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A camp to remember

"White Branchers" shared their special place



Ruth Bisset, a former caretaker, counselor, kitchen staffer, and all-around volunteer at Camp White Branch shared some stories from days she treasures.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: It was another day of celebration when people gathered at Camp White Branch last Sunday. There were plenty of reminiscences from people who either attended camps or worked

there, as well as some who as they aged, had done both.

Originally named the "White Branch Lodge" the retreat was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 and run

by the Obsidians outdoor group for 13 years when ownership was transferred to the Nazarene Church. Taking over in 1958, the Association of the Churches of God began its first junior Lessons learned - Page 2

NOAA questions Carmen relicensing

Agency cites "no confidence" in EWEB's compliance

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: In an October 17th letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Fisheries Service has challenged the way the Eugene Water & Electric Board is dealing with fish passage issues at the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project.

Kim Kratz, the assistant regional administrator of the NOAA's OR/WA Coastal Office wrote that the lack of progress toward completion of the fish passage measures had "reached the point where NOAA Fisheries cannot continue to stand by the plans offered by the project licensee." Kratz went on to write that "we have no confidence that EWEB will implement the license as issued, particularly with respect to protections for Upper Willamette River (UWR) Chinook salmon."

At issue are ways of allowing salmon to pass around the Trail Bridge Dam and access approximately 8 miles of McKenzie River and tributary habitat blocked by the project.

EWEB made an error in 2008 by estimating the value of the power produced by the project was nearly three times the actual value, \$35 per megawatt-hour. In 2016, a settlement agreement included plans to rely on a less expensive trap-and-haul fish passage system to reduce the costs, rather than a "passage through dams" system for migrating fish.

"EWEB has gone from a 2008 commitment to provide first-class volitional passage within seven years, to a Carmen relicensing- Page 10



Some temporary structures were added to the Trailbridge Reservoir section of the Carmen-Smith project in recent years, including a pipeline/dewatering section as part of "trap and haul" efforts.

Where have FEMA trailers gone?

16 of 17 had housed Holiday Farm Fire survivors

RAINBOW: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers that were brought to the McKenzie River area in 2021 have been decommissioned and hauled to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Gardiner to be sold through General Services Administration (GSA) excess auction.

The 17 units that were placed at 54705 McKenzie Hwy. were part of FEMA's Direct Temporary Housing Program, which

provided temporary housing to residents impacted by the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. "The goal of the program is to give people time to pursue a new permanent housing plan that meets their needs," according to Natalie Shaver, a public affairs specialist with FEMA's Region 10 office, located in Bothell, Washington.

Sixteen trailers (four with three bedrooms and units with two bedrooms) were FEMA trailers - Page 2



FEMA trailers that were set up at the McKenzie River RV Park are now for sale at a Farm Service Agency auction in Gardiner, Washington.

Senators suing Oregon Senate president, secretary of state

Cedric Hayden among Republican senators who are fighting to run for reelection

By Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle
Three Oregon Republican senators sued Democratic Senate President Rob Wagner and Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade in federal court on Monday, marking the latest in a series of attempts by Republicans who shut down the Legislature for six weeks to subvert a voter-approved law and run for reelection.

The federal lawsuit filed by Sens. Brian Boquist, Cedric Hayden, and Dennis Linthicum, along with three county Republican central committees and two voters, joins a state lawsuit filed by Linthicum and four other senators to block a ruling from Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade that disqualified several senators from filing for reelection based on Measure 113.

The state case rests on how the court interprets the text of Measure 113, a

constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2022 to prevent any lawmakers with 10 or more unexcused absences from serving another term. The senators who sued in state court contend that they're ineligible for the term after their next term because the measure wasn't worded clearly.

But the federal lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Eugene, is based on the U.S. Constitution, with Boquist, Hayden, and Linthicum arguing that Wag-

ner and Griffin-Valade infringed on their First Amendment right to free expression and Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection under the law.

"Senator plaintiffs were punished for exercising their First Amendment rights and their punishment snowballed into additional constitutional violations," the plaintiffs' attorneys wrote in their complaint.

They're seeking a court Senators suing - P 10



Senator Brian Boquist, I-Dallas, sits on the Senate floor in December 2022.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

There are no McKenzie Varsity Sports contests scheduled for this week. The Eagle Fall sports season has concluded.

Mustangs Throw Down Buckaroos

Crane Defeats St. Paul To Claim Crown

The St. Paul Buckaroos made a good run in the 2023 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A Volleyball State Championship held at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, November 3, 4. St. Paul, this Fall Season's Casco League Champion was ranked 6th in the final State Class 1A Volleyball rankings and by virtue of seeding into the State Quarterfinals of the Championship round, faced the daunting prospect of competing against the State's top three teams in a quest to claim the Champion Blue Trophy.

First up, in Quarterfinal play, St. Paul met 3rd ranked Trinity Lutheran, the Mt. Valley League Champion out of Bend. The Buckaroos stopped the Saints from marching on with a 3-0 upset victory. Next up in the chutes, in Championship Semi-final play, were the tenacious Powder Valley Badgers, 2nd ranked in the Class 1A rankings.

The Old Oregon League Champion Badgers reached the Semi-finals by dispatching 7th ranked Crosshill Christian 3-0. The Buckaroos knew from past experience the Badgers would stubbornly hold their ground and a good battle it was, but when the dust cleared, St. Paul would score their second upset of the Championship with a 3-1 victory.

On the other side of the eight team Championship bracket, top ranked Crane was cruising into the Title Match, dispatching Adrian 3-0 and Umpqua Valley Christian, 3-1. That set up the Championship match between the Mustangs and the Buckaroos. St. Paul, to its credit, clamped their hat down tight and gave it a good go. But the Mustangs were rank, first to be sure, and defeated the Casco bunch 3-1 (25-22, 21-25, 25-12, and 26-24). Powder Valley recovered and downed a determined Umpqua Valley Christian 3-2 to claim the State Third place trophy. In the Consolation Championship, Trinity Lutheran upset Joseph, 3-2, and earned the State fourth place trophy.

In the 2A State Championships held concurrently with the Class 1A at Redmond, Valley Coast Conference foes Oakridge (Champion) and Lowell (2nd seed) tangled in the Quarterfinals.

The old saying is "it's hard to beat a team three times in a row," but that's what Oakridge accomplished to advance. To Lowell's credit, the Red Devils didn't make it easy for the Upriver Warriors.

The match went five sets, Oakridge winning the first, 25-23, but the Red Devils lit a fire and won the next two, 27-25 and 25-19. On the verge of landing in the Consolation brackets, Oakridge rallied with a fourth set win, 25-21, and capped the victory in the deciding fifth set, winning 15-12.

Oakridge lost the next two matches, 3-0, to Portland Christian and Western Christian, respectively. Lowell was victorious in its next Consolation match, defeating Gaston, 3-1, and met Grant Union in the Consolation Championship match, but fell to the Prospectors, 3-1, and earned the Red Devils the State's Sixth place trophy.

