

Arts & Entertainment

Caves, Chateau anniversaries marked by pack train demonstration

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A bunch of loaded teen-agers descended on Oregon Caves National Monument – four-legged teen-agers, that is. Three horses and eight mules, with riders Betty & Dan Applebaker, and Diane Eek, reenacted how food and building supplies were transported from towns in the valley up to the developments at the Ore-

gon Caves attraction. The group on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, began its trek into the monument from Caves Creek Campground some 3 miles away and 2,000 feet lower in elevation. Following Caves Creek, the 1885 trail was one of the original paths used by hunters and miners. Riding his 10-year-old draft horse cross, *Pete*, Dan Applebaker enjoyed the view

from his big gelding leading the five-mule string. Betty Applebaker and her mount, a 16-year-old sorrel colored (red) mule named *Henry*, brought up the rear. Diane Eek followed with her three pack animals. “Mules make wonderful riding and pack animals,” Betty stated, “as they’re very sure-footed on difficult trails; can carry and maneuver the sometimes awkward heavy packs on narrow switchbacks, and are quite bright.” She admits that they can exhibit an independent streak – occasionally at the worst times.

During the course of the packing demonstration, Betty and Dan introduced their pack mules: *Zoey*, a large Appaloosa-cross mule and the newest member of the Applebaker’s packstring. She joined *Iris* (a mustang cross), *Arnie*, *Joe*, and *Cisco* (three Quarter Horse crosses). Diane introduced *Dillie* (a draft horse cross mule), *Gus* the buckskin, and *Lena* the horse. Diane explained that *Lena* had to replace one of her mules who had problems and could not make the trip.

All the mules and horses have years of experience in rugged back country. Dan explained that each year they pack into some of the most beautiful parts of the Pacific Northwest. He added: “We’ve packed into Hells Canyon, the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Three Sisters Wilderness, the Marble Mountain Wilderness, in addition to Gearhart and Warner Mountains Wilderness areas. This year, we’re going into the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana.”

Besides all their recreational adventures, the pack-string is used for hunting trips in the fall, to which Dan and Betty look forward to. Betty conducted her packing demonstration while discussing the historical importance of pack strings; from early miners and hunters needing to carry their own provisions, to the U.S. Army’s first use of mules to haul supplies and artillery. She included the Civilian Conservation Corps employment of pack strings to assist in building facilities in remote areas like Oregon Caves National Monument.

“Some of the items we typically pack,” Betty said as she displayed the pack’s contents, “include a camp tent, a wood cook stove, cross-cut saws, trail tools including Pulaskis and hazel-hoes, food and personal gear, and several containers of water.” She continued pointing out the importance of balancing the weight of each side of the pack before it’s placed on the animal. For this trip, she used soft packs because of the narrow trail. More commonly used packs are hard-sided rectangular boxes to keep

equipment and supplies more protected. She showed how the coverlet, called a “top tarp,” is placed over a load to protect it from the elements, and explained how to secure the cover and the pack using the rope; and special knots called the box-hitch. Youngsters especially were fascinated with the special harness used on mules. Betty explained the unique parts -- from the breast-collar to keep a pack from sliding back on steep climbs, to the britching used to keep a pack from sliding over a mule’s head on steep descents.

Elijah Davidson ‘speaks’ through Siewert of NPS

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On Friday, June 19, the 135th anniversary of Elijah Davidson discovering what would become Oregon Caves National Monument was reenacted near the site. National Park Service Ranger Tom Siewert told the story at Oregon Caves Cha-



Elijah Davidson (Photo provided by National Park Service)

teau to commemorate the discovery. Most people who tour the Oregon Caves know little about the hunter who discovered them, although legends abound.

Siewert, dressed and acting as Davidson, spoke about how he came to Oregon from Illinois with his family on the Oregon Trail. He told of farms his grandfather started in Portland, Provolt and Monmouth. Grandpa decided that Portland never would amount to anything, so he moved the family ever southward. They settled in the Josephine County community of Williams in 1866.

Siewert is an expert on Davidson’s life as a hunter, gold miner and family man. The dramatized story, much of it told in the words of Davidson, vividly brought the historical character to life for the audience.

Elijah Davidson was a top-notch hunter. He was so adept at bagging bear, cougar, deer and coyote for bounty, and to feed his family, that the State of Oregon awarded him a lifetime hunting license.

In November 1874, Davidson was with a hunting party in the Siskiyou Mountains some 22 miles east of what would become the city of Cave Junction. Away from the party with his faithful Airedale, *Bruno*, and his long rifle, he had shot a deer. Suddenly, *Bruno* took off after another critter and followed it into a cave, which had a stream inside.

Davidson could hear *Bruno* as he entered the cave to save his favorite dog. He tried to light his way with matches, but used up his supply. In the total darkness, he found *Bruno* and they followed the gurgling stream out. Davidson took the deer carcass and placed it outside the cave as bear bait.

