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Wiley Creek Ripple

A publication for the
friends and families of
Wiley Creek Community

Meet Lorene Baldinger

Please welcome Lorene Vern Baldinger, who joined us at Wiley Creek Community last summer!

Lorene was born Jan. 21, 1923, to Oliver and Tiny Dove Coonrod in Cushing, Okla. She was the third of five children, including three sisters and one brother.

Her parents raised the family on a large farm, where they grew a garden and crops, and they raised chickens, cattle, dairy cows, horses and pigs.

The family moved into Cushing when Lorene's mother caught tuberculosis. Tiny died when Lorene was seven. Lorene's grandparents had moved in with them prior to Tiny's death, and her grandfather died after her mom.

Lorene's grandmother taught her to how to cook, bake, sew and keep the house running. After her grandfather's death,

even though she was seven, Lorene used these skills to keep up the house.

The family later moved to Buckeye, Ariz., and then to Orosi, Calif., where an uncle had some land. The family built a house and a church on the property, and Lorene would work on the farm with her dad after school.

She met and married Harvey Burton. They had one son, Harvey Sheldon Burton. Lorene and Harvey divorced after 13 years but remained friends.

Lorene had relatives throughout Oregon, including Sweet Home, so her family moved to Oregon. She met her second husband, Clayton Baldinger, in Portland. They were married and had one son, Robert.

She and Clayton settled in Sweet Home, where Clayton worked for



Santiam Lumber. They did a little traveling but mainly enjoyed their home life. Clayton passed away 10 years ago.

Lorene has always loved children. Her home always had children living there—she helped raise children of family and friends. Her greatest achievement in life is being a solid parent to the children that she helped raise.

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March events and outings

Wild Roses perform	Mon. 1
Yvonne Eye Care visits	Tue. 2
Piano with Ray Hendricks	Tue. 9
Country ride	Fri. 12
Blue Light Special	Sat. 13
Harrisburg Museum and lunch outing	Tue. 16
Resident Council meeting	Fri. 19
Trip to the nursery for plants	Mon. 22
Ellis Sabin performs and March birthday party	Tue. 23

In loving memory

Helen McDaniel passed away Feb. 17. Please join us in our condolences to her family and loved ones.

"I have said that there was great pleasure in watching the ways in which different plants come through the ground, and February and March are the months in which that can best be seen."

— Henry N. Ellacombe

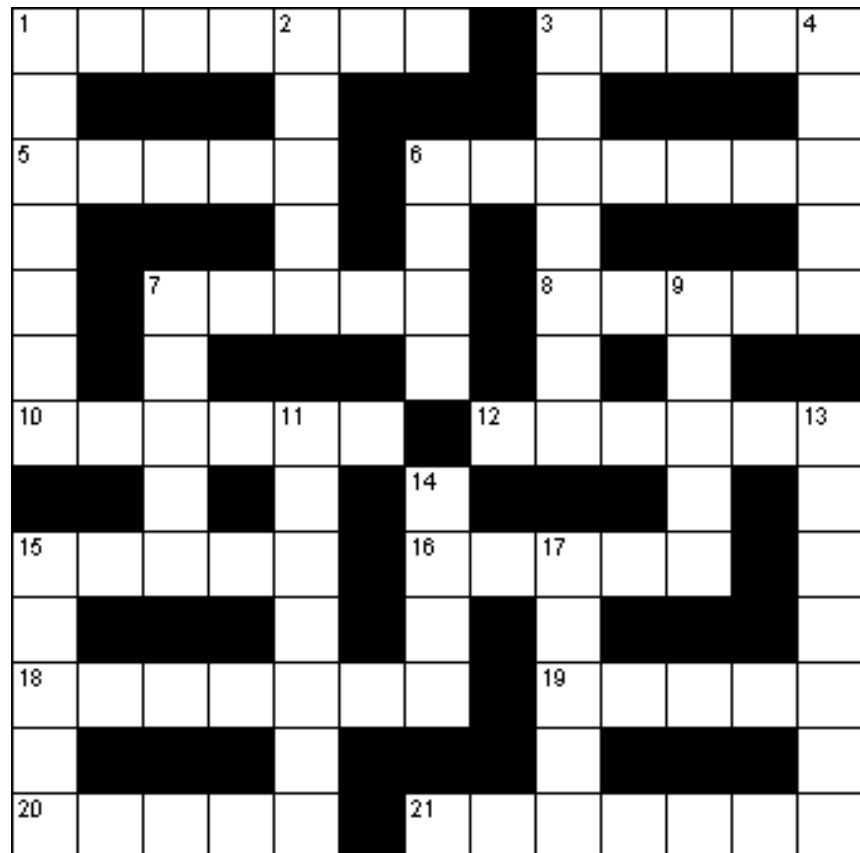
Crossword puzzle from www.puzzlechoice.com

