

McKenzie Eagles
Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Boys Wrap-up Season with A Win!

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No longer tempting daredevils

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Artists are invited to compete in one - or all three - of the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's 2025 stamp art competitions.

The winning artist in each contest will receive a \$2,000 award and the winning artwork will be used to produce collector's stamps and other promotional items - with sale proceeds benefitting Oregon's fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

For more information on contest rules and to order stamps and art prints, visit: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/index.asp

Entries will be accepted starting August 30 through September 27, by 5 p.m., at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr., SE, Salem, OR 97302.

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Oregon's average gasoline prices have ticked up while other regions see larger increases at the pumps. Refinery issues have sent gas prices higher in the Midwest, pushing the national average price of gas higher as well. Here in Oregon, pump prices are rising. Officials say this is the time of year for the seasonal climb in gas prices due to refinery maintenance and the switch to EPA-mandated summer-blend fuel. For the week, the national average for regular rose five cents to \$3.28 a gallon. The Oregon average added a penny to an average of \$3.60.

A major driver of higher gas prices nationwide is a shutdown at the large BP-Whiting refinery in Indiana, which was taken offline after a February 1st power outage. The facility has undergone extensive inspections to assess damage. The shutdown has had an impact on supplies, as the refinery normally processes 435,000 barrels of crude oil per day. This has sent prices higher throughout the Midwest and has also pushed the national average higher.

"This is the time of year that gas prices climb. Refineries typically run the last of their winter-blend fuels, then undergo maintenance ahead of the switch to summer-blend fuel. This process can temporarily reduce supplies, putting upward pressure on prices."

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Sometimes, it just takes a dog

The community's search for lost puppy had a happy outcome

VIDA: The loss expressed by Brenda Severns Dinges struck a chord in the community when she posted on social media last week that their puppy was missing.

"We had neighbors all the way up to Rainbow offering their help," she said. "Local neighbors showed up within minutes to help."

The response helped soften some of the emptiness her family felt, "we feel so blessed to live in this community with wonderful humans," she said.

The people who



The West family with two new canine buddies - Hatchet (left), and Sadie.

showed up to help out searched "what seemed like scouring every piece of land. We even had a boat in the river searching. It was devastating to stop searching at dark."

The next morning, an unlikely element was added to those efforts. Hatchet, is a friendly (and very smart) black Labrador who lives with his family on Goodpasture Road. He may not look a bit like Lassie, but he sure acted like that famous canine on the morning of February 13th. Hatchet woke up early, pestering his family to let him out the door. He barked, whined, and finally got his wish.

He ran directly to a pile in the hay barn and unearthed Sadie, a cute little puppy, who had gone missing during the frigid night before. Sadie had wisely sought shelter from the cold in the West family's compost.

"Hatchet is a true hero," Brenda said. "God bless the animals." His reward was a big chewy gift box. And Sadie's owners hosted searchers to a spaghetti feed Sunday night as a low-key celebration "of love, kindness, and new friendships."

Hoodoo ready for a rousing weekend

SANTIAM PASS: This Saturday will draw more people to the ski slopes at Hoodoo for the resort's annual Winter Carnival. The all-day event on February 24th will have several options for ax throwing, frisbee golf, musical chairs, a three-legged obstacle race, a team tube race, a hula-hoop contest, a fly-athalon, a pie eating contest, a ski javelin throw, an archery contest, a Hoodoo employee snow sculpture contest, and Bingo.

Highlights include a special dinner menu and the Dummy Downhill contest. Around 9 p.m. the slopes will go dark as lights are turned off for the annual torchlight descent of torch-bearing skiers, snowboarders, and skibikers. People who have been focused on the red glow reflecting off the snow will then be sure to look upward when a professional fireworks display on the mountain will light up the sky.



People should be on the lookout for the unusual like a flying blue caboose (top right) sighted among the various entries that have taken to the air during Hoodoo's Dummy Downhill races.

Are you ready for winter recreation?

As the winter recreation season continues and parts of the Pacific Northwest Region remain blanketed with snow and ice, the Forest Service is urging all visitors to prioritize their safety and preparedness when participating in outdoor activities.

The allure of snowy landscapes, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and other winter sports draw countless individuals to the picturesque lands managed by the Forest Service in Oregon and Washington. Amidst the excitement of winter adventures, it is crucial to be aware of the potential hazards and take proactive measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

"Winter recreation in the Pacific Northwest offers breathtaking scenery and thrilling adventures, but it also presents unique

challenges and risks," said David Ilse, Assistant Director of Recreation for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service.



Clothing that keeps people warm and dry is key to enjoying the outdoors this season.

vice. "We want everyone to make the most of their outdoor experiences while staying safe and prepared."

To promote winter recreation safety, the Forest Service emphasizes the following key tips:

Know Before You Go: Research your chosen destination thoroughly. Understand the terrain, weather forecasts, closures, and any potential hazards. Weather conditions can vary greatly, especially in the mountain passes. Review forecasts prior to heading out - the National Weather Service or NOAA websites are great places to start. SNOTEL can be used to view daily and seasonal snow data, by station or basin. Not all Forest Service roads are maintained

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Letters to the Editor

Growth boundaries need another look

There are three physical inputs to the housing supply process: land, labor, and materials. There is also an intangible factor that is even more important: government regulation.

The Oregon legislature cannot do much about labor and materials, but it can do a lot to affect land supply and regulation. Unfortunately, SB 1537 doesn't help much in these areas. The UGB expansions may increase housing supply slightly, but that gain is offset by the affordable housing and density mandates in the bill.

Section 17 requires that new projects in the Portland metro region be developed at 17 units per acre. That means the finished products will be multi-family dwellings or detached homes just inches apart. The majority of Oregonians aspire to live in single family detached homes with a yard. Providing a solution that most people don't want is not a solution.

These restrictions are unnecessary. According to the American Community Survey, Oregon is roughly 98.5% open space and 1.5% developed. More than half

of Oregon is in federal ownership, off-limits to new housing. There is plenty of room for the kind of residential neighborhoods that most people want.

The inclusionary zoning mandate is also misguided. New dwellings at any price point free up existing housing stock for others. As long as housing supply is increasing at a faster rate than housing demand, prices will come down without government intervention.

Many local jurisdictions also impose housing barriers in the form of SDCs, permitting fees, landscaping requirements, construction excise taxes, and EV charging mandates. SB 1537 does streamline the regulatory process, but a lot more is needed.

The Governor is requesting a substantial amount of public funding for this and related housing initiatives. Obviously some people will benefit, but we can't subsidize our way out of a housing deficit. Oregon needs a land regulation system that invites private investment. We have a long ways to go.

