



DESERT WHISPERS

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Water Users

The Water Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on February 3 at the Christmas Valley Community Hall, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The announcement came from William H. Young, director of the department.

The notice states: "The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on a proposal to withdraw certain unappropriated waters of the main ground water reservoir of the Fort Rock Basin from further appropriation.

"This reservoir is the principal source of ground water in the basin for irrigation and other uses. A withdrawal can remove waters from further appropriation for all or any uses but cannot limit existing appropriations. The proposal reflects an analysis which finds that current pumpage closely matches recharge."

Irrigators received with their notice a list of the issues to be considered at the hearing and an executive summary of ground water report 31.

C.V. Garden Club

The first 1987 meeting of the Christmas Valley Garden Club will be Thursday, February 12 at 1 pm at the Christmas Valley Community Hall. The subject will be 'Planning Your Garden' and those attending are encouraged to bring their garden catalogs.

A list of 24 names and addresses of Seed Catalog companies will be distributed, as well as information on a Fast Food Garden where several vegetables can be grown from seeds in 30 days or less.

Everyone is welcome.

BPA Rate Raise

Pomona Grange Master Ron Johnson attended an Oregon State Grange energy meeting in Portland on January 24, 1987.

The energy committee went on record as opposing the current projected BPA rate raise of 15.5% to private power and 11.7% to public power. The Northwest Power Council is also against the BPA projected rate raise.

The state grange will conduct a letter writing campaign by grangers to U.S. Senators and representatives. They also plan to meet in March 1987 with a representative of the North Lake County Water Users and Northwest Irrigation Users to firm up arguments to be presented to BPA in April against rate raises.

Johnson also learned at the meeting that there is a bill in the state senate to raise Motor Vehicle license fees to \$20.00 a year and place a 2% transportation tax on all motor vehicle sales, new and used, over \$1,000 to create a 1 1/2 million dollar highway slush fund.

F.R. Historical Society

The Fort Rock Valley Historical Society has postponed it's annual meeting to Wed. Feb. 11 at the home of Venita and Floyd Branch at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda will include the election of officers and directors for the next year. It will also be time to renew annual membership which is \$5.00 per family. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and to become members.

Stop by and see the many new books in
Such as: On the fiction shelf you'll find;

Echoes - by - Maeve Binchy. This is a compelling story of love, ambition and betrayal in the setting of a small Irish seaside town. A poor but proud girl wins a scholarship to the University in Dublin and there falls in love with the man of her dreams, but he is from the upper class in her home town.

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Among the Non-Fiction you'll see

The Road Unseen - by - Peter & Barbara Jenkins. If you read "Walk Across America" and "The Walk West" also by Peter Jenkins, you'll not want to miss this their newest. In this you'll find many dramatic circumstances as well as the more mundane daily challenges that occurred in their search for food, shelter, water, all of which became a crucible for their faith. This is the thus far untold story of their spiritual journey.

One More Time - A Memoir - by - Carol Burnett.

Total Vision - by - Joe McGinniss. A recently televised story of Dr. Jeffery Mac Donald, a Green Beret Officer convicted of killing his wife and two small daughters. Though he still maintains his innocence and claims they were killed by a band of drug-crazed hippies.

A Cast of Killers - by - Sidney Kirkpatrick.

Step by Step - Guide to Photography - by - Michael Langford.

MOTHERS!

At 1:00 P.M. on Fridays at the Library, we have a Story Time for Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5. Dotty Parker is our new Story Lady this year. Dotty has Pre-school and Day Care experience and has some fun ideas for our little ones. Come and meet Dotty and also Scooter The Seal and Herbert The Hedgehog.

The January 19, 1987 regular meeting of the C.V. Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors met at 7:05 with all five members present.

Fire Chief Remy reported that he and Bud Maple attended the 9-1-1 meeting. Hopefully it should be in operation by March.

A motion was made and passed to put the phone back in the fire hall and put Lea Lushenko back as permanent dispatcher as before.

It was decided by the Board that Lea Lushenko have a phone in her home. John Effingham to answer the phone from 8:A.M. to 5: P.M. at the C.V. Ranch Supply, Monday thru Saturday and Lea answering it all other times.

Note of Thanks

I want to thank the Ladies of the Booster Club for the file box.

It is so nice to not have to carry all that stuff back and forth and so neat to have things so I can find them.

Thanks so very much!

Lois Brenchley

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The C.V. Park & Recreation are taking bids on the lockers from the new library. They are in sections of 4 or more. Minimum of 4 lockers. Minimum bid \$5. each locker. Lockers 6' high, 18" deep 10" wide opening. They also have 6 chests of drawers 28" high, 20" wide & 15" deep. 3 drawers per chest. Minimum bid \$5.00.

