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Complete rebuild underway

Lazy Days gaining a new community septic system

BLUE RIVER: The Eugene-based Homes for Good housing agency has broken ground to completely rebuild the Lazy Days Mobile Home and RV Park and its infrastructure "in a resilient and environmentally responsible manner. The park will provide community open space and amenities and manufactured, or modular housing options will be provided on the site."

In December of 2021, Homes for Good purchased an 8-acre portion of the Lazy Days site, located on the north side of the 52000 block of McKenzie Hwy. Prior to the Holiday Farm Fire, the park housed 21 manufactured home sites and spaces for 15 RVs.

In coordination with Lane County, the project is targeted toward under-served populations that may benefit by increasing access to local housing,

The work now underway will create a community septic drainfield to replace the 13 to 14 existing smaller septic tanks that were in use before the fire. 20 new manufactured or modular homes will be located in the park. The design also includes 10 spaces for Tiny Homes or RVs as long-term rentals.

Initially, there was some concern that the site might need to connect to the Blue River Water District at a cost of up to \$1.5 million. However, it now appears the new well will be sufficient (with possible holding tanks) to serve the park.

Another lot located across the highway was also part of the Lazy Days Mobile Home and RV Park but was not purchased by Homes for Good. Instead, the McKenzie River Trust has secured the riverbank parcel with plans to restore the site's riparian habitat.



Meili Construction based out of Eugene is the general contractor for the entire Lazy Days rebuild project. Stump removal and grading of the site is now underway, in addition to the community septic work.

Ready to design?

Community asked for input on Blue River Drive



Designs for the downtown and western portion of Blue River Drive got an airing during last Saturday's public review at the McKenzie High gymnasium.

BLUE RIVER: People at a gathering last weekend had a chance to learn more about how vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians might better navigate their way through Blue River in the future. During a review of three options impacting two sections of the town's main street, they were also advised Lane County had modified its code language "to recognize the existing right of way widths within the downtown area," according to Becky Taylor, the county's senior transportation planner.

Details on possible provisions for the downtown section included different types of parking, room for cyclists, and the placement of utilities and walkways. Design Option 1 was based on a 60-foot

right of way that could allow for 50 head-in parking spaces on one side of the street. Design Option 2 allowed for parking on both sides of the road and could create 42 parking spaces, as well as sidewalks. Design Option 3 would keep the same number of spots to park vehicles as Option 2 but would feature a wider 12-foot walkway on only one side of the street.

Up for review along the western portion of Blue River Drive, Design Option 1 detailed a sidewalk and bike lanes, along with a buffered slope next to the lane of travel. Design Option 2 showed ditches on both the right and left sides of the road. Details for Design Option 3 showed a 2-foot concrete

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ODOT vows to fix traffic snag

Some say they were stalled for an hour and a half

LEABURG: A road construction project designed to improve Hwy. 126 had the opposite impact on motorists when work began last week in Leaburg. The problem centered on long delays that some motorists reported had them parked in place for as long as an hour and 45 minutes.

"We are working with the contractor to figure out what caused the delays and how to avoid them," according to David House, the Oregon Dept.

of Transportation's Region 2 communications officer. "We have no way to count vehicles in a traffic backup, but we know the issue was with the 0.75-mile work zone between Leaburg and Vida."

House said that the agency was working with the contractor "for a solution to longer-than-expected delays in OR 126 repaving work," adding that, "we apologize for the long delays as you travel through the work zone from Leaburg

to Vida."

Work on the project is scheduled for from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays. ODOT officials say no work is anticipated during the week of July 4th.

ODOT also said the section between Leaburg and Vida is a particularly long work zone because it includes repaving the approaches to three bridges.

Missing man's remains found

Family member says DNA ID'ed human bones

BLUE RIVER: In a Facebook posting on Monday, a relative reported that "We, as Shane Sprenger's family can finally let you know that some bones were found a while ago and identified through DNA as Shane's. We will not comment any further as it's an ongoing active investigation. Thank you all."

The 47-year-old Blue River man's abandoned silver 2009 GMC Sierra was found near U.S. Forest Service Rd. 15 east of Blue River Reservoir on November 4th of 2021. Cellphone pings seemed to show Sprenger had been near the reservoir, but his phone had been turned off.



Shane Sprenger

On the day he was reported missing, Sheriff's Office K-9 teams, deputies, and Search & Rescue volunteers began looking in areas where Sprenger was believed to be. The search included areas off of U.S. Forest Service Road 15, as well as the Blue River Saddle Dam. They also searched extensively behind

the former Lazy Days Mobile Home Park in the 52000 block of McKenzie Hwy. and at a location generated earlier by phone ping.

At that time, the Lane County Sheriff's Office advised it was thought Sprenger might have been picking mushrooms in the Blue River Reservoir area. Later reports seemed to indicate he could have been returning to his job to meet with a subcontractor when it was discovered that his tools were still plugged in at the work site.

The Sheriff's Office has not responded to a request for confirmation of the DNA identification.

Guest Opinion

Sobriety tips for the July Fourth Holiday

The Fourth of July holiday is an incredibly festive time nationwide. Across the state, families come together for gatherings and BBQs; there are parades, festivals, concerts, and fireworks. July Fourth is also America's top beer-drinking holiday, with an estimated one billion dollars spent on beer during the holiday.

Heavy drinking does have its pitfalls. These environments are challenging for anyone sober or in recovery from alcoholism or drug addiction. According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, 17% of adults over 18 binge drink at least once per month in Oregon.

Fortunately, there are practical ways to avoid relapse and the pitfalls of heavy alcohol or recreational drug use this July Fourth holiday.

"Being sober does not mean you stop having fun. If you are newly sober, it just means added planning if you have concerns for your sobriety," said Marcel Gemme of Addicted.org.

Consider some of the following tips for July Fourth sobriety:

Know and recognize relapse triggers, such as particular environments, situations, people, or groups of individuals. If you can recognize these, avoiding or managing them becomes much easier. Having a healthy outlet for negative emotions or feelings

is also important. It's a good idea to manage these emotions before they take over.

Avoid environments that promote binge drinking, recreational drug use, or drinking games. This will always be a recipe for disaster. Bring sober friends to July Fourth parties or attend sober gatherings. Consider bringing non-alcoholic drinks or mocktails. This can help avoid those pesky relatives who insist you always have a drink in your hand.

Practice saying no and lean on support when needed. It's ok to turn down party invitations and say no. If things become too much to manage, reach out for help, whether with a 12-step meeting, a family member, or a friend.

Finally, have an exit plan in place. If you are feeling uncomfortable and it is just not going well, set yourself up in a way where you can leave easily.

Independence Day is about celebrating freedom in all its forms. Being free from the chains of addiction or making positive changes in your life is a beautiful feeling. Celebrate the Fourth of July to the fullest. Create new memories and traditions and spend quality time with loved ones.

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Here's how to bridge Oregon's urban-rural divide

Or "DEE-vid," as we pronounce it east of, oh, I don't know, Hood River — but not in Bend — and south of, say, Eugene, but not in Bandon.

By Eric Mortenson

I was standing in line at OHSU — Oregon Health and Science University, Oregon's premier medical facility — when I overheard the clerk ask a patient ahead of me, "Do you want your pronouns added to your chart this morning?"

The country boy in me raised his eyebrows and stifled a smirk, because what could be more Woke, more Portland, more urban lib, than brandishing your preferred pronouns? (Mine are singular.)

