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State Rep. Smith Names Calvin Bennett as New Chief of Staff

Northeast Oregon Now - Tuesday,
November 26, 2024

State Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) has welcomed Calvin Bennett to his legislative team as chief of staff.

Bennett succeeds Dawson Quinton, who served in Smith's office for three and a half years. Smith said Bennett will continue in

Quinton's footsteps by playing a crucial role in shaping legislative priorities and working on key initiatives for District 57.

Bennett graduated from Mitchell High School and Eastern Oregon University (EOU). While at EOU, Bennett was a double major in business administration and marketing with a minor in political science. During Bennett's senior year, he served as president of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University and saw Smith's impact in the capitol firsthand.

"Rep. Smith's significance in Salem is truly unique," Bennett said. "He is someone who everyone looks up to in the Capitol and it is a deep honor to work with him."

Smith said he is excited to work alongside Bennett. "He has an impressive resume, honest character, and it does not hurt that he is from one of my favorite small towns in Oregon" Smith said.

Smith was recently elected to serve his 13th term as a state representative, making him the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature, as well as the fourth longest-serving state representative in Oregon history. ■



Eastern Oregon University graduate Calvin Bennett has been named chief of staff to State Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner). (Contributed photo)

JOIN US FOR
BINGO NIGHT!

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For Immediate Release

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Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition Opens Spring 2025 Grants

The Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition supports the preservation, celebration, and understanding of local and regional arts and cultural heritage. Applications for the spring 2025 grant cycle are now available for submission with a deadline of Monday, March 31, 2025. Grants of up to \$2000 may be awarded depending on project needs and additional community support.

Grant Applications are available at Post Offices in Spray, Mitchell, and Fossil, in the Wheeler County Courthouse - Community Development office, in City Hall offices, in the Fossil Public Library, and online at <https://www.wheelercountyoregon.com/community-development>.

Local non-profit organizations, educational institutions, community groups, or community event/program organizers may apply for funding for projects that align with the mission to promote participation, celebration, or education in cultural and/or heritage-focused activities. Projects eligible for grant funds must start after April 15 and be completed by December 31, 2025. Proposals will be evaluated by The Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition, a volunteer committee. The following criteria are used to evaluate and award grant funds: Relevance: How well does your project address cultural and heritage aspects? Is it community-focused? Feasibility: Is the project realistic in terms of scope, timeline, and resources? Impact: What positive outcomes will your project achieve? How will it benefit the community? Collaborations: What partnerships or collaborations enhance the project's success and financial needs?

In 2024, grant funds supported thirteen projects in Wheeler County. These projects helped facilitate the expansion of the non-profit community radio station KFSL and supported The Spray General Store programs, The Fossil Digital Community Message

Board, Fossil City Park Rehabilitation Project, Spray Pioneer Museum, The Spray Garage, The Oregon Origins Project, Mitchell Booster Club Traveling Lantern Theater, Spray Rodeo, Ana Con Spring Break Camp, The Painted Hills Festival, Spray Music Festival, and Fossil Fridays street fairs.

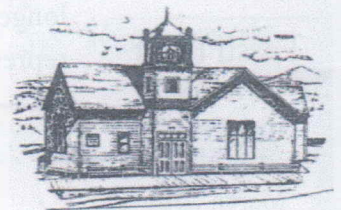
Applications must be received by Monday, March 31, 2025, at 5pm. In person at the Wheeler County Courthouse, Community Development, Mail: PO Box 447 Fossil, OR 97830 or email mdavis@co.wheeler.or.us.

For more information contact the WCCHC chair Anne Mitchell: 541-256-0551.



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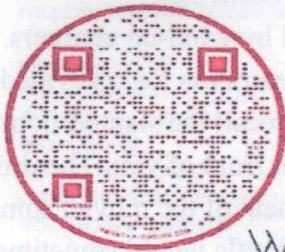
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WHEELER COUNTY

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9:30 AM START TIME



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For Mabel Ann Ferguson

In the January 2025 issue of the Mitchell Sentinel, we published the article *The Legacy of Ferguson's White Butte Dairy: A Family Enterprise in Rural Oregon*. In the article we learned about the Ferguson Family that lived here in Mitchell in the 1950s and owned and operated the Ferguson White Butte Dairy. One of the four Ferguson children, Mabel Ann, who currently resides in Union City, Oregon, recently wrote a letter to the Mitchell Sentinel about how much she enjoyed the article. She also listed a number of topics that she felt would be interesting to publish in the Mitchell Sentinel to share with the Mitchell Community and Sentinel subscribers. Here is her list:

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 Suggestions for Topics of Interest

The Old Theater - Sky Hook Motel -

Old Power Plant - Mitchell didn't have electricity until the 50's

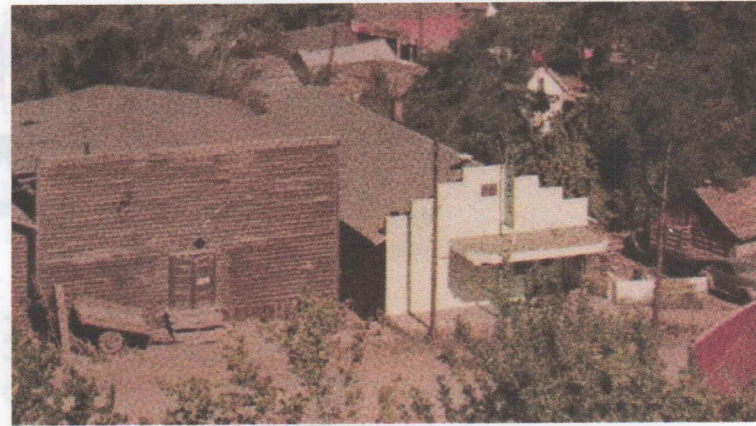
TOOF Lodge - Rebekah - Theta Kappa girls - Meetings were held in a large room above the Krazy Pine Cafe. Summerville still has an active Lodge.

Dances held in the new Firehall with music by the Fitzgerald Band.

The first topic on Mabel Ann's list is the old Mitchell Theater. The Mitchell Sentinel published an article in 2023, which was submitted by Dan Cannon, about the Ochoco Theater. This article was previously published in Issue #13 of the Mitchell Sentinel on November 15, 2023.

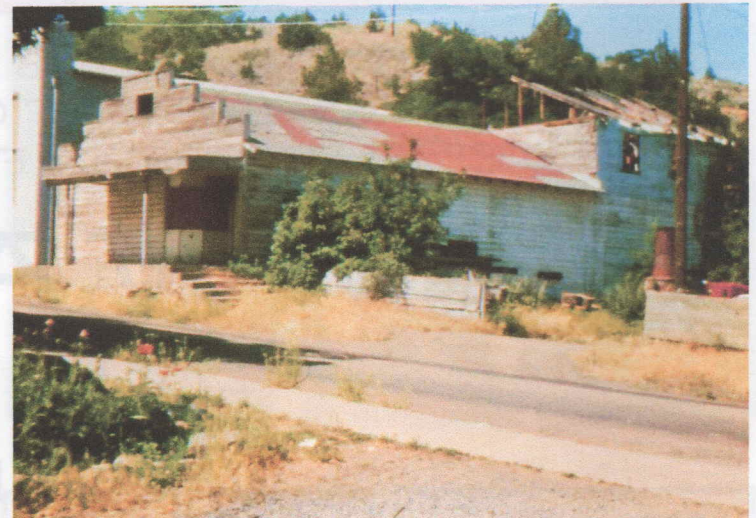
OCHOCO THEATER

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.

