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### Sheriff's Reports

Caller requests law enforcement officer to contact female who snuck out of the house for 3 hours.

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### Control slugs now

It's time again to slug it out with one of the gardener's most familiar, frustrating, and certainly slimiest pests.

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## PIT stop ends low speed pursuit Driver created a "parade" of backed up cars

THURSTON: Police responding to a report of a very slow vehicle last Thursday found a line of about 30 cars had built up by the time they caught up with it. Initially, the caller had reported he was behind an eastbound Kia near the Walterville Elementary School. A Lane County Sheriff's Deputy was finally able to get the driver of the cream-colored Kia Soul to stop before directing the driver to pull into the Ike's Pizza parking lot by Leaburg Lake.

The driver reportedly almost ran over a deputy before heading back onto the road and heading west.

According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, deputies were aided by personnel from the Oregon State Police and Springfield Police Department. To get the vehicle to stop, a spike strip was put out on the roadway and Springfield Police



Traffic along Hwy. 126 was pulled over just west of Cedar Flat as police set up a tactical maneuver to get the driver of a Kia Soul to finally stop.

initiated a PIT maneuver (precision immobilization technique) that forced the fleeing car to turn sideways abruptly, causing the driver to lose control and stop near

Milepost 8 at about 3:09 p.m. The driver, later identified as Heather Togher, was taken into custody.

## Utility still faces big decision

### Leaburg and Walterville share federal license

EUGENE: No matter what commissioners finally decide on the fate of the Eugene Water & Electric Board's Leaburg hydroelectric plant it is still likely to cost anywhere from \$50 to \$100 million more than what they'd expected. During a four-hour work session last Tuesday EWEB's staff told the board those projections would be part of an updated report they could expect to receive next month. The additional costs would cover anticipated upgrades to EWEB's Wal-

terville Canal likely to be required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Both facilities were part of the relicensing approved by FERC in 1997.

The realization that the two projects couldn't be "decoupled" was also on the mind of board chairman John Brown. He was concerned about how a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to change outflows from Cougar Reservoir might reduce how much river water would be allocated to

salmon protection, lowering the amount that could be diverted into the power canals.

Brown questioned spending "a quarter of a billion dollars" on project upgrades if those improvements might be functional for five years or less.

Still before the board are four proposals. They include turning the Leaburg Canal into a channel to return stormwater to the main river, a partial return to power generation, fully

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## McKenzie Wellness gets an OK

### Department of Justice asks for new policy

BLUE RIVER: The McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) non-profit got some good news last week from the Oregon Dept. of Justice. In their determination, the DOJ said they'd received "sufficient information and otherwise addressed our

questions outlined in the Order. We do not intend to take any further action at this time."

According to MVW president Val Rapp, "the DOJ requested only that McKenzie Valley Wellness send them confirmation

when MVW members vote on a proposed new board composition policy, drafted by MVW's attorneys in response to the DOJ's concerns."

In order to avoid conflicts of interest, the policy would

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## Wreck retrieved from Mt. Jeff

### GoFundMe campaign aids pilot's family

MT. JEFFERSON: The family of a pilot killed in an accident in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness got some help from a GoFundMe campaign, according to Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan. The sheriff reported on October 20<sup>th</sup> that her office had continued to assist in the recovery of a plane that was lost near Mount Jefferson.

At 4:14 p.m., on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, two hikers who had been on the Pacific Crest Trail reported they heard the crash and said they could smell fuel but did not see an airplane.

The Linn County Search and Rescue team, along with Life Flight, was activated to

search for the downed airplane. Life Flight flew to the area but was not able to identify a crash site due to weather conditions. The United States Coast Guard also responded but was also unable to locate a downed airplane.

Like the recovery, locating the downed plane was challenging. It wasn't until the following morning that a Guard helicopter flying search patterns located the crash site east of Marion Lake - between Mount Jefferson and Three-Fingered Jack.

Linn County Search and Rescue teams hiked into the area and confirmed the pilot was deceased as the impact

of the crash was not survivable.

Recovery of the Piper Cherokee presented significant challenges, Duncan said, and the US Forest Service - Willamette National Forest - and the National Transportation Safety Board worked with the family of deceased pilot, Wayne Wirt, of Chehalis, Washington to recover the aircraft.

Officials said the Wirt family was tasked with raising a significant amount of money to recover the aircraft. It was estimated it would cost from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to remove the remains that were located at about 6,500 feet in a federal

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A Linn County Sheriff's Office helicopter circling above Mount Jefferson

## Forest Practices Act upgraded

### Rules aim to protect fish and provide long term economic benefits

The Oregon Board of Forestry approved more than 100 changes to the Forest Practices Act at a special board meeting on October 26th. The rule changes will impact timber harvest activities on more than 10 million acres of private and non-federal forests in the state.

"The rules we adopted are just one of a great many changes coming from the Private Forest Accord that will advance how Oregon protects its natural resources and responds to the climate change crisis, while also providing some stability for the communities and economies that rely on the forest products industry," said Jim Kelly, Chair of the Oregon Board of Forestry.

"This agreement captures the spirit of cooperation and negotiation we have in this state, where we move past our differences to find solutions."

The goal of the PFA and the Forest Practices Act rule changes is to provide long-term certainty to the industry while providing enhanced protection to critical aquatic species.

"The timber industry is vital to many rural Oregon communities," said Kelly. "This agreement balances these critical social and economic components with the need to better protect critical forest habitat, which is also incredibly beneficial for Oregonians," said Kelly.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) worked

closely with the PFA authors to write the new rules that cover several key areas including:

- ° New and wider stream buffers to protect stream habitat that supports salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and amphibians.

- ° New design standards and requirements to inventory, maintain, and manage forest roads, with an emphasis on replacing culverts on fish-bearing streams.

- ° Steep slopes will have more trees retained to improve slope stability and reduce sediment that can impact fish habitat.

- ° Enhanced monitoring to better evaluate rule compliance.

- ° A new adaptive management process.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The fall sports season has concluded for McKenzie High Varsity Sports. The McKenzie Athletic Department is hosting its Fall Sports Awards on November 9. The event will be held in the High School cafeteria, starting at 6:00 pm.

Eagles Ground Grizzlies McKenzie Notches Second Win

McKenzie ground out its second six-man football victory of the 2022 season last Friday night at Wade Thomas Field. âMcKenzie defeated the Gilchrist Grizzlies, 27-â25, by unleashing their best weapon in the Eagle toolbox, the Griffin Ground Game! That would be McKenzie Running Back/ Quarter Back Griffin Withalm.

The Eagle Junior rushed 11 times for 188 yards gaining an average of 17.1 yards per carry. Withalm added 2 pass receptions for 6 yards, one kickoff return for 15 yards and scored 3 touchdowns. That night, the Eagle back earned 209 total yards. And on the other side of the ball, Withalm also led his team with 14 total tackles, 8 solo, and he caused one Grizzly fumble.