Right there, standing at ground-level in OHSU's Center for Health and Healing complex in Portland's South Waterfront, with the famous trams zizzing overhead and free valet parking for your bike — that's Oregon's urban-rural divide right there, isn't it?

I'll bet they don't ask about your pronouns when you show up at the Asher Community Health Center in Fossil. I was there once

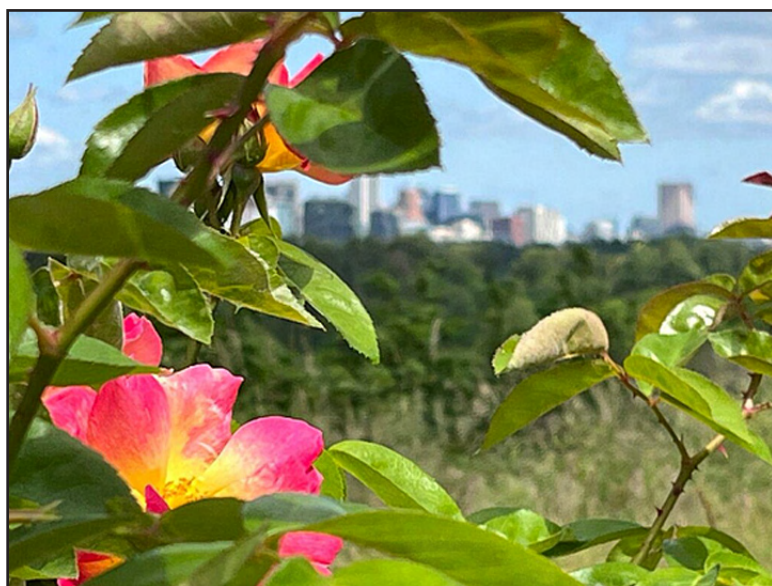
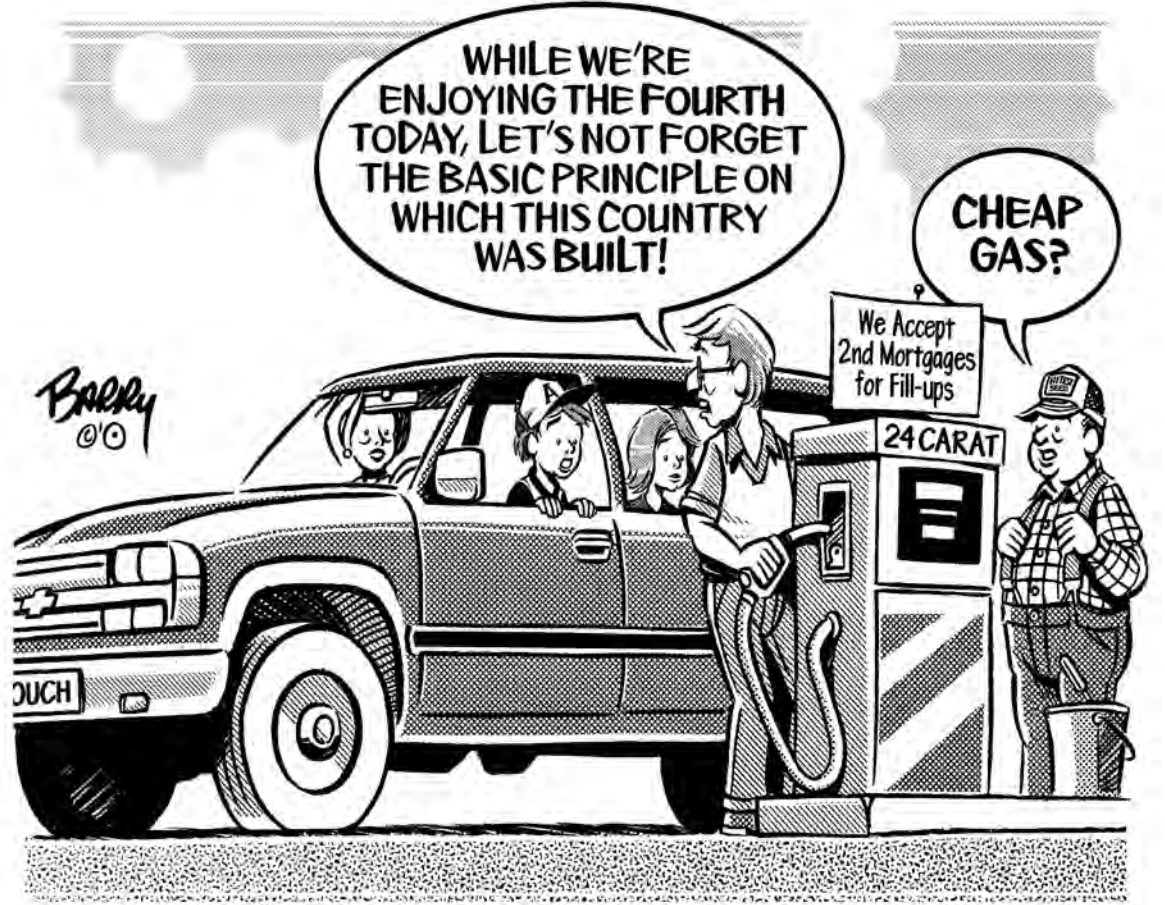
when two cowboys burst in the clinic door, one of them carrying a 10-year-old girl who was wearing a western shirt, jeans and boots. The guy who carried her in hollered that she'd been showing her 4-H steer at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds next door when the darn bumbly thing stepped on her foot! Hope it didn't break her toe!

"She was doing real good, too," showing her steer, before that happened, he hollered back over his shoulder.

There's that divide again. It's a real thing: There is a geographic, cultural, social, political and economic difference between the two Oregons.

The checker who helped me with my coupons at my Portland grocery store the other day had long dangly earrings, eye makeup, a pink swoosh in his long hair and wore a lacy skirt.

But a guy I talked to, Jim Johnson, the land-use expert at the state



I know, Portland is hideous, right? That's downtown in the background. The roses are along the walk to a grocery store in my neighborhood.

Department of Agriculture, asked a really good question about such encounters.

"So what?" he asked.

You're not required to declare your preferred pronouns at OHSU, for example, but you can if you want. It's important to some people but not to others. It's certainly more common among businesses and institutions in urban Oregon than in rural Oregon, but so what?

But the divide seems so wide, doesn't it? We've got Eastern Oregon counties mumbling about joining Idaho and knuckleheads jumping into rural school board races so they can ban books they think are pushed by anti-American Woke Folk drag queens, or something. We've got urban snoots who think people living Out There are uneducated bigots who couldn't make it in a city. We've got disdainful urbanites who treat scenic rural areas like literal Bike Through country — places to pedal through and pity the people.

But a woman I talked to, Associate Professor Lauren Gwin at Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences, asked another really good question.

"Who benefits?" she asked. Who benefits from the discord?

Fringe politicians and outrage manufacturers, maybe? But not most of us, I'll bet.

Instead, there is a big middle ground sitting unoccupied, and I think most of us wouldn't mind meeting there and solving some problems in this state. I hear people posing some questions and making some points we all ought to consider before we jump into urban vs. rural arguments.

I talked to Therese Bottomly, the editor and vice president of content for The Oregonian and its website, OregonLive. I'll bet many rural residents would be surprised to learn that the boss of Mainstream Media in this state is a native Oregonian who grew up in Portland and played varsity soccer at the University of Oregon.

