

Mitchell Sentinel

Fearless, Fair and Free

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A Valentine for Grandma

By Joseph Walker

It was just a harmless prank, that's all it was. And it wasn't as if Old Lady Hayes didn't deserve it. The way she used to scream at us for "borrowing" a few of her precious raspberries each summer like we were stealing gold out of Fort Knox... well, she had it coming.

At least, that's the way we saw it as George finished tying the string to the red, heart-shaped box. We giggled as Ron added the final touch: two plastic red roses, glued to the lid. "I wonder what will surprise her most," I asked as George practiced jerking the box out of reach by yanking on the string. "Seeing a box of candy on her step, or watching it fly away when she tries to pick it up?"

We laughed as we watched George make Albert chase the box around the garage. For a chubby 10-year-old, Albert did a good imitation of Mrs. Hayes's hunched hobble and her seemingly permanent scowl. And we howled when he picked up a broom and pretended to ride it through the midwinter air while shouting, "I'm Old Lady Hayes, the driedest-up old prune in the West!"

Ron was first to notice my dad in the doorway. Within seconds, Ron's anxiety was shared by all but Albert, who continued to swoop around the garage until he came face-to-belt-buckle with our silent observer. For a moment the only movement in the room came from the little puffs of steam escaping our mouths. Dad broke the stillness by walking slowly to the empty candy box lying on the floor. He picked it up and dangled it by the string, watching it swing back and forth. Then he looked into the eyes of the frightened boys. And, as was his custom, he looked into their hearts as well.

"It doesn't seem so long ago that I was pulling Valentine's Day pranks," he said as he laid the box on a workbench. "One year my cousins and I decided to pull one on our Grandma Walker even though we loved her — she was the sweetest grandma a boy could have. We were just feeling devilish and decided to have some fun at her expense.

"Early in the evening we snuck up to her doorstep with a can of red paint. Grandma was hard of hearing, so we didn't have to worry about being very quiet. Which was a good thing, because every time we thought about how funny it was going to be to see Grandma try to pick up a valentine that was just painted on her doorstep, we

couldn't keep from laughing.

"It didn't take long, and it wasn't very artistic. But for an old woman with bad eyes, it would do. We kicked the door and hid behind bushes. When Grandma finally appeared she stood in the doorway, her gray hair pulled back tightly into her usual bun, wiping her hands on her usual apron. She must have heard the commotion in the bushes because she looked in our direction and spoke loudly enough for us to hear: 'Who could be knocking at my door?' Then she looked down. Even from 15 feet away we could see the joy in her eyes when she spotted a splash of red at her feet.

"A valentine for Grandma!" she exclaimed. 'And I thought I'd be forgotten again this year!'

"She tried to retrieve her prize. This was the moment we had been waiting for, but somehow it wasn't as much fun as we expected. Grandma groped at the fresh paint for a moment. Slowly, she figured out our prank. She tried to smile. Then, with as much dignity as she could muster, she turned and walked back into her house, absently wiping red paint on her clean, white apron."

Dad paused, and for the first time I noticed that his eyes were moist. He took a deep breath. "Grandma died later that year," he said. "I never had another chance to give her a real valentine." He took the box from the bench and handed it to me. Then he turned and left the garage.

Later that night a red, heart-shaped box with two plastic roses on it was placed on Mrs. Hayes's front doorstep by six giggling boys. We hid behind snow-covered bushes to see how she would react to receiving a full pound of candy and nuts — with no strings attached. ■

— Don't forget *your* Valentine —
Wednesday, February 14th!



Getting the Jump on Leap Day

By Tim Goodwin - Associate Editor for The Old Farmer's Almanac

2024 is a Leap Year!

It is widely assumed that leap year—or, more specifically, Leap Day—appears on the calendar every 4 years and that an extra day is added to February in any year that is divisible by four.

Not exactly true. Leap years are defined by two general rules:

- A year may be a leap year if it is evenly divisible by four, as is this year.

- However, century years (those that are divisible by 100, such as 1900 or 2000) can not be leap years unless they are also divisible by 400. So the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, while the year 2000 was.

The next year that is evenly divisible by four that will not have a Leap Day is the year 2100.

Why Have a Leap Day?

Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in 46 B.C. It was created to replace the Roman calendar, which was initially a complicated lunar arrangement based on Moon phases. The Julian calendar was not perfect, though. It overestimated the length of the year by more than 11 minutes and installed leap years every 4 years, which was too often. By the mid-1500s, the Julian seasons had shifted by about 10 days.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar, currently used by much of the world, as a modification to the Julian calendar. Its first iteration contained 10 fewer days in October in order to realign with the solar year. (In 1752, Britain and her colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, skipping 11 days in September to be in sync.) The Gregorian calendar also instituted the current criteria for adding leap days.

In the Gregorian calendar, a year has 365 days. But Earth's orbit around the Sun takes about 365.2422 days. If we didn't add the extra day (February 19) almost every 4 years, our calendar would once again get out of sync with the astronomical seasons.