For further info: Call 576-2383 or 576-2630.

Birthdays

- February
- 1 Janice Watkins
 - 2 Delbert Wilson
Bill Smith
Kitty Johnson Thomas
 - 3 Sue Johnson
Jacob Allen Mensch
 - 4 Dorothy Garrison
 - 6 Shawn Jordan
 - 7 Jim Watkins
Dennis Jordan
Tyler Charles Nofziger
 - 11 Max Buick
Jacki Lambert
 - 12 Jesston Wagner
 - 13 Neal Remy
 - 15 Harriet Hiatt
Barbara Wagner
 - 18 Joshua Shuffield
 - 20 Gordon Emery
 - 21 Carol Grassman
Patty Effingham
James Willardt
 - 24 Alisha Ferriera
Joshua Allen
Wilson Engelmann
 - 25 Aleine Andrews
Arien Richard Engelmann
 - 26 Hank Warkentin
Garen Smith
 - 27 Miranda Rose Schrock

Anniversaries

- February
- 1 Lloyd & Dolores Roberts
 - 2 Gib & Caroline Crowson
 - 4 Wayne & Sandy Stratton
 - 14 Larry & Tara Grassman
 - 22 Stan & Judy Moser
 - 28 Stan & Lori Adams

Park & Rec

The January 8, 1987 regular meeting of the Christmas Valley Park & Recreation District Board of Directors met a 6:30 P.M. with three board members present.

Mr & Mrs Outland from the Nolte Agency were present to discuss insurance for the coming year.

A motion was made and passed to send Margaret Spry to the budget workshop in Bend on January 30.

Sharon Cline has resigned her position as Board Member. Anyone eligible and interested; send application to: C.V. Park & Recreation District, P.O. Box 181, C.V., Oregon 97641 or bring to the next meeting, February 12, 1987 at 6:30 P.M. at the C.V. Community Hall.


C.V. Community Church

The annual meeting of the Christmas Valley Community Church will be held Feb. 7 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Friends, attenders and members of the church are invited to the dinner and to stay for the annual meeting if they wish.

There will be an election of officers, discussion and voting the budget and a review of the past year.

Russell Smith is the new pastor of the church.



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8 Mass 5 PM Fire Hall S.L.	9	10 Wic-9-3 Lakeside Rm.10 CV	11	12	13 Friendship Nite-7 PM Assembly of God Church.CV Pinochle 7:30 PM CVCH	14 Grange F.R. Moon Potluck Meeting 1PM
15	16	17	18 Dr.Barry-Vet Ranch Supply CV	19	20 Pinochle 7:30 PM-CVCH D.W.Deadline	21 His Kids
22	23	24	25	26	27 Friendship Nite-7 PM Assembly of God Church-CV Pinochle 7:30 PM CVCH	28
C.V.C.H.-Christmas Valley Community Hall C.O.C. -Chamber of Commerce P.H.N. -Public Health Nurse Lib. -Library C.V.C.C.-Christmas Valley Community Church M.H. -Mental Health						

Please Note

DUE TO THE COST OF PUBLISHING THE PAPER, WE MUST ASK THAT ALL ADS BE PAID EVERY MONTH.

NOTICE!

When picking up cheese for someone else, you must bring a written request from that person. This is a government ruling and must be followed.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE DESERT WHISPERS

PLEASE HAVE THE MARCH NEWS ARTICLES AND AD ORDERS TO US BY FEBRUARY 20, 1987
PLEASE !!!

*Fort Rock
Community Church*

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Obituary

Sharol Olson, Christmas Valley, died after a long illness at St. Charles Medical Center on Jan. 3. She was born Sept. 17, 1935 in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mrs. Olson is survived by her husband James Claude Olson, Christmas Valley; children Terry Camille Davis, Lewiston, Idaho, Cindy Painter, Augusta, Geo., Coleen Schmidt, Lewiston, Idaho, and Susan Olson, Compton, Calif.

Her mother and stepfather, Neva and Craighton Diener, Las Vegas, Nev.; stepmother Coral Fridley, Lewiston, Idaho; mother-in-law Alice Olson Gall; sister Janice Langley, Las Vegas, Nev.; brothers James Fridley, Kenawick, Wash.; Fred Fridley, Lewiston, Idaho; grandchildren Brett and Rachael Schnidt, Lewiston, Idaho and Guelia Whitmore, Augusta, Geo., also survive.

Services were held at the Christmas Valley Community Church on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. Services were conducted by Pastor Don Murphy.