She presides over a news organization that shrank, reduced statewide coverage and shed a generation of experienced journalists in order to cut costs and stay in business.

My reading of the reporters remaining in the profession is that many of them are young, bright, idealistic, eager as hell and technologically skilled, but lacking the life experience that might help them understand rural Oregon, in particular.

But you know what Therese tells her young chargers these days?

She says, "Slow down and listen."

And that is good advice for urban people. Because rural Oregonians will tell you they are more familiar with urban reality than the other way around. They go to Portland, Salem or Eugene for specialized medical care, to catch a flight, to shop, see a show, do business and find services they can't get in Hooterville. They see the homeless camps, the traffic and the bizarre street people in addition to the attorneys, bureaucrats, bankers, executives, politicians, professors and other power brokers who make the state go. It's not the life for them, but they get it. They aren't so sure that urban Oregon gets them, however, or even thinks about them much.

It seems to me that much of rural Oregon is standing at the edge of common ground, and would welcome some company from the

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WEATHER REPORT							
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Riverflow
6/20				6/20	59	46	0.35
6/21	76	43	0	6/21	70	41	0
6/22	84	52	0	6/22	80	40	0
6/23	79	55	0	6/23	88	40	0
6/24	81	51	0	6/24	78	52	0
6/25	81	53	0	6/25	81	46	0
6/27	80	50	0	6/26	84	46	0

Sheriff's Report

June 20: 12:20 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 56200 blk, E. King Rd. An area resident reported that a white Ford Super Duty truck and a black sedan were seen in the area full of items. Although the vehicles were believed to be traveling together, the drivers gave different reasons for being in the area.

1:06 p.m: Down Line - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:42 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Verbal Dispute between a former boyfriend and girlfriend. No injuries reported.

9:08 p.m: Loud Noise - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:43 p.m: Lost Subject - Hill Rd. & Black Canyon Rd. A male called advising he was walking and got lost. The male was located

by deputies and given a courtesy ride to Eugene.

10:46 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 1.

June 21: 8:29 a.m: Assist, Information - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

5:18 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 41100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

5:51 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Horse Creek Rd. & E. King Rd.

June 22: 12:55 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - 57600 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:24 a.m: Civil Service - 700 blk, Laksonen Lp.

8:29 a.m: Injured Animal - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

2:24 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 44.

4:22 p.m: Criminal Trespass - 46000 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. Caller advised neighbor was trespassing on their property. When deputies investigated it was determined to be a civil issue and not criminal.

8:52 p.m: Found Animal - 8900 blk, McK. Hwy.

June 23: 1:11 p.m: Theft -

Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd. A caller advised that a male and female were taking mail from mailboxes and heading towards Springfield.

2:59 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy. Homeowner called to report their security cameras show two individuals walking on property. The cameras appeared to show they had fishing equipment with them. The homeowner returned home and notified the Sheriff's Office the involved had left.

4:24 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

June 24: 10:23 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

1:44 p.m: Dead Animal - McK. Hwy. & Mill Creek Rd.

2:28 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 27.

4:03 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Foley Ridge Rd.

4:14 p.m: Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. & Foley Ridge Rd.

5:06 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. mp 49.

5:27 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.

7:01 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy. Boyfriend and girlfriend were camping, the male believed his girlfriend was kidnapped but located her a few minutes later safe.

June 25: 8:42 a.m: Vicious Animal - 92000 blk, Spicer Ln.

4:45 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Quartz Creek Rd. & Pond Rd.

6:36 p.m: Citizen Contact - 48500 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:56 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

June 26: 3:54 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 91500 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

June 20: 6:49: 42000 block, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Unable To Locate - Disregarded.

8:20: 39000 blk, Meadow Glen Dr. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:10: 40000 blk, Tonga Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:10: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Down Line. Confirmed Down Communications Line.

10:30: 39000 blk, Walterville Ln. Mistaken Alarm. Disregarded En Route.

20:25: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

June 21: 22:34: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained

23:13: 87000 blk, Lupe Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal by Medic 16

June 22: 21:35: McK. Hwy./ Milepost 35. Smoke Scare. UTL.

22:54: 40084 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 23: 1:06: 50000 blk, **Continued On Page 9**

State Police Report

June 24: 23:04: Driving Under the Influence, Controlled Substance - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 10. Troopers stopped a driver for an observed traffic violation. The driver exhibited signs of impairment, as well as admitted to recently using a controlled substance. The driver consented to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and multiple clues were observed. The driver was taken into custody without incident and transported to Lane County Adult Corrections. The driver provided a breath sample of .00% Blood Alcohol Content. The driver provided a urine sample. The driver was issued a citation for DUII -Controlled Substance and released. Involved: whit Ford EcoSport, 27-year-old male from Eugene.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

June 23: 01:06: Medical - 50000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

June 24: 15:22: Motor Vehicle Accident - Old McK. Hwy./ Milepost 63. Motorcyclist on his back was blue - unknown if wrecked or heart attack.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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THE SEAVEY FERRY

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Seavey, took up residence on the north side of the river in 1855. There was a trail (in later years a dirt road passable by horse and buggy in the summer) running from the Seavey Ranch along the north side of the river to the Armitage crossing, but the ferry provided the main access. During the years when the Seaveys grew hops and until the CCC's completed an improved road along the north side of the river in the '30s, all the hop pickers as well as the hops on their way to market, crossed on the ferry.

In 1979 Harvest Lane in north Springfield gives access to the old ferry landing. The river channel has changed since the ferry quit operation. There is a gravel bar along the north side. That bar was built the last few years the ferry ran. Users built a platform out about one-third of the way across to drive out on because the river had become too shallow for the ferry to get up to the bank.

George Logan of Springfield remembers a time when the cable broke and the ferry swung downriver 150 yards. They pulled it back up with a team of horses and repaired the cable. When George Logan went to work for Seavey in 1927 the ferry in service was fairly new. The old one was pretty well rotted out, but still sitting on the bank. He couldn't tell me whether that old one was the original ferry or one in a series. There was a "fin" about 2 x 14 feet on the upper side of the boat which could be let up or down that helped propel the craft across the water. When it was lowered into the water the current ran against it, pushing the ferry across the stream, guided by the cable from which it was suspended. Mr. Logan said you could set the ferry after you got off and it would go back across the river by itself.

Rodakowski's lived on the farm at the south end of the crossing in the early years of the twentieth century. There was a big tree on their place to which the cable was anchored. Mr. Rodakowski said the ferry was used occasionally for a year or two after his marriage in 1941. Then it remained tied to the bank until purchased for use in a movie being filmed in the area. He pointed out that Bob Goodpasture also had a ferry before the Goodpasture bridge went in. That ferry also was sold to the movie makers.

One recollection tells of a time when the river got really high and brought the ferry right to Alexander Seavey's door. He, being a seaman, knew how to get it back to the river. Alexander's youngest son, Jim, was in charge of running the ferry one summer. When people came to the south bank and wanted to cross they would halloo to raise somebody at the house, and sometimes had to wait an hour or more before they



I am indebted to the following persons for information about the Seavey Ferry: George Logan, Hazel Seavey Kienzle, Alice Forrester, Kate Elkow, August Rodakowski, Farmer Franklin, Harry Harbert, Veda Chase, John Jaqua, Palmer King, Grace Small, the staff of the County Museum. -Editor, Lane County Historian)

could reach anyone to bring the boat across to them.

Another recollection of a former user was that this ferry was still in operation after Spores and Deadmond's had both discontinued service. Fishermen who had been fishing the McKenzie River found it very convenient and appreciated the crossing service because it saved Springfield residents a good many miles.

