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Meteorite may be from space

Aufderheide Drive blocked by debris? It doesn't surprise anyone anymore but an examination of what was first thought to be a boulder did.

"Softwalk" to take on trails

Vern Johnson, Leaburg, inventor of the Softwalk urban bicycle says he's increasing production with the introduction of a new off-road model.



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Fish on drugs more likely to drop out of schools



Bull Trout were amount specimens collected by the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife that were quickly identified as "acting strangely."

CARMEN SMITH RESERVOIR: This month, an inventory of local fish populations took a turn for the extraordinary at the eastern end of the McKenzie Valley. Researchers from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's fish health lab had noticed strange behaviors and increased mortality in several rainbow trout. Anglers had found the live fish floating in the Carmen Smith Reservoir. Initial tests didn't detect any typical

pathogens. By chance, one researcher forwarded their samples to the Oregon State Police's Springfield crime lab. There, a Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) instrument was used to confirm high concentrations of methylenedioxymethamphetamine. In humans, MDMA can act as both a stimulant and a psychedelic, sometimes distorting perceptions of time or tactile

Fish on drugs - Page 12

Tortoise theft leaves hatchery shell-shocked

LEABURG: "Waldo," a key attraction on the grounds of the Leaburg Fish Hatchery, has gone missing. Long thought to be one of the offspring of specimens brought back by naturalist Charles Darwin's historic voyage

to the Galápagos Islands, Waldo's long legs helped him climb some small hills at the Leaburg Hatchery when searching out areas to stretch his neck to eat from shrubs and bushes.



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On one of those hills, hatchery staff discovered tracks from a vehicle. They led away from a spot where Waldo liked to rest, submerged in brush to keep warm during springtime's cool evenings.

At an estimated weight of 650 pounds, the thieves probably couldn't have carried him very far from the site when nocturnal

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McKenzie district signs "Split-Load" deal with loggers

Move expected to cut student dropouts in half



A new type of hybrid has taken to Hwy. 126 as part of an innovative program to overcome the challenges of providing bus service to McKenzie Community School students on an ongoing basis.

FINN ROCK: One solution to the challenge of hiring and retaining bus drivers - locally and regionally - got underway this month. Dubbed "Split-Load," the new program has more than doubled the number of district vehicles on the road and provided a new income source for school financing.

"In addition, it has created a new training program for students," according to a press release from the district, "as well as taking some of the stigma away from those who are seen riding a 'short bus.'"

On routes extending from the canal in

Lessons learned - Page 14

Anti-apathy rally draws small crowd

National group had plans to add venue to their agenda



People found that nobody cares about apathy when only the organizers of a free Chili Feed showed up at the Hendricks Park Wayside last Monday morning.

WALTERVILLE: Community involvement has exhibited low interest with an ongoing downward trend. A list of recent disappointments has included:

The Vida Fortune Tellers Group canceled this month due to unforeseen circumstances. An Act of God forced the cancellation of the Nimrod Atheists Club's March meeting. The Solipsist Society scheduled an April 1st meeting at 7 p.m., but attendance would neither be taken nor known.

And, the Time Travelers Rally will be held in Finn Rock last Wednesday at 6 a.m.

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Sheriff's Report

March 16: 9:43 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90400 blk, Mountain View Ln. A deputy contacted a neighbor who had questions regarding their property line dispute, which was determined to be a civil issue.

March 17: 10:38 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

10:50 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 91100 blk, Hill Rd.

2:00 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:16 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - 42800 blk, Leaburg Dr.

5:48 p.m: Stranded Boater - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy. Fire personnel responded to a stranded boat on Leaburg Reservoir.

7:40 p.m: Warrant Service - 92200 blk, Carson St.

March 18: 1:17 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 54400 blk, W. King Rd. A black sedan with loud muffler drove onto the caller's property, turned around several times, and then left.

4:44 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

5:28 p.m: Dog Bite - 89000 blk, Marcola Rd.

7:22 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

March 19: 3:53 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

12:11 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

2:56 p.m: Traffic Complaint - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd.

