

# OFF THE BEATEN PATH Of kid clubhouses, man caves and she sheds

A reporter interviewed the owner of a newly constructed "retreat cottage" a few years ago.

The owner said, "When I realized I needed a place to write, to relax, to recharge, I got right to work and hired an architect, a contractor and a professional decorator."

Her "cottage" sported Greek columns, an antique French piano and hand-loomed rugs from Morocco.

I needed a place to write, relax and recharge. I got right to work and lugged a wide-carriage, manual Remington typewriter to the utility room and hefted it onto the open ironing board. I slid a secondhand chair into place. A dictionary and thesaurus reclined on the shelf beside the laundry detergent, and a feed store calendar tacked onto the wall next to the washing machine completed the look.

The need for a quiet spot away from the bustle of life seems to flow through the family's DNA. When my mother and her sister were children, they clutched their dollies as they scooted to their secret spot beneath the lilac bushes.



Jean Ann Moultrie

When I was young, I yearned for an apple tree where I could climb into branches, munch fruit while reading a book and remain out of reach of younger brothers armed with boredom and the on-tap for the garden hose. With regret, no trees grew in the back yard.

I constructed a retreat around the clothesline using worn chenille bedspreads, a bag of clothespins and rocks to anchor the contraption which resembled a landlocked dirigible. Inside my summer retreat, the heat level reached to oven "bake-out clean."

When I had young children, they loved to build hideaways with cardboard boxes and blankets over kitchen chairs.

When older and after a move, the children declared that they had found the perfect clubhouse — an abandoned building from a chicken, egg-laying business.

"The building is dusty and musty," I said, "and probably has rodents, along with the old farm equipment stored there. When the

door is closed, I can't see or hear what you are doing."

"We told you it was perfect!" a son said.

Through the years, as I've moved my "retreat" out of the basement utility to a spare bedroom after kids left for college, I've read of the variety of places used for personal space: clubhouse, man cave, she shed, hunter's cabin, art studio, office, den, shack, tent with the hike part of the experience, as well as a corner of a barn, out-building or inside a vehicle. These spaces are used to plan, ponder, eat, nap, tie fishing flies, reload shells, study garden catalogs, daydream, tinker, practice, read, learn new skills, make lists, exercise — can be hobbies or handwork, quiet or filled with music, overlook water from a lake to a watering trough.

Each a place to relax and renew.

Currently my "retreat" is a folding camp chair I move around as needed.

*Moultrie is a freelance writer in Grant County, who wrote this piece while sitting in a camp chair, eating ice cream and watching quail scurry past.*

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Arm, ear, eye, gum, hip, jaw, leg, lip, rib, toe. So what's all that? The answers to the three-letter body parts quiz. Did you get them all? Now if you really want to further your education, you can research what those names are in medical jargon.

Moving right along, our meal for the last day of September was hamburger and all the fixin's. We also enjoyed a macaroni salad, a fruit cup, a piece of corn on the cob and our birthday cake. All very tasty and quite filling. Thanks to cooks Laura and Travis and helper Tom for a great meal. We appreciate Carlos and Luann for making the home deliveries every week. Ginger and Pam were at their respective stations to make the pick-up deliveries. Thanks so much to all our volunteers.

Speaking of which — hmm, wonder what part of speech that phrase is — faithful volunteer Del Lake got the swamp cooler all winterized, so we declare that summer is officially over. Ahem.

If you have a menu (sent out with all the meals in the bag) you might notice that sometimes it doesn't quite agree with what we actually have to eat. Is that a problem? Not really. We always have good food. It's all a matter of supply and demand. Sometimes what the cooks have planned in the fresh veggie/fruit category is not available so a substitution has to be made. But we always get our money's worth!

We also want to thank Rod Kuhn for the tomatoes that he donated to the cause. Carole Garrison also brought in a box of pears to be distributed to one and all. Thanks also to those who have made cash donations recently. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This includes the Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe, too.

Have made great progress in the garden project. Finally remembered that I found a "benchmark" in the plot when I first started making a garden bed back in 2016. I took a photo of it and carefully covered it with a cairn to protect it. So, wonder why I haven't come across it in my digging this year? Oh, well. That's a new project within the project, I guess. To be continued.

The eyelids are healing nicely, I presume. The absorbable stitches are kinda itchy. Sometimes they really sting! I just hope that they are really being absorbed by my body! Dad had a stitch that didn't get absorbed after his first heart surgery. It finally worked its way up through the skin to where we could get a hold of it with a pair of tweezers and get it out. He had an indentation ever afterward in his chest! So you can understand why I am concerned.

