



The Community Breeze

2026

Serving the North Lake Communities of Christmas Valley, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Summer Lake & Paisley & Southern Deschutes County

Published by Precision Mail Services

Visit us on-line thecommunitybreeze.com

terryonitswayhome@gmail.com



Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

I'm starting to wonder if the folks running for county positions see the North End of Lake County as unimportant. To date I have only seen a few campaign signs along the highway, a couple of meet-n-greets and absolutely no print advertising.

With nearly half of the County's population living at the north end one would think that our votes might be worth seeking out. Maybe they simply are not keeping track of the May election time-line?

The May 19th election ballots will be mailed no earlier than April 29th and no later than May 5th. Publications in the North end are either monthly or bi-monthly, with the bi-monthly being hit or miss due to technical glitches.

Think about it. We have, for sure, one new County Commissioner being elected, as well as one contested race. Wouldn't it be nice to have a preview of their platforms? Especially when it comes to their vision for our end of the county - our needs, our lack of services. You know the perception up here. The North End gets the leftovers.

So as a way to get the word out, The Community Breeze has devoted nearly two pages to election information. Who the registered candidates are for Federal, State and County offices and positions. What platforms they are running on will be our job to seek out.

There is also timeline of all the dates associated with the election - when ballots are mailed, when they need to be mailed, when they will be counted and so on.

Finally the summary of Ballot Measure NO: 120 (the gas tax) can be found on page 12. How much, how the funds will be used, how the funds will be distributed.

Sure hope this information helps, as well as encourages you to exercise your right to vote.

Continued on Page 12



THE RAINMAKER



Page 2



MORE NEGLECTED ANIMALS

Page 3

Bee-cuzz You Asked

MARCH and the Bees




By Gary Brain

Page 6

Activities

Boxing Pickleball Ping Pong

Music Lunches & Evening

BINGO FREE Community Meal Game Afternoon & Evening

Page 8-9

Candidate & Ballot Measure Information

Pages 10 & 12

Colorful Characters From Paisley's Past



Page 13

MONTHLY CROSSWORD



Page 15

Come in!
Enjoy!
Explore!

The Willows

Antiques & Vintage & Gifts

Knitting, Kitchen, & More

Laura Parks, owner
541-576-2199
87531 Christmas Valley Hwy
Christmas Valley, OR 97641

10 am to 5 pm,
every Tues thru Sat

EDDM RETAIL PAID US POSTAGE PERMIT NO. 100 CHRISTMAS VALLEY, OR

Postal Customer

EBCRWS



Marie Lee

THE RAINMAKER

By Marie Lee

Once I Met a Rainmaker
Yes, I did. He was an actual
“Rainmaker” and yes, it rained.

A friend and I recently drove up to Paisley for a memorial service. Although I am saddened at the amount of these services I seem to attend lately, it was a beautiful drive. Our outback, high-desert landscape is greening up fast. We saw sandhill cranes, I love them. As we crossed the Chewaucan River at the narrows and entered the valley east and south of Paisley we noticed wind blowing alkali dust in Summer Lake. When we left the community center about two hours later Paisley was soaked in with nasty alkali dust.

I don't think I'm far off the mark when I believe that we are about a month ahead of schedule this spring of 2026. There are leaves on trees that usually don't see green until close to May. Blossoming trees are in full bloom. I don't know if this year has brought record high temps for this early, but it must be close.

Winter of 2025/2026 did not happen in our corner of the world. I never used the snow shovel once! Snowpack in our nearby mountains is not there and while probably enough water remains in reservoirs for this summer's irrigation, it will soon be gone.

My little family sat around the kitchen table after Sunday dinner talking about the weather when I remembered the rainmaker.

Thinking backward it must have been the summer of 1990 or perhaps 1991. I was working the front desk of Fremont National Forest's Headquarters in Lakeview, located in the building that now houses Fremont Inn. Very little winter precipitation had fallen for two or three prior years. It was a bad fire year for the Fremont. An overhead fire team had occupied the conference room seven days a week for at least two months.

Labor Day weekend saw a break between fires and the conference room was finally empty and by late Friday afternoon the building empty except for me, at the front desk, and one other person farther back in the building.

Hoping to lock the door and hurry to the fairgrounds I was somewhat irritated when a man walked through the front door. He appeared quite ordinary. Probably in his late forties or early to mid-fifties. He wore neat khaki walking shorts and a striped polo shirt. His hair was short, he was clean-shaven—probably a tourist. But when he spoke, I realized he was no ordinary man.

He announced that he was a rainmaker. He had read in the newspapers and heard on the national news that our area was very dry and that a lot of wildfires were burning. He thought we needed him. Of course, he wanted to be reimbursed for his rainmaking skills. I did a quick mental inventory of

who else was in the building. I wondered if the one other remaining person could hear me if I needed help.

I informed the so-called rainmaker that indeed it was very dry, but there was no one present with authority to talk with him about his rainmaking skills. He persisted while I explained that as much as we needed rain it was not a good weekend for rain as it was the county's fair and rodeo and no one wanted rain on that parade!

As he turned to walk out the door, he hesitated, turned around and told me that it didn't make any difference if he was hired or not because where ever he happened to be it rained. I locked the door quickly and Sherm, in the back, had somehow overheard enough that he came rushing out. We both agreed that we'd never heard anything like it.



There was not a cloud in the sky. Clear sky and sun continued while I collected my son and we headed uptown for a hamburger before heading to the fairgrounds. As we ate black clouds rolled in, and it poured rain for about fifteen minutes!

When I've told the story eyes usually glaze over with a look that says, “Yeah, right. When did you dream that one up?”

The Community Breeze

Is published monthly and mailed to 10001 deliverable addresses in Oregon's northern Lake County's communities. The Publisher is Precision Mail Services. Our mailing address is 85450 Christmas Valley Hwy., Silver Lake, Oregon 97638. Readers may also read the *Breeze* on line by going to thecommunitybreeze.com

Editor: Terry Crawford 541-480-0753 - terryonitswayhome@gmail.com

Deadline: The 20th the month

Editorial commentary is welcome and all letters to the editor that are clearly signed with the writer's full legal signature and also include the writer's phone number will be considered for publication.