A Proposal Proposition

According to legend, in the 5th century, Saint Brigid of Ireland asked Saint Patrick to grant women the right to propose marriage. The two negotiated, and it was agreed that women could propose marriage on Leap Day. Some claim that Brigid then proposed to Patrick, who declined and then gave her a silk gown to soothe her broken heart.

Gifts for rejected proposals by women became the tradition. According to Scottish lore, a rejected proposal would entitle a woman to a kiss, a silk gown, or 12 pairs of gloves—the latter so that the woman could hide the fact that she was not wearing a ring. The legend grew, and the practice spread throughout Europe before eventually arriving in the United States.

Don't Be Confused

A leap second has nothing to do with a leap year or Leap Day. In fact, if necessary, a leap second can be added or subtracted at the end of June or December by the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service to adjust the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) to align with the imprecise observed Universal Time (UTI). The first leap second was added on June 30, 1972. To date, no seconds have been subtracted. ■

Tim Goodwin, the Almanac's associate editor, hopes that everyone will consider leaping in the air at least once on Leap Day.

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
And that has twenty-eight days clear
And twenty-nine in each leap year.

—NURSERY RHYME

Mitchell Community Library

Did you know that the Mitchell School Library is
OPEN to the PUBLIC?

Hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM till 1:30 PM.

Weekends are available by appointment -
call the Librarian, Kristi Dennis, at 541-462-3523.

Kristi will be more than happy to open the Library for
you, answer any questions you may have, help you
find a book, or assist in whatever you are researching.

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Wednesday, February 14th

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WILDWOOD

By Dan Cannon

The Mitchell to Prineville Road was probably built in the early 1900s. Up until that time, to travel to and fro, one used the Vowell Trail. Four miles up the road from the Mossy Rock Rest Area was Wildwood Forest Camp.



Wildwood consisted of running water, outhouses, camp sites, picnic tables. It was separated by upper and Lower sites. Wildwood could handle large crowds. So American Legion, VFW, Church Groups, School Reunions, Family Reunions, utilized the area.

I have attended School Reunions, Family Reunions, the Annual Legion Reunions, but I have never been to a Baptist Camp Meeting - I do have a narrative from one.

The Narrator said, a fair to middlin' crowd had gathered to listen to the preachin' on a hot afternoon in the middle of summer. Thunderheads had been gatherin' up in the west and had begun to turn black on their undersides, threatenin' to shut off the sunlight, which it soon did, leavin' some very dark clouds overhead. The preacher was goin' good and pointin' out the disadvantages of the lake of fire and brimstone as a permanent dwelling place for them that didn't mend their ways when a streak of lightnin' came a slitherin' out of one of them black clouds and struck a pine tree near the tent. This was followed instantly by an ear-shatterin' clap of thunder that shook the earth, the tent, and the preacher, who was heard to say, "Lord, I wasn't asking for personal assistance, and I am in no hurry for you to take direct action in supportin' me." At any rate, the man who related this story said that there was an uncommon number of converts that afternoon.

Wildwood is located in the confines of Wheeler County near its southern border. The 1970s saw the Ochoco National Forestry deciding that they would close Wildwood. The sheep of Mitchell woke up and became shepherds. USFS was bombarded with letters, calls from them and their National Senators, Congressmen. Needless to say, it is still open today. The water source has been removed due to being non-potable, added is a vaulted restroom, fire cooking grills, new picnic tables.

Danger trees have been felled, but the large stately Ponderosa Pines have grown larger and it remains a beautiful place. West of Wildwood is a natural area which now carries the burn scar of the Bailey Butte fire from a few years back. The Pine trees are now a gastly, ghostly, gray skeleton of past beauty, reflecting the USFS current management plan.



The following poem was written at a family reunion located on Craig Woodward's Big Summit Prairie. This would be about 6 miles as the crow flies from Wildwood Camp.

Reunion

Things that happen in the summer that cause the worst irritation are not the bugs, the heat, or thunderstorms - it's the reunions that wreak havoc across this nation.

Whether it's a school, family, or whatever, reunions are all the same. It's just a chance to get together and compare - and you know age will get the blame.

Stress is the key word for the women involved, for all the work is done by them. Most times, just showing up is all that is ever expected from the men. You have to be very careful about what you say, especially if you are an in-law; make it crystal clear.

Now that I think about it, why not insult everybody and not get invited back next year?

I definitely have different ideas about the next reunion I go. I am just going to follow the round paper plate signs of a family I don't even know!

I did learn one thing this year: a reunion is over or about to end - When everyone is talked out and just sitting around belching, and breaking wind.

Dan Cannon, Big Summit Prairie, 07/06/1996



MUSEUM UPDATE: Mitchell Historical Museum

At 5pm on Monday, January 8th, we had a Mitchell Museum Meeting at the Little Pine Lodge. A big *Thank You* to all who attended!

We formed our Committee tonight. We are calling it the *Mitchell Historical Society*. Teresa Riley is the President, Shawn Hawkins is the Treasurer, Nancy Benguerel is the Secretary, and Brandi Maddox is in charge of Research.

Those who attended the meeting took a tour of the Old Mitchell State Bank Building which is where the future Museum will be located. Yes, there is a lot to be done, but many ideas came up to get the help we need and to obtain the necessary funding.

