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Annual Wanda Lanier Memorial Christmas Light Parade

Floats will line up at the NAPA/BRIM parking lot @5pm and begin traveling down the highway to the Community Hall wherethey will be on display. There will be Refreshments at the Hall.

December 13th



According to data from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 16 million Americans served in World War II, 6.8 million in the Korean War, 2.7 million in the Vietnam War, and over 775,000 served in Afghanistan; adding these together gives a total of roughly 26.2 million veterans from these four conflicts combined.

There are very few WWII Veterans still living, here and world wide. In looking at various data bases it is estimated - quite accurately - that there are about 160 of these men and women still alive. Most of them are in their late 90s. Each of these veterans is identified as the last survivor of various battles, divisions and so on. One of the youngest surviving WWII Veterans is a Navajo who served as a Code Talker and he is one of two of the 125 Navajos who served in this capacity.

Most of the older people had or still have connections to Viet Nam. They may have had a relative or friend who served in this long-lasting and impossible conflict. Some of the not so old may have had a father who served.

Lake County has many Veterans of this war as well as a few who served in Korea and Afghanistan. Any time you encounter a Veteran, whether they served in peacetime, or were active in a conflict, remember to thank them for their service.

Without their dedication and service we could have been living in a much different world.




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Hey Folks,
Daylight Savings Time means it is dark earlier so Please slow down and give our children the safe space needed as they get on and off their school buses.

Pop in and see all the fun, holiday items to welcome the season!

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Marie Lee

"Sunrise, Sunset Swiftly Flow the Days"

By Marie Lee

And here we are looking at the fall/winter holiday season. November’s column is an advertisement to remind everyone that I have published a few books. Shameless, but I must make this writing gig pay for itself. Paisley’s holiday fair is

on November 15th and 16th. This year the location is Paisley’s school gym. Lake District Hospital Auxliary Holiday Fair is Friday evening December 5, and Saturday December 6 at Lake County Fairgrounds. I will be there with books—\$10.00 each.

The purpose for these written efforts is to inform my family about our historical past. Iwrite to entertain and inform Lake County residents about their historical past, and if other people like what I write—that’s icing on my cake. When I write specifics, I stick to the facts. When I write as a novelist, I sometimes blur timelines and surmise what people were thinking or doing. Sometimes I use facts to portray people and actions as they likely were.

“The Way We Were in Valley Falls” was my first attempt. It is a group of short, mostly amusing, stories of how we country people lived during the late 1940s and through the 1950s. If you are a country person you will probably relate. It was originally written to cheer a cousin undergoing cancer treatment.

“At the Ranch Beneath the Rim” takes the Simms Ranch (my childhood home) through seasons and years. Once again, if you are a country person you might relate to our early sheep ranch years gradually becoming a cattle ranch.

“The View From God’s Country” is my grandmother’s story. While completely true, it is written as a novel. Why? Although I knew her well, I could never put myself completely in her place. Born in Crooked Creek Valley June 1, 1890 she was a frail child, a headstrong girl, a heartbroken young woman; she chose higher education, she found her soul-mate, she lived through loss and managed through depression.

“Home in God’s Country” is a sequel to my grandmother’s story although it is written from my own timeline from first grade in Lakeview’s public school system through high-school graduation in 1961. Readers wanted to know the rest of my grandparent’s story—this book tells their story plus my parents’ story.

