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Wacky High Desert Weather

Here we are, nearly at Winter's end and just as with last year it is one to remember, but for opposite reasons. Last year February saw a huge dumping of snow as is seen in the photo I took from my front door that memorable morning. Jill and I shoveled and shoveled and shoveled - pathways to the barn and the shop and tracks out of the driveway. And then it melted and we were creating small drainage ditches out of the paddocks and into the dry lot.



I thought, with all the residual moisture, "the weeds are going to go crazy," and they did. But on a good note, so did most of the flowers, the trees and the lawn.

February 2026 has been remarkably mild with many days temperatures in the high 40's and low 50's and even a few days that made it to 60 degrees. Certainly overall the moisture has been lacking. Granted we did see some heavy rains that puddled things up for a few days, but nothing really sustained.

So far it looks as if March will be coming in more like a lamb than a lion, and according to the 30-day outlook the range will be mid to low 40's with a few 50's and most night just at or above freezing. Time will tell.



Photo by Gari Merrifield



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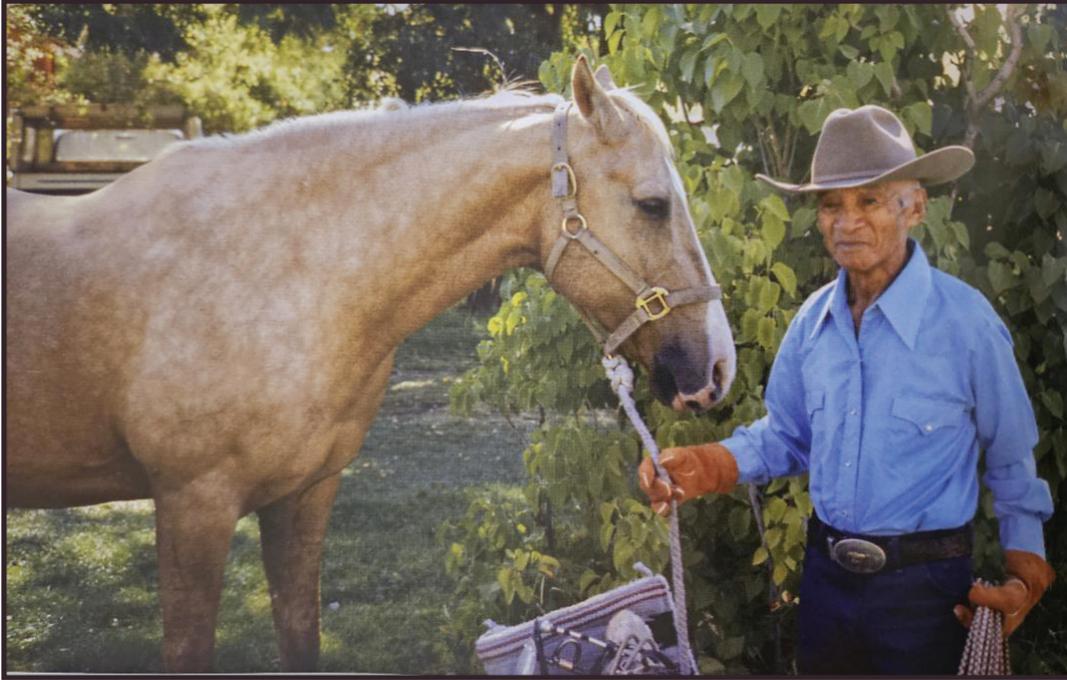
Marie Lee

Although this column will appear to advertise a newly released book, it's about the man, not the book.

JIMMY WASHOE

By Marie Lee

While simply maintaining his life Jimmy became the story of a Paiute man who turned his Native American heritage into a cowboy lifestyle. He was a born natural when it came to horses and livestock. Jimmy cowboied for Warner Valley Oregon and Surprise Valley California ranches. Jimmy also generated some fame as a racehorse jockey in local horse-racing circuits.



He had a slight physical build being only just above five feet tall with a weight of 125 pounds at his heaviest. Small as he was, Jimmy was tough and mighty.

Jimmy Washoe could have been a bitter man, but he never appeared so to his friends, family, or rancher/cowboy comrades. His mother was full blood Paiute while his father was Chinese.

His mother, Bonnie, held a noble Paiute ancestry as the youngest child and daughter of Maggie and Indian John, sometimes known as Lakeview John. Indian John was the last chief of that band of Paiutes called Ground Squirrel Eaters.

Jimmy's father was somewhat less noble. He was a well-known bootlegger and a downright no-good in every sense. Orphaned by his mother as a mere toddler and fearing that his father would take him to China young Jimmy was adopted and raised by a Fort Bidwell Paiute elder whose name was Charlie Washoe.

