, surrounded by extended family and friends who lived and worked together. His brother Jim describes camp as a "fully functioning center all of its own, with houses, cookhouse, shops, an office, all kinds of equipment, and the sawmill," which was a young boy's dream and home to many fond childhood memories. The family moved to

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You are invited to

Mitchell Christmas Magic

Community Tree Lighting Event

Friday, December 8th

Sleigh Races

Line up at 4:00 PM - Wheeler County Trading Co.

Races begin at 4:15 PM

**All Sleighs must be Able to Steer, Able to Brake
and Gravity-fed (push-powered)**

Christmas Tree Lighting

4:45 PM - in the Park

(immediately following the Sleigh Races)

Light Refreshments will be Served

Christmas Musical

Performed by the

Mitchell Elementary Students

directed by Emily Gazin

**"Believe in the
Magic of Christmas"**

Mitchell Christmas Magic is sponsored
by the Grinch Busters of Mitchell

Mossy Rock

If I asked the question, "Where is and what's the name of the highest waterfall in Wheeler County?" - Few people would know, so I am going to tell you. It's on the old Hwy to Prineville, US #28 was the Official name of the road, it's now a County Road up to the Falls. Mossy Rock Falls are created by Kelly Creek falling over a rock bluff on Ochoco National Forest land. The falls are estimated at about 50 feet, but there is a bonus falls behind the first one, somewhat shorter in height. The rear falls are now seen better since the Bailey Butte Fire burnt through a few years ago. The Falls are located southwest of the Stately Court House Rock and are guarded by Camel Rock to the right of the Falls.



History reveals to us that at one time this was an important Rest Stop, complete with a drinking fountain, a water faucet, placed on a big Mossy Rock. There were picnic tables, fire pits, outhouses, and garbage disposal pits. Mossy Rock Rest Stop was the answer to a trucker's prayer when it was the only road west. Lumber and Logging trucks needed to fill with water before they started up the summit which was over 4,800 feet in elevation.

More forgotten history: For the kids that lived on West Branch, the Falls was their meeting place and their adventure park. The Falls were a short ride by horseback from their homes. Their favorite attraction was the swinging bridge at the base of the Falls. A round-a-bout trail led up to the ends of the bridge. Kids would get on the bridge and get it to swaying back and forth, not much of a thrill, but remember...this was in the 1940s, way before Disneyland.

Between the Falls is an engineering feat constructed by

Paul Kelly. Kelly owned a sawmill up West Branch Creek and to get the timber out he had to build a road where one couldn't be built. To circumvent the rock bluffs Kelly drilled into the rocks, drove in steel to hold the cables that wrapped around the logs, and bound them to form the road. Gravel was then hauled in to cover the log roads. The remnants of the old road are still present today, the Forest Service has gated the road because it was not safe in the first place. But since 1940, the logs have decomposed and rotted away.

Dan Cannon

06/07/2023

Should We Go Over It or Under It?

A bunch of years back, a pair of gents were on a hunting expedition on Rudio Mountain. Charlie Hill was the owner and Commander of the Model T they were being transported by. The navigator and spotter of said vehicle was Hubert Asher. Before the cold snap hit, Commander Hill, in lieu of brake fluid, added genuine H₂O which proved to be disastrous. Water, when frozen, loses its hydraulic properties which they discovered as they neared that gate. Commander Hill posed this question to navigator Asher, "Should we go over or under it?" Unfortunately, gravity dictated, they went through it!

As told by John Asher on this day.

Dan Cannon 08/14/2023

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*Or We'll Punch
You In The Face!*

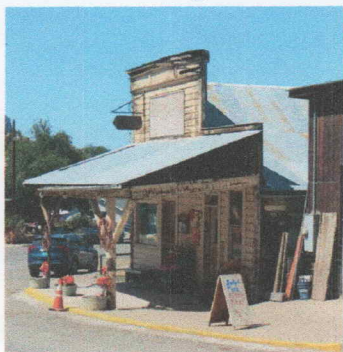
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CREATION

God created the world in six days, and on the seventh day, only then did he rest.