McKenzie freshman Allen Acevedo rushed 13 times for 48 yards gained, Solomon Acevedo carried 9 times for 18 yards, and Thomas Hayes earned 7 yards on 3 carries. The Eagles finished with 287 yards gained on the ground. Senior Quarter Back Trent Peek split chores with Withalm, the former connecting with his receivers 3 out 7 attempts for 11 yards while the latter completing both pass attempts for 15 yards. Jamie LeClair finished his defensive efforts with 10 total tackles (3 solo), Thomas Hayes had 6 total tackles (5 solo), Peek had 6 total (3 solo), Allen Acevedo finished with 6 total (2 solo), Levi Lockard earned 5 total (2 solo), and Solomon Acevedo finished with 3 total (2 solo). Hayes sacked the Grizzly QB once and Peek and Lockard shared another sack. Hayes added 2 fumble recoveries and LeClair finished with 1.

McKenzie ended its 2022 season with a Special District 2 North League record at 1-5 and earned an overall record of 2-6. The Eagles scored 164 points offensively and their opponents scored 336 points against them.

Triangle Lake, Siletz Valley, Eddyville Charter Earn State Berths

Triangle Lake won the 2022 Special District 2 North Six-man football title with an unblemished record. The Lakers posted a 6-0 SD-2 North League record, an overall 8-0 record and qualified

for the post season OSAA State playoffs ranked second in the State.

Powers, with an identical record, down in the SD-2 South League, finished the regular season ranked first. Siletz Valley took second in the SD-2 North with a 5-1, 7-2 record (fifth ranked) and Eddyville Charter took home third place at 4-2, 5-3 record (ninth ranked).

All three teams play this Saturday, November 5, in the OSAA State Quarterfinals. Triangle Lake will host Prairie City/Burnt River at 1:00 pm, Siletz Valley travels to Wheeler with kick off scheduled for 3:30 pm and Eddyville Charter travels to Powers for a 1:00 pm game. The other Quarterfinal game pits Elkton at South Wasco County in a 1:00 pm game.

Eagles Dion And Lawson Compete In CC District Championships

Freshman Eagle Cross Country runner Myra Dion participated in the 3A/2A/1A-SD4 Special District 4 Championships held last Thursday, October 27, at Lane Community College. Dion finished the 5,000-meter Girls Varsity race in 24:02.44 minutes and in 42nd place.

Senior Saniyah Ayala of St. Mary’s won the race with a finish time of 19:44.48 min. Siuslaw ran away with the team race, scoring a low of 28 points. Bandon finished the team race second with 67 points and Pleasant Hill took third with 101 points.

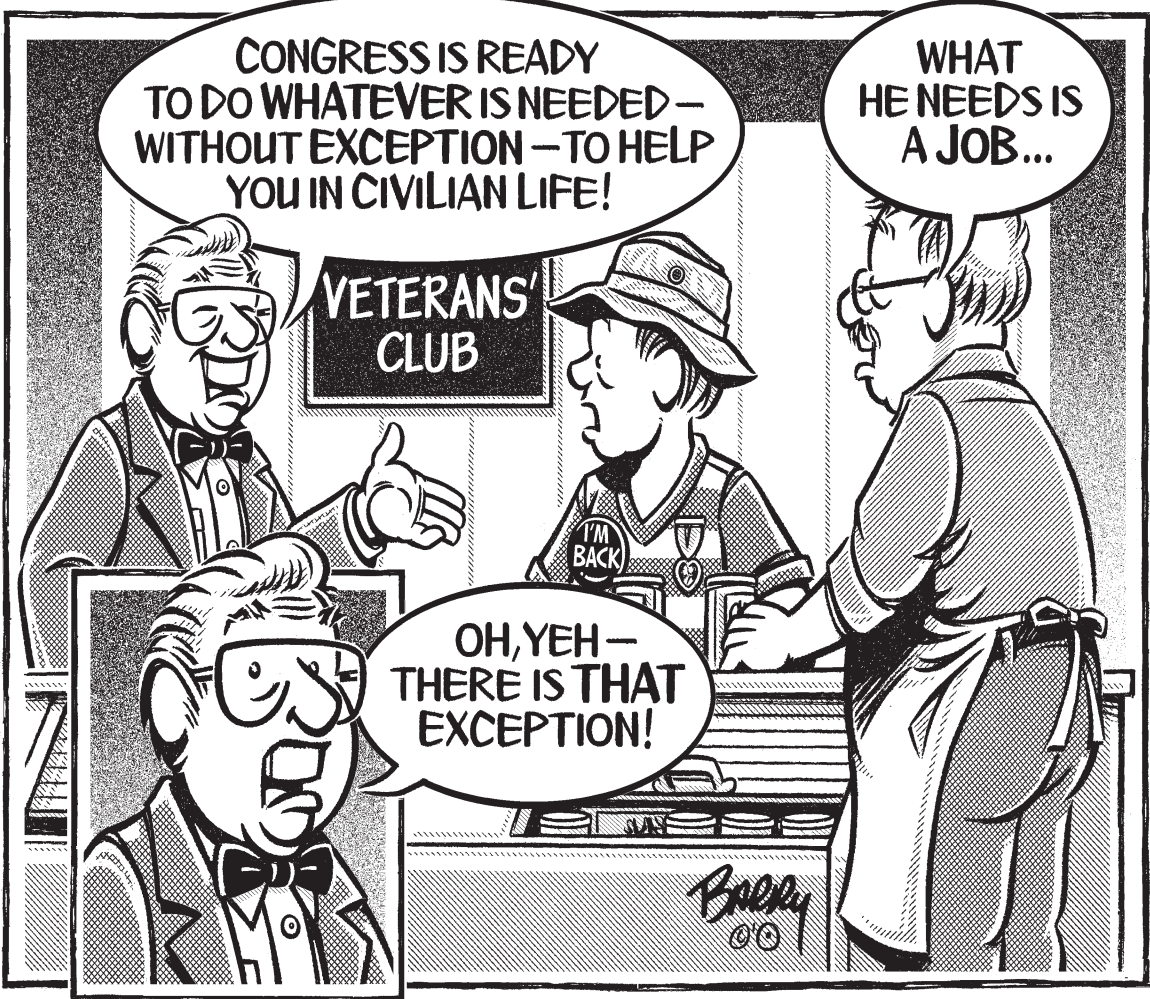
In the Boys 2A/1A 5,000 meter race, Eagle sophomore Devin Lawson finished with a personal record (better by 4 minutes) 28:07.74 minutes and 56th place. Dion’s time was also a personal record.

Gold Beach senior Gianni Altman won the Boys 2A/1A in a finish time of 17:09.51 min. Bandon won the Boys 2A/1A with 20 points, followed by Pacific in second with 75 points, and Days Creek in third with 90 points.

Neither McKenzie athlete qualified for the 2022 OSAA/ On Point Community Credit Union Cross Country State Championships to be held at Lane Community College on Saturday, November 5.

Mt. West League Blanked O-4 In State First Round

The Mt. West League is done this year for Volleyball action. All four MWL team representatives



were sent home packing during OSAA State First Round play. The Mt. West League is the lone League out of the Class 1A Leagues around the State to not move a team forward to the Second Round play.

MWL Champion Mohawk (16th ranked) were hosts to the Skyline third place team Days Creek (17th ranked) last Wednesday, October 26 and lost 3-1 to the Wolves. The Mohawk Mustangs won the first set 25-17, but lost the next three sets, 25-22, 25-18, and 25-19. Mohawk finished the season 14-0, 17-8. The MWL second seeded team Eddyville Charter lost its match, 3-1, at Umpqua Valley Christian, the second seeded team out of the Skyline League.

