

Lakeview & Goose Valley

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Lakeview was named in 1876 for its view of Goose Lake, which is barely visible in the background of this photo (ca. 1910). At that time, Lakeview took the Lake County seat from Linkville (Klamath Falls), which included today's Lake and Klamath Counties. The counties were separated in 1882. The desert grass, meadows, and abundant water in the area made Lakeview and Goose Lake an advantageous settlement for cattle and sheep ranchers.

Goose Lake at one time spanned 40 miles in length and was 20 miles wide. Today, due to irrigation and evaporation, the lake is no longer visible from Lakeview. In 1843, John C. Frémont, Kit Carson, and their crew slept beside Goose Lake before traveling east to report to the government officials on the Oregon Country. Lindsay Applegate and a survey crew passed the lake in July 1846 while mapping the final stages of the Scott-Applegate Trail. The Klamath Indian name for the lake was *Newapkshi*. During settlement in the 1870s, however, the lake was renamed for the large number of wild geese who visited Central Oregon.

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