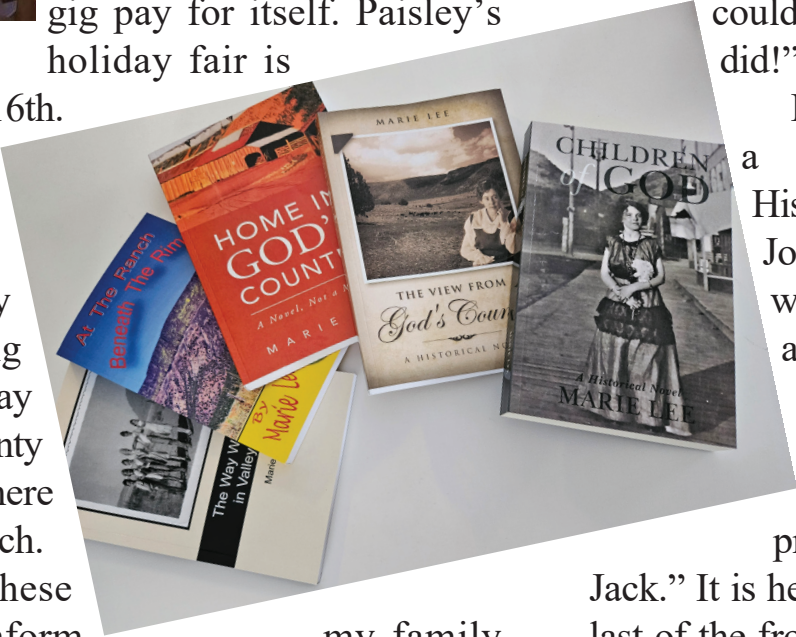
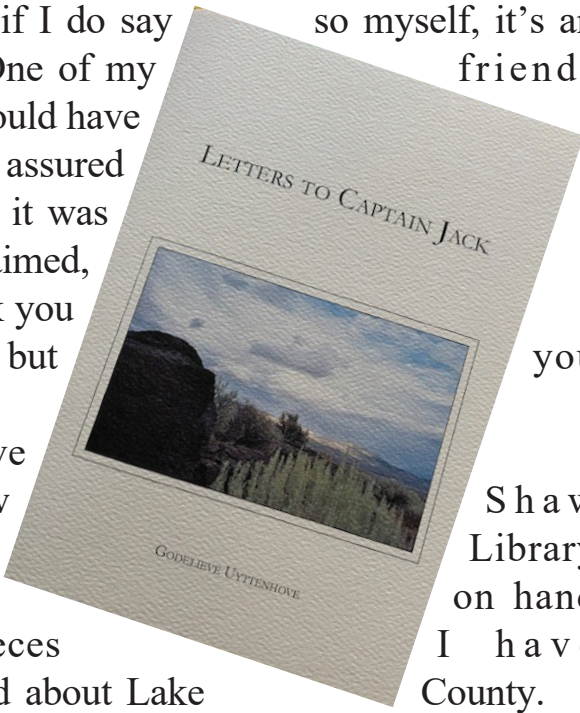
“Children of God” is a fictional novel based on actual incidents plus bits and pieces of information found in Lake County and Schminck Memorial Museums’ archives. I veered off course to write a prostitution story, set in 1916 with prohibition about to become law. People

like the book, and, if I do say so myself, it’s an entertaining read. One of my friends asked if the book would have sex and violence. I assured her it would. When it was published, she exclaimed, Marie, I didn’t think you could do it, but did!”

I’ll have a few Historical Journals with pieces authored about Lake

My author friend, Godelieve, a native of Belgium who was Librarian in Alturas, Modoc County, for a few years has produced a chapbook titled “Letters to Captain Jack.” It is her impressions as she experienced wide-open, last of the frontier areas of Modoc County. She addressed them to the late Modoc warrior who was hung at the close of the Modoc War.

Stop by the holiday fairs, if you can. I would love to visit with each of you.



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Together on the Trail: Community Voices Guide Lake County’s Future

If you’ve been wondering what’s been happening with Lake County’s big community and economic development planning effort led by nonprofit, Community Solutions Innovators (CSI) — the answer is: a lot!

The Lake County Community & Economic Development Strategic Planning Project is in its last week of Phase 3 Working Groups, and the energy couldn’t be higher. These groups — made up of local residents, business owners, educators, and civic leaders — rolled up their sleeves to help define the priorities that will guide Lake County’s next decade of resilience.

The groups focused on eight key areas that touch nearly every part of community life: public safety, business and workforce development, parks and recreation, tourism and destination management, civic engagement, infrastructure, water, and wastewater systems.

“People are showing up because they care deeply about the future of Lake County,” said Mark Smith, CSI’s co-founder and Project Manager. “We’re seeing so many great ideas — from improving local job opportunities to connecting neighborhoods through safe recreation routes.”

The working groups were designed to be hands-on and inclusive, meeting weekly for six weeks both online and in person around the county. Discussions have been lively, full of creative problem-solving and collaboration between folks who don’t always find themselves at the same table.

One participant summed it up this way: “It feels good to know that our ideas are actually shaping the plan — not just

Submitted by Mark Smith
Program Director

being written down and forgotten.”

The project team shares regular updates on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, where residents can follow along and see highlights from each week’s progress @CommunitySolutionsInnovators.

“Every comment, every conversation helps,” said Chantal Dugied, CSI’s co-founder and CEO. “We’re building something lasting here — a shared path forward that reflects Lake County’s values, strengths, and vision for the future.”

"This effort wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of our residents who volunteer their time to serve on working groups, steering committees, and community discussions", said Smith. "Their commitment, creativity, and passion for Lake County are what drive this project forward."

As Phase 3 wraps up this first week of November, ECONorthwest, the project’s economic consultant, will begin reviewing all the input to draft the first version of the Lake County’s Community & Economic Development Strategic Plan. Once the draft is complete, it will be shared widely for public review and comment early next year.

"Special thanks also go to the Board of Commissioners and all the county employees working tirelessly behind the scenes — coordinating meetings and compiling data. Their professionalism and teamwork embody the very spirit of service that keeps Lake County moving forward", said Dugied.

For now, the message is simple: Lake County’s future is being built one conversation at a time — and there’s still room at the table.