2:57 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 92200 blk, Carson St.

3:07 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 46.

3:38 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 44.

6:03 p.m: Dispute - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr. A deputy discussed with a complainant about a neighborhood dispute that has been ongoing.

6:45 p.m: Harassment - 92600 blk, Pentilla Ln. Citizen Self Report regarding ongoing trespass issues.

10:17 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

March 20: 3:26 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Marcola Rd. & Howard Rd. A male walking in the area picking up cans was also seen opening mailboxes. A deputy contacted the male and determined nothing was stolen.

4:01 p.m: Civil Problem - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd.

4:11 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd. Two drivers engaged in a road rage dispute. A deputy contacted one of the drivers in the dispute.

4:38 p.m: Dead Animal - Hill Rd. & Marcola Rd.

4:49 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

7:34 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

8:54 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

9:35 p.m: Found Property -

91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

9:52 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 37900 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A white Chevy crew cab pickup stopped at a locked gate to a property and attempted to open it before driving off. A deputy searched for the vehicle, but did not locate it.

March 21: 5:20 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

2:23 p.m: Harassment - 92600 blk, Pentilla Ln.

March 22: 4:34 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

4:38 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:46 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & mp 16.

10:32 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

March 23: 4:38 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:52 a.m: Alarm - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:27 a.m: Criminal Trespass - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:45 p.m: Open Gate - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

10:37 p.m: Vehicle in Ditch - McGowan Quarry.

10:40 a.m: Traffic Hazard - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:49 a.m: Warrant Service - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

11:56 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

March 24: 7:52 a.m: Alarm -

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State Police Report

March 22: 21:14: Assault, Domestic - Hwy. 126 E, Milepost 36. Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance with possible kidnapping. One involved party called in screaming on the phone and indicated they were in distress. A third party also called in reporting similar concerns. After a multi-agency alert and investigation, the involved parties were located, an investigation was conducted, and the original allegations were unfounded. Complainant: 36-year-old female from Sherwood.

March 25: 19:19: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Alcohol - 39317 McK. Hwy. Dispatched to a driving complaint near Milepost 14. According to multiple complainants a dark colored Chevy pickup was driving east when they were unable to maintain their lane and were driving anywhere from 30 - 55 in a 55 mph zone. Both reporting parties stated the vehicle pulled into the Dollar General parking lot. Another trooper arrived at the same time and observed the pickup parked on the east side of the lot. Contacted the driver and they immediately displayed indicators of impairment. The driver consented to standardized Field Sobriety Tests. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Lane County Jail where they consented to provide a breath sample. That sample yielded a BAC of .20. The driver was cited and released at the Express Motel. Involved: blue Chevy Silverado, Juan Jimenez-Viera, 50-years-old, from Springfield.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 18: 13:05: 37000 block, Worth Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

13:29: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

March 20: 14:05: 900 blk, 63rd St. Medical, General. Cancelled On Scene.

14:16: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd Medical, General. Cancelled On Scene.

19:48: 88000 blk, Miller Ave Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 21: 15:19: 9000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

March 22: 2:22: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Deceased.

March 24: 12:52: 38000 blk, Kickbush Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 25: 6:03: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

6:22: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

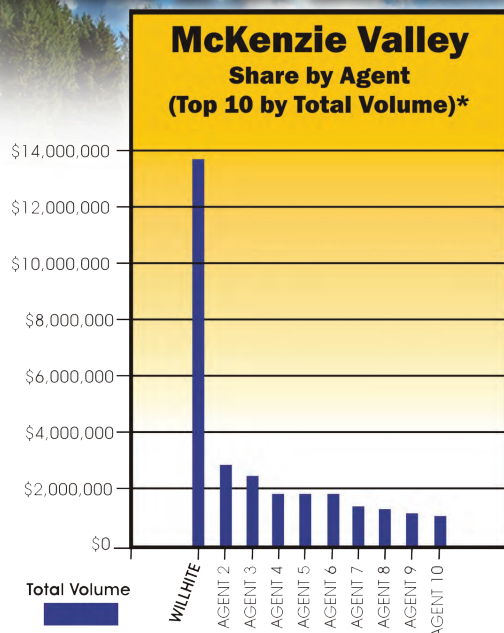
8:16: McK. Hwy./Milepost 13. Mistaken Alarm. Unable To Locate.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

