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First responders in our area put in an incredible amount of time, judging by the weekly police and fire reports

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Thinking of Spring planting?

Beautiful seed catalogs hit mailboxes every January, tempting gardeners with full-color photos and glowing descriptions.

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Briefs...



Chakris Kussalanant

Most Springfield schools were to open on Tuesday for students. Only three will remain closed: Thurston High and Briggs and Agnes Stewart Middle Schools. Briggs, All three were expected to have power by Monday evening. Staff were to report to BMS, ASMS, and THS on Tuesday to prepare for an anticipated return to school for students on Wednesday.

Transportation staff drove bus routes on Monday to check for any safety hazards. Most bus routes will run as normal on Tuesday. District staff will reach out to families directly who need to alter their bus stop due to hazards.

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Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend EWEB meetings in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real time at tinyurl.com/bdhw8k7y.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours notice before the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000.

Each person will have up to three minutes to speak, though the Board President may adjust speaking time as needed.

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

Their "Dime At A Time" fundraisers have benefited local non-profits by collecting and turning in recyclable bottles and cans - totaling more than \$50,000 to make

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Local family loses home to flames

Caller reported seeing smoke after power was restored to area

LEABURG: The ice storm that cut power and heat from thousands of households last week had a more tragic outcome for a Leaburg family. The fire at 43045 McKenzie Highway destroyed the home of Rich Campbell and Casey Chafin, their son, and daughter.

"We hadn't had power for six days because of the ice storm, and we heard it would not be on for two more weeks," Casey said. "So we packed up and went to Lebanon to my grandma's for a few days because my son is autistic."

That soon changed the next morning when she said they got "1 million phone calls and texts from people saying 'your house is on fire. Your house is on fire.'"

Even though they hurried back, the fire had ravaged the structure. "The firemen said that 20 minutes after the power was turned back on our house was on fire," Casey recalls.

Crews responded immediately and found smoke billowing from the home. In addition to the McKenzie Fire & Rescue crews, Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District sent an engine, and Eugene-Springfield sent two engines and a Battalion Chief.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue's response to the incident included 12 apparatus and 26 members. The Red Cross was called to assist the homeowners. Crews returned to the scene at periodic intervals to ensure there were no flare-ups. The Oregon State Fire Marshals Office is investigating.

A GoFundMe page at tinyurl.com/2n893rpd had raised \$4,636 by noon on Tuesday. Contributions of clothing,

bedding, and various household items are also being gathered and can be dropped off

at the Leaburg Store, where their daughter Paris was an employee.



Paris Chafin

Multiple agencies responded to a house fire around 1:30 last Friday afternoon in Leaburg.

Lawsuit takes aim at BPA, EWEB, and Lane Electric
Complaint points to failures to address "Red Flag" dangers

EUGENE: KLCC Radio reported this week that a federal lawsuit has been filed against a federal agency and two power utilities citing failures that could have helped prevent the September 7th, 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. The complaint, which seeks damages of damages of \$232 million, was filed with the Ninth District Federal Court on behalf of 188 individuals, 8 minors, 18 companies, and 24 family or investment trusts.

In contrast, Lane County had dropped its September 2022 lawsuit against Eugene Water & Electric Board and Lane Electric Cooperative

over the Holiday Farm Fire. Preliminary findings from that case estimated total damages between \$500 million and \$1 billion, while county counsel Erin Pettigrew said EWEB and LEC would be able to pay at most \$50 million because of their resources.

Commenting on the board's vote 4-0 to step out of the case, East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch said it was "unlikely that with all the plaintiffs remaining, Lane County is likely to receive anything of any substantial value from proceeding forward." Buch added that "as we can dismiss our claims to these two entities, it will ensure that others still have a claim and maybe even a higher claim than we once had if they're successful."

The commissioners also

cited a judge's decision to limit recovery to physical property damage and limited projected payout, at most \$2.5 million, according to Pettigrew, as reasons to drop the case.

The remaining plaintiffs blame the fire that killed one person and destroyed 723 structures, including 517 homes, on utilities for not cutting off power following extreme weather warnings. They allege EWEB's lines, which were de-electrified, were knocked over by a tree in the windstorm, hit LEC's lines, and re-energized, igniting the nearby vegetation.

Robertson Associates LLP, Brady Mertz PC, Rick Klingbeil, and Foley, Bezek, Behle & Curtis, LLP are moving forward with the new suit based on allegations of gross

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Steve Severin

The Holiday Farm EV Park was hard hit by the September 2020 wildfire.

Guest Opinion

A third way is needed to address Oregon's drug crisis

By Kevin Sabet and Connor Kubeisy

The debate over Measure 110, passed in 2020, was framed as “treatment over incarceration” for drug offenders. It seems all of us have now learned how wrong this framing was. What appeared to be a constructive debate about finding a better response to drug use was in fact a ballot measure that made drug use a penalty-free behavior, in effect encouraging it.

The failure of prior penalties for drug use does not mean that all penalties should be removed, as was done. At a conceptual level, treatment should be the penalty for drug use, rather than incarceration.

Evidence now suggests Oregon's first-in-the-nation approach to decriminalization, heralded by supporters as a step forward, has not done any better than the policy it replaced. These feel-good drug policies appear to be making matters worse.

Oregon overdose deaths increased by more than 70% between 2020 and 2022, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yet at the national level, over that same period, overdoses increased by only 18%. More notably, opioid-involved overdoses – ranging from heroin to synthetic opioids like fentanyl – increased by 101% in Oregon, while they increased by less than 20% nationally. The rate of violent crime also increased in Oregon despite decreasing nationally.

Three years later, Oregon is not better off than it was before Measure 110. The public tends to agree.

Polling shows public support for Measure 110 has dropped significantly. Nearly two-thirds of Oregon voters now want to repeal parts of Measure 110 and bring back penalties for the possession of drugs. This is a stark contrast with the 58.5% of voters who initially supported this drug policy experiment.

Notably, 79% of Hispanics and 74% of Black Oregonians want to bring back penalties. The poll also found 54% of voters want to repeal Measure 110 completely.

This is perhaps not surprising, given that one in 10 deaths of Black people in Oregon in 2022 were due to overdoses, compared to 1 in 35 deaths of white Oregonians, the CDC found. Overdose rates among Black Oregonians have more than doubled since 2020.

While pushing the pendulum back may be better than the penalty-free status quo, policymakers would be wise to consider a third way, remembering why voters favored a change in the first place. It is time to turn the page on the War on Drugs.