The Eagles also won the first set with a score of 25-22, but lost the next three straight to the Monarchs, 25-12, 25-12, and 25-11. Alsea, the number three team out of the MWL, traveled to the State’s top-ranked and undefeated team out of the Valley 10 League, Damascus Christian, and it didn’t take long for the DC Eagles to send the Wolverines back to their Coast Range home with a 3-0 defeat, 25-9, 25-3, and 25-10.

The fourth seeded team representing the MWL, the Triangle Lake Lakers packed their game bags for St. Paul, the

Casco League Champ, and the Buckaroos made sure the Lakers packed home early, defeating the visitors in three straight sets, 25-14, 25-13, and 25-14.

OSAA State 1A Volleyball Second Round Results

Top-ranked Damascus Christian continued to roll its opponents on the trail to the OSAA State Quarterfinals in Redmond. The latest victim was Days Creek, which lost 3-0 to the Valley 10 Champions. Second-ranked Crane, the High Desert League Champions, defeated the second place team representing the Old Oregon League, Echo, 3-1. Third-ranked St. Paul defeated the third placed team out of the Mt. Valley League, Central Christian, 3-0.

The State’s fourth-ranked team, North Clackamas Christian, which finished second in the Valley 10 behind Damascus Christian, defeated Adrian, the second placed team out of the High Desert League, 3-0. Staying true to State rankings, the fifth-ranked team, Rogue Valley Adventists, Champions of the Mt. Valley League, defeated the third place team from the Old Oregon League, Joseph, 3-0. Powder Valley, the State’s sixth-ranked team and representing, as Champion, the Old Oregon League, defeated, 3-0, South Wasco County, Big

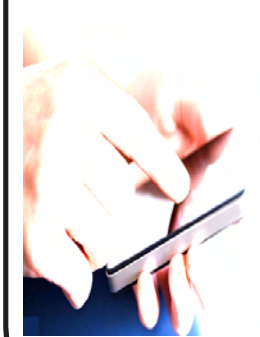
Sky League Champion. Seventh-ranked North Douglas, Skyline League Champion, defeated Prairie City, the third placed team from the High Desert League, 3-0.

Lastly, the eighth-ranked team, Umpqua Valley Christian, Skyline League second placed team, defeated a stubborn Open Door Christian Academy, 3-2, the third placed team out of the Valley 10 League. Thus, the final eight teams, upheld their rankings, qualified and head for Redmond and the OSAA State Quarterfinals next Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5.

Umpqua Valley Christian has the daunting match-up with Damascus Christian; North Douglas meets Crane, St. Paul and Powder Valley lock horns and Rogue Valley Adventist Academy toes up to North Clackamas Christian.

Will it be Eagles or Hawks flying high or will it feature the Mustangs kicking it? You can never count out Badgers digging one out or the Buckaroos spurring to the finish line. Warriors are well, just fighters, especially when pitted against Monarchs intent on forcing their way. In the end though, it might just be the Saints that calm the Storm. Stay tuned.

Letters to the Editor



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Friday 11/4		Saturday 11/5		Sunday 11/6	
					
McKenzie Valley Rain	Santiam Pass Rain	McKenzie Valley Showers	Santiam Pass Snow Showers	McKenzie Valley Showers	Santiam Pass Snow Showers
70% chance precip High: 55 Low: 45	80% chance precip High: 39 Low: 30	60% chance precip High: 50 Low: 38	60% chance precip High: 33 Low: 23	60% chance precip High: 48 Low: 39	60% chance precip High: 32 Low: 24

WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
10/25	52	42	0.77		10/25	53	45	0.59	3,270 cfs
10/26	49	42	0.26	1,460 cfs	10/26	56	45	0.71	3,690 cfs
10/27	52	36	0		10/27	52	37	0.01	2,874 cfs
10/28	60	43	0	1,351 cfs	10/28	64	41	0	3,650 cfs
10/29	63	44	0	1,308 cfs	10/29	61	43	0.05	3,530 cfs
10/30	60	48	0	1,244 cfs	10/30	67	45	t	3,460 cfs
10/31	58	47	0.21	1,193 cfs	10/31	62	49	0	3,380 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**Oct. 21: 5:52 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr. Complainant advised the squatters camp on Camp Creek made threat if caller didn't stop harassing them. No crime, property owner is going through eviction process.

**7:07 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 37800 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Complainant believes ex-wife is attempting to break into home. House in both of their names. Ex-wife cited for Harassment. Male cited for Reckless Endangering.

**10:40 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39400 blk, Mohawk loop Rd. Tenant and landlord dispute, Parties separated, no injuries.

**Oct. 22: 11:37 a.m:** Burglary - 89900 blk, Greenwood Dr. Power tools stolen out of outbuilding. Theft 1 and Burglary 1.

**11:17 p.m:** Criminal Trespass - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported male refusing to leave was seen earlier with a gun.

Advised one of the people helping the caller said they were getting this guy out but caller decided he still needed to make the call anyway. Male left, caller declined to press charges.

**Oct. 23: 11:51 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 39100 blk, Easton Ln. Caller requests law enforcement officer to contact female who snuck out of the house for 3 hours. Female is refusing to disclose information to caller or cooperate.

**Oct. 24: 4:53 a.m:** Intoxicated Subject - 55600 block, McK. River Dr.

**6:59 a.m:** Assault - 38700 blk, Natures Garden St. Domestic dispute between mother and daughter. Cleared with arrest.

**10:00 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd. Caller wanted to report a recording he had on his phone of a suspicious circumstance with roommates.

**4:47 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Driving Under the Influence - Marcola Rd. & Paschelke Rd.

**Oct. 25: 12:46 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd. On going dispute

between landlord and tenant on same property. Citizen self report.

**1:04 p.m:** Violation of Stalking Order - 39400 blk, Mohawk loop Rd.

**11:36 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 38500 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Caller reviewing her ring camera system, believed she saw a male figure. No longer seeing the male. Patrol of area.

**Oct. 26: 4:55 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy. Renter advised of strange car at location. Units responded - no vehicle, no signs of entry.

**1:32 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 51.

**1:48 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**2:01 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 48.

**2:45 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 51.

**3:01 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Terwilliger Hot Springs. Deputy received info via citizen of a male/female dispute at location. Involved left location before being located.

**4:46 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. Follow-up from earlier in week. Complainant now wants to have charges pressed.

**6:35 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

**8:06 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:31 p.m:** Burglary - 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Cabin in process of being built was broken into and game camera was stolen. Burglary report taken.

**Oct. 27: 10:17 a.m:** Burglary - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. New home construction, lots of tools taken and window to the back of the garage was broken out.

**12:31 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**5:25 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 50000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:01 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**7:25 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & MJ Chase Rd.

**Oct. 28: 10:45 a.m:** Welfare Check - 90600 blk, Coburg Hills Dr.

**12:45 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd. Unlicensed motorhome at location. Vehicle Stop, no other details.

**12:59 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 91500 blk, Marcola Rd.

**1:03 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Gate Creek Rd.

**1:16 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:41 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

**2:33 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

**2:37 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Finn Rock Landing. Suspicious vehicle at location and bathroom locked since morning.