John Charles, President
Cascade Policy Institute
Portland, OR



First-year McKenzie Girls Head Coach Heather Holte's team was long on youth this season and short on hoops experience and probably would have profited playing a junior varsity schedule this season. Unfortunately, the Mt. West League's other teams (except Mohawk) don't support many JV-level games and McKenzie's roster isn't large enough to play both levels. That being said, this year's experience and growth will be the foundation for next year's opportunity. Off-season time in the gym would be advisable to build on the skill learning started this year.

Mt. West League Tourney Decides State Berths

The Mt. West League held its 2024 Mt. West League Championship Tournament this past Saturday, February 17, at Junction City High School. Three MWL Boys teams and three MWL Girls teams qualified for the League's OSAA 2024 State Class 1A Basketball Championship First Round. Twenty-four Class 1A teams automatically earn a berth based on their League's tournaments and an additional eight teams, based on their final season ranking, fill out the balance of the 32-team First Round field. All First Round teams are matched according to that final OSAA State ranking with the top-ranked team meeting the 32nd-ranked team, the second-ranked team meeting the 31st-ranked team, and so on. The Mapleton Boys (14-0, 23-2) team won the Mt. West League Tournament Championship at Junction City on Saturday with a 63-34 rout of Triangle Lake (12-2, 13-8). The Sailors earned the number one MWL seed and the Lakers settled for number two. Crow/City First Christian Academy (10-14, 14-10) clobbered Siletz Valley (7-7, 7-14) 52-32, to earn the third MWL seed to State. Mohawk's Girls (12-2, 17-8) took home the

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Entries can be mailed, or hand delivered. If you hand-deliver your entry, please call ahead to make arrangements (503-947-6314).

A panel will judge artwork based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species, and general appeal.

Collector's stamps, art prints, and other promotional materials are produced from first-place artwork. Proceeds from product sales are used for habitat improvement, research surveys, and conservation projects.

Artists are encouraged to visit ODFW's stamp art competition webpage for more information.

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sure on pump prices," says Marie Dodds, public affairs director for AAA Oregon/Idaho. "So far, Oregon prices have mostly ticked down over the last four weeks while prices in other parts of the country have climbed. The Oregon average rose a penny in the last week, which is a small increase compared to other areas."

All counties in Oregon except Curry (\$4.08) have averaged below \$4 a gallon. The Oregon average began 2024 at \$3.79 a gallon compared to \$3.60 on Tuesday.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

McKenzie Varsity Winter Sports have concluded. There are no contests scheduled.

McKenzie Boys Basketball Wrap-up Season With A Win!

The McKenzie Varsity Boys Basketball season has ended with the start of a win streak! The Eagles defeated the visiting Alsea Wolverines last Wednesday, February 14, 46-37, and on top of that, the celebration included Eagle Senior night. Seniors Salomon Acevedo, Thomas Hayes, and Griffin Withalm, and their teammates played with a heart on Valentine's Day and secured what's proven to be a rare event this season, a victory. But victory it was and McKenzie Head Coach Neal Barrett's team can claim a win streak as they start looking ahead to next season's campaign. A High Point indeed! Optimistically gazing toward the future, a freshman, Rhys Hamlow led the home charge with a double-double effort, 10 points, and 11 rebounds and he added an assist and 2 steals. Acevedo's last Eagle hoops game was also a good one, as the senior finished with 9 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, a steal, and a block.

Withalm's last game as an Eagle was productive with 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, and a blocked shot. And Hayes final game in the paint had him finish with 4 points and 6 rebounds. Sophomore underclassmen Allen Acevedo finished the night with 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, and a block and Will Meister scored 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 1 block. Junior Aytan Brown had 2 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals, and freshman Masonn Burton scored 4 points, grabbed 5 boards, and had 2 steals, and 1 blocked shot. The Eagles committed 19 turnovers and shot 28% from the field (16 shots made-61 shots attempted). McKenzie concludes the 2023-24 hoops season with a 2-12 Mt. West League record, tied for seventh with Mohawk. The Eagles also finished with a 3-19 overall record and a final OSAA State Class 1A ranking of 81 out of 82 teams.

Wolverines Heart-Break Eagles On Senior Night

Alsea Mangles McKenzie 51-12

Well, the McKenzie Varsity Girls Basketball 2023-24 season is in the books. McKenzie finished their swing through the Mt. West League with a 2-12 record and a 2-20 overall record. McKenzie finished in seventh place in the MWL and posted a final OSAA Class 1A ranking of 72 out of 73 teams. The Eagles played host to the Alsea Wolverines last Wednesday, February 14, and also celebrated Senior Night and Valentine's Day, honoring the young team's two departing seniors, Jane Dellinger and Riley Morales, and their families.

Friday 2/23		Saturday 2/24		Sunday 2/25	
McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 58 Low: 38	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 43 Low: 26	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 59 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 48 Low: 28	McKenzie Valley Rain 70% chance precip High: 52 Low: 39	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 70% chance precip High: 40 Low: 23

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WEATHER REPORT					
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM			READINGS TAKEN AT EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE		
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Riverflow
2/13	50	30	0	2,893 cfs	2/13 53 30 0 6,160 cfs
2/14	39	32	0.71	NA	2/14 54 31 0.02 6,000 cfs
2/15	43	34	0.90	2,768 cfs	2/15 50 36 0.60 6,230 cfs
2/16	46	34	0.07	2,733 cfs	2/16 48 39 1.45 9,250 cfs
2/17	42	37	0.27	2,750 cfs	2/17 52 42 0.08 7,430 cfs
2/18	51	38	0.11	2,831 cfs	2/18 51 41 0.46 8,050 cfs
2/19	54	42	0	2,750 cfs	2/19 57 42 0.20 6,760 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 9: 10:14 a.m: Criminal Mischief - 88900 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. Spectrum reported their lines were cut in two places, causing \$10,000 dollars in damage and disrupting service. No suspect at this time.

Feb.10:11:45p.m:Disturbance, Dispute - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd. A male injured himself during a dispute and was provided a ride to the hospital by fire personnel.

Feb. 11: 9:41 a.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

11:30 a.m: Theft - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.**11:46a.m:**Theft -55400 blk, McK. Hwy. A homeowner discovered items missing after allowing someone access to their home for work. Report taken.

4:46p.m:Assist Fire Department - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:15 p.m: Civil Service - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Feb. 12: 8:33 a.m: Theft - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

10:51 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute with no injuries. Parties separated for the night.

4:38 p.m: Menacing - 37200 blk, parsons Creek Rd.

Feb. 13: 3:39 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

3:48 p.m: Theft - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

5:28 a.m: Traffic Hazard -

Camp Creek Rd. & Easy Ln.

