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 it’s 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.

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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.

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The Sheriff’s Office ha 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.

At that time, the Lane County Sheriff’s Office advised they were still at a loss in the investigation. The lead detective of the case was David House from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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Guest Opinion

Sobriety tips for the July Fourth Holiday

The Fourth of July holiday is an incredibly festive time nation-wide. 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, which 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 a day to celebrate 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.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a healthcare professional specializing in Substance Use Disorder and addiction recovery. He is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and contributor to the healthcare website Recovery Begins.

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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.

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**McKenzie Fire & Rescue**


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


10:30 p.m.: 39000 blk, Waltersville Ln. Mistaken Alarm. Dispatched.

En Route.


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**McKenzie River Reflections**

Thursday, June 29, 2023

**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 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. An area resident reported that their vehicles were believed to be tampered with.

6:27 p.m.: Animal - 41100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

When deputies investigated it was determined to be a civil issue and not criminal.

Caller advised neighbor was not criminal.

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.


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

5:18 p.m.: Abandoned Vehicle - 41000 blk, Dentondom Rd.

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

June 22: 8:12 a.m.: Stranded Vehicle - 57600 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:24 a.m.: Civil Service - 700 blk, Lakoson Lg.

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


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

5:59 p.m.: Suspicious Subject - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy. Homeowner called to report their security cameras show two individuals walking on property.

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**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 DUI. Controlled Substance and released. Involved: whidit 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. Motorcycle 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 McKenzie Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

**Explore a treasure trove of McKenzie River history - in the back issues of this newspaper. Go to: tinyurl.com/2kpk3en**

**McKenzie Bridge**
THE SEAVEY FERRY
Reprinted from the Lane County Historian XXXIV, #3, Fall 1979

Seavey, took up residence on the north side of the river in 1855. There among the trees (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 early years, 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 hops 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 now been dredged so that vessels may come from the river to the harbor.

George Logan of Springfield remembered the crossing where the cable broke and the ferry下沉了150 yards. He pulled it by hand to a swab of the river and repaired the cable. When George Logan went to work for Seavey in 1927 the ferry in service was a 22-foot long boat. The Seavey family lived on 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 way it was suspended. Mr. Harbert, who began operating the ferry in 1918, said that sometimes chickens could get stumped. 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.

The ferry 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 35 people. There were times when the ferry was so crowded that the ferryman had to balance.

Harry Harbert, who began operating the ferry in 1918, said that sometimes chickens could get stumped. 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. The dance hall remained.

During the growing and picking season, hopyard workers who did not live on the ranch would come to the Seavey Ranch crossing 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 off. Its one 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 WILAMETTE VALLEY PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, page 959, describes how one first used the ferry:

“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. 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.

But there’s the flag. We’d celebrate our national flag. That flag means different things to different people, thought Doc, but to me it meant the 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.

We do, as a nation, have problems, Doc thought. But we also know there are fixes to these problems. We do our best, and now if everyone would just agree with me on those, what a smart country we’d have.

Happy Birthday America! I love you.

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.

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 rainfall 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 for their unique beauty, durability 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 cirinatum (vine maple, USDA Zones 4–8, to 20 feet tall) is often listed as a landscape 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.

Alleruzzo pointed to Mahonia eurybracteata ‘Winter Sun’ (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 the garden, Alleruzzo noted, Mahonia media ‘Charity’ (USDA Zones 7–10) can get to a stunning 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 gold 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 4–8, 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 with yellow variegated leaves, darker red blooms that are pollinator magnets, followed by blue-black berries.

Fragrant and flowering

Daphne × 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 flowering shrubs 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 Pacific Northwest. “They are always in demand due to a long season of showy exotic flowers and extreme drought and heat resistance,” she 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

The cook coaxed from a Minocar that he called it Salsa Mahonesas (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 Frea 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 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, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon wasabi horseradish, 1/2 teaspoon wasabi sauce, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1/4 teaspoon sugar.

Balsamic Vinegar Mayonnaise And 1 cup mashed banana and 2 tablespoons peanut butter to 1 cup mayonnaise to serve with fruit salads, or banana/peanut butter sandwich lovers, you might try spreading this mixture on your favorite bread and spreads.