There is no record that this ferry was ever licensed for public service or ever charged a fee for crossing. Since it served primarily to link the Seavey Ranch with the outside world, it was really a private transportation system made available to others as a convenience.

The ferry platform could accommodate two Model T's at one time. It would haul a team and wagon with 30 two-hundred-pound bales of hops, plus the driver and the ferryman, a total of four tons or better. It was important for the load to be well distributed during the late summer months because there was a danger of going aground if the load got off balance.

Harry Harbert, who began work for Seavey at the age of 14 and worked for several years between 1918 and 1924, was one who crossed the river hundreds of times on that ferry. Mr. Harbert was born on the Deadmond place down river about two miles and remembers that the Deadmond Ferry was still operating in 1914. "Everybody who had to cross the river in those days built a ferry," he said, "because they couldn't afford to build bridges which were likely to wash out during high water."

Mrs. Elkow began working at Seavey hop yards soon after she came to Oregon in 1919. She hoed and trained hops during the summer months, then picked hops in the fall. She remembers that it took 10 to 15 minutes to cross

the river. During the hop-picking season when the rains began, often the river would be high and it was a fearsome crossing and went much faster.

She said whole families used to come bringing their cow and sometimes chickens as well. The cow would go in the pasture with Seavey animals, to be milked morning and evening for the family table. The family spent the month in a cabin or tent provided for hop pickers. Seavey's ran a store where the pickers could buy staples. Back of the store was a dance hall where dances were held on Saturday nights. Usually, some of the pickers had musical instruments and provided music for the dances. Many of the buildings burned years ago, but the store and dance hall building still remains.

During the growing and picking season, hopyard workers who did not live on the ranch would come to the river bank each morning and wait for the ferry. A man from the ranch brought the ferry across about the same time each morning. They might get a day's work. If there was nothing for them that day they walked back to Springfield after regular help had been ferried over to work. When the picking began there was work for everyone. W.T.D. Franklin was the foreman at the hop yards for many years. His son, Farmer Franklin, arrived from Missouri with the family in 1912. He started high school in Springfield in 1913. He went to school on horseback from the Seavey ranch, crossing on the ferry and riding into town each day. He recalls that everything went out from the Seavey ranch by ferry until about 1930. His mother was a friendly person who enjoyed other people's company and felt isolated on the Seavey ranch, partly because it was almost impossible for a woman alone to wind those windlasses. A husky man was hard put to manage alone

if the water was low and motive power came primarily from the cable. There was a pike pole on the ferry to help them along when needed. He noted that the ferry hauled 500 people and their rigs in and out during the picking season. In the winter when the river was really raging they couldn't cross at all. And the Franklins were there until 1937. One Thanksgiving and one Christmas stand out in Mr. Farmer's memory as times of isolation. There'd be lots of drift in the river, even big trees, and it was too dangerous to attempt a ferry crossing. Sometimes they'd be marooned for two or three weeks at a time. Once a child died on the ranch during high water and his body had to be taken on horseback to Mohawk and across Hayden Bridge to get it to the mortuary. This brief excerpt from WILLAMETTE VALLEY PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, page 909, describes the man who first put the Seavey Ferry into operation. "Alexander Seavey was born in Rockland, Maine, on April 1, 1824. As a lad, he played in the sands of Penobscot Bay... As he grew older he used to go out in fishing boats, and his joy and sorrow were gauged by the size of the catch which he sold as a means of livelihood. Gradually the shore limit grew tiresome, and to realize his dreams he embarked in a sailing vessel in the West Indian trade in 1849, shipping as mate on the Bark Challenge. The Challenge burned off the Brazilian coast, the crew making their escape in boats. For three days the faithful mariners wandered around the open sea, and after reaching land remained on Brazilian territory until the following July. Taking passage

Seavey ferry - Page 11



By Slim Randles

"Just about a week now, boys, and Happy Birthday America!"

"Got that right, Herb. You finished with that hot sauce?"

"Here you go," said Steve.

There'll be the annual parade, of course, and each bonafide member of the world dilemma think tank, masquerading in public as the supreme court of dang near everything, would be down there on the street to judge.

Oh, not officially. No one takes notes. This Fourth of July parade isn't big enough to pass out trophies or anything. If they did, it'd say on the trophies something like "best brushed horse in the parade" or "the band that showed up."

But it is a solemn occasion for us. This is our chance to look at the kids walking with their dogs and speculating on what might have happened to last year's dog. Or maybe what combination of back fence romance created this breed.

But there's the flag. We'd come just to see the flag. That flag means different things to different people, thought Doc, but to me it means we've been given a country so big and so blessed that we can live here happily and care for each other without having to agree on whose campaign sign we stick in the front yard.

Do we, as a nation, have problems? Sure. Always have. Undoubtedly always will. But we also know there are fixes to these problems as well, and now if everyone would just agree with me on those, what a smart country we'd have!

Happy Birthday America! We love you.

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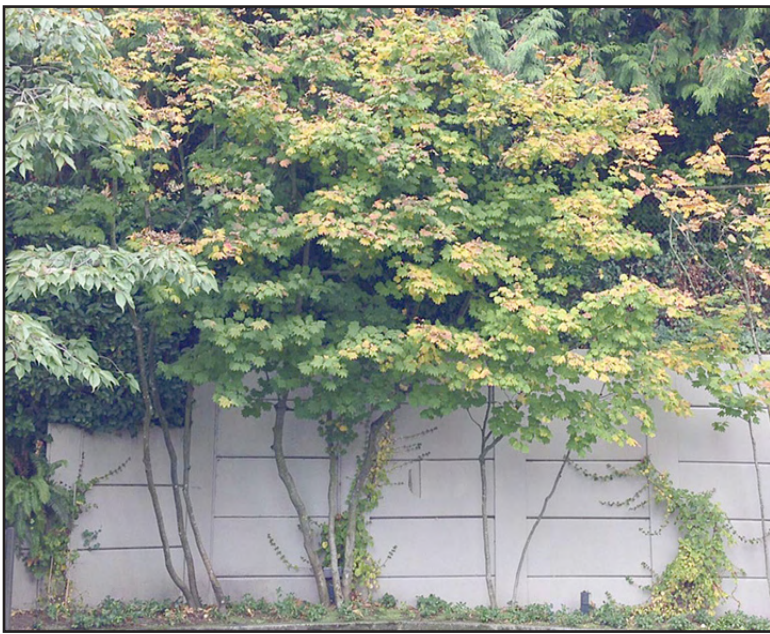
By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Low-water, high-appeal shrubs



evergreen upright, spiky (deer-resistant) foliage. For a lighter texture and compact behavior, Alleruzzo points to Mahonia eurybracteata ‘Soft Caress’ PP20183 (USDA Zones 7–11, 3 feet high and wide), winner of the 2015 Plant of the Year at the Chelsea Flower Show in London, with its upright bright yellow flowers over slender long leaves.

For a dramatic and large focal point, Mahonia x media ‘Charity’ (USDA Zones 7–10) can get to a statuesque 10 feet tall and wide, offering structure at the back of the garden or for a “pokey” hedge, Alleruzzo said. It bears multiple spikes of fragrant golden blooms in December through February, followed by deep purple–blue berries in late summer and fall that attract birds.