Pallbearers were Tom Morehouse, Gary Schmidt, Christopher Davis, William Remy, Delbert Wilson and Harold Miles. Honorary pallbearers were Ron Johnson, John Pettus, C.R. "Bud" Maple and Carl Shumway.

Weather Report Page 5

Report from The Poplars Cooperative U.S. Weather Station:

December, 1986 precipitation: .40

December temperatures: 23-31

Date	High	Low	Date	High	Low
24	43	23	28	36	17
25	42	18	29	34	16
26	47	27	30	31	19
27	39	23	31	42	29

Jan. 1987 precip. through the 25th: .56
Temperatures: 1-25:

Date	High	Low	Date	High	Low
1	38	29	14	32	18
2	41	27	15	25	7
3	39	32	16	39	-12
4	37	22	17	46	2
5	37	15	18	42	9
6	36	18	19	39	6
7	26	8	20	42	0
8	23	6	21	40	5
9	25	3	22	37	8
10	34	1	23	40	27
11	39	2	24	38	29
12	40	5	25	42	33
13	36	15			

Six Fort Rock kindergartners, their teacher, Rebecca Shafer, and Sharon Schaedler visited the weather station at The Poplars Ranch on Jan. 19, a beautiful day.


Each child looked at the weather thermometers. Bud Parks explained how we know how warm and how cold it gets each day. They had been studying precipitation and evaporation at school.

Those making the visit were Thea, Darla, Megan, Chris, Justin and Ann. Three were absent due to illness.


VALLEY FOOD

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

We have a nice selection of valentine cards & candy!

Enter our Valentine drawing! 

Congratulations to our Christmas Winners!

Henry Jensen	1st	\$100. in groceries
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Connie Beart	3rd	Hair Dryer
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A Homemakers Mini School Day will be held Friday, February 27 at the Silver Lake Fire Hall, according to Extension Agent Christy Price.

There will be four classes with two topics in each class. Each class must have a minimum of five people. The cost is \$1.00 per class. The class time is from 9:30 am to 2:50 pm with 11:30 am to 12:45 pm allotted for lunch. Baby sitting will be offered at no charge but please bring your child's lunch.

Registration must be sent to the extension office in Lakeview by February 18. The money may be sent with the registration or paid at the door on class day. Those interested can come for one class or all.

The class starting at 9:30 am will be on shopping and meal planning for a week/month and an update in tailoring techniques.

The 10:30 am class will be on gardening in the desert and an update on new sewing notions.

After lunch, the class at 12:50 pm is on effective parenting and on dry flower crafts and bow making.

The 1:50 pm class is on entertaining at home and how to be in the "know" about taxes.

Craft Ideas

Happy Valentine's Day!

The perfect holiday party cake is pink, delicious and positively hearts and flowers!

Ingredients and materials:
2 cake layers; one 9" round, one 9" square, baked from your favorite mix or recipe, basic white frosting for the two layers.

Decorative frosting:
3 egg whites at room temperature
1 lb. powdered sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cream of tartar

1 cake decorating set
rosette point
food coloring
toothpick

A. To make a heart-shaped cake; cut the round layer into a halfmoon and place each half against adjacent sides of the square layer. Frost the cake with basic frosting tinted pink with red food coloring.

B. Design on the frosting with a toothpick.

C. To make the decorative frosting: Combine all the ingredients, beat at a high speed 7 - 10 minutes. Divide the frosting into 4 parts and color each a different pastel color. Keep each bowl of frosting covered with a damp cloth.

D. Decorate cake using hearts, stars, ribbons of frosting. Write on your names. Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Crafting!

If you have been Reading the list of birthdays and anniversaries in the Desert Whispers and would like yours included please fill out the following and mail to:

Desert Whispers
P.O. Box 181
Christmas Valley, Or.
97641

Family Name _____

Anniversary _____

Birthdays	
Name	Date



Soil Conservation

Lively discussions and an interesting agenda, but a cold hall characterized the annual meeting of the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil and Water Conservation District at the Grange on Jan. 15. With only one of two barrel stoves operative, it was not quite up to heating the hall on a day when the maximum temperature reached only 24 degrees.

Preventive livestock health care and the role of adequate nutrition were stressed by Dr. Don Hansen, State Veterinarian, Oregon State University, Corvallis. His talk teamed with that of Bill Zollinger, OSU Extension Beef Specialist, covering production factors. Zollinger believes that publicizing "Lean Beef" can help counteract the ugly words "fat" and "cholesterol".

In the afternoon session Keith Cromwell, State Agricultural Economist and Hugh Barrett, State Range Conservationist, both from the Soil Conservation Service Portland office, provided a wide ranging rap session. Efficiency, diversification, marketing strategy, fee hunting and similar tributary farm income sources were discussed.

