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Family vacationing at a cottage at the Canyon Creek Lodge, also known as the Joaquin Miller Resort, circa 1930s.

Resort

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projects, sports teams and the Grant County royal court. In August 1935, each dance ticket purchased earned the bearer 100 votes for Grant County queen. Proceeds at a May 1937 dance went to the town of Canyon City following the fire that nearly destroyed that community just weeks earlier.

Hunters were welcomed to the resort for hearty early morning breakfasts and other services. A Sept. 9, 1938, Eagle article noted that Jimmy Martin and Ray Sanders were preparing to take care of hunters, “with plenty of saddle and pack horses as well as guides.”

The Joaquin Miller Resort got its start in early 1934, under the management of Dan Gleason. On April 28, 1934, an “opening dance of the summer season” was held, with music by the Troubadours, and supper served at midnight. Dances were slated for every two weeks throughout that summer.

A two-day Fourth of July celebration that year included such activities as a baseball tournament, swimming in a new concrete pool, dances both nights, horseback riding, camping and picnicking. The entire

county was invited with the promise that “no effort will be spared to see that everyone has a swell time,” according to the Eagle in 1934.

In April 1937, James Martin and Bud Hinton bought the resort from Gleason and Frank Oliver for \$35,000.

By this time added features to the facility included a new swimming pool, a dance pavilion, dining hall, residences and 15-20 cabins.

In 1937, the Eagle reported, “With ongoing development in Grant County and surrounding areas, the already popular and profitable resort was expected to continue.”

In 1950, James Sharp became owner of the resort, continuing its tradition of recreational respite for the community.

In later years, the resort was known as the J Bar L Ranch. The property is now privately owned.

But for many, memories of the resort and carefree days spent there linger on.

Listen, the next time you’re headed down that way, and you might hear music, laughter and the chatter of partygoers — and maybe the cheers from a knockout punch — echoing from “the cool of the pines” at the Joaquin Miller Resort.



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An aerial view of the spacious J Bar L Ranch in the 1950s from a travel brochure.

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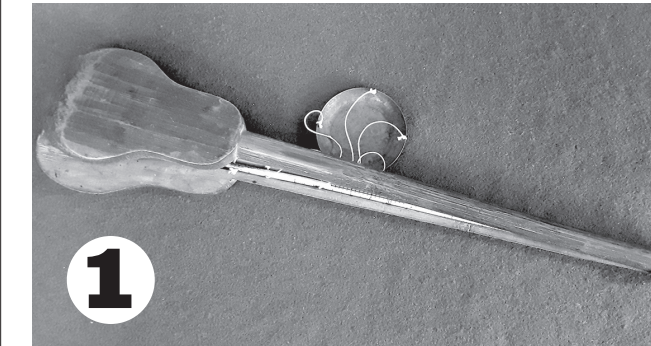
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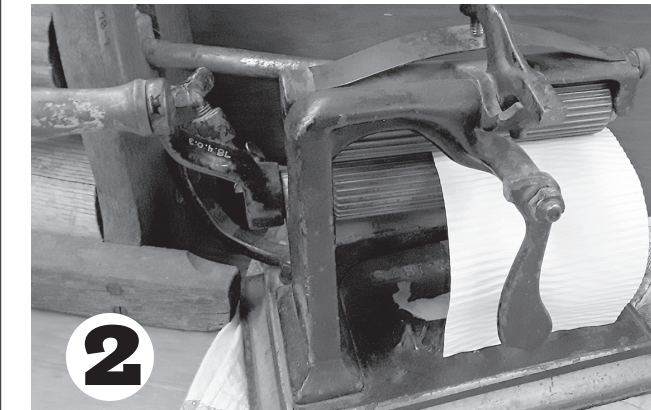
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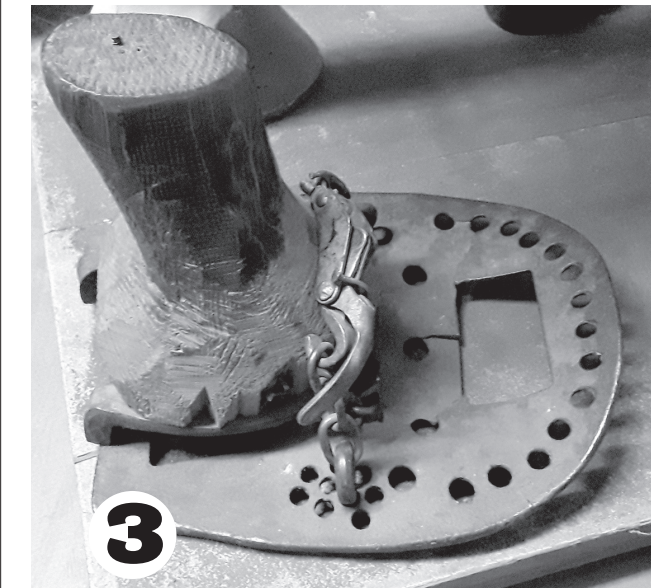
CAN YOU NAME THESE HISTORICAL ITEMS?



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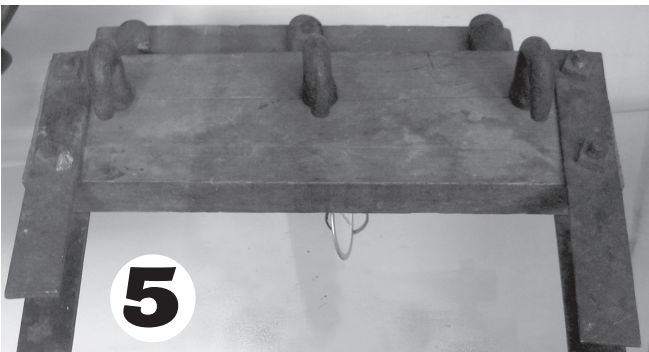
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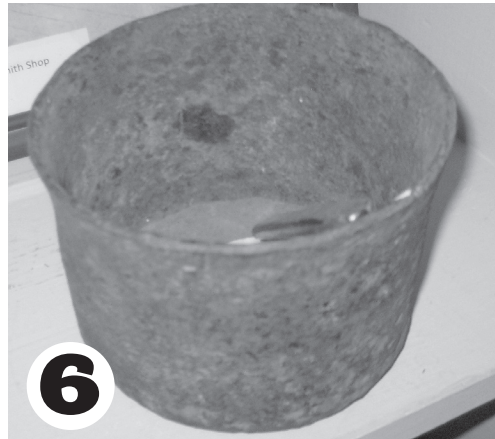
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Blue Mountain Eagle

1. Chinese gold scales and case

2. “Crown” fluting iron, patented in 1875, used to create fluted, pleated or ruffled accents on women’s clothing, when sewing a new garment. A heated iron was inserted into the hollow interior of the rollers.

3. Horse snowshoe

Though not very successful, sets of these horseshoes were used in logging operations in the McCall, Idaho, area.

4. Moonshine whiskey, from Cy Bingham in 1929 near Vance Creek, which runs into Canyon Creek at the Joaquin Miller Resort. Bingham was Grant County sheriff from 1921-1933.

5. Rope twister

6. Gold mortar used in Susanville in the late 1800s.

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