The native Ribes sanguineum (red flowering currant, USDA Zones 5–8, 8–10 feet tall and wide) is multi-stemmed and an early bloomer, from late winter to early spring, with cascades of flowers and distinct lobed, toothed leaves. The bloom time can be staggered by placing in both sun and shade.

Ribes sanguineum ‘King Edward VII’ is an old and popular variety, Alleruzzo said, with darker red blooms that are pollinator magnets, followed by blue–black berries.

Fragrant and flowering

Daphne x transatlantica ‘BLAFRA’ PP18361 (‘Eternal Fragrance’, USDA Zones 5–8, 3 feet tall and wide) is Shonnard’s No. 1 selling shrub.

“When you hear Daphne, most people think of the broader-leaved partial shade lover that isn’t so drought tolerant, but the genus contains numerous plants from arid parts of Europe and Asia Minor, and many hybrids among them have been made. ‘Eternal Fragrance’ wins hands down over other types for being consistently evergreen in western Oregon, and for its flowering — essentially supporting continuous production of pleasantly fragrant, mostly white flowers starting as early as late April and often continuing into October. It’s one of the longest bloom periods of any shrub,” Morgan said.

Grevillea (spider flowers), a native to Australia, is a good example of finding native plants in other parts of the world with similar growing conditions to ours that fit well in the United States. They “are always in demand due to a long season of showy exotic flowers and extreme drought and heat resistance,” Shepherd said.

Grevillea x ‘Neil Bell’ (USDA Zones 7–9, 8–10 feet tall and wide), named for the seedling found by the Oregon State University researcher, blooms May through August with striking reddish flowers, and is evergreen, deer resistant and loved by hummingbirds. Some of the lower-growing cultivars like

Low water shrubs - Page 11



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



MAYONNAISE FOR SUMMER COOKING

With the summer months and salad season upon us, more of us will be using mayonnaise and salad dressing. That’s not to say we don’t use it year round for salads, sandwiches and even in desserts, but warmer weather sees us preparing more foods that call for mayo.

This is a very versatile ingredient that can be dressed up in many ways for various dishes. The basic components are egg yolks and oil blended into an emulsion. It usually is considered a sauce or binding agent for salads.

But mayonnaise often is called for in aspic, molded dessert and even a cake. You also can spread it on bread for sandwiches, stir into sandwich fillings and mix for dips and spreads.

Origin of Mayonnaise

Various countries claim this sauce. There are indications the ancient Grecian cooks were stirring mayonnaise into their recipes during the Golden Age of that country. They added olive oil, drop by drop, along with soured wine (their brand of vinegar) or lemon juice to egg yolks.

Many stories account for the origin of the name. According to one French dictionary of cuisine, mayonnaise is a corruption of “moyeunaise,” which comes from an old French word for egg yolk - “moyeu.”

Another source associates the sauce with the islands of Minorca, off the Spanish coast. When the Duc de Richelieu visited, he ordered his cook to find a new sauce. He was so delighted with the creamy yellow concoction

the cook coaxed from a Minorcan that he called it Salsa Mahoneas (Sauce of Mahon, the capital city of the island).

Making Mayonnaise

In the days before refrigeration and convenience foods in stores, the cooks of our country made their own mayonnaise for salads. I recall my Aunt Freda stirring up her own mayonnaise and cooking it on the stove, then storing it in her ice box until needed. It was years before she’d buy any in a store.

Potato Mayonnaise is an interesting mock mayonnaise to serve as an accompaniment with slices of cold meats.

Mix together in order given: 1/2 cup cold mashed potatoes, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon horseradish, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1/4 teaspoon sugar.

Banana-Nut Mayonnaise - Add 1 cup mashed banana and 2 tablespoons peanut butter to 1-cup mayonnaise to serve with fruit salads. For banana/peanut butter sandwich lovers, you might try spreading this mixture on your favorite bread.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

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

Quote of the Week

“The only person who listens to both sides of an argument is the next door neighbor.”

Anonymous

By Tracy Ilene Miller
In the 1980s, the utility Denver Water coined the term “xeriscape” by combining the word “landscape” with the Greek prefix “xero” for “dry.” A niche movement was born, but the use of low-water shrubs and plants was at the time predominantly limited to regions with naturally arid climates, like Colorado.

With droughts intensifying in severity, duration, and extent across the country, a shift is occurring in the plant world. The demand for drought-tolerant landscaping has surged not only in arid regions but also in areas previously considered less susceptible to drought or having rainless summers.

The Pacific Northwest is one of those areas.

Low-water plants constitute a large subset of the horticulture world. Low-water shrub varieties in particular have proved popular for their beauty, utility and viability as sustainable options.

Low-water shrubs are also leaving a lasting impression on the market due to their adaptability and diverse range of sizes, forms, and shapes. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use accounts for around 30% of total household water consumption in the United States, and over 50% in arid regions.

Sustainable natives

Because Acer circinatum (vine maple, USDA Zones 4–8, to 20 feet tall) is often listed as a large shrub/small tree, it earns a place in the drought-tolerant landscape. A deciduous Oregon native, it fits in sun or shade, and in the understory.

It’s one of the few multi-stemmed plants for dry or shady areas, and it has brilliant red leaves in the fall, said Judy Alleruzzo, houseplant and perennial buyer at Al’s Garden & Home, a large Oregon grower-retailer with four locations. Alleruzzo also co-hosts the Garden Time podcast.

“I think it is good to have both (native and cultivated) trees and shrubs,” Alleruzzo said. “Late winter and spring is when they shine, and the other plants that are cultivated, they shine in other parts of the season. Natives understand winter wet and summer drought.”

Arctostaphylos (manzanita) is valued for its heat and drought resilience and good looks throughout the season, said Greg Shepherd of Xera Plants, a Portland, Oregon-based nursery that specializes in climate-adapted plants. “They are iconically western and thrive no matter how hot. With over 25 varieties, there is something for everyone in the mix,” he said.

Arctostaphylos x ‘Austin Griffiths’ (USDA Zone 7, 9 feet high by 7 feet wide) is “one of the very best garden manzanitas,” Shepherd said. It reaches a small tree form and is appreciated by hummingbirds finding its copious pink flowers in January and February.

Ceanothus (California lilac) is a large genus of native shrubs. It is a hardy evergreen encompassing excellent varieties such as the fast grower C. thrysisiflorus ‘Victoria’ (USDA Zone 8, 10 feet tall by 10 feet wide) and the denser, compacter ‘Skylark’ (USDA Zone 7, 1–2 feet tall by 2–3 feet wide) with yellow variegated leaves, said Darren Morgan at retailer Shonnard’s Nursery, Florist and Landscape, located in Corvallis, Oregon.

“All of these California lilacs are evergreen, and they bloom heavily in the spring and often again more lightly in the fall,” Morgan said. “The blue flowers are lightly scented and very attractive to bees of all sorts.”

Shonnard’s also sells a lot of Ceanothus impressus, Morgan said, which is not as hardy in Oregon.

Mahonia is successful for dry shade once established, and offers year-round interest, with budding and blooming in winter, and

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Community Notes

June 30

Tokatee Celebration

The Celebration Golf Tournament is a 4-man scramble format. Entry fees are \$125/person or \$500/team. Entries include carts and a sweet tee prize. Tee time options are an 8 am or 2 pm shotgun. People who would like to play in both, give a call at 541-822-3220. Stick around after the round for food trucks, live music, a drone light show, and more. Everyone is welcome - free admission.

July 1

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.