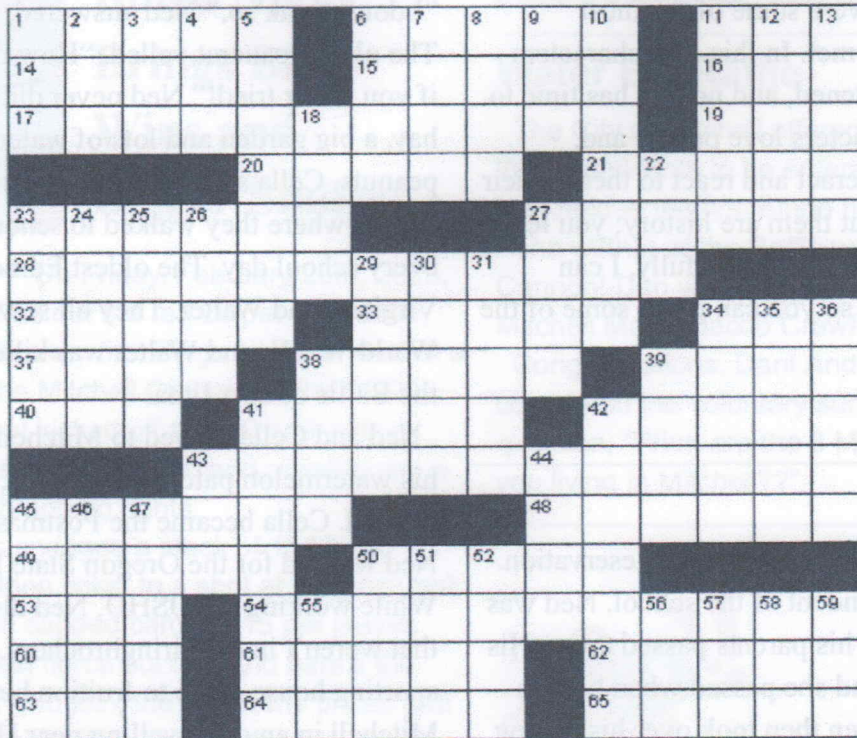


Ochoco Theater 1977

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

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Crossword no.29



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ACROSS

1. One who is playfully mischievous
6. Facial whiskers
11. Awful
14. Pertaining to the sun
15. Permeate
16. Consumed
17. Take arbitrarily
19. A convulsive gasp
20. Small open pies
21. Changes the colors of walls
23. One who pursues
27. Perceives
28. Breaths
32. Extraterrestrial
33. Anagram of "Straw"
34. Donkey
37. Shredded cabbage
38. Minor currency units of Yugoslavia
39. Assemble or modify written material
40. A term of endearment
41. Poet T.S. _____
42. An Australian marsupial
43. In an unduly complimentary manner
45. Noisy quarrel
48. Appraise
49. A single-masted sailing vessel

50. Fertile area in a

- desert
53. Pig
54. Relations between the sexes
60. Unit of energy
61. Levels or smooths
62. Connecting points
63. Negative
64. Depressions in a surface
65. Award

DOWN

1. South southeast
2. The helmsman of a racing crew
3. Anagram of "Pal"
4. Spoil
5. Carbohydrate, fat and _____
6. Ethiopian monetary unit
7. Send forth
8. Arabic sleeveless garments
9. Groove
10. Becomes more profound
11. Foundation
12. Make amends
13. Financial obligations
18. Young salmon
22. Autonomic Nervous System
23. A serious accident
24. A greeting
25. Pertaining to the largest continent
26. Eject from the mouth
27. Drunkards
29. Expect
30. Fortune telling card
31. Angry
34. A condensed but memorable saying
35. Found supporting windows and doors
36. Remains
38. A dramatic work
39. Long periods of time

41. Slipped away
42. Smooching
43. To and _____
44. A horizontal bar
45. Blanched
46. Plant life
47. Misty
50. Cattle
51. Parental sister
52. Backtalk
55. Adam's wife
56. A prominent rock
57. Anagram of "Aid"
58. Even (poetic)
59. Supersonic transport

The Crossword Puzzle Solution can be found on page 15

I feel sorry for folks who didn't get to meet and know the characters that I did. These people taught me a lot, and most of them didn't even know it. These characters were not well educated but they were some of the most intelligent folks I have ever met. In this age, characters are rare, time has been shortened, and no one has time to invest to become one. Characters love people and, through communication, interact and react to them. Their experiences and stories about them are history; you learn from their successes and mistakes. Hopefully, I can introduce these folks to you so you can glean some of the same knowledge I did.

Dan Cannon

NED NORTON

Ned Norton was born on the Siletz Indian Reservation. His father was the superintendent of the school. Ned was four years old when both of his parents passed away. His grandmother took him in, and she passed when he was six. Ned's aunt Harriet Bowen then took over his raising until he was 17. He was a big, powerful man by then, so he headed out on his own. Ned's cousin was a ranch foreman on a large farm at Olex in Eastern Oregon. Moving around to different jobs, Ned even found time to complete two years at OSU. Ned's gypsy lifestyle was put in order when he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1916. He put in a tour as a Drill Instructor before he was promoted to Lieutenant just before being shipped over seas. He spent 11 months in France during WWI.

Ned didn't spend all his time fighting; he told stories usually in the second person. One comes to mind: France had unusual toilets, just a communal water trough flowing through a building. You just squat and do your business. A Marine discovered if you pour gasoline on the upside, then light, you can warm every body up at once! He sampled French Wine, Brandy, and cuisine but remained discrete on the French ladies!