Thank you to the owner of the building, Shawn Hawkins, for his generosity and willingness to support our City in this way.

As of this writing, our committee has not yet set a date for our next meeting. So keep an eye on the bulletin boards at the Post Office and Wheeler County Trading Co., and the front door and window of the future Mitchell Museum.

If you are interested in helping or even being a part of our Committee, please join us in this exciting adventure! The support of our community is important in so many ways – not only to make this dream come true, but also to preserve Mitchell's history and to present it to the many visitors to our area.

Thank you all and I hope to see you at the next meeting!

Teresa Riley,
President of the
Mitchell Historical Society



True Love

Harken back to yesteryear; let your memory unfurl
when you first discovered, there was a difference
between a boy and a girl.

Just being near a girl would make your heart go a
flutter. And when you tried to speak with one, all that
came out was a stutter.

It was not long before an arrow hit your heart that was
fired by that cupid. The rest of your body followed
along, but all it could do or say was something stupid

Finally, you married for true love, though you
understood it not. Years later, you start to understand
by counting all the kids you got.

Over fifty years of marriage, and both your hair is
turning gray. Finally the definition of true love: it's
what you have left after the lust goes away!

Dan Cannon
01/10/2024



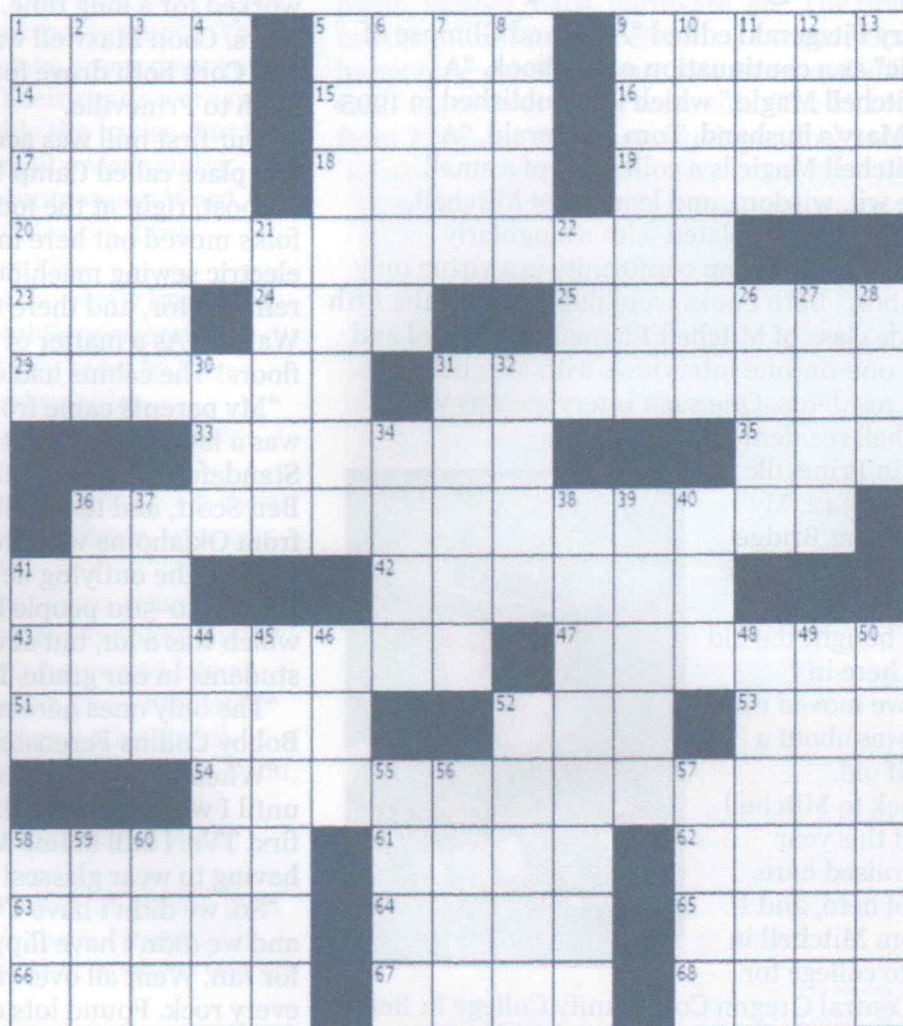
1988 First and Second Grades

Back Row: John Anderson, Billy Grant, Ryan Nolin, Jim Bob Collins, Jason Sparks, Joey Woerz, Felipe Zamora, Jarred Berger, Ben White.
Front Row: Skye Brown, Lawnie Fackrell, Alicia Charapata, Tricia Vickery, Kelle Susich, Mrs. Billie Bourland, Misty Brown, Kiley Stewart.