Letters to the Editor

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Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Greetings to all. Another year has absolutely flown by. I had a very busy October with working at the Halloween horse show in Eugene, taking a mini vacation to Lincoln City on the stormy weekend, and driving, driving, driving.

I drive for the special transportation program and believe me there is a need for this program throughout the county, but especially in the north end. The first quarterly report showed the program covering more than 66,000 miles. If that doesn't spell NEED, I don't know what does.

The coast trip was amazing. We, my son Stephen and I, met up near Gresham and then headed to Lincoln City. The rain and wind jostled the Jeep the entire way. But, we had checked the weather and expected Sunday, the 26th, to be much more hospitable. And it was.

We had a several mile walk on the beach before heading to Newport for a late lunch.


Dinner the night before was, for me, oysters. Lunch was squired shrimp and steamer clams. Yum.

Oh and at 5am Sunday morning the what sounded like a bomb woke me up. It was an violent, amazing thunder storm. I stayed up and watched it.

Korean Pork Stir Fry

This is a simple dish with amazing flavor!

Serves two generously



- 1 lb Lean Pork, diced
- 1/2 C Soy Sauce
- 4 TBSP Honey
- 2 Cloves Garlic, Minced
- 2 tsp Sesame Oil
- 4 tsp fresh Ginger, grated
- 2 TBSP Sweet Chili Sauce (Mae Ploy)
- 2 TBSP EVOO

Whisk together Soy Sauce, Honey, Garlic, Ginger, Sesame Oil, and Sweet Chili Sauce in a medium bowl.

Pour half of the marinade over the Pork Chops. Allow to sit at least 15 minutes or overnight.

Heat EVOO in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add diced Pork to skillet with remaining Marinade. Cook and stir until browned and cooked through, About 6 minutes.

Serve over hot cooked Rice. Add a crisp salad to make the meal. Enjoy!

Remember, The Breeze always welcomes your recipes, so please send them along with a little information as to why it is one of your favorites!

Enjoy!



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Creamy Garlic Tuscan Chicken Thighs

Instant Pot Low-Carb Creamy Garlic Tuscan Chicken Thighs is a quick and easy healthy pressure cooker recipe with sun-dried tomatoes, spinach, and cream cheese and Parmesan cream sauce. This dish is quick, hearty and perfect for those cold fall and winter evenings. (This may also be cooked on a stove top).

INGREDIENTS

- 4 chicken thighs
fat trimmed if desired

4 oz cream cheese

2 1/2 cups fresh spinach

1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes

1 tbsp Better than Bouillon
Chicken Seasoning

1/4 cup Parmesan reggiano cheese
grated

3 garlic cloves chopped
- 1 tsp olive oil

1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1 cup milk

2 tbsp heavy whipping cream

2 tsp Italian Seasoning

1 tsp cornstarch (for strict keto use
xanthan gum)

1 tsp water


salt and pepper to taste

parsley optional for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Rinse the chicken and pat dry
Pour the olive into the Instant Pot
Season the chicken with 1 tsp of the
Italian Seasoning, salt and pepper
Place the Instant Pot on the Saute function. Brown both sides of the chicken
for 2-3 minutes on each side
Add the chicken broth, milk, Better Than Bouillon and remaining Italian Seasoning
to the pot
Closer the Instant Pot and Seal. Cook on Manual/High-Pressure Cooking
for 14 minutes
When the pot indicates it has finished, quick release the steam.
Open the pot and remove the chicken
Add the sun-dried tomatoes, cream cheese, whipping cream, Parmesan reggiano,
garlic and spinach to the pot. Place the Instant Pot on the saute function
Cook for 3-4 minutes until the cheese has melted and the spinach has wilted
Combine the cornstarch and water in a small bowl - Stir. Add it to the pot.
(This will thicken up the cream sauce. If your sauce isn't thick enough add an
additional tsp of cornstarch with an additional tsp of water.)
Allow the sauce to continue to cook until it has reached your desired thickness. 'stir
repeatedly to ensure the sauce doesn't burn.)
Either add the chicken back to the pot with the cream sauce or place the chicken in a
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Top with parsley





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The girls are still out trying to find the last Rabbit brush and Sage blossoms to get their final stores in, bee for winter sets in. We had a couple frosts so most of the sage brush buds got nipped. Our weather toward the end of the month was beautiful as the Quaking Aspen have turned into glorious colors of

 with Frontline for cats. Fipronil is the main ingredient that kills ticks fleas and Yellow Jackets. Be sure to place the laced cat food so no animals can get to it. The Yellow Jackets carry the laced cat food back to the nest where all enjoy one last meal.

Bee-Cuzz You Asked DUCKTOBER and the Bees

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



I know I sound like a broken record but FEED! Stay away from entrance feeders as they promote robbing. Top feeders or bucket feeders have worked well for me. I find that the sisters prefer my bucket feeders to the top feeders that I have.

You should have all your queen excluders off

permitting, treat again mid November before the colony clusters up for winter.