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## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Oct. 24: 9:29:** 35000 block, Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Traffic Control Provided.

**17:43:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burn. Investigate, Fire Extinguished.

**Oct. 25: 12:03:** 42000 blk, **Continued On Page 8**

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Oct. 24: 23:07:** Brush Fire - 54000 block, McK. Hwy. Passerby reports a tree on fire, embers going up the trunk, no flames visible.

**Oct. 28: 19:02:** Fire - McK. Hwy./Milepost 44. Report of flames & smoke near the highway, on the east side. It did not appear to be a structure involved but caller did not stop.

**Oct. 29: 14:23:** Check Smoke - W. King Rd./E. King Rd. Caller is seeing white smoke coming through the trees.

**18:32:** Medical - 57041 N. Bank Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

*The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.*



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By Slim Randles

There’s something to be said for the brightness of day, of course, when the energies of the world improve our lot in life. But for a special time, give me the night. Give me the soft, velvety quiet of a country evening and its own sounds and flavors and scents.

It’s good to hear the night shift take over the part of our world we call home. The coyote yaps off in the brush, calling his family to the hunt, the quail have a soft cluck and rustle down by the creek. The crickets set up the background music for all this in a spooky kind of harmony.

It’s a resting time for most, but for those who will postpone sleep, there is the secret of another world, where we slow down a little and take a bit more time with our lives. This is a time when we can hear the world heal a little before it goes back into daily battle again. A time when we can smile and sit and just say thanks for bringing us to another evening like this. If we like, we can do a little mental planning for the next day. Or not.

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Opening up the Santiam Pass

By M.J. Nye

In the fall of 1880, a Company was organized to build a wagon road over the Cascade Mountains via what is now known as the Santiam Pass. Little or nothing was known about the country at the headwaters of the south Santiam, along which the road was later built; for it is supposed that no white man had ever crossed the Cascade Mountains at this point until 1859 when Andrew Wiley led a company of men across.

Wiley had previously led a band of emigrants from Missouri to Oregon and seemed well-fitted for this job. He was a man who was very courageous and very reticent. He had settled on a homestead east of Foster, on Wiley Creek, which stream was named for him. At this time there were Indians in both the Santiam and Callapooia Valleys, who at times got troublesome, at other times they would disappear to the east and be gone for a period of time.

Wiley supposing that the Indians had a trail across the Cascades, and were desirous of exploring the mountains and the country to the east of them, formed a company and struck out one bright spring morning. They found no trail, however, but undaunted, literally hewed their way to a point, now called Lost Prairie, because of the fact that it was here that the party decided that they were lost. Here Wiley showed the pioneer spirit and also that he was a leader of men - for after having climbed a high peak of the mountains he got his bearings, returned to camp, and informed his companions that he could see his way out to the East and that if they would follow him, he would take them through safely. This they agreed to do and Wiley made good his word, for they later landed in Eastern Oregon where they found luxuriant waving grasses, a veritable stock-

man’s Paradise.

The desire for a direct road from the Willamette Valley to this new-found stock Paradise and also the desire to have a more direct road, with lesser grades - for the migration that was now pouring in from the east, finally brought about the construction of the wagon road across the Santiam Pass.

Before leaving our exploring party - for we shall not again take them up further in our story - we want to tell of the route they traveled. These names, of course, were given these places since that brave party hewed the route for the Santiam Pass, and on each name hangs a story that cannot be told here - Whiskey Butte, Moss Butte, and Canyon Creek saw white men for the first time when these explorers passed their way. Hiatt and Gordon had not turned their herds of cattle out on the range, that bears their name, nor was there a place known as Boulder Ridge when Andrew Wiley herded his old white pack mule over and around these points. Then, too these travelers must have stirred up the first dust on old “Seven-Mile,” and the old white mule carried the first white man’s pack across Hackleman Creek and on out to Lost Prairie where our party lost their bearings.

At Lost Prairie we find the party discouraged until their leader tells them of the pass, to the east, he has seen. He leads them around the shores of Fish Lake and Clear Lake and on again to Big Lake. The headwaters of Cache Creek also mirror the forms of this exploring party. They continue eastward until they strike the waters of the Deschutes River, where they halt and drink.

After arriving back into the valley our exploring party tells of the country they have seen and do what they can to get a road constructed over the route they traveled. Here we have to part with



In his cross-country trek, Dwight Huss proved the mettle of “Old Scout,” his 1903 Oldsmobile.

our exploring party who did the initial work in bringing about the construction of the road across the Santiam Pass, which made this story possible.

It was nearly eight years before our explorer’s dreams came, but they lived to enjoy the benefits of their exploration and took an active part in the construction of the road, (In order to get the historical data of the Santiam Pass in a compact form for those who wish to file it away for its historical value, we are repeating some of the foregoing in the following, and also telling something of the first wagon roads across the Cascade Mountains.)

The absolute necessity of having a wagon road across the Cascade Mountains developed as early as 1845. The emigration arriving at The Dalles in the fall of that year was so great, and the means of transportation down the Columbia was so limited, that many of the settlers did not arrive in the Willamette Valley until late in December. Quite a number of them became so impatient at the delay in getting down the river that they finally abandoned their wagons at The Dalles and crossed the mountains on foot and on horseback.

At the next session of the Provisional Legislature, which met in the latter part of December, a franchise was obtained by Mr. Barlow for constructing a toll road across the mountains just south of Mt. Hood. This road was opened up, but the grades were so heavy that it was very difficult for wagons to get over it - and a search was continued by the people for a pass through the mountains farther to

the south.

One party from the valley located a route through the Klamath Lake country, connecting with the old emigrant trail from the east at Fort Rail, and while this was traveled to some extent from and after 1847, it never became a popular route, and the greater part of the early settlers either came down the Columbia on boats and rafts or crossed the mountains over the Barlow road.

In later years, when the settlements in the valley had increased to such an extent that outside range for stock became limited, the people again began to look for some pass through the mountains over which they could construct a road to the great bunchgrass country on the other side. In the opposite direction. They told McKee a hard luck story but he did not let them pass. As he turns them - as he supposes - back on their way, he tells them how sorry he feels for them. He is very much chagrined when he later finds that these young men pulled a good one on him.

In 1891, J. L. Nye was appointed gatekeeper; at this time there was heavy traffic over the road. Hundreds of heavily loaded wagons with four and six-horse teams were hauling wool from eastern Oregon ranches to the woolen mills at Waterloo and Brownsville. On their return trips, they would haul fruit and vegetables and other supplies not grown or easily available in eastern Oregon at that time. It was no uncommon thing to see a wagon train one-half mile long when this traffic was at its height.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Control slugs now



Just as we begin to think about wrapping things up in the garden for the season, slugs slither out of their homes underground to lay their eggs for next year.

That means it’s time again to slug it out with one of the gardener’s most familiar, frustrating, and certainly slimiest pests.

“What slugs want is a place that’s warm and moist,” said Claudia Groth, an Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener. “That’s why spring and fall are when they’re most active. They’ll be coming out soon to lay eggs.”