Many wrongly equate criminalization with incarceration, not understanding that the spectrum of penalties can include court-ordered fines, community service, treatment, parole, incarceration and more. The underlying issue is that “treatment over incarceration” remains compatible with both criminalization and decriminalization frameworks, explaining why Measure 110 was misleading to voters.

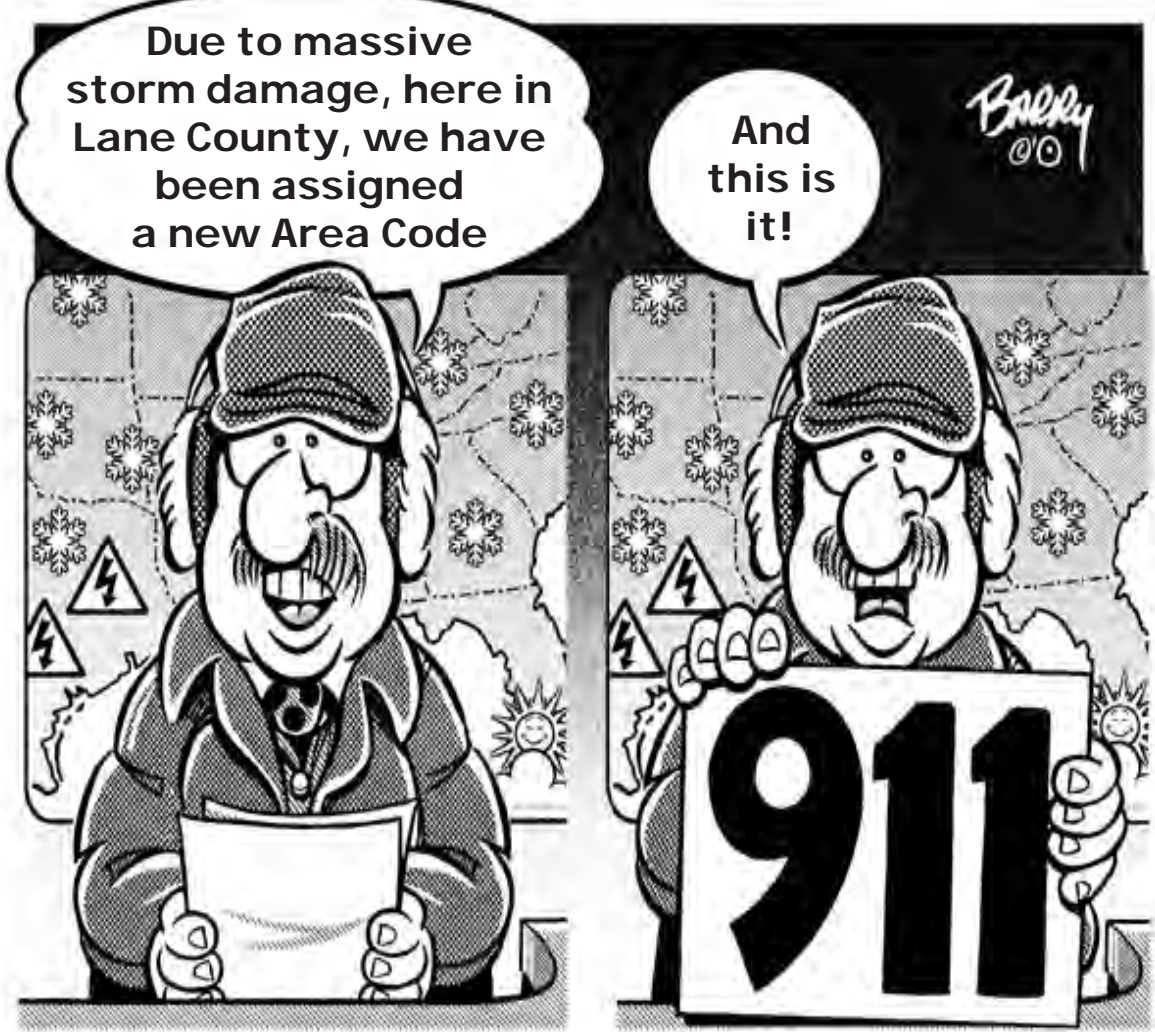
Of course, it is possible to swap one penalty for another, like replacing incarceration with court-mandated treatment. Treatment courts and pre-trial diversion both fit this model – à la treatment over incarceration. Moreover, the completion of treatment would keep the drug-related charge off their criminal record, helping to incentivize the individual to do so.

A decriminalization framework is premised on the assumption that people will seek treatment themselves. But a top reason for why individuals have not received treatment is that they do not want to stop using drugs. In Multnomah County, where overdose deaths increased by more than 70% between 2020 and 2022 and surpassed 1,000 over that period, Willamette Week reported that only 32 people had called the treatment hotline set up by Measure 110 through May 2023 –“that’s a success rate of around 1%.” Interventions help prevent drug use from continuing indefinitely.

The Drug Policy Alliance, which crafted Measure 110, said they are “working to end the punishment” of drug use. But they are also working to legalize all drugs. No wonder Oregon’s law was written so poorly.

Unless one’s end goal is the legalization of all drugs, individuals should agree that drug use should be penalized to some extent. This shifts the discussion back to what the intervention should be. Compared to incarceration and no penalty, evidence-based drug treatment would likely be received as an appropriate, cost-effective, and proportional penalty for drug use.

The criminalization of drug use does not necessarily conflict with the provision of treatment for drug use. Oregon’s experiment with no-penalty drug policy is failing. Policymakers should advance a drug policy with a backbone,



recognizing that penalties have a valid role to play in incentivizing individuals to complete treatment and achieve recovery.

The removal of penalties for drug use is no solution to the drug crisis. A reversal of Measure 110 in this vein could provide a model for the nation.

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Briefs...

Spfd schools

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People and students should use caution as they navigate roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks as there are still many downed trees and limbs throughout the city. Several schools will open without internet access. Staff will use paper forms for some administrative tasks until internet access is restored. Several schools may also have damaged phone lines. School staff will be responding to voicemails as quickly as they can.

EWEB meetings

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The president will announce the speaking time at the start of the public input session.

Alternatively, people may submit written testimony to be provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

Bottle Boys

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a difference in the community.

The money raised has gone to a wide range of organizations, including the O'Brien Memorial Library, McKenzie River Clinic, Vida McKenzie Community Center, Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District, and the Upper McKenzie Community Center, as well as the McKenzie School District's SMART Reading Program, the Boy Scouts, the McKenzie Community Track and Field, and the Walterville Grange.