The following criteria will be applied equally to all submissions in determining a letter's appropriateness for publication: Letters may not include personal attacks, inappropriate language, libelous content, negativity which serves no other purpose than to harm or unverifiable facts. Letters are limited to 300-600 words. Letters may not promote businesses - to do so is considered advertising.

The Community Breeze neither supports or condemns any ideas, creeds, religions, customs, attitudes or beliefs and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of its editor or its advertisers.

Please mail Letters to the Editor to *The Community Breeze* ATTN: Terry Crawford, 85450 Christmas Valley Highway, Silver Lake, OR 97638.

Neglected Animals Now Sheltered and Cared For

By Kathy Allen



More than two dozen animals, including 17 dogs, are getting care at shelters after they were found living in unsanitary conditions on a Christmas Valley property earlier this week.

The Oregon Humane Society and Lake County Sheriff's Office were investigating a case of suspected animal neglect on Wednesday, March 18. The team said they rescued 17 dogs, four cats, five birds, and two gerbils that were all "living in unsanitary conditions and lacking access to food and water." They also found several dead animals on the property.



able to offer one spay and neuter clinic, as our partners at Street Dog Hero are also overwhelmed right now. But we are working tirelessly behind the scenes to protect and save animals in our county. It takes all of us—your eyes, your voices, and your care to make a difference. We're here, and we're ready to help



The dogs and cats were taken back to the OHS campus in Portland, and the birds and gerbils were taken to the Humane Society of North Lake County.

"Cases like this are only successful through strong teamwork, coordination, and cooperation among partner agencies," says Sheriff Daniel Tague, Lake County Sheriff's Office. "I want to sincerely thank Oregon Humane for their continued assistance and expertise, as well as the veterinarian out of La Pine who supported this effort. Their collaboration was critical in ensuring these animals were safely removed and received the care they needed."

This marks the second time Oregon Humane Society staff members have helped the Lake County Sheriff's Office in a case of suspected animal neglect. And, last year, OHS Law Enforcement helped other agencies over 150 times, and investigated nearly 800 cases.

We at the North Lake Humane Society want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Lake County Sheriff Deputies, whose dedication and swift action were instrumental in saving these animals. We also want to thank Oregon Humane Society in Portland for their incredible support.

If you see something, say something. We are here to help, not to take animals away, but to help, and to provide guidance, resources, and care. We do want to note that this year, we may be

The Community Breeze
 Deadline: The 20th
 We are working hard to have the Breeze to readers as close to the first of the month as printing schedules allow. There are always variables..
 At times printing schedules, holidays and weather may cause a late mailing, that is why it is important to have advertising information, especially new advertising or changes in as early as possible
THANK YOU

Letters to the Editor
 Editorial commentary is welcome and all letters to the editor that are clearly signed with the writer's full legal signature and also include the writer's phone number will be considered for publication.
 The following criteria will be applied equally to all submissions in determining a letter's appropriateness for publication: Letters may not include personal attacks, inappropriate language, libelous content, negativity which serves no other purpose than to harm or unverifiable facts. Letters are limited to 300-600 words. Letters may not promote businesses - to do so is considered advertising.
 The Community Breeze neither supports or condemns any ideas, creeds, religions, customs, attitudes or beliefs and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of its editor or its advertisers.
 Please mail Letters to the Editor to *The Community Breeze*
 ATTN: Terry Crawford, 85450 Christmas Valley Highway, Silver Lake, OR 97638.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTMAS VALLY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
Part-Time Maintenance Assistant

Position Overview: The district is seeking a reliable, versatile Part-Time Maintenance Assistant to support the upkeep and operations of our facilities. This role is ideal for a self-motivated individual who enjoys variety in their workday and takes pride in maintaining a clean, functional environment.

The successful candidate will perform a wide range of tasks as directed by the board of Directors to ensure all district property is well-kept and operational.

Primary Responsibilities:

Facility Upkeep: Perform routine leaning and sanitation of on-site facilities, including but not limited to the Community Hall, Kitchen, Restrooms and outhouses.

General Labor: Assist with various manual labor tasks, repairs and seasonal projects as assigned. Must be able to lift 50lbs.

Operational Support: Provide hands-on assistance for site-specific needs to ensure a save and welcoming environment for the public.

Reporting: Must maintain clear communication with the Board of Directors regarding project status and facility needs.

Requirements & Qualifications:

Reliability: A strong work ethic and a proven track record of punctual attendance is essential.

Adaptability: Ability to handle shifting priorities and various outdoor/indoor tasks.

Experience (preferred): *Prior experience in general maintenance or custodial work. Familiarity with golf course maintenance or landscaping is a significant plus. Knowledge of Special district operations or local government environments is advantageous.

Position Details:

Scheduled: Part-time (hours to be coordinated and set forth by the Board).

Reporting: This position reports directly to the Board of Directors

Compensation: Hourly rate is to be determined based on the candidate's experience level and the District's established budget allowances.

Interest candidates will need to pick up an application for the Office Manager at the Christmas Valley Office located at the Christmas Valley Golf Course (57334 Christmas Tree Ln. CV OR, 97738. The office hours are Tues - Fri 9am-2pm. Or call 541 576 2216 to make alternative arrangements .

Budget Committee Members Needed

Most local governments in Oregon, from the smallest Cemetery district to the largest city must prepare and adopt an annual budget. Schools, counties, cities, rural fire protection districts, and most special districts are all subject to the same budget provisions.

Each district forms a Budget Committee made of the Districts board members and an equal number of Appointed electors. The appointed electors must meet the following guidelines:

Electors are registered voters in the district

Cannot be officers agents, or employed

All members have the same authority

Appointed for staggered 3-year terms

If the district can't fill all appointed members, the Committee can be fewer. Many times, the budget committees are only the board members as we have no volunteers to serve.

Budget Committee Members are needed for the following districts:**Christmas Valley Park & Recreation District**

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 14 and May 12th, at 9am

Budget Hearing - June 9 at 9am

All meeting to be held at the Christmas Valley Community Hall

Christmas Valley Rural Fire Protection District

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 14 and May 12th, at 6pm

Budget Hearing - June 9 at 6am

All meeting to be held at the Patty Effingham LTC office on Christmas Valley Highway

North Lake Health District

Meetings to be held as follows:

Budget Committee meetings April 6 and May 4th, at 5:30pm

Budget Hearing - June 8 at 5:30pm

All meeting to be held at the Health District Office

If you are interested in serving on any of the above budget committees, please contact Patty Effingham at 541 576 2640

PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Honor our roots. Build our future.