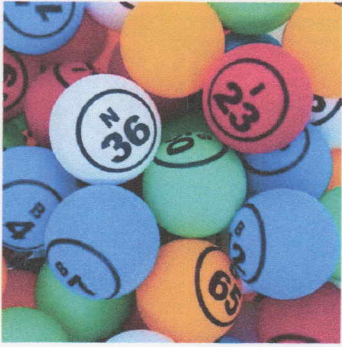
Ned made it through the war unscathed from the battles, and the samplings, then returned to Olex. This time, he saw something else he liked in Olex, and he married Cella in 1922. Cella must have thought she had married and went to hell when Ned moved her to their homestead on Bear Creek. Ned went to work and dug a mile-and-a-half ditch with pick and shovel to irrigate 38 acres out of the

creek. Ned applied for his homestead claim, and the old land commissioner asked, "Can it grow rye?" Ned shook his head no. "Can it grow wheat?" was the next question. "I don't think so," Ned answered, "but I haven't tried!" The old bureaucrat yelled, "How do you know you can't if you never tried!" Ned never did grow rye, but he grew hay, a big garden and lots of watermelon, and maybe peanuts. Cella and Ned raised their three children on Bear Creek, where they walked to school two and a half miles every school day. The oldest Edmond Carlyle Jr (Cork), Virginia, and Walter. They all served their country during World War II, and Walter was killed on the second day of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Ned and Cella moved to Mitchell in 1947. He retained his watermelon patch at the ranch, but that was all he wanted. Cella became the Postmaster of Mitchell, and Ned worked for the Oregon State Highway Department. While working for OSHD, Ned discovered some perks that weren't in the hiring brochure. By Happenstance, a sporting house came to fruition between Dayville and Mitchell in an old dwelling near Highway 26. When the three-man crew had maintenance on that road, two of the crew socialized some. Ned and Clarence Hovey would visit with the ladies strictly in a plutonic relationship. Ned, being a good storyteller and a well-read man, entertained the ladies. Hovey and Norton partook of their goodwill by accepting offered libations. Meanwhile, poor Albert (straight-laced as they come) Mccarty did most of the road work and worried about getting caught. They never got caught, but Ned more than made up for his discretions by doing voluntary community service – Wheeler County commissioner for 7 years, Mayor for 4 years, Adjutant American Legion, Mason order, and Officiant at many funerals. I mentioned that Ned was a well-read man, Ned once mentioned he read the Bible, History, and authors like Tacitus, Thucydides, and Marcus Aurelius. I can't spell them, much less know their works.

Ned was the news correspondent for the Central Oregonian Prineville for over 10 years. He always laced the news with humor and gave it a little twist. Archie Benard was his counterpart for Paulina News. Soon, their columns intertwined. Ned stated they should meet out behind the barn for some sharing – a jug, stories, tobacco, and the likes. The interesting part of this story, Ned was the only one who didn't know Archie was a woman! She

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Mitchell's First Bingo Night Brings Big Wins and Bigger Smiles!

****Mitchell, Oregon**** – On Friday, February 28th, 2025, the City of Mitchell rolled out the red carpet—or rather, the bingo cards—for its very first Bingo Night, and what a night it was! Held at the Mitchell Community Hall (108 Nelson Ave.), the event kicked off at 6:00 p.m. with a lively crowd ready to shout “BINGO!” and possibly win a prize and, of course, bragging rights.

For just \$20, players snagged a stack of 15 bingo cards, each one a golden ticket to a shot at the prize pot. This inaugural session capped cards at 15 per player, keeping the competition fierce but fair. And here’s the kicker: the more folks who join, the juicier the prizes get! With 12 eager participants filling the hall for this debut event, the cash started stacking up fast.

The night buzzed with excitement as numbers were called and cards were marked. In the end, it was Doug Boehlke who claimed the top spot, walking away with a cool \$120 cash prize—talk about a bingo bonanza! Hot on his heels, Lilly Peterson nabbed second place with a tidy \$75, while Shane Stevenson rounded out the winner’s circle with a \$45 prize for third. Cheers and applause echoed through the hall as these lucky locals celebrated their victories.

But the real winner? The community itself! This wasn’t just about cash—it was about coming together for an evening of laughter, friendly rivalry, and good old-fashioned fun. From the young-at-heart to the bingo pros, the event proved Mitchell knows how to throw a party.

Mark your calendars because this is just the beginning! The City of Mitchell is thrilled to announce that Bingo Night will become a regular affair, happening on the ****last Friday of every month**** at the Community Hall, starting at 6:00 p.m. Whether you’re a bingo newbie or a seasoned dauber, bring the family and join the fun. The more, the merrier—and the bigger the prize pot grows!

So, grab your lucky charms, dust off your bingo lingo (B-4 anyone forgets!), and head to 108 Nelson Avenue for the next round. Mitchell’s Bingo Night is here to stay, promising a colorful, entertaining, and community

packed evening for all. See you there—may your cards be full and your wins be plenty! ■

Dajuana Dodd/Editor/Publisher

Water Bill Raffle

The City of Mitchell offered a voluntary survey to City Water residents to be entered into a raffle. The Raffle was held at the first Bingo night in February.