Being Native American, Jimmy was forced into the horrors of the Indian Boarding School located at Fort Bidwell. When he was old enough to reason for himself, he managed to escape from the school and began to work on area ranches.

Although I was born and raised locally Jimmy Washoe was not a person I heard much about. I first became acquainted with him when I researched the 100-year Lake County Round Up book because Jimmy Washoe served as Grand Marshal for Lake County Round-Up in 1987.

Who he really was and what he represented did not manifest in interviews and stories written about him preceding the '87 rodeo. Looking over that material, I now realize that I reversed his mother and father in that book!

But now comes Becky Womack of Silver Lake who has loaned photos and memories of her Surprise Valley cowgirl mother, Norma Mathews Messner. I am closing in on a book about "Norma's Memories – Surprise Valley Cowgirl."

Norma knew Jimmy well. She laughed about him playing Santa Clause at Fort Bidwell Christmas parties—how his Ho Ho Ho sounded more like an Indian War hoop.

Susie Cahill of Lakeview has recently published her book titled, "Jimmy Washoe – Improbable Icon." Susie is married

into the Adel branch of the Cahill family who descend from the original Fort Bidwell area Fee family. Becky Womack's mother, Norma, was a great-granddaughter to James and Martha Fee. What I am getting at here is that Jimmy Washoe cowboied for all these ranchers who were often related to each other! They all knew Jimmy well.

He was more than a cowboy or a jockey who made a name for himself; he was a respected friend to everyone who knew him. Stories of Jimmy Washoe abound among those who worked beside him and knew him well.

Now that I am better acquainted with Jimmy, I feel that his importance in our local history is that he was the last connecting, yet blurred, line between that surviving little band of Paiutes whose final Lake County home was either a camp up Bullard Canyon or Deadman Canyon on the edge of Lakeview.

In Jimmy's grandfather's day, Indian John, they roamed the desert north from Lakeview to possibly as far as Silver Lake, eastward across the desert to Warner Valley and then west to Goose Lake Valley.

It was during Jimmy's early childhood when those Paiutes lost their last fragile grip on that land. It was during his childhood that those same Paiutes began to make peace with their white settlers and began a new way of life. A way of living that was strange and difficult while attempting to preserve the traditions of a free life they once lived on their beloved desert landscape.

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Top Photo: Jimmy Washoe in 1987

Bottom Photo: Jimmu Washoe and Ralph De Garmo

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Successful Rabies Clinic Serves the Christmas Valley Community

By Kathy Allen

On February 26, 2026, Lakeview Animal Hospital hosted a rabies vaccination and canine/feline vaccination clinic in Christmas Valley, providing an



important service to local pet owners.

The event was a great success, with at least 40 dogs receiving vaccinations and rabies shots and many cats vaccinated for common feline diseases. In addition to vaccinations, many residents were able to

purchase dog licenses at the clinic, helping ensure their pets are properly registered.

For those who were unable to attend, dog licenses are also available by mail through the Lake County Clerk. To qualify for a dog license, pets must have a current rabies certificate. Residents are encouraged to contact the County Clerk's office for details on obtaining a license by mail.

This annual clinic is a valued event in Christmas Valley, supporting responsible pet ownership and community animal health. The Humane Society of North Lake County proudly endorses and supports this effort.

Special thanks go to Lakeview Animal Hospital and Dr. Amanda for taking the time to serve and care for our rural community.

Editor's Note: This clinic is a God send for many folks in our area pet owners, many who are on fixed incomes and have limited transportation because it is accessible and affordable.

Instead of paying a clinic visit and most likely a physical examination prior to one's pet (usually a dog) getting a rabies vaccination means a cost of roughly \$90. Add in the rest of the necessary protective vaccines and you can expect to be well over \$100. My Collie Hamlet went and received his rabies, a 4-way and his licence for a total of \$42. And there was no long drive to a clinic 60 or more miles away.



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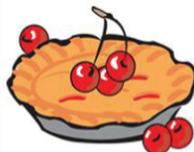
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At times printing schedules, holidays and weather may cause a late mailing, that is why it is important to have advertising information, especially new advertising or changes in as early as possible

THANK YOU

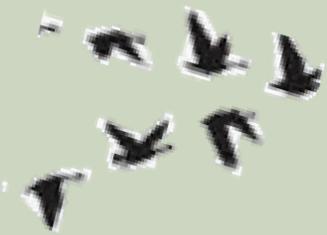
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My goodness it’s March already! And I’ve found not one, but two delicious Lamb recipes! Using shoulder chops, these recipes traditionally take hours to braise so they will be “fall-apart” tender. But if you have a pressure cooker or Insta Pot, each can be finished and served within an hour.