March 18: 05:02: Medical - 55000 block, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

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Community Notes

March - April 25 "Write your life"

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a third "Write Your Life" workshop. This six-week memoir workshop - on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. - will run through Thursday, April 25th. The program is free, and will meet in the library's Annex Room, at 42888 McKenzie Hwy.

People who participated in the first or second workshop can just pick up where they left off. If you are new, you can start fresh. All are welcome.

To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library - right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

March 30 Grange Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt will begin right at 10 a.m. so don't be late (they go fast). Be sure the kids bring their own baskets to put the eggs they find in. There will be some special eggs with special prizes in them. Every egg will have a surprise in it. There are three age groups: 4 and under; 5 and 6; and 7 and above. There is no charge, and all are welcome. We are still collecting donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building if you care to donate.

March 30 Easter Egg Hunt

Younglife is sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30th at the McKenzie Community Track. We will have candy stuffed egg hunts in 2 areas where different age groups will be able to participate. The hunt will start at 11 am promptly. Several games will be going on for the youth to participate in. Coffee, cocoa, and

apple fritters will be available.

And, there will be a free drawing available for some prizes

YoungLife will have an Information Table where participants can get their ticket (for prize drawing) and receive some free information about the McKenzie Valley Young Life activities. We look forward to seeing you all there.

March 30 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.

April 1 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.

April 2 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.

April 2 Coffee With Locals

Come have a cup of coffee with the locals (paid for by Locals Helping Locals) from 10 to 11 a.m. at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd. 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.

April 2 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.

April 2 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.

April 3 Board of Commissioners

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**April 3
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.

April 3 Cornhole League

The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League meets 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 Wednesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

April 3 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

April 3 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

**April 8
Parks Advisory Committee**
The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group

representing the concerns of the community.

April 8 Spfd School Bd

The Springfield School Board meets twice during most months during the school year. Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month in the Board Room of the Springfield Public Schools Administration Building, 640 A St. Agendas, meeting materials, and approved minutes are posted on the Agenda & Meetings page.

April 9 Board of Commissioners

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April 9 Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy, every second Tuesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

**April 9
McK Tourism Committee**
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from 9 to 10 a.m. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper McKenzie RFPD is seeking a Fire Chief to replace our esteemed Christiana Rainbow Plews, who is retiring. The call for candidates and job description is posted on our website, at <https://www.uppermckenziefire.com>. Applications are due at 56578 McKenzie Highway, McKenzie Bridge OR 97413-0388 by 5 PM, April 9th, 2023.

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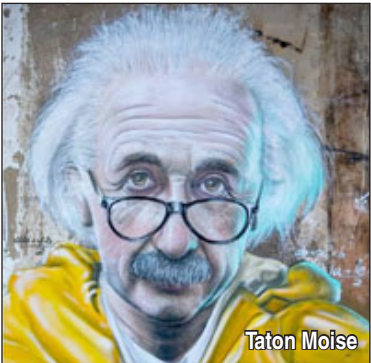
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Time Enough



Taton Moise

Frankly, I don't know how much slower I can take it. I am not insinuating marriage or even living together. I would like to know if he is committed to the possibility of a life together. What is a reasonable period for someone to know if they are willing to commit to the level I described?

I understand everyone works on a different time clock, but when does time run out? He will only share that he loves me if I ask him. I am a patient, caring, loving, smart woman with much to offer. I love this man, but I am realistic and will not wait forever.

Sara

Sara, Einstein explained relativity to his long-time secretary by saying that sitting with a pretty girl passes like a minute while sitting on a hot stove passes like an hour. Einstein's relative time

is unlike clock time, which passes in regular, unvarying beats.