Six-Man Football State Championships

The 2023 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A(6) Football State Championship features the State's newest brand of football. Actually, it's an old game resurrected from the fifties, due to declining enrollments in the smallest of the State's schools. First, OSAA found many schools dropping down from eleven-man football to participate in 8 man. Fans at first reluctant to embrace a game that quite frankly has been played throughout rural America and Canada for decades, found to their delight an eight man football game that was fast, exciting and high scoring. Then, school enrollment once again took discouraging drops throughout rural Oregon and it became hard or impossible, believe it or not, for Class 1A schools to even field an eight-man team. Time for OSAA to re-embrace the six-man game, which has been compared to fast break basketball on a football field. Indeed, it is an unique contest with interesting rules, but most importantly, kids get to participate!

The Special District 2 North League sent four teams this season to the State Championship Round One brackets. SD 2 North League Champion 5th ranked Eddyville Charter hosted 12th ranked Harper Charter and won 19-13 last Friday, November 3, at Eddyville. Eddyville now travels to 4th ranked Joseph on Friday, November 10. The Eagles were the only SD 2 North team to make it out of the First Round, however. Alsea, 7th ranked, lost at home, 38-6, against 10th ranked Echo. Ninth ranked Triangle Lake traveled across the Cascades to 8th ranked



North Lake and dropped its game to the Cowboys, 49-33. And 11th ranked Falls City/Kings Valley fell to 6th ranked South Wasco County up in Maupin country, losing to the Redsides 51-36.

In other State Semi-final action, North Lake will meet top ranked Prairie City/Burnt River, South Wasco County travels to 3rd ranked Elkton, and Echo travels to second ranked Powers. What a fun way to see the Great State of Oregon!!

Triangle Lake's Viggo Beck Finishes 13th At State CC

Local Cross Country and Track and Field folks will recognize Triangle Lake senior athlete Viggo Beck, who this Fall represented the Lakers at the 2023 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union Boys 2A/1A Cross Country Championships held at Lane Community College last Saturday, November 4. Beck finished 13th in the 5,000 meters race with a time of 17:52.7 minutes.

Brady Greenwood of Heppner won the State individual title finishing his race in 16:12.9 minutes. Union High School took top team honors with 44 points, narrowly holding off second place Knappa, which scored 47 points.

In the Girls 3A/2A/1A State 5,000 meters Championship race, Jaya Simmins of Valley Catholic finished first in a time of 18:20.9 minutes. Oregon Episcopal won the team title with 66 points and Siuslaw finished runner up with 95 points.

A camp to remember

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and senior high camps. The result, according to Glen Hossler, COG Association. District Council Chair, has been amazing. "This is the strongest naturalistic ministry we have," he says. "The constant spiritual growth in our youth from their experiences here I cannot over-state."

Behind the scenes, there were plenty of people who helped keep things operating, like Ruth Bisset who first arrived in 1961 with her husband and later "managed, mopped floors, and cooked meals for from 40 to 160 people at a time."

She joked that some of those experiences made her "keep trying to get fired, but I never could." One was the discovery the meal she was making was short some 27 packages of hot dog buns that

luckily a local store had stockpiled in their freezer.

Ruth too acknowledges the "Camp" as a special place where attending "one year of camp was the equivalent of five years of Sunday School."

Owen Hinkle, a former board member and a volunteer also had some out-of-the-ordinary memories. One he recalled involved a spring-fed water tank that was installed up the hillside. That itself wasn't a problem until it was found a pipe inside needed to be tightened. Luckily a young camper was just the right size to be lowered on a rope through the 12-inch opening. It was another "stroke of luck."

"It's been a real privilege to work up here," Owen concluded. "God bless each one of you."

FEMA trailers

Continued From Page 1

occupied by residents impacted by the fires, Shaver said. "FEMA used a unit on site (a one bedroom) as an office."

Under the FEMA housing assistance program the agency may provide a temporary housing unit directly to homeowners and renters. A disaster survivor whose primary home is destroyed or is unlivable because of major damage caused by the disaster, and who has no other practical temporary







housing options available within a reasonable commuting distance due to a lack of available rental resources may be eligible for direct temporary housing.

The McKenzie River RV Park location opened in Rainbow in July of 2021. It operated until it was closed on March 31st, 2023.

Shaver said one unit was sold to an applicant and the rest were sent to the auction site.

Letters to the Editor

Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

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WEATHER REPORT					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
10/31	57	36	0	1,607 cfs	10/31	59	35	0	3,530 cfs
11/1	52	43	0	1,441 cfs	11/1	65	38	0	3,650 cfs
11/2	58	49	0.48	1,351 cfs	11/2	56	50	0.36	3,770 cfs
11/3	63	51	0.19	1,193 cfs	11/3	60	53	0.11	3,810 cfs
11/4	57	53	2.53	532 cfs	11/4	65	54	0.35	3,500 cfs
11/5	55	48	0.31	851 cfs	11/5	59	51	2.02	7,620 cfs
11/6	51	46	1.94	981 cfs	11/6	62	50	0.46	6,310 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Oct. 23: 9:32 a.m: Disorderly Subject - Deerhorn Rd. & Fawn Way. A male was reported to be throwing items at passing vehicles. Deputies patrolled the area but did not locate the male.

11:25 a.m: Burglary - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller reported that someone broke into a residence and stole appliances.

4:50 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 37800 blk, MJ chase Rd. A female arrived at a property and refused to leave. Deputies responded and the female departed.

7:01 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy. A deputy patrolling the area made contact with the occupants of a vehicle. No crime observed.

9:44 p.m: Assault - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Physical dispute between family members.

An adult female and her boyfriend were determined to have assaulted the female's father. Deputies arrested them subsequent to investigation for Assault in the 3rd Degree.

Oct. 24: 5:53 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 57600 blk, McK. Hwy. A white Kia Soul was left overnight at the McKenzie Ranger Station.

12:01 p.m: Suspicious Subject - York Ln. & Deerhorn Rd. A male wearing camouflage was observed walking up and down the road with a big stick.

4:04 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Deerhorn Rd. & Fawn way. A male with a bunch of belongings was seen lying under a blanket in the area. He was observed walking away from the area. Deputies responded to conduct a welfare check but he was not located.

10:29 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported a former tenant left litter, a beer can and cigarette butt near the caller's mailbox.

Oct. 25: 12:21 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 92000 blk, Farkas Ln. A caller reported that a large drone was hovering in the area for over an hour.

6:42p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Dollar Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd. A caller believed they saw hunters in the area.

Oct. 26: 6:19 a.m: Burglary - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy. A male reportedly broke into an area business. He was described as a white male adult with a medium build and red hair. He was wearing a beanie hat, baggy clothing, a heavy coat and jeans. He had a cross tattoo on his forehead and was carrying a black backpack. The male departed on foot.

8:27 a.m: Medical Info Call - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A male in the area reportedly took DMT and needed medical help. LCSO search and rescue responded but were disregarded after paramedics made contact.

8:48 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 91100 blk, Donna Rd. A male and a female in a Tahoe and motorhome broke down in the area. Deputies made contact and were advised that the male and female would be leaving within 12 hours.

Oct.27:12:37a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between caller and ex-boyfriend.