Become the next Director for the

Lake County Chamber of Commerce

Want to help businesses thrive and create

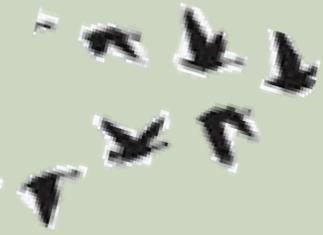
amazing visitor experiences? This is

your opportunity!



See the job posting at

<https://www.allaboutlakecounty.com>



The Flyway Restaurant

541-943-3993

The Lodge at Summer Lake



Visit our beautiful Horsefeathers Gift Shop. Estate & Collectible Goods & Books

**Featuring
Local Beef**

“1875 RANCH”

Hand-Pressed Burgers

**House-made
Soups
Daily Specials**

**Homemade
Fresh Pies &
Custom Desserts**

**Premium
Hand-Cut
Steaks**

Seafood

BBQ

*We've a nice selection
of Oregon Beers and Wines*

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 5-7 pm

**Fri & Sat: 8am to 2 pm
and 5pm to 7pm**

Sundays: 8 am to Close

Specialties of the House!

Hand-cut Steaks! Grilled Salmon & Fabulous Prawn Dinners

Please Call for Reservations and to Verify Hours

Reservations required for groups of six or more

*We have beverages
to go including
Beer and Wine*

Shrimp Provençal is a quick, delicious, easy to prepare dish with authentic Continental flavor. Simple to prepare for weeknight dinner or a special occasion.

Shrimp Provençal

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 TBSP EVOO
- 1/4 C finely diced Onion
- 1 TBSP minced Garlic
- 1 1/2 lbs large Shrimp, peeled & deveined
- 2 C diced Plum Tomatoes
(or 2 cups canned plum tomatoes)
- 1/2 C Dry White Wine
- 1 TBSP each
minced fresh Thyme and Parsley
- 1 TSP Lemon Juice
- 2 TBSP Butter, Diced
- Sea Salt and fresh ground Pepper to taste



*I can't wait
to cook this - I just love
shrimp!*

Preparation

Saute Onion and Garlic, cooking and stirring for about 2 minutes or until transparent. Add the Shrimp and Tomatoes and cook for one minute. Turn shrimp over. Add the Wine and cook for 3-5 minutes, until liquid is reduced by two thirds. Add the Herbs and cook for another minute. Stir in the Lemon Juice and Butter. Add Salt and Pepper to taste.

Plate up the Shrimp and divide the remaining sauce over the Shrimp. Serve with crispy French Bread and a Green Salad to complete the meal.

Dorcas Depot

Dorcas Depot is a volunteer-run secondhand store in Christmas Valley and is sponsored by the Christmas Valley Community Church. It's located on Aspen, just off Rainbow.

Dorcas offers mostly clothing as well as a variety of household items. The prices are hard to beat, especially during our popular One-Dollar Bag sales. All proceeds go directly back into the community for emergency needs.

We truly enjoy serving our community this way and are deeply grateful for the donations and volunteers who make this ministry possible. In recent months we have experienced an increasing theft of the donated items that have been left outside the building after hours. Many donations have been taken before volunteers were able to bring them inside.

There is a solution to this problem. We would appreciate all donations be dropped off only during the days we are open: Wednesday and Saturday from noon to 4pm. This will ensure your donation is put to good use in our community.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

March came in like a lamb had some freezing weather and then decided to stay in the high 60's with a day of 70's and stayed moderate most of the rest of the month with a few nights dipping into the 20's.

Inspections were done along with feeding 1/1 sugar syrup along with some pollen patties. Along about the third week of March I noticed the girls were bringing in pollen! I have observed some girls out looking around for the first flow of nectar from the Chinese Elm, Locust and Forsythia. I have seen the girls bringing pure white pollen from the Snow Drop plants. Pollen from the Quaking Aspen with its distinctive deep royal purple color is also highly sought after. For such a mild winter in comparison to others, I've observed that most all trees are late in giving the girls the much needed pollen to feed the Queen Mothers brood.

Now back to a complete Spring hive inspection: Take time to just observe the girls going in and out of the hive. You will see some with pollen and some with fat bellies. Each bee is tasked with bringing in nectar, some with gathering pollen, a few with contributing propolis and some will be bringing in water from nearby sources.

For the first time in 22 years of bee keeping I have had the girls trying to get into our hot tub for water even though we have an irrigation ditch 30 feet from the apiary. I increased the chlorine in the tub three



Bee-Cuzz You

MARCH and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake



parts per million and cured the problem.

I only ended up with two hives making it through the winter months. This year will find me in better health so I can better manage the apiary this year.

Hive inspections are

They are not as aggressive as in the fall but sometimes I have done something that really agitates them. My first inspection includes rotating the bottom deep hive box to the top. This will allow the Queen Mother more brood space when she fills the deep box she is in. The Queen will most always work up laying brood.

Now, go ahead and smoke the hive entrance and a puff or two under the top cover. After a short wait, take the top cover and inner cover off and set it aside. Remove an outside frame, inspect it and set it aside also. Inspect each frame looking for the Queen Mother, eggs, larvae or capped brood. Scrape off any burr comb the girls have made on



most important through out the year as it helps prevent any slow brewing problems. So how to inspect your girls? First and foremost bee suited up and do not tick off the girls.

the frame. Look for a compact brood pattern covering most of the frame. This would be a good thing to see. If the pattern is spotty throughout the brood chambers, consider replacing the Queen Mother. Look for swarm cells. These will be on the bottom of the frames. If you see these cells, consider splitting the colony. Splitting will be discussed in detail next month. Finish your inspection of the top brood box, put frames back and set that box aside. I usually set it on the top cover. Next inspect the lower brood box and set it aside then, scrape off the bottom board and rotate the top box to the bottom board and place the bottom box on top. Scrape off the inner cover, remove a condensation box if one was installed in the fall and reassemble the hive. You may need to smoke the girls part way through the inspection. You will know when to re-



smoke by their attitude toward you.