But no matter how one measures time, you and your boyfriend have been together long enough for him to know what he feels. He wants to slow time to a stop. He is satisfied with what he has. You are trying to move time forward to a wedding.

There is a third kind of time, psychological time. In psychological time, the time is always now. If your boyfriend truly loved you, his feelings would always bubble to the surface. He couldn't help himself. He would tell you he loves you and always wants to be with you.

If you approach the subject directly, you are afraid he will say no. But approaching the topic roundabout will likely cause him to take advantage of you. He gets the point, even if he pretends not to.

Say where you want your relationship to go and insist on his answer. It is better to get a no now than to wait one, three, or five years for the same answer.

Wayne & Tamara

A Bird In Hand

Your answers to people's problems make interesting reading and seem quite sensible. You will probably think that my question is not so sensible, though. But it is

my problem, so here goes.

I am 63 years old. I have met a 32-year-old lesbian. I am heterosexual. She is lovely, and we get on so well. She says she loves me. I know I love her. We haven't dated beyond having dinner at a restaurant several times. Should I take a step to encourage her or give up?

I take rejection personally. If she rejects me, we might not be friends anymore, and I will lose the "love of my life."

Andrew

Andrew, often, when friends are of the opposite sex, one party wants to make the relationship more than friendship.

It's a little like the song "Love the One You're With." It would be inconceivable for you to go trolling for a date in a lesbian bar, but because this woman is your friend and you have a relationship, it's conceivable that you could want more. She's here. I want someone, so why can't I love the one I'm with? Your feelings aren't unusual, but she has a different orientation.

If you are truly friends, you will know whether or not you should say something. As with any friendship, you don't say or do anything to hurt a friend. That's a measure of your love for her.

Wayne & Tamara

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

To Our Land

By Mahmoud Darwish
Translated by Fady Joudah

To our land,
and it is the one near the word of god,
a ceiling of clouds
To our land,
and it is the one far from the adjectives of nouns,
the map of absence
To our land,
and it is the one tiny as a sesame seed,
a heavenly horizon ... and a hidden chasm
To our land,
and it is the one poor as a grouse's wings,
holy books ... and an identity wound
To our land,
and it is the one surrounded with torn hills,
the ambush of a new past
To our land, and it is a prize of war,
the freedom to die from longing and burning
and our land, in its bloodied night,
is a jewel that glimmers for the far upon the far
and illuminates what's outside it ...
As for us, inside,
we suffocate more!

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Palestinian Mahmoud Darwish was born in al-Birwa in Galilee, a village that was occupied and later razed by the Israeli army. Because they had missed the official Israeli census, Darwish and his family were considered "internal refugees" or "present-absent aliens." Darwish lived for many years in exile in Beirut and Paris. He is the author of over 30 books of poetry and eight books of prose, and earned the Lannan Cultural Freedom Prize from the Lannan Foundation, the Lenin Peace Prize, and the Knight of Arts and Belles Lettres Medal from France.

In the 1960s Darwish was imprisoned for reciting poetry and traveling between villages without a permit. Considered a "resistance poet," he was placed under house arrest when his poem "Identity Card" was turned into a protest song. After spending a year at a university of Moscow in 1970, Darwish worked at the newspaper Al-Ahram in Cairo. He subsequently lived in Beirut, where he edited the journal Palestinian Affairs from 1973 to 1982. In 1981 he founded and edited the journal Al-Karmel. Darwish served from 1987 to 1993 on the executive committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Mahmoud Darwish died in 2008 in Houston, Texas.

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Events from Mar 28th



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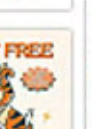
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Rodeo Day at Hoodoo

Hoodoo's Rodeo! Into this year's Rodeo Day, presented by Black Bull Ranch and Cascade Trail, on Saturday, March 22. It's time to ...




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Waterbury Grange's 71st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It's time for that Easter Bunting to make his annual visit to the Waterbury Grange Hall! He will be busy hiding lots of Easter eggs for the ...