Also participating were Jerry Asher, District Manager, BLM, Lakeview, and Roy Carlson, Area Conservationist, SCS, Bend.

Robert E. Tuttle, chairman of the local district's five man board of directors, urged input from interested residents and invited them to attend the regular monthly meetings which are held at the Lake County bunkhouse, Silver Lake. The meetings are the third Thursday of each month, with the next one February 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Irrigation water management, weed control, range conservation, and fertility testing were listed as priorities for the district during the coming year.

Associate director Carol Chugg handled the planning for the meeting. The district hosted the noon meal, catered by the North Lake County CattleWomen. These ladies were Jean Kane, Mary Heavilin and Carol Hessel.

From The County Clerk

Taxpayers wishing to lower their 1987 property value will have two months to file an appeal with the County Board of Equalization, according to County Clerk, Karen O'Conner. Appeals may be filed after April 1 or after the taxpayer receives a notice of value increase from the County Assessor, whichever comes first. The filing deadline is May 31. New rules adopted by the Department of Revenue also require taxpayers to file their appeals in the County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk serves as clerk of the Board of Equalization. O'Conner stated that the number of appeals filed is expected to remain about the same as last year. She stated that residential property values in Lake County decreased about 11%. Overall, she added, property in the County is down 6% from 1986.

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	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
MONDAY	Teen Time	6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
THURSDAY	Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 a.m.

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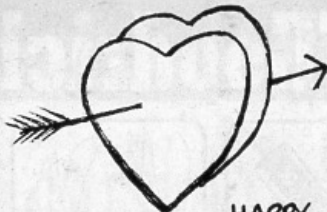
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This bill will require agricultural people to file an ANNUAL application with the county assessor by April 15, for farm-use valuation...on state Department of Revenue forms requiring any information they consider "reasonable" including copies of income tax returns. \$50.00 per month penalty is imposed if income is too low, and not reported by April 15. Farmers and Ranchers will have to prove, annually, that they are farmers and ranchers, or have taxes on their property MULTIPLIED. Pre-session filed, ACT QUICKLY.

Senate Bill 23 should be examined carefully. Another bureaucracy-building bill, it establishes program for "enhancement" of watershed and riparian areas. It creates a 9-man board, appointed by the governor, brings in the Directors of DEQ, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Water Resources board, Department of Agriculture, State Ag Extension Service, Chairman of Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and representatives of the US Forest Service, BLM, and US Soil Conservation Service, as "non-voting" members.

The "Watershed Enhancement" Board is supposed to "restore, maintain, enhance...biological, chemical and physical integrity of riparian zones" and ecosystems, and are given the "power to enter upon any private property in performance of duties...doing no unnecessary (?) injury to the private property."

It's OK folks, they won't drive over your gate unless it's necessary.

Three voting board-members are to be from east of the Cascades, three from the west. Odds are bad no matter where you are.

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Bob Carpenter

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Obituary

Funeral services for Floy O. Smith of Fort Rock, 60, were held on Jan. 24 at the Fort Rock Grange Hall.

Gary Chambers, Fort Rock Community Church pastor, and former pastor Dick Cook, now of Sams Valley, officiated. Internment was at the Fort Rock Cemetery.

A memorial service for Portland area family and friends is set for Jan. 31 at the Tigard Church of Our Redeemer, with Rev. Cook in charge.

Mrs. Smith Died January 18, 1987 at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, following a long illness. She was born in Yell County, Ark. on March 26, 1926, to Henry Gray Woodward and Alma Lillian Welch. The youngest of 12 children, she grew up in Shawnee, Okla.

She was married to William Loyd Smith on May 26, 1942 at Chandler, Okla. They moved to Oregon in 1947.

During the first years on the desert they lived at Christmas Valley, and Floy worked to keep the place going when Bill was still working in Portland. Later they moved to property they bought south of Fort Rock.

Floy was active in the community, particularly in the community church and the grange. During the period of her declining health she blessed those who visited her. She was able to have most of her family with her at their home on Christmas Day.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Evelyn E. Senske,, Hillsboro, Deborah J. White, Springfield, Teresa S. Lindsey, Paisley, and Martha A. Minner, St. Louis, Mo.; sons, Gary L. Smith, Kent, Wash., and James C. Smith, Lancaster, Calif; three sisters, Monnie M. Candioglas of Portland, Evelyn S. McMahan, Morrison, Tn, and Lillian E. Nicks, Shawnee, Okla; a brother, Willie E. Woodward, Odessa, TX, sister-in-law Zera Dougless, Springfield; there are also 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requested that all remembrances be made to the Fort Rock Community Church building fund in the name of Floy O. Smith. The family gratefully acknowledges the caring and support given by Floy's many friends and loved ones.

