

'Last Buckaroo' back in print

ELKO — There are likely some people who aren't pleased with the re-release of Mackey Hedges' book "Last Buckaroo."

They're the ones who recently paid almost \$40 for a used copy of the book on Amazon.com. Even at that price it was a virtual steal, with first edition hardcovers listed at more than \$250 for the book that went out of print in 1995.

The selling price is a testament to the number of people who want to hear about the life of a cowboy from a true buckaroo.

Hedges, an Imlay resident, spins yarns based on real life incidents told through narrator Tap McCoy, who chronicles the tales of what happens in cow camps, ranches, pack stations, feedlots and trails of the West.

The story begins with McCoy's shenanigans in a small Arizona town that left a bar burned to the ground and his boss' pickup wrapped around the pole of the only stoplight in town.

Described as a "rol-

licking, gritty, and always entertaining look at what goes on in the life of a cowboy ... the book covers the entire panorama of western lore, from bucking broncs to eccentric cowboys who dance on saloon tables, participate in spontaneous rodeos and more."

It is illustrated with works by western artist Joelle Smith.

The 366-page book costs \$20 and is available at www.lastbuckaroo.com and Amazon.com, where buyers should be sure to look for new copies because used copies are still listed at steep prices.

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"Last Buckaroo"

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