The winner of the Raffle was none other than Dan Cannon! Dan will have his March water bill paid for by Mitchell Mayor Jacob Crawford!

Congratulations, Dan! And a big thank you to all who completed the voluntary survey, which asked the question, “What are the 3 MOST IMPORTANT things to you living in Mitchell??”



JOIN US FOR BINGO NIGHT!

The City of Mitchell is hosting Bingo Night!
Here’s the details.....

When → The Last Friday each Month
Where → 108 Nelson Ave, Community Hall
What Time → Games start at 6:00pm
Cost →

x1 Card - \$4.00
x2 Cards - \$8.00
x3 Cards - \$12.00
x4 Cards - \$15.00

Blackout - Additional \$3.00/person
Additional Blackout Cards - \$0.50 each

Prizes: \$10.00/Bingo/Round for 1 winner

\$5.00/Bingo/Round for 2 winners

Blackout Pot will depend on the number of players and if the Blackout Round was won during the previous game(s).
Blackout must be achieved in 60 numbers called to win.



- Games may be cancelled at any time.
- Games may not be held during the months there is a conflicting Holiday.
- Games played are part of a Not for Profit Organization.



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*If you wish to consume alcohol, please note that you must provide your own, as we are unable to serve or provide alcoholic beverages.

Depending on your reservation time, you are welcome to relax for up to two hours after Supper. Enjoy watching sports, conversing by the fire pit or engaging in a variety of indoor/outdoor games, we have a great selection!

- Please note that unless you have reserved the entire home, TimBuck II's Airbnb, all bedrooms are off limits.
- Reservations are available Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays with dinner service from 5-8 pm.
- We close at 10 pm.

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Jennifer Mortimore - Host

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Your choice of juicy garlic shrimp or chicken, spinach & ripe cherry tomatoes swirled together in a creamy Alfredo sauce.

Manila Clams \$35

*3 Days Notice Required

Manila Clams with white wine butter, Garlic Shallots & Herbs
Served with Corn on the Cob

Halibut Mortimore \$40

Halibut Crusted in sesame seeds, glazed with honey & lemon, garnished with ginger spirals and green onions.
Served with Jasmine Rice

Pork Belly Skewers \$45

Pork Belly Skewers plated with a pomegranate glaze, served with creamy cheddar scalloped potatoes

Cornish Game Hen \$35

Roasted and stuffed with wild rice, portabella mushrooms & mozzarella.

London Broil - 6oz \$40

Glazed with bourbon, brown sugar & caramelized onions.
Served with Roasted Asparagus.

Prime Rib 10oz \$45 12oz \$50

*2 Days Notice Required

Crusted in Heavy butter and fresh herbs, served with Au jus and a loaded baked potato.

Brisket \$45

*2 Days Notice Required

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Lamb Chops \$45

2 flavorful garlic & herb crusted lamb chops with fresh mint jelly. Served with Garlic Roasted baby potatoes.

SIDE DISHES (Add On)

Iceberg Wedge \$12

Smothered in bacon, red onions, blue cheese & heirloom tomatoes.

Caesar Salad \$10

Served with fresh grated parmesan cheese

Coleslaw \$12

Creamy, Crunchy, Tangy

Roasted Asparagus \$14

Roasted in organic olive oil, garlic & fresh parmesan

Homestyle Green Beans \$10

Slow cooked with butter, minced garlic & bacon

Baked Mac & Cheese \$15

Wholesome blend of smoked Gouda, Sharp Cheddar Cream Cheese, and Mozzarella.

Loaded Baked Potato \$12

Jasmine Rice \$10

DESSERTS

(Add On)

You may select up to 1 Dessert Option for your Dining Party

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream \$6

Decadent Vanilla Bean Ice Cream with your choice of toppings.

Hot Fudge, Strawberry Glaze, or Caramel Drizzle

Large Champagne Cupcakes \$6

Champagne Cupcakes with Lemon Drop Glaze

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Why choose between brownies and cheesecake when you can have both? Indulge in the perfect blend of rich, fudgy brownie and creamy cheesecake, all with the classic charm of red velvet. Colored naturally with sweetened beet juice, this masterpiece is free of dyes but full of flavor—decadence you can feel good about!