Across

- State capital of N. Carolina (7)
- Capital of 8 Across (5)
- Mediterranean island south of Sicily (5)
- Smallest of the Great Lakes (7)
- Capital of South Korea (5)
- West African country (5)
- The world's second longest river (6)
- Capital of the Philippines (6)
- Egyptian desert (5)
- Major European river (5)
- State capital of Nebraska (7)
- Asian river (5)
- Paris subway system (5)
- Montgomery is the state capital (7)

Down

- Bucharest is the capital (7)
- State in the Rocky Mountains (5)
- Located in the northern Leeward Islands, ___ and Barbuda (7)
- Hawaiian greeting (5)
- Capital of Norway (4)
- Country on the Iberian Peninsula (5)
- Town in Australia's Northern Territory, ___ Springs (5)
- South American river (7)
- State capital of Maine (7)
- Tehran is the capital (4)
- State capital of Oregon (5)
- One of the Balearic islands (5)



Step back into history at the Harrisburg museum

Join us on **Tuesday, March 16**, as we visit the Harrisburg Area Museum. We will take a guided tour of the extensive collections that feature the historic farming community. After the tour, we will have lunch at the Outfitters. Located inside an old bank, it is another unique attraction in Harrisburg.

LORENE continued from cover.

She enjoys cooking, baking, keeping house, gardening, reading and many kinds of stitch work, including sewing, embroidery, crocheting and quilting. She also has a musical side, including piano and guitar, and she used to sing at the Assembly of God church in Sweet Home.

Today, Lorene has 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Her younger sister also lives in Sweet Home.

Lorene is a pleasant lady with only good things to say to everyone, and we enjoy having her here.

Nursing notes Written by Sarah Redfern, RN, WCC

Fall prevention in the elderly

Fall-related injuries are a major cause of significant disabilities and reduced physical function in many seniors.

Older adults value their independence, and one fall can take much of it away. Falls are not a normal part of aging, but someone who falls once is two-thirds more likely to fall again.

Usually, falls occur after a change in the person's life, such as a hospital stay, an illness, progressing medical condition or change in medications. Prevention is one of the most important ways to avoid falls and injuries.

It is good to look around at your environment to see if there are fall hazards such as slippery floors, loose carpets, poor lighting, poorly fitting shoes, and clutter or trip hazards.

If you are at high risk for falls, it is good to have an occupational therapist come to your home and look around and suggest changes to make it safer for you and your specific condition or needs.

So if you feel unsteady on your feet and live in fear of a fall, look around you and make changes in your environment. Speak to your health care provider about a home safety evaluation before you fall.

Happy birthday

Residents

Suzanne McMillen	Sun. 7
Romona Heeter	Mon. 8
Helen McDaniel	Fri. 12
Gerri Warriner	Wed. 17
Annetta Green	Wed. 17
Dot Wright	Sat. 27

Staff

Sarah Redfern	Mon. 1
Nichole Roebuck	Tue. 2
Patty Rhoads	Wed. 17

Crossword answers

Across

1. Raleigh 3. Accra 5. Malta 6. Ontario 7. Seoul 8. Ghana 10. Amazon 12. Manila 15. Sinai 16. Rhine 18. Lincoln 19. Indus 20. Metro 21. Alabama

Down

1. Romania 2. Idaho 3. Antigua 4. Aloha 6. Oslo 7. Spain 9. Alice 11. Orinoco 13. Augusta 14. Iran 15. Salem 17. Ibiza

*“For He is
our God and we
are the people of His
pasture, the flock
under His care.”*

Psalm 95:7

A big thanks to Wiley Creek gardener Gary Hooley

Jeanie Nyberg, an Independent resident, recently had a mishap but came out of it unscathed, thanks to Gary Hooley.

One day in February, Jeanie was in her backyard, working on a paper project, when one of her papers blew away in a breeze. She bent to pick it up—and tumbled down the slope toward the creek.

Gary, the gardener, had seen her a few minutes earlier as he was mowing. When he didn't see her a few minutes later, he felt the need to check on her.

He found her about 30 feet down the bank, in blackberries, unable to get to her feet. So he went down and helped her back up the slope.

She got back to her house without a scrape or bruise, only a few blackberry thorns in her sock. “Gary could not have been more tender, protective or wiser,” Jeanie said.

Jody Burton, Wiley Creek administrator, said she was glad Jeanie was all right and is now looking into wooden split-rail fencing to go along the bank.

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