IRISH LAMB STEW

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp EVOO
- 1 LB diced bacon (ends and pieces work great)
- 6 lbs boneless Lamb Shoulder, cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1/2 C flour
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 large Onion, chopped
- 3 cloves Garlic, mashed and minced
- 4 C Beef Stock
- 1 tsp Sugar (optional)
- 4 C diced Carrots
- 3 Potatoes, scrubbed and cubed
- 2 large Onions, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 C dry White Wine
- 1 tsp dried Thyme (2 tsp Fresh Thyme)
- 2 Bay Leaves



Putting it All Together:

Gather and prep all ingredients per recipe.
Toss Lamb pieces, flour, Salt, and Pepper together in a bowl to coat evenly.
In a large Dutch OVEN, cook Lamb, Bacon, Onion, Garlic in EVOO until meats are evenly browned and Onion is golden.
Add Beef Stock and Sugar (if using) to pot, cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours
Add Carrots, Potatoes, Onions, Wine, Thyme, and Bay Leaves to the pot. Reduce heat and simmer, covered until veggies are tender, about 15- 20 minutes.
Serve with a rustic Bread like Irish Soda Bread and Green Salad. This tastes even better the next day!

NOTE: This can be made in a pressure cooker browning Meats, Onion and Garlic in cooker, then adding rest of ingredients and pressuring for about 1/2 hour. Let pressure drop by itself to finish cooking.

BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER CHOPS

Ingredients:

- 1 TBSP EVOO
- 2 Lbs Lamb Shoulder Chops
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1 small Onion, sliced
- 4 Cloves Garlic, smashed and minced
- 2 Tbsp chopped Fresh Rosemary
- 1 C Beef Stock
- 1 C Red Wine, DRY NOT SWEET
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

To Thicken Gravy:

- 1 Tbsp Corn Starch
- 1/2 C Water

Gather all ingredients/Preheat oven to 300 ° F

Season Chops with Salt and Pepper.
In a Dutch oven or other oven proof vessel, sear Lamb in hot EVOO until browned, 1-2 minutes per side.
Remove Chops to a plate and sauté Onions and Garlic in reserved drippings over medium heat until Onion is tender, about 5 minutes.
Add Chops back to Dutch Oven, Sprinkle with Rosemary, pour in Beef Broth Red Wine, and Worcestershire Sauce.
Cover Dutch Oven and bake in preheated oven for 3 hours or until lamb is very tender.
Remove Chops to a plate and thicken gravy if desired.
Spoon Gravy over Chops .
Serve with Creamed Green Peas and Potatoes and a crisp Salad

*Enjoy!
Marie Brain*



NOTE: Again, for a quick version, all this can be done in a pressure cooker, cooking for about 25 minutes. Thicken gravy when cooking time is up and cooker has returned to zero pressure

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Easter Sunrise Service
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We had some exceptionally nice weather in this month along with some normal cold days. February (and March) can be make-or-break months for overwintered colonies. As brood rearing picks back up, bees consume their stores much faster than they did during the quiet months of deep winter. That means now is a critical time to monitor food stores carefully.

Several days of temperatures over 50 during the last week of the month gave me the opportunity to do a quick inspections on my hives. My Girls were out and about looking for anything eatable. Do not be surprised to see the Girls on the ground in the leaves or in my case, raiding the pig feeder looking for any propolis (that stuff they use for glue) or pollen.

I saw some of the Girls bringing back pale yellow pollen to their hives. My guess may be some of the Junipers are starting to release pollen.

It's not yet time for full inspections-disturbing the cluster in cold weather risks chilling the brood or injuring your queen. Remember: losing a queen now can mean the loss of the entire colony since replacement queens aren't yet available.

On these warm days you need to take a peek to see what and where the Girls are. Hopefully they are active on the top main body wondering why the heck you opened them up! Remember to have at least a veil on to protect yourself from the guard bees.

When they are on top it means they may be low of food stores. Tilt the hive and if feels light in comparison to the other hives, they need food! If you have only one hive to tilt, remember what it felt like the last time you checked it for weight.

If in doubt get or make a shim to go between the inner cover and main hive body. This will make room to put winter food patties on top of the hive. I have a few light hives I am feeding this way and keeping a closer eye on them now. This month and March is the time when colonies are most susceptible to starving out, which of course is the last thing we want to happen.

Now onto Nosema Apis which is the name of the fungus like parasite that develops in the mid gut of the bee. Simply put it gives the Girls Diarrhea. It occurs mostly in the early spring or occasionally after a long spell of bad weather when the Girls

Bee-Cuzz You FEBRUARY and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake



cannot get out to do cleansing flights. If you see brownish-yellow stains on the front of the hive or inside the hive, that may be a sign of Nosema.