Apple Pie \$15 (Serves up to 4)

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BEVERAGES

Bring your own Alcoholic beverages or Liquor

Coke Products \$3
Sparkling Water with Lemon \$5
Ginger Beer \$4
Coffee or Tea \$2

Ochoco Theater (cont'd from page 4)

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

Ochoco Theater FUNNY Story

Dan Cannon told me this story a while back...One evening, when Dan was around 6 years old, he went to watch a movie at the old Mitchell Ochoco Theater. A "short" of the Three Stooges was playing, and the part where the Gorilla appeared up on the screen scared him silly because the Gorilla up on the big screen looked so big 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

Movie Calendar - Hang Me Up

WHEELER
OCHOCO
THEATRE
MITCHELL

<p>Last Month</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	<p>1949</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Next Month</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>
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Captain Mike

The 1990s saw Jack Habecker, Mike Carroll, and Dan Cannon headed to the central Oregon high lakes on the opening day of fishing season. My main job was to document these trips. I swear that the events happened just as I wrote them. You could not make these stories up!

- Dan Cannon 12/27/2024



Captain Mike - Part III

Saturday, April 22, dawns a beautiful day for our third annual fishing excursion, Captain Mike Part III.

Seven-thirty, I scraped frost from the windshield, loaded up, and headed for Jack Habeckers. He is waiting on the deck with his gear. I asked him how long he planned to be gone? I had only brought enough stuff for the day.

Jack, from past experiences, brought a complete change of clothes including shoes and a fishing box (nice to see he brought his own tackle for a change). He said he had to find his lucky fishing hat and returned with a USC one. I remarked, "That must be the lucky ones the whole USC Football team wore when Oregon beat the hell out of them!" End of conversation.

It was nice not to have to drive across Mike's bridge since he put in the new culvert. Earlier in the week I had replaced the tires on the boat trailer and found an extra wheel, so we had a spare covering all the bases.

Captain Mike had the boat all hooked up to the pick-up. Jack remarked, "The windshield wipers were running." I assured Jack that there was a good reason. The reason being the switch was broken. Mike pulled the fuse out, and the wipers stopped. We checked the hitch, double-checked the hitch, and triple-checked the hitch.

We are westbound on Highway 26, and things are going relatively smooth. This might be a boring trip.

We stop at Ochoco Thriftway for our usual gourmet lunch. Jelly doughnuts, Jack hasn't had breakfast, cinnamon crisps, because I like them, assorted Snapple, Pepsi, Low-fat cheese, Low-fat chips, super sub sandwich, bean dip, salsa, veggies – a lot cheaper than last year...only \$36.00 bucks, but the bean dip was ½ price. One last stop at the parts store for a starter switch for the boat Captain Mike failed to tell us about.

On to Wickiup Reservoir. It's going to be crowded today. The weather is too nice. Captain Mike finally maneuvers to the boat ramp. At the ramp, two different parties proved you don't have to pass an aptitude test to be a boat owner. One fisherman coming out had a nice string of brown trout. I told Jack we could have bought them and turned for home – much cheaper and easier.

We launch (not lunch). Captain Mike goes to park the pickup and trailer. I notice water in the boat and find the plug is out. Mike gets back, puts on his hip boots, peels off his shirt and he was a lot whiter than the fresh snow on Mount Bachelor or South Sister. After he gets the plug in, he tells us he has to short the solenoid switch to start the motor, which is now underwater. We can't turn the bilge pump on until the motor starts. Jack can't keep the motor running, so Mike has to keep on shorting and getting shocked. He finally gives up and starts the little motor.

Time to rig up. Jack finally opens his tackle box. He has 6 rusty hooks, 1 spinner, and some lead sinkers. Then he asks his usual question, "Can I borrow some tackle?" I hook on a Ford Fender for \$6.59, a wedding ring spinner for \$1.65, and Mike furnishes the white corn. Incidentally, it's the same corn he had last year – who else would freeze half a can of corn for over a year?

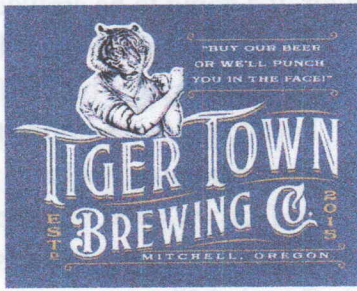
Mike is the first one to catch a fish. I insulted him when I asked if he was going to keep that small of one. He yells, "Get the net!" I asked if he wanted the big net or the small one. He glares! The next one he catches, I don't hesitate, I grab the big net.

Jack catches a tree, and I lose \$8.24, and Mike loses a lousy piece of corn. Jack gets even with Mike as he gets tangled up with his line 3 or 4 times. But Jack doesn't have to untangle it because he didn't bring his wife's glasses.

It was a beautiful day, and the fishing sucked, and Jack and I didn't catch anything. Captain Mike didn't get to use any of the nautical terms he has become so famous for!