Because on the eighth day he knew, he would face his most challenging and toughest test.

He had to create something that could handle all that rough stock.

It had to be able to ride all day, rain or snow, go without food, sleep on the ground and take the shock!

Now God had already created the lowest forms of life.

What could he make that could handle all that abuse and strife?

For incentive, God would use rewards like reputation, toughness, just to mention a few.

God would have to make a never-ending supply; it would take more than one or two.

Low pay, long hours and at the end of the tunnel there would be no light.

What would call or name this thing whose life would be devoid of fun and delight?

Cowboy is what they call it, why the reason is not clear.

You will always be a Cowboy no matter if you reach your hundredth year.

When this would as we know it has ended and all living things have come to pass,

There will be three things left standing, cock roaches, coyotes and Cowboys because they were built to last.

Robert D. Cannon
February 3, 2000

McDonald's
look for the golden arches

McDonald's Amazing Menu

Fish Sandwich	29¢
100% Pure Beef Hamburgers	15¢
McDouble Hamburger	29¢
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McDouble Cheeseburgers	39¢
Old-Fashioned Shakes	22¢
Crisp Golden French Fries	15¢
Thirst-Quenching Coke	10c & 15c
Delightful Root Beer	10c & 15c
Coffee As You Like It	10c
Full-Flavored Orange Drink	10c & 15c
Refreshing Cold Milk	12c

OFTEN IMITATED BUT NEVER DUPLICATED
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McDonald's

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Vintage AD

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LOGIC PROBLEM

SWEET TREATS

The Sweet Treats Bakery is popular for its baked goods. Every weekday, the bakery offers specials on a different type of pastry, cookie, and pie. From the information provided, can you determine the pastry (one is cinnamon rolls) offered as a special on each weekday (Monday through Friday), as well as the cookie (one is oatmeal) and pie (one is banana cream) offered as a special on that day?

1. Chocolate chip cookies are a special the day before apple pies, which are a special the day before blueberry muffins.
2. Sugar cookies are one of Thursday's specials, but pecan pies are not.
3. Cream puffs are the pastry special the day before peanut butter cookies and the day after cherry pies.
4. Lemon meringue pies are a special the day after blueberry muffins.
5. Glazed donuts are the pastry special the day after pecan pies, which are a special the day after chocolate eclairs are the pastry special.
6. Macaroons are the cookie special later in the week than the apple pies.

This chart is to help you record information from the clues as well as the facts you deduce by combining information from different clues. We suggest you use an "X" for a "no" and a "•" for a "yes."

		PASTRIES					COOKIES					PIES				
		CINNAMON ROLLS	CREAM PUFFS	DONUTS	ECLAIRS	MUFFINS	CHOCOLATE CHIP	MACAROONS	OATMEAL	PEANUT BUTTER	SUGAR	APPLE	BANANA CREAM	CHERRY	LEMON MERINGUE	PECAN
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	MACAROONS															
	OATMEAL															
	PEANUT BUTTER															
	SUGAR															

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Vintage AD

I'm Fine'

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,
I'm just as healthy as I can be,
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk I speak with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack,
And my hearing is poor and my eyes are dim.
Most everything seems to be out of trim
The way I stagger sure is a crime,
But all things considered, I'm feeling fine.

Arch supports I have for both my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street,
My fingers are ugly, stiff in the joints,
My nails are impossible to keep in points,
My complexion is bad, due to dry skin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Now the moral is as the tale we unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to tell everybody the shape we are in.