Slugs aren’t crazy about winter and summer. They bail from cold or hot weather. But fall and spring are agreeable seasons for slugs. In the perfect conditions of autumn when the heat starts to wane and the first rains come, the mollusks lay eggs in clusters called clutches, according to Groth, a horticulturist who has made slugs her specialty.

The eggs mature slowly over winter and hatch fairly rapidly. The fast-growing slugs wait it out, showing up in spring to scrape and shred plant leaves with tongues lined with thousands of tiny, extremely sharp teeth. Many slugs overwinter as full-sized critters ready to go in spring.

“In the fall, you’re trying to kill them off before they lay eggs,” she said. “In spring when your plants are poking their heads up, you need to protect them, because once the leaves are nipped, the damage is there all summer.”

The pests are particularly fond of lettuce and other salad greens, broccoli, beans, hostas, strawberries, primrose, and daffodil flowers. More sturdy plants like ferns, sedums, ornamental grasses, bleeding hearts, heuchera, hellebores, and most herbs fend them off reasonably well. Woody plants are also usually unbothered.

Since slugs attack at night and look for protected places during the day, you’ll find them underground covers or mulches and in thickly planted perennial or annual borders.

“Many gardeners grow plants tightly in their beds to keep weeds from growing,” Groth said. “That’s an environment that provides them with a 100 percent hiding place all day.”

Slugs will crawl beneath almost anything where it’s dark and moist, including boards, bricks, pots, loose stepping stones and pavers, and debris left lying in the garden.

“So, the first thing to do when starting a control program is to clean up the garden,” she said. “Don’t leave things all over the yard. They can even hide under garden gloves.”

Raise pots onto bricks or “pot feet” purchased for that purpose. Pull mulch away from your favorite plants. Remove weeds where the pests like to nestle down. Tidy under porches and other raised structures.

Although sanitation is the first line of defense, there are plenty of other methods for control. Get started now. Young plants are most susceptible. Here are Groth’s recommendations:

- \* Water in the morning. “If you water in the evening, it’s wet until early in the morning and you’ve given them the best environment when they come out at night hungry,” she said.
- \* Put out beer traps. Use a pie plate or bury a plastic yogurt or margarine container almost to the

rim. Pour in beer. Remove dead slugs daily and refill with beer.

- \* Don’t use salt. It can build up in the soil and damage plants.
- \* Attract predators such as frogs, ground beetles, and, yes, snakes.
- \* Create an artificial hiding place by placing a board in their favorite places. To make it especially attractive, grind up lettuce and brewer’s yeast (not baker’s yeast) and put that under the board. In the morning, lift the board and remove the slugs. Drop them in a bucket of soapy water.
- \* Go out at night with a flashlight or headlamp and handpick them.
- \* Get a duck, which will make a quick dinner out of slugs, but be sure to check with your city first. Some don’t allow them and there are restrictions.
- \* Tape a wide (3-4 inches) strip of copper around the top of a pot or the top edge of a raised bed.

Also, you can use bait. There are two types. One is a synthetic bait that contains metaldehyde, which is toxic to humans and can be fatal to dogs if eaten in large amounts. The other contains iron phosphate, which is considered very low in toxicity, according to the National Pesticide Information Center at OSU, but has been known to sicken dogs in high amounts. It can be used in organic vegetable gardens.

When baiting, scatter rather than make piles or bands. “If you use piles or bands,” Groth explained, “slugs can go right by. If you scatter, they’re likely to encounter it.”

Also, be sure to look at the label to see how much to use per square foot. It’s a lot less than most people think. Using more is not better.

For more information, check out Extension’s publication on How to Control Slugs in Your Garden in English and Spanish.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



BUTTON! BUTTON! WHERE’S THE BUTTON?

Did you or your children ever played with buttons, sort them by size, color, or shape, or event games with the? When I operated a dressmaking and alteration business from our home during our daughter’s childhood, she found buttons fascinating, as I did in childhood. Mother and Nanny collected them in jars for future use.

I had a customer, Miss Ida, who collected buttons, wrote about buttons, and had many books on the topic. She also created button art pictures. Through her, I became aware there was a history to buttons.

My daughter, nowadays, uses button on many of her quilt hangings and fabric art creations. They’re a popular embellishment in the quilting/sewing world.

Buttons with Food & Fruit Designs

Buttons, in a round-about way, may have a connection with food! As I continued my research into the fascinating world of buttons, I realized that many buttons were designed to resemble some type of food or cooking implement.

I’ve come across some designed in the shape of various fruit - apples, cherries, strawberries, oranges, lemons, tomatoes, bunch of grapes, pears, pumpkins,

carrots, peppers, bananas, nuts, watermelon and pineapples. Others may have fruit and food painted on them or somehow incorporated into the design.

As I browse through one of my button books, I see plastic buttons shaped like a knife, spoon and fork. Others are in the shape of a teapot and cup/saucer. The notes say these are part of a four-piece button set which also included a tea kettle and creamer.

While sorting through buttons at the kitchen table, why not have some tea and cookies?

NOBBY APPLE SQUARES is one of my favorite apple recipes. Cream 1/4 cup shortening with 1/2 cup sugar. Add 1 beaten egg. Then mix in 3 cups peeled, diced apples with 1/4 cup chopped nuts and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift together 1 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (more if you desire), and 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Stir into the apple mixture.

Bake in greased 8-inch square pan at 350 degrees F. for 45 minutes. Cut into squares when cool. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream, if you like.

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## Community Notes

November 2

### Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 5 p.m. More info @ /www.blueriverpark.com.

November 2

### Blue River Water Board

The will meet at 7p.m. More info @ www.blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

November 3

### Business Resource Fair

The Oregon Solutions Economic Subcommittee is hosting a McKenzie Business Resource Fair and any and all McKenzie Valley businesses impacted by the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire are cordially invited. The event will be held Thursday, November 3rd at 4:00 pm at the McKenzie Fire and Rescue Station in Leaburg (42870 McKenzie Hwy). Refreshments will be provided. Representatives at the event will include Business Oregon, McKenzie Locals Helping Locals, Lane County- Long Term Disaster Recovery, Lane County- Community and Economic Development, Lane County- Land Management Permits, Lane County- Small Business Development Center, Lane Workforce Partnership. RSVP (email Sofia Castellanos at acastel2@pdx.edu) is encouraged if possible, but walk-ups are encouraged as well. Also available is a short business survey, created by RDI (Rural Development Initiatives), designed to better understand what resources and support McKenzie Valley businesses, impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire, are needing. That SURVEY LINK is: bit.ly/McKenzieSurvey

### November 5 & 13 Job Fair

The Hoodoo Ski Area will hold

its annual job fair on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hoodoo lodge on the Santiam Pass.

Hoodoo Ski Area positions are seasonal, with employees typically working from December to mid-April, depending on snowfall and weather conditions on the mountain. Wages start at \$16 per hour and are based on experience and skills required for specific positions. Hoodoo is an equal-opportunity employer and service provider, and welcomes all applicants.

Currently available positions include ski and snowboard instructors, rental attendants and technicians, food and beverage employees, lift operators, ticket office clerks and Autobahn Tubing Park assistants. Job descriptions are listed at [skihoodoo.com/employment](http://skihoodoo.com/employment).