Easter egg hunt & Grange



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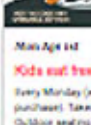
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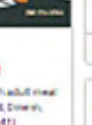
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Young Folks Mukwonago Park March 20th & Egg Hunt



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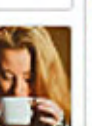
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Waterbury Grange #416 meeting

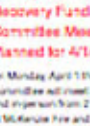
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Blue River Water District

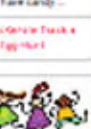
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Family Story Time


Some special Fun at Carle Creek Church for children 5 and under (or 6th class adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter and friendship!



Wed April 3rd 9 o'clock - 11 o'clock

Upper McKenzie Cornhole League


Join us for some fun Cornhole Fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center where Swoozy begins on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.



Wed April 3rd 9 o'clock - 11 o'clock

Blue River Water Board


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Children's Story Time

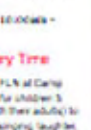
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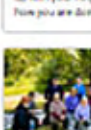
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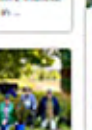
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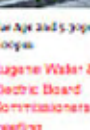
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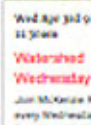
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Ski Report

March 26, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort is now open for 13 days straight during Spring Break, wrapping up with an Easter celebration on March 31st. The Tuesday report from the mountain reported another 1 to 3 inches were expected to add to the power tilled base of 77 inches, which grew by 9 inches in 24 hours. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 24 degrees at the base and 17 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. 3 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 105 inches. Snow was continuing to fall but winds had decreased allowing all lifts but the Summit to open. 110 of 125 trails were open, along with 10 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

Sheriff's Report

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42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:28 a.m: Vehicle in Ditch - McGowan Quarry.

11:36 a.m: Dead Animal - Lat: 44.178444. Long: -123.002880.

5:27 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 91100 blk, Hill Rd.

5:37 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

March 25: 6:00 a.m: Alarm - 40100 blk, McK. Hwy..

6:06 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

March 30 - Joel Palmer came west by covered wagon in 1845. The following year, he doubled-back and brought his family to the Willamette Valley. His diary, published as Travels Over the Rocky Mountains, served as a guide for Oregon Trail pioneers. During the Cayuse War Palmer served as the general of volunteer forces and as a peace emissary. He was appointed the Oregon Superintendent of Indian Affairs and negotiated treaties with most of the major Indian tribes of the region. But in 1857 he was removed from office because of his determined stance of refusing to allow the settlers to encroach on reservation lands, and his insistence that the federal government live up to its treaty promises. In 1870 he ran for governor on the republican ticket but lost the election. He died in 1881.

Sheepmen from Antelope tried to set up a meeting with cattle ranchers from Crook County to work out a peace treaty. Probably sensing they had the upper hand, the ranchers turned them down.

Sheepmen offered a \$1,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the Sheep Shooters. But, nobody wanted the money badly enough to turn rat for it.

Everything was clearly building to some sort of horrible conclusion. But then, probably just in time, the U.S. Government stepped in and stopped the whole thing in its tracks.

In a move surely at least partly inspired by the violence and damage to land that the old system had caused, the federal government took action in 1906. The Department of the Interior ordered the rangeland supervisor to divide the public land into grazing allotments and give each one exclusively to one operator, for a lease payment.

Not only did this stop the

Range wars

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wars, it also went a long way toward solving the tragedy of the commons. A herder who let his stock damage the land would be back again in the same spot the next year, reaping the bitter harvest of his bad decision.

And with the public rangeland now suddenly off-limits to all but one cattle or sheep operation, there was no longer anything to fight over. If one operator was caught grazing on another's leased land, it was clear to all who was in the wrong.

By 1908, these changes had been fully implemented and started being vigorously enforced. And Central Oregon's range war just faded into memory.

By the time it did, more than 15,000 sheep had been killed, and at least one shepherd had been wounded by a stray bullet.

Not a single "Sheep Shooter" was prosecuted, or even publicly identified.