As I mentioned I saw this on a couple of my hives last month and was worried that it might be Nosema. Good news, I do not think it is as the hives are doing fine and no more new staining on the outside of the hives. Both common diarrhea and Nosema generally go away as spring progresses but it is a good idea to remember to treat your hives in the fall with fumagillin-medicated, heavy (two parts sugar: one part water) syrup after you collect

your gold from the hives.

During the process of checking your bees this spring, note if any of your frames are stained with the brown/yellow stain that you saw on the outside of your hive. If the frame is not in use pull it and put a clean frame and foundation in its



place as the stains carry the spores of Nosema Apis. Make sure you also treat that hive in the fall for Nosema.

Again a "cliff notes" version. If you suspect Nosema, go on line, talk to local beekeepers and find out what to do. Next month we will discuss what to look for when we do a full-on inspection of our over-wintered hives. This will take sunny, warm days, "no sudden movements" and a good smoker, so lets hope for some good days in March for a full on inspection!

Until then Bee Safe!

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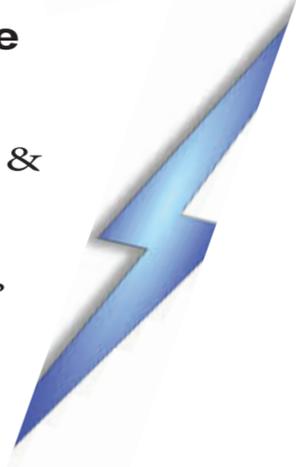
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2:30 - 4:00 pm	8-10	8-16 years
4:00 - 5:30 pm	8-10	8-16 years
5:30 - 7:00pm	8-10	Open

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The Soup Kitchen at the Community Hall, has been discontinued. There is a possibility that a once-monthly will be taking its place soon so watch for flyers and posting as more information is available.



Bingo is back! It's time for the bi-monthly bingo at the Christmas Valley Community Hall. It's a great way to stave off the winter doldrums.

It's Now DISCO BINGO - so come play & have fun
 All games will fall on a Thursday.

SENIOR LUNCHES

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





Pickleball - A Game for all Reasons



PICKLEBALL is a great activity for people of all abilities and ages. It improves mobility and coordination as well as overall fitness.

A lot of folks think it is to active or competitive, or that it is difficult to learn, but the fact is it is all those things are totally up to the player.

Quite a few men and women play on a regular basis and all interested in getting involved are welcome. Here in Christmas

Valley we are lucky to have an avid Pickleball player who is a wonderful teacher. He has knowledge and patience and has helped every player gain skills and confidence.

Maybe the best part of playing is the laughter. We sometimes take ourselves a bit seriously and then make an absolutely goofy shot, and the we laugh - we laugh at ourself - we laugh at each other, but always in a positive way.

If you want to give it a try, just come on down to the Community Hall or to the School, depending on the day.

Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes that have clean soles - especially for playing at the NL School gym.

All you need to bring is yourself, no equipment necessary. The group has extra paddles and balls to loan out. That way new players don't need to invest in any equipment.

By the way, with spring break just around the corner keep in mind that kids and grandkids are welcome to come play too.



Also in the works is a clean-up and quite a few improvements to our Christmas Valley Goose Landing Disk Golf Course on the peninsula near the Golf Course and lake.

For information contact Michael Chug at 458 287 8180. And check out their website.



NEW TIME!