Bottle donations can be left at the Leaburg Store or Pack N Ship in Thurston. A contact for the Bottle Boys, Pete Petty, can be reached at facebook.com/pete.petty.73.

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Friday 1/26		Saturday 1/27		Sunday 1/29	
McKenzie Valley Rain 80% chance precip High: 49 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 80% chance precip High: 38 Low: 33	McKenzie Valley Showers 80% chance precip High: 54 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 40 Low: 34	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 61 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 42 Low: 32

WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
1/16	37	27	0.11	NA	1/16	31	23	0	NA
1/17	43	33	3.09	NA	1/17	41	29	0.70	5,437 cfs
1/18	43	39	0.19	666 cfs	1/18	49	24	2.02	9,120 cfs
1/19	46	38	0	539 cfs	1/19	47	34	0.24	12,000 cfs
1/20	49	41	0	545 cfs	1/20	40	33	0	9,510 cfs
1/21	46	39	0.66	558 cfs	1/21	45	34	0.61	8,600 cfs
1/22	47	42	0.57	564 cfs	1/22	51	44	0.55	8,660 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Jan. 15: 7:22 a.m: Welfare Check - 87700 blk, Collins Ln.
9:58 a.m: Assist Public - York Ln. & Deerhorn Rd.
10:24 a.m: Welfare Check - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy.
3:46 p.m: Welfare Check - 51100 blk, McK. Hwy.
4:56 p.m: Welfare Check - 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd.
6:49 p.m: Welfare Check - 37900 blk, Railroad Ln.
9:57 p.m: Welfare Check - 51100 blk, McK. Hwy.
Jan. 16: 10:06 a.m: Welfare Check - 90400 blk, Sunderman Rd.
10:31 a.m: Assist Public - Terwilliger Hot Springs.
10:35 a.m: Welfare Check - 91800 blk, Marcola Rd.
11:54 a.m: Welfare Check - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.
12:22 p.m: Tree Down- 89800

blk, Old Mohawk Rd.
12:24 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.
4:38 p.m: Tree Down- Sunderman Rd. & Edgehill Rd.
4:52 p.m: Tree Down- 88100 blk, Keola Ln.
4:57 p.m: Welfare Check - 40200 blk, Tonga Ln.
5:14 p.m: Tree Down- 38300 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:55 p.m: Alarm - 56900 blk, N. bank Rd.
7:26 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
Jan. 17: 12:35 a.m: Down Line - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.
12:37 a.m: Traffic Hazard - 37100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
12:46 a.m: Tree Down - 90800 blk, Hill Rd.
1:40 a.m: Tree Down - Millican Rd. & Miller Ave.
4:07 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd.
10:12 a.m: Welfare Check - 95200 blk, Marcola Rd.
11:31 a.m: Welfare Check - 90300 blk, Shadows Dr.

12:08 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.
12:20 p.m: Theft of Mail - 38800 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
12:45 p.m: Welfare Check - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.
2:38 p.m: Assist Public - 88000 blk, Running Spring Dr.
3:28 p.m: Welfare Check - 37900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
4:05 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Hayden Bridge Rd.
4:36 p.m: Welfare Check - 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd.
5:27 p.m: Alarm - 57300 blk, N. Bank Rd.
9:25 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Greenwood Dr. & McK. Hwy.
10:32 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
Jan. 18: 9:12 a.m: Welfare Check - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.
10:10 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Hill Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.
11:40 a.m: Welfare Check - 42100 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:07 p.m: Welfare Check - 90800 blk, Hill Rd.
12:56 p.m: Welfare Check - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy.
1:15 p.m: Tree Down - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.
4:50 p.m: Welfare Check - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.
6:11 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 90300 blk, Hill Rd.
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State Police Report

Jan. 17: 21:18: Crash, Injury Hwy126E, Milepost 21. Vehicle 1, a silver/aluminum Toyota Camry, was traveling westbound. Driver #1 said she hit a slick spot in the roadway and lost control. The Toyota slid off the westbound shoulder and overturned. Driver #1 had a complaint of pain to her chest and was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The Toyota was left at the scene to be towed by the owner. Involved: 73-year-old female from Leaburg.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Jan. 9: 3:21: 40630 Deerhorn Rd. Down Lines. Refer to EWEB.
4:03: McK. Hwy./MP 41 Down Lines. Secured Scene, Awaited For Lane Electric.
10:48: 7916 Thurston Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
13:12: 38720 Natures Garden St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Jan. 10: 1:00: 41521 McK. Hwy. Fire Alarm. Investigated, False Alarm.
14:28: 42911 Deerhorn Rd. Mistaken Alarm. Disregarded En Route by Homeowner.
Jan. 11: 22:37: McK. Hwy./Milepost 29. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Refusal, Remove Tree from Highway.
3:04: 50055 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Disregarded En Route by Patient.
Jan. 12: 18:07: McK. Hwy./Mp. 12. MVA. Disregarded; No Occupants; Off the Roadway.
Jan. 13: 11:19: 8885 McK. Hwy. Down Lines. Secured Scene, EWEB Notified.
11:27: 48818-Blk McK. Hwy. Down Lines. Secured Scene, Lane Electric Notified.

12:14: Old Mohawk Rd./Marcola Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route by MVFR.
14:37: 35577 Camp Creek Rd. Down Lines. Secured Scene, EWEB Notified.
14:55: Camp Creek Rd./Kickbusch Ln. Down Tree. Tree Removed, Road Opened Back Up
17:12: Deerhorn Rd./Mp. 1. Down Lines. EWEB Notified, Deerhorn Rd. Closed Due to Hazards.
17:46: 39045 McK. Hwy. Down Lines. UTL for Down Lines.
18:23: 7080 Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded On Scene.
19:34: 40211 Deerhorn Rd. Down Lines. EWEB Notified, Deerhorn Rd. Closed Due to Hazards.
20:15: 51103 McK. Hwy. Down Lines. Handled by UMFR, Lane Electric Notified.
20:31: Marcola Rd./Nadeu Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route by MVFR.
21:18: 8080 S C St. Hazardous Situation. Call Handled.
22:03: 1321 66th St. Public
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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Jan. 19: 13:32: House Fire - 43000 block, McK. Hwy. Heavy smoke, several vehicles in driveway unknown if anyone is home.
Jan. 21: 06:31: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Milepost 10, Clear Lake Cutoff. Blue SUV slid off the side of the road, unknown if any injured.
08:13: Medical - Milepost 1, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
Jan. 22: 12:16: Electrical Problem - McK. Hwy./Mp. 49. Power pole smoking and sparking, no flames.
13:15: Electric Problem - McK. Hwy./McK. River Dr. Phone pole is smoldering at top - smoke only, no flames.



