Concert will honor music man

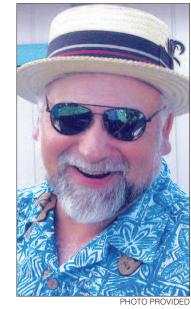
Dennis Jakab was a linchpin of the Central Oregon roots music scene. For years, he and his wife, Ellen, opened their Powell Butte home for a monthly music jam that brought musicians out from across the region.

Jakab Jams were more than just an enjoyable musical interlude – though the music was wonderful. They were an essential part of the building of a music community that reverberated out to Sisters Country.

On Saturday, May 23, at HarmonyHouse (Doug/ Katie Cavanaugh's place at 17505 Kent Rd., off Cloverdale Road east of Sisters), folks will gather to celebrate the life of Dennis Jakab and to assist Ellen Jakab. Dennis McGregor will perform.

Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15 to \$20.

In addition to hosting Jakab Jams with Ellen, Dennis was involved in the local Old Time Fiddlers association, and was an active



Dennis Jakab.

member the Central Oregon Songwriters Association (COSA). His interests extended to gardening and hiking in Central Oregon. He earned a Master Gardener Certificate.

Jakab served in the National Guard for eight years, where he received a National Guard Soldier of the Year award in 1989, and the Specialist Troop Command Brigade Soldier of the Year.

PAYNE: Specialty act is a national award winner

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most of the year.

When hired to herd some intractable bulls, John and his cur dogs earned the respect of the ranch owner. The bulls were penned in a short while, and the result was the beginning of Payne's career in the rodeo arena.

Many years ago, Payne made the one-time mistake of trying to be an electrician on a power pole where he grabbed a line, believing the power was off. He sustained 7,200 volts for 10 seconds.

While the voltage was destroying his leg, he was unable to let go, held to a wire 25 feet high by sheer electrical power. When his hand was burned loose, he fell. He was revived with CPR, licked his wounds for two months and went back to ranching. Through this shocking experience, Payne became "The One Arm Bandit."

The One Arm Bandit and Company has now taken their legendary act throughout the United States, Canada and Dubai. This act has been seen at some of the top horse shows and rodeos in the



The One Arm Bandit is a favorite of rodeo audiences across the nation.

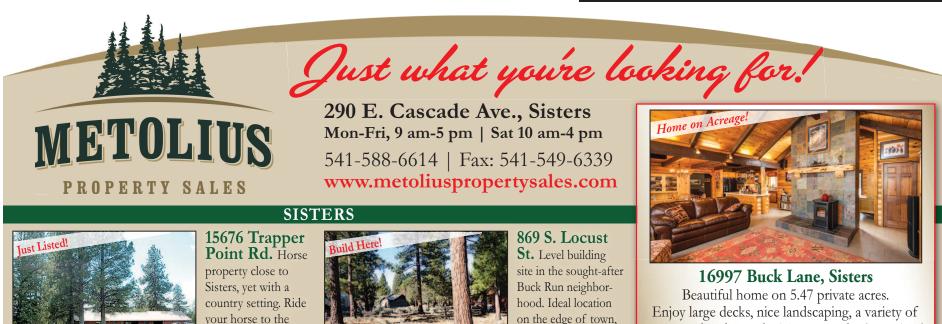
nation, always stunning an appreciative crowd. His son and daughter are now carrying on the tradition.

Payne believes anything can be accomplished through sheer nerve, determination and the drive to excel in one's field.

Sisters Rodeo will begin

June 10 with Xtreme Bulls, followed by four rodeo performances June 12-14. For tickets and information, call the ticket hotline at 541-549-0121 or 1-800-827-7522, or visit the ticket office at 220 W. Cascade Ave. in Sisters. For information visit www. sistersrodeo.com.





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