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

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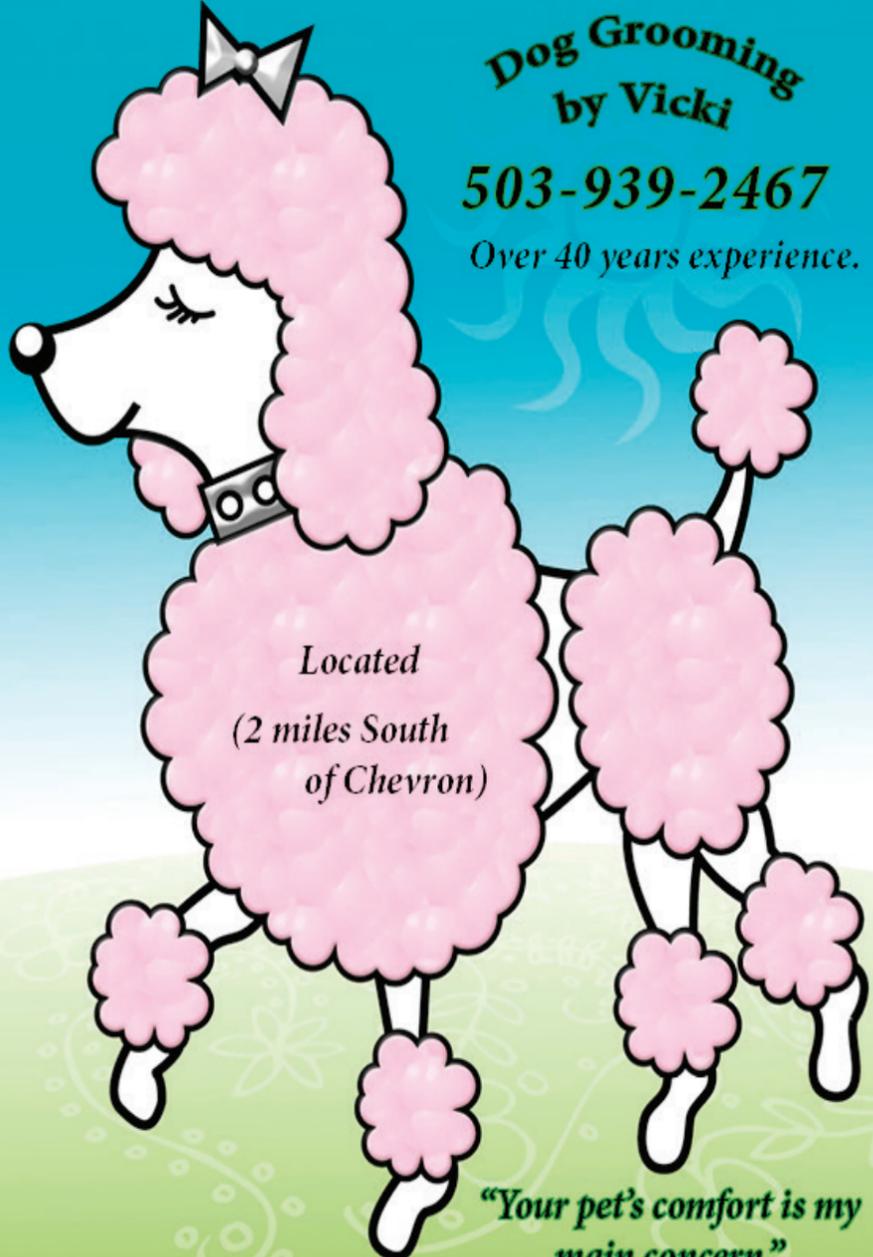
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Buckaroos on the Desert

This Narration of from the book, "Pioneer Homesteaders of the Fort Rock Vally," by Raymond R. Hatton. It was published in 1982 and is an amazing, well researched read.

Throughout the High Desert were many buckaroos, cowboys who rode on the wide open spaces looking after their cattle. The history of the High Desert includes the story of large cattle outfits, some of which still exist today. One of these large cattle ranches, the ZX, has headquarters near Paisley. At one time, the ZX ran cattle in lands which extended from near Mexico to as far north as Canada.

Josephine Gordon will be referenced as Jo: and John Lane will be referenced as simply John throughout this narration. They were part of an early homesteading family from Fort Rock.

Jo: One time, the ZX herded 13,000 head of cattle past our south fence in a drive from Paisley to the Brothers Country (east of Bend). The ZX also had to have large meadows for growing hay. It was quite a sight to see twenty mowers lined up one next to the other, cutting swathes of hay. The Irishmen operated the mowers, using wild horses from the desert. The horses were broken in a bit before put to pull the mower.

These wild horses took a while to capture, they were wild and vicious. I remember one white stallion that took ages to break in. Then when it was finally tamed it drooped its head (in submission). They (the Irish) then let it loose again on the desert.

Some of the buckaroos who drove the cattle made stops at our place, and we got acquainted with them. This one time they (the buckaroos) came by with a bunch of cattle. May and I were putting our cattle in the fields so that they wouldn't mix with theirs when one of the buckaroos said "We're coming to your place tonight and having a dance." We didn't even know them and said, "You are?" Sure enough they came bringing their chuck wagon with them. One of them, Leonard Johnson brought a sack of raisins and took them into the house. That was a treat for us! Well, we danced and danced - until morning.

Then, this Leonard Johnson cooked the breakfast. He wouldn't let us do anything. He had some steaks he was going to fry and had something else on the stove, which was red hot. Suddenly the pad (holder) fell out of his hands and went up in flames. He grabbed hold of it, cussing and swearing. I'll never forget him. He finally got the pad out and finished cooking the breakfast. They wouldn't let us do anything, not even the dishes. Then they left and we never saw or heard from them again.

The years went by and just recently (spring of 1981) we were visiting Mike Ferns (a relative) and some other folks. One of these fellows said that he knew me and that years ago he had a dance at our place on the desert. His name was Leonard Johnson!