(Sources: *Counting Sheep*, a book by Alexander Campbell

McGregor published in 1982 by the Univ. of Wash. Press; "From Oregon's Range War to Nevada's Sagebrush Rebellion," an article by William R. Lindley published in the Jan. 1999 issue of *Journal of the West*; "Central Oregon Range Wars," an article by Tor Hanson published July 7, 2018, by *The Bend Bulletin*; "The Central Oregon Range Wars," an article by Melinda Jette published in 2004 by *Oregon History Project*.)

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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teams and Class 5A Central in the competition. Host Mapleton Boys finished third with 76.5 points, Siletz Valley was fourth with 73 pts., Eddyville Charter was fifth at 28 pts., Mohawk finished sixth at 21 pts., and Central was seventh with 20 pts.

The Sheridan girls won the Girls competition as well, tallying 123 points in the victory. Mapleton gave the visitors a battle however, the Sailor girls scoring 107 points to finish second. The Eagles of McKenzie were third with 90 points, Eddyville Charter was fourth with 51 points, Siletz Valley finished fifth at 40 pts., Mohawk wrapped up their day at the office in a tie for 6th with Mannahouse Academy (Eugene), both teams finishing with 20 points.

Withalm, Lockard, Eagle 4x100 Relay Take Firsts At Sundstrom Invitational Eagle Girls Post Personal Records

McKenzie senior Griffin Withalm ran a Personal Record, 24.34 seconds 1st place time in the 200 meters, last Thursday, March 21, at Mapleton’s Johnny Sundstrom Invitational. Eagle

teammate, senior Salomon Acevedo finished in 3rd place with a 25.23 second timing and freshman Atom Fetterhoff placed 5th, with a Personal Record time of 26.02 seconds.

McKenzie senior Levi Lockard established his own new Personal Record mark of 120 ft. 6 in. to win the javelin competition. Noah Borden, an Eagle freshman, placed 10th with a Personal Record toss of 64 ft. 0 in. And the McKenzie 4x100 meter relay team remained undefeated this early track season by winning that race in a time of 46.55 seconds, shaving a second+ off their season’s previous time.

The Eagle 4x100 m. relay team consisted of sophomore Allen Acevedo, S. Acevedo, Withalm, and Fetterhoff. Fetterhoff ran a Personal Record time of 12.15 seconds to lead his Eagle teammates in the 100 meters and freshman Coulter Lyons finished 18th in 14.74 seconds.

Siletz Valley’s Zion Fantroy won the 100 m. race in a Personal Record time of 12.15 seconds. Not to be outdone, McKenzie distance runner Will Meister finished his 1500-meter run with a Personal Record, 3rd place finish, time of 5:16.00 minutes. Central’s Ty Cirino took the blue ribbon 1st place finish with a Personal Record of 4:04.80 min. Cirino won the 3000 m. run in 8:42.87 minutes and Meister finished 2nd in 11:40.20 minutes, both times were Personal Records.

The McKenzie 4x400 m. relay team of A. Acevedo, S. Acevedo, Fetterhoff, and sophomore Hayden Harbick posted a 2nd place time of 4:09.12 minutes, behind winning Sheridan, which won with a time of 4:08.77 minutes.

Back to the field events, Lockard threw the shot put 35 ft. 5 inches for a 2nd place finish behind the winning throw of 37 ft. 0 in. by Brady Wofford of Sheridan (Personal Record). Eagle teammate Borden finished 12th with a Personal Record toss of 21 ft. 0 in. Lockard also took home a 2nd place finish in the discus throw, tossing the implement 97 ft. 1 in. Hayden Nailley of Sheridan won the event with a Personal Record mark of 102 ft. 3 in. Borden threw another PR, 50 ft. 4 in., to place 8th. And in the high jump, Harbick jumped a Personal Record mark of 4 ft. 10 in., a tie for 5th place and Dom Stewart of Mapleton won that event with a clear of 5 ft. 6 in.