Bee mindful of the honey stores. If they are low, FEED! It would be a shame to get the Queen Mother and the girls through the Winter only to have them starve out in the Spring. Consider feeding both 1:1 sugar water and pollen patties. Also now is the time to medicate your hives if needed. More on that later. Now would be a good time to add a queen excluder and your first super. This will help prevent overcrowding and swarming.

That is all for this month. April will be a busy month for you and the girls. Bee safe!

Photos: Top-Our Quaking Aspen with burgundy purple pollen. Middle & Bottom - worker bees with pollen sacks - one yellow the other orange

SCRATCH MADE BISCUITS AND GRAVEY
SLOW SMOKED CHICKEN/BRISKET/RIBS/PULLEDPORK

BUBBA'S

SOUTHERN BBQ

86861 CHRISTMAS VALLEY HWY
ACROSS FROM DOLLAR GENERAL

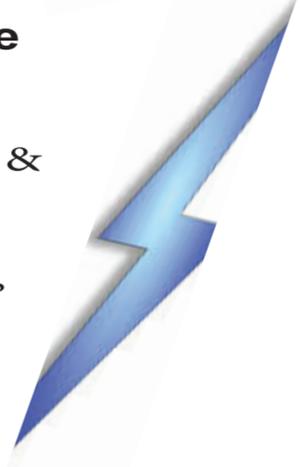
BREAKFAST
6AM-11AM

LUNCH & DINNER
12AM-7PM

Weekly specials
BURGERS, MELTS, AND SOUP

Call the Local Guys FIRST!

Handde Pump & Electric, Inc.



Zimmatic Sales and Service

- Huge selection of Plumbing & Electrical Supplies
- Sinks, faucets, water heaters, pressure tanks
- Galvanized, ABS, CPVC fittings and tools

- Lumber including plywood
- Fencing Supplies
- Landscaping pavers, & more

Monday-Friday
8 am - 5 pm
Phone: 541-576-2206
Fax: 541-576-2702
 CCB #45220



Located on the Highway in the Heart of Christmas Valley

Lake County Public Transportation

LAKE COUNTY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Provider:
Inner Court Family Center

Paisley: 541-407-0317

TTY: 711

Hours: 8 am - 5 pm

Monday - Friday

VETERANS
SENIORS AND THOSE
WITH DISABILITIES

THOSE WITHOUT
ACCESS TO
TRANSPORTATION

AS WELL AS
LOW INCOME
INDIVIDUALS

THE GENERAL
PUBLIC

Call 541 407 0317

Scheduling a Ride:

All rides need to be scheduled through dispatch at 541 407 0317

We ask for 3 days lead time. We know this is not always possible. We will still work to set up a ride for you.

Dispatch will need to know your name, physical address, day of ride, appointment time and destination address. Please include any additional stops.

Responsibilities

Be on time

No drinking alcohol (before or during the ride)

No smoking in any vehicles
Cleanliness of both your body and the vehicle

Be courteous

Let us know if there is a caregiver/ support person traveling with you

Be safe!

Christmas Valley Lodge

Restaurant & Lounge

Open Every Day!

541 576 4576

Family Friendly!

Outside Seating Too!

A Great Bar & A Great Bar Menu



DART TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISERS

**Blind Draw
Double Elimination**

Supporting our free July 4th Music Festival

**April 25
May 23
June 13**

More Info on Page 9

Full Breakfast Lunch & Dinner Menus & Kids Menu to



**Restaurant Summer Hours:
6am ~ 8pm**

POOL

KAREOKE

Every First & Third **Saturday**

DART LEAGUES

87285 Christmas Valley Highway

Christmas Valley Boxing

Owned by long time boxing enthusiast, trainer and coach Rod Smith, *Christmas Valley Boxing* is new to our area but not to Oregon. For more than 20-years Rod owned the Bend Boxing Club. Boxing truly is his passion, and he is a great coach and trainer.

And, before you shut down, boxing is a great physical activity for everyone - including people with mobility issues. It isn't about getting in a ring and sparing or competing, albeit, it can be. Rather boxing can be seen as a path to improved health.

BENEFITS OF BOXING FOR FITNESS:



- Boosts Cardiovascular Health
- Aids in Weight Management
- Improves Balance and Coordination
- Develops Stamina and Endurance
- Reduces Stress and Releases Tension
- Enhances Focus and Concentration
- Boosts Self-Confidence and Discipline

Jake Chess (above) says of the training program, "Rod is an amazing coach and trainer and right now, as the program is getting started, participants are getting a lot of one-on-one time.

Christmas Valley Boxing is located at 87632 Christmas Valley Highway. You can reach Rod at the gym: 541-350-6515 or at the welding shop 541-385-8916



Bingo is back!

It's time to start planning for the bi-monthly BINGO at the Christmas Valley Community Hall.

There will be prizes, food, themes and for sure, good times!

Every First & Third Thursday

SENIOR LUNCHES

The Silver Lake Cafe senior lunch on Mondays is back! The Watering Hole in Fort Rock is hosting senior lunches every, Friday and Saturday. Both establishments begin serving at noon. Call special transportation if you need a ride.



CV JAMMERS

Bring your instrument, singing voice, or just come to listen. Its free, so come join the fun!

We Meet up 1st and 3rd Sat, every month Noon-3pm. At CV Community Hall



Contact info, 541.536.3476
FB page, CV JAMMERS



Enjoy a **Star Party** led by seasoned educators and astronomers, including Joe Minato of Dark Sky Oregon. Bring your telescope or simply enjoy the celestial views through ours.

The **Open Mic** is an opportunity to experience your neighbor's hidden talents.

For extra kudos, bring a song, poem or story about the night sky. Contact us to book your 5-minute slot!

Indoor activities for kids. Cozy treats and hot chocolate. Free gift raffle

story about the night sky. Contact us to book your 5-minute slot!

- Indoor activities for kids
- Cozy treats and hot chocolate
- Free gift raffle

PLAYA nurtures innovative thinking in the arts and sciences through its residency and workshop programs on the edge of the Great Basin.

PLAYA
4750 HIGHWAY 30
SUMMER LAKE, OR 97040
between mile markers 81 & 82
541-943-3983
playasummerlake.org
@playasummerlake

CHRISTMAS VALLEY LODGE

Dart Tournament Fundraiser

April 25, May 23 & June 13

We're raising money for our Free July 4th Music Festival

\$20 Buy-in

Half the proceeds go toward the Festival Fund! Winner takes the other half!