Another buckaroo, a real character, was Lute Coshaw. For a while, Lute lived "wherever he threw his hat." Lute had lost his wife in the Silver Lake Fire. "For a while, Lute lived on the Garver Place, across the road from us, and operated a store there. He hired all of us girls to work for him while he ran cattle. The neighbors shopped at his store as, by then, the Fleetwood store was closed.

John: Jo was the bookkeeper: Alice was the clerk. May was his buckaroo and, later, Lute gave May her first horse.

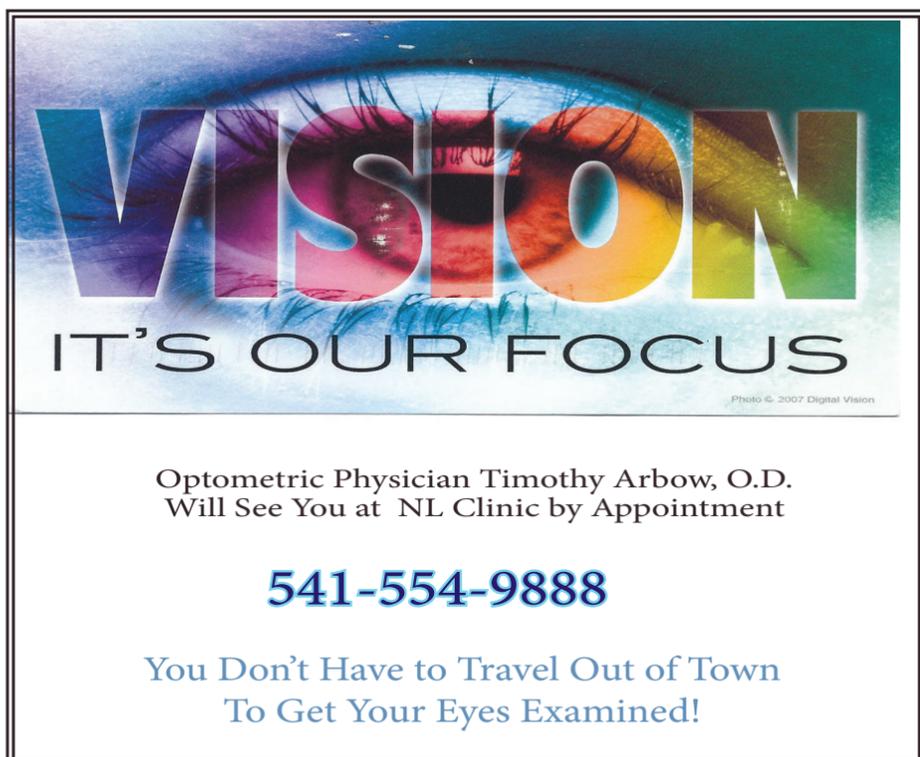
Jo: Lute was an early riser. This one cold morning he rode across to our place on his horse, "Fly By Night." That particular morning our big gate was open. Lute came riding along with

his hands in his pockets and the bridle over the horn (of the saddle). Lute had expected the gate to be closed (as usual), but as it was open, Fly By Night raced into the yard, then made a quick turn, throwing Lute out of the saddle. Lute lay there still as could be. We went out and packed him into the house and got water to revive him. We thought that he was dead but after a while he came to.

John: Many of the buckaroos came from Ireland. In fact, Dad (Tim Lane) came from Ireland in 1909. There is the story that one of the Irish who landed in New York asked him where he was going, and he said that he was not going to stop in the United States but was on his way to Lakeview, Oregon.

Many of the Irishmen came to herd the bands of sheep that roamed the High Desert in those days. Then one Irishman would send word that there were jobs to be had and more would arrive. Many came from Reno then by a narrow-gauge railroad to Lakeview. One would help another by loaning money, but he always expected to be paid back. They worked for one \$20 gold piece per month. In addition, they were provided with their meals, plus a pair of shoes, overalls, tobacco and a tent and blanket. Those were the days when lunch plus a schooner of beer, in Lakeview, cost a nickel. The Irish had tin stoves to do their cooking. The stoves had ovens (wood heated) in which they baked their sourdough biscuits.

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Buckaroos on the Desert
From Page 10

There were stills all over the country back in prohibition days.

Lou: The seep used to come by our place, scrounging and eating everything they could. Sometimes the sheepherder cut our wire and let the sheep all over our fields. You could always tell where the sheep were by the large clouds of dust coming from their treks.

Of course, the cattlemen and the sheepmen never did get along. There is a place called Reed's Rock, a few miles from our ranch: in the late 1800's, cattlemen ran a big bunch of sheep off the cliff there. For years afterwards the bones of sheep were to be found at the base of the cliff.

When the sheepmen had what they called "bummer lambs" - lambs that were orphaned - they would leave them behind or give them to local ranchers. We had many "bummer lambs" which we raised with a bottle.