Author Unknown

Black Butte



Auto

Lost Coyote Lane
Mitchell, Oregon

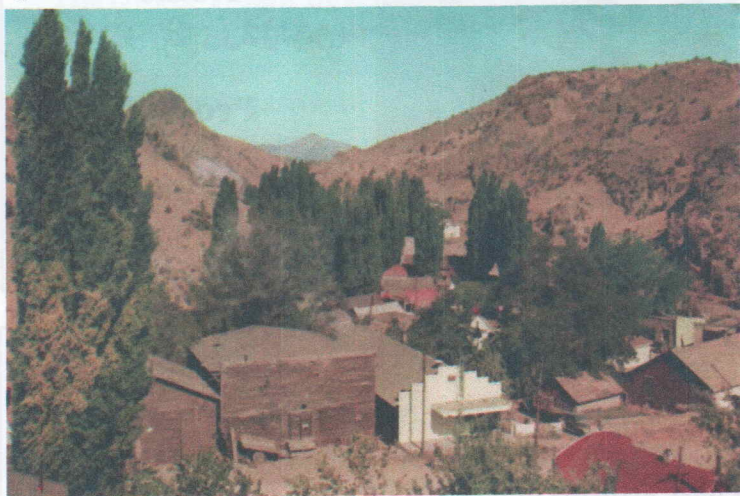
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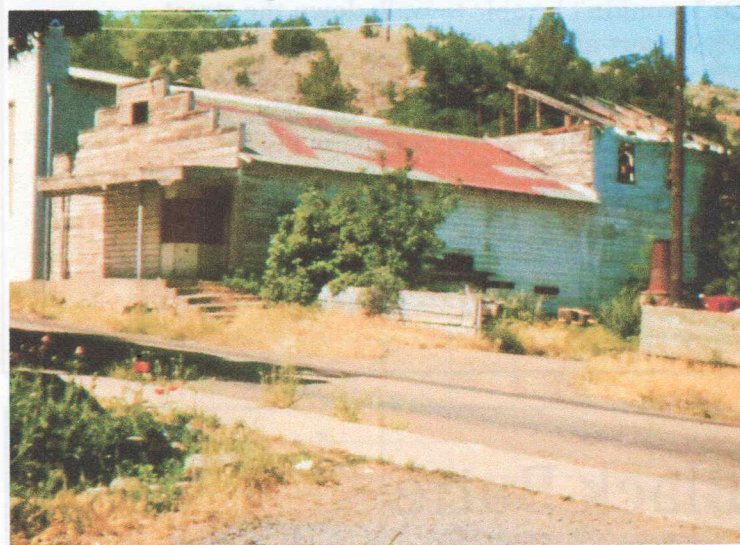
OCHOCO THEATER

History of Mitchell's Ochoco Theater is hard to find, I have 2 handbills '48 and '49! I don't know who built the building on Nelson Street, but Dean Reed owned and operated it until 1948 when it was sold to Bob Woodley.



Ochoco Theatre 1948

The building caught fire in the mid-1950s. It started in the rear of the building where the wood stove was located. The building was saved, but it was completely gutted inside. Woodley had built an apartment on the rear of the building. It did not burn, but there was a lot of water and smoke damage. The building was purchased by George Schnee and used for storage until he sold it to the Telephone Company for their new office.

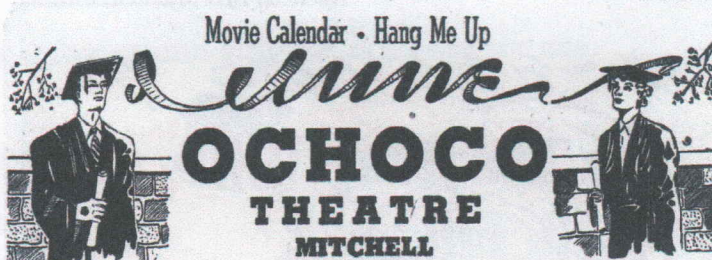


Ochoco Theater 1977

The Ochoco Theater filled the void of entertainment in the region. Folks didn't have REA (Rural Electric Association) power until 1953. Some had battery-powered radios charged by wind-up chargers. Mitchell had diesel-powered generators that provided power, including the theater.

I recall the slanted floor so one could see over the person in front of you. The drinks were in glass bottles so in the heat of the movie, some idiot would roll his bottle. The bottle would sometimes crash into the metal chairs and break. The back rows were where the smoochers sat, most times there was more action there than on the screen. The coming of electricity solidified the doom of all rural theaters. Soon the screen would be in the living room. Batteries and transistors produced radios that would work anywhere you could get a signal. Smoochers quit the theater as cars became more available and had a longer range.