Now is a good time to take inventory and make a “to do” repair and maintenance list for the upcoming winter months. On warm days (over 60°) before mid November you should break open your hives and remove burr comb, check for the Queen Mother, and do a final inspection of the hive.

Some interesting facts about the girls:

Now that takes a lot of energy! Scientists believe that it would take around 1,000 stings from the girls to kill an adult human who is not allergic to bee stings. I sure would not like to test that factoid!

For the girls to produce a pound of honey they would need to collectively visit over two million flowers and travel over 90,000 miles!!

The Queen Mother can produce up to 2,000 eggs per day.

Onto the small hive beetle control. Luckily, I have been blessed with very little hive beetle issues. Early on I did have hive beetles in some of my hives but a dear friend gave me some good advice on controlling the vermin. He had me put used dryer sheets in my hives and sprinkle diatonaceous earth under the hive stands, the homesteader’s favorite remedy! This natural treatment can be used against small hive beetle larvae. It is the crushed-up skeletons of fossilized

organisms. To use it, simply scatter some on the ground near your beehives in a radius of ten feet. After you have applied the dust, water so that it enters the soil.

Stay safe and enjoy the fall weather!

HIVE INSPECTION SHEET

DEVELOPMENT TIMES FOR HONEY BEES

Development (days)	3	3	3
Egg hatches after	8	8	10
Cells capped after	16	21	24
Adults emerge after			

Date/Time	Location	Hive ID
INSPECTION DETAILS		
<input type="checkbox"/> POLLEN GATHERING	<input type="checkbox"/> NECTAR FLOW	WEATHER
HIVE BEHAVIOR		
POPULATION <input type="checkbox"/> WEAK	<input type="checkbox"/> STRONG	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY FULL
TEMPERMENT <input type="checkbox"/> BUSY	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/> CALM
HIVE POPULATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> QUEEN SPOTTED	<input type="checkbox"/> QUEEN MARKED	<input type="checkbox"/> QUEEN CELLS
<input type="checkbox"/> EGGS SEEN	<input type="checkbox"/> LARVA/PUPA SEEN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAPPED BROOD
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PROBLEMS		
<input type="checkbox"/> QUEENLESS	<input type="checkbox"/> VARROA MITES SEEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DEAD COLONY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIVE BEETLES SEEN	<input type="checkbox"/> FUNKY SMELL	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
<input type="checkbox"/> BALD BROOD	<input type="checkbox"/> WAX MOTHS SEEN	
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFORMED WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> NOSEMA	
NOTES		

yellow and red. Our ChokeBerry bushes are crimson red and the birds are enjoying the fruit. In the last week came the snow on Winter Rim, wind and freezing temperature, Burr!

So onto what needs to happen this month. You should have weighed your hives and marked the light ones. Any hive under 70 pounds is subject to winter die off and needs to be monitored for robbing and disease. If you see robbing occur, you need to reduce the entrance. October is a good month to treat for mites. Just remember some treatments need warm days for the treatments to be effective. You should also install your mouse guards and entrance reducers to keep the vermin out. Yellow Jackets my be a potential issue, especially with weak colonies. So far I haven't seen too many successful entries. I have set out some moist cat food laced

and mouse guards on by now. Make sure you have adequate ventilation for your hives or condensation will form on the inner cover and top hive cover.

If this happens, the condensation may drip onto your bees. I have a small hole in the top corner of the top main hive body and put ½ inch sound board (fuzz board) between the inner cover and top cover to help control condensation. I also use a shallow super with fine mesh screen tacked to the bottom and filled with wood shavings placed between the inner cover and top cover, again-to help with condensation. This method seems to be better for my hives that just a vent hole or fuzz board. I also treated for Varroa mites and will, weather



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The program will begin at 10am and all community members are invited to share in honoring our veterans.

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December 12th and 13th

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SOUP KITCHEN



The Soup Kitchen at the Community Hall, hosted by Barbara Ferrando resumes operation beginning October 7th. All are welcome, donations are appreciated. Meals are served from 11:30 until 1pm every Tuesday.


Thanksgiving Dinner for All

The Annual Praise the Lord Fellowship's community Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thanksgiving day, (Nov 27). The afternoon gathering welcomes all. There is always an abundance of food and community members are encouraged to take care packages to folks who may not be able to attend.



SENIOR LUNCHES

The Silver Lake Cafe is hosting senior lunch every Monday. 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.



*Christmas Valley
Holiday Bazaar
2025*

December 5th and 6th

Fri 9-4 Sat 9-3

**HOMEMADE
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December 12th and 13th

Come find that perfect hand-crafted gift for that someone special or for the special person that is so hard to buy for. This annual two-day event not only hosts a wide variety of gift items it also serves ad a gathering spot for local folks to touch bases with each other. And be sure to bring you appetite as there is always food available for purchase as well as for sampling.