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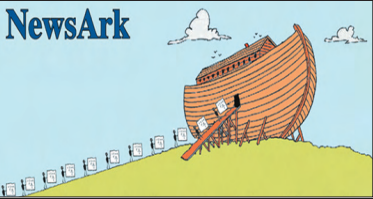
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HISTORY OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Continued From Last Week

By Lawrence and Mary Rakestraw



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In April 1894, the Department of the Interior’s General Land Office (GLO) issued its first official policy statement regulating grazing. It prohibited “driving, feeding, grazing, pasturing, or herding cattle, sheep, or other livestock” on all forest reserves.

In June 1897 the Organic Administration Act of 1897 was passed, which authorized the Secretary of the Interior to “make such rules and regulations” as were necessary to ensure the objectives of such reservations. Acting on this authority, the General Land Office issued some tentative regulations on grazing, permitting pasturing on forest reserves provided that no damage was done to forest growth. However in lack of any scientific evidence about the effect of grazing, no permits were to be given except in Washington and Oregon, where ample rainfall allowed for rapid renewal of herbage; and no pasturage would be permitted in areas of public resort, such as Mt. Hood, the Bull Run area, and Crater Lake. The regulations were issued so late in the year that they were inoperative in 1897.

COVILLE REPORT ON GRAZING

However, scientific investigation was pending. Frederick V. Coville, a botanist working for the Department of Agriculture, conducted a botanical expedition across southeastern Oregon from the Snake River to the Cascade Range. On his return he delivered an address before the National Geographic Society, which was published in the National Geographic Magazine, December, 1896. In the speech and the article, he called

attention to overgrazing on the public lands, and suggest remedies. Henry Gannett of the U.S. Geological Survey, which was then about to engage in mapping the reserves and collecting data on their resources, asked Coville if he would make an examination of the Cascade Range of Oregon and find out what could be done. This was followed by a formal request from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture and the request was granted. Thus the first crucial step was taken in formulation of grazing policy on national forest lands.

Coville outfitted at Klamath Falls. His party, consisting, besides Coville, of E.I. Applegate as guide and collaborator and a camp hand with three saddle horses and five pack horses, entered the southern end of the reserve on July 23 and traversed the reserve until they emerged at The Dalles on September 6. They interviewed sheep owners, packers, cattle owners, recreationists, and public officials. Coville issued a preliminary report to the Secretary of the Interior on November 22, 1897, and a final report in February 1898.

Coville’s report was a model of thoroughness and fairness. He described in detail the yearly routine in handling sheep, from the time they were brought in from their summer range in October through their wintering on the owner’s

ranch, lambing and shearing season, and the spring/summer trip to the mountains.

He described the duties of herders and packers, and varied practices in handling sheep. He collected statistics on the number of sheep grazed on the reserve, and their ownership; the character of the grazing lands and their locations.

This he divided into three districts; the Mt Hood District, from the Columbia River to the northern boundary of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation; the Three Sisters District, from Mt. Jefferson to and including the souther headwaters of the McKenzie River; and the Upper Deschutes District, south to Diamond Lake. Each in turn he subdivided into ranges.

These included in the Willamette National Forest, Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Fish Lake, Mt. Washington, McKenzie River, Horse Creek, Three Sisters, Davis Lakes, and Willamette Cow Pastures. He analyzed the forage favored by sheep. Overgrazing in the Cascade Range Reserve, he thought, was limited to a few areas near Mt. Hood and a part of the Three Sisters area, though there were small local areas of overgrazing on bedding grounds near the driveways. He thought that the widely held belief that sheepmen started fires to increase range was at best unproven and at worst exaggerated, and devoted several pages in his report to the causes of fire.

In dealing with the question should sheep be permitted to graze on the Cascade Range Reserve, he analyzed the problem in detail. One problem was the fact that sheep, on their way to their summer range, devoured grass necessary for the stock at ranches along their routes. Coville felt this was a matter to be solved by local regulation, and of mutual consent in using established driveways separated by a reasonable distance from ranches. Other difficulties were that sheepmen from Wasco County and Sherman County using the Three Sisters range, drove their sheep through Crook County, devouring forage belonging to stockmen of that county. Coville suggested a toll on sheep crossing county lines.

Coville believed that a new set of regulations would solve most of the problems. These would include closed areas to protect places of public resort by vacationers and sources of reservoir supply. Such areas would include the Bull Run watershed and other blocks near Mt. Hood and the Crater Lake area. Also huckleberry patches should be preserved. Ranchers and townspeople, following the aboriginal customs of Indians,

were in the habit of taking their families to the mountains and camping out for a few weeks of hunting, fishing, and gathering huckleberries. Huckleberry patches,

including several near Mt. Hood, Huckleberry Mountain near Crater Lake and just south of the Santiam-Prineville Road, should be closed to sheep grazing.

For grazing, a system of permits should be granted. This would allow an owner to graze on a given territory for a certain number of days, with a given number of sheep, such as the area could support without detriment; to give him an exclusive right to graze in that area, but request him to confine himself to the area He would also be asked to keep the area free, so far as possible, from man-caused fires. The permit should be granted for a number of years-five, with privilege of renewal, Coville regarded as satisfactory - and there should be cooperation with the sheep owners in having them help recommend allotment of range, adjudicate disputes, and make recommendations; and finally, there should be a fee for permits to cover costs of administration.

Coville gave as an example the Fish Lake Range in the Three Sisters area. This range Coville divided into five smaller ranges, known as The Parks, Bald Mountain, Iron Mountain, Browder Ridge, and Blue River.

These ranges would support, without overgrazing, six bands of 2,000 head each, one band on the first four, two on the last. In 1896 there were eight bands grazing (illegally) on the Fish Lake Range. This was a larger number than the range could support, and as a result, the sheep did not come out in good condition and there was general dissatisfaction under the Coville system, the Fish Lake Range would be limited to 12,000; each sheep owner was to be given a subdivision of the range with exclusive right to grass there. In return, he was to see that no man caused fire occurred in the area, and if fires did occur, would notify the Department of the Interior.

If fires were set, the individuals responsible could be prosecuted under forest fire laws. Coville’s regulations were put into effect. Various areas were closed to grazing, including Bull Run watershed, and several huckleberry patches, including one near the headwaters of the McKenzie River.