To apply for a Hoodoo Ski Area job, candidates should print and complete the Hoodoo Ski Area Job Application at [skihoodoo.com/employment](http://skihoodoo.com/employment), and review the Hoodoo Grooming Policy and job listings.

For specific questions, please contact Julie Klemz at [julie@hoodoo.com](mailto:julie@hoodoo.com) or 541-822-3799.

### November 7 Vaccination Clinic

A Covid Vaccination Booster Clinic will be held from from 4 to 6 pm, in the new gym at McKenzie Community School in Finn Rock.

### November 11 Spaghetti Feed

The Walterville Grange is hosting its annual Spaghetti Fee and honoring veterans with a red, white, and blue theme. On the menu is spaghetti with red meat

sauce, salad, garlic bread, drinks, and cookies for dessert. It will be held at the Walterville Community Hall, located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations, including canned food items for the upriver food bank, are always welcome

### November 12 Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

### November 16 Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

### November 17 Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

### November 19 Ben & Kay Replanting

On Saturday, November 19, the Pure Water Partners and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting a volunteer planting of native trees and shrubs at Ben and Kay Dorris Park. Come join us as we beautify the picnic area at the park as part of the ongoing efforts of fire recovery. Our goal is to plant over 1000 plants! Volunteers can choose between 2 shifts, one is between 9am and noon, and the other is between 1pm and 4pm. Tools and lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Contact Daniel at [daniel@uwsacd.org](mailto:daniel@uwsacd.org) for a link to the registration site.

## Lane Electric offers support



Kathy Keable, left, presented a check to Upper McKenzie Fire Protection District Fire Chief Rainbow Plews as a contribution from the Lane Electric Cooperative to the rebuilding fund for the Blue River Fire Station,

Each year the Lane Electric Cooperative makes donations that support activities and projects to benefit communities environmentally, socially, or economically.

In September, the Lane Electric Board of Directors voted to award donation funds to Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District, as well as the Upper McKenzie Community Center, O'Brien Memorial Library, and Food for Lane County. In addition to the cooperative's donation, Lane Electric applied for and received matching funds from its financial partner, CoBank. As part of CoBank's

corporate citizenship efforts it developed a program called Sharing Success which matches up to \$10,000 in donations by the bank's customers to nonprofit organizations in their communities. Lane Electric's matching funds will be spread across the organizations noted above.

The UMRFD, Upper McKenzie Community Center, and O'Brien Memorial Library all received \$2,000 from Lane Electric. Food for Lane County received \$4,000 CoBank separately provided matching funds.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

## A Passing Grade



I was listening to a woman author on TV. Paraphrasing her, she said something like, “If you were happy 50 percent of the time, you had a good marriage.”

I am in a marriage with an alcoholic who is in recovery. I deal with lies, broken promises, rage and denial. You know the profile.

We have been through a turbulent decade. I learned many lessons about myself. I have grown. My husband is still in denial about his role in our problematic relationship. He wants out.

I suspect he is running away from himself more than me. I decided I would stand by my vows of marriage. I was divorced before and left when the going got rough.

My intuition says time, perhaps 15 or 20 years, is needed for some relationships to settle down. What do you think?

Aimee

Aimee, when we were in school, 50 percent was a failing grade.

If you accept 50 percent, then failure becomes the norm, and ever-diminishing expectations are accepted.

Perhaps this author was acknowledging she doesn’t know how to raise the number to a passing grade. Or perhaps she was saying she doesn’t know what 100 percent is because those people don’t see counselors. Keep in mind she is talking about her own experience.

You divorced because the going got rough. Then you married an alcoholic. Where is the learning in that? This time, all factors considered, you’ve decided to continue no matter what. Surprise! He’s decided to bail on you.

You are interfering with his drinking, and drinking is what he wants to continue. It’s hard to believe he chooses alcohol over you, but he has a legal right to and you can’t stop him.

When people start believing 50 percent is acceptable, chances are they will enter a failing relationship. Why doesn’t it dawn on them settling for half is likely to be the height that relationship ever reaches? The other side of 50 percent happy is 50 percent miserable.

Wayne & Tamara

**False Fronts**

I am almost at my wit’s end. I

have been in a relationship with my fiancé since I was 17. He is the father of my three children, and I love and adore him. The problem is I don’t think he respects me as a person.

My opinion doesn’t matter to him if it’s not agreeable to his. He disagrees with me about close to everything. He puts me down as a parent because I don’t do things the way he does. He defends himself by saying “that’s the way I grew up.” But when I use the same argument, he says it doesn’t mean my parents were right.

We’ve always managed to work through the hard times, but sometimes when he invalidates my feelings, I want to leave him. My friends say it’s just how some men are, stuck in the Stone Age. It leaves me feeling nothing I do or say is good enough.

I don’t want to end up losing myself for fear I’m not pleasing him or doing what he says. Am I making too big a deal out of this, or is there a problem here?

Linda

Linda, it is said that when Catherine the Great toured Russia by barge or by coach, she glimpsed only picturesque, tidy villages in the distance. The villages were actually mobile, false fronts erected by her minister Potemkin. They concealed from her the misery of her subjects.

Every now and then your inner self looks at the Potemkin village of your “engagement” too closely and realizes it is a façade. Your inner part is who wrote us. Now you must decide what you want.

Which side of yourself will you follow? The part which accepts the lie, or the part which wants what is real. Your future depends on doing what is necessary to change your life.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

### American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Perhaps we are too close to the monumental moment in history to fully appreciate just how to approach it in poetry, but the poets are writing about this pandemic in the way that poets must—to find language to chart the sentiment of the time. “April Moon”, by Cathy Song, fixates on the need for genuine tenderness between those who are surviving—an act of choice and control, in the midst of the uncontrollable swirl of loss orbiting about us. “Grace willing” she writes, “we will remember.” This seems like a fit epitaph for a poet in these times.

**April Moon**

By Cathy Song

The moon tonight is closer to us than it will be for the rest of the year, grace willing, the year we will remember as the Great Pandemic. Pulling us closer into its orbit, shining the light of its fullness

into the room, we turn to hold in our hands each other’s face as if for the first time, and the last— Pink Moon, Egg Moon, Moon of New Grass.

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### A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**November 3 - Astoria**, founded in 1811 by members of the Pacific Fur Company, was the first permanent settlement by Americans on the Pacific coast. Two years later, with reports that British war ships were on the way to take Fort Astoria, the post was quickly sold to the North West Company, a British-Canadian fur company. In 1821 the North West and Hudson’s Bay companies were consolidated and the headquarters for the Columbia District was moved a hundred miles upriver to Fort Vancouver. The first wagon pioneers arrived in Astoria in 1844. The first post office west of the Rocky Mountains was established here on March 9, 1847.

## Fishing Report

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Wreck retrieved

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Time extended for trail comments

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wilderness area that was miles away from any road.

Fortunately, the call for help from Wirt’s wife and three children was heard by Dave Sparks, known as “Heavy D,” and Dave Kiley, known as “Diesel Dave,” who starred in the reality show “Diesel Brothers” and appear on the HeavyDSparks YouTube Channel.

The men say they felt compelled to help a family in need and assisted the family by coordinating recovery efforts.