BLIND DRAW, DOUBLE ELIMINATION



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT A LITTLE MORE YOU'RE WELCOME TO DONATE TO THE FUND DIRECTLY

Once a month we'll be holding a dart tournament to help out with the cost of our two-day Music Festival - which will be free to the community over the July 4th weekend. Come down, have some fun with us! Sign ups at 2pm, darts fly at 3pm

FREE Community Meal

Tuesdays, 11am

Followed by an afternoon of games and snacks.



Everyone is Welcome!

At the Christmas Valley Community Hall



PICKLEBALL at the COMMUNITY HALL & AT NORTH LAKE SCHOOL



THE FULL-SIZED COURT HAS BEEN PAINTED IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AND THE NEW NET IS ASSEMBLED & UP

CURRENTLY WE ARE PLAYING AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 1PM & AT NORTH LAKE SCHOOL IN THE SMALL GYM ON SUNDAYS AT 1PM

BENEFITS OF PLAYING: GETTING SOME EXERCISE - MEETING NEW PEOPLE HAVING A GOOD TIME

PING PONG

THERE IS NOW A FULL SIZED, VERY NICE PING PONG TABLE AT THE COMMUNITY HALL



SPONSORED BY CHRISTMAS VALLEY/NORTH LAKE CHAMBER WITH THE SUPPORT OF CHRISTMAS VALLEY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT AND NORTH LAKE SCHOOL



Christmas Valley Boosters

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

Sign up at 10:30am by the Library
Easter Egg Hunt Starts at 11:am

All Children from Infancy through 12-years old are welcome

Bags Available if needed



IMPORTANT MAY 19th ELECTION INFORMATION

The 1st date to mail ballots to Oregon voters is April 29, 2026, and the last day to do a first mailing to Oregon voters is May 5th. We are usually closer to the first than the last.

The last day to mail ballots due to changes to voter registration is May 14, 2026.

May 19, 2026 is election day and preliminary results will be posted on the state's Election Night Reporting website at 8:00 and at the end of the night.

The last day to receive countable mail ballots that are postmarked by Election Day is May 26, 2026.

The last day to cure signature errors on received ballots is June 9, 2026. We typically count the final batch of ballots shortly after this date and post our final results. I don't yet have that date fully scheduled with my counting board, but it will be on the election results reporting schedule that comes out on our website in a few weeks.

https://lakecountyor.org/government/county_clerk.php

Filed Candidates for the May19, 2026 Election

Federal Offices

Federal

US Senator Democrat 6yr Term

Jeff Merkley
Paul Damian Wells

US Representative 2nd District

US Representative 2nd District Democrat 2yr Term

Chris Beck
Mary Doyle
Rebecca Mueller
Patty Snow
Dawn Rasmussen
Peter Quince

Partisan State Offices

Statewide Partisan

Governor Democrat 4yr Term

Forerst Alexandar
James Atkinson IV
Cal Kishawi
Tina Kotek
Donnie M. Beckwith
David W Beem
Steve William Laible
Brittany Jones
Tristain sheppard
Miranda Weigler

Statewide Partisan

House District 60

State Representative, 60th District Democrat 2yr Term

Beth Spell

Federal Offices

Federal

US Senator Republican 6yr Term

Brernt Barker
Deborah C. Brown
David A Burch
Russell McAlmond
Jo Rae Perkins
Timothy Skelton
David Brock Smith

US Representative 2nd District

US Representative 2nd District Republican 2yr Term

Cliff Bentz
Andrea Carr
Peter J Larson

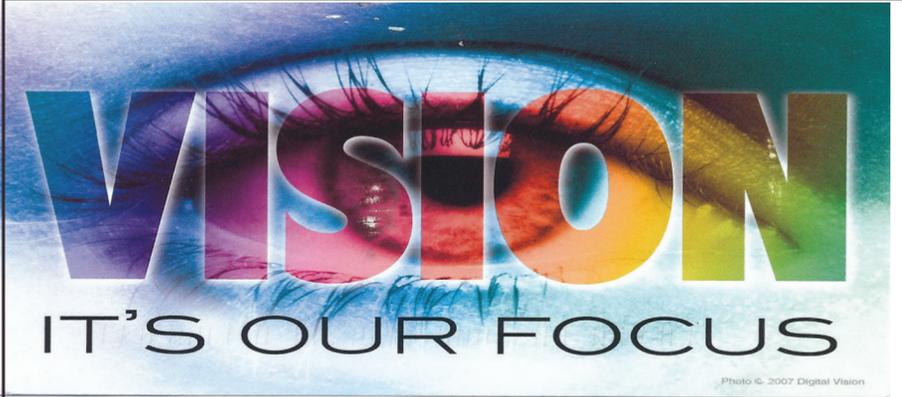
Partisan State Offices

Statewide Partisan

Governor Republican 4yr Term

Danielle Bethell
Hope A Dairymple
Ed Diehl
Christine Drazan
Chris Dudley
Kyle M. Duyck
David Medina
Robert Neuman
Brad T Peters
Paul J Romero Jr.
Wen Wadell
Martin Ward
Tim O Youker
DeAngelo Leroy Turner

Continued on Page12



Optometric Physician Timothy Arbow, O.D.
Will See You at NL Clinic by Appointment

541-554-9888

You Don't Have to Travel Out of Town
To Get Your Eyes Examined!

ANN'S STYLING SALON

541-410-6658
**Cuts, Styling, Color,
Weaves, Perms & More**

**MANICURES & NAILS
PEDICURES TOO!**

NEW HOURS
Brow & Facial Waxing

60342 Fossil Lake Road
Open: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

OregonCountry



REALTY INC

SHARA SHUMWAY
Principal Real Estate Broker



Visit us @: www.oregoncountryrealty.com Office: 541-576-2772
 P.O. Box 887 Christmas Valley, OR 97641 Fax: 541-576-2302
 E-mail: oregoncountry2002@yahoo.com Cell: 541-480-6461

Want To Advertise in the Breeze?



Our Ads are All Full Color

Give us a call at 541-480-0753 Or, email us at terryonitsway@aol.com or terryonitswayhome@gmail.com

Christmas Valley Concrete, Inc.