A flare-up of the controversy over grazing occurred in 1899, largely due to a visit by John Muir to the Northwest, but peace on the range developed and persisted. Clashes over range use developed, but these were largely confined to the eastern Oregon reserves, which are beyond the scope of this study. The early development of regulations, plus their capable enforcement on the Middle Cascades area by able men such as Cy Bingham, Smith Bartrum, and Addle Morris, brought about a highly cooperative attitude between the community and the forest administration.



By Slim Randles

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn’t help Billy much. Billy’s our town dog, of course. He’s been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc’s porch, and Billy’s owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn’t require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy’s gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He’d look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we’re in a pandemic doesn’t mean we can’t do our job.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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Learn the terms on seed packets



Beautiful seed catalogs hit mailboxes every January, tempting gardeners with full-color photos and glowing descriptions. Before you buy, though, read those enticing seed packets.

Nichole Sanchez, Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturist, tells gardeners to plan before choosing seed. It's so easy to go overboard. Of course, if you do there's always someone happy to take them off your hands.

Understanding terms associated with seeds will help you pinpoint which selections best serve specific gardens and practices. Sanchez teaches gardeners terms they'll see on seed packets and other gardening resources.

"Take squash for instance," Sanchez said. "There are varieties that stay small (for patios and containers) and those that ramble. Vining types might be suitable for creating shade for weed control and moisture retention. For those interested in seed saving, not all vegetable seed is equally reliable. Much depends on the origin of the saved seed."

Sanchez taught the first session in a series of webinars called Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series, which is free and open to the public. Live webinars are held each month with the next coming up Feb. 9 on Multifunctional Hedgerows. Classes, which are recorded, are geared to gardeners with some experience.

Sanchez shares the terms she taught in her session on Understanding Seed Characteristics (click on the class name and scroll down to see the recording):

* Cultivar. This horticultural contraction means "cultivated variety," and could represent a plant that is hybrid, heirloom, organic, pelleted, or has any

other number of descriptors. The term designates a variety of specific, identifiable, consistent, and reliable traits. We know that 'Merlot' and 'Two Star' are both loose-leaf lettuces, but 'Merlot' has deep red, mildly frilly leaves and downy mildew resistance. 'Two Star' has bright green, super frilly leaves, makes a much larger plant, and has no listed disease resistance.

* Heirloom. This term and "open-pollinated" (below) are often used hand in hand and include the seeds best suited to saving. Heirloom cultivars are just older – 50 or 100 years old (sources differ). Heirloom seeds are often associated with a specific geographic region where they perform especially well, or are cherished. An example is the yellow cabbage collards of the Carolinas. They are preferred by collard connoisseurs for thinner, finer leaves than other collards; seeds for yellow collards are always in short supply.

* Open-pollinated. Seeds with this designation perform true to type through pollination. True to type means the fruit from the saved seeds – second, third generation, and so on – will have

the same characteristics as the original seed. Open-pollinated seeds are the best choice for those interested in seed saving. Many open-pollinated seeds are also heirlooms, but not all.

* Hybrid. The majority of vegetable seeds available to the home grower are hybrids, which are not equivalent to GMOs. Through breeding methods, traits from different varieties are combined. This is how cultivars are developed with specific characteristics for size, color, and disease resistance. Hybrids are often high-yielders and confer benefits to the gardener, but they are not reliable for seed saving. Because they are the result of a cross between two parent plants, seeds from the fruit of a hybrid plant contain a mix of genetic traits. Sometimes, the seeds don't sprout at all, or don't progress past the seedling stage. Others may produce fruit, but it will look or taste different than expected. Hybrids are not suggested for seed saving.

* Resistance. Resistance and tolerance to plant diseases are tools gardeners use to combat disease with minimal chemical inputs. Finding seeds with disease resistance is especially helpful if a particular disease has surfaced in the garden multiple times, or for any disease that is carried in soil. Not every cultivar has disease resistance, and some are resistant to multiple diseases. Most seed catalogs and websites have charts for each vegetable type that list relevant diseases and the abbreviations to look for in the plant descriptions. For example, seed descriptions with "BLS" at the end would be resistant to bacterial leaf spot, a disease that occurs in numerous vegetables.

Increased interest in vegetable gardening last year has resulted in limited numbers of some seed types for home gardeners, Sanchez said. Early planting is not encouraged, but early ordering might be worthwhile, if possible.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



MAPLE SUGARING TIME OF YEAR

We're not quite there yet, but soon we'll have weather conducive to maple sap running...enough to gather for making maple syrup and sugar.

These days, with snowmobiles and modern equipment, it isn't quite like the horse and sleigh era, when maple syrup producers had to trudge through the deep snow. If it was too deep for the horses, then there was even more trudging.

Also, once lines are run nowadays, often the sap can be directed toward a central collection place. However, setting up the lines can be a challenge. Also, there is still much trudging.

Maple Season in Childhood

Even though we had many maple trees on the dairy farm where I grew up, my parents weren't involved in maple syrup production. Father occasionally did tap three large maples in the front yard, so we children could experience this activity.

It seemed to take forever to collect sap in a bucket, then boil it down in pans on the kitchen wood burning stove. The syrup that resulted was delicious on pancakes though.

When our daughter was small, we tapped maple trees in front of our home so she could experience this activity, too. One winter I did a newspaper story about friends who had a large-scale maple syrup operation. Husband Jim and daughter Beth accompanied me and got to help out with the sap gathering.

Sugaring Parties

My aunt, who spent part of her childhood in Quebec Province, Canada and the rest of her life in Dover, NH, told of the sugaring parties, those social events that young people enjoyed in the early 1900s.

Before Aunt Freda died, I asked her to write some of her memories. She included this description of sugaring parties in Canada:

In the spring was the best time, So many "sugaring off" parties and maple sugar. Each had a pan of clean snow and sour pickles on tables and a fork. Then pour the hot maple syrup on the snow and eat it with your fork.

It's delicious. Just when you think you can't eat another mouth full just take a pickle, then start all over again. All the churches had sugar parties in the spring.

Maple Recipes

Aunt Freda liked anything with maple flavoring and made with maple syrup or sugar. When she felt pure maple syrup was too expensive, she stirred up her own using maple flavoring. When she purchased donuts, Aunt Freda usually chose those covered with a maple flavored icing.

She also used:

- * Maple syrup in baked beans
- * Maple syrup glaze for ham
- * Maple syrup drizzled over oatmeal or other cooked cereal
- * Maple icing for cakes and cookies

* Maple flavoring substituted for vanilla in recipes

MAPLE ICING or GLAZE for cake or cookies - Heat 1/3-cup butter over low heat until it's golden brown. Remove from the heat and stir in 2 cups confectioner's (powdered) sugar and 2 teaspoons maple flavoring.