We stopped in Bend, and Mike and Jack went to church. I think Jack went to confession because he knew he was going to lie about how many fish he didn't catch when he got home. ■

- R.D. Cannon 4/22/1995



Tiger Town Brewing Co.

is
NOW OPEN
and has a
NEW MENU!

STARTERS

Sidewinder Fries 7
full basket of our popular beer battered twisty fries

Full Monty Sidewinders 14
beer battered fries topped with beer cheese, bacon, jalapenos and onion

Pita and Hummus 13
platter of fried pitta chips served with hummus and veggies

Sweet Potato Fries 9
basket waffle cut sweet potato fries served with our house dipping sauce

Tater Tots 9
full basket of potato tots

CHICKEN WINGS

Smoked dally over hickory lump charcoal, for a flavor like no other.

Teriyaki Wings sauteed in sweet teriyaki sauce 14

Thai Fighter Wings Thai chill sauce and siracha 15

Tiger Wings classic buffalo hot wings 14

West Wings sweet and tangy BBQ sauce 14

No Wing Man, No Cry VG Jamaican jerk seasoning, cola reduction and Secret Aardvark Drunken Jerk marinade 15

Reverse Wings glazed in butter and blue cheese served with Buffalo dipping sauce 15

Agava Lime marinated in sweet agave and lime juice 14

Mad Bomber glazed in teriyaki and wasabi 15

Thai Peanut Wings sweet and nutty sauce 15

Atomic Wings SERIOUSLY HOT!! Tiger wings with a secret kick, eat these at your own risk, served with blue cheese or ranch 16

ENTREES

Fish and Chips full fillet of Haddock hand breaded in beer batter and fried. served with sidewinder fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, and a lemon wedge 25

Greek Nacho signature dish of fresh fried pita chips topped with tzatziki, tomato, cucumber, onion, Kalamata Olives and feta cheese 20

Fried Shrimp Basket basket of battered shrimp with cocktail sauce and choice of side 16

Chicken Strip Basket all breast chicken strip fried and served with choice of side 14

Glazed Chicken Strips all breast chicken strips glazed in Buffalo, BBQ, Thai or Teriyaki served with choice of side 16

KIDS MEALS

Grilled Cheese \$8
cheddar cheese melted between grilled Texas Toast with choice of side and Capri Sun

Chicken Strips \$11
3 fried chicken strips with choice of side and Capri Sun

Graze Plate 13
Pita bread with cold cuts and an assortment of fruits and veggies



Side Choices

Sidewinder fries, tots or sweet potato fries
Potato salad or side salad- \$2



SALADS

Greek Chicken 16
Greek seasoned chicken breast on a bed of mixed greens with tomato, cucumber, onion, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, tzatziki and pita chips

Tiger Chicken 16
crispy chicken fried and glazed in buffalo sauce and blue cheese crumbles over a bed of mixed greens and fresh veggies with pita chips

Garden Salad 10
fresh seasoned veggies on a bed of mixed greens

Side Salad 8
same same but smaller fresh seasonal veggies on a bed of mixed greens

DESSERTS

Sticky Toffee Pudding Cake a classic British dessert of warm sponge cake topped with creamy toffee sauce 10

Yuzu Cheesecake creamy crustless cheesecake with tart citrusy Yuzu juice topped with chilli con limon (try with our traditional lemon drop cocktail, thats out of this world 11

Beignets the traditional Nola pastry. 6 bite size pastries. Choice of plain, chocolate hazelnut or a combo of both 10

BURGERS

served with choice of side... Sidewinder fries, tots, sweet potato fries, or coleslaw- upgrade to potato salad or side salad for \$2

The Burger 6oz all steak patty with lettuce, tomato, and pickle on brioche bun with house sauce 16

The Cheese Burger Same same, but different. Add your choice of swiss, pepper jack, or cheddar cheese 17

The Bacon Cheese Burger more same same, but with bacon and choice of swiss, pepper jack, or cheddar cheese 18

Mushroom Burger 6oz all steak patty with grilled mushroom, Swiss cheese and lettuce on a brioche bun 13.5

The Royal Burger 6oz all steak patty with lettuce, pickle, jalapeno, mushroom, caramelized onions, and bacon topped with beer cheese on a brioche bun 20

Cattle Drive Burger 6oz all steak patty with lettuce, pickle, and bacon on a brioche bun with BBQ sauce and crispy onions 13.5

Garden Burger meatless burger patty with lettuce, tomato, pickle and house sauce on a brioche bun 17