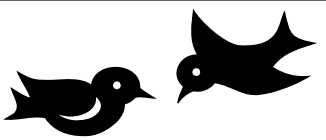
Back at the hunting camp he told about the bear and the cave. The other hunters disbe-

lieved his tale. The next morning, Davidson and a friend went to the cave and saw a black bear, sated and sleepy beside his deer meal. Davidson shot the bear and they took it back to camp. He was able to feed his family well on deer and bear meat that winter.

Davidson’s wife, Minerva, was expert at canning produce grown on their farm.

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Backyard bird watching with Harry



For bird watchers, one of the best and most fun events is a bird-watching field trip. Oregon has so many places to watch birds of every size and color. These driving trips can be over-night or day trips. Either way they can be fun for the whole family.

Cascade Birding Trail:

This is a self-guided auto tour highlighting nearly 200 prime birding destinations in the Cascades, and showcases the region’s spectacular scenery and wildlife. The trail runs down both sides of the Cascade Mountains, connecting Mt. McLaughlin to the south, with Mt. Hood to the north. On this trail there are five smaller loops, each with its own features. This is a must for bird watchers. Some of these loops get a rating of “Wow.”

For fact sheets and maps: oregonbirdingtrails.org/cascades.

Oregon Coast Trails:

This trail offers a vast variety of birding opportunities along the Pacific Northwest coast. Up to 250 different species may be spotted. This is a self-guided driving trail that highlights the premier locations for observing birds along the entire Oregon coast. The trail is divided into three sections: North Coast, Central Coast, and South Coast. Check the weather forecast for the area you plan on driving. The other great part of this trip is the wildlife including whales, elk and seals.

Coastal Birding Events:

Aug. 10 to Oct. 25: Newport Summer/Fall Pelagic Trips (thebirdguide.com/pelagics/archive/03012008)
Aug. 29-31: Charleston Oregon Shorebird Festival (audubonportland.org/local-birding/festivals/shorebird)
Details at oregoncoastbirding.com

Klamath Basin Birding Trail:

Imagine millions of geese swirling as far as the eye can see over vast wetlands, with their silhouettes forming astonishing patterns against snowy mountain vistas. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its wide diversity and abundance of bird life due to its diverse habitats including marshes, open water, coniferous forest, Juniper woodlands, oak-chaparral, sagebrush-grasslands, grassy meadow, and rocky cliffs. The Klamath Basin is a bird lover’s paradise with more than 250 species. The Winter Wings Festival in February is a great place to learn about birds and see them up close. **Klamath Basin seasonal highlights:**
Fall: August and September are peak months for viewing Pelicans, Egrets, Herons, and Grebes. An estimated one to two million ducks and geese migrate through the Basin each October and November.
Winter: From November to February more than 500 Bald Eagles, the largest concentration in the lower 48 states, winter near Bear Valley.
Spring: March to May brings shorebirds and waterfowl migrating north to Alaska and Canada. Thousands return to nest in the Klamath marshes.
Summer: Brood-rearing by 200,000 ducks, geese, herons, egrets, and grebes can be seen from May to August.

Klamath Basin events:

February: Winter Wings Festival
May: Klamath Falls Migratory Bird Festival
September: Wings of the Warners Festival
Details at klamathbirdingtrails.com.

Remember the “Bird Watchers Breakfast” Saturdays around 8:30 at Michelle’s. Join us for great “bird” conversation.
Information from Oregon Birding Trails.com and Harry Johnson (birdwatching@frontiernet.net).



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Across
1. Adjust
9. Clever
12. Stage signal
13. Pulsate
14. Cunning
15. Vase
16. Ex post facto
17. Faucet
18. Domestic ass
19. Fertilized egg
21. Lingerie item
22. Radiator sound
24. Purse
26. ___ vera
28. ___ Day
29. Modern
30. Small, medium or large
32. Flightless bird
33. Appoint
35. Dine
38. Bordeaux wine
41. Head cushion
44. Be sick
45. Wanderer
47. Sense of self
48. Plays for pay
49. Construct
50. Be mistaken
51. Be seated
52. Final Commandment

Down
1. Gulf war missile
2. Continental coin
3. Racket game
4. Scatter
5. He and she
6. Gallery display
7. Painful
8. Nuclear weapon
9. Stellar
10. Theatrical performance
11. Misprint
20. Muscle
22. Possesses
23. Besmirch
24. Adieu
25. African antelope
27. Oculus
31. Partisan
34. Out for the night
36. Dogma
37. Breadth
38. Bottle tops
39. Former Italian currency
40. Pulled apart
41. Agreement
42. Shrek, e.g.
43. Dog-eared
46. Chess pieces

53. Compose

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EVENTS CALENDAR
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Wednesday, June 24
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
Thursday, June 25
- Musical performance by Daniel Sheft, 6:30 p.m. at Nacho Mamas
Friday, June 26
- Peter Herzog, solo acoustic & vocals, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Original music by B'Wishes, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's in O'Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
Saturday, June 27
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
Sunday, June 28
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Save the Date(s):
Tuesday, July 7 & July 14, 6:30 p.m. Songwriters Circle at Nacho Mamas
Saturday, July 18 Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac presented by I.V. Chamber of Commerce

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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

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