Dan Cannon 2023



Last Month	1949	JUNE	1949	Next Month
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<p>ATTEND the MOVIES!</p> <p><i>The WORLD'S FINEST Entertainment!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday & Thur. June 1st and 2nd</p> <p>ROGART SCOTT <i>Dead Reckoning</i></p>	<p>Friday & Saturday June 3rd and 4th</p> <p>HERE ARE ALL THE EPICURES OF LIFE!</p> <p>GENE CHAPMAN <i>The Snake Pit</i></p>
<p>Sunday June 5th</p> <p>TYRONE POWER ALICE FAYE AL HILSON</p> <p>Rose of Washington Square</p>	<p>Wednesday & Thur. June 8th and 9th</p> <p>ALL NEW ADVENTURES!!! GARLAND SCOTT FRONTIER MARSHAL</p>	<p>Friday & Saturday June 10th and 11th</p> <p>OLD TIME FURY OF THE RANGE!! THE LAST ROUND-UP!</p>
<p>Wednesday & Thur. June 15th and 16th</p> <p>YIP HARB ARIZONA RANGER</p> <p>BIG TOWN SCANDAL</p>	<p>Friday & Saturday June 17th and 18th</p> <p>Cary Grant Jean Arthur in "ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS"</p>	

Here's a little story that Dan told me: One evening when Dan was around 6 years old, he went to watch a movie at the Ochoco Theater. A "short" of the Three Stooges was playing, and the part where the Gorilla appeared up on the screen scared him because the Gorilla looked so big on the big screen that it seemed real! He got up and ran out of the theater and ran all the way home in the dark!

Dajuana Dodd/Editor/Publisher



The story of Thanksgiving in the United States is a tale of tradition, unity, and presidential proclamations. It began in November of 1621 when the Pilgrims, who had recently arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the Wampanoag Indians, came together for a bountiful harvest feast. This historic event is often referred to as America's "first Thanksgiving." The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag shared food, celebrated their successful harvest, and forged a sense of community.

Fast forward to 1789, only a few years after the American Revolution, President George Washington decided to call for a national day of public thanksgiving and prayer. His suggestion was met with a great deal of enthusiasm in Congress. However, not all leaders of the time shared the same sentiment. Thomas Jefferson, a strong advocate for the separation of church and state, believed that public demonstrations of prayer were not appropriate in a nation founded on these principles. Subsequent presidents tended to agree with him, leading to a period from 1815 onwards when no official Thanksgiving proclamations were issued by any president.

The turning point in the history of Thanksgiving came in 1863 during the American Civil War. On October 3, President Abraham Lincoln, inspired by a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, declared that the nation would indeed celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863. This proclamation, which was largely penned by his Secretary of State, William Seward, marked the revival of Thanksgiving as a national observance.

Lincoln's proclamation established the fourth Thursday of every November as the official Thanksgiving holiday, a tradition that persisted until 1939. In an effort to boost the economy and provide more time for holiday shopping during the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt decided to move Thanksgiving to the third Thursday of November in 1939. This change wasn't universally popular, and it caused confusion among the public and retailers. In 1941, President Roosevelt

ultimately yielded to Congress's insistence, and the fourth Thursday of November was officially reinstated as the permanent date for Thanksgiving, where it remains to this day.

Thanksgiving has since evolved into a holiday focused on family gatherings, feasting, and expressing gratitude for the blessings of the year. It serves as a time for Americans to come together, much like the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag did in 1621, to celebrate the spirit of unity and thankfulness.

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Vintage AD



Eureka, California, in 1954, where a new sawmill and logging operation was started, and Bill eventually took on more responsibility at the sawmill.

Bill married Charlene (Eddy) on June 17, 1962, and started their life together in Eureka while Bill advanced to managing part of the sawmill operations and studied business at Humboldt State University. During that time, they became parents to John and Jennifer. In the early to mid-sixties, Bill's dad bought undeveloped ranchland north of Gerlach, Nevada. Bill eventually followed with his young family to transition to a life of farming and ranching, which would become his lifelong occupation. Tom and James were born in Nevada to complete their family.