11:16 a.m: Explosion - 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded after receiving multiple calls regarding explosions in the area. Deputies determined the source of the explosions was a licensed contractor who was working in the area to remove stumps from a landowner's property. The contractor was cooperative, and deputies confirmed he was conducting operations in a legal manner. Deputies spoke with several residents whose property had been damaged and advised them of the civil process.

3:48 p.m: Theft - 92000 blk, Maple Ln. New drill stolen from resident at location.

Feb. 14: 5:28 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd. & Easy Ln.

10:28 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 88200 blk, Miller Ave. Residents were in a verbal dispute. They agreed to separate for the night.

6:19 p.m: Assault - 88200 blk, Miller Ave.

10:27 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy. Occupants of a vehicle fired shots at a gravel pit in the area as they drove by. Vehicle description was provided to deputies for follow up.

Feb. 15: 1:08 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 90400 blk, Sunderman Rd.

6:20 p.m: Open Gate - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

Feb. 16: 11:19 a.m: Civil Service - 39400 blk, Ann Ln.

3:03 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

3:28 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

5:03 p.m: Subpoena Service - 36300 blk, Sherra Ln.

6:28 p.m: Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - N. Belknap Springs Rd. & McK. Hwy.

Feb. 17: 12:52 p.m: Mental Subject - 88200 blk, Miller Ave.

3:10 p.m: Welfare Check - 88200 blk, Miller Ave.

Feb. 18: 12:55 a.m: Burglary - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

9:35 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Crooked Creek staging site.

9:39: a.m: Dead Animal - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:03 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Crooked Creek staging site.

5:56 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

3:05 p.m: Fraud - 88700 blk, Easy Ln.

5:56 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

Feb. 19: 1:04 a.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:07 a.m: Assist Outside Agency - 38500 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:27 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 88900 blk, Bridge St.

5:32 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

Comments, as reported, may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

State Police Report

Jan. 13: 18:04: Traffic - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 22. Complainant reported she was a passenger in a vehicle traveling eastbound. The complainant said a Toyota Tundra, possibly red, passed their vehicle on the left side in a no passing zone at a high rate of speed. While passing the Toyota's left side mirror side swiped the complainant's driver side mirror and possibly caused a small scratch. The complainant said she would recontact OSP if her dash cam captured the Toyota's license plate. Involved white Ford F150, 47-year-old male driver and 31-year-old female from Prineville.

Jan. 15: 10:22: Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 21. Female stated she swerved to miss an animal, lost control, and drifted off the shoulder. She rolled approximately 50 feet down the embankment and self extricated to where she crawled up the embankment and was observed by passing motorists. She was transported to the hospital with injuries and her dog was taken to the local vet for precautions. Involved: silver/aluminum Dodge Ram 1500, 69-year-old female.

1:16: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Explosion. Investigate, Unable to Make Contact, Transfer to LCSO.

16:53: 89000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:49: 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Public Assist. Carry Patient to Car.

Feb. 14: 23:09: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 15: 10:18: McK. Hwy./Milepost 21. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported, Dog Extricated.

This month, McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 20th 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.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Feb.15:15:31: Medical-55000 block, McK. River Dr. Subject sleeping on the couch can't be woken up.

Feb. 17: 15:13: Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury - Milepost 5, Clear Lake Cutoff. Report of a Toyota Sequoia in the ditch.

Feb. 18: 00:36: Medical - 56000 blk, N. Bank Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Feb. 18: 20:37: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Feb. 12: 20:13: 88000 block, Miller Ave, Medical, General. Assist With Patient Care, Obtained Refusal.

Feb.13:10:38:48000blk,McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessment, 1 Transported.

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Haystack Rock - once a tempting target for daredevil climbers

By Finn J.D. John

One could think of late June and early July of 1968 in Cannon Beach as the Summer of the Dead Baby Birds.

On June 28, at the height of the nesting season, a 23-year-old man from Portland had scrambled up the side of Haystack Rock, the iconic intertidal sometimes-island that towers nearly 200 feet over the beach and sea by Cannon Beach and gotten stuck at the top.

It wasn't common for people to climb the rock, but it wasn't exactly unheard of either. The problem was, that it was a very difficult and dangerous climb, especially on the descent. So, only two kinds of climbers attempted it: Highly skilled mountaineers, who were up to its challenges; and rank amateurs, who were too ignorant and inexperienced to recognize how much more difficult it was going to be to get down than it would be to go up. Everyone else, noticing what a bag of snakes the descent would be, turned around at the base.

The result was that a significant percentage of climbers who tackled Haystack Rock ended up needing to be rescued by a helicopter. And the process of rescuing a stranded climber from the top of Haystack Rock with a helicopter was, to put it mildly, hard on the local wildlife.

The first climbers to tackle the rock, so far as is known, were three experienced German Alpine climbers in 1929.

In the mid-1930s, local lifeguard Earl Hardy took to climbing it somewhat regularly, actually going so far as to cut handholds in the rock with a hammer and cold chisel.

Others tried. Some failed. People got hurt. For the most part, locals figured it wasn't a big deal. Most of them felt that if some daredevil idiot tried to climb the rock and got hurt, that was unfortunate; but society is not a nursery school, and government should not be in the business of deciding what people are allowed to do based on whether it thinks they are competent enough to not hurt themselves.

So the shows went on, and nothing much changed.



Aerial view of Haystock Rock at Cannon Beach, as seen from the north.

That is, until 1953, when several aspirants took it on, and for the first time, their failures caused substantial problems for others.

A trio of Portland climbers were the first to tackle it that season, apparently successfully.

But then two other young men, Portlander Sherwood Willits, and Iowan Jim Curtis, took the rock on with considerably less success. They got to the top and back down, all right, but on the descent found themselves stuck at the seaward end of the big rock, and it was high tide and would be until the following morning.

Curtis solved this problem by jumping into the sea, intending to swim ashore through the breakers. He ended up stranded on one of The Needles, just south of the rock, and had to be rescued by a squad of three Navy "frogmen," who managed to get the poor fellow back to dry land; but by the time they got back to shore, rescuers and rescuee alike were badly bruised and cut by being dashed against the rocks.

Willits, rather sensibly, opted to resign himself to a miserable night on the rock and wait for the next morning's low tide; but, luckily for him, someone had noticed all the nesting birds he'd disturbed,

and the Coast Guard spotted him and rescued him with a helicopter.

Ah, the helicopter. Here we come to the core of the problem with climbing the rock, and the immediate cause of all the dead baby birds.

Helicopters, invented in the form we know today just before World War II and popularized just afterward, were still very new in 1953. Just five years before, this elevator-in-the-sky method of rescue had not been available to idiots who climbed dangerous rocks and didn't think they could make it down. So, any idiots who did so ended up having to do the best they could, since there was no alternative.