In the Girls Competition at the Johnny Sundstrom Invitational, freshman Liliana Jones set a new Personal Record in the 100 m. race, finishing 2nd in a time of 14.22 seconds. Teammate, freshman Sapana Mitchell-Chavez also set a Personal Record, finishing the race in 17.37 seconds, a 7th place finish. Sheridan’s Chloe Ayala won the 100 m. race in 13.34 seconds.

McKenzie’s Beckah Short finished 3rd in the 200 m. race with a time of 37.42 seconds and Ayala produced her second win of the day with a fastest time of 29.26 sec. Myra Dion set a new Personal Record in the 1500 m. run, the Eagle sophomore finishing the race in 6:37.02 minutes and 4th place. Natalie Stevens of Mapleton won the 1500 m. in a Personal Record time of 6:11.96 minutes.

The McKenzie 4x100 m. relay quarter of Paiten Clevenger, Dion, Jones, and Short took 2nd place honors in the race with a finish time of 1:01.68 min. Sheridan’s team won the race in 59.13 seconds.

In the field events, McKenzie

Houck of Eddyville Charter won with a leap of 12 ft. 1 in. Weiss, Clevenger, and Mitchell-Chavez finished 5th, 6th, and 7th, all three Eagle athletes establishing Personal Records with jumps of 9 ft. 8 in., 9 ft. 4 in., and 6 ft. 7.75 in. respectively.

McKenzie Middle School’s Jacob Norlund

Norlund unleashed a monster throw, 158 ft. 0 in., which ranks second this season

Unleashes Javelin For 2024 Oregon Second Best Mark

McKenzie Eighth grade student/athlete Jacob Norlund has found the javelin event much to his liking. In the Eagle middle school student’s initial track meet this season at Mapleton, Norlund unleashed a monster throw, 158 ft. 0 in., which ranks second this season, in the State of Oregon, thus far behind leader Aaron Hart of North Middle School out of Grants Pass, who has thrown the implement an astonishing 182 ft. 0 in.

Teammate Liam Acevedo has run the 7th best middle school 100 m. time this season, 12.62 seconds, and the Eagles MS 4x100 m. relay team also holds the 7th best time, 50.13 seconds. That 4x100 m. relay team consists of Owen Acevedo, Fen Willis, L. Acevedo, and Norlund. Norlund also is sitting on the 5th best high jump mark in the State this season, 5 ft. 2 in.

Quote of the Week

“In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”

Mark Twain



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Behind the scenes

There are a lot of colorful displays that play out every Easter, but it's worth a look to behind the commotion to see how it all came about

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As Dewey says, the only way to improve on cow manure is to liquidize it.

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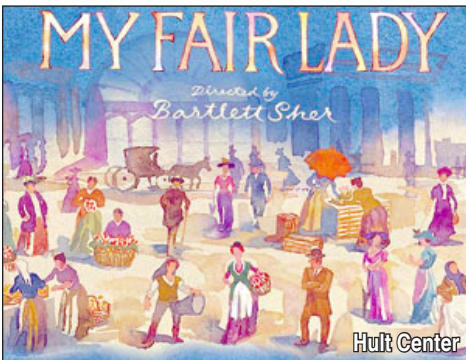
Briefs...



People in Veneta, Mapleton, Junction City, Cottage Grove, Florence, Creswell, Dexter, and the McKenzie area have benefitted from an outreach program for oral health care. Every second Tuesday of the month, the Tiny Dental Van stops in at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic in Rain-bow.

Sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, a first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-rays. To schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning,

Dental care - Page 2



"I Could Have Danced All Night," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," and "The Rain in Spain" will be among the memories being rekindled from August 11th to the 14th in Eugene. That's when Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady will take to the stage at the Hult Center,

Director Bartlett Sher's production has been praised by the New York Times for bringing to life the tale of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney girl who earns a living

Fair Lady - Page 2



The 2024 state legislative session supported an additional \$1.9 million to the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for monitoring and testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) also received \$795,000 for more staffing in the Wildlife Laboratory and several seasonal positions to increase sample collection.