In 1985, Bill and Charlene moved back to Oregon, where Tom and James would attend high school in Prairie City. during that time, he leased a ranch in Mitchell on Bridge Creek and then worked for Brooks Resources, managing several area ranches. In the early 90s, Bill and Charlene moved to Paraguay for six months to follow a farming opportunity that ultimately did not pan out. They decided to return to Gerlach, Nevada, where Bill spent the next 2+ decades managing ranchland across northern Nevada.

By the time they moved back to Nevada, their kids had all grown and started having their own children. For several summers, the grandkids would all come and stay for several weeks. They remember playing in the pond, making ice cream, driving on the Black Rock desert, and evening walks up "their mountain," where they made rock designs and wrote their name and age every year. One summer, Grandpa Bill built them a room all of their own off the side of the house where the cousins could all bunk together, and they could paint the inside themselves. Grandpa spent most of the day at work, but they always looked forward to when it was their turn to ride along for the day, which usually included a trip to see the geysers at the Fly Ranch and to Cedarville, where they could get a treat.

Starting in 2016, Bill and Charlene spent their final years together back in Mitchell, Oregon, on a place west of town, where he could do a bit of farming, make roads with his "older-than-old" caterpillar, repair equipment, and create things in his shop like pine-branch lamps and signs. He would go to Mitchell for his daily coffee with Dan Cannon, a friend since first grade, and attend a weekly breakfast at the Baptist Church. He told his brother that he convinced the pastor he was interested in the short sermon but mostly appreciated the eggs,

pancakes, bacon, and coffee. Bill had a real religion down deep, which was the first-class treatment of family and friends, honesty, hard work, and constant humor.



Bill was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, and a son, Army Sgt. 1st Class James, "Jamie" Spoo (Michelle). He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Charlene; sons John Spoo of Jefferson City, Montana, and Tom (Julie) Spoo of Hermiston, Oregon; daughter Jennifer Spoo of Reno, Nevada; and his brother Jim (Jean) Spoo of Sparks, Nevada; eight grandchildren (Amanda, Aimee, Abbee, Jance, Alexa, Ty, Andrew, and Adam); seven great-grandchildren (Kamri, Vivian, Myles, Bowie, Aurora, Florence, and Elliott); and numerous extended family and close friends.