July 1 & 2

Blue River 4th of July

Bringing back the Blue River Community 4th of July Event This year we would love for people to come and set up a tent with their arts and crafts or yard sale items. We plan to have the BBQ going at least Saturday. Music is locked in for both days! We are accepting donations to help get this event rolling. 10 a.m. - Sun 2nd 7 p.m. at 51748 Blue River Dr Contact Samantha Winningham 503-429-9194.

July 1

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.

July 5

BCC Meeting

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July 5

Watershed Wednesday

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July 5

Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com

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Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the online meeting is at: blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

July 7 - 9

Lavender Festival

McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday - Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop for fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk through the fields and cut your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender farm, located just east of Walterville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skincare essentials, u-cut lavender, a country bazaar of local artisans, food, music, and lavender refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

July 7

First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30 am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

July 8

Exploring Art with Ellen

Children will love drawing with Ellen. She is patient and calm and works students through the drawing process step by step. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed especially for your child, ages 6 - 10. \$90 for children of members, \$110 for children of non-members. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield

July 8

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July 10

McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, times are 5 to 6:30 p.m. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziwc.org

July 10

Springfield School Board

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

July 10

Lane Cty Parks Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (except during July & August). 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.

July 11

Board of Commissioners

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July 11

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30am - 2:00pm for 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.

July 11

McK. Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from 9:00am - 10:00am. 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

July 11

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.

July 12

Board of Commissioners

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July 13

Vida McKenzie Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop.

July 14

McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge, Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It's open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

July 14

Blueberry Art Show

3rd annual Blueberry Festival Art Show will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 89849 Greenwood Dr. The Pacific Rim Art Guild art show includes a reception and award ceremony on Friday evening. The Blueberry Patch opened their field from June 10th to July 1st for artists to come and paint. Online registration for The Great Blueberry Paint Out, opened April 1st. at <http://www.pacrimartguild.com> with an artist prospectus online for more information. The cost is \$35 for Open Division and \$45 for Professional Division. Award winning artist Brent Burkett will be the Juror.

July 14

Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m., starting at 500 Main St (Emerald Art Center in Springfield).

July 15

Living River Day

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July 15

Dime At A Time

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July 17

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

July 18

Board of Commissioners

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July 18

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July 19

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July 19

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July 19

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be livestreamed with viewing available at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelcIzi4UMCeQ/videos.

July 19

Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will meet at 7p.m. at 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

A Life Touched



Back when I was in grammar school, every once and awhile I would meet up with a girl my age and talk. Lisa never was around much, but she was always very sweet and nice. In 5th grade, she was assigned to my class.

She was absent a lot, and one day I had the courage to ask why. She told me she was sick, and she explained she wore a wig because her medicine made her lose her hair. We left it at that. Anytime Lisa came to class--a rarity--I would hang with her on the playground.

I received much ridicule from my friends for this because they thought I was snubbing them for Lisa. My family upbringing taught me to be nice, and I felt Lisa's needs were much more important than others I knew.

It had been months since Lisa

was in class, and one day our teacher was crying. She explained Lisa died the day before and would no longer be our classmate. She told us Lisa fought a battle with leukemia for years.

I was stunned and shocked. Lisa never spoke of her illness as if it could kill her, and I was a very innocent girl in these matters. Well, all those years I have kept Lisa in my mind and heart. When I pass milestones in my life, I reflect on Lisa and say a prayer for her.

I've had strong feelings of late to locate her mother and father. I'd like to tell them that though they never met me, their daughter had a sweet, profound effect on my life. I have no idea what her parents' first names are and don't have money to hire a detective. I read your column and realize you are not detectives, but hope you can point me in the right direction.

I pray regularly and believe something or someone is encouraging me to make this connection. I hope my connection would not hurt or upset. Lisa was such a lovely girl. Maybe her parents would be comforted that after all these years they are not the only ones who remember her.

Cynthia

Cynthia, start with the school. You may get a lead from a former classmate, alumni group,

teacher, or the parent and teacher association. Don't overlook the newspaper of record where you used to live. It probably published birth and death records, including parents' names. Former neighbors may also help.

Reference librarians are invaluable. They can steer you to public government records and genealogy groups, the experts at tracking families. From among these sources, you will find someone who can help. Our lives are our relationships, and sensing a deep purpose is natural.

Tamara

Another Victim

When I read Esme's letter, it immediately took me back to my childhood when my mother would warn my brother and me, "Your father is on his way home, and he is in a bad mood today."

What she called a bad mood was the effect of drinking, and we would actually hide in closets from him. Growing up in that volatile environment has affected me, even today. I relate intimately to the grown-up children you describe: people pleasers who judge themselves harshly, with constant feelings of dread and a need to be secretive.

I want to tell Esme that not only did this impact my relationship with my father, but with my mother as well. I will never understand why she didn't see what staying with my father did to my brother and me. I will never understand why she didn't protect us.

Sometimes understanding "why" an alcoholic drinks can lead to excusing it, and I would stress to Esme how detrimental this can be. If she does not leave for herself, she should at least leave for the children.

Beth

Beth, thank you for caring enough to share your story.

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

This Is the Honey

By Mahogany L. Browne

There is no room on this planet for anything less than a miracle We gather here today to revel in the rebellion of a silent tongue Every day, we lean forward into the light of our brightest designs & cherish the sun Praise our hands & throats each incantation, a jubilee of a people dreaming wildly Despite the dirt beneath our feet or the wind pushing against our greatest efforts

Soil creates things Art births change This is the honey & doesn't it taste like a promise? Where your heart is an accordion & our laughter is a soundtrack

Friend, dance to this good song— look how it holds our names!

Each bone of our flesh-homes sings welcome

O look at the Gods dancing as the rain reigns against a steely skyline

Where grandparents sit on the porch & nod at the spectacle in awe of the perfection of their grandchildren's faces Each small discovery unearthed in its own outpour Tomorrow our daughters will travel the world with each poem & our sons will design cities against the backdrops of living museums

Yes! Our children will spin chalk until each equation bursts a familial tree

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Mahogany L. Browne is the executive director of Bowery Poetry, artistic director of Urban Word NYC, and poetry coordinator at St. Francis College. Browne is the author of *Chlorine Sky (Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021)* and *Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice (Roaring Brook Press, 2020)*.

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- 64. Glass margin
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- 68. Opposite of #17 Across
- 69. Go for the gold
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- 71. Mexican money
- 72. Not yang
- 73. Down and out

DOWN

- 1. ____ constrictor, anagram
- 2. Word on a door
- 3. Duet plus one
- 4. Angry
- 5. Large California bird
- 6. Smelting waste
- 7. Stuff of inflation
- 8. Adagio and allegro, e.g.
- 9. German city on Rhine river
- 10. Con
- 11. Not of the cloth
- 12. Down with a bug
- 15. ____ someone ____ bed
- 20. Satirical publication, with The
- 22. Calligrapher's purchase
- 24. **From the ____ forest to the Gulf Stream waters"
- 25. *Old ____
- 26. Waterwheel
- 27. Hymn of praise
- 29. *Popular decoration
- 31. **"Rockin' in the USA" band
- 32. Certain church member
- 33. Yiddish busybody
- 34. Theater guide
- 36. Kind of rock
- 38. Heroic tale
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- 45. "Where ____ is heard a discouraging word..."
- 49. Sushi restaurant staple
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- 57. Charlie Chaplin's prop
- 58. "Oh, my!"
- 59. Agrippina's slayer
- 60. "I'll second that"
- 61. Great Lake
- 62. State of mind
- 63. One in a litter
- 65. *King George ____
- 67. Farm structure

