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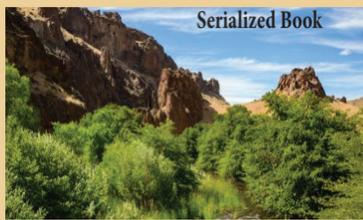
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FOURTEEN YEARS & COUNTING

By Terry Crawford

It hardly seems possible that the first edition of the Community Breeze, all eight pages of it, came out in December of 2011. Yep, 14 years ago. It is always an adventure, putting this little publication together each month. There are deadlines, and glitches, and little errors that need fixing, and there are always very late nights as the final product reaches completion and is sent off to pre-press and then to the printer.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our community businesses who advertise, as it is their support that allows this paper to exist - it is advertiser supported, so it can be free to our readers.

And then there are all writers who contribute to the publication every month - some of them have been with the paper since it began. Some have moved on or passed away. Every one of them is appreciated. It is their effort that provides a bit of entertainment and reading pleasure for so many folks.

Being a monthly we can't always have current information but whenever possible we do.

Thank You one and all for your support.

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Caring for Pets in Cold Weather

DOGS: Dog are not biologically built to withstand cold weather. They need proper shelter to protect them. While the best option for your pets is to keep them indoors during cold



weather, this may not be a workable option for you.

If your pets must stay outdoors they need to be provided with safe sleeping spaces with special considerations

for their comfort and safety. When building a shelter for your dog the following tips are helpful. The bedding for the shelter should be a thick pad filled with cedar chips or newspaper. The shelter should be two to three inches taller than the tallest part of the dog when it sits down. Your dog's shelter should have 36 sq inches of floor space for every inch of the dog's height. (If the dog is 10 inches tall it needs 360 sq inches of floor space - 36x10)

The entrance should be protected from the wind. Place the opening off-center to allow space for the dog to curl up in protected corners out of precipitation and drafts. It is a good idea to raise the dog's shelter above the ground as this will prevent moisture, runoff and dampness from getting inside.

It should go with out saying that very young as well as senior dogs should be kept inside - they are far less able to withstand the cold.

CATS: Cats can freeze in cold weather without shelter. Sometimes cats left outside in frigid weather will seek shelter and heat under the hoods of automobiles. This may result in death or injury when the ignition is turned on. It is a good idea to bang loudly

on the hood of your car a few times before starting the engine. (Wild animals may also seek shelter under the hood so that banging on the hood will save them too.) Remember that pets wintering outside need more



calories and should be fed according. Water is always a critical element of pet care and for the pet living outdoors in the cold special attention needs to be given to assuring they have access to water that is not frozen. A heated bowl is nice but just checking and changing frozen for warm water works well too.

An often overlooked hazard to pet health is spilled antifreeze and Toxic snow melting chemicals. There are nontoxic antifreeze products and ice melt that are pet and plant safe. An antifreeze containing propyleneglycol will not kill your pet. Still it is important to clean up spills and wipe feet if they do accidentally make contact.

HORSES: Most horses don't mind cold weather if they are healthy, dry, well-fed and have access to shelter from the wind. Very old, young and very thin horses often need additional care. Keeping horses dry is a major factor in keeping them warm. A wet coat packs down and loses its protective properties which in turn allows the body heat to be sucked away by the air - especially on a windy day. Because much of a horse's body heat is produced as a result of fermentation

of fiber in their hind-gut, calories are important but providing your horse with a steady supply of hay will keep a steady fermentation- heat producing process going. As with all animals access to



water is critical. Water that is not too cold is preferable when possible.

Horses should be given access to shelter so they have a way to stay dry and to get out of the wind. It doesn't have to be fancy, it just needs to provide a place of protection. Some horses will hang out in the worst weather and others will use the shelter. It is simply important that they have the option to access protection.

Blanketing? There is always discussion regarding blanketing a horse in the winter. One thought is that when you see the cows wearing blankets, your horse needs one. For a horse with a nice dense winter coat this probably is true for most winter days, but there may come a time when weather conditions or other circumstances indicate the need for a blanket.

Be Prepared for the Unexpected

Years ago, while working as barn manager at Stevenson's Polo Ranch a freak, and very violent weather event came through. While most of the horses boarded there were stalled with runs, they also were turned out into large pastures during the day (weather permitting). At any rate the sky opened up and the wind was blowing at a good sustained 30 mph. Everyone was grabbing jackets, gloves and then heading out to get all the horses into the barn, even the ones that generally lived in large turn-out pastures.

They were soaked to the skin and shivering. Those with heavy winter coats were actually the worst because we couldn't easily dry them. The stable horses were much more slick coated as they were blanketed at night and were ridden regularly.

Every cooler and blanket we had was being piled on the horses which were tied in the aisle way and in some cases doubled up in stalls. The rest of the day was spent getting them warmed up and dry.

The point of this reflection is that it is a good idea to have at least one blanket and one cooler available for that rare time when the weather goes crazy and your horse needs extra help getting and staying warm.

I know you have seen this article before - indeed it was in the January Breeze, but we have been having some brutally fringed nights in recent weeks and our animals need to be protected.