Paisley and Silver Lake became big towns, and to

us, going to Silver Lake was like going to the "big city," We would go to Silver Lake for some supplies - groceries, and hay and cotton cake for the livestock.

Lou: After World War I, there was a scarcity of people



to work for the ranchers. John Hayes, owned the UR ranch, and asked Mama if I could help drive 100 head of cattle from Thompson Valley (18 miles south of Silver Lake) to summer pasture along the Little Deschutes River west of La Pine.

We needed the money but Mama was not anxious for me to work with any man. John assured her that his wife was going along in their car and would cook the meals. That first day, we drove the

cattle from Thompson Valley to Silver Lake. Then we made it to the Horse Ranch at Fremont where another fellow joined us. From the Horse Ranch the narrow dirt road headed through the jack pines, and the cattle kept straying into the forest.

Well, we had this dog, Tango, who suddenly decided he would not taker orders from this fellow. Tango would obey me and I kept the cattle together. Meanwhile, Mrs.

Hayes kept having car trouble and was often way behind. We made it to the meadows along the Deschutes river only four days after setting out. I stayed with the cattle for two weeks before returning home. I was paid two dollars a day for the work.

On other occasions I plowed for John Hayes at the UR Ranch, staying at the ranch for several days. The income was badly needed for us to buy food and other items.

Comings & Goings

By Terry Crawford



First my Happy News. Beach Boy, my wonderful Haflinger horse was, for the second year in a row, won his breed's National High Point award in Working Equitation.

The not so happy events of the past weeks. On Valentine's evening, when I went to feed after dinner, the 30-year-old Thoroughbred, Jeffery was down and not doing well. He made it through the night and I took him to Dr. Flynn on Sunday. Sadly he didn't come home.

A week later daughter Jill and I drove to Culver with her beloved Boarder Collie Cruiser who was loosing a battle with kidney failure and was rapidly going down hill. Dr. Halley in her kind, gentle and empathetic way provided a peaceful end.

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“Juniper Jack”

6/18/1847 - 8/18/1960

Jack was born in West Point, Nebraska, and came to Lake County in 1895. He was an enthusiastic prospector, but his main business was sheep. As a young man, he ran his own herds. In later years, he worked for other ranchers, especially the Simms family of Valley Falls.

In 1913, he married Anna Gash. He bought her a nice house in Paisley, currently owned by the Bagley family. I've been told he added the two-story cupola to the original house.

A few years ago, a former Paisley resident, Louisa Hanan, told me a humorous story. She said when Anna needed help or advice, she'd stand on her back steps and call, “Yoo-hoo, Mrs. Hanan!”

On this particular day, it was Jack who needed help. It seems someone had told him that smoke would sooth hemorrhoids. So Jack put some wool in a bucket and started a smudge fire. When sufficient smoke was rolling, Jack lowered his britches and sat down on the bucket. He hadn't counted on the heat creating a vacuum that wedged his backside tightly to the bucket.

Answering the plea for help, Mrs. Hanan grabbed Jack around the waist and braced herself against a wall, while Anna grabbed the bucket and pulled. He was finally released with a loud “Pop!” After that, Jack returned to more conventional treatments.

After Anna died, Jack sold the house and continued herding sheep as long as he was physically able.

After World War II, Lytle Simms of Valley Falls hired Jack to herd sheep. According to Marie Simms Lee, “Ol' Jack” became an extended member of the family. He lived in a bunk house from late fall until the middle of June. Then he boarded the Red Ball Stage at Valley Falls, with his summer belongings tied up in a bedroll, and went up to Granite where he had a mining claim.

Marie recalls that Jack was a slightly built man with a head of snow white hair and a full white beard. He went into town about twice a year and had it all trimmed into a goatee. It looked nice for about a month!

He had very little patience and was known for an explosive temper, which he often took out on a small string of horses he kept at the Simms' ranch. Aside from that, he

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.

was a kind man with a good heart and generous nature. The Simms' family memories of him are filled with humorous adventures.

The last few months of his life were spent in a nursing home. His funeral was held at the Paisley Methodist Church, with a large crowd paying its respects.

John Bagley

12/08/1826 - 12/15/1890

John Bagley was born in Batesville, Arkansas in 1826. He married Lucretia Millsap of Ruddell Arkansas in May, 1851. Their first child, William, was born in Arkansas on November 12, 1852

In 1854 they headed West on the Oregon Trail. Their second child, Robert Henry,

my house, and at least four generations of children have spent time wading, catching minnows, and chasing frogs in the ditch. As late as the 1950s, the town ditch and its tributaries passed by or through every property in Paisley. Even now, a number of people use the ditch to water their yards.