Niswonger and Reynolds, Inc. of Bend were in charge of arrangements. Following the service ladies of the church and the grange served the dinner brought by the community.

Wednesdays 12-5 p.m.



A lot of winter clothes are available.
More coming in all the time.

Louise Krabill
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Paulette Warkentin
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Thanks

We want to thank each and everyone for the cards, letters and well wishes sent to Burt on his recent stay in the hospital. Thanks again.

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Betty Retires

It was Jan. 5 when Betty Dutcher passed her post office keys to Karen Jordan of Crescent to fill in until a new postmaster is chosen.

Interviews have been taking place to make the selection from several applicants.

With Dutcher's resignation came a change in hours, now from noon until 4 p.m. This will continue, Monday through Saturday.

Betty completed 21 years in her job, with her husband, "Dutch" as chief replacement those years. He has continued as replacement person.

The Dutchers bought 80 acres in the Fort Rock area in 1962, moving here from Oakland, Calif. "Dutch" built their house before the family came and, even then, Betty commuted between the two places, a few months at a time.

When Betty became postmaster in Dec. 1965 she worked in an old homestead house which Frank Stratton's father had built. There had not been a store in the community for a year and a half so "Dutch", with the help of his daughter, Sandy, built the present store building. The postal business was moved into the store where it remained until 1979 when they sold the store and moved the post office again, this time to a mobile home unit.

During Dutcher's years at one time their pay was under a revenue unit system, based on the number of stamps sold.

This fourth class post office dates from 1908 when, during the homestead years, Julian Rhoton was the first post master. And it has never closed down.

Memories of the postal service here include the years when Shorty Gustafson hauled mail from LaPine to Silver Lake via Fort Rock when the roads made travel slow even in an automobile.

Venita Branch is part of the history, too. For some 20 years she carried mail pouches between Fort Rock and Highway 31 at the Horse Ranch, exchanging outgoing mail for that from both the north and the south.

Still here also is Ilene Tompkins who was postmaster for a time.

While the Dutchers have served, the peak number of patrons for the Fort Rock post office was some 105 with that number about half since a Star Rt. was established out of Silver Lake. This 62 mile route serves those along the way between Silver Lake and Christmas Valley and then on to Fort Rock.

In turning over the responsibility to another, Betty Dutcher, who is not yet retirement age, says she has talked it over with her family before making the decision. "Dutch" gets that far-away look in his eyes when he talks about visiting their daughter, Sandy, and family in Alaska, driving up the Al-Can Highway.

It will be special to be able to go somewhere and not be limited to only Sunday off or that two weeks of vacation in summer.

Besides missing their daily contacts with people the Dutchers will miss being a personal link with individuals needing messages passed along.

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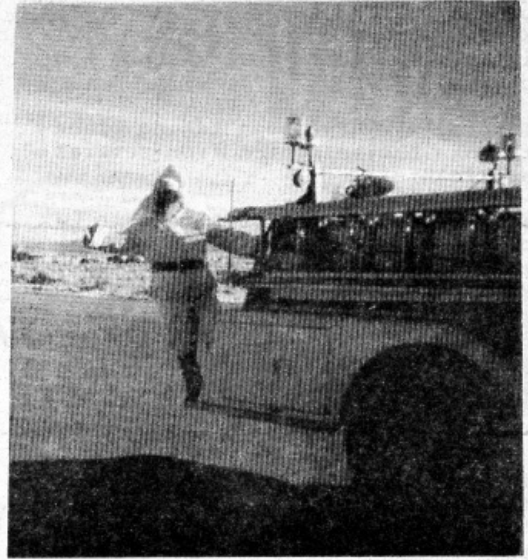
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Special Meeting

Chr. John Effingham said he didn't think our budget has funding for a dispatcher and has called for a supplemental budget meeting for; Thursday, January 29, 1987 at 7: P.M. at the C.V. Fire Hall.

The Christmas Valley Volunteer Firemen would like to offer their assistance in cleaning chimneys for those who are unable.

The fee would be strictly donation!

Please let Chief Remy know if you would like this done.