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. The dates for October, November and December are set. All games will fall on a Thursday with the exception of the Dec. 9th game which will be played on a Tuesday.

**November 6th and 20th
December 9th and 31st**

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**The Willows
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Christmas Valley, Oregon

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.

ORIGINS OF GOLD



The symbol for gold is Au, which derives from the Latin *aurum*, for Aurora, the goddess of dawn. It is #79 in the periodic table. this number, 79, is the number of protons in a gold atom; it is know as its atomic number. "This is what defines the identity of gold.

Gold stands out for its b right yellow color, but if it is mixed with other metals, such as nickel, platinum palladium, silver=white, red0-orange and even in some cases green hue) as in Black Hills gold/silver veins). Gold is a 'noble' metal that won't oxidize (rust) under normal conditions.

Gold is super conductive, and with a hardness of about 3,5-4, it is the most ductile and malleable of natural metals. It has a specific gravity (SG) of just over 19 for pure gold and 14-16 for lesser gold. To put this in perspective, the host rock that gold is in has an SG of about 2.5 This is why gold sinks first when being processed. All these factors make gold one of the most valuable metals.

How does the gold get to the placer setting? Through forces, through natural mechanical forces. 'The surrounding mountain ranges and outcrops are where the 'placer' comes from. The next time you're on a claim, or if you're standing on one now, a placer claim, that is, take a look around. Look in all directions a 360- view; what do you see? I guarantee that in one of those directions, of if not two, be it far away or near, you will se a mountain range, some large hills, or some rock outcrops; that's the location and source of your gold. You can't blow gold around with a bunch of wind, but through the process of water and wind, gold can move quite away. The lode could be ten feet away or a hundred miles away.

Field Indicators: Field Indicators are the ones that i see as I'm walking around in the field but before I see abundant quartz float that is highly stained and muggy. I get excited about the potential of finding gold in these areas. when I'm walking along these types of trails, I am looking at quartz and black sand as well as any exposed bedrock. The bedrock can help tell you how accurate your map scale indicators are. If you come across

By The Prospector

exposed gravel benches and (as I'm sue you all know) a pan would be need to be taken from exposed bench gravels. Prominent quartz veins sticking out of the ground should always be examined closely on a fresh surface with a loupe, looking for that precious metal.

SUMMARY: Gold is older than Earth thus meaning it arrived as an asteroid hitting the surface while she was molten and therefore quickly sank to its core because magnetism and weight and only brought to the surface thru volcanic action, So, is the earth making new gold?

Scientist believe that all of our naturally, reoccurring minerals are still naturally reoccurring currently at depth, aka in our mantel's core. It takes so long for each one of these naturally occurring minerals to reoccur that in our lifetimes, we will not see them be replaced, and our future generations will run out.

But, can gold be made artificially or synthetically in a lab? Short answer; yes and the longer answer is not the best idea.

Gold Chrysopoera (alchemist's artificial production of gold) is possible in particle accelerators or nuclear reactors and this has been done, but the cost to do this far exceeds the currant value of naturally occurring gold. It simply is not economical.

This brings us to thinking about, Where our next batch of gold will come from? Possible answer: potentially mining in space. Small bathes of scientific research are being extended further into space. It is believed that there are more gold and rare earth metals on asteroids that there will ever be on Earth.

Next time you find a bit of gold, think about where it came from. Think about how old it is and how far it traveled to get where you have found it.

In Greek legend, Eos, or Aurora, the goddess of dawn, falls in love with the mortal Tithonus, son of King Laomedon of Troy. According to the Homeric Hymn to Aphrodite, Aurora prevailed on Jupiter to grant the young human immortality, though later realized that she failed to stipulate his eternal youth in this request. To her horror, as their love affair continued, the once beautiful Tithonus begins to show signs of age. Aurora seeing his withering appearance and failing body, eventually decided to put him out of his misery and turned him into a grasshopper, to be reminded of him whenever she heard the insect's song.



Christmas Valley NAPA

Wednesday, October 29th the Christmas Valley NAPA held their official Grand Opening.

The event featured an excellent Mexican lunch prepared by Luna Lena: Authentic Mexican Food. The menu included: Barbacoa Street Tacos, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Dessert and Beverages.

La Pine Auto Supply NAPA began the process of taking over the front half of the BRIM building about a year ago. The process of changing over product and reorganizing, while quite daunting at times has resulted in a smooth running parts house.

Many community members enjoyed the event. The folks of Christmas Valley and the North end of Lake County welcome the Christmas Valley Auto Parts NAPA!



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Local Humane Society Makes a Difference

Yes folks, north Lake County has a Humane Society. The not for profit organization, working with a small group of volunteers has been and continues to work diligently to ensure our area's pets and other animals in need are noticed and helped whenever possible.

This doesn't mean that they are taken from their owners, but rather that owners are helped to find solutions to a problem or problems.