In the winter of 1889-90, over a foot of snow fell in November. Then it turned extremely cold and the snow didn't melt until March. Hundreds of cattle died of starvation. After that, settlers started putting up hay for winter use. The Bagley Ditch proved its usefulness, irrigating the hay fields.

John died of a heart attack in 1890. William died of smallpox in 1902. He had his family vaccinated, but neglected to do so himself.



Paisley Cemetery

was born on the trail near Fort Boise, Idaho. The settled first in the Willamette Valley and later near Yreka, California. John wanted access to open range, so they moved to Paisley in 1879.

John and his sons operated several ranches and a dairy in Paisley and Summer Lake. In 1886, John and Robert founded the Bagley Irrigation Ditch Co. They were the first to take water from Bagley Ditch. They obtained an easement to “construct, maintain, and operate” a ditch to follow the right bank of Small Creek to the south fork of the main channel of the Chewaucan River. This was a remarkable engineering feat in its time and place.

I'm not sure if the town ditch was part of the original project, but it took meticulous planning. Part of it runs past

They are both buried in the Paisley Cemetery. Although no family members remain in the area, The Bagley Ditch immortalizes them.

(Thanks to Teresa Foster's book, “Settlers in Summer Lake Valley” for help with dates and names.)

Mabel Pike

1/31/1881 - 6/28/1961

Albert Frederic Pike and George K. Pike emigrated from England around 1880. They settled in the Paisley area and became successful sheep ranchers. The brothers were successful enough that in 1889 George decided he could afford to return home to visit his parents.

While in England, he learned that his parents' former maid, Emily, had an eight-year-old daughter, Mabel and that Frederic was Mabel's father. George arranged to meet and spend time with Mabel who was a beautiful bright little girl. He was so taken with her that he brought Mabel and Emily back to Oregon with him and insisted Frederic marry Emily.

Somehow, George pulled it off - Emily and Frederic married. In time they provided Mabel with a brother and three sisters. Mabel continued to be a beautiful girl with a perfect pink and white English complexion and vivid blue eyes. Adelbert (Del) Brattain fell in love with Mabel and the two young people announced their engagement.

After all these years, the details are unclear, but apparently someone repeated a rumor about Mabel to Del. At any rate, it caused Del to break their engagement. Mabel held her head high and carried herself with dignity through all the gossip. After some time, Del learned the rumors were lies. He went to Mabel to apologize and ask her to take him back.

Mabel accepted the apology, but refused the engagement. She remained a spinster the rest of her long life.

Mabel continued to live with her parents and uncle in the old house in Paisley. She tenderly cared for her mother for many years and her only social outlets were the Methodist Church and the Rebekah Lodge. After Emily's death in 1943, Mabel continued to live alone with her black-and-white dog, Jack. She played the organ at church, but rarely socialized.

In time, Mabel's mind began to slip and she lived in the past more and more. I recall when I was a teenager, she appeared at the Chewaucan Hotel, looking for her uncle who by then had been dead more than 20 years.

Mabel always wore a long, dark coat, kept her hair in a bun, and wore a navy blue hat which resembled an upside-down basin. She still had beautiful blue eyes. The dog Jack always accompanied her and was aggressively protective

Eventually, it became apparent to her siblings that Mabel could no longer live alone and she was moved to a care facility. She died at the age of 80 and is buried in the family plot with her parents and uncle..

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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.

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- 67. "Sesame Street" character
- 68. Soap bubbles
- 69. Simple
- 70. Plant beginnings

Down

- 1. Cut wood
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- 3. Besides
- 4. Assumed names
- 5. Of the mail
- 6. Chicago's airport
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- 8. British nobleman
- 9. Make tea
- 10. Food provider
- 11. By mouth
- 12. Window ledge
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- 26. Mimic
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- 28. Rub out
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- 31. Dinette piece
- 32. Tiny particles
- 33. Minimum
- 36. Gamble
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- 38. Wedding vow (2 wds.)
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- 44. Slanted characters
- 45. Trap
- 48. Cooper and Faye
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- 51. Parts
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- 53. Some poems
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Across

- 1. Inexpensive
- 6. Mined minerals
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- 16. Opera tune
- 17. Fertile desert spot
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- 23. Less hazardous
- 25. Average
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- 46. Basil sauce
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- 49. Solemn fear
- 51. Film spools
- 53. Colorful gem
- 56. MGM's symbol
- 58. Spouse's kin (hyph.)
- 62. ____ Moore of "Ghost"
- 63. Not active
- 64. Egypt's capital
- 65. Singer ____ Clapton

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
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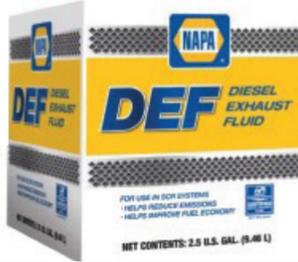
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