Garden of Sin Burger meatless burger patty with bacon, lettuce, tomato, and pickle on a brioche bun

Add cheddar, Swiss, pepper jack, provolone or blue cheese crumbles \$1.50
Caramelized onions, jalapenos or mushrooms \$2



SANDWICHES

served with sidewinder fries, tots, sweet potato fries or coleslaw- potato salad or side salad for \$2 extra

BLT
a pile of bacon with lettuce, tomato and mayo on Texas toast with choice of side 15

Pulled Pork Sandwich
shredded BBQ pork on a brioche bun with coleslaw and choice of side 17

The Yardbird
6oz crispy fried chicken breast with mayo, hot honey, lettuce, tomato and pickle on a brioche bun 18

Gyro
roasted pork, tzatziki, feta cheese, Kalamata olives, tomato, cucumber, onions, and lettuce on a warm pita 18

BEVERAGES

free refills on non-alcoholic drinks

Fountain Soda Pepsi products 3

Fresh Brewed Ice Tea Served sweetened with a side of lemon 3

House Squeezed Lemonade 3.5

Hot Tea or Coffee

Beer, Cider and Wine check our taplist for current offerings

Cocktails & Mocktails ask your server

Mitchell Ambulance Chat

Hello, and welcome to this month's edition of the chat. I have some exciting news to share with you all. We are once again hosting the annual EMS Benefit on April 25th at the Mitchell Community Hall. Music will be provided by **Betty and The Barristers** and **The NeverCanEvers**. There will be another pie auction, and we will have a silent auction this year as well. Any items you would like to donate to the auction will be greatly appreciated!! Food will also be provided, along with snacks and drinks. Please remember there's no alcohol allowed on the premises at any time. Please plan on attending and having a great time while helping us to better help you!!!!

*John A. Hayes,
Mitchell Ambulance*

Ambulance Volunteers Needed!

Contact your local Ambulance for more info:

- Fossil** (541)763-2698
- Spray** (541)468-2086
- Mitchell** (541)462-3043

NED NORTON (cont'd from page 6)

agreed to share all of the above. Ned was the one responsible for naming the Mitchell Legend - Remember Mitchell Wagon, not the man?

Ned was a self-ordained painter. I fell heir to 3 of his paintings - 2 of painted hills and 1 infamous painting of Jim Cannon's 3 ¼ pound parsnip. It may have been Ned's only commissioned piece. I am sure knowing Jim, no money changed hands!

Cella would leave to attend a postal conference for a few days. True to form Ned would attend the Pastime tavern for like time. When he attended too long, my dad and I usually volunteered to get him home. I volunteered once, but he declined. Shortly, he phoned to inform me I was right, He ran the full length of Mrs. Moore's picket fence. It was new when Cella returned home two days later. Another time he stayed so long he was limber. We loaded him in his old truck, and finally got him in the house (he was a big man); his feet stuck in the rug, and he slowly sank to the floor where we left him after we covered him up. He must have got up later because he survived her homecoming.

Cella regularly attended the Assembly of God Church. Ned semi, not so regular. Cella pressured Ned to go see a traveling lady evangelist, and during the peak of her testimony, she stated she participated in drinking, carousing and got so low down she even went out with a Marine! That tickled Ned because Cella married one!

Ned was one of my mentors. I loved his writing style, simple with humor laced in and a little history.

Dan Cannon
02/17/2025



Vintage ADs - the "Good Old Days"

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell School Spring Break
 March 21st (Friday) - March 30th (Sunday)
 Return to school on Monday, March 31st

Annual EMS Benefit on April 25th -
 - @ Mitchell Community Hall - Time TBA -
 Music will be provided by
Betty and The Barristers and **The NeverCanEvers**

BINGO - Last Friday of Every Month
 6pm @ Mitchell Community Hall

Senior Meal in Mitchell
 Fridays @ Noon Mitchell Community Hall
 60+ \$5.00 59- \$6.00
 ALL are invited! Please join us!

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
 Thursdays at 6 am - Mitchell Baptist Church

Fossil Food Pantry
Tuesday, March 25th
9 am - 12 Noon
 For info, call or text Dawn Garcia at (310)486-2397

Mitchell City Council
 Meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
 at the Community Hall.
 The Public is encouraged to attend!

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Mitchell Senior Meal



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Fridays at Noon

Mitchell Community Hall

MAR 21	NO DINNER - Mitchell City Council using the hall
MAR 28	NO DINNER - medical leave
APR 4	Orange Chicken, rice, veggies, coleslaw, sherbet pudding
APR 11	Pot Roast, gravy, green beans, fruit, cake

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