

Carol is the process of moving and has many things to do today. We met in the sun porch room of the senior center where she had just finished eating lunch. During this interview I felt like a proctor because she seemed unaware of a lot of the questions I asked. Her responses were like they were answer to a test that she was unsure of. I don't think anyone other than bud had as much trouble answering these questions as she did.

DeAngela Venable: Have you always lived in Lakeview? If not when did you move here?

Carol Brazeal: No um I was born in Idaho but lived in eastern Oregon because of my husband traveling from one bank to another.

DV: Do you live by yourself?

CB: Yes

DV: How long have you lived at your current residents?

CB: 28 yrs. (You're moving now?) Yea into town where it's easier to get around in a single level house in stead of 2 and no acreage.

DV: Do you have family in Lakeview?

CB: I have one son and his children.

DV: Do you get any support from friends or family here in Lakeview?

CB: I get help form my son and grandson with things I can't do like mowing lawns and stuff. They check on me real good.

DV: What kinds of disability or public assistance do you receive?

CB: No

DV: Are there any challenges you face in being a retired/veteran in Lakeview?

CB: Well my biggest challenge now is moving and I have a 95 yrs old mother that lives in one of the assistance living care homes.

DV: What is one of your favorite foods? How often do you eat it?

CB: That's a hard one I like pork chops and eggs they look awful but I like them. Eggs I eat almost every morning.

DV: What is your least favorite food? How often do you eat it?

CB: I don't know I eat almost everything that's my problem.

DV: What did you eat for your evening meal yesterday?

CB: Yes, I think I had a TV dinner. Cause I'm so busy trying to get everything ready to move I rely on them.

DV: Thinking of the food system more broadly, what are three things that you appreciate about the food system in your community?

CB: It's there I don't know you don't really have much choice.

DV: What are three things that you don't like so much about the food system in your community?

CB: I don't think it's easy to get really fresh food, I mean grocery stores but I used to have a garden but I had to quit it due to health reasons.

DV: How does your household get their food? (Probe: Where do they buy it? Grow it? Hunt, fish or forage for it?)

CB: Just at the grocery store

DV: What is the history of your or your family's involvement with food in the past? (Probe: Consider producing and selling food as well as eating and getting it.)

CB: Well I've grown a garden for years. When I was growing up we lived on a fruit farm growing up prunes and also corn I was raised on a farm basically.

DV: Are there special family recipes that you and your family enjoy? Could you briefly describe them?

CB: Oh I had one that I would make a ham casserole that I send with my husband when he would go hunting every winter with corn bread and raisins on the top. Now it's my standby.

DV: Do any of the groups you belong to eat together? ... Do they offer meals to others? (Like church, work, groups, Rotary, Lions, bowling leagues...)

CB: I eat at the Senior Center once in a while and the VFW has a potluck once a month. It seems like everything in Lakeview revolves around food there's a lot of different things to go to eat if you want to. Once in a while I eat with the church. (Do they offer meals to others?) I think the Senior Center delivers meals but that's about all I know.

DV: How do you think that farmers and ranchers are faring in the community? Do you have any stories or experiences to illustrate this?

CB: I really I'm not aware of them I don't really know.

DV: What do you know about how low-income/disabled/elderly people get food in your community? Do you have any stories or experiences to illustrate this?

CB: I think there is a food bank that helps some of them that's about all I know of.

DV: Are there ways that you would like to see the food system changed in your community?

CB: Not that I can think of.

DV: you heard or read about how people are changing their food systems in one way or another in other places?... Does that hold any interest for you?

CB: No.

DV: Are there other things about the food system in your community that you think are important for us to know?

CB: I can't think of anything it hard to answer point blank.

DV: What is your view of what your community will be like in twenty years?

CB: I don't know, it hasn't seemed to change that much over the last since we lived here 28 years but it is a very nice community except for lack of shopping it is a nice place to live. (How often do you have to go to other places to get stuff that you need?) well my self I don't go very often unless it's to Bend for the doctors.