So, back to blanketing. A few days ago one of my friends horse needed to go to Valley Falls to see Dr. Elise Flynn for a check-up and to have a look in her month because she was off her feed. We had to leave early in the morning and my trailer is not closed in all the way. So we blanketed her for the ride. By the time we left, she didn't need it.

‘Fort Rock Livestock helps spread Christmas cheer across the world.’

Submitted by Cassandra Pittman

The 4-H group Fort Rock Livestock helped make boxes for Operation Christmas Child along with Fort Rock Community Church. Operation Christmas Child is part of Samaritan’s Purse, an outreach program that helps children in need and shares the message of Jesus Christ. The boxes are filled with things such as dolls, soccer balls, school supplies and personal care items. The boxes are sent around the world to children who would not otherwise receive gifts.

Fort Rock Livestock would like to wish North Lake County a happy and safe holiday season!



Back: Wyatt Greiner, Maya Merritt-Fivecoat
Front: Everley Thornton, Callie Greiner, Gage Foreman, Tanner Leehmann, Aubrey Church, Anna Pfeiffer and Audrey Pfeiffer

MAX: A HAPY ENDING



Max's story is a great example of how fostering can help dogs in need find their forever homes.

Max was a sweet, fluffy brown dog who was abandoned in Christmas Valley. After going through a tough start, he ended up at the Humane society of North Lake County. Luckily, a wonderful foster family stepped in and cared for him until he found his forever home with a family that had children, cats, and other dogs.

Max's story had a happy ending, but there are many more dogs in need of love and care in our community.

That's where fosters come in. By opening your heart and home, you can make a real difference in the lives of dogs like Max.

If you are interested in fostering, you can reach out to the Humane society of North Lake County through our Facebook page or call Becky @ 541 408 1386. We'd love to have you join our community of animal lovers and help make a difference in Christmas Valley.



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BRAISED BEEF WITH MUSHROOMS AND ONIONS

Ingredients:

- 2 TBSP EVOO
- 4 Bone in Beef Shanks 1 1/4 inches thick(about 4 lbs)
- Fresh ground Pepper & Sea Salt
- 2 large Onions, chopped (2 cups)
- 2 medium Carrots, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 3 cloves Garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup dry Red Wine or Beef Broth
- 1 14 - 15 oz can undrained diced tomatoes
- 1/2 TBSP Basil and Oregano
- 1 cup Beef Broth
- 12 oz wild or Button Mushrooms, quartered or halved
- 1 recipe Fresh Herb mix (recipe below)
- 3/4 cup assorted Olives

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
 In a dutch oven, heat EVOO over medium heat and brown Beef Shanks til well browned on both sides. Sprinkle with Salt and Pepper and remove the shanks from pan and set aside.
 Add Onions, Carrots, and Garlic to Dutch Oven. Cook and stir for 5 min or until softened. Deglaze the pan with the Red Wine, scraping up any browned bits. Add undrained Tomatoes, Basil, Oregano, Beef Broth and Shanks to the pan. Bring to a boil.

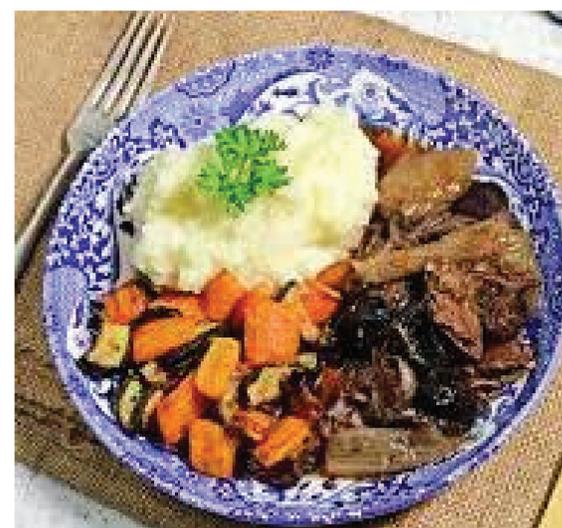
Reduce heat, cover and bake 2 or 3 hours or until beef is tender. Add Mushrooms the last 20 minutes of the cooking time. Meanwhile prepare the Fresh Herb Topper.

Remove Beef Shanks to a serving platter. Strain Veggies from the cooking liquid. Stir Olives into Vegetables and spoon over the Beef.

Sprinkle with Herb Topper and serve.

Fresh Herb Topper / makes 1/4 cup
Combine in small bowl

1/4 C chopped fresh Italian Parsley
2 tsp finely shredded Lemon Peel



Enjoy!

SUMMONS ADOPTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

In the Matter of the Adoption of: Case No.: 22AP01273
ASHTON DALE ROSTER, SUMMONS
A minor child. ADOPTION

TO: Dale Boone Vernholm

Ross C. Sutherland and Jessica R. Sutherland have filed a Petition for Adoption relating to Ashton Dale Roster. If you do not file the appropriate legal paper with the court in the time required (see below), they may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested.

You must file with the Court a written answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and the Order within 30 days after the date on which you are served with this Summons or, if service is made by publication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or posting.