Origin of Mayonnaise

Various countries claim this sauce. There are indications the ancient Greek cooks were stirring mayonnaise into their recipes during the Golden Age of Greece. 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 “moyenaise”, which comes from an old French word for egg yolk “moineau.”

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

“Quoting the Week

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

Anonymous

Low-water, high-appeal shrubs

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

Acer circinatum (vine maple, USDA Zones 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.

The native Ribes sanguineum is a large genus of native shrubs. It is a hardy evergreen encompassing excellent varieties such as the fast growing C. thyrsiflorus ‘Victoria’ (USDA Zones 6, 10 feet tall by 10 feet wide) and the denser, compact ‘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 Californian 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 Chimonanthus 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 flowers over slender long leaves, and light green, simple leaves that mature to dark green.

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making Mayonnaise

Summer with the summer months and salal season upon us, we 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 is often called for in aspic, molded dessert and even a cake. You also can spread it out on bread for sandwiches, stir into sandwich fillings and mix for dips and spreads.

Recipe of the Week

Making Mayonnaise

A collection of the best and simplest recipes for the nation’s favorite sauce. From the 19th Century to the 21st Century, from the Food Network to traditional French kitchens, you’ll find recipes that will inspire you to make mayonnaise and use it as a delicious and healthy alternative to store bought sauces. This includes instructions for making mayonnaise from scratch, as well as recipes for mayonnaise used in sandwiches, rolls, wraps, and more.

Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing

This is a versatile ingredient that can be used in many ways. It is often used as a sauce for salads, sandwiches, and other dishes. It can also be used in mayonnaise-based recipes, such as potato salad.

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Community Notes

June 30
Tokatea Celebration
The Celebration Golf Tournament is a 4-man scramble format. Entry fee is $90 per person or $365 per team. Entries include carts and a sweet tee prize. Tee time options are at 8 a.m. or 2 p.m. shotgun. People who would like to play in both, give a call at 541-182-2316. Sign up early, as food, drinks, music, and more will be available.

July 1
Living River Day
The Living River Exploration Day is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at 3179 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 4* of July
Bring the Blue River Community 4th of July Event This year we would love for people to come together and enjoy their arts and crafts or yard sale items. We plan to have the BBQ going at least Saturday. Music is locked in for Sunday, Thursday, and Friday with their arts and crafts or yard sale items.

July 5
Blue River Water Board
A link to the meeting is available at blueriverwaterpark.com

July 5 & 6
Blue River Park Board
A link to the online meeting is at blueriverwaterpark.com

July 7 - 9
Lavender Festival
McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, and 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 out of Walterville, offers a Lavender Laboratory, a specialty lavender products from field to bottle, a Lavender 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 on the 1st of the month 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 to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public through the 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 she will walk them through the drawing process step by step. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed for ages 5-10. Cost is $10.00 for children of members, $15.00 for children of non-members. From July 8 through July 29, at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield

July 8 & 9
Dime At A Time
The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

July 9
BCC Meeting
Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene,The Board of Commissioners meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

July 10
Watershed Wednesday
Green Island, 3179-31601 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. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

July 10
McK. Tourism Commissioner Meeting
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meeting on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the McKenzie River Basin Commission, 501 Main St, Springfield

July 11
Family Story Time
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July 13
McK. Fire & Rescue Community Meeting
The McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

July 14
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July 19
Blueberry Art Show
3rd annual Blueberry Festival Art Show will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 80849 Gourd Dr. The Pacific Rim Art Guild art show includes a reception and award ceremony at 5:00 p.m. The Blueberry Patch opened their 2023 season April 1st with sales to benefit artists to paint and come to paint. Online registration for The Great Blueberry Patch Open will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56344 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for those in need, distribution to those in need. It’s open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

July 20
Blueberry Festival
The McKenzie Village Blueberry Art Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McKenzie Village on either Fourth of July or Labor Day.

July 21
Family Story Time
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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 revere for the voice of a silent tongue. Every day, we lean forward into the light of our brightest designs and cherish the service. Our praise & thanks to each incarnation, a jubilee of a people dreaming wildly. Despite the dirt beneath our feet or the wind rushing against our greatest efforts.