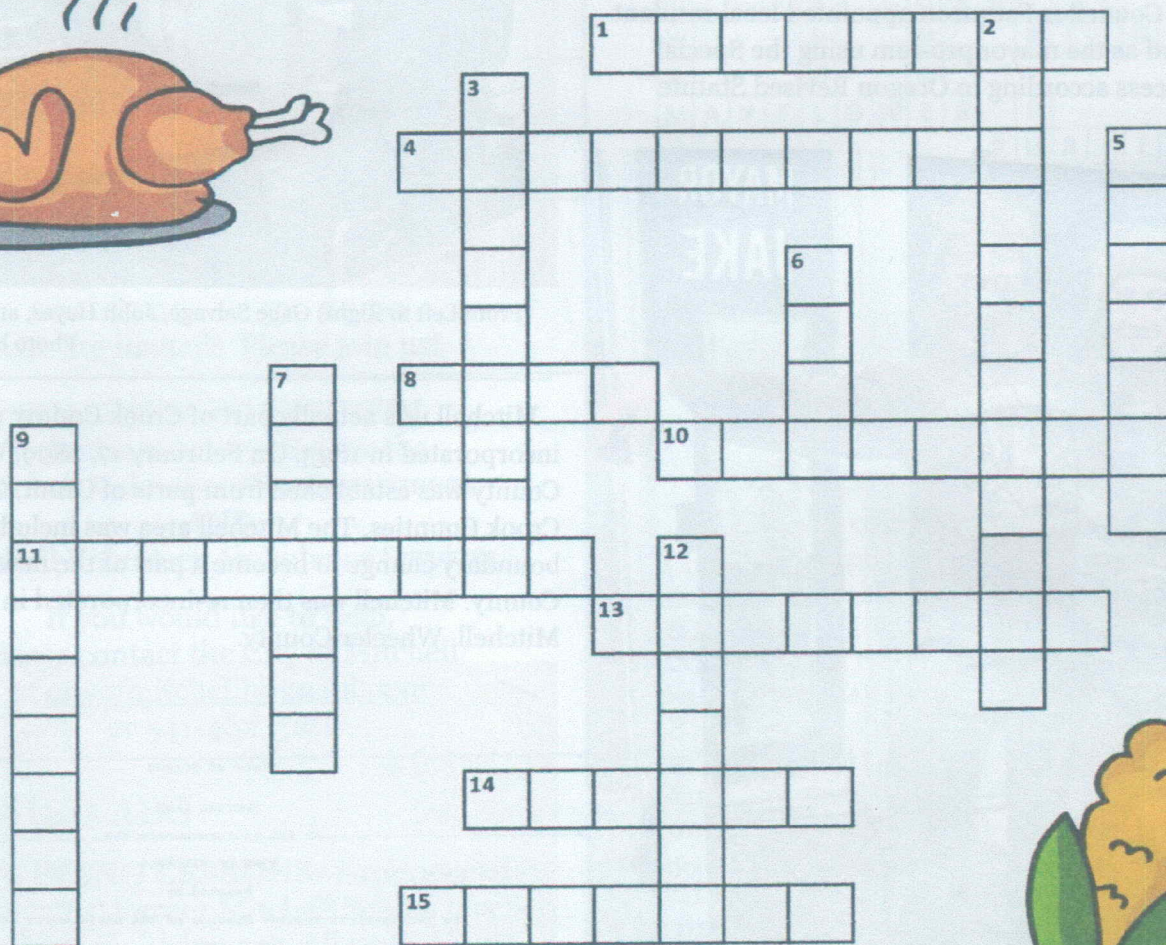
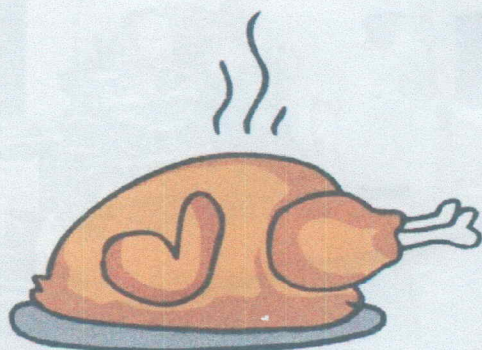


2023 Woodburning by Bill Spoo

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THANKSGIVING

Crossword

ACROSS

1. First village established by the Pilgrims
4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
8. An essential grain in the New World diet
10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
11. The Pilgrims' boat
13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
14. The traditional holiday bird
15. American Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

DOWN

2. 4th Thursday of November
3. A traditional American Indian dwelling
5. Gathering of crops
6. Season for harvesting
7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
9. Indigenous people who were present at the first Thanksgiving
12. Bright orange squash used to make pie

Solution to Crossword Puzzle can be found on page 15.

Mitchell Government Restored

With the September resignations of former mayor Steve Tripp, his wife Krista Miller who was employed as the City Clerk, and three of the four sitting Council Members, only one Council Member remained. Kenneth Ferguson, who holds Council Position #5, was the only remaining City Council Member. At a Special City Council Meeting held on October 6th, Councilor Ferguson appointed local resident Jake Crawford as the mayor pro-tem using the Special elections process according to Oregon Revised Statute 221.160.