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- 6. Perched
- 9. Island near Java
- 13. Old West pack animal
- 14. False statement
- 15. Opposite of atonal
- 16. Hailing from the East
- 17. Supply with weapons
- 18. "____ death do us part"
- 19. *Frank
- 21. *Popular celebratory get-together
- 23. Many, many years
- 24. Scott Hamilton's "court"

- 25. Gross National Product
- 28. Abundant
- 30. Bantoid language
- 35. Bakery unit
- 37. Cutlass maker
- 39. Two in eighteen
- 40. Milk's favorite cookie
- 41. Muslim ruler honorific
- 43. Hyperbolic sine
- 44. Iranian money, pl.
- 46. Nancy Sinatra's boots
- 47. Fill to satisfaction
- 48. *Certain Doodle
- 50. Argo's propellers
- 52. Feather glue

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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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Events from Jun 29th

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Fri Jun 9th 4:00pm - Thu 29th 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

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Thu Jun 15th 1:00pm - Sat Dec 16th 1:00pm

STORY TIME

Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

Wed Jun 21st 7:00pm - Mon Jul 10th 8:00pm

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479

Make Waves VBS

Mon Jun 26th 9:00am - Fri 30th 12:00am

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Fri Jun 30th 2:00pm

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The Celebration golf tournament is a 4-man scramble format. Entry fees are \$125/person or \$500/team. Entries include

Sat Jul 1st 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-

Blue River Community 4th of July

JULY 1ST & 2ND @ 10AM

Sat Jul 1st 10:00am - Sun 2nd 7:00pm

Blue River 4th of July

Bringing back the Blue River Community 4th of July Event. This year we would love for people to come and set up a tent with their arts and ...

Sat Jul 1st 10:00am - 12:00pm

A Dime At A Time

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

Tue Jul 4th

Lane County Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular

Tue Jul 4th 10:00am - 11:00am

COFFEE WITH THE LOCALS

Come have a cup of coffee with the locals (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in

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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.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: Blue River Reservoir - 1,200, Blue River- 600, McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 833, and Leaburg Lake - 1,300.

Fish Counts

June 22, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 18,636
Summer Steelhead - 740



A Moment in Oregon History
By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

June 29 - In 1864 a group of Lane County entrepreneurs conceived of punching a road over the Cascade Mountains at McKenzie Pass and across Central and Eastern Oregon to the Idaho border. The group was seeking to be compensated by a congressional

land grant of alternating sections of public land in a six-mile swath along the roadway. The company subdivided the land and sold the land to the public as farm ground, but most of the land lacked water and was agriculturally worthless. Much of the land was returned to the counties for unpaid taxes. The western seventy-nine miles of the road became the McKenzie Highway.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 17th 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.

Tax credit coming for OR families 'in Greatest Need'

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

State lawmakers have approved a child tax credit for Oregonians with household earnings of \$25,000 a year or less. House Bill 3235, which creates a \$1,000 tax credit for every child from birth to age five. The credit phases out for families with income above \$30,000.

Tyler Mac Innis, policy analyst, Oregon Center for Public Policy, said his organization found nearly 55,000 children across all 36 counties who will be eligible for the credit.

"This policy, the Oregon Kids Credit, is really about targeting our resources at the state level to help the families in greatest need and ensure that we have a more economically just state," he said.

The legislation passed with near unanimous support in both the House and Senate, with only one lawmaker objecting in each chamber. It now heads to Governor Tina Kotek's desk. The so-called Oregon Kids' Credit is set to go into place in 2024.



The federal child tax credit program immediately reduced child poverty across the country.

The credit was modeled after the federal child tax credit, Mac Innis explained, which Congress temporarily expanded during the pandemic in 2021.

"We saw child poverty nationwide cut almost in half," he said. "We saw racial disparities experienced by children reduced significantly, and so we saw the impacts of families who are struggling with the rising cost of raising kids - what it could mean

to just give them some added cash."

The legislation also includes a mechanism for distributing the child tax credit in advanced quarterly payments, Mac Innis said. Before that goes into place, the state will determine if the payments would be considered income when determining eligibility for federal aid programs like food assistance.

Local students make OSU Honor Roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Spring 2023 have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 11,660 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 6 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included: Sophia K. Brownlee of Blue River, Senior, Natural Resources;

Galen O. Fox of McKenzie Bridge, Senior, Renewable Materials; and Rosemary D. Bugbey of Vida, Junior, Political Science.

Texas based singer songwriter returns to McKenzie Valley July 29th

Joey McGee says some of his best experiences as a performer "have been in settings where it's just him, his guitar, and a deep connection with the audience." That's exactly what people can expect to be created when Joey plays at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church on July 29th from 7 to 9 p.m.

This family friendly (donation-suggested) concert will raise funds to complete the construction of the Vida McKenzie Community Center. Bring friends and enjoy music that is both original



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Friends of Fish Lake were busy last week

About 25 people spent over four days last week in a labor of love at the Fish Lake Historic Site, also known as the Fish Lake Remount Depot. Close to double that number showed up on Tuesday, the day of the Friends of Fish Lake general membership meeting.

The depot site, located along the Santiam Trail in the heart of the Oregon High Cascades, 1930s.

The Fish Lake Remount Depot was first used by the US Forest Service as a Ranger outpost in 1905. Since the mid-1800s thousands of travelers including Indian tribes and wagon trains, along with their livestock, pack animals and freight have passed through the site.

During the 1920s, it served as the field and dispatch headquarters for the Santiam National Forest and was officially used as a remount depot until 2005. The buildings continue to provide lodging and workspace for Forest Service personnel. Activities at the site now focus on interpretation, historic preservation, and landscape restoration.

Part of those restoration efforts last week included work on the Hall House which had suffered damage to many log ends, especially those on the pictured uphill corner. Structural damage beneath the cabin had been repaired during previous work weeks. Restoration of the log ends has also taken several years with a couple of years off during

Covid-19. After removing the rot, the ends were rebuilt using pieces of split cedar log rounds, inserted wood strips, and epoxy putty. All of the surfaces were then hand carved to recreate the details of a weathered log surface. More work remains to paint or stain the surfaces to recreate the colors of the weathered log.

Nearby, a cedar rail fence was built to screen off the propane tank that powers the generator. The intent there was to improve the scenery for visitors entering the historic center area.

It was in 1867 that the first structure constructed at Fish Lake was a roadhouse built by the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company to accommodate travelers. Fish Lake was also a popular

camping area. Back then, it was common to see 100 wagons or more camped near the lakeshore between July and September. A pioneer gravesite and sections of the original stone corral remain at the site. Additional buildings that can be seen at Fish Lake today include the barn and blacksmith shop, which were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

A packer stationed at Fish Lake from 1971 to 1984 named Lloyd Van Sickle, helped protect a number of the historic buildings from being burned due to a lack of maintenance funds. He also worked on projects to restore the site. The last Fish Lake packer and pack string passed through the site in 2005, 100 years after the depot was established.



Randy Dunbar



Randy Dunbar

Friends of Fish Lake volunteers Dick Kreger (L) and Joe Brennan, both USFS retirees making some adjustments to the new rail fence.