Sometimes it is just an overwhelming puppy or kitten explosion and a need to get the animals spay or neutered. It may be a situation where an owner need some help with food.

Animals lose their humans from death or illness and need to find new homes. The situations are endless and the solutions are not always easy.

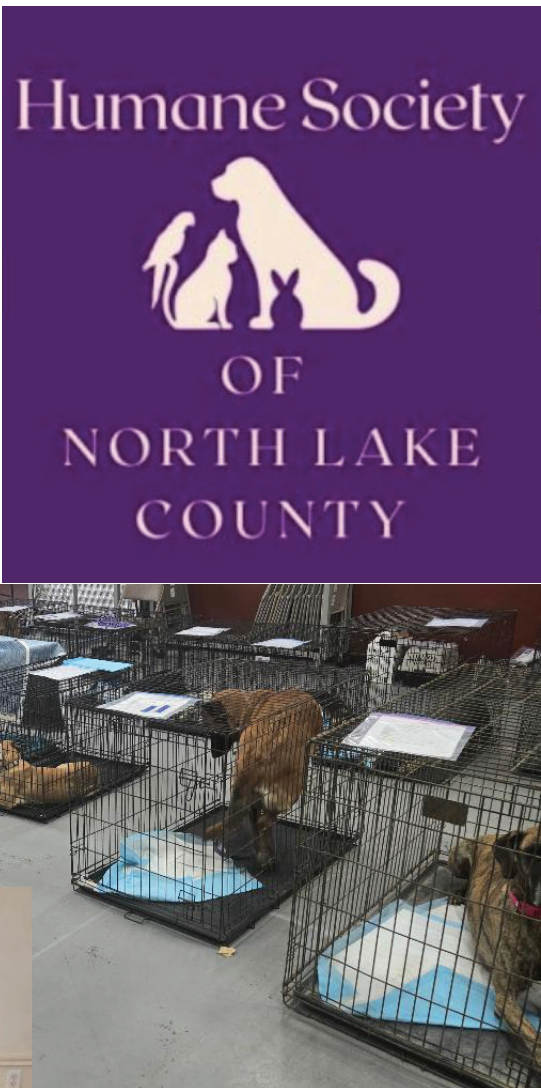
The Humane Society, working with Street Dog Heroes has facilitated several spay and neuter clinics in Christmas Valley. The most recent one did surgery on 30 dogs (most of them large breeds) and nearly the same number of cats. (There was room for a few more cats.)

There is a cost, but compared to taking the pet to an animal

hospital the cost is minimal. When possible very low-income pet owners are helped out with the cost by the organization.

The need is great and so are the expenses. It is difficult to do fund raising events and do the work of the society. But, Community support is needed. Pet food is always welcome but the organization can not buy supplies with food - cash donations are also needed.

You know, it doesn't have to be a big donation, a lot of little ones add up. So the next time you have a few extra dollars, why not drop by the Credit Union and drop it off. They will deposit it in the Humane Society's account.



Above are the dogs and cats either recovering from anesthetic or waiting their turn for surgery. All the cats are in the back ground.

Left shows the vets and assistant hard at work.

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Our Homestead In the Canyon

Now Succor Creek State Park in Malheur County Oregon

Our Ford Truck

Authored by Ida Dutcher

In the early spring of 1922, Arthur Hellyer, a boy who was making his home with us, and Willard went down around Homedale and Wilder, and made arrangements with the farmers to take their cattle out on the range to pasture for the summer.

When it came time to bring them out, I went with them to help drive the herd. It was a long hard ride but we made it in a day. Then we had to ride herd on them everyday to keep them from straying and getting back to the lower country again. If they got back and did any damage or bloated on green alfalfa, we would be responsible for them. I rode a lot that summer as Mother Dutcher was there to take care of the children.

When we delivered the cattle back to their owners in the fall we had money to by a 1922 Ford truck. We were so proud of that car. It was only the chassis, but the boys built a flat bed and seat, put a window in for a windshield, and we were ready to see the world. a small part of it anyway.

We rounded up the sheep and took them to market and was I ever glad to see them go. I am sure the little Bobby dog was as glad as I was. No more chasing sheep up those steep hillsides. After the sheep were sold we rounded up the cattle and put them in the pasture and got ready to start out.

Mesa Orchard

Frank Dutcher and his family were working at the Mesa Orchard and told us we could get a job with the truck there hauling fruit. The Messa was near Council, Idaho, and was the largest apple and peach orchard in the world at that time.

Willard drove the truck days and Arthur drove nights and I picked apples. Gertrude started to school there. The teacher thought Orville was a little too young as he was only five.

After the fruit harvest was over, we moved to a ranch at Homedale for the winter and both children started to school there. Mother Dutcher passed away that fall.