12:51 a.m: Prowler - 40000

blk, log Creek Rd. A caller heard noises late at night. Not sure if they were outside or inside. Nothing suspicious found.

8:47 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd. A deputy patrolling the area contacted the occupant of a vehicle that was parked.

10:35 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Goodpasture Rd. & Leashore Dr.

11:19 a.m: Water Patrol - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:58 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:34 p.m: Burglary - 39600 blk, **Continued On Page 9**

State Police Report

Nov. 5:23:12: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Alcohol – Hwy. 126E, Milepost 48. Troopers responded to a two-vehicle head-on collision. A white Volkswagen Touareg was traveling eastbound in the westbound lane and collided head-on with a Blue Chevrolet CBT. Both drivers were transported via ambulance for minor injuries. Troopers arrived at the hospital and probable cause was developed for DUII for the driver of the Volkswagen. The driver consented to a legal blood draw. The driver was cited and released back to the hospital for DUII and Reckless Endangering. Both vehicles were towed. Involved: 31-year-old male from Redmond and 28-year-old male from Warm Springs.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Oct. 30: 14:04: 41000 block, McK. Hwy. Fire, Structural. Fire Extinguished.

Oct. 31: 9:42: Leashore Dr. False Alarm/Motor Vehicle Accident. Flagged Vehicle.

12:23: Marcola Rd./Old Mohawk Rd. Auto Aid/Medical. Disregarded.

16:56: 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Auto Aid/Medical. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained..

Nov. 1: 0:58: 37000 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

Nov. 2: 6:04: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical. General. Mistaken Alarm.

15:32: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Injury/Non-Blocking, Refusal Obtained.

16:52: 41000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:05: McK. Hwy./Milepost **Continued On Page 9**

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Oct. 31: 16:51: Medical – 51000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

Nov. 2: 16:05: Medical – 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

Nov. 4: 15:40: Medical - 55636 McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

Nov. 5: 23:08: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - McK. /Milepost 48. 2 cars badly damaged, involved in head on collision.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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"Automo-bubble" played a part in last great railroad war

By Finn J.D. John

Sometime in the late spring of 1909, at the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's ticket booth in Portland, a 19-year-old man named Jim Morrell laid down his last \$2 for a ticket on the Bailey Gatzert, the famous Columbia River sternwheeler. Destination: The Dalles.

Morrell was from Colorado originally; just now he was at loose ends, drifting through Portland looking for work. He thought he might find it in The Dalles. Someone had told him about a great railroad war playing out near The Dalles, as railroad magnates E.H. Harriman of the Union Pacific and James J. Hill of the Great Northern scrambled to be the first to punch a railroad line through from the Columbia Gorge into Bend. Harriman's road was called the Des Chutes (sic) Railroad; Hill was calling his the Oregon Trunk Railroad.

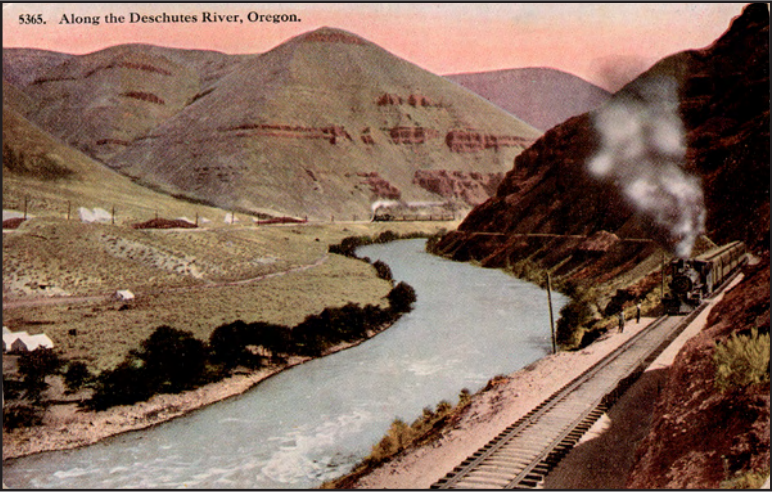
Although still a young man, Morrell had some experience with gasoline-powered equipment, and thought this might be a good opportunity for him.

So he had gambled his last two bucks (roughly \$65 in modern money) to get to the scene, in hopes he could land a job.

Morrell didn't look like much when he arrived. On the journey his hat, a battered brown derby, had gotten split between brim and crown; his hair poked through the hat above the brim, making for a pretty comical appearance. Luckily, his hair was also brown, so it looked OK from far away.

Upon his arrival, Morrell was met by a friend — probably the one who'd told him there was work to be had. Morrell's friend staked him to a meal and a flop-house bunk, and the next day he wasted no time in seeking out J.D. Porter, who with his brother Johnson Porter ran the construction company that had the Northern Pacific (James J. Hill) contract.

Porter's first question after Morrell introduced himself was straight and to the point:



The Oregon Trunk railroad tracks near the mouth of the Deschutes River, with the Des Chutes Railroad tracks visible and still in use on the other side, circa 1911.

"Do you know how to skin a bubble?" he asked.

The question was a reference to a popular song that had recently come out: "In My Merry Oldsmobile," a waltz written by Gus Edwards and Vincent P. Bryan in 1905. It had gotten very popular first as sheet music and later on shellac phonograph records, and had created something of a sensation. The chorus of the song goes, in part, "Come away with me, Lucille, /In my merry Oldsmobile, /Down the road of life we'll fly, /Automo-bubbling, you and I."

A "mule skinner" was popular slang for a driver of mule teams; accordingly, a "bubble skinner" was a driver of "automo-bubbles."

The Porter brothers had bought one of the contraptions in hopes that it would enable them to skip around the country quickly, negotiating land sales and rights-of-way and running other errands along the route. They'd taken delivery of a 1908 Studebaker-Garford touring car, a great big specimen with space for four passengers plus the driver, powered by an enormous four-cylinder engine (372 cubic inches, or roughly 6.1 liters).

But nobody on their crews knew how to "skin" it.

Luckily for the Porters and for young Mr. Morrell, he did. So

they hired him on the spot.

As you can imagine, "automo-bubbling" was a much more arduous job in 1909 than it is today, especially in a monster like that one. That flathead engine — which, although it was rated at less than 40 horsepower, was about the size of what you'd find in a modern Ford F-350 — had to be started with a hand crank. It was a tough enough job that the crank regularly got bent and had to be straightened with a blacksmith's hammer, and famously, would break the driver's arm if he didn't do it just right. The spark timing had to be advanced to just the right spot, the mixture had to be managed on the go by the driver, and the throttle was hand-operated like on an old farm tractor; all these inputs had to be juggled in real time while managing the clutch and brake and steering the car.

The car had no electrical system; the headlights were carbide lamps and the ignition used a magneto, which was prone to conking out if it got even slightly damp.

It was also fairly top-heavy, so tipping it over was a constant hazard; it had brakes, but only on the back axle, and they were very weak. Morrell had to mostly use engine compression to slow the car on steep grades, like heavy truck drivers do today when descending long highway grades like Cabbage

Hill on Interstate 84 between La-Grande and Pendleton.