The Young Woman's Body

By Mahogany L. Browne

I've had strong feelings of late that qualify. I was always very sweet and nice. In 5th grade, I received much ridicule from my classmates because I was always very sweet and nice. That was never 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 was a bit different, I--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 rarity--I would hang with her on the playground during recess whenever Lisa came to class--a sweet and nice girl. I had sort of established it 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 people's obituaries and search for someone to encourage 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 the only ones who remember her.

Last Sunday, I met a young poet who was looking back at her childhood memories. She was absent a lot, and one day she explained she wore a wig because her medicine made her lose her hair. We left it at that. Anytime Lisa was a bit different, I--a rarity--I would hang with her on the playground. Lisa was assigned to my class.

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Lisa, you were my first love. When I read Esme's letter, it immediately took me back to my childhood memories. I will never understand why she didn't stay with me and my brother and me. I will never understand why she didn't stay with me and my brother and me. I will never understand why she didn't stay with me and my brother and me.

Lisa was in class, and one day her teacher was crying. She explained Lisa didn't do the homework because her classmate was much more important. Lisa was a bit different, and one day she 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 was a bit different, I--a rarity--I would hang with her on the playground.

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

[Click here or go to: tinyurl.com/yeye92hx](http://tinyurl.com/yeye92hx)

**Events from Jun 29th**

- **EMERALD ART CENTER**
  - 2nd Friday Art Walk
  - Emerald City Art in downtown Springfield

- **Takete Golfer Celebration**
  - Celebration of golf for children and young adults
  - Make Waves V.B.S.

- **The July 4th Golf Tournament**
  - 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

- **The July 4th in Oregon**
  - A Dime At A Time
  - Blue River Block Party

- **The July 4th in Oregon**
  - Late Night Block Party

- **The July 4th in Oregon**
  - Family Story Time

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**ACROSS**

1. Kind of illusion
2. Perched
3. Island near Java
4. False statement
5. Opposite of atonal
6. Hailing from the East
7. Supply with weapons
8. “____ death do us part”
9. *Frank
10. *Popular celebratory get-together
11. Many, many years
12. Scott Hamilton’s “court
13. Gross National Product
14. Abundant
15. Bantoid language
16. Bakery unit
17. Cutlass maker
18. G.P.
19. Shiny cotton
20. Feather glue
21. *Popular decoration
22. *Old ____
23. Down and out
24. *Certain Doodle
25. *Old __
26. *Bible phrase
27. “From the __ forest to the Gulf Stream waters”
28. “____ death do us part”
29. Calligrapher’s purchase
30. “From the __ forest to the Gulf Stream waters”
31. *Certain church member
32. Yiddish busybody
33. High-strung
34. Theater guide
35. Kind of rock
36. “The Star-Spangled Banner”
37. Opposite of #17 Across
38. Heroic tale
39. “I’ll second that”
40. Mexican money, pl.
41. Great Lake
42. Not yang
43. Opposite of neo-
44. Glass margin
45. “Where ____ is heard a discouraging word…”
46. Continental money, pl.
47. Opposite of low
48. Farm structure
49. “Oh, my!”
50. “Rockin’ in the USA” band
51. “From the __ forest to the Gulf Stream waters”
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**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 23, Willamette Falls Spring Chinook – 18,636 June 22, Willamette Falls Summer Steelhead – 740

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**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 17 at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center.

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**Tax credit coming for OR families ‘in Greatest Need’**

By Eric Tegtehoff

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 Kate Brown’s desk. The so-called Oregon Kids Credit is set to go into place in 2024.

**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, Seniors, Natural Resources; and Rosemary D. Bugbey of Vida, Junior, Political Science.

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**SOLUTION**

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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.

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Henry Ford

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Low-water shrubs

‘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, and early spring, which feeds bees. USDA Zones 6–10, 8–20 feet tall by 8–15 feet wide is a hardy shrub. It is one of the hardiest, and therefore pollenators, grows purple berries, and early spring, which feeds bees.

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, Oughtrryrne, 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 after leaving Aberdeen, Scotland, Mr. Seavey sold out to his partner 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...

Ready to design?

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.

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Oregon should recognize it’s im-
portant that cities work. Portland in particular is cranking up its housing density, packing more people into less space and devot-
ing less room for cars. Urban life isn’t for everyone, but dense de-
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