Add 2-4 tablespoons hot water until icing is of desired consistency and smooth. Spread or drizzle (depending on consistency) over cake, cookies, donuts and other desserts. (You can use milk for the liquid, if you prefer.)

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

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Community Notes

January 26
McK Chamber Board
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The Chamber is a business organization of volunteers providing members key opportunities for visibility, marketing, support and recognition. The board meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

January 27
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.

January 30
Board of Commissioners
Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

January 30
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.

January 31
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January 31
Watershed Wednesday
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January 31
Wacky Wed. BINGO
Craig's Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry's Bar, 39297

McKenzie Hwy. Cards go on sale at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning - spots fill up quickly. Burger and brew special all day!

February 3
Seedling & Native Plant Sale
The Lane County Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association will host its Annual Seedling & Native Plant Sale on Saturday, February 3rd, at Alton Baker Park (100 Day Island Road, Eugene - Building B: east end of the park). Hours are 8 to 11 or until sold out (please arrive early to receive a number for entrance - sales are on a first come, first served basis).

While waiting to enter pavilion, Oregon Dept. of Forestry representative, Dan Menk, Stewardship Forester with Oregon Department of Forestry, and Lauren Grand, OSU Extension Forester, will be on hand to answer questions. Once the sale begins, folks will be asked to enter as numbers are called.

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February 5
Kids Eat Free
Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig's Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry's Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

February 6
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February 6
Coffee With 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 the fire recovery process, and share your successes and struggles. From 10 to 11 a.m. at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

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EWEB Board Meeting
Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at tinyurl.com/bdhw8k7y.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.
An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000.

Each person will have up to three minutes to speak, though the Board President may adjust speaking time as needed. The President will announce the speaking time at the start of the Public Input session.

Alternatively, people may submit written testimony to be provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

February 7
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February 9
Chili Feed
The Walterville Grange will host their annual Chili Feed on Friday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Family, and tell your friends and neighbors are invited for some rootin' tootin' homemade chili, cornbread, salad, dessert, and beverages. The Chili Feed will be held at the Walterville Grange Community Center, located at 39259 Camp Creek Road, in Walterville. As usual, there will be a collection of donated canned food for the upriver food bank. The Grange is also still taking donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building, so feel free to add to the donation can (check out the thermometer to see how it's going). Donations for the meal will also be accepted. For more information, please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

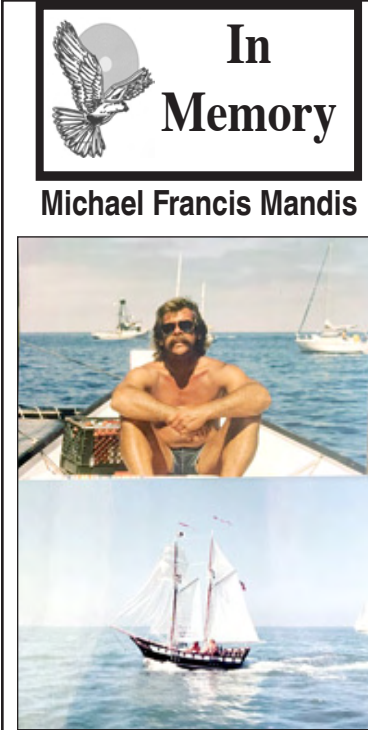
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The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and provide for additional enhance-

ments. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or willmarlys@gmail.com.

Spring 2024
Master Gardeners
The OSU Extension Service Lane County Master Gardeners have announced their public Pruning class schedule for 2024. Lane County Master Gardeners are offering public pruning classes in the winter and spring of 2024. Class participants will learn about pruning tools and equipment, tool care, as well as techniques to prune specific types of trees and ornamentals. Master Gardeners are eager to share their knowledge and experience with participants and want their class experience to be interactive, fun, and educational. Pre-Registration is required. For a full

list of classes, details, locations, and pre-registration information visit our events page: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/lane/events> For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

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August 4, 1952 - September 23, 2023
Mike died peacefully in his sleep on September 23, 2023. He was 71 years of age. He is survived by his devoted wife, Judy, and his siblings: Jim, Kathleen, Beanie, and Mary Anne.

Born in Beirut, Mike spent most of his early childhood in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia attending the Aramco schools. When it came time to go abroad for boarding school, Mike developed "irreconcilable differences" with the administration at three different institutions of learning, although he achieved graduation success at Santa Clara High School in California.
When his mom and dad, Dorothy and George, retired in 1971 to Eugene, Oregon, Mike lived with them while attending Lane Community College where he earned Associate of Science Degrees in diesel and automotive technology. Shortly after, he moved to Moss Landing, California after having designed and built a 40-foot, twin-hulled, ocean-going catamaran. He sailed to Santa

Catalina where he worked both construction and parasailing jobs with the catamaran serving as his home. He later sailed to Huntington Beach, California, where he further expanded his resume by becoming a licensed boat captain.
Mike and Judy met in southern California. In 2008, they moved to Oregon and bought a home on the McKenzie River near Vida, Oregon.
In 2004, Mike suffered a severe stroke which left his right side almost completely paralyzed and required his use of a cane for mobility. Judy selflessly supported him through this challenging time. Despite his handicap, Mike persevered in his pursuit of being productive and was involved in a variety of local activities. He was recently celebrated as the longest-standing volunteer board member of the McKenzie Community Track and Field Association. He built many strong friendships in the McKenzie River community.
Mike's skills, creativity and craftsmanship seemed limitless. He was a top-rate mechanic, built a 12-foot miniature pirate ship and sailed it in multiple "The Tall Ship" regattas along the California coast. He created a company, Privateer Shipbuilding, to produce and market his custom-made boats and nautically themed furniture pieces.
Mike lived his life as a proverbial free spirit and proved over the years that he was really his own best boss. He was a mechanic, carpenter, furniture maker, welder, boat builder, sea captain, commercial scuba diver, "pirate" and bootlegger. Those who knew him will never forget his hearty laugh, his wit, his stories, and his brown moonshine. We will all deeply miss him.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Rocking The Boat



I work in a factory, and we have supervisors who play favorites. They have about six girls who can do no wrong, and they have easier jobs than the rest of us. These girls go out after work to bars, and that is why they are in with the supervisors.

The boss over these supervisors will not do anything because his boss is the father of one of these supervisors. So long as “Daddy boss” is still there, this boss will not do anything. One girl played around and made the machinery malfunction for an operator, but she didn’t get into trouble because of the favoritism.