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Mama of note
5. Emptiness
9. "Angela's ---"
14. It's dull and painful
15. "Puppy Love" singer
16. One who needs a lift
17. Noble one
18. Slow-cooked dish
19. Common blood group
20. Place to see "The Twilight Zone"
23. Set your sights
24. Strongly scented plant
25. Emulates Pericles
29. A way to descend
31. Large-beaked tropical bird
33. Bewildered
35. Voice vote
36. No place for cotton-tipped swabs
41. Vexation
42. Place for important signatures
43. Cavernous place?
47. Cubbyholes
51. Not just
52. Wire measure
53. River through Devon
54. "All My Ex's Live in Texas" singer
58. Goose eggs
61. "Abou Ben Adhem" poet
62. Aleutian island
63. Center of Disney
64. Otherwise
65. Hummer forerunner
66. Moon goddess
67. At a distance
68. Takes into a count?



Down

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Shakespearean subject | 22. Neither conjunction | 44. Creature's home, in film |
| 2. Yellow-flowering shrub | 26. Louise of "Gilligan's Island" | 45. Afternoon rest |
| 3. Tempura choice | 27. Israel's airline | 46. Hip buddy |
| 4. Part of SASE | 28. Machiavellian | 48. Like some seats or pools |
| 5. Like the circulatory system | 30. One in an alley | 49. Left |
| 6. --- ball (alert) | 31. Hog's stash | 50. Frames |
| 7. Ingvar Kamprad's company | 32. Shrek, e.g. | 52. Brainy bunch |
| 8. First light | 34. Crumbly cheese | 55. Three-toed creature |
| 9. Toward the rear, at sea | 36. Shiraz locale | 56. Unbridgeable disparity |
| 10. Certain space station | 37. Soft ball | 57. Indian prince |
| 11. Oft-replaced joint | 38. Place for coffee | 58. Alphabet ender, somewhere |
| 12. Oxford width | 39. Leaning | 59. Prefix for center |
| 13. Sellout sign | 40. Former U.S. capital | 60. Nipper's letters |
| 21. Castle with many steps | 41. Hospital ward | |

Solution to Crossword Puzzle can be found on page 11.

Remembering Bob Hudspeth

In 1996, Mary Fitzgerald edited "A Second Glimpse of Mitchell Magic" as a continuation of her book, "A Glimpse of Mitchell Magic," which was published in 1995. According to Mary's husband, Tom Fitzgerald, "A Glimpse of Mitchell Magic is a collection of a small fraction of the wit, wisdom, and legends of Mitchell, Oregon, a small town populated with a singularly independent breed for whom conformity is a virtue only in one's neighbor." Both books were published by the fifth and sixth-grade class of Mitchell Elementary School and contain many one-on-one interviews with Mitchell and Mitchell Area residents. One such interview was with life-long Mitchell resident Bob Hudspeth.

"I was born in Prineville," Bob told us. "In 1942. My family was living at Bridge Creek Mill then. I was there for about a year and a half and then Dad bought the old Folston place here in Mitchell and we moved up there when I was about a year and a half old.

"I moved back to Mitchell in February of this year (1996). I was raised here, went to School here, and I graduated from Mitchell in 1960. I went to college for two years at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, and I decided I wasn't cut out for college life! So I dumped that and I went to work for my uncles.

"I was a welder, a cowboy, an electric motor winder, and an electrician. I was a car salesman, but nobody wanted to buy a car from me! My uncles were John, Fred, Claude, and Speck. Those were my dad's brothers. My parents were Clarence and Ruth Hudspeth. I have one younger brother, Glenn, six years my junior.

"My family owned the Hudspeth Mill for a long time. That mill was established in the early '40s - '40 or '41. The original mill was established at Camp Watson, just west of the Spanish Peak.

"The Hudspeths had mills in John Day, Monument, Long Creek, Mitchell, and the Erickson mill up there by Spoo's (near the 101 Ranch). My dad owned the Erickson Mill and then built a mill on Bridge Creek. The original mill pond is what they now call the Charlie Dollarhide Pond. And then, of course, the original Bridge Creek Mill was built. They had Prineville Mill, and mills in Blanding, Utah; Pagosa Spring, Colorado; and Durango, Colorado; plus several lumber yards scattered around the country. It was quite an operation!

"The people used to go back and forth between the mills, like Jr. Erb, the Bohannons, and the Harndens. They went down to Pagosa Springs and Durango. Bud

Hearn used to drive truck for the Hudspeths. Kent Powell worked for a long time. Cork Norton drove truck for years. Coon Maxwell was the Cat Mechanic for years. He and Cork both drove for like 30 years every day, back and forth to Prineville.

"Our first mill was across from the 101, up in the timber at a place called Camp Watson. It was an old Calvary outpost, right at the foot of the mountains. When my folks moved out here in 1937, of course Mom brought her electric sewing machine, her electric iron, and her electric refrigerator, and there wasn't any electricity at Camp Watson. As a matter of fact, they didn't even have wooden floors! The cabins had dirt floors.

"My parents came from Kiowa, Oklahoma, and there was a lot of people that came with them. Some of the Standefers, Dude and Ira McGinnis, Amos Quinlin, Tom Ben Scott, and the Rollins bunch. The Binams also came from Oklahoma with them.

"With the outlying neighbors and ranchers, there were about 450-500 people here. My graduating class was 114, which was a lot, but at one time we had almost 35 students in our grade. It was always the largest.

"The only ones here now that were in our class are Bobby Collins Ferenstein and Tom Fitzgerald and I.