Previously, when suspected hunter-col-

CWD - Page 2

McKenzie Pass is getting an upgrade

Route won't open while \$4.1 million in construction work is underway

OLD MCKENZIE PASS: Crews have already begun working on a project to improve conditions for drivers and cyclists using Hwy. 242. The resurfacing work extends between the Dee Wright Observatory and U.S. Route 20. It will include rebuilding degraded or substandard shoulders and bike lanes, removing safety hazards, updating some ADA curb ramps, and replacing or repairing signs and warning systems throughout the corridor.

The project also involves the installation of more accessible bathrooms at Cold Springs Camp-ground and Picnic Site and, at the Dee Wright Observatory, bicycle parking at Dee Wright, plus pullouts and interpretive panels throughout the corridor.

Some funds for the \$4.1 million project came from a Federal Lands Access Program grant. "Improvement grants like this are critical to low-traffic volume roads like McKenzie Pass," according to Mindy McCartt, a Public Information Officer with the Oregon Department of Transportation. Without sustainable funding, many low-volume roads will deteriorate," she noted. "We will remind people that when this road is closed, it is closed to everyone. Do not pass the closed gates, and never enter a work zone," McCartt said. "This is especially important to remember this year as crews work behind the closed gates of OR 242 to make this route smoother and safer for everyone."

Since crews will be working in a blocked-off area, they may work any day of the week, and heavy equipment will be on the road. "After a long winter, we know everyone is anxious to head out and start recreating along this highway," according to an ODOT press release. During the closure, officials say it is essential to remember that while crews are upgrading the Old McKenzie Pass Scenic Byway, "they may work any day of the week, and heavy equipment will be on the road through the project's duration."



A snow blower clearing the Old McKenzie Pass in 2023.

Workers from Knife River are already busy in the project's early stages, and travelers will notice that the work is happening first in Sisters before progressing west up Hwy. 242.

ODOT announced earlier this year that it would need to reduce maintenance activities due to structural revenue issues. The 2024 short legislative session approved \$19 million of additional funding for winter maintenance activities. It was assigned to repair potholes, resume striping fog lines on lower-volume roads, and purchase additional snowplows.

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was established to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands. Funds are allocated based on road mileage, number of bridges, land area, and visitation numbers.

ODOT says they hope to have all of the paving - between Milepost 77.3 and 92.2 - complete before the earliest possible opening date for the pass - usually the third Monday in June. "Paving and project work is always weather dependent, and schedules may change," a spokesman noted. Up-to-date information is available on ODOT's project website at tinyurl.com/45ub27v8

2023: A historic year of U.S. billion-dollar weather

Events were prior to Oregon's \$48 million damages during an "Iceathon"

Following January's "Iceathon" winter storm Governor Tina Kotek requested as much as \$48 million in federal major disaster relief for Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Hood River, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, and Wasco counties, along with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. That figure pales in comparison to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric's 2023 Billion-dollar disaster report, confirming a historic year in the number of costly disasters and extremes throughout much of the country.

Last year, there were 28 weather and climate disasters, surpassing the previous record of 22 in 2020, tallying a price tag of at least \$92.9 billion. According to the NOAA's Adam Smith, "this total annual cost may rise by several billion when we've fully accounted for the costs of the December 16-18 East Coast storm and flooding event that impacted states from Florida to Maine."

In 2023, the U.S. experienced 28 separate weather and climate disasters costing at least 1 billion dollars. That number puts 2023 into first place for the highest number of billion-dollar disasters in a calendar year, Smith noted.

2023 was also deadly, causing at least 492 direct or indirect fatalities—the 8th most disaster-related fatalities for the contiguous U.S. since 1980.



Burned cars, signs, and other structures in Lahaina, on Maui Island, following a deadly fire on August 8, 2023. The X means the car in the foreground was searched and cleared. This photo cropped from original in the State Farm Flickr album 2023 Maui Wildfires. Used under a Creative Commons license.