We worked at the Mesa Orchard then next year also, but after that,k we worked nearer home, usually near Fruitland, Idaho. Here we would work days and can fruit and vegetables in the evenings. We lived in a tent, hauling water in a cream can and cooking on a two-hole camp stove, usually taking home a thousand quarts of fruit.

We still had to leave the truck down the canyon as we had no road yet. I would wash wool nice and clean and get it good and dry. Then we had a pair of wool cards. These came in pairs with short steel teeth set in board backs. The wool was placed between the cards and combed out nice and fluffy and made nice quilts. Willard would help me and in two or three evenings we could have enough carded for a quilt.

The Road

On April 9, 1923, President Warren G. Harding sent us the deed to our 640 acres of land (and rock), making it



ours. This was a happy day for us, but we felt we had earned it.

That spring, Malheur County sent out one of their employees and his sons, Ben and Glen Rose, to open up the lower canyon road and improve the old road to Jordan Valley. This road was known as the Nyssa-Jordan Valley Market Road. Mr. Rose gave Willard a job on the road with them and they stayed with us and we became life-long friends. Ben used to say next to his own family, we came next.

The county had a caterpillar tractor which Glenn ran and Willard had one of the teams on the job. Work progressed rapidly and it wasn't long until we could drive our Model T truck up to the house. We thought this called for a celebration, so Willard, Ben and I went to Jordon Valley for dinner, which we enjoyed very much.

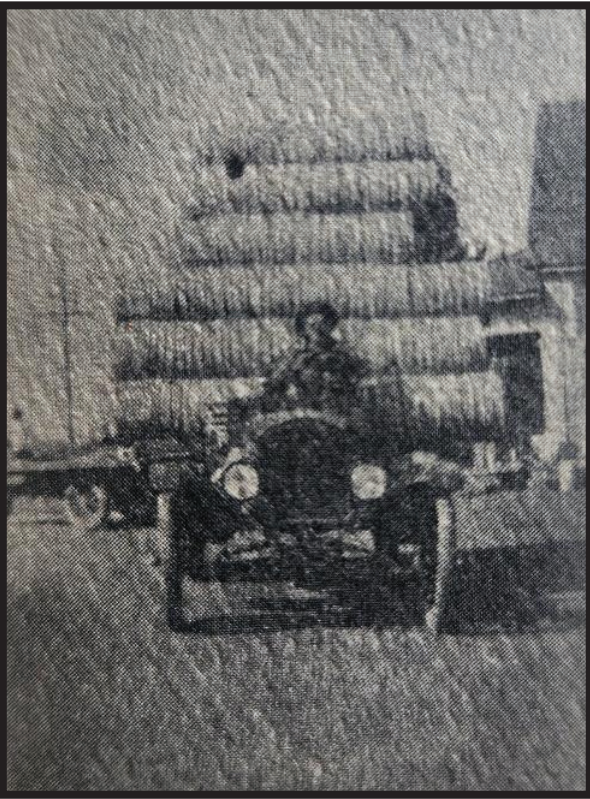
The next year the county sent out a survey crew with a lady cook and they put the tents for their camp in the same place we had ours when we first moved into the canyon.

One day the crew was going to do some blasting. Mrs. Carmon, the cook, was going to come up to our house while they were blasting but she had a mirror she prized quit highly, so she put it under a pillow on the bed for safety's sake. The only rock that came near the tent hit the mirror

and broke it in many pieces.

After the survey was made, the contract to widen and complete the road was let to Morrison-Knudson Construction Co. A camp was set up on the upper end of our place. Large tents were used for a cook house, bunk hous and barns, and a crew of perhaps twenty-five men wer put to work. Most of the work was done with teams and scrapers.

Work went on and our fences swere 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.



Aurthur Hellyer at Mesa Orchard hauling peach baskets.