If you fail to file a written answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and to the Order within the time provided, the Court, without further notice and in your absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a General Judgment of Adoption of the child if the Court determines, on the date the answer is required or on a future date, that your consent is not required and that the adoption is in the child's best interests.

In your answer, you must inform the Court and the Petitioners of your telephone number, or contact telephone number, and your current residence, mailing or contact address in the same state as your home.

If you file an answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and to the Order, the Court will schedule a hearing to address the Motion for Order to Show Cause and Order and, if appropriate, the adoption Petition, will order you to appear personally, and may schedule other hearings related to the Petition and may order you to appear personally at those hearings.

You have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have a lawyer appointed for you at state expense. To request appointment of a lawyer to represent you at state expense, you must contact the Douglas County Circuit Court immediately. Please call (541) 957-2427 for further information.

You are responsible for maintaining contact with your lawyer and keeping your lawyer advised of your whereabouts. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

If special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act is needed, please contact your local court at the address above; telephone number: (541) 957-2452, TDD (541) 957-2460.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2025.

Arneson, Stewart & Styarfyr, PC
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Bee-Cuzz You Asked

NOVEMBURRRRR and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries

Burrrr! It's Cold!! November started fairly mild but...toward the end of the month it has bee-come frigid! Things to bee aware of are the following: Record keeping, review your pluses and minuses and figure out what you

need to do next year; Pay your "yard rent" to the kind neighbors that have allowed you to place your hives in their keeping. (Usually a pound of honey per hive is normal); Bee Aware of

feeders at this time as it may fool the girls into a false honey flow. Use your feeding spacer (see Internet for more information) and place winter food patties right on top of the frames next to the bees. You can use the Internet to find easy recipes to make these food patties. Just make sure it is at least 50 degrees or above if you open a hive.

Your girls and the Queen Mother should bee in their winter cluster now. DO NOT disturb the cluster! It is another marvel of Nature. More on the winter cluster next month. Also check the Internet to subscribe to monthly newsletters about beekeeping. So much knowledge at your fingertips!

Well I am up against the editor's deadline so Bee safe and enjoy your honey this winter!



the Winds of November!

The winds of November will come a slashing. I have pounded steel fence posts in to keep my hive stands and more importantly my hives from tipping over. Remember to check your

entrance reducers. They may have been dislodged in our November winds. I checked all my hives again and rearranged my entrance reducers and tacked them into place. Those 60+mph November Summer Lake winds do tend to re-arrange things. If you wrap your hives bee sure to secure your wrapping or you may end up seeing it in your neighbors pasture!

I have winterize all my hives by placing my moisture boxes (or sometimes called quilting boxes) and feeding spacers on. The moisture boxes consist of a cut down super with window screen tacked to the bottom and then filled with pine shavings. The box is on top of the one inch feeding spacer and inner cover. See the photos of what I made. I also have some photos of my feeder bucket BS. , spacers and winter feed patties that I have placed on the top of my hives. The top cover then is placed onto the moisture box and the hive is secured to the stand with cargo stripes to keep it from tipping over. I will add winter feed in December or January weather permitting.

Now is the time to check your equipment. Paint and repair supers and anything else that needs to be repaired. Then, try making creamed honey from the honey you gathered from your capings. You'll find recipes on how to make creamed honey on the Internet. So easy!

Check your hives on the warmest days; temperatures above 60 degrees if possible. I use a stethoscope to listen for activity. A couple of taps on the side of the hive should let you know that the girls are still there. It is a good way to find out which hive box they are in.

L Top: Shallow body with nectar filled frames for winter food stores

L Bottom: Protein patty with pollen on top for winter feed

R Top: Cedar shavings absorb moisture over winter & winter warmth
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December 12th and 13th

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December 13th



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The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting ready to do a little exploring.

GOLD RUSH

By The Prospector



Do you remember a few years ago when the 'Stars' of the TV show Gold Rush came to Christmas Valley claiming to have found sage rats? If you believe those prospectors came here to confront the subsurface threat that we face here, SageRats, then you are watching too much television.

When you're watching their reruns take notice the equipment separating the material at the mine, once in a while you'll catch a glimpse of a shipping container. The miners never discuss the purpose of a shipping container tilted up at a 15 degree angle with a conveyor of material going into its lower end. The reason is because they didn't want anyone see their new method of removing gold from black sand.

Back to their reason for visiting our area. The lode of black sand they were looking to develop here probably ran into a snag. The developer of Christmas Valley, when he sold the parcels continued to hold the mineral rights on some of them.

The lode of gold black sand must have been substance (ratio) to bring them down here during their busiest time of the year. If you have an exposed lode of black sand with gold sparkly the size of a grain, then read on.

When once you find gold in a dry wash you know that there is more gold around. The question is how much? That can only be answered by a more in-depth sampling of the property. The next time you are on a claim, a placer claim, take a look around. Look in all directions at a 360 view. What do you see? I guarantee that in one of those directions, if not two, be far or near, you see a mountain range, some large hills, or some rock outcrops, that's the location of your gold.

Once gold has been found - the gold itself can tell you how it traveled. If you are seeing coarse gold that is angular, jagged and generally rough, there is an excellent chance you are close to a source, possibly jagged and generally rough, there is an excellent chance you are close to a source, possibly within a few hundred yards or less.