"When I grew up, we didn't have TV. I didn't see TV until I was 13 years old. I think Kent Powell got one of the first TVs. I still blame Mitchell's TV reception for my having to wear glasses!

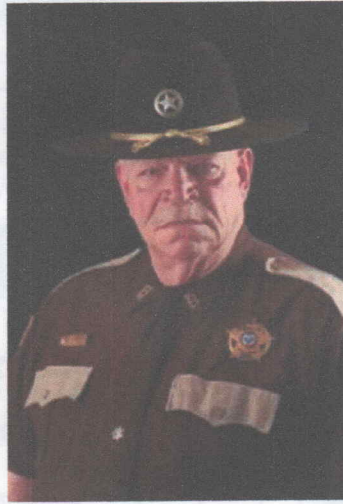
"So, we didn't have TV and we didn't have computers and we didn't have flippy games. We roamed these hills for fun. Went all over these hills. Knew every cave and every rock. Found lots of arrowheads, lots of Indian writings, lots of caves.

"My dad owned Bridge Creek ranch. We killed about three or four rattlesnakes a day down there. Never got bit! Got struck at a few times, but never got bit. We owned the Painted Hills at one time. The flood of 1956 almost wiped us out. That was a bad year.

"When I was a kid, they called the lower end of Mitchell 'Tiger Town'. There were two bars and I can remember on Saturday night, loggers from Spray, Dayville, John Day, and Fossil - all of them would come over to Mitchell and there would be 50 to 100 men fighting in the street. The cops didn't dare come over. The loggers were really tough people. They wore corkboots and they could walk through any door and turn around and kick the top out of the door with their cork boots. Cork boots are boots with spikes on them for walking on the logs. Lots worse than track cleats.

"You know, there were 'town tamers' that came through back in those days. There was a bus load of them. They made the mistake of hitting Mitchell on Saturday night. There was about 40 of them on that bus. By the time the cops got here from Prineville, there was about 38 of them that was about half dead. The boys of Mitchell got hold of them!

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Sears & Wards

Eastern Oregon was getting permanent settlers in the early 1900s. These were not the miners, free grazers who used the land and then moved on. Their needs were met by local merchants who could provide the basics. But the major needs were supplied by two mail order catalog companies: Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward. One could purchase safety pins, cooking utensils, farm implements, clothes, and even house kits.

What made these stores work was the vastly improved



US Postal Service and competitive rates by the freight companies. Montgomery Ward was in Portland, so their merchandise got here 2 days quicker than Sears, who was in Seattle.

The one thing you didn't have to buy from either source was toilet paper. Their last year's catalog supplied that if you had an outhouse. Some shopping happened late at night by the coal oil light, depending on one's regularity. There was outrage expressed when they both started using heavier, slicker, colored paper for their pages. Soon, it mattered not as the outhouse moved in-house and demanded different paper which was for sale at both Wards and Sears!

Cliff Campbell local tire merchant, once stopped a man from airing his new Sears tires at his store. He said, "If you are going to buy your tires there, that is where you get your air!"

The house kits were sold as a complete package: the plans, lumber, nails, hardware, etc. The first kits didn't include plumbing and electrical because that was not happening yet. The house kits were available from 1908 until 1940. Over 7,500 were sold. The kits varied in price from \$800.00 to \$3,500.00 depending on size and frills.

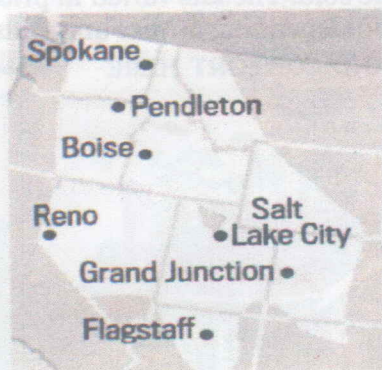
Later in Sears' history, the Executive Management decided to get into brick-and-mortar stores and they abandoned catalog sales. This action helped doom Sears. If the Execs had went the other way, they could have been on the ground floor and became Amazon. Sears Brands live on today, they have been bought by other companies because of their quality and brand recognition, like Allstate Insurance, DieHard Batteries, and Craftsman Tools.

Wards never got as big as Sears in brick-and-mortar. But they suffered the same fate as their competitor, they just accomplished it faster.

These companies faded into the future but will be remembered by anyone who used an outhouse long ago for the pages of their catalog.

Dan Cannon
01/10/2024

INTERMOUNTAIN



SUMMARY: Winter will be colder than normal, with the coldest periods in early and late November, late December, and late January. Precipitation will be below normal in the north and above normal in the south. Snowfall will be above normal, with the snowiest periods in mid- to late November, early and late January, and mid-February. **April** and **May** will be warmer than normal, with near-normal precipitation. **Summer** will be hotter than normal, with the hottest periods in mid- to late July and late August. Rainfall will be above normal in the north and below normal in the south. **September** and **October** will be quite warm, with below-normal rainfall.