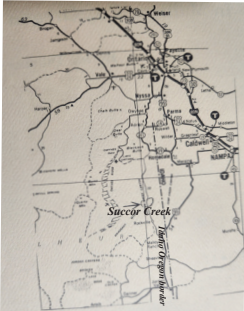


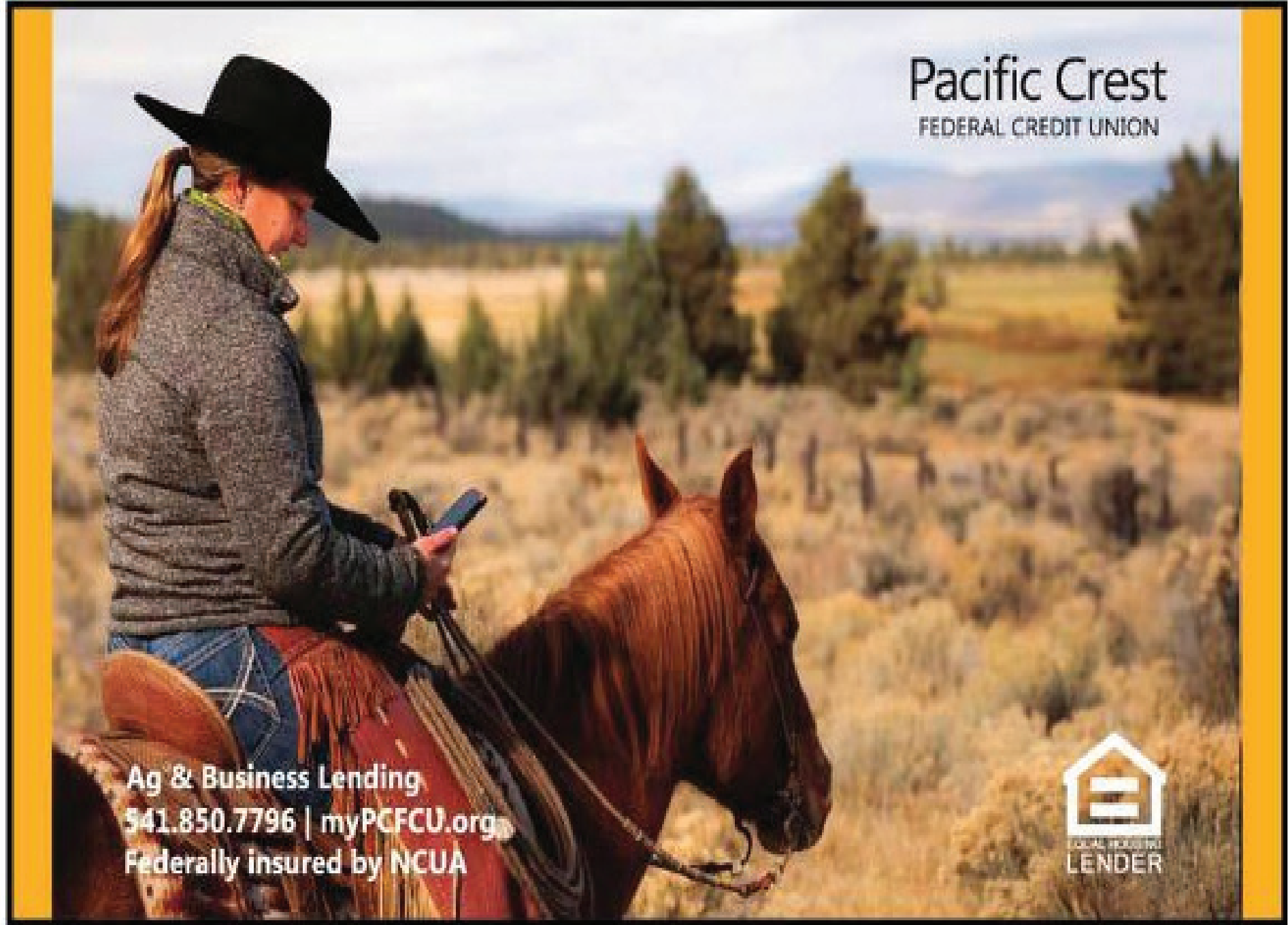
Ida Dutcher

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.





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 utions 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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9. Once called
10. Opposition
11. Golf clubs
12. Evade
13. Snaky shapes
18. Shredded
22. Mister (Ger.)
23. 24 hours
24. ____ Poppins
25. Pound sounds
26. Bottomless
27. One who mimics
28. Malicious
29. Military conflict
31. Neither's companion
32. Carry
33. Smooth
34. Pops
36. At rest
37. Victory sign
40. Feels unwell
41. Upper limb
43. Afternoon snooze
44. Arrived
45. Relative by marriage (hyph.)

Across

1. Mr. Claus
6. Hurt
10. Be a passenger
14. Shaquille ____
15. Fashion magazine
16. Greek god
17. Inappropriate
19. Repairs lawns
20. Musical symbol
21. Burden
22. Door joint
23. Snare ____
24. Untidy conditions
25. Uncompromising
29. Toad bump
30. Settle a debt
31. Told (a story)
35. Sense
36. Tusk material
38. Flaring star
39. Scatterer
41. Performed
42. Horrid
43. Shows (a movie)
45. Shoe part
48. Thailand, formerly
49. Brads
50. Attention-getting sound
51. Deck member
55. Green fruit
56. District attorney
58. Bard of ____

Down

59. Clue
60. Fragrance
61. Took off
62. Concept
63. Entice
1. ____ cream
2. Diarist ____ Frank
3. Scottish loch
4. Tightly stretched

46. Innocent
47. Singer Paul ____
48. Gleamed
50. Dry
51. Heal
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53. Frolic
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Public Meetings

- CV Boosters - 2nd Mon at 7pm at Booster Building
- CV/NL Chamber of Commerce - quarterly (watch for posters)
- CV Fire Board - 2rd Tuesday at 6pm at The CVFire 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



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