Dale Shumway

541 576 2218 or 541 420 2917

Ready-Mixed Concrete ~ Septic Systems & Repairs, Rock & Fill Material ~ Land Clearing ~ Ditches ~ Driveways

Over 20 years serving the Christmas Valley, Fort Rock, Paisley, Silver Lake & Summer Lake areas

Licensed/Bonded/Insured CCB #99796 DEQ #38347

Santa's General Store 541-576-2999

Come in and Check Out our expanded Fishing and Hunting Sections



Tools & Hardware



Propane & Accessories



Pet Food & Supplies

ATV permits & gear

87038 Christmas Valley Hwy.
info@santasupplyco.com



Currently, Paul's Schedule is Full!



Farrier and Barefoot trimming Services
Paul Bjarnson
Call or Text 541-214-5361

HIGH DESERT COMMUNITY RADIO

LISTENER SUPPORTED

VOLUNTEER POWERED

INFO@KPOV.ORG
WWW.KPOV.ORG
Schedule information & More



88.9 FM

Our new Tower on Pine Mountain Brings us to your doorsteps
If you can't get us on your radio tune in on your computer!

501-NW Bond St. ~ Bend, OR 97701

Filed Candidates for the May19, 2026 Election

Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries

Chris Lynch
Christina E Stephenson

6yr Term

County of Lake

Commissioner, Position 2
Steve Anderson
Mitchelle M Sagariballa Jr

4yr Term

Judges

There are six Judges running - all are Incumbent and all are for
6yr Term

Commissioner, Position 3
4yr Term

Mark Albertson
Edward N Mudd
William Brock Sutfin

Circuit Court District 26

Judge of the Circuit Court, 26th District, Position 1
David M Vandenberg - Incumbent
6yr Term

County of Lake

Surveyor
Zane E Fernlund
4yr Term

Not included in this voter information are the 30 Precinct Committee Contests. They are specific and there just isn't enough space.

Ballot Measure No:120 Measure Designation: Referendum Order by Petition of the People

Caption: Increases fuel taxes, registration/title fees for roads, tax on wages for public transportation services

Result of Yes: "Yes" vote increases fuel taxers, certain vehicle registration/title fees for state, local, road construction, maintenance, improvements; increases tax on wages for public transportation services.

Result of No: "No" vote retain fuel taxes at 40 cents per gallon, rejects increases to vehicle registration and title fees, tax on wages for public transportation services

Summary: Measure increases motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes 6 cents per gallon, increases annual registration fees from \$43 to \$85 for passenger vehicles; from \$63 to \$105 for utility and light trailers, low-speed vehicles and medium-speed electric vehicles; from \$44 to \$86 for mopeds and motorcycles. Measure increases passenger vehicle title fees from \$77 to \$216. Revenues from tax/fee increases distributed: 50% to Department of Transportation, 30% to counties, 20% to cities. Revenues used for state and local road construction, maintenance, and improvements. Measure increases tax on wages for public transportation services to two-tenths of one percent; applies to wages of employee who is a state resident, regardless of where services performed, or non-resident for services performed in this state.

Financial Impact: A "Yes vote on the measure has the following effects.

For Fiscal Years 2027 through 2035, fuels tax collection would increase by an annual average of \$104 million, registration fee revenue would increase by an annual average of \$157 million, and title fee revenue would increase by an annual average of \$130 million. Increased revenues result in additional average annual allocations of \$196 million to the state, \$117 million to counties, and \$78 million to cities.

Payroll tax collections and public transportation service expenditures would increase by \$118 million in Fiscal Year 2027 and by \$124 million in Fiscal Year 2028.

Comings and Goings

Moving away from the upcoming election and on to some news about the some Park and Recreation District's on-going projects and a bit more.

The Rodeo Grounds have become quite neglected, perhaps from lack of use or maybe because it was becoming less than usable. First it was the weeds, which were moved and piled by Dan Castile followed by a light rototilling.

One issue that still needed to be resolved was the

eruption of a large quantity of rocks - not so many huge ones but, nevertheless they were making the footing less than desirable.

Quite some time ago the Board had approved having the Rock-Dawg Inc. come in with his arena rock picking machine to work though the arena, but somehow he was never called.

Well that has now been taken care. First the footing was tilled to a depth of eight inches on March 16th and then on March 19th the rock removal took place.

So what's next? Well

there is no shortage of projects, but the first one is to get all the weed-filled cattle pens, runs and shoots back to usable.

Next is to retrieve a large pile of 2x6x10 lumber for some horse corrals to be built on one section of the parking area.

The horse barn needs to be made usable by fixing doors, replacing missing boards and in general resolving all safety issues.

So if anyone out wants to help - let Park Rec. know.



Top: the finished product
Bottom: the rock-picking machine

Shall We Dance?

I remember watching Ethel and George Elder dance together. They were real pros, perfectly in step and pretty darn showy. When they did the jitterbug, they were as good as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

The Roundup Dances were held on Friday and Saturday nights on Labor Day weekend. They usually had a more professional band and were held in various locations in Lakeview. I recall the court house, the roller rink, the fairgrounds, the Indian Village, Van's Cafe, the Elks, and Eagles. There were a lot of dance partners, including young men from nearby ranches and cowboys in town to compete in the rodeo.

At the dances, we'd often meet people we hadn't seen since the previous year's rodeo and it was fun to catch up. One night, Vida and I were chatting with George, a handsome young Native American cowboy from Chiloquin. When the band started playing the song, "Running Bear Loves Little White Dove," George jumped to his feet, grabbed my hand and exclaimed, "Come On! They're playing our song!." Sadly, a few years later, George was killed in a plane that crashed while chasing mustangs.

Another good dancer was Lewis "Fat" Murphy. He was a big man - 6'3" and weighing 250 pounds, but he was amazingly light on his feet. If he'd had a few drinks, he would steer his partner around the floor so quickly her feed didn't touch the floor. He had a terrific sense of humor and knew everyone in the county. One year a Roundup he took me and his two sisters, Vida Barry and Eileen Malone, on a bar-hopping tour of Lakeview. There were many bars in town that had live music. He managed to dance with all three of us, introduce us to his friends, toss back drinks and keep us all laughing.