Christmas Valley February 1987

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Exercise 8 A.M. C.V.C.H. Lib. 1-5	3 Exercise 8 A. C.V.C.H. Water Resource 2 P.M. CVCH	4 Exercise 8AM CVCH Lib. 10-3	5 Exercise 8 AM CVCH P.H.N. 1-4 Fire Drill 7 PM	6 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Lib. 1-5 Pinochle 7:30 PM CVCH	7 Lib. 1-3
8 Mass 5 PM Fire Hall S.L.	9 Exercise 8 AM Lib. 1-5	10 Exercise 8 AM-CVCH Vic. 9-3 Lakeside Rm.10 Friend of Lib. 10 AM Lib. Lioness 7 PM CVCH	11 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Lib. 10-3	12 Exercise 8 AM-CVCH Park & Rec. 6:30 PM-CVCH P.H.N. 1-4 Fire Drill 7 PM Sen.Citz. 11:30 AM Lakeside	13 Exercise 8AM CVCH Pinochle-7:30 PM-CVCH Friendship Nite 7 PM Assembly of God Church	14 Happy Valentine's Day Lib. 1-3 Orange-Noon Pot luck- 1 PM Meeting
15	16 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Lib. 1-5 Fire Board 7 PM Fire Hall	17 Exercise 8 AM-CVCH	18 Exercise 8AM CVCH Dr.Barry-Vet Ranch Supply Lib. 10-3 Water Board 7PM	19 Exercise 8AM CVCH P.H.N. 1-4 Fire Drill 7 PM	20 Exercise 8AM CVCH Lib. 1-5 Pinochle 7:30 PM-CVCH D.W.Deadline	21 Lib. 1-3 His Kids
22	23 Exercise 8AM CVCH Lib. 1-5 Desert Whispers 10-4	24 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Desert Whispers 10-4	25 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Lib. 10-3	26 Exercise 8 AM CVCH Sen.Citz.11:30 AM-Lakeside P.H.N.-1-4 Fire Drill 7 PM	27 Exercise 8AM CVCH Friendship Nite 7 PM-Assembly of God Church Pinochle 7:30 PM-CVCH	28 Lib. 1-3
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Special Thanks go to:
 Bud Maple and
 John Effingham
 for their quick response
 in our time of need 2-2-87.

The Jae Sheele
 Family

Silver Lake February 1987

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Lib. 10-2	3 Lib. 10-2 Lioness 2PM Fire Hall	4 Lib. 6-8	5	6 Pinochle 7:30 PM CVCH	7 Lib. 12-3
8 Mass 5PM Fire Hall	9 Lib. 10-2	10 Lib. 10-2 Wic-9-3 Lakeside Rm.10 CV	11 P.H.N. 1-3 Lib. Lib. 6-8	12	13 Friendship Nite-7 PM Assembly of God Church-CV Pinochle 7:30 PM-CVCH	14 Lib. 12-3 Grange Noon Potluck- Meeting 1 PM
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Fort Rock School

The 5th & 6th grade students at Fort Rock School are participating in a program that lets adults see the good side of kids. Students have chosen out of 7 categories of what they would like to do.

1. Ice pond - Aaron Dinsdale, Gene Hill, Clinton Wells and Sam Dinsdale.
2. Litter - Stephen Roth, Ian Reed, Tadd Schaedler, April Ricketts and Jamey Warkentin.
3. Museum - Stephen Roth, Ian Reed, Jon Lasich, Tadd Schaedler, Clinton Wells, Jamey Warkentin.
4. Fen Pals - Clinton Wells, Dawn Hayes, Carrie Kroencke.
5. Senior Citizens - Misty Burke
6. Tutoring - Aaron Dinsdale, Gene Hill, Jon Lasich, Clinton Wells, Dawn Hayes, April Ricketts, Carrie Kroencke, Sara Dinsdale.
7. The whole class is going to help clean up the cemetery.

You will be notified of the progress in the future.

Written by, Gene Hill

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Please send news items you want to be in the North Lake County News in the Lakeview Examiner to: Sue Johnson, P.O. Box 46 C.V., Oregon or call: 576-2398. After 8:00 P.M. is the best time to call.

Thanks

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To the ones who sent a gift to the Millers We wish to thank you and let you know Christmas was a lot better this year!

Thank you!

Carol Miller & family

Dear "Love";

Thank you so much for your 3:00 A.M. surprise on Christmas! We all went back to bed at 4:00, after examining and playing with each delightful treasure. God Bless You!

"Loved"

School History

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

Pleasant Valley School was located three miles south and four miles west of Fort Rock. This school house was built about 1912 and closed in 1915.

Some of the children's names were Stafford and Cloy Herrisbergur, Joe Maroosky and Leona Fennington. The teachers are unknown, if anyone has this information please contact The Historical Society, Fort Rock, Or.

This school was moved to Fort Rock in 1949 to be used for a gymnasium, but the 1962 Columbus Day storm damaged the building. It was then sold to Ira and Betty Dutcher, who moved it to their farm.

VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL

Carl Webster, one of the children who attended this school, furnished the following information:

The school house was built in 1911 but Mr. Webster did not attend until 1913. The following teachers: Mrs Dodd, Mrs Reels, Mr Hatter and Hugh Naldrett. The teachers before 1913 are unknown.