NOV. 2023: Temp. 38° (3° below avg.); precip. 2" (avg. north, 2" above south). 1-8 Sunny north, periods of rain and snow south; cold. 9-16 Snowy periods, cold north; sunny, warm south. 17-27 Periods of rain and snow, chilly. 28-30 Sunny north, snowstorm south; very cold.

DEC. 2023: Temp. 29° (4° below avg.); precip. 1.5" (1" below avg. north, 1" above south). 1-6 Snow showers north, sunny south; cold. 7-9 Sunny, cold. 10-14 Flurries north, rain and snow south; chilly. 15-19 Flurries north, sunny south; mild. 20-31 Snow showers, bitter cold.

JAN. 2024: Temp. 29° (5° below avg.); precip. 2" (0.5" above avg.). 1-3 Snowy, cold. 4-11 Periods of rain and snow, then snowstorm; mild, turning cold. 12-26 Snowy periods, bitter cold. 27-31 Flurries, cold.

FEB. 2024: Temp. 34.5° (0.5° below avg.); precip. 2" (avg.). 1-7 Rain and snow showers, mild north; sunny, cold south. 8-13 Rain and snow showers, chilly. 14-16 Snowstorm, cold. 17-29 Rain and snow showers, turning mild.

MAR. 2024: Temp. 43° (1° below avg.); precip. 1.5" (0.5" below avg. north, 0.5" above south). 1-7 Sunny, warm. 8-11 A few showers, mild. 12-14 Sunny, warm north; rain and snow, cold south. 15-19 Sunny, mild. 20-31 Rain and snow, then sunny; turning warm.

APR. 2024: Temp. 51° (1° above avg.); precip. 1" (0.5" above avg. north, 0.5" below south).

1-5 Periods of rain and snow, chilly. 6-12 Sunny, then a few showers; warm. 13-24 A few showers north, sunny south; chilly, turning warm. 25-30 Showers, mild.

MAY 2024: Temp. 59° (1° above avg.); precip. 1" (0.5" below avg. north, 0.5" above south). 1-2 Rainy, cold. 3-11 Sunny, warm. 12-15 Sunny north, rainy periods south; warm. 16-21 A few showers, turning cold. 22-31 Isolated showers; warm, then cooler.

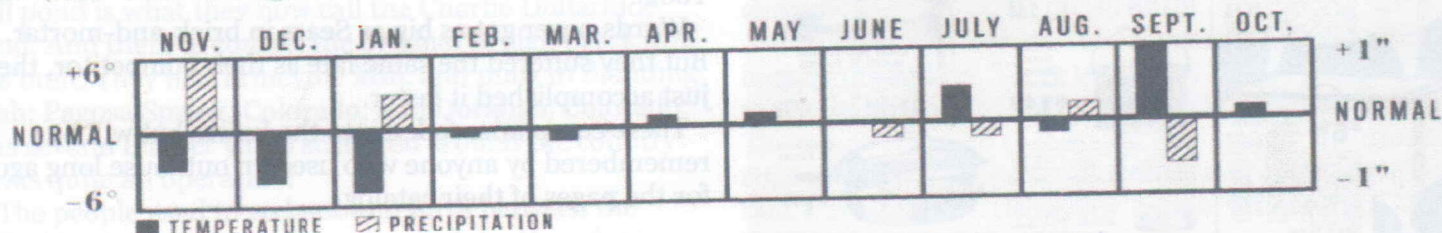
JUNE 2024: Temp. 67° (avg.); precip. 0.3" (0.2" below avg.). 1-6 Showers, then sunny; turning hot. 7-12 A few showers, cool. 13-22 Sunny, turning hot. 23-30 Isolated t-storms, warm.

JULY 2024: Temp. 77° (3° above avg.); precip. 0.3" (0.2" below avg.). 1-12 Sunny; cool, turning hot. 13-16 Isolated t-storms, warm. 17-31 Sunny, then isolated t-storms; turning hot.

AUG. 2024: Temp. 72° (1° below avg.); precip. 1.3" (1" above avg. north, 0.5" below south). 1-3 Sunny, warm. 4-8 Scattered t-storms, turning cool. 9-16 Isolated t-storms, cool. 17-20 Sunny, warm. 21-27 A few t-storms north, sunny south; cool. 28-31 Sunny, hot.

SEPT. 2024: Temp. 70° (6° above avg.); precip. 0.4" (0.6" below avg.). 1-4 Isolated t-storms, warm. 5-17 Sunny, very warm. 18-30 Isolated showers, quite warm.

OCT. 2024: Temp. 53° (1° above avg.); precip. 1" (avg.). 1-7 Sunny, warm. 8-16 Rainy periods, cool. 17-31 Isolated showers; warm, turning cool.