At the dances, the basic format of the evening was the same. The music began at 9:00 pm, supper was served at midnight, and the festivities ended at 2:00 am. If people were having an exceptionally good time, someone would pass the hat for donations to the musicians and we would dance another hour or so. The final tune was always, "Goodnight Ladies."

Most of the music was Country Western, with a lot of Eddie Arnold's standards, as well as Hank Williams and Jim Reeves. Melva Jeffries played the piano at many of the Paisley dances. Sometimes Delphine Ramos accompanied her on the saxophone. Delphie was Filipino and worked

Colorful Characters from Paisley's Past

From the same-titled book by (now deceased) Carolyn Silveria Pottorff

Of Carolyn, friend and fellow author Toni Bailie wrote, "With her brilliant mind and rapier wit, Carolyn could deliver barbs that always made me laugh. She was a wealth of information about Paisley residents, all their intermarriages and peccadilleos."



as Buster and Lizzie Vaughn's housekeeper in the ZX big house.

Other musicians included May Deboy on piano and her daughter Joan on the saxophone - they operated the Summer Lake Store for many years. Butch Momyer, who built the Paisley Mercantile, played at many dances. His specialty was ragtime. Butch was a heavy drinker and by supper-time the syncopation was pretty sloppy.

Supper usually consisted of a sandwich and a piece of cake with coffee, and sometimes punch, to wash it down. This was a social activity and a guy might ask a young woman to supper. I can't recall the supper's cost, but it was usually a fund raiser for the VFW Auxiliary or Rebecca Lodge.

The Fort Rock and Summer Lake Granges and the Paisley VFW Hall all had large, round wood-burning stoves and privies behind the building. One night at Ft. Rock, my best friend Vida Barry stuck her head between two broken slats in the privy and bellowed the song, "I'm in the Jail House Now,"

There was usually a fight or two at the dances. When men have been drinking all evening, it doesn't take much aggravation to trigger a confrontation. I don't recall anyone being seriously hurt, maybe a bloody nose or a loose tooth. There was one older cowboy who was notorious for pulling a knife, but he didn't actually cut anyone. Once in a while two women would fight, but it was mostly just words. Maybe one would shove the other and there might be a little hair pulling but that was pretty much the extent of it (to the disappointment of some men).

Usually the young single people would go in one or two cars - we mostly didn't have dates, we just went together. One night there were two car loads at a dance in Fort Rock. Vida and I rode in Bob Wishart's car, along with Vida's younger sister Machaela, Darrel Taylor, and Ray Winter. Bob had a new car, a pale

blue Plymouth. It was the first new car he'd ever owned and he was terrible proud of it.

That night the hat had been passed and we didn't leave Fort Rock until after 3:00 am. When we were above Silver Lake on the stretch of highway with thick willows on both sides, the guys started bragging about what terrific ropers they were. Finally, in an attempt to settle the argument, a cowboy named Bill spotted a stray cow and climbed up the fender of Bob's car. Darrel and Ray got out and encouraged the cow to move along. Bill made his loop and was about to drop it over Bossy's head when the cow, probably in utter disgust, stopped abruptly. Bob slammed on his brakes. Poor Bill went flying off the fender and made a perfect three point landing on the pavement, skinning his nose and both knees. Happily, that was the extent of his injuries and cow wasn't hurt at all. Bob was gripping his steering wheel exclaiming, "Did it hurt my car? Look! Did it hurt my car?"

We danced with men of all ages. Unless they were visibly drunk, we never turned anyone down. One of my favorite partners was Darrell Taylor, a ZX cowboy who was older than me and my friends, but Lord, could he dance! One night I had a couple of full crinolines under my skirt. Darrell twirled me repeatedly and by the end of the dance my stockings were in shreds. I had to go outside and take them off.

A favorite partner at Summer Lake was Jerry Weaver. He was five years younger than me and my friends and appreciably shorter than we were. But he didn't care about the age and size difference, he just enjoyed dancing.

One of the best dancers my age was Don "Red" Kemry. Unlike most of the boys, Don knew how to lead. On the other hand, I recall Don telling me that he was supposed to lead. (Apparently, I was a feminist even then.)

One older man who always

asked me to dance was Fred Wright. Fred wore new bib overalls and was a pretty fair dancer. To make conversation he would tell me about a mare he bought from my dad. Now, I've never been a horse person and a three-minute song can seem really long when hearing about a horse. I would go home and tell my dad, "Don't ever sell Fred Wright another horse."

I feel sorry for today's young people. Most of them can't dance and have no hope of meeting people the way my contemporaries did. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for those dances - my parents met a one when my mom asked dad to dance.

School Teachers

I attended school in Paisley from grade one to twelve, graduating in 1954. There are three teachers I especially remember: Mary Emery, my first grade teacher; Bertha Severin, my second and third grade teacher; and Bea O'Connor, my high school English and business teacher.

Mary made school fun. She never discouraged any of us and gave us lots of praise. That first teacher is so important. If children get off to a bad start, it can affect their entire academic careers.

Bertha "skipped" me - after only a couple of months in second grade. I was promoted to third grade. In retrospect, I think it was a mistake, but my parents gave permission. Bertha taught me a number of little runes, such as, "i before e." We had Oregon history that year, and I still remember her stories about John Fremont and Lewis and Clark. Bertha was also the only teacher who ever spanked me. The incident involved cleaning my plate in the cafeteria, and escalated from there. Bertha later told me that I was the most stubborn child she had taught in 35 years -- I took pride in that.

An area where both Mary and Bertha slipped up was penmanship. I never could make those neat, evenly spaced circles.

Bea O'Connor was a terrific teacher. She was a disciplinarian. The first year she taught a Paisley she established her reputation and we all were respectful and prepared for class afterward.

It's been five years since the Breeze was printing Carolyn's wonderful and fun book and so I am revisiting some of my favorite tales for new and old readers to enjoy!



Ag & Business Lending
 341.850.7796 | myPCFCU.org
 Federally insured by NCUA

Pacific Crest
 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Sage
 credit union

503 679 7472 DAN'S TRACTOR SERVICE

IMPLEMENTS FOR EVERY JOB!