Wire shaped gold is also a good indicator that you are close to the source, as it will lose that fragile shape rather quickly as it moves away from the source. Gold that you

can still see the character of but with edges rolled and rounded over is probably a few hundred yards to a half mile from the source. After 1.5 to 2 miles, there is a good chance that most of the gold will be pounded relatively round and smooth with few features left. And the finer gold will be predominantly flat flakes or micron fines.

It should be noted here that gold does not get smaller as it is transported away from the source. Due to gold's



malleability ductility, it only gets flatter and rounder in shape and is not broken onto smaller pieces. If you find predominantly fine gold: its because it came out of the source rock as fine gold. As you pan, if you see large chunks of black sand, this is a good indicator

that you are at least near the source of the black sand, and it may be related to the origins of gold. If you also see coarse gold with chunky black sand, that helps back up that assumption.

Does your black sand contain gold or "Fool Gold", iron pyrite? The simplest test and one with the least expense is to go to your lode in a noon sun with water and a small scoop. Splash water on your material and gently scoop up the gold looking pieces until you pan is a third full. Take it home and wash your material in your pan until the dirt is gone, then dry. Run a magnet about one half inch above your sand on a fat, hard steel surface. Black sand, which is iron, will go vertical to attach itself to the magnet, thus releasing the gold shinnies material. This you will pick up with an eye dropper. A little water might be necessary at this stage to suck up the 'gold' then place your final product on the steel surface, dried.

With your little pile of 'gold' you strike very gently with a smooth faced hammer against the steel surface. Fool's Gold will shatter with the same intensity of fine china.

If it is pounded and nothing changes then you are allowed to yell: Eureka!!

GOOD NEWS! Someone got a look-see into the Gold rush's shipping container and there are now a few different companies producing mining equipment that removes black sand from gold.

Just something to think about when you are cleaning those sprinkler heads of black sand and what the price of a troy ounce of gold has just surpassed a value of over \$4000.

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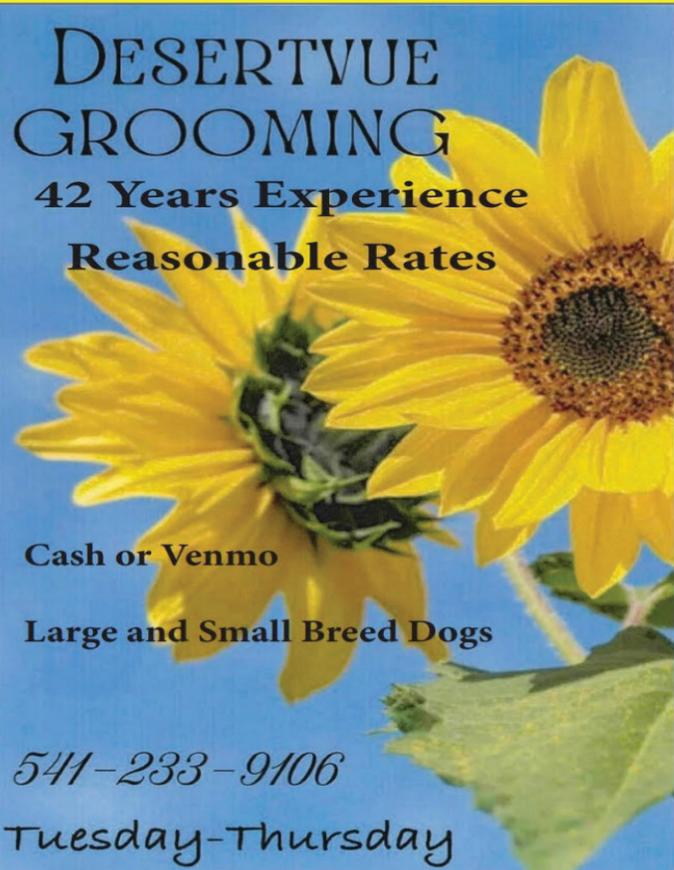


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Our Homestead In the Canyon Now Succor Creek State Park in Malheur County Oregon

Authored by Ida Dutcher



Work went on and our fences were torn out, so our stock strayed to the farming country where they were held for damage. But no settlement had been made to us for the right-of-way. When we asked for a settlement, they condemned the place and continued work. We had asked for a stock pass so our cattle could get to the lower pasture and water, but the crew filled in the place where we had asked to have the pass put in.

When the crew started to put off a shot of dynamite that would tear out our last fence, Willard went down and to told the boss, Big John, not to put that shot off. John said, "I'm not taking orders from you." Willard said, "this is one time you are going to," and went to the house for his 30-30 rifle. He came back and asked John what he was going to do, so he told the men to go back to camp until things settled.

They arrested Willard but he didn't go to jail. We got our settlement to pay for the right-of-way and we got our stock pass and fences as we had asked. Big John laughed later on and said he should have listened to us and never filled in that canyon where we wanted the stock pass as it has to be dug out again.

HIGH WATER

During the time the construction was going on in the canyon, one of the men went out with a big team and wagon after supplies. The creek had to be crossed and then a hill pulled: Crocus Hill we called it. At the time, the road wasn't

built up through a big box canyon.