Well, now there was. But the 1953 season made it clear that this wasn't an unmitigated miracle.

Helicopters, of course, basically fly by hanging on a propeller. They have to continually push their weight in air, plus a little more, downward to stay aloft. In 1953, when the little bubble-canopy Bell 47 was the most common "copter," that was already a good bit of air. By 1968, when the Coast Guard was flying full-sized jet-turbine-powered Sikorsky HH-60s as its ambulances in the sky, it was an enormous amount.

So when young Richard O.

Willis, standing atop Haystack Rock at the height of the nesting season in 1968, signaled his distress to the watching Beach Patrol, he was essentially summoning a hurricane to his rescue.

That hurricane soon arrived, in the form of U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Alexander Klimshuk's rescue chopper.

"I went down slowly so the birds could get out of the way, but I wasn't going to hover 100 feet above the rock just to save a ... cormorant," Klimshuk told Portland Oregonian reporter Jim Kadera. "We are in sympathy with birds, or else we wouldn't fly. We don't like to disturb birds, but we aren't going to tell a guy to climb off a rock by himself just to save birds. One human life is worth more to us than all the birds on the coast."

And so Willis got his ride back to dry land ... and all over Haystack Rock and the surrounding sea and sand, hundreds of hatchling cormorants, tufted puffins, gulls, and other seabirds rained down out of the sky, blown out of their nests by the prop wash. Resident Jack Bentley told reporter Kadera more than 100 dead baby birds washed ashore the next day — and that's just the ones that were found.

By the time this happened, Haystack Rock had, the previous year, been designated a bird sanctuary. There had been a certain amount of controversy over this,

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By Slim Randles

Ran into Herb Collins the other day down by the school. He volunteers there, from time to time, helping kids with their math homework, and trying to recruit future members of The Great World of Business.

He loved business, back in the days when he lived in the city and ran the pawnshop. For years now, ever since he hung up his jeweler's loupe, he's told us that there was an excitement to making the right deal.

"It has to be right for the customer and for me, or it isn't right at all," Herb always says. "You can do that and make several people happy and earn a living. There's no need to take unfair advantage of someone just to earn a living."

Our little town is a bit tame after city life, but it's Herb's wife's hometown and she wanted to come back here to live after he retired. So Herb turned to helping kids understand how wonderful business can be. He's advised kids on the most effective way of delivering newspapers on their bicycles, he's suggested advertising gimmicks for kids with summer lemonade stands, and he's helped several boys market their skills with a lawn mower. You can take the man out of the business, I guess, but it's hard to take the business out of the man.

So after the shaking hands and the how-are-yous, we talked about kids and business, and the new crop of youngsters coming up this year. I couldn't help thinking ol' Herb might jump at the chance to dive back into the world of commerce again, but he disabused me of that right away.

"All through with that," he said, shaking his head. "I was a successful businessman and now I'm successfully retired."

Successfully retired? "That's right," he grinned. "I have a wife and a television set, and they both work."

Math shortcut from me to algebra students with love and best wishes. X equals 32. You're welcome.

Quote of the Week

"A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good."

Steven Wright



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Gardening
Tips



Olive trees are migrating north



By Mike Darcy

In the early 2000s, I was very much involved in gardening, both my own and visiting other gardens, but I did not know olive trees being planted in Oregon. Not only were they not seen in local gardens, but they were also not readily available in local garden centers.

Olive trees were considered a Mediterranean plant that could grow in California and Arizona, but not in Oregon. Our winters were too cold and too wet — those were the commonly heard objections.

My opinion on growing olive

trees in Oregon changed in 2008 on a visit to Red Ridge Farms in Dayton, Oregon. Olive trees were being planted as a commercial crop and there was even a state-of-the-art olive mill to press the olives for their oil, process it, and then offer it for sale.

Today, almost 20 years later, Durant at Red Ridge Farms has 17 acres of olive trees. They also now sell olive trees so that visitors can take one home and plant in their home garden. Olive trees are now available at most local garden centers, including Al's Garden & Home in Sherwood. In most cases, they have seemed to

grow well in our local conditions. Many local gardeners have planted olive trees, including me. My garden has three 'Arbequina' olive trees. They have thrived in a location that receives very hot summer sun and very little supplemental water.

Actually, in the past few years, local garden centers have begun to offer more cultivars for home gardens. The cultivar 'Arbequina' has been the standard, but more cultivars are becoming available. Since most home gardeners are probably more interested in treating an olive as an ornamental tree, fruit production is less of a concern. With their soft gray green foliage, an olive tree can provide a striking evergreen winter foliage plant in the garden.

Planting evergreen olive trees is a newer trend in planting ornamental trees, but one that local gardeners can take advantage of in a big way. Various cultivars of olive trees have been readily available in California for years. Now it is time for them to migrate to Oregon.



Country Kitchen



By Mary Emma Allen

WINTER WONDERS

When I went into the supermarket this morning, it was bright and sunny, although a bit cold. After shopping, I planned on facing the same weather, but was amazed to walk outside into gray skies and swirling snow. As I drove the eight miles home, the skies cleared, and the sun shone on the mountains around me. It's remained pleasant the rest of the day with a lovely sunset this evening.

The wonders of winter fascinate children, too, and also remind us of the enjoyment we had as youngsters. I recall my grandson pointing at icicles hanging from the roof of our kitchen dormer. "They are so long, Nanny!"

Yes, some were nearly three feet in length. But I had neglected to notice them.

Do you remember making snow angels? Some snow time events never change with the generations because I recall lying in the snow and sweeping through it with legs and arms to create angels. My grandchildren and their friends enjoyed this activity, too.

Snowmen, snow forts, games of fox and geese...these seem to transcend the ages and hold youngsters enthralled. Sliding down hill on playgrounds, in the yard, or nearby hills provide fun no matter how cold, it seems.

Winter Wonder Memories

The wonder of winter and a world of snow become heightened when we share it with children. Even snow shoveling can include

fun when a family does it together. I was going through some photos of my childhood, looking for those of snow activities.

The pictures of my brothers, sister and I throwing snowballs, shoveling snow and riding on the homemade snow plow my dad pulled behind his tractor brought back memories of days of snow long ago. This snowplow was V-shaped, with two cross planks connecting the sides. We would put grain bags on the boards and sit there while Father plowed the driveway, the barnyard, and a path to the chicken houses beyond the dairy barn.

There also was a photo of me as a toddler with my grandfather. We're each holding a shovel of snow. He died when I was only five years old, but fortunately my mom loved to take photos, and I have this one in the snow to bring back memories of a family heritage.