Do we go to the owner of the company with a complaint on why these bosses will not fix this mess?

Carol

Carol, we will not tell you that you should go to the owner. What we will tell you is how this usually plays out.

Some things are worth doing because you feel they are the right thing to do, even when you know they will not succeed. As a rule, whistleblowers do not succeed. Complaining or whistleblowing makes you the problem, instead of the problem you are calling attention to.

Human beings are social animals, and family and social connections in the workplace usually count for more than merit or truth. Truth is very weak. Nothing is pushing it. It can’t stand up to people pushing their agenda.

The one place where truth, fact, and objectivity are supposed to rule is science, but even in science, it is a problem. The physicist Max Planck once observed that an important scientific innovation is usually accepted not because people readily accept its truth, but because the older generation of opponents grows old and dies off.

Carol, you have three options: you can overlook the unfairness and become immune to it, you can seek other employment, or you can try to fix the problem. Fixing the problem is the solution least likely to occur. In all probability, your workplace is a boat the owner does not want to be rocked.

Wayne & Tamara

The Quality Of Mercy

I am Ali from Pakistan, and I

need your help on a weird issue. First, let me tell you something about me. I am a student of information technology. I am not from a rich family, but our family is a respected one. When I turned 20, I left my family for studies in computer science. Okay, now here started the problem.

I used to use the Internet as a resource for knowledge, but two years ago I got free time and started chatting online. I am not very good at talking to girls, at least maybe not to the sharp ones. I do not know the exact reason, but one can be that I am a little shy and can’t talk the talk.

I met a girl online, and we shared a lot. At least, I did. But I lied to her. Out of nowhere, though, I was in love with her. I told her some mushy lines because it was hurting to think of her, not in my life. Then I told her I lied to her. It was a difficult time because she was so angry, but I finally managed to get her mercy. Is she really okay with me? How do we go back to the old chat sessions we both used to enjoy?

Ali

Ali, Mark Twain said, “If you tell the truth, you don’t have anything to remember.” You also don’t have anything to apologize for or explain away. You may have gained her mercy, but what is the quality of her mercy?

Ask yourself how you would feel if she lied to you. Chances are, you would still doubt her. How do you go back to the old familiarity and trust, when that

was interwoven with lies?

Tamara

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

The Bear

By Susan Mitchell

Tonight the bear comes to the orchard and, balancing on her hind legs, dances under the apple trees, hanging onto their boughs, dragging their branches down to earth. Look again. It is not the bear but some afterimage of her like the car I once saw in the driveway after the last guest had gone. Snow pulls the apple boughs to the ground. Whatever moves in the orchard— heavy, lumbering—is clear as wind.

The bear is long gone. Drunk on apples, she banged over the trash cans that fall night, then skidded downstream. By now she must be logged in for the winter. Unless she is choosy. I imagine her as very choosy, sniffing at the huge logs, pawing

them, trying each one on for size, but always coming out again.

Until tonight. Tonight sap freezes under her skin. Her breath leaves white apples in the air. As she walks she dozes, listening to the sound of axes chopping wood. Somewhere she can never catch up to trees are falling. Chips pile up like snow. When she does find it finally, the log draws her in as easily as a forest, and for a while she continues to see, just ahead of her, the moon trapped like a salmon in the ice.

Susan Mitchell was born in New York City on January 20, 1944. She earned a BA in English literature from Wellesley College and an MA from Georgetown University. She is the author of three collections of poetry: *Erotikon* (2000); *Rapture* (1992), winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award and a finalist for the National Book Award; and *The Water Inside the Water* (1983). Her poems have appeared in magazines and journals such as the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and *Fence*, among others.

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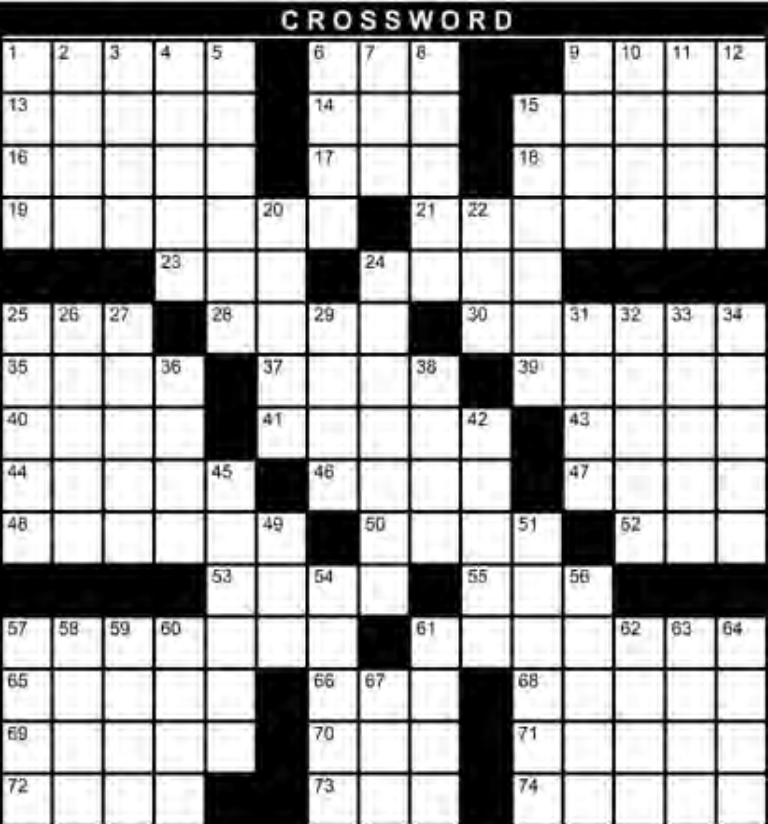
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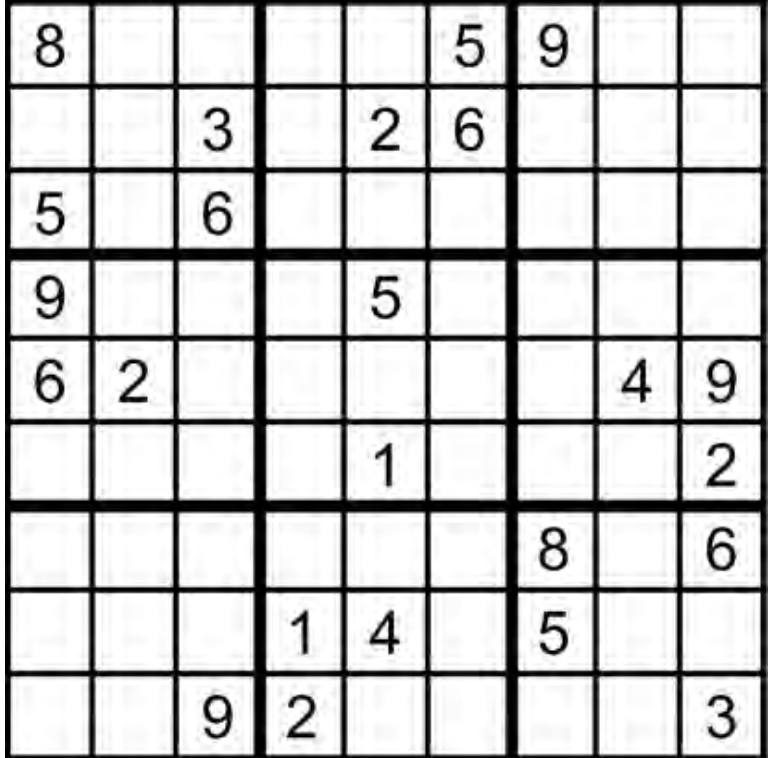
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25. Nutcracker’s distinguishing feature
28. Taboo, alt. sp.
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Solution on Page 9