We had a hard rain and the water was high, and although it didn't look dangerous, it ran swift and was deceiving. Willard warned the driver not to try crossing it while it was so high, but he just laughed at Willard and drove on

in. Both horses drowned, the wagon and supplies were all lost and the driver would have drowned if Willard hadn't thrown him a rope and pulled him to safety.

Many times a water spout would come up stridden and the water would raise to a great depth in just a matter of a few minutes. We would have heavy thunder and lightning storms also, but I was never afraid of these storms.

One of the men who worked horses on the rad had a grey horse. He saw my Plymouth Rock chickens and he said, "You sure have some pretty dapple-grey hens out there."

Orville had pigeons and they multiplied so fast that they would eat the feed all up before my chickens had a chance to eat. Willard and Orville never wanted them killed but one of the buckaroos, Billy, would help me kill them when we had too many and I would make pigeon pot pies. I got a lot of complements on preparing this dish, except from Orville and his dad. When we sold the place, we left a lot of them there, and they increased until there were thousands of them nesting in the rim rocks for miles around. There are still pigeons in the canyon, although I have been told

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many of them have been killed

Each year in the fall, we would go over to the Owyhee River to hunt deer, and were usually lucky and got a nice buck. Our favorite camping place was at a hot spring upriver from the Hole in the Ground. This spring is now deep underwater in the Owyhee Dam.

SILVER

Silver was a beautiful sorrel saddle horse and on of our favorites. He had a silver mane and tail and was a top horse when working cattle.

One time we were living near Homedale, where the children could go to school, and we had some of the stock on the feed lot. Willard had been riding silver and rode up and asked me to take the saddle off if I didn't want to ride him. He walked down to sheep corral nearby.

I was busy at the time, so I didn't go out right away. When I started out, I saw Silver walk out on a old well that had been covered, but the boards were rotten and broke through and silver fell out of sight before I could get to him. He went down several feet and water was up around his neck when the saddle horn caught on the curbing and held him from going on down. Several men came with shovels from the sheep corral and they got ropes on him and dug down until they could get him out. He was cold and scared but none the worse for his trip down the well. If I had removed the saddle he would have gone on down and drowned.

OUR FIRST RADIO

A salesman from Homedale came out to demonstrate an Atwater-Kent radio to us and we were so pleased with it that we bought it. Reception was perfect in the canyon, which was a little surprising to all of us.

The only radio we had ever listened to before was through earphones. It had several dry batteries and one large car battery. We did not get anything during the day but from about four o'clock in the afternoon then on through the night we would get KFI from Los Angeles.

We were the first to have a radio in this part of the country and enjoyed it so much we took the dealership to sell them, but only sold one to Mr. Cunningham. We almost made another sale, but got one of the batteries hooked up wrong and it blew up. So, that ruined the sale and the gentleman we were demonstrating it to said, "It works just like I thought it would.

Our next luxury was a player piano, with all the popular music like "Beautiful Ohio," Let Me Call You Sweetheart," bye-Bye Blackbird, and many others. The Canyon echoed with music.

Willard and I had gone to Caldwell for a load of groceries and came back with a piano. No one minded eating more beans though, as long as we had music. By this time we had a lot of company and the same people who thought it was such a terrible placer to live before we had a road, now thought it was a beautiful place.

ANOTHER JOB I DID NOT LIKE

The most revolting thing happened when Willard was away from home for a few days. A cow fell over a water fall in Trimmey Creek Gorge. There was a narrow trail

leading up through the gorge where the cows went up after being turned out of the corral after milking time in the mornings. One cow was heavy with calf, and when she didn't come in with the other cows in the evening, I went to look for her, thinking she had her calf. I found here where she had fallen over the falls as she started out that morning. She lay in creek which was our water supply. It was hot sumer weather, so there was nothing I could do but cut her up in pieces that I could drag out of the canyon t where I could bury her. It was an all day job and a disgusting one. I had some explaining to do to the children when they saw that calf. I certainly did not want another job of this kind. I'd rather kill a rattlesnake.

Even though I knew the water was pure I wasn't very hungry or thirsty for a day or so.

TOM RICHARDSON

Tom Richardson was on of the oldest riders who used to stay with us. He was in his sixties but was Orville's pal. He would take Orville with him when they rounded u the wild horses from the Owyhee Breaks and brought then in and corralled them at Board Corral's. Many of them had never been corralled before. Tom would have Orville get on his horse and stay at the best place for the horses to see him as they were being driven by other buckaroos. This would scare the horses and they would head for the canyon where the corral would be and the horses would be trapped before they had a chance to discover the fences. Oreville thought he was about

as important as any of them and Tom called him his little buckaroo. Sometimes he would be gone three of four days on the roundup.

Tom used to like strong coffee and used to say he didn't understand why some women thought it took a gallon of water to make a cup of coffee.

One day he had some horses to round up near the Hat-H ranch on upper Succor Creek but told me he would be back for his birthday, as I was going to prepare a birthday dinner for him. but his horse fell with him and his neck was broken. So we never saw him alive again and we missed him very much.