Also stir up some recipes to enjoy after activities in the snow.

BEEF & POTATO CASSEROLE

Arrange 4 cups raw, thinly sliced potatoes and 2 tablespoons chopped onion in a greased 2-quart baking dish or casserole. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Then mix together 1 pound ground beef, 3/4 cup evaporated milk (you can use regular milk), 1/2 cup fine cracker crumbs, bread crumbs, or uncooked rolled oats, 1/4 cup catsup, 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Spread meat mixture evenly over the potatoes. Decorate with more catsup, if desired. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour until meat is cooked and potatoes are tender.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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Campana 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 Mike Duncan. The pilot's family had reported the plane was lost near Mount Jefferson.

On September 1, a small plane that was lost near Mount Jefferson 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.

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Community Notes

February 22-24
OR Logging Conference
The Oregon Logging Conference will be held at the Lane Events Center, 796 W 13th Ave, Eugene with the theme of “Faith, Family & Forest Management – getting back to our roots.” Call 503-917-9205 to order tickets.

February 23
McK Chamber of Commerce
The board of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board will hold a virtual meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
The board meets every fourth Friday of the month via Zoom. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

February 24
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.

February 24
Tokatee Opening Day
The Tokatee Golf Club is inviting people to their Opening Day - from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. - for a round of golf and a good meal afterward. Call, email, or go online to book your tee time now: 541-822-3220, proshop@tokatee.com. 54947 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow.

February 24
Destination Creation
People who would like to turn their business into a unique destination that customers go out of their way to visit are invited to apply for the Destination Creation Course, a nationally recognized training program for small businesses to become “can’t miss” consumer destinations. A free event valued at \$800 (with breakfast & lunch provided) will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vida McKenzie Community Center, 90377 Thomson Lane. For more information, and to be placed on the invitation list, contact Melissa Prestinario: melissa@raincatalysts.org

February 24
Hoodoo Winter Carnival
The Hoodoo Ski Area is planning a day full of free activities, including ax throwing, frisbee golf, musical chairs, a three-legged obstacle race, a team tube race, a hula-hoop contest, a fly-athalon, a pie eating contest, a ski javelin throw, an archery contest, a Hoodoo employee snow sculpture contest, and Bingo.
The lifts are open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Highlights include a special dinner menu, the Dummy Downhill contest, the annual torchlight descent and professional fireworks on the mountain.

February 24
Benefit for Gary
A night of music with Ray Merrill & the Eagle Rockers is planned as a benefit for local resident Gary Kingery at the McKenzie Station Pub, 56393 McKenzie Hw. \$5 cover, no minors. Additional donations are accepted via Venmo.

February 25
History Talk
Dr. Larry Len Peterson will be sharing stories and photos from his latest book at the 3 Sisters Fireside History Talk. His work celebrates the life and work of Edward R. Curtis, the photographer who documented Native American culture from 1896 to 1927. Curtis studied 80 Western tribes and 10,000 Indigenous people. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Seating at the Sister Fire Hall, 27400 Big Lk Rd, is first-come,first-served .541-610-6323.

February 26
Kids Eat Free
Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

February 26
Spfd School Board
The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July) at 7 p.m. Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street in Springfield.

February 27
Family Story Time
From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

February 27
Board of Commissioners
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February 27
McK Food Pantry
The McKenzie River Food Pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. Free groceries

are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution for those in need.

February 28
Watershed Wednesday
Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the Mckenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

February 28
Lane Electric Board
Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Members of the Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting

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March 2
Emergency Planning
McKenzie Fire & Rescue is inviting district residents to attend a community meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Discussions will include emergency planning and preparedness, agencies and organizations, and reviewing lessons learned following the recent ice storm.

The meeting will be held at McKenzie Fire & Rescue’s Training Center in Leaburg.

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March 5
Coffee with Locals
Come have a cup of coffee with the locals from 10 to 11 a.m. at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd. (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in the fire recovery process, and share your successes and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

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March 5
EWEB Meeting
The Eugene Water & Electric Board Commissioners will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at EWEB’s Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time. Each person will have up to three minutes to speak, though the Board President may adjust speaking time as needed. The President will announce the speaking time at the start of the Public Input session. Alternatively, you may submit written testimony to be provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

March 6
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March 6
Cornhole League
The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League mmets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share

March 6
BR Water Board
The Blue River Water Board will meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverwaterdistrict.com

March 6
BR Park Board
The Blue River Park Board will meet from 7:15 to 8 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com.

April 6
VMCC Grand Opening
After three and ½ years of planning and fundraising, Vida McKenzie Community Center is opening its doors to the public on April 6th at 2 p.m. for a Grand Opening Celebration. There will be wines to taste, offered by McKenzie Crest Winery; non-alcoholic beverages; delicious appetizers; live music played by Kimberly Reeves Parker on VMCC’s beautiful baby grand piano; and at 3 p.m. there will a drawing of the winning ticket for a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement Shopping Spree.
Mark your calendars so you do not miss this pivotal event. For more information, go to vidacommunitycenter.com.

Paver Sales Remain Open
The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and provide for additional enhancements. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or willmarlys@gmail.com.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

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I am concerned about my daughter, “Julie.” She is 16 and a junior in high school. She gets fair grades, doesn’t get into a lot of trouble, and doesn’t smoke or do drugs as far as I know. Why the concern, you ask? It’s the way she dresses.

Julie likes to wear baggy pants, T-shirts with rock band logos, skull and crossbones, or phrases such as “Psycho.” She wears chains and studs on her pants, wrists, and neck. Ninety percent of her clothes are black. Just two weeks ago she cut her gorgeous, waist-length white-blonde hair, dyed it black and pink, and now spikes it every day!

I would like Julie to have her style, but I think she is going way too far. It is crazy and also embarrassing to my husband and me. Please help me. I have

nowhere else to turn!

Margaret
Margaret, with children you have to pick your battles. It sounds like Julie is a good girl who goes to school and doesn’t do drugs. If she has always gotten fair grades, then nothing has changed.

If you and your husband have certain limits, such as no tattoos, no body piercing, and reasonable curfews, that’s the battleground. Communicate to Julie what your limits are, and realize that beautiful white-blond hair grows back and a wardrobe can be changed in an instant.

Julie may think she is a rebel, but all she has done is don the uniform of the group she hangs out with. The change is as permanent as her age. Let her rebel with the things that don’t matter, and don’t concede on anything that does matter.

If we throw love and care at our children, mixed with a reasonable amount of discipline, things almost always turn out right.

Wayne & Tamara

Too Far

I have been in a great relationship for close to a year. I am divorced because my ex had an affair, and we were very unhappy. Before this, I trusted each person I was with.