The children who attended were: Velma Finley, Omar Finley, Kenneth Oswald, Lloyd Thompson and Merl Jack.

Thank You

I would like to thank the Boosters, Christmas Valley Community Church, John Pettus, Carl Shumway, Pastor Murphy and all the people that helped with cards and flowers.

Jim Olson

New Pastor

Russell Smith of Portland was recently called to be pastor of the Christmas Valley Community Church. The Smith family is moving to Christmas Valley this week.

Smith, a 1986 graduate of Multnomah School of the Bible, will be serving in his first pastorate.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Smith spent four years in the U.S. Navy, followed by 11 years working at United Air Lines. He was a home builder in Spokane for three years.

His wife, Barbara, is native to the northwest and worked for Pacific Telephone Co. The two have been married 19 years. During her husband's course work she attended night classes to receive the associate degree, a curriculum for wives of students planning to become pastors.

Their son, Brett, will attend LaPine High School as a freshman. He is transferring from Benson High School, Portland. He has aspirations in aviation.

Rhonda, their 12 year old daughter, was born with a degenerative disease of the nervous system. "She has a special place in the family and loves little children," Mrs. Smith shares.

Pastor Smith says that Rhonda's disease is what led them to find deeper answers to life, resulting in a commitment to the Lord. They had a desire to do missionary work but preferred not to take Rhonda out of the country, away from help for her rare disease.

Both Russell and son, Brett, are looking forward to the outdoor activities offered here--hunting and fishing, snow and water skiing and golf are special interests.

The Christmas Valley church has been without a pastor since July 1, 1985 when Pastor Dick and Jean Cook resigned for a new ministry. They now lead a church in Sams Valley.

An installation service is planned in the near future.

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Jim Hofer

Grange News

Jean Haley was appointed chairperson of the Fort Rock Grange community service committee at the January session. Competition is held at the state and national levels.

A resolution requested action to revise the national farm program which permits some grain farmers to use set-aside acres for hay production. Allowing production of hay in lieu of grain causes a hardship in this North Lake County area where high quality alfalfa hay is produced and where there is little opportunity for alternative crops. The Grange joins cattlemen and hay growers groups in making protest.

A request will be made to the state highway dept. asking them to provide better lighting and marking of the intersection of highway 31 with highway 97, two miles south of LaPine. This is a difficult turn at night, especially in the face of on-coming cars.

Pat Widenoja, a member of the North Lake County Emergency Medical Service team, reported on the shortage of Emergency Medical Technicians in the area.

She reported that the local Cattle Women are spearheading a day's trauma workshop for sometime in April or May. Realizing that accidents are the most common cause of death and injury in rural areas the group will ask farmers, wives and youth to come together for farm machinery training, especially to have more family members know how machinery operates and, for instance, can be turned off.

The next meeting of the Fort Rock Grange will be February 14 beginning with a potluck dinner at noon, followed by the business meeting at 1:00. Members are encouraged to attend.

Holy Redeemer Church

Members of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in North Lake County will gather with their fellow Catholics in LaPine on February 19, 1987 for the dedication of their new church.

The DeSales program will start in February and will be on the thirteen letters of St. Paul. For more information, contact Alan or Laura Parks.

Desert Whispers
Christmas Valley, OR 97641R

Sue Johnson & the gang

DEAR EDITOR:

The uneasy feeling in my midsection has nothing to do with the menu at the governor's inaugural party...I'm not celebrating. Before the last baguettes burp had subsided, it was clear that Eastern Oregon had a new crop of problems.

Our local senator stated recently he is excited about agriculture and that there isn't too much detrimental in the offing...and echoed the popular cry that the school tax issue is the number one legislative consideration.

I hate to be a party-pooper, but I see everything is NOT quiet on the western front..and I don't agree on the priorities.

I agree with Denny Jones that water determines the rise or fall of the eastern 2/3 of this state. Whether or not a dribble of lottery funds splashes into our desert through the economic development schemes, or people can still vote on their school budgets, the future of this area hinges on timber-related and agriculturally related industries, which are already established. The number one issue is that they survive and are economically capable of supporting ANY school budget.

With the announcement of committee appointments in House and Senate, a solid urbanite legislative structure is evident. Co-chairmanship of the Water Policy Committee, went to Dave McTeague (D)Milwaukee, and Jane Cease(D) of Portland. You will remember her opinion of Eastern Oregon from the classified drivers license battle. She also was given chairmanship of the Committee on Transportation. Both production and transportation of timber and agricultural products hinge on the whims of individuals, to whom Eastern Oregon is a wasteland inhabited by rattlesnakes, antelope and human dinosaurs, and is to be driven through as quickly as possible.