*Psalm 139:13, 14 "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

## OUT OF THE PAST

### 75 years ago Lost hunter finds way to Ritter

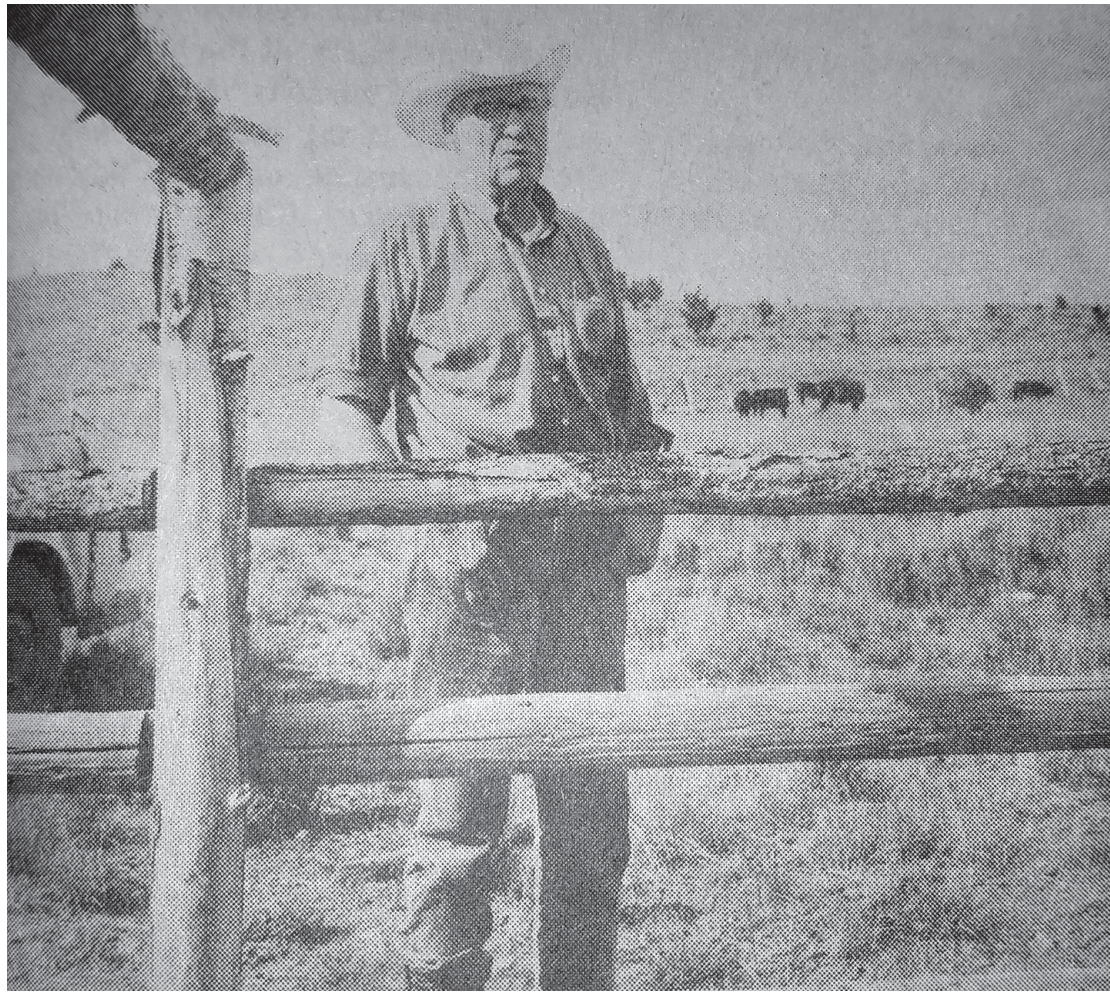
According to the Tuesday's East (Pendleton) Oregonian, John Farrington, 60, manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., of The Dalles who was lost in the Blue Mountains since Sunday afternoon, found his way to safety late Tuesday morning, emerging from the hills at Ritter.

### 50 years ago Emert, Wheelers tapped by S&WCD's

Grant County's two soil and water conservation districts have named two conservation rancher of the year candidates whose files are now being studied in area competition involving seven Eastern Oregon counties.


The nominees are Delbert (Slim) Emert of Ione and Izee, candidate of the Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Everett and Nadine Wheeler of Kimberly, the Monument Soil and Water Conservation District nominees.

Last year Seneca rancher Bob Lemcke was the first Eastern Oregonian to be awarded the honor.




From 50 years ago: Delbert 'Slim' Emert of Ione and Izee was nominated as conservation rancher of the year by the Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District.


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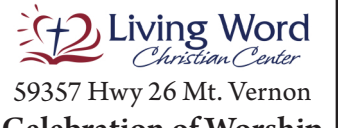
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