

OFFBEAT OREGON

Lost cabin of Steamboat Mountain

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For The Spokesman

Lost or abandoned cabins pop up so often in legends of missing gold mines and buried treasure that they are almost a cliché.

Most of them follow a clear pattern or formula — in fact, all lost-treasure stories do: The seeker stumbles across the treasure while doing something else; he is called away for some reason; and he can never find his way back, despite devoting years to fruitless searching.

There may not be a more faithful example of that pattern than the story of the lost cabin of Steamboat Mountain.

The Steamboat Mountain Lost Cabin Gold Mine story dates back to 1870, when two prominent citizens of Central Point, Constantine Magruder and Doc Lee, took some time off to do some deer hunting near the Applegate River in Jackson County.

The two of them made camp near a small spring on the side of Steamboat Mountain, and for a couple days they each rode out separately in the morning to hunt, returning to their camp at night.

On the third day, Magruder came across an old abandoned log cabin, with a partly collapsed roof, tucked away in a spot that appeared to have been chosen for concealment. It had been abandoned for years, maybe decades; a tree was growing up through its floor where the roof had fallen in.

Magruder dismounted to investigate. It looked as if it had been abandoned in a hurry — by someone who had come to a bad end; there was a gold pan on the floor with a few nuggets in it, near a miner's pick.

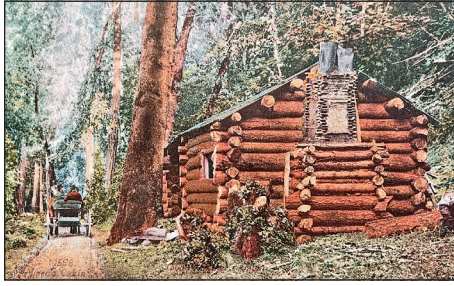
Magruder pocketed the nuggets, looked around a little more, and got back on his horse. It was late, and he was a long way from camp. Hurriedly he made his way back, arriving just in time before the twilight faded completely into blackness, and told Dr. Lee about his discovery.

Miner keep the booze flowing

Magruder and Lee decided to run into town the next day to restock their provisions before investigating; they were running low, and they wanted to have as much time as possible to hunt for the diggings, which must be near the cabin.

Back in Central Point, they told a blacksmith, Bill Hays, about their find. Hays got very excited. Unlike the other two, he was familiar with the story of "Old Set-Em-Up," the prospector from Yreka who had a secret cabin and gold mine up north in Oregon.

"Old Set-Em-Up," according to the story, stayed in his secret cabin working his secret mine all summer in 1851 and 1852, returned to Yreka for the winter loaded with gold, and



Postcard image of a miner's cabin near Grants Pass, published by Edward H. Mitchell of San Francisco. This postcard was post-marked Oct. 12, 1908.

Submitted photo

basically kept the whole town in drinks all winter long. His nickname was derived from the shout of "Set 'em up for the house!" with which he habitually announced his arrival at the saloon each night.

Then, in 1853, Old Set-Em-Up vanished, touching off several decades of prospectors scouring through the woods of Southern Oregon looking for

his cabin and mine.

It was Old Set-Em-Up's cabin that Hay thought his friends might have stumbled across.

Gone missing

Hay joined Magruder and Lee on their return to their camp. But in typical "Lost Gold Story" style, they were unable to figure out where their camp

had been. And without their old camp as a starting point, Magruder had no idea how to find the old cabin.

The three of them hunted for several days without success. They came back several more times to search, over the next five years; but they never did find the old cabin again.

(Sources: Lost Mines and Treasures of the Pacific Northwest, a book by Ruby El Hult published in 1957 by Binfords & Mort Publishers)

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DEATH NOTICES

William Stone Butner (Bill)
of Bend
July 15, 1943 - January 20, 2022

Arrangements: Celebration of Life at later date

Services: Celebration of Life at a later date

Contributions may be made to: Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Center in memory of Bill Butner 60575 Billadeau Rd Bend

Benton F Massell
of Bend
August 18, 1930 - January 22, 2022

Arrangements: Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com for remembrances and more information.

Services: A Celebration of Life is planned for August.


Larry Alan Barney
of Beavercreek
November 19, 1955 - January 27, 2022

Arrangements: Raised in Sisters. Attended Redmond High, active in Rodeo, worked Construction. Survived by Wife Polly, Mother Geneva Sproat, Daughter Bonnie-Kay Munoz, grandchildren Abby, Isaac Munoz, Siblings Jerry, Garry, Theresa Hillsidechapelfh.com

Services: TBD.

OBITUARY

Patricia May Clark
May 16, 1925 - January 11, 2022



Patricia May Clark of Salem, Oregon passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the age of 96. Patsy was born on May 16, 1925 to Teddy and Calista Waits in Farnam, Nebraska and had 6 siblings. She had 5 children..

Patsy was predeceased by her last child, Dawn Clark, her parents, 5 siblings, Budd Kindle, Merrill Clark, and her son, Larry Wayne Clark. She is survived by her sister, Merilyn House, her children; Gaye Greear, Gary Duane, and Marsha Clark, 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren, and many others.

An intimate celebration of life will be held at a later date in order to spread her ashes in the Metolius area, a beautiful place that she had always held close to her heart.

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Legal Notice American Legion Park Kiosk Lease
The City of Redmond Public Works, Parks Division, is requesting proposals from experienced parties interested in leasing and operating the American Legion Park Kiosk during the months of May through September 2022.

The retail space is approximately 260 square feet and is built out with hand-washing and utility sinks. An outdoor patio is included in the space. No additional equipment will be provided. The lease agreement will not include special use or rights of parking and other park amenities including, but not limited to, restrooms, sports fields, pavilion stage, and the amphitheater. A walk-through of the kiosk will be held for interested parties on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for the walk-through is required as specified in the RFP document.

The RFP document with proposal requirements can be downloaded for free online at www.redmondoregon.gov/business/rfps-rfqs. The deadline for proposals is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Proposals shall be emailed to Parks Planner and Project Manager, Maria Ramirez, at maria.ramirez@redmondoregon.gov with "American Legion Park Kiosk Lease Proposal" in the subject line. Late proposals, or proposals not submitted in the format prescribed in the RFP, will not be accepted.

As a result of this RFP, the City intends to award one short-term lease for recreation-based operation of the American Legion Park Kiosk. The initial term of the agreement is anticipated to be six (6) months. Upon mutual agreement, parties may, by Amendment, elect to negotiate the extension or reduction of the term of the lease.

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Legal Notice Self-Storage Sale—Redmond Easy Storage 300 NE Kilwood Place Redmond, Oregon 97756 541-234-5000 The following units will be auctioned via online auction held at www.storagetreasures.com starting: Feb 10, 2022, ending Feb 14, 2022 Unit #83: Joshua Mondragon, 10x10 Very clean household items, clothes, and shoes. Owes \$710.50 Unit #244: Corey Lange, 5x10 Mics tools and other items. Owes \$380. Unit #289 Blake Kanehl: 7 1/2 x 10 Mics household and personal items. Owes \$380.

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