Ida coming through the stock pass on Silver



Willard and Don Ross on Silver and Greyhound

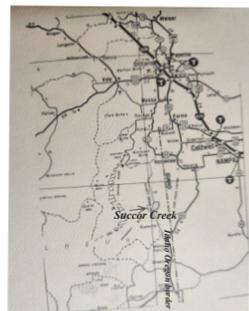


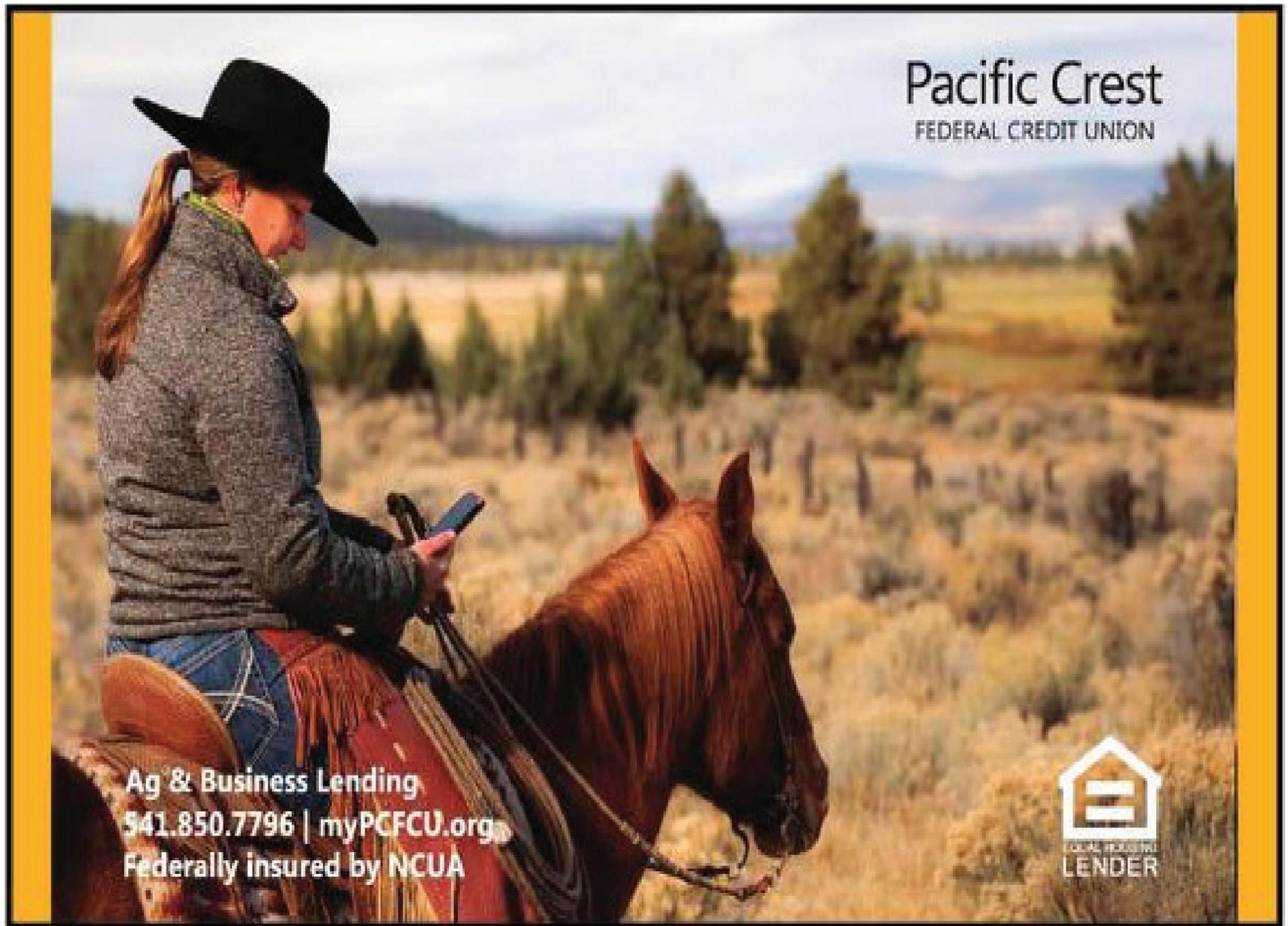
Ida Dutcher

August, 2024 began the serialization of Ida Dutcher's little book, "Our Homestead In the Canyon: Now Succor Creek State Park" in Malheur County, Oregon.

The book was first printed in 1970 when Mrs. Dutcher was 78 years old and shares her memories of homesteading during the early years of her marriage.

We hope you enjoy the read as much as we did. The book has many photos which we will share but because of their age they will not be crisp.





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Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union to Become Sage Credit Union in 2026

Name change reflects expanded charter, growing service region, and deep connection to the sage land communities of the West.

Klamath Falls, OR - 10/14/25 - Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union announced today that, effective January 1, 2026, it will begin doing business as Sage Credit Union, marking the next step in its nearly 90-year history of serving members across the rural West. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) recently granted the credit union an expanded charter, allowing membership to extend beyond Klamath, Lake, Modoc, and NE Siskiyou Counties into new communities across Eastern Oregon and Nevada.