With the support of the family, the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, worked with the US Forest Service and Sparks to recover the aircraft.

Duncan said the Linn County Sheriff’s Office was there “to recover any remains of Wayne Wirt and ensure the value of human life was at the forefront.”

Two private helicopters from Washington-based Northwind Helicopters were used to drop off multiple personnel on the mountain and lift the wreckage out of the area. The damaged aircraft was taken to Washington state where the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will conduct an inspection.

The sheriff said her office would like to thank the Wirt family, David Sparks, Dave Kiley, Northwind Helicopters, members of the Willamette National Forest, and the National Transportation Safety Board for their assistance.

A documentary video covering the process and celebrating the life of Wayne Wirt is planned to be released later on the HeavyDSparks YouTube channel.

The Forest Service is now accepting scoping public comments through November 14th for its proposal to develop a trail-wide comprehensive plan and associated environmental analysis for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, extending the original scoping public comment period by 15 days.

The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail was designated by Congress as part of the National Trails System in 2009 and is one of the nation’s newest national scenic trails. The trail covers a route of approximately 1,200 miles, from the Continental Divide to the Pacific Ocean, extends through Montana, Idaho, and Washington, and provides opportunities for long-distance hiking and other non-motorized recreation. Most of the route is in place, on existing roads or trails, and is available for public use.

Development of a comprehensive plan for the management of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail is required by the National Trails System Act [Sec. 5 (e)]. The comprehensive plan project goals are to fulfill legislative requirements from the National Trails System Act, to ensure future administration and management of the trail provides for its nature and purposes, and to ensure this administration and management safeguards the values for which the trail was designated.

During the scoping period, the Forest Service is seeking comments on what should be included in the comprehensive plan, as well as issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the supporting environmental analysis.

The project area for the comprehensive plan includes portions of seven national forests: the Flathead, Kootenai, and Idaho Panhandle National Forests in the Forest Service’s Northern Region, and the Colville, Okanogan-Wenatchee, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, and Olympic National Forests in the Pacific Northwest Region.

It also includes lands managed by the National Park Service in Glacier National Park, the North Cascades National Park Complex, and Olympic National Park, as well as lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Washington.

Portions of the project area are within the Colville Reservation and Swinomish Reservation.

The project area includes land in the following counties: in Montana – Glacier, Flathead, and Lincoln counties; in Idaho – Boundary and Bonner counties; in Washington – Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Whatcom, Skagit, Island, Jefferson, and Clallam counties.

The newly extended scoping comment period will remain open through Nov. 14, 2022. The purpose of scoping is for the Forest Service to identify important issues and determine the extent of analysis necessary for an informed decision on a proposal.

The scoping document can be downloaded from the Pacific Northwest Region’s project website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259> (or contact the project lead, Becky Blanchard, at [becky.blanchard@usda.gov](mailto:becky.blanchard@usda.gov) or (503) 808-2449 to receive a copy via U.S. Mail or email).

Comments may be submitted electronically through the online portal at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=52259> by selecting the “Comment on Project” link in the “Get Connected” group at the right-hand side of the project webpage.

If you’re not able to access the online comment form, you may submit comments by regular mail to Pacific Northwest Regional Forester’s Office; Attention: Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan Comments; 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 1700; Portland, Oregon 97204.

Scoping comments received after November 14, 2022, will be considered to the extent possible in the development of the draft comprehensive plan and environmental analysis, but will not provide standing for objection.

The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the full draft comprehensive plan and environmental analysis once those are completed (anticipated early 2023), and comments received during that public comment period will also provide standing for objection.

McKenzie Wellness

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require that directors elected (or appointed) to the MVW board be independent of the for-profit Orchid Health, which provides medical care to the local area.

The policy would specify board members can’t be Orchid employees, hold a non-employee director position with Orchid, aren’t current consultants or independent contractors of Orchid, nor are related to people who are.

In addition, the proposed policy won’t apply to two current directors - Steve Severin and Jane Wilson - including their possible reelection in future years.

Severin was elected to the board as a write-in candidate. The night of the MVW annual meeting, it appeared that a run-off election would be needed. However, a validation of a provisional ballot and a vote recount a week after the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting confirmed he’d been elected.

Wilson, Val Rapp, and Kelly Shaw were also voted back into their board seats. Two other members, Galen Phipps and Robin Roberts weren’t up for election this year. However, Shaw resigned shortly after winning re-election.

Also at the August meeting, members approved creating a seventh board seat. Currently, MVW has five filled board positions and two vacant seats.

Rapp says the organization will hold a special membership meeting this winter, at a date to be determined, to vote on a policy that will define the composition of the board. Also up for a vote, she said, will be an election to fill those two empty board seats.

Forest Practices Act

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agement program to advise the Board of Forestry on future rule adjustments.

In addition, to rule changes, recent legislation also funded the creation of a small forestland owner assistance office, establishment of tax credits to small landowners, started the development of a habitat conservation plan for aquatic species and made investments in training and outreach.

For more information on the Forest Practices Act and the Private Forest Accord visit ODF’s PFA website.

Sheriff’s Report

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No one found in bathroom.

**2:52 p.m:** Towed Vehicle - 39300 blk, Hileman Rd.

**4:01 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**6:54 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Oct. 29: 8:49 a.m:** Fraud - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller received a phone call from someone identifying themselves as a Multnomah deputy, stating \$7,000 payment needs to be made in order to take care of a subpoena.

**11:59 a.m:** Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.

**1:34 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**Oct. 30: 9:57 a.m:** Burglary - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd. Tenant called stating his landlord entered his residence, moved items, and turned lights and other electrical items off. Civil issue.

**10:39 a.m:** Burglary - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. Detached shed - 3 new chainsaws were stolen.

**12:02 p.m:** Open Gate - Honeybee Ln. & Wendling Rd.

**2:13 p.m:** Civil Service - 91900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Oct. 31: 11:21:46 a.m:** Alarm - 92400 blk, Marcola Rd.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.

**Oct. 27: 1:34:** 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**23:52:** McK. Hwy./Camp Creek Rd. Subject Down. Unable To Locate.

**Oct. 28: 18:15:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 44. Mutual Aid. Disregarded.

**Oct. 29: 10:16:** McK. Hwy./N. Gate Creek Rd. Legal Backyard Burn Pile.

**McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.**

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# Big decision

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restoring the project’s electrical output, or removing all parts of the project and returning the surrounding area to how it existed before it was built.

Questioned on how those choices could impact customer rates, Electric Generation manager Lisa Krentz estimated the partial or full decommissioning plans could cause them to go up from 10 to 10.5 percent. The full removal plan could cause a 14% rise she said, and bringing all the power generation back online was likely to cost an additional 15%, Krentz said.

Adding to the complexity of a decision is the general layout of Leaburg’s infrastructure. Krentz said it is very different from other hydroelectric projects that have been decommissioned in the past. Unlike those, Leaburg has a long canal and includes a lake that doesn’t function as a storage reservoir. “There’s no precedent out there for a project like ours,” she added.

It’s unlikely the EWEB board

will make a decision at its December meeting. EWEB has received over 400 comments from the public in support of - as well as opposed to the various alternatives. When the staff asked board members to rank the four alternatives the results showed now was a clear winner.