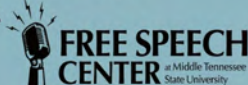
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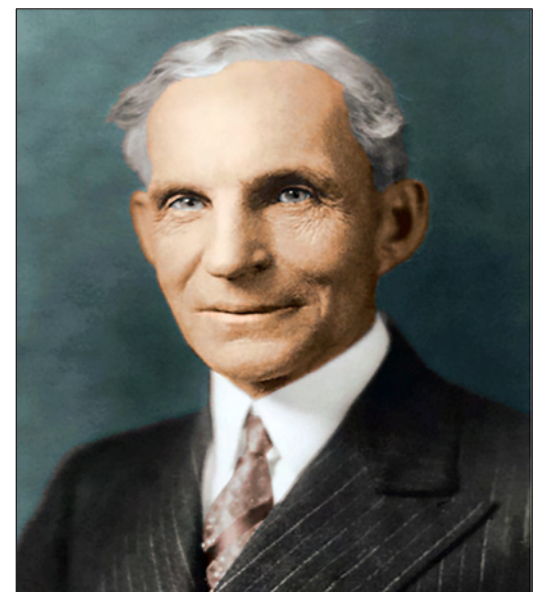
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Low-water shrubs

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'Leanne' or 'Pink Lady' are good options for those with less space, Shepherd added.

"Grevillea is drought tolerant, but not in the first season," Alleruzzo noted.

Oemleria cerasiformis (Indian plum, USDA Zones 6-10, 8-20 feet tall by 8-15 feet wide) is one of the first plants you'll see pushing bright green leaves in spring, Alleruzzo said. It has a shrubby shape, blooms late winter and early spring, which feeds pollinators, grows purple berries, which feed wildlife and finishes with bright fall color.

Olea europaea 'Frantoio' (European olive, USDA Zones 7-10, 20 feet tall by 10 feet wide) is one of the hardiest, and therefore most successful, olive trees in the Pacific Northwest. With silvery

and fine-textured evergreen foliage that needs no supplemental watering after the first year, it fits well into small urban gardens, Shepherd said.

It is a good example of a small tree that requires low water and fits into urban settings, not getting too tall for power lines, and is useful as a screen. And because they take pruning well, they can be controlled, maintaining the size of a large shrub.

Potentilla fruticosa (bush cinquefoil, USDA Zones 3-7, 2-4 feet tall and wide) is a popular plant that Morgan sees playing even a greater part in landscapes as customers become aware of its tough characteristics, native status and bloom explosion, even without being evergreen.

SEAVEY FERRY

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on a Scotch ship, Oughtertyre, from Aberdeen, Scotland, Mr. Seavey learned that the former crew, with the exception of the captain and the cook, had died of yellow fever. This boat was destined for San Francisco, and one hundred and seventy-three days were required on the trip. Once in California, Mr. Seavey went to the mines of Trinidad ... where he ran a pack train. Then he started a little store on Althouse Creek, Josephine County, Oregon, in partnership with George O. Collins. At the end of five years, Mr. Seavey sold out to his partner and went on a mining expedition

to the Rogue River. In 1855 he came to Lane County and took up one hundred and sixty acres of land in the hills, three miles north of Springfield, and there engaged in stock-raising on a large scale, starting with a hand of 350 cows and calves. With the money made from this successful enterprise he purchased his present farm of eleven hundred acres, and in 1883 started hop-raising on a small scale, gradually increasing until his one hundred acres are invaded by an army of pickers every fall and reap for their employer a handsome fortune..."

Urban-rural divide

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Oregon should recognize it's important that cities work. Portland in particular is cranking up its housing density, packing more people into less space and devoting less room for cars. Urban life isn't for everyone, but dense development staves off or at least slows sprawl, and preserves farm and forest land.

How about we celebrate and sustain the things we have in common? Food is a great starting point. You can go anywhere in this state and find excellent local beer, wine, cider or spirits to go with your burger or salmon filet. When I was a reporter, I reveled in stories like the Hood River orchardist who held the contract to supply apples and pears to Portland Public Schools, and the Willamette County rancher who sold grass-fed beef to OHSU's food service.

Urban-rural partnerships can take on many forms. Gilliam County, in North Central Oregon, has been burying Portland's garbage in its Columbia Ridge landfill for more than 30 years — taking in about 550,000 tons per year. A "host fee" collected by the county helps pay for local services.

Gilliam — pronounced "GILL-um," should you venture out

there — is a major electricity producer, too. It has seven wind farms — and this spring brought online the state's largest solar farm. The 1,200-acre facility has more than 470,000 solar panels and can generate enough electricity to power 40,000 homes.

Yes, the urban-rural divide is a real thing, but it doesn't have to keep us separated. We can all do things to bridge it. First, go see for yourself. Then, ask so what. Ask who benefits. And slow down and listen.

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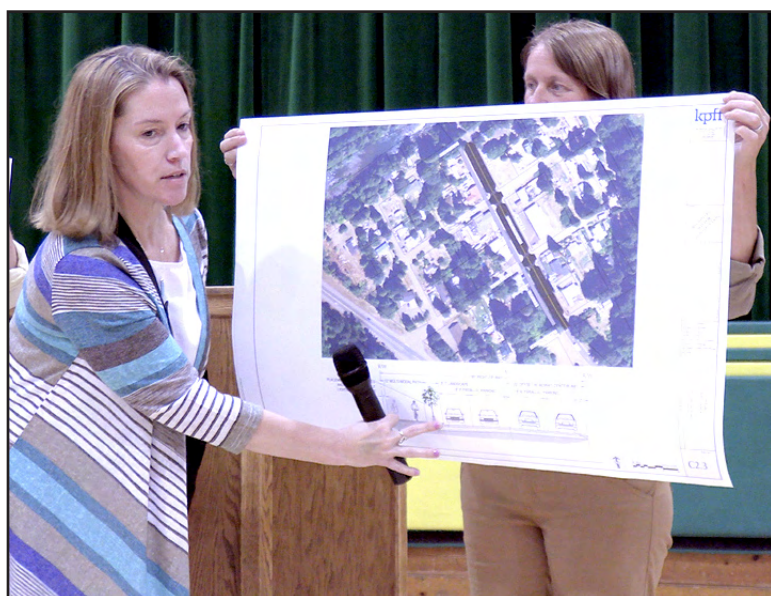
During discussions on the western portion of the roadway, Taylor said a continuous sidewalk is envisioned in each. Drawings for that area showed portions marked in green to show where it would be possible to construct an 8-foot-wide pedestrian pathway. Other areas where topographic constraints had to be dealt with were marked in red and would reduce that section to a 7-foot-wide walkway.

Designs for both sections would provide some provisions for dealing with wastewater, although Taylor said it was too early in the process to get into details of what might be involved. "WE will need to engineer that after we know what the desired cross sections are," she said. "The section west of the bridge is where there are defined drainage ditches," she added. Again, because of the topography, the width of those ditches is likely to vary and would also require some underground piping in certain areas to maintain stormwater conveyance.

Asked if area residents would be presented with a bill for the updates, Taylor said that was

Ready to design?

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Some of the discussions on the western Design Options for Blue River Drive dealt with how wide both pedestrian walkways and bike paths might be.

not part of the proposals. "We're pursuing grants for the whole projected rebuilding of Blue River Drive," she said. In addition, because the street is a Lane County road, upkeep of features like any plantings, would be the county's responsibility.

At this point, no date for a decision on adopting any of the proposed designs hasn't been set. There are tentative plans for a

public hearing in July followed by a decision in August. "That's all dependant on our feeling confident that what we develop is what the public wants," Taylor said. "We want to develop a design for Blue River Drive that works for Blue River."

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