When Morrell first set out along the rutted and rocky wagon roads along the railroad right-of-way, the Porter brothers stood on the running boards, ready to jump off if it should look like Morrell was about to crash. They soon got comfortable, though, as he demonstrated his skill with the machine.

The Porter boys were working for the Hill railroad, so their crews were racing to lay their tracks down on one side of the river while the Harriman railroad's contractors, the Twohy Brothers, raced up the other. There was not much love lost between the two sets of crews. They fought pitched battles with each other with fists and sometimes pick handles when they got the chance.

Harriman and Hill had been business rivals for decades, but in their later years the rivalry had turned into a real bitter personal feud. It mostly stemmed from an incident in 1901 when Harriman basically tried to pull off a hostile takeover of Hill's railroad while Hill's biggest financial backer, J. Pierpoint Morgan, was away on vacation. He nearly succeeded, partially crashing the stock market in the process. After that, the two men cordially hated each other.

Most locals were rooting for Hill; Harriman had earned a reputation in Oregon for doing as little as possible in terms of railroad building. There wasn't much in the way of business in Oregon beyond timber and agriculture, so once Portland and the Willamette Valley had been taken care of, Harriman had always found other locations more worthwhile to invest in.

What he did do, though, several times, was keep a close eye on any small railroad projects that looked like they might develop into real competition, and scare them off by announcing with great fanfare that the mighty Union Pacific (or Southern Pacific, which he also



By Slim Randles

Old Jasper Blankenship went out to hunt deer the other day, the same way he's done for decades now. He's slower than he used to be, of course. Deer season has changed a lot for Jasper over the many years he's been at it. As a kid, he couldn't wait until he was old enough to get a license, because he wanted to bring a buck home to show his family. Not just any buck, either, but a big one.

As a young man, he wanted to see how many hunting seasons he could have in one year: duck, goose, quail, pheasant, deer, about anything that moved.

As a middle-aged man, he turned to the technology of hunting and wanted to learn about the newest gizmo that would make you quiet, make you invisible, make you irresistible to deer.

But things are different these days. Oh, Jasper still enjoys going through all the outdoor magazines and orders catalogs, and each year he orders some new gizmo that guarantees to bring home the meat. But he just chuckles at them, even as he orders them. Hunting, to him, means a reattachment to nature, a return to his roots. It is a time to see if his personal skills are still adequate. It is also a time to sit on a ridge and look around and appreciate what is there. And if what isn't there happens to be a deer, well, that's all right, too.

Venison isn't getting any easier to pack back to camp after all these many seasons, either. But there is something in the hunt, something in being allowed to silently stalk the nameless essence of fall, something in moving in near invisibility. There is something.

Sometimes it's just nice to go out there and see what happens.

Brought to you by John McAdams, who teaches good, safe ways of being a successful and responsible hunter. john@thebiggamehuntingblog.com.

"Auto-bubble" - Page 11

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



EXPLORING WHOLE GRAINS

Whole grains were something our ancestors used in their cooking and baking. Then more and more processing evolved. However, they are becoming popular again. Foods containing whole grains provide valuable minerals and vitamins, as well as fiber. My daughter's doctor has recommended our exploring the value of whole grains in our cooking. The fiber of whole grains reduces cholesterol, and whole grain foods have been recommended for those having to watch their sugar intake.

Occasionally I enjoy a hunk of

good crusty, French bread made with white flour. However, for the most part, I like whole grains—the more grains the better. The crunchier the better. Some whole grain foods, such as pasta and brown rice may be drier than the processed forms, but they're tasty and appealing.

Checking Out Whole Grains

When checking out grains to purchase or products made with whole grain, here are some things to consider:

* Check out labels and go for foods that say "whole" wheat, grains oats, barley, etc. on them.

* One suggestion...when baking with whole-wheat flour add one part whole-wheat to three parts white flour. Then increase the amount of wheat flour in the next recipe, if you desire.

* Brown rice is considered a whole grain whereas white rice isn't. You'll find pastas that are brown wheat based. Try using some whole grain flours for pizza crusts and pastry crusts.

* When selecting oatmeal, opt for old-fashioned or steel-cut oats that you cook.

* You may want to explore other grains such as buckwheat, wheat germ, barley, and bulgur. When my husband made pancakes and waffles, he often used part buckwheat flour. I prefer those to the ones made totally with white flour.

LUCILLE'S OATMEAL BREAD - It is very tasty fresh out of the oven and later when toasted.

Mix together cups water, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, and 1 1/2 cups rolled oats. Stir in 1/3-cup brown sugar and 1 tablespoon shortening.

Crumble 1 cake yeast or 1 package dry yeast into 1/4-cup lukewarm water. Blend the yeast mixture into the first mixture. Stir in 3 cups flour. You may need 1/4-cup flour more if the dough is too sticky. Let it rise in a bowl until double in bulk.

Punch down and knead on floured board. Then put into a greased loaf pan. Let rise again until double in bulk. Bake at 375 degrees F. for 40-45 minutes. Yield: 1 loaf.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home. e-mail: me.allen@juno.com)



Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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Native plants and cultivar debate gathers steam



Jen Hayes, a PhD candidate in the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences is completing her thesis on native plants, their cultivars, and pollinators.

Research to prove or debunk current opinions remains scarce as the debate over whether native plants or their cultivars attract and nourish the most pollinators.

The research that has been done – primarily on the East Coast – hasn't been conclusive. In fact, according to a doctoral candidate in the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences who is completing her dissertation on native plants, their cultivars, and pollinators, the findings have been all over the map.

"We were interested in the fact that there have been native plant studies in the eastern U.S., but not much on the West Coast," Jen Hayes said. "We wanted to see if we set up a study with Pacific Northwest natives and their cultivars if we could see any trends in pollinator visitation and utilization. There wasn't a strong and clear result. That's not what people want to hear but in ecology, the answer is often, 'It depends.' It rings true here, as well."

Hayes said that the gardening community "has this burning desire to have black or white answer."

"Some groups are fervently anti-cultivar," Hayes said. "I don't think that's fair. I came into

the study thinking that I preferred natives just because I had assumptions about the ecological benefits. There is intrinsic value to planting native plants in the landscape, but it's not fair to vilify cultivars."

A native cultivar is one that has been selected from a native population or a cross that's been developed by humans, said Signe Danler, online instructor for the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program. Breeders select for characteristics that people are drawn to, such as larger and more abundant flowers, a variety of colors, longer bloom or more compact form. The cultivars are distinct, uniform, and stable, meaning they will remain the same with each generation.

The best way to tell the difference is that a cultivar will have its name listed in single quotes after the scientific name as in *Echinacea purpurea* 'White Swan.'

"When we create cultivars, we create a version of a native as we like it," Danler said. "And since many are propagated clonally (from one cell) they never change. Genetic variability stops."

But plants in nature have genetic variability that allows them to survive as the conditions around

it change, Danler said. When something changes, for instance, the climate gets wetter or drier, the latent genes allow it to adapt.

"That's the way it's supposed to happen but with climate change, the shift is going too fast," she said. "Natural evolution can't keep up."