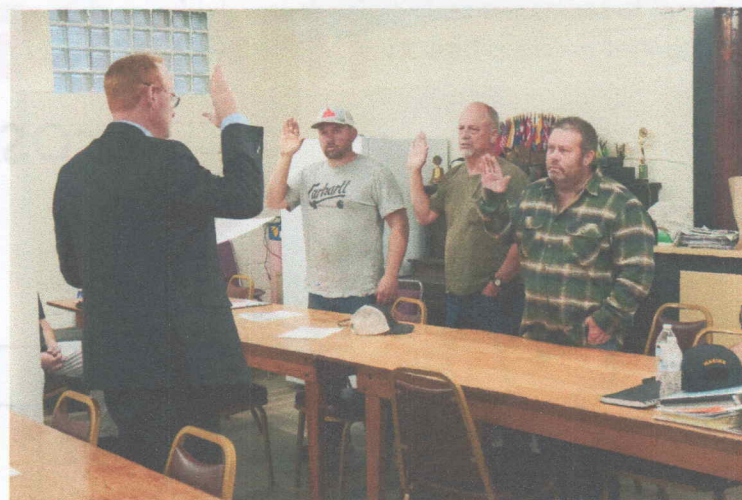
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At the Regular City Council Meeting held on October 17th, Mayor Crawford appointed Glenn Raber to Council Position #1, John Hayes to Council Position #2, and Gabe Salvage to Council Position #3. Mitchell's Government now has a mayor pro-tem and enough Council Members to establish a quorum.

To serve the council, Brianna Koon assumed the position of City Clerk on October 13th. Let's all give a warm welcome to Brie! The City of Mitchell is officially "back in business," and the City Office is now OPEN from 9 am until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week.

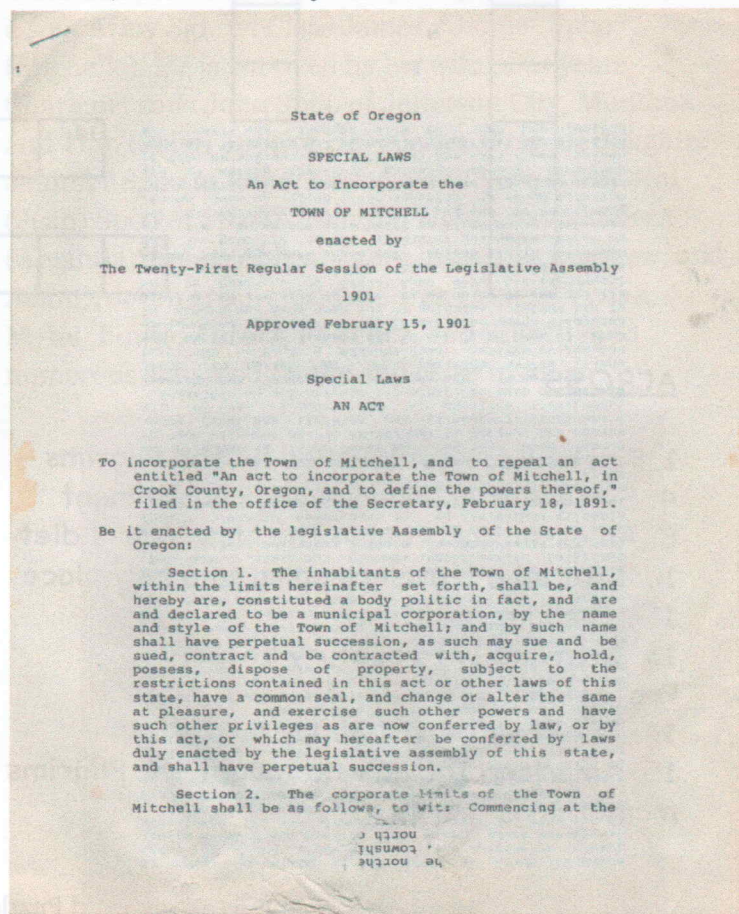
In May of 2024, a Special Election will be held to formally

elect a Mayor for the City of Mitchell. Council Members will also be elected at that time.



(From Left to Right) Gabe Salvage, John Hayes, and Glenn Raber -
Photo by Patrick Farrell

Mitchell was actually part of Crook County when it was incorporated in 1893. On February 17, 1899, Wheeler County was established from parts of Grant, Gilliam, and Crook Counties. The Mitchell area was included in the boundary change to become a part of the new Wheeler County. Mitchell was then re-incorporated in 1901 as Mitchell, Wheeler County.