I trust my new girlfriend, but she has a childhood friend who is still a friend to her, and they have had sexual relations many times. On a recent trip near where he lives, I suggested we get together and have dinner. She replied it would be awkward, and she was reluctant to introduce us.

I didn’t press the issue. Now my girlfriend would like to go and stay with his mother, or him as far as I know, and get away for the weekend. She mentioned she would be going to dinner and hanging out with him. She also stated what they shared is over and more experimentation than anything else.

I haven’t been invited, nor would I like to go. I am not happy about it. Am I making a big deal out of nothing?

Roger

Roger, why wouldn’t you have a problem? Your girlfriend of a year is going to spend a weekend with a man she’s had sex with, a man she does not want you to meet.

Her explanation that the sex between them was experimental is not reassuring. Does it mean she can have sex outside a committed, long-term, monogamous relationship? Would she like this man to commit to her and he won’t, but she keeps trying? Is this trip an attempt to pit one man against another?

Trust and fidelity are absolute essentials in a relationship, and she is causing you concern about both. You are worried if you put your foot down it might end the

relationship, but if you foresee marriage to this woman, you must.

Wanting a relationship is one thing. Letting somebody test and break its limits is another. You can’t settle for less and get more.

When someone tests the bonds of a relationship to this extent, and you don’t protest, they don’t respect you more. They treat you like a doormat.

Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell* and *The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

A Valentine

By Robert Graves

The hunter to the husbandman
Pays tribute since our love began,
And to love-loyalty dedicates
The phantom kills he meditates.
Let me embrace, embracing you,
Beauty of other shape and hue,
Odd glinting graces of which none
Shone more than candle to your sun,
Your well-kissed hand was
beckoning me

In unfamiliar imagery—
Smile your forgiveness; each bright ghost
Dives in love’s glory and is lost,
Yielding your comprehensive pride
A homage, even to suicide.

Robert Graves. “A Valentine” from *Whipperginny*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1923. Public Domain.

Robert Graves was born to parents Alfred Perceval Graves and Amalie von Ranke Graves in 1895 in Wimbledon, near London, England. He was one of ten children. His father was a Gaelic scholar and poet, and his mother was related to influential German historian Leopold von Ranke. Though he won a scholarship to St. John’s College, Oxford, Graves left London in 1914 to serve as a junior officer in World War I. He published his first book of poetry, *Over the Brazier*, in 1916. His numerous other collections include *Poems: Abridged for Dolls and Princes* (1971), *Love Respelt* (1966), *The Poems of Robert Graves* (1958), *Country Sentiment* (1920), *Fairies and Fusiliers* (1918), and *Goliath and David* (1916).

Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting
Planned for 2/27

Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting Planned for 2/27/24 On Tuesday, February 27 the PIER Committee will meet online and in-person from 1 to 4 PM at McKenzie Fire and Rescue in Leaburg, 42870 McKenzie Highway. The agenda and materials are posted on the Lane County PIER website: <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER>. To receive an online meeting link, register for the meeting on the website. Background info: The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A committee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly online and in-person to make recommendations. There is time set aside at the beginning and end for public comments and questions. The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to access meeting materials, provide comments, confirm meeting dates/timeframes/locations, sign up for project updates, and register for the meeting zoom link. Email megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-852-8259 to submit comments or questions. The Committee will formally vote on priorities during these public meetings. Note: People needing special accommodation (e.g. in-person accommodation, hearing impaired, language translation, chemical sensitivity needs, and large print copies of the agenda or other application materials) are instructed to submit their request at least 48 business hours prior to the meeting by calling Megan Heurion at 541-852-8259 or emailing megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov.



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All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative, Thomas H. Hoyt, OSB #660662, Bassinger Hoyt LLC, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401, 541-687-8700, thoyt@bassingerhoyt.com.

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Personal

If you want to drink, that’s your business. If you want to stop, that’s ours. AA Group meets Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday 5:00-6:00pm at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop, a block from the

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1. Anti-seniors sentiment

6. _____ PErignon, Champagne

9. Big Bang's original matter

13. Prefix for earliest

14. Call to Maria

15. Bob and _____

16. "Peter, Peter Pumpkin _____"

17. "Le _____ des cygnes"

18. Like yesteryear

19. *Greta Gerwig's Oscar nominated movie

21. *He's nominated for play-

ing Leonard Bernstein

23. Nothing

24. White _____ shopping event

25. Federal food safety agency, acr.

28. It ran away with the spoon

30. ROTC happenings

35. Figure skating jump

37. Grad

39. Arrogant one

40. Archaic preposition

41. PassÉ

43. Scrubbed

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46. Money in Mexico City

47. What DJs do

48. Trickery

50. Swerves

52. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

53. *Typical number of nominations in one Oscar category

55. Emergency responder, acr.

57. *"Nyad" nominee

60. *What kind of moon?

63. "Finnegan's Wake" author

64. Mother load offering

66. Java cotton tree

68. Artemis' companion

69. Fat of olives

70. *What actors do

71. Spinner's product

72. Wisecrack

73. Like Phoenix

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1. Cornelius of the movies

2. Snap up

3. 'I' in Greek alphabet

4. Howard of radio fame

5. Death-related

6. One of the Earnhardts

7. Spermatozoa counterparts

8. Muhammad's birthplace

9. Review service, with .com

10. Use a ladle

11. At any time

12. *"No Country for Old _____" multi Oscar winner

15. Suitors

20. Trojan War story

22. "Just an _____-fashioned love song"

24. Slumber

25. Fl., as in fl. oz.

26. "A Confederacy of _____," sing.

27. Place above a ceiling

29. Dueler's strike

31. Overnight lodgings

32. Shoelace bunny ears

33. Divine saying

34. *Producer and star of "Poor Things"

36. *"The _____ of Interest"

38. Table hill

42. Wooden pin

45. *Like nominated ones

49. Love-love, e.g.

51. Meat-cooking contraption

54. Roaring of an engine

56. Hindu religious teacher

57. Forum, pl.

58. Deed hearing

59. Medical diagnostic test

60. Abe Lincoln's hat material

61. #20 Down, e.g.

62. Traditional learning method

63. *Da'Vine _____ Randolph

65. Orinoco or Grande

67. *Ryan Gosling's character

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Click here or go to: tinyurl.com/yeye92hx

Events from Feb 22nd

Submit Event

Mon Jan 1st - Thu Jul 11th

Springfield Museum closure

We have big news to share here at the Museum! We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 11, 2024, while our staff and ...

Thu Feb 22nd 7:00am - Sat 24th 4:00pm

Oregon Logging Conference

"Faith, Family & Forest Management - getting back to our roots" OREGON LOGGING CONFERENCE Logging, Construction, ...