“This is more than a name change - it’s a reflection of who we are and who we serve,” said Chad Olney, CEO of Pacific Crest FCU. “Our region is defined by its grit, resilience and a special kind of wisdom. Our new name, Sage Credit Union, honors the people and land that bind our communities together.”

A Tradition of Growth, rooted in the timber industry Pacific Crest’s history of rebranding has always followed expansions of its charter:

1936 - Founded as 4L Credit Union to serve members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in Klamath Falls.

1937 - Renamed Weyerhaeuser Credit Union as membership expanded to include mill employees.

1960s - Became Forest Products Credit Union to serve the broader timber industry.

1990s - Renamed Pacific Crest FCU when the charter grew to include all who live, work, or worship in Klamath and Lake Counties.

Staying Rooted in Community

For more information about the name change and expanded charter, visit mypcfcu.org/rebrand

With this most recent expansion, the credit union is preparing to welcome members from six new counties beginning in 2026: Harney and Malheur in Oregon; Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, and Eureka in Nevada.

What’s Changing, and What’s Not

Beginning January 1, 2026:

Changing: Name - Sage Credit Union * Website - sagecu.org
 Logo and branding

Not Changing: Accounts, loans, usernames, passwords *
 Debit and credit cards * Branch locations and staff

“This is not a merger or sale,” Olney emphasized. “It’s the same team, the same branches, and the same commitment to community that has guided us since 1936 - just with a name that better reflects our shared future.”

Staying Rooted in Community

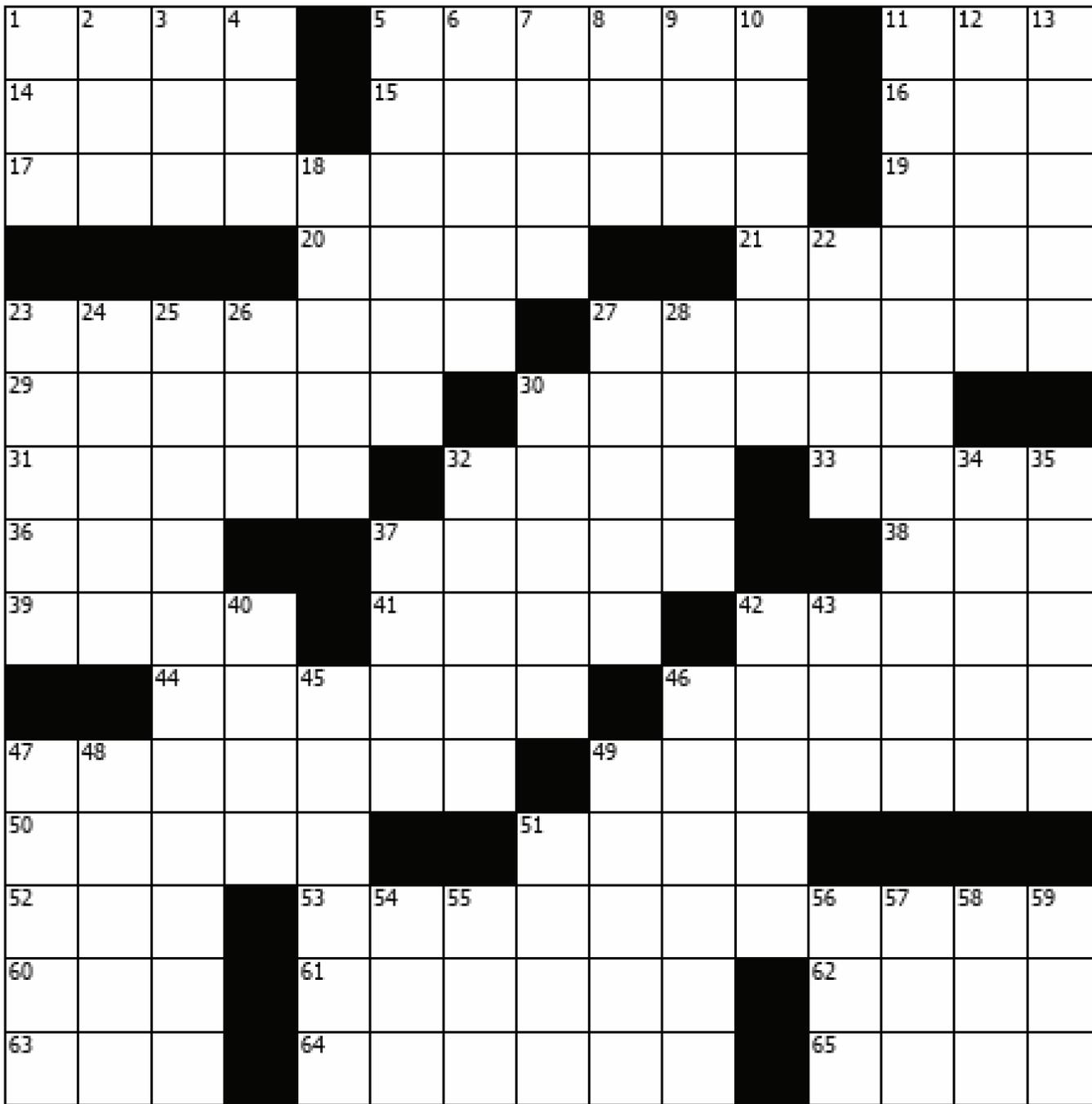
Nearly 90 years ago, ten families in Klamath Falls petitioned Congress to form a credit union to safeguard their savings and lend to one another in times of need. Today, while the technology, services, and geographic reach have expanded far beyond what those families imagined, the mission remains unchanged: to provide financial institutions that benefit the community.