44. *Thomas or Henry, e.g.
46. Law school test acronym
47. Genealogist’s creation
48. Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
50. Flying saucers
52. Make mistakes
53. Chemically-induced curls
55. Harry Potter’s Hedwig
57. *Certain Patch
61. *Not real dough
65. Normal
66. Clingy seed container
68. _____-_____la
69. Theater curtain fabric
70. Put into service
71. Female deer, pl.
72. Pub offering
73. Goo on a trunk
74. What’s in your e-wallet?

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1. Duds or threads
2. Wildly
3. French Sudan after 1960
4. All thumbs
5. Marine gastropod
6. Coconut fiber
7. *Shedding-type card game
8. Tie in tennis
9. Shark’s provision
10. Part of cathedral
11. Work detail
12. “Stop!” to marchers
15. Correspondence friend (2 words)
20. Make, as in a law
22. Edible type of grass
24. Complete payment (2 words)
25. *Banned lawn darts
26. Fully informed
27. Supreme Teutonic god
29. Get-out-of-jail money
31. Like Neverland boys
32. France’s longest river
33. Bid on a house, e.g.
34. *Certain gun ammo
36. “Best _____ schemes o’Mice an’ Men”
38. “La Vie en rose” singer
42. Counter seat
45. Flamethrower fuel
49. Party barrel
51. Swaddle
54. Type of puzzle
56. Words in song, sing.
57. Intersection of two arcs
58. Ascus, pl.
59. “_____ after reading”
60. Switch’s partner
61. Get ready, for short
62. Comedian Carvey
63. Ford contemporary
64. Jumble
67. North American country

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

Click here or go to:
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Events from Jan 25th

Mon Jan 1st - Thu Jul 11th
Springfield Museum closure
We have big news to share here at the Museum! We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 11, 2024, while our staff and ...

Mon Jan 29th
Kids eat free!!
Every Monday (with adult meal purchase). Takeout, Dine in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

Wed Jan 31st
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

Sat Feb 3rd 8:00am - 11:00am
Seedling & Native Plant Sale
The Lane County Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association will host its Annual Seedling & Native Plant Sale on Saturday.

Sat Feb 3rd 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

Mon Feb 5th
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Fri Jan 26th 3:30pm - 4:30pm
McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce is a business organization of volunteers providing members key opportunities for visibility. ...

Tue Jan 30th
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

Wed Jan 31st 9:00am - 11:30am
Watershed Wednesday
Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Sat Jan 27th 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 Jan 30th 10:00am - 11:00am
Family Story Time
Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

Wed Jan 31st 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Wacky Wednesdays Bingo
Cards go on sale at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning spots fill up quickly. Burger

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Ski Report

January 23, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort is open for this season from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A 57” base was being affected by an air inversion causing warmer temperatures and a snow level that was hanging out just above the site. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 29 degrees at the base and 27 degrees near the summit on Tuesday. 4” of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 81 inches. Calmer conditions were expected for the day, with high’s in the low 30’s combined with decreasing winds. 68 of 122 trails were open, along with 8 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

A Moment in History

January 25, 1776 - The Continental Congress authorizes the first national Revolutionary War memorial in honor of Brigadier General Richard Montgomery, who had been killed during an assault on Quebec on December 31, 1775.

Montgomery, along with Benedict Arnold, led a two-pronged invasion of Canada in late 1775. Before joining Arnold at Quebec, Montgomery successfully took Montreal. But the Patriot assault on Quebec failed, and Montgomery became one of the first generals of the American Revolution to lose his life on the battlefield.

When word of his death reached Philadelphia, Congress voted to create a monument to Montgomery’s memory and entrusted Benjamin Franklin to secure one of France’s best artists to craft it. Franklin hired King Louis XV’s personal sculptor, Jean Jacques Caffieri, to design and build the monument.

In 1788, it was installed under the direction of Major Pierre Charles L’Enfant beneath the portico of St. Paul’s Chapel in New York City.

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7	5	9	2	6	8	4	1	3

Sheriff's Report

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Jan. 19: 5:56 a.m: Medical Info Call - 41600 blk, Madrone St.

9:12 a.m: Welfare Check - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:08 a.m: Water Patrol – Bellinger Landing.

10:10 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Hill Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

10:22 a.m: Welfare Check - 48100 blk, Conley Rd.

12:32 p.m: Welfare Check - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:37 p.m: Assist Fire Department - 43000 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:11 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 90300 blk, Hill Rd.

Jan. 20: 10:39 a.m: Welfare Check - 92800 blk, Jones Acres Rd.

12:45 p.m: Alarm - 89900 blk, Greenwood Dr.

12:55 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Page Ln.

1:02 p.m: Tree Down - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:05 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. & Mp. 21.

5:36 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

6:35 p.m: Driving While Suspended - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

8:05 p.m: Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

Jan. 21: 12:24 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. Mp. 22.

3:48 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

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

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“The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing - and then marry him.” Cher

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Lawsuit takes aim

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firefighters and emergency workers had to stand by while the EWEB/LEC fire spread westward and became uncontrollable, eventually merging with the BPA fire to become the Holiday Farm Fire.”

In addition, KLCC reported that “on Jan. 16, the same day this lawsuit representing 238 claimants was filed, another one representing nearly 60 insurance

companies was also filed against BPA, EWEB, and Lane Electric. A lawyer with a