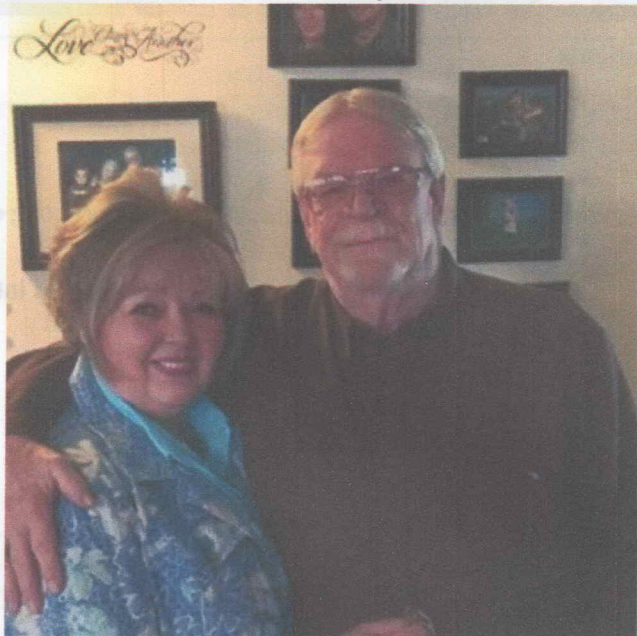


Source: 2024 Old Farmer's Almanac

(Cont'd from page 6) Remembering Bob Hudspeth

"Of all my jobs, I enjoyed the nuclear business best. It was a lot of fun. Very challenging. I worked practically at every plant in the United States, up and down the eastern seaboard. There are only about five plants I didn't make it to. I got to Japan, Denmark, England and Switzerland.

"I met my darling wife, Christy, in Oakridge, Tennessee, which was one of the founding locations for the nuclear industry. She was managing the local Holiday Inn and it was love at first sight. I looked into her pretty blue eyes and I was a gone goslin'. After several months and thousands of dollars worth of phone calls (I was in Michigan at the time) we were married. We flew to Prineville and were married in my folks' home.



"Two years ago, when the Bonds first sold the store to Mr. Hollen, Christy and I looked at it and at that time we weren't ready to get off the road. When Mr. Hollen lost the store and the Bonds took it back, we looked at it again and we decided, 'Let's go get it!'

"My dad owned this store back in 1951, '52, and '53. He bought it from Joe Norton. And Jim Huddleston worked for him. And of course, he had the mill up on Bridge Creek and he bought the Bridge Creek ranch. After three years, or so, he decided he had to get rid of one of them, so he sold the store back to Jim Huddleston. But he was a lot younger than I am. He was only 38 when he had all that.

"I've always liked Mitchell. My roots are here. I've come full circle. But, I love the people. I grew up with these people. You just can't beat them anywhere you go. Mitchell is kinda like Cheers' everybody knows your name and you're always glad you came.

"Christy and I love it in Mitchell, and if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise (literally), we'll spend the rest of our lives here. We want to give something back to the community. GOD LOVE 'EM ALL!"

Robert "Bob" Lynn Hudspeth was born on June 22, 1942. He worked in the Commercial Nuclear Industry as

a Commercial Radiation Protection Consultant from May 1974 - Jun 1997. He married Christy on January 10, 1983. Bob also served as Wheeler County Sheriff from May of 2007 until January of 2013. Bob passed away on August 24, 2017.

RECIPE FOR A SMALL TOWN

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| Love | Creativity |
| Gratitude | Generosity |
| Friendliness | Helpfulness |
| Sharing | Intelligence |
| Caring | Sweetness |
| Truthfulness | Kindness |
| Shared Interests | Humor |
| Availability | |

Directions:

Preheat Bridge Creek to 94 degrees. Into a valley surrounded by rocks and mountains, gently pour kind, loving people of varied interests.

Add a gunny sack full of sweetness, a cup and a half of helpfulness, and a wagon full of sharing.

Next, gently stir in a bushel and a half of creativity.

Fetch a bucket of humor and pour it over the ingredients. Do this twice.

Get one ton of friendliness and pour over all the people and frogs in the valley.

Blend in a horse trough full of caring.

Pour in a hundred cups full of intelligence.

Put in two bushels of generosity and sprinkle with a bucket of gratitude.

Add a few hundred drops of kindness per person.

Spray a gallon of availability over everyone and serve to the world.

Compiled by the 1996 Mitchell School Fifth & Sixth grades

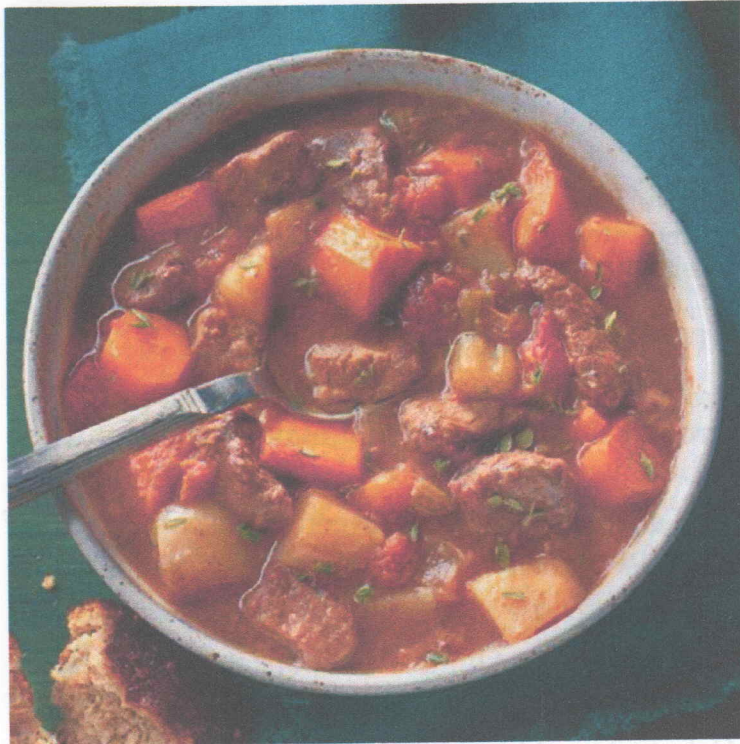


Bridge Creek, Mitchell, Wheeler County, Oregon

'Tis the Season for Stew!