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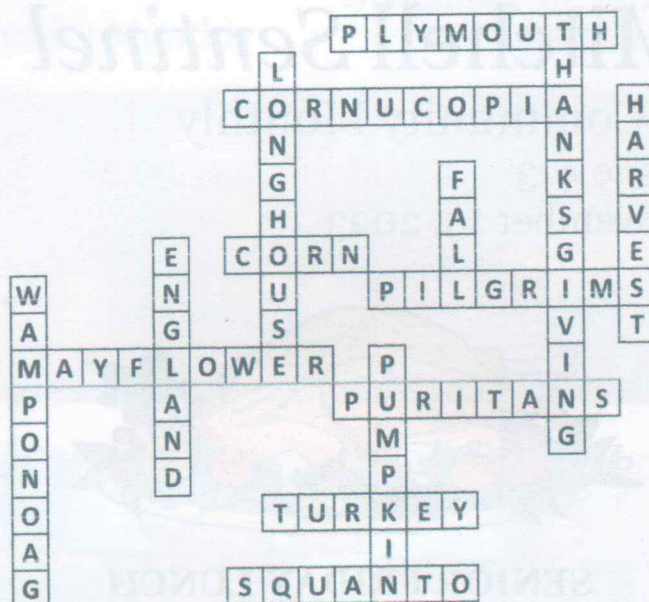
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Solution to Crossword Puzzle



Solution to Logic Problem

LOGIC PROBLEM

(Clue numbers in parentheses)

The Fri. pastry isn't cream puffs (3), muffins (4), donuts [day after pecan pie (5), which isn't Thurs. (2)], or eclairs (5); it's cinnamon rolls. The Mon. pastry isn't muffins (1), cream puffs (3), or donuts (5); it's eclairs. Pecan pie is Tues. and donuts are Wed. (5). The Mon. cookie isn't chocolate chip [pecan pie Tues.] (1), sugar [Thurs. (2)], peanut butter (3), or macaroons (6); it's oatmeal. Muffins are the day after apple pie, which is the day after chocolate chip cookies (1); muffins must be Thurs., apple pie Wed., and chocolate chip cookies Tues. Cream puffs are Tues. Cherry pie is Mon. and peanut butter cookies are Wed. (3). Macaroons are Fri. Lemon meringue pie is Fri. [muffins Thurs.] (4). Banana cream pie is Thurs.

In summary:

Mon., eclairs, oatmeal cookies, cherry pie

Tues., cream puffs, chocolate chip cookies, pecan pie

Wed., donuts, peanut butter cookies, apple pie

Thurs., muffins, sugar cookies, banana cream pie

Fri., cinnamon rolls, macaroons, lemon meringue pie

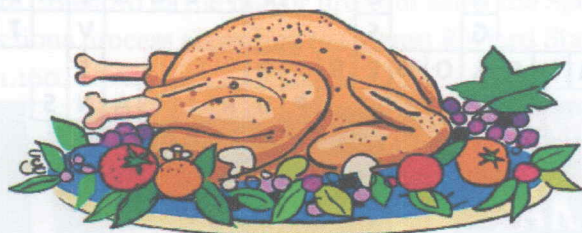
Happy Thanksgiving!

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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

November 17	Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake
November 24	NO MEAL
December 1	Italian Wedding Soup, Rolls, Fruit Cups, Cookies
December 8	Pizza, Salad, Pudding
December 15	Mac & Cheese w/Ham, Rolls, Fruit, Rice Crispy Treats

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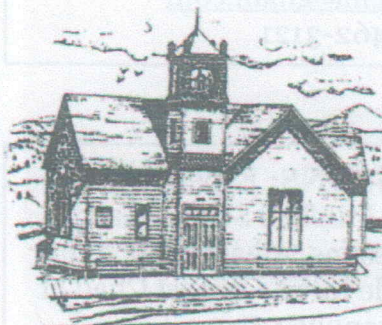
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