With Salem's intent that water be in the public trust, that it be controlled by those who use it the least, and that users pay Salem for their use of the substance of life, itself; AND with the one, single, solitary Senator representing SE Oregon singing the praises of the Willamette Valley regime, I have a ranchers hunch there will be a lot more than grasshoppers and cheat-grass to worry about, come planting time.

Regards
Bob
Bob Carpenter
Drewsey



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Lord:
If I should speak with tongues
of Angels, or of men,
A spoken word, My Lord,
or written with the pen,
If I should prophesy by gift,
Have all knowledge Lord,
to lift,
Let it be in Love.
If I understand great
mysteries,
By faith move mountains from
the way,
Give all I own to feed the
poor,
Lord: I can only say,
Let it be for Love.
That praise be given all to
you,
Let it be Christ that teacheth
me.
In this earthen vessell, a
Holy Life,
Redeemed, revived, endowed,
in thee,
Let it be in Love,
Let word, and faith and
Spirit flow,
as warm, in Holy filling
flood.
Grace abound; I only know,
By cross, by Jesus cleansing
blood,
In Jesus Name, In Love,
Amen.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Matthew 8:2,3. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

In this Scriptural event of Jesus and the leper, we are able to see the care and compassion Jesus had for this poor helpless person. Not only was leprosy distressing to it's victim but it was hopelessly fatal. How quickly Jesus recognized this poor man's plight.

When Jesus came to earth as a baby born of Mary, it was because He chose to take upon himself the form of man. Doing so He could not only die for the sins of all men but He could experience all the weakness, infirmity, sorrow and pain of mankind. Therefore, we read from Hebrews 4:15, that He is touched (moved) by the feelings of our infirmities.

All around us today, many are troubled with sorrow, sickness or pain in some form or other. Some feel a personal need for the care and compassion of others. Some know only independence and pride and feel that any concern on the part of others is only a sign of pity, which they do not want.

I'm sure there was no motivation on this leprous man's part, of selfish pity for himself. Rather, faith saw an opportunity for relief. Being then motivated through faith, this man did something that we can all learn from, he got close enough for Jesus to touch him.

Moving in close enough for Jesus to touch was not an isolated event attributed to this one person. One woman of Scripture believed that if she could get close enough to Jesus to touch His clothing she could be healed. She was. Mark 5:28. Others too saw opportunity to get close to Jesus and their need was met.

I'm sure the lesson here is obvious to all as we walk this road of life. Frustration through various causes has brought pain, distress and sorrow to each of us at times. Where to go, what to do? That's often the questions that face us in those down times. How about you, have you learned to get close to Jesus? So

close He can touch you with His warmth, understanding and compassion? Jesus understands when nobody else can. Let him touch you. He's just a prayer away.

A song writer once wrote "shackled to a heavy burden, 'neath the load of guilt and shame; Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same."

Proverbs 9:9,10-Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Genesis 37:12-13 - One day when Joseph's brothers had gone to Shechem to take care of their father's flock, Jacob said to Joseph, "I want you to go to Shechem, where your brothers are taking care of the flock." Joseph answered, "I am ready.".....Find the names of JACOB and his twelve sons by looking up, down, across and diagonally, backwards and forwards.

R	E	U	B	E	N	J	K	Z
A	D	A	G	O	G	H	A	E
H	A	J	E	U	P	R	S	B
C	N	M	A	E	B	D	H	U
A	I	C	S	C	I	V	E	L
S	E	O	G	M	O	H	R	U
S	J	U	D	A	H	B	L	N
I	L	A	T	H	P	A	N	X
F	B	E	N	J	A	M	I	N

JACOB	REUBEN	SIMEON
LEVI	JUDAH	ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN	JOSEPH	BENJAMIN
DAN	GAD	NAPHTALI
ASHER		

Answer to January puzzle:
SOME OF THE WORDS YOU CAN MAKE using the letters in MIRACLE are: MIRE, MICE, MILE, MA, MAR MARE, MAIL, MAILER, MACE, MALE MALICE, MEAL, IRE, ICE, RIM, RICE, RIME, RILE, RAM, RAIL, RACE, REMAIL, REAM, REAL, AM, REALM, AIM, AIR, AIL, ARE, ARM ARC, ACRE, ACE, ALE, CRAM, CAM CREAM, CAME, CAMEL, CAR, CARE, CALM, CALMER, CLAM, CLAIM, LIE CLEAR, LIME, LICE, LIAR, LAME, LAIR, LACE, EM, EAR, ERA, EL, ECLAIR.

ALL SEVEN LETTERS: RECLAIM!

John 8:12-Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.