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# Opening up the Santiam Pass

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Merchants at Albany, Lebanon, Brownsville, and Waterloo did a thriving business with these freighters. Thousands of head of cattle and horses were driven over this road. As high as 500 in a herd have been driven through. The cattle were sent out of the Willamette Valley to the grazing lands of eastern Oregon where they were fattened on buffalo grass and later sent to various markets. The horses were raised on this bunch grass and driven over the mountains to the Willamette Valley where they were sold to ranchers.

Even yet, every spring and summer brings its bands of eastern Oregon horses, over the Santiam Pass, which is disposed of to the valley ranchers. These horses are known as “bunch grass” horses, getting their name from the natural grass of the Eastern Oregon country. This grass is famed for its bone and muscle-building qualities.

In 1893 Frank Rumbaugh was appointed superintendent. He served for four years. In the spring of 1897 A.J. McClure took over the superintendency of the road. At this time there was considerable bridge repairing to do. After finishing up a job McClure brought a box of big spikes to the cabin of the gatekeeper and stored them overhead. Returning for the spikes he found them gone.

One night the keeper, Mr. Nye felt something fall on his head from overhead. An investigation showed that one of the large spikes had been returned. Strange to say that every spike was brought back and dropped on the bed by the robber or robbers that had taken them - pack rats. This solved the uncanny disappearance of the spikes and relieved the tension of both the superintendent and gatekeeper.

In 1898 George Geisendorfer established a post office at Cascadia on the north bank of the Santiam. A bridge was built across the river west of the tollgate. This let traffic around the gate so it was moved back to Lower Soda, and later established east of Canyon Crook at what is now known as White City.

To accommodate the travelers, there were roadhouses and campgrounds all along the route, where

both man and animals could be supplied with food and water. Traveling east, the first stopping place was operated by Charles Mealey, father of the Mealey Brothers residing east of Foster. Mr. Mealey had moved to this place in 1872. He built his home from lumber purchased at the Wiley sawmill.

At the time of which we write, the hills were full of wild animals, deer, bears, coyotes, cougars, and wolves. Mealey kept a pack of dogs, and many times the wolves would attack the dogs right in the dooryard. The dogs would get away by crawling under the house. In the morning, after one of these attacks the yard fence would be badly torn down where the big brutes went through and over it. Mealey operated this place until 1905.

Six miles further east was the next roadhouse, operated by a man by the name of Finley. This was Lower Soda. Two miles on east was a stopping place operated by William McKeenon, on Canyon Creek. It was here the tollgate was operated for 1 year.

Seven miles further brought you to the old Walton Ranch where you could get good accommodations. Charles Foster ran the

next place, which, besides accommodating the tired and hungry traveler, boasted of a post office, known as Garrison post office. A stage and mail line had been established, running from Sisters to Cascadia. Joe Claypoole operated this line.

Like many others of his time, Claypoole could drive his four-in-hand with a sweep and a dash that drew admiration from his patrons. He aimed to deliver his passengers safely and his mail on time. It is not known that he fell far short of his aim.

Four miles east of the Garrison post office was the Mountain House. This was owned by the wagon road company, and operated by Andrew Wiley. Sixteen miles on the east was the Company’s roadhouse at Fish Lake, which was operated by Henry Burmister and Joe Claypoole. Fish Lake was the most popular stopping place along the route. Hundreds of wagons would pull in there for the night. Large sheds were erected for the accommodations of travelers. The lake was utterly alive with fish, which were easily caught.

Then too, there was the genial host, Henry Burmister, whose fine baritone voice started the day off

just right, with his lively tunes. He was an early riser and the clear morning air would resound with his melodies. At this roadhouse, as at all others along the route, the prices were 25¢ for a meal, 25¢ for a bed, and 25¢ for hay for each horse. The meals were very good and were served at all hours.

The operators of the stopping places treated their patrons very courteously and looked to every detail to make them comfortable. In fact, they vied with one another in attaining the highest degree in the art of hospitality.

Sixteen miles east of Fish Lake the Road Company operated a roadhouse on Cache Creek. This was in charge of Robert Booth. It was a typical stopping place and differed little from any of the others.

Camp Poke was the next stopping place. It was 16 miles east of Cache Creek. Hinemans owned and operated this place. From Camp Poke trails and roads spread out fan-like to the northeast, east, and southeast. To this point, travelers came and made final preparations for the trip across the mountains.

In 1889 the Santiam Pass was teeming with traffic, due to the activities of T. Edgerson Hogg, who started to build the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, which was to connect Yaquina Bay with Ontario. In order to hold the only practical pass over the mountains

he began building a section of this road over Sand Mountain.

A section of roadbed was graded; steel was laid, and a boxcar was placed on it. It required considerable labor and money to accomplish this. The long steel rails were cut in two in the middle and the car was made in sections so that they could be hauled up the mountain.

A long story in itself could be written about the construction of this bit of railroad. Let it suffice to say that the railroad was never completed, but that as a lone sentinel the boxcar has guarded the Santiam Pass for nearly a half-century, although there is little left of it but rusty plates and bolts.

On June 20th, 1905, as gatekeeper, J.L. Nye looked up the road and saw a strange sight. There was a contraption of iron and tin approaching, which came swiftly and had an ugly snort to it. What was it?

The gatekeeper had never been called upon before to let an animal like this through the gate. When the thing came to a stop, the driver approached and offered to pay the toll. The keeper looked the thing over and then consulted his toll sheet. He also noticed that horses and other animals had given this rig all over the road. After pondering for a few minutes he told the driver that he would have to class his outfit as a “road hog,” and since such animals were not mentioned, on his toll sheet, he would have to pass him through the same as other hogs at the 3 cent rate.

It was here that Dwight B. Huss introduced himself and his Oldsmobile, “Old Scout.” This was the first automobile to cross the continent and the Santiam Pass has to have the distinction of furnishing a means to bring the first automobile across the Cascade Mountains. After visiting several Willamette Valley towns, “Old Scout” attended the Lewis & Clark Exposition in Portland.

On September 15, 1931, Mr. Russ again piloted “Old Scout” across the continent and down the Santiam Pass. He found the gate and its keeper was gone. He was informed that the keeper quietly rests on a knoll, which slants toward the rising sun, while the old gate has been preserved to bear witness to a departed enterprise.

M.J. Nye met Mr. Huss at the end of the highway, by prearrangement. They rolled quietly down the pavement to Sweet Home where “Old Scout” and its driver attracted considerable attention. At Union High School Mr. Huss gave an interesting talk to the students. After this he started out in the valley, going over the same route and visiting the same towns he had visited 26 years before.

In 1905 M.J. Nye was appointed agent for the Company. In 1906 his father, J.L. Nye, who had charge of the gate and road, was forced to retire on account of ill health and his son M.J. Nye took charge of the gate, road, and fire patrol.

The gate was operated up to 1914. For a period of seven years, no toll was charged. In 1921 the gate was operated but this was the last time tolls were charged. In 1925 the road was sold to Linn County for the use of the present Santiam Highway and the Company relinquished all rights to the original roadbed.



Parts of the pioneer roadway are still visible to people looking out across the lava fields surrounding the Dee Wright Observatory on Hwy. 242, the Old McKenzie Highway.

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