It's not harmful to grow cultivars in the garden, Danler said, but they should never be used in restoration projects, where genetic variability is key so plants can adapt. Cultivars of native plants are propagated to minimize genetic diversity in favor of uniformity.

Whether native cultivars attract more native pollinators is a bit cloudier, Danler said. Sometimes plants are bred with characteristics like more petals – double flowers are often preferred by humans – and the reproductive pieces are buried in a fluff of extra petals. That can impact the ability of the native bees to get to the nectar and pollen.

"Just because you have a lot of honeybees doesn't mean you have native bees and other native pollinators," Danler said. "If all you see are honeybees then you need to diversify and add more native plants if you want to draw pollinators. Non-natives like lavender will be buzzing with bees but look closer and it's only one kind of non-native bee."

Hayes conducted field trials at the OSU Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture in Corvallis. She planted native species in two big garden rows, each divided into three columns. They were compared with at least one cultivar and up to three.

"The cultivars we used represent a spectrum of plant breeding modifications," Hayes said. "Some just had a different flower color or a change in foliage like variegation. Others were more developed, like interspecific hybrids, which are plants resulting from parents of at least two different species. All of the cultivars had a wild-type native plant somewhere in its pedigree."

For her study, Hayes divided pollinators into categories: all pollinators, all bees, wild bees, bumble bees, leafcutter bees, black bees, longhorn bees, syrphid flies, and butterflies to represent the diversity of the pollinator population at Oak Creek.

"A lot of plants and pollinator groups didn't show a difference in visitation," Hayes said. "That was the case with more of our findings than anything else. Some pollinators have a clear preference, and some don't. Sometimes they prefer one plant and sometimes they don't. Again, it comes down to 'It Debate gathers steam - Page 10



In Memory



J. Brad McNutt formerly of the Vida area passed away September 27, 2023. He was 63. Brad was born October 22, 1959 in Roseburg, Oregon to John B. and Lois A. (Taylor) McNutt.

Brad loved being on a tractor, designing landscapes and helping others. He spent countless hours as a volunteer helping rebuild McKenzie Track. Brad especially loved cheering Anna on in anything she did, from sports at McKenzie High School to teaching her to run an excavator while working together on many projects. Brad's best times were the times he spent with Anna.

Brad is survived by the light of his life, his daughter Anna Lynn McNutt of Corvallis, OR, sisters Linda Grubb (Neil), Dinah Stanton (Doug) and Sherry Gennaro (Gabe), 1 niece, 6 nephews and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Laura.

A celebration of Brad's life will be held at Tall Firs Café & Events, 1488 18th Street in Springfield on Sunday, November 19th from 2:00PM-4:00PM.



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November 9

All of Hwy. 242 Closed

The Old McKenzie Pass Highway, OR 242, will fully close for the winter season on Thursday Nov. 9.

Crews will close the gates on the east side of the pass early Thursday morning. Gates on the west side were closed on Oct. 30. Weather on each side of the pass varies, and it's not uncommon to close or open each side of the highway separately.

McKenzie Pass is a secondary, scenic highway. Weather, costs and logistics make it impractical to maintain for travel year-round. In the winter, we focus our staff and resources on main highways to keep them plowed, open and safe.

When the highway is closed, it is closed to all users and is not maintained. Travelers going past locked gates and closure signs could encounter hazards and working equipment on the road, and there are no services or cell coverage.

Every year, McKenzie Pass opens and closes with the seasons. Dates vary depending on road and weather conditions.

McKenzie Pass became a seasonal scenic highway in 1962 with the completion of the Clear Lake-Belknap Springs section of Oregon 126. Even during its time as the main route between the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon, the narrow, twisting roadway and high elevation (5,325 feet) made the highway too difficult to maintain and keep clear during the winter months.

To see what routes are open over the mountains, and to view current road and weather conditions visit TripCheck.com or call 511.

November 9

2nd Friday Art Walk

The Emerald Art Center, 500 Main Street in Springfield will host thw Walk from 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

November 10

Spaghetti Feed

The Walterville Grange is hold-

ing its annual Spaghetti Feed on November 10 from 5 to 7 PM. Spaghetti with meat sauce is on the menu with salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. The Grange wishes to honor all Veterans and hope that you will join us in doing so. Their service is what makes our freedom so valuable. There will also be a raffle where you can pick the prize you want to try to win. This will be held at the Walterville Community Center/Grange Hall located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. The Grange is fundraising to replace the windows and siding on the west side of the building, and you are encouraged to add to the fundraising (check out our thermometer to see how much we have already raised). Please come and meet with your family, friends and neighbors to have some great spaghetti and a good time. Donations are gratefully accepted. We are also collecting canned food items for the upriver food bank. Please contact 541-521-4760 for more information. Leave a message and calls will be returned.

November 11

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 11

Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

November 13

Last Day at Tokatee

Get one more round in before the Tokatee Golf Club closes for this year. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 541-822-3220.

November 13

County Parks Adv Committee

The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Room in Eugene, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

November 13

McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziewc.org

November 13

Spfld School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

November 13

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

November 13 & 14

Hydropower Meetings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will gather the public's perspective and opinions on the future of hydropower across the Corps' Willamette Valley system of dams during three listening sessions – one in-person and two virtual.

The Corps will record public input for inclusion in a report to Congress.

The Water Resources Development Act of 2022 directed the Portland District to complete a report to Congress containing information on a determination of federal interest in, and to identify the effects of, removing hydropower production as a purpose – in whole or in part –

from the Corps' Willamette Valley system of dams.

The dams serve multiple purposes in addition to hydropower production, such as flood risk management, irrigation and recreation.

"We look forward to collecting the public's input as we prepare this report," said Hugh Kim, the project manager for the disposition report. "This is an opportunity for the public to contribute to decisions to be made at the Congressional level."

The listening sessions will begin with a brief introduction by Corps officials. The remainder of the session will be dedicated to collecting input.

Verbal statements received during the listening sessions will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the Report to Congress. We also will accept brief written statements during the listening sessions. If you are unable to attend a listening session, submit a request to the project email address: WVHPWRDA22@usace.army.mil for further information on how to submit your written statement.

Virtual Listening Session #1

Monday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m.

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/WVHydropower>

Virtual Listening Session #2

Monday, Nov. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/WVHydropower>

In-Person Listening Session

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Salem Public Library, Plaza Level, Room Anderson A, 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR.

The WRDA 2022 authorizes "much-needed investments in projects and programs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers across the country." This bipartisan legislation ensures timely congressional authorization of Corps studies and projects.

Specifically, the law says that the study should assess:

* Whether and how discontinuing hydropower production at one or more of the eight dams would affect how those dams, other dams in the system, and the system as a whole would be operated for their other authorized purposes

* How the costs of discontinuing hydropower would be apportioned

* What impacts there would be on dam safety and compliance with the Endangered Species Act

The Corps held two information sessions in September, during which Corps experts discussed the purpose and key elements of the disposition report. Recordings of those sessions are available here: www.nwp.usace.army.mil/WRDA22-Report/

November 14

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van will be at the Orchid Health Clinic in Rainbow from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

November 14

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,

Paver Sales Remain Open

The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their beautiful 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 in our patio. Call 541-953-3440 or willmarlys@gmail.com.