Fri Feb 23rd 3:30pm - 4:30pm

McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board meeting

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce is a business organization of volunteers providing members key opportunities for visibility, ...

Sat Feb 24th 6:00am - 9:00pm

Tokatree Opening Day

Join us on opening day this year (Feb 24th) for a round of golf and a good meal afterward! Call, email, or go online to book your tee time

Sat Feb 24th 9:00am - 9:00pm

Hoodoo Winter Carnival

Winter Carnival, presented by CoEnergy Propane, has been a tradition at Hoodoo Ski Area in Central Oregon for decades! Join us on and ...

Sat Feb 24th 10:00am - 12:00pm

A Dime At A Time

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10:00am. Donations can be dropped

Sat Feb 24th 7:30pm - 10:00pm

Benefit for Gary Kingery

A night of music with Ray Merrill & the Eagle Rockers - \$5 cover, no minors. Additional donations are accepted via Venmo.

Tue Feb 27th 10:00am - 11:00am

Family Story Time

Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults)

Tue Feb 27th 11:00am - 1:00pm

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Winter recreation

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for winter travel. Check road conditions in advance using Oregon’s tripcheck.com or Washington’s real-time travel data.

Dress Appropriately: Dress in layers and wear moisture-wicking clothing to stay warm and dry. Don’t forget essential winter gear such as hats, gloves, and water-proof boots.

Carry Essential Gear: Pack essential safety gear, including a map, compass, first-aid kit, flashlight, multi-tool, extra food and water, and a communication device. Do not rely solely on navigational devices. Consider carrying an emergency kit with extra food and water in case you become stranded or avalanche safety equipment if you’re traveling in avalanche-prone areas. Bring traction mats, sand, or cat litter in case you get stuck.

Travel in Groups: Whenever possible, travel with companions. Stay together and communicate your plans with someone who isn’t joining your outing. In case of emergencies, having others with you can be a lifesaver.

Respect Wildlife and Environment: Be mindful of wildlife habitats and environmental regulations. Stay on designated trails to mini-

mize damage to delicate ecosystems and respect wildlife by observing from a safe distance.

Be Avalanche Aware: If you plan to ski, snowboard, or snowshoe in avalanche terrain, undergo avalanche safety training and carry appropriate equipment such as transceivers, probes, and shovels. Always check avalanche forecasts using resources like the Northwest Avalanche Center and be prepared to adjust your plans accordingly.

Practice Leave No Trace: Always leave the area cleaner than you found it. Pack out all trash and dispose of it properly. Respect wildlife and natural features by avoiding unnecessary disturbances.

Following these guidelines and exercising caution will allow outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the beauty of the Pacific Northwest’s winter wonderland safely and responsibly.

More information on winter recreation safety tips and preparedness can be found on the Pacific Northwest Region website at: Winter Recreation and Safety Tips

Haystack Rock

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Postcard

Haystack Rock and The Needles, as seen from the beach south of the rock. Right around the middle of the rock, in this view, is the spot where a convenient little shelf of and once stood, which provided climbers with an easy place to start from; it was blasted away in October 1968 to discourage climbers.

locally, because it happened in the context of a noticeable clamping-down by authorities on what you might call freedom of beach use. There was a small but growing movement to exclude cars from the beach, for one thing (until 1985 it was legal to drive on the beach at Cannon Beach). The Beach Bill, passed the previous year, enjoyed widespread support, but those who opposed it mostly saw it in the context of a rolling back of property rights.

The Department of the Interior hadn’t specified that nobody was allowed to enter the bird sanctuary — after all, birdwatchers were a big part of why there were bird sanctuaries, and if the birdwatchers couldn’t come to watch birds, they might withdraw their support.

But there was a sense that when the visitors’ activities disturbed the birds, that was crossing the line. And when the visitors caused an entire generation of baby chicks to wash up dead on

the beach, that was more than most residents were willing to tolerate for the sake of personal liberty. Fine, they thought; be an idiot, get yourself killed; but if in the process you make every other beach user miserable for several days and damage the local wildlife population, your idiocy is no longer just your problem.

Reading the local newspaper coverage of this cataclysmic rescue, it’s very clear that letting Willis go free without so much as a traffic ticket stuck in the craw of the local authorities. After picking him up from the top of the rock, Klimshuk took him straight to jail, where the authorities pondered whether they could charge him with anything. The conclusion was that they could not — he’d invaded a bird sanctuary, but that wasn’t against the law.

Not yet, it wasn’t.

So one week after the rescue, Haystack Rock was sporting a

brand-new “Do Not Enter” sign. And when, less than a month after that, a Portland teenager scrambled to the top of the rock on a dare, he was greeted at the bottom with a nice big ticket, which the local cops were no doubt very pleased to present to him. Justice told the police he’d seen the sign — he’d practically had to step on it to climb the rock — but claimed not to have realized that “do not enter” also meant “do not enter and climb the rock.”

A month or two after that, in October 1968, Oregon State University professor of pyrotechnics Ralph Reed was asked to blast away the ledge from which climbers started their attempts. This was done — although it took two tries. And the rock has been almost entirely unmolested since.

Today, it’s part of the Oregon Islands Wildlife Sanctuary — as are all the rocks and islands off the Oregon Coast, except for Tillamook Rock, site of the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse — and it’s illegal to set foot on them, or even to fly a drone within 2,000 feet of them.

(Sources: Facebook page of Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, facebook.com/cannonbeachmuseum; “Blasting of Haystack Rock Brings Men Chilly Interval,” an article by Emma Edwards published in the Oct. 10, 1968, issue of the Seaside Signal; archives of Portland Oregonian: June-Oct. 1968)

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Ski Report

February 20, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort reported temperatures of 48 degrees at the base and 36 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. An inch new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 55 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 32 degrees at the base and 22 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. An inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 86 inches. The sun was breaking through the clouds above the slopes and reports included good corduroy and better than expected off-piste conditions. 107 of 122 trails were open, along with 10 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.



A Moment
in Oregon
History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

February 23 - What has become known as the Gold Beach Massacre, took place on February 22, 1856. The deadly campaign was lead by Enos, a Plains Indian who had come to Oregon as a guide with Captain John C. Fremont in 1843. Enos joined the Rogue River Indians and was one of the instigators of the Rogue River Indian War. During the Gold Beach Massacre one of the first to die was Ben Wright, the Indian Agent. After that killing, Enos and his Rogue companions attacked Gold Beach and killed 25 other settlers. The survivors were besieged for 35 days before finally being rescued by a detachment of military men from Fort Humboldt, California.