There's nothing like a good, hearty stew on a cold winter's day—and these stews are super easy to make! Start your stew in the morning, and it's ready when you get home!

Easy Beef Stew



INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds beef stew meat
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 potatoes diced into 1" chunks
- 1 lb sliced carrots (or 1 bag of baby carrots)
- 1 and 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 chopped onion

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place meat in slow cooker and set to low. Place chopped onions, potatoes and carrots all round meat.
2. In a large bowl mix together onion soup mix, flour and beef broth. Pour into slow cooker over meat.
3. Cook on low 10-12 hours; or 4-6 hours on high. (you'll get more tender meat and richer flavors by cooking on low setting for the 10-12 hours.
4. Grab your bowl – and Enjoy!

Chicken Stew



Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 onion diced
- 2 stalks celery diced
- 4 carrots peeled and sliced or diced (or 1 bag of baby carrots)
- 2 medium russet potatoes peeled and diced into small bite-sized pieces
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp poultry seasoning
- 4 cups chicken broth or chicken stock
- 2 TBSP corn starch + 2 TBSP cold water
- 1 TBSP chopped parsley for topping

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Throw everything in the crock pot except the corn starch + water.
2. Cook on low for 6-8 hours until chicken is falling apart (shred chicken apart with fork)
3. Stir together the cornstarch + water and add to stew
4. Cook for another 30 minutes
5. Grab your bowl – and Enjoy!

Do you have any favorite wintertime Crock Pot Dishes that you'd like to share with readers of the Sentinel? Please send them to Mitchell Sentinel, PO Box 312, Mitchell, OR 97750 or email them to news@mitchellsentinel.com and we will publish them in the next issue! And don't forget the photo!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NOW OPEN at Wheeler County Trading Co.,
 100 West Main Street, Mitchell

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
 Every Thursday at 6am
First Baptist Church
Mitchell, Oregon

Mitchell City Council
 Meets every 3rd Tuesday @5:30pm
The Public is encouraged to attend!

Senior Friday Lunch
 every Friday @ Noon Mitchell Community Hall
 60+ \$5.00 59- \$6.00
 ALL are invited! Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Volunteers are needed for the
 Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department and
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 Please contact the City of Mitchell
 at cityclerk@cityofmitchelloregon.com
 or 541-462-3121

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The Bonus

Dan Cannon 02/28/2020

I was grinding a knife blank when it caught the wheel, spun around and sliced my right index finger. I used my thumb to pressure the cut as I sped to the local clinic. Five stitches later by the P.A. Amanda, she told me to keep it dry which posed to be a problem in the shower. I tried plastic bags, cut the finger out of a perfectly good glove - neither worked well.

I am 76 years old and I didn't think the need to use a condom would ever arise again! The condom worked. I didn't need the reservoir tip, but it was what I had. In different usage it would not deemed safe because age had turned it yellow and this was way before passionate colors became fashionable! The bonus, with that cut, I became a master knife builder.

P.S. "I want people to know I write about myself when I do something stupid and its funny." Dan

Solution to Crossword Puzzle

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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

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| January 19th | Taco Soup, Tortilla Chips, Fruit & Jello, Chocolate Chip Cookies |
| January 26th | Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Broccoli, Fruit Cobbler |
| February 2nd | Pork Pot Roast, Potatoes & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Fruit Pie |
| February 9th | Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Spanish Rice, Coleslaw, Fruit, Brownies |
| February 16th | Stroganoff, Carrots & Celery Sticks, Fruit, Cupcakes |

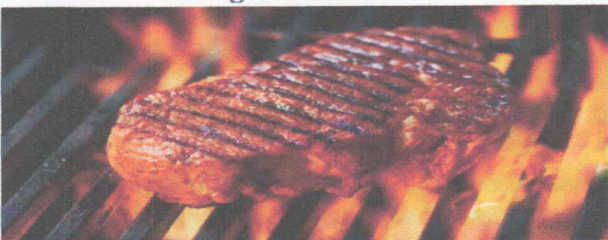
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59 -
\$6.00

Everyone is WELCOME! Please join us!

Winter Menu – Ribeye Steak - 12-ounce natural beef, locally raised and cooked to order. Served with vegetable and choice of side.



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If anyone wishes to DONATE items to Judy's Place, PLEASE call Judy first to make arrangements!

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Please DO NOT leave items on my front porch without my permission!

Thank you! Judy Boehlke

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