- Box Blade**
- Angle Blade**
- Landscape Rake**
- Fork Lift**
- Attachment**
- Front End Loader**
- Post Hole Auger**
- Rototiller**

Sometimes You Need More than a Shovel, Rake or Hoe



APRIL CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17				18							19			
20						21				22				
			23		24			25						
26	27	28				29				30		31	32	33
34					35		36	37	38			39		
40				41								42		
43				44								45		
46			47					48		49				
			50		51	52			53					
54	55	56					57	58		59		60	61	62
63					64				65					
66					67						68			
69					70						71			

- 5. Tenth mo.
- 6. At that time
- 7. Give a job to
- 8. Choose by ballot
- 9. Bus patron
- 10. Talked back
- 11. Urgent request
- 12. Consumer
- 13. Very inquisitive
- 18. Broil
- 22. Official stamps
- 24. Ocean currents
- 26. Purple flower
- 27. Incensed
- 28. Stationed
- 29. Ventilates
- 31. "Carmen," e.g.
- 32. Sudden fright
- 33. Trick or ____!
- 36. Caspian ____
- 37. Hotel employee
- 38. Woody or Tim
- 41. A la ____
- 45. Judge
- 47. Off the path
- 49. Body powder
- 51. First Greek letter
- 52. Flat cap
- 54. Haul
- 55. Keen
- 56. Post
- 57. Perform alone
- 58. Flower part
- 60. Cleopatra's river
- 61. Prospector's quest
- 62. Change for a five
- 65. Printing measures

Across

- 1. Recipe abbr.
- 5. Different one
- 10. Whirled
- 14. Throat-clearing sound
- 15. Spicy dish
- 16. Furthermore
- 17. Enrolled
- 19. Witnesses
- 20. Glue
- 21. Essential
- 23. Create lace
- 25. Wood source
- 26. African country
- 30. Add to the family
- 34. Iraq's neighbor
- 35. Gloomy
- 39. Average
- 40. "Leaving ____ Vegas"
- 41. Breakfast foods
- 42. Compass direction
- (abbr.)
- 43. Had a snack
- 44. Assault
- 45. Diva's specialty
- 46. Fragrant wood
- 48. Take away
- 50. Pierce
- 53. Arrest
- 54. Lacking flavor
- 59. Jargon
- 63. Above
- 64. Defense

- 66. Singer ____ Turner
- 67. Actress ____ Hunt
- 68. ____ Macpherson
- 69. Water whirl
- 70. Tiny particles
- 71. Lipstick shades

Down

- 1. Field cover
- 2. Citi Field predecessor
- 3. Wooden pins
- 4. Infatuated

MARCH SOLUTION

C	H	E	A	P		O	R	E	S		C	O	S	T		
H	E	L	L	O		H	E	A	T		A	R	I	A		
O	A	S	I	S		A	C	R	E		T	A	L	K		
P	L	E	A	T		R	U	L	E		E	L	L	E		
			S	A	F	E	R			P	A	R				
R	E	T	E	L	L					P	E	T	A	L		
E	R	A	S			O	B	L	I	T	E	R	A	T	E	
C	A	R			B	R	E	E	D	E	R		B	O	A	
A	S	P	I	R	A	T	I	O	N			E	L	M	S	
P	E	S	T	O						S	A	N	E	S	T	
			A	W	E			R	E	E	L	S				
O	P	A	L			L	I	O	N			I	N	L	A	W
D	E	M	I			I	D	L	E			C	A	I	R	O
E	R	I	C			T	E	E	M			E	R	N	I	E
S	U	D	S			E	A	S	Y			S	E	E	D	S

Public Meetings

- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 2nd Tuesday at 6pm at The CV Fire Hall
- NL Park & Rec - 2nd Tues at 9am at The Community Hall
- CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 6 pm at District office
- NLEMS - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange
- Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum
- NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5:30 pm at the Clinic
- North lake School dist: - 2nd Monday at School Library



AUTO PARTS

Delo 15W40 Heavy Duty Diesel Oil GAL15W40SB
\$15⁹⁹ /gal.



SAVE \$6!

\$24⁹⁹ /5 qt.

NAPA Full Synthetic Motor Oil
Aceite de motor totalmente sintético NAPA®
0W16, 0W20, 10W30, 5W20, 5W30
\$5³⁹ /1 qt.
0W16, 0W20, 10W30, 15W50, 5W20, 5W30



SAVE UP TO 33%

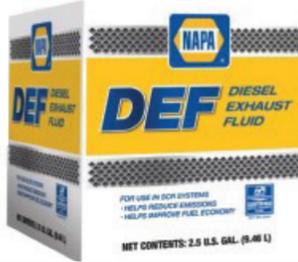
\$5⁹⁹ /each
B'laster® Original Penetrant w/ ProStraw
Penetrante con varilla cadora B'laster®
11oz.
16PBD5



SAVE 29%

SAVE \$5!

Napa Diesel Exhaust Fluid
\$11⁹⁹ /2.5 gal.



Prices Good while merchandise lasts

STARTING AT \$3⁹⁹ /each
Scott® Towels
Toallitas Scott®



SAVE UP TO 27%



\$4⁴⁹ /each
Scott Shop Original Multi-Purpose Towels
1 qt.
16PBD5

NPP 75130 Original Roll 55 Sheets \$3.99
NPP 75190 Original Box 200 sheets \$13.99
NPP 75260 Rags in a Box™ 200 sheets \$14.99

Christmas Valley Auto Supply

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm ~ Sat. 9am-1pm
8700 Christmas Valley Highway 541 508 4646



AUTO PARTS



LA Pine Auto Supply

Monday-Friday 7am-7pm ~ Sat. 8am-5pm ~ Sun. 9am-3pm
HWY. 97 Downtown La Pine 541 536 2192

VISIBILITY

NIGHTVISION™



SAVE UP TO 42%

on Select NIGHTVISION LED Minis, Fog Lights, and LED Sealed Beams en modelos seleccionados de minis, faros antiniebla y luces LED selladas NIGHTVISION LED

YOUR LOCAL SOURCE FOR AUTO PARTS - LOCALLY OWNED

You work hard. We'll work hard for you!

NO STRESS WITH
point S

Get to the Point for all of your tire and auto needs, North Lake Point S has your back.

Truck, Car, and Farm Tires • Auto Services

LOCALLY OWNED, NATIONALLY CONNECTED, AND STRESS FREE.



NORTH LAKE

541-576-2032
87180 Christmas Valley Hwy

PointSTire.com/NorthLake • Christmas Valley