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About Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union

Founded in 1936, Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union has grown from a small mill-town financial cooperative that operated out of a shoebox with cash into a full-service financial institution serving more than twenty-five thousand members across Southern Oregon and Northern California. Guided by the credit union philosophy of people helping people, Pacific Crest delivers financial services designed for rural communities. On January 1, 2026, Pacific Crest FCU will become Sage Credit Union, continuing its legacy of service under a new name that reflects the strength, resilience, and wisdom of the sage land region.

DECEMBER CROSSWORD



- 7. Barney's sitcom boss
- 8. West Indies beverage
- 9. Historical period
- 10. Eyesight and hearing
- 11. Certain celebrity's wallet contents?
- 12. Cortex activity
- 13. Mystery or sci-fi, e.g.
- 18. Give the dickens
- 22. Hawaii island
- 23. First word in magic
- 24. Spout for an audience
- 25. Certain celebrity's golf clubs?
- 26. John the unknown
- 27. Reunion group
- 28. Inveigle
- 30. Faux coins
- 32. Included in
- 34. Shopaholic's activity
- 35. Gives in to oxidation
- 37. Yemen seaport
- 40. Paavo Nurmi or Jean Sibelius, e.g.
- 42. Short publicity notice
- 43. Sunrise goddess
- 45. Placed on the line
- 46. Turning points
- 47. Triangular scarf
- 48. Expanses
- 49. Remove from the game

Across

- 1. Athletic competition
- 5. Portfolio units
- 11. Danceable tune
- 14. Beehive State
- 15. Term
- 16. Dedicated verse
- 17. Certain celebrity's pop?
- 19. Brood creator
- 20. Parrot
- 21. Underwater sound device

- 23. Shows off or showoffs
- 27. Sanitize
- 29. "The Human Vacuum Cleaner" for one
- 30. Like some curbs in winter
- 31. Behind bars
- 32. Winglike
- 33. Sputnik's birthplace
- 36. American Indian
- 37. Disport

- 38. Main computer part (Abbr.)
- 39. Menial worker
- 41. Kind of life
- 42. The Refrigerator's team
- 44. Enchantresses
- 46. Skeleton's place?
- 47. Bootlicking
- 49. The Fuller salesman's wares

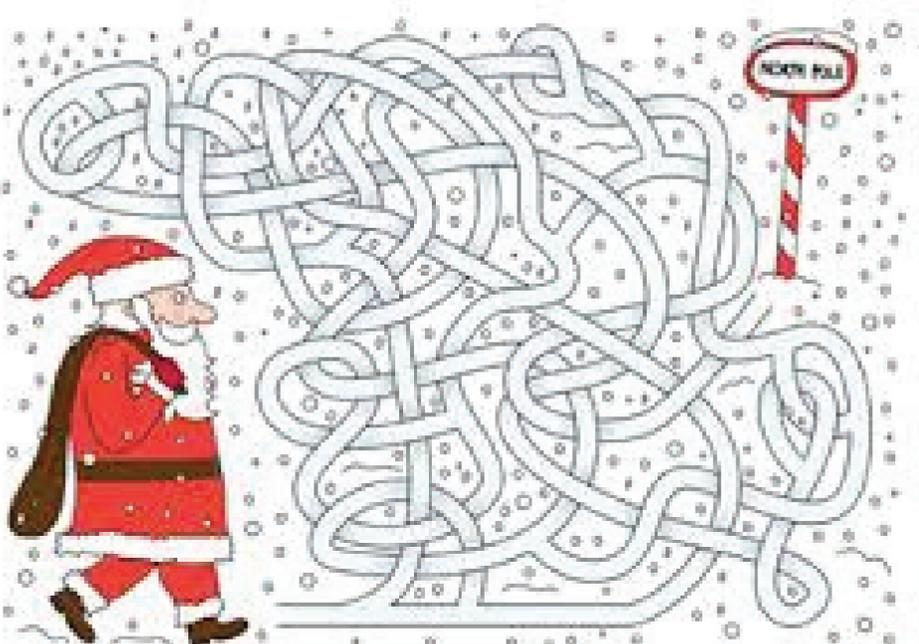
50. Shackles

Down

- 1. Handled glass
- 2. Announcement to passengers
- 3. Matador's trophy
- 4. Biblical your
- 5. Howard, Howard or Fine
- 6. Succors

- 51. Help for the puzzled
- 54. Adam's rib
- 55. Big wheel
- 56. Get off the fence
- 57. Amorous murmur
- 58. Black gold
- 59. Saints' gp

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- 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
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