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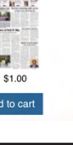

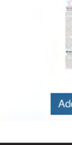

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Pet owners beware: scam is targeting people with lost pets

Officials are warning that pet owners in Lane County are being targeted by scammers representing themselves as Lane County Animal Services.

The scammers are contacting pet owners who have shared information about a lost pet online or via neighborhood posters. The scammers contact the pet owners and represent themselves as “Jack Richardson” from Lane County Animal Services. “Jack Richardson” then tells the pet owner that their pet has been found but is injured and requires emergency veterinary care. Pet owners are told they must provide payment via CashApp before their pet can be treated.

This is a scam. Lane County

Animal Services would never: 1) demand payment via CashApp or other payment app or via gift cards and money orders, 2) withhold emergency medical care for an animal in its care pending payment from a pet owner, or 3) contact residents via text message without prior arrangement.

“This is an especially disgusting way to take advantage of people,” said Lane County Animal Services Manager Michael Johns. “We hope that any pet owners contacted this way realize it’s a scam before they make any payments. When in doubt, hang up and call us directly at 541-682-3645.”

Similar scams have been reported in states as far away as Georgia.

More details about the scam:

- * The name being used is “Jack Richardson” from Lane County Animal Services. No such person exists.
- * The number being used by the scammer is 541-623-9114.
- * The CashApp account they want payment made to is \$LCanimalserv and they provide reference numbers that look like this: LCAS-174752.

How to make a report:

If contacted, people are encouraged to make a report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at www.ic3.gov. The FBI maintains the Internet Crime Complaint Center and is the central hub for reporting cybercrime.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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MWL Championship trophy and top First Round seed with a close 30-27 victory over Mapleton (10-4, 15-11), which earned the second seed. Alsea (9-5, 10-16) and Triangle Lake (9-5, 13-9) finished the MWL Regular Season in a perfect tie and met on Thursday, February 15, at Monroe High School, to determine which team would advance to the MWL Tournament. Alsea defeated the Lakers, 35-26, but fell to Eddyville Charter (10-4, 14-10) on Saturday

at Junction City to end the Wolverines season. Eddyville Charter advances to the First Round as the MWL third seed.

First-Round State Basketball Brackets Set

The 2024 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union Class 1A State Basketball Championships are set to begin with First Round play. The 32-team field has been determined for both the Boys Bracket and the Girls Bracket. Mapleton, the MWL Regular Season and Tournament Boys Champion earned a 16th seeding in the First Round and will host the third-place team out of the Mountain Valley League, Bonanza (10-3, 16-7, 17th seed). The Sailors tip-off versus the Antlers on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 pm. MWL’s second seed Triangle Lake is seeded 28th in the First Round and will travel to Big Sky League Champion Dufur (14-0, 21-2), the OSAA 5th-seeded team. Crow/City First Christian

Academy is the lowest seed, 32nd in the First Round, and will face the State’s top-ranked team, Crane (6-0, 24-1), the High Desert Champion, at Crane. Triangle Lake and Crow will also play on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Mohawk, the MWL Girls Champion, earned a First Round host game and as the 16th seed in the First Round, will meet 17th seed Big Sky League third place Trout Lake/Glenwood Mustangs (12-1, 20-4). That game will commence on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm. Mapleton, the MWL second seed, has been assigned the 31st seed in the First Round and will travel to Skyline League Champion North Douglas (11-0, 23-3), the State’s second-ranked team. And Eddyville Charter the 32nd-seeded team in the First Round will travel down to the High Desert League to tangle with the number one team in the State, the Crane Mustangs (4-0, 25-0).

In Memory

Robert Merle O’Brien



With a mix of sadness and joy, we announce the passing of Robert Merle O’Brien, affectionately known as Bob, on January 23, 2024, to join his savior, Jesus. Born in Eugene, Oregon, on February 10, 1933, to Orel James O’Brien and Mary Frances (Grazer), Bob’s life was a remarkable journey filled with love, family, and a distinguished aerospace career.

Bob grew up in Blue river OR and attended the Blue River and McKenzie schools from 1st grade to graduating as valedictorian in 1951.

Bob’s quest for knowledge led him to Oregon State College, graduating in 1956 with a degree in Electrical Engineering, showcasing academic brilliance and enduring passion. Commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1954, he served honorably at Fort Belvoir, VA, and Fort Lewis, WA.

In 1956, Bob joined Boeing, playing a pivotal role in the Apollo Space Program, contributing significantly to the historic moon landing and Lunar Rover

design. Returning to Renton in 1970, he continued shaping the aerospace industry, focusing on controlling rockets and ordinance.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bob and his cherished wife, Mary Ellen, were long-time members of Nativity Lutheran Church, where their faith flourished. In retirement, the couple embarked on travel adventures, exploring six continents and over 60 countries, nurturing their shared love for history and nature.

Bob’s zest for life was exemplified in his dedication to sports, finding joy in coaching his children and grandchildren. His wry sense of humor, showcased in his rendition of “Pinderella and the Cince,” became a treasured legacy, bringing laughter to those fortunate enough to experience it.

In the last decade, Bob found profound joy in the presence of his seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is survived by three of his four children, Pete & Suellen O’Brien, Chuck and Raejeanna O’Brien, Helen and Dirk Gusse. Bob’s wife, Mary Ellen, and daughter, Susan, preceded him in death.

Robert Merle O’Brien will be remembered not only as an accomplished aerospace engineer but also as a loving husband, dedicated father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and cherished community member. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Nativity Lutheran Church, Renton WA, in loving memory of Robert Merle O’Brien, as a fitting tribute to a life well-lived.

May his legacy continue to shine brightly in the hearts of family and friends, and may he rest in eternal peace.



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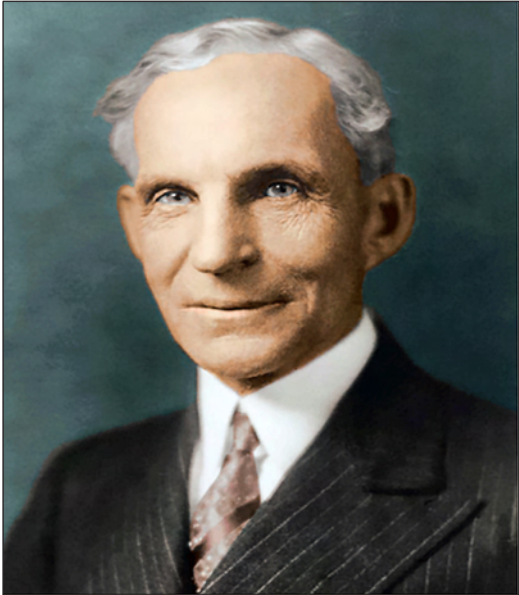
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