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8. Center of our orbit

11. Indian flatbread

12. Take down, as in a dragon

13. Yemeni neighbor

15. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.

16. *Copper coin with issuer of Thanksgiving Proclamation

17. A sign or symbol, archaic

18. *A certain famous Mayflower rock

20. *5K, a.k.a. Turkey ____
21. Blair or Hayek

22. Spy org.

23. Like hikers' camps

26. Tourney grid

30. Beehive State native

31. Casual top

34. Money in Milan

35. Belches

37. Roth ____, acr.

38. Low-ranking workers

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42. Dog command

43. Resize

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47. Baby goat
48. Subway entrance
50. Parting words
52. *Massachusetts' contender for first Thanksgiving celebration
55. Oyster gem
56. One thing on a list
57. Of two minds
59. Sonnets and such
60. Mastercard rival
61. Carve in stone
62. Ted Turner's "baby"
63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
64. "James and the Giant Peach" author

DOWN

1. Compass dir.
2. Arctic native
3. Flying jib, e.g.
4. Enclose in a cyst
5. Part of small intestine
6. *Traditional occupant of the last parade float
7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
8. Asian food thickener
9. *Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe
10. Zip
12. Chews out
13. Ostium, pl.
14. *" ____ on 34th Street"
19. '90s TV sitcom "Boy ____ World"
22. TV tube in days gone by, acr.
23. *Sweet one or russet one
24. Short musical composition
25. Smart candy?
26. Women's undergarments
27. Newsstand, e.g.
28. "Sesame Street" Muppet
29. *Dinner exclamation?
32. Sweep under the rug
33. Fury
36. *Lions' opponent this year
38. ____ exclusion principle in physics
40. Like something for a wedding day
41. Bad rep
44. Supermarket walkway
46. Let for money
48. Form of civil disobedience
49. Lock of hair
50. Past participle of "be"
51. Knitter's ball
52. Long live, in French
53. Itty-bitty bit
54. Like part of McDonald's logo
55. Rubber substitute, acr.
58. Stanley Cup org.

Quote of the Week

"If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong."

Anonymous

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Sat Nov 11th 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Lane County Parks

Mon Nov 13th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August). It advises the Board

Tue Nov 14th 8:30am - 2:00pm

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every

MCKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL

Mon Nov 13th 5:00pm - 6:30pm

McKenzie Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in

Tue Nov 14th 2023

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Mon Nov 13th 7:00am - 6:00pm

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DISTRICT 18 SPRINGFIELD Public Schools

Mon Nov 13th 7:00pm - 10:00pm

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A Moment
in Oregon
History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

November 9 - Historians disagree on what became of York after the completion of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. York was the African-American slave of William Clark and he was considered to be a valuable member of the Expedition. He helped with chores, hunted and packed game back to camp, portaged supplies around rapids and help scout the trail west. He was a curiosity to the Indians, who had never encountered a man with black skin, and several times was instrumental in establishing friendly relations with the Indians. Some historians believe Clark eventually freed York, and that he became a wagon freighter and died of cholera in New York State. But others say that after York was given his freedom he returned west and spent the remainder of his days living among the Crow Indians.

McKenzie Fire
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21:12: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Slash Burn. Confirmed Prescribed Burn.
22:25: McK. Hwy./Ross Ln. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.
Nov. 3: 8:18: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. False Alarm. Disregarded Prior to Going En Route.

11:46: 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
21:22: 37000 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Nov. 4: 0:01: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lift Assist.
17:26: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Nov. 5: 14:07: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 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.

Fishing
Report

McKenzie River: All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.
Fish Counts
November 2, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook – 2,187
Winter Steelhead – 0

Sheriff's
Report

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Wendling Rd. A caller reported that someone broke into their home. The caller said the suspect damaged a padlock, and may have hacked the caller's Internet and phone.
4:47 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88900 blk, Bridge St. An unknown male in an orange station wagon was seen at the caller's property. The male departed.
5:59 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Mp. 5.
6:08 p.m: Assault - 37000 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller reported an assault that occurred in September at a social gathering.
7:19 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
11:43 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A deputy patrolling the area checked on a vehicle parked at an area business.
Oct. 28: 8:18 a.m: Found Property - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd.
8:47 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.
12:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Camp Creek Rd. & Millican Rd.
12:51 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Millican Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
1:34 p.m: Burglary - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.
1:59 p.m: Assist - Information - 39400 blk, May Way.
4:47p.m:SuspiciousConditions - 88900 blk, Bridge St.
Oct. 29: 12:37 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:51 a.m: Prowler - 40000 blk, Log Creek Rd.

9:45 a.m: Welfare Check - Lat: 44.07541. Long: -122.74421.
11:36 a.m: Civil Standby - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
2:06 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 1.
7:18 p.m: Reckless Driving - Mohawk River Rd. & Marcola Rd.
Oct. 30: 3:02 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between caller and caller's ex-boyfriend.
6:58 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39700 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
Oct. 31: 9:29 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 90900 blk, Leashore Dr.
Nov. 1: 2:16 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.
4:13 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd. A caller believed someone broke into their home and hacked the caller's Internet and phone.
5:03 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.
6:58 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39700 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
Nov. 2: 2:04 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 43.
2:17 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 43.
2:37 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
2:43 p.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. Mp. 25.
3:34 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. Milepost 30.
4:16 p.m: Fraud - 92700 blk, Regal Ln. A caller advised that their bank account had been fraudulently accessed.
5:05 p.m: Animal Abuse - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.
5:08 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident no injury - 35500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
5:41 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40100 blk, York Ln.
6:06p.m: Lost Subject -

Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.
6:58 p.m: Citizen Contact - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
8:56 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd.
Nov. 3: 5:41 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40100 blk, York Ln. Verbal dispute between family members. No crime articulated.
Nov. 4: 1:21 a.m: Screaming - 91100 blk, Sunderman Rd.
7:39 a.m: Prowler - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
8:20 a.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
12:02 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.
1:45 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Taylor Rd. & McK. Hwy.
2:03 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.
2:36 p.m: Citizen Contact - Bellinger Landing.
6:11 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Kickbusch Ln. & Camp Creek Rd.
7:46 p.m: Incomplete 911 call - 37600 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.
7:54 p.m: Incomplete 911 call - 37600 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.
9:12 p.m: Assist, Information - 55200 blk, Delta Rd.
Nov. 5: 1:23:59 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

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Senators suing

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ruling clearing them to run for reelection and declaring that exercising a constitutional right to protest is a valid reason to miss Senate floor sessions.

Spokespeople for Griffin-Valade and Wagner did not immediately provide comments responding to the lawsuit Monday evening.

Boquist, Hayden, and Linthicum are three of the 10 Republican senators – a third of the Senate – who skipped six weeks of Senate floor sessions as part of a protest over controversial bills on abortion, guns, and transgender health care. Because Oregon’s unusual quorum rules require two-thirds of lawmakers to be present to conduct any business, the protesting Republican senators stopped the Senate from passing any bills during the walkout.

Republicans in the minority in the House and Senate have increasingly relied on walkouts to block Democrats from passing bills in recent years, leading a coalition of unions and progressive groups to put Measure 113 on the ballot. Some Democratic lawmakers are now looking at a different constitutional amendment to change the quorum requirement and eliminate walkouts altogether.

Measure 113 amended the state constitution to declare that any lawmaker who misses 10 or more legislative floor sessions “without permission or excuse” is ineligible to serve another term. The senators contend that they had excuses, but Wagner didn’t acknowledge them.

“Only the defendant Senate President Rob Wagner determines if an absent member has permis-

sion to be absent or not,” the complaint said. “There are no laws or rules putting legislators on notice of what category of absence is ‘unexcused.’ There are no historical indicators. There is no hearing process. There are no provisions for an appeal process.”

As a matter of practice, senators turn in forms requesting an excused absence and providing a reason, and Wagner checks a box indicating whether they’re excused or not excused. Historically, the Senate president and House speaker excuse absences – a notable exception in 2022 was former Republican state Sen. Dallas Heard, who was marked as absent most days after he refused to comply with the Senate’s COVID mask policy.

When Republican senators began their walkout on May 3, Wagner marked some senators as excused and others as absent, depending on the language of their requests. For instance, Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, was excused to accompany Gov. Tina Kotek on a tour, and Hayden was marked absent when he requested an excused absence to protest.

On May 5, Wagner announced that he would only excuse absences for an “extraordinary circumstance.” Two lawmakers, one Democrat, and one Republican, continued receiving excused absences for ongoing medical treatment, and Boquist received excused absences when a waterline burst on his rural property.

But most senators, Democrats, and Republicans, were marked “absent” when they missed floor sessions for reasons including ill-

ness, family health issues, attending religious services, officiating a family member’s out-of-state wedding, visiting out-of-state family and attending a child’s graduation, according to an independent report from an attorney investigating workplace harassment complaints Hayden and Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, filed against Wagner earlier this year.

The Senate Committee on Conduct, composed equally of Democrats and Republicans, unanimously dismissed those complaints in October. Hayden has a separate complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, and that investigation must be wrapped up by May 8, 2024.

Hayden, who is a Seventh-day Adventist and observes the Sabbath on Saturdays, and Boquist, a Catholic who attends Mass on Sundays and other Catholic feast days, also argued in the federal lawsuit that they were punished for exercising their religion because Wagner denied their requests to miss work for religious reasons.

The Lane, Klamath, and Polk County Republican central committees joined the lawsuit, as did former Republican candidate John Swanson, who resides in Boquist’s district, and Klamath County Republican Party Chair Rejeana Jackson, who lives in Linthicum’s district. The plaintiffs are represented by conservative attorneys Elizabeth Jones of Salem-based Capitol Legal Services, Vance Day of Powell Butte, and Indiana attorney James Bopp.

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Oregon unions, progressive groups weigh in on Senate walkout lawsuit

The Oregon Supreme Court’s decision is expected at some point after December 14 oral arguments



Annie Crawford, a participant in a rally at the Oregon Capitol, joined others to protest the Republican-led Senate walkout on May 11, 2023.

By Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Unions and progressive advocacy groups that advocated for a new voter-approved law to punish lawmakers for walkouts are weighing in on a lawsuit by a group of Republican senators that challenges how the secretary of state interpreted the law.

Supporters of the new law filed two amicus, or friend of the court, briefs urging the Oregon Supreme Court to uphold Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade’s ruling that a handful of Republican senators who missed more than 10 days of work are ineligible to run for reelection. If the court upholds the law, one-third of the Senate will be ineligible to run for reelection.

Five Republican senators – Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp of Bend and Sens. Daniel Bonham

of The Dalles, Lynn Findley of Vale, Dennis Linthicum of Klamath Falls, and Suzanne Weber of Tillamook – filed the lawsuit. Ten of the 13 Republicans in the 30-member Senate would be ineligible for reelection if the Supreme Court upholds the law because of their participation in a walkout over controversial abortion, gun, and transgender health care bills that ground the Senate to a halt for six weeks.

The senators argue that the law was poorly worded and that a plain-text reading means they’re barred from serving the term after their next term – meaning a senator whose term expires in January 2025 could run for another four-year term in 2024 but couldn’t run for reelection in 2028. State attorneys and the groups that filed briefs late last week backing them

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Carmen relicensing

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ten-year delay (and counting) to provide trap-and-haul, for the alleged purposes of balancing project economics, even though the present cost of power is now very close to EWEB’s original 2008 estimate,” according to the NOAA’s letter.

“EWEB takes seriously our responsibilities and commitments under the license for the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project, according to the utility’s General Manager Frank Lawson. “We respectfully disagree with the characterizations in the letter that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sent to our regulator, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

“As a publicly owned utility, EWEB embodies the values of our community as we meet their need for safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electricity and water, Lawson says. “We are committed to cooperating with regulatory partners and other agencies to do what’s best for the community and the environment.”

“EWEB officials say that they’ve been frustrated by delays in establishing a fish passage at the Trail Bridge Dam which have included assessing potential dam safety issues related to sinkholes in the reservoir above the dam, new information on seismic vulnerability in the area, and chal-

lenges linked to EWEB staffing and planning. The utility says it is committed to moving the Carmen-Smith license implementation projects forward as quickly as possible, including fish passage.

“To address the specific allegations in the letter from NMFS, we are responding in a letter to FERC that we will deliver by Nov. 13th,” Lawson says. “Ultimately, FERC will decide what happens next and we await their response and direction. We look forward to working with our partners at FERC and the settlement parties to find the best solution that meets everyone’s needs.”

Debate gathers steam

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depends.”

There were only two plant groups where pollinators seemed to consistently prefer the native plant, including Clarkia amoena, or farewell-to-spring, and Eschscholzia californica, or California poppy. The plant with the strongest storyline, however, was Clarkia, Hayes said. Pollinators in five groups preferred the species over the cultivar, which could be because the species blooms longer and, in more abundance, so pollinators have more time and flowers to visit.

There were some pollinator groups where yarrow (Achillea millefolium) and Douglas aster (Symphyotrichum subspicatum) cultivars were more visited by pollinators than the species. Yarrow by honeybees; Douglas aster by honeybees, bumble bees, the all-bee group, and the all-pollinator group.

Hayes said cultivars can be valuable, like in the case of American



Pollinators preferred native Clarkia amoena over its cultivars.

chestnut trees that were decimated by the chestnut blight in the early 1900s.

“There might not be American chestnut trees left in the country if breeders weren’t working on developing resistant cultivars,” Hayes said. “It was a way to potentially restore a keystone species. In some ways, cultivars can be ecologically important and should be used. Or if someone wants to have their favorite plant in every color or a special cultivar that means something to them, who am I to tell them not to?”

The project is funded by grants from the Native Plant Society of Oregon, the Garden Club of America, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Sherry Sheng.



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"Automo-bubble"

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owned) was about to go into direct competition with them. This happened in 1902 with a planned rail connection to Coos Bay, when Harriman went so far as to start construction — including a tunnel near Elkton — before abandoning the project the minute the competition gave up. It had sort of happened in the Deschutes River line, too — Harriman had formed his company, the Des Chutes Railroad, three years before, and announced grand plans to start construction any day. But then nothing had happened until Hill started building his line.

When that happened, Harriman sent his usual contractors, the Twohy Brothers, to start the job; and Hill, who had incorporated his line as the Oregon Trunk, contracted with the Porter Brothers. The rival gangs of men, working sometimes within sight of each other, did everything they could to slow one another down. There were incidents of men taking potshots at the “enemy camp,” not trying to hit anyone but just to make them nervous; if a blasting project could be arranged to throw rocks across the river at the other side’s camp and gear, it would be. (There was a lot of blasting done on both lines, and some of it was truly spectacular; the crews would dig “coyote holes” in the rock, big enough for a man to crawl inside, and fill them all the way to the top with blasting powder.) Both crews also snuck around at night trying to stampede one another’s herds of cattle and blow up their reserves of blasting powder — anything to slow the competition down.

(Sources: “Bubble Skinner,” an article by James F. Morrell and Giles French published in the December 1968 issue of Or-



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Sheet music cover of “In My Merry Oldsmobile” featuring an Oldsmobile Curved Dash automobile, circa 1910. A photograph of singer Bert Morphy is in the upper left.

The lyrics to “In My Merry Oldsmobile,” the song that started people calling cars “bubbles” in the early 1910s:

Young Johnny Steele has an Oldsmobile
He loves his dear little girl
She is the queen of his gas machine
She has his heart in a whirl

Now when they go for a spin, you know,
She tries to learn the auto, so
He lets her steer, while he gets her ear
And whispers soft and low...

Chorus:
Come away with me, Lucille
In my merry Oldsmobile
Down the road of life we'll fly
Automobubbling, you and I

To the church we'll swiftly steal

gon Historical Quarterly; The Deschutes River Railroad War, a book by Leon Speroff published in 2007 by Arnica Publishing; “The Deschutes Railroad War,” an article by Tor Hanson published at bendmagazine.com; “Railroads into Central Oregon,” an article by Ward Tonsfeldt and Paul G. Claeysens published in 2004 by the Oregon Historical Society’s Oregon History Project.)

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Then our wedding bells will peal
You can go as far as you like with me
In my merry Oldsmobile.

Verse 2:
They love to “spark” in the dark old park
As they go flying along
She says she knows why the motor goes
The “sparker” is awfully strong

Each day they “spoon” to the engine’s tune
Their honeymoon will happen soon
He’ll win Lucille with his Oldsmobile
And then he’ll fondly croon... (Chorus)

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rejected that argument.

Andrea Kennedy-Smith, vice president of a Service Employees International Union chapter, SEIU Local 503, that represents most state employees, and Reed Scott-Schwalbach, president of the Oregon Education Association, were the chief petitioners for the voter-approved law, Measure 113, and filed one of the briefs. The other brief came from a coalition comprising SEIU, the Oregon Education Association, Oregon’s American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME, and progressive groups including the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon and Acción Política PCUNista, the campaign arm of farmworker union Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, or PCUN.

Both briefs urged the court to pay attention to what voters read about the proposed law on their ballots, in the state-issued voters’ pamphlet, and in contemporaneous news coverage. Kennedy-Smith and Scott-Schwalbach noted in their brief that Linthicum, one of the plaintiffs, signed off on an explanatory statement for voters that said the measure would disqualify “the legislator from holding office after the legislator’s current term ends.”

They also noted that senators didn’t object to the measure’s wording until months after voters approved the measure.

“This eleventh-hour defense should be viewed for what it is: an attempt to evade the consequences of petitioners’ decision to bring the work of the people to a halt

by not attending floor sessions for over six weeks, thereby accumulating more than ten unexcused absences,” wrote their attorney, Margaret Olney of Portland-based Bennett Hartman.

The brief filed by advocacy groups warned the court against “eviscerating” Measure 113, noting that their advocacy groups have been stymied by Republican walkouts. Their attorneys, Steven Berman and Lydia Anderson-Dana of Portland-based Stoll Berne, wrote that most voters read only the description of Measure 113 printed on their ballots, not the full text of the measure.

“For voters, there was no ambiguity,” they wrote. “They were asked to vote on whether legislators with 10 unexcused absences should be ‘disqualified from holding next term of office.’”

More than 68% of voters supported the measure.

The senators have until Nov. 13 to file another brief rebutting the state’s points. Oral arguments are set for Dec. 14, with a decision at some point after that. Candidates have until March 12 to file for office.

Knopp, Findley, Linthicum, and three other Republicans involved in the walkout — Brian Boquist of Dallas, Bill Hansell of Athena, and Art Robinson of Cave Junction — represent districts with elections in 2024. Hansell announced his retirement, while Boquist, Knopp, Linthicum, and Robinson filed for reelection and were disqualified by the Secretary of State’s Office.

Bonham, Weber, and Sens. Cedric Hayden, R-Fall Creek, and Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer also ran afoul of Measure 113, but their terms last until 2027.

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Veterans continue to answer the call to serve

For more than 140 years, the American Red Cross has served military members, veterans and their families. Throughout the many decades, veterans have stepped up to support their communities after their active-duty service ends by volunteering with the Red Cross. From the front lines of disaster recovery to service in the Veterans Administration (VA) and military hospitals across the nation and around the world, their impact is integral to the Red Cross mission.

“The Red Cross is a lot like serving in the military,” says Tom Murotake (photos attached), a veteran who served 10 years in the US Army and 25 years in the Army National Guard, and has been a dedicated Red Cross Cascades volunteer for 6 years. Tom says he likes deploying to disasters with the Red Cross, “It’s almost like being in the military. I get a task, I do the task, and then we are done, except this time I am doing it for people who smile at me a lot.”

Much like Clara Barton, when Tom sees suffering, he’s moved to act. When recalling one of his most touching moments as a disaster response volunteer, he shares, “There is no greater feeling than to be at a home fire, and giving a small child a stuffed animal, that will be the first toy they have that



Tom Murotake

doesn’t smell like smoke.”

As disasters roil communities across the country, veterans like Tom are donning the Red Cross vest and lending a hand to those in need in their local communities. At military bases and in local neighborhoods, veterans are rolling up their sleeves to donate blood and help give the criti-

cal gift of life. Whether teaching lifesaving skills or giving back to their own by volunteering to assist fellow veterans, they are making an impact through the teamwork and dedication that served them well during military service.

Over 20,000 Red Cross volunteers are veterans, including 100+ here in the Cascades Region. Veterans hold many positions at the Red Cross, from nurses to logisticians, emergency management experts, project managers and preparedness experts, as well as a number of veterans in leadership roles at local Red Cross chapters across the country.

Join the Hero Care Network as a volunteer caseworker and help provide the critical link for military members, veterans and their families during emergency situations. To learn more about how you can give back to your community this Veterans Day, visit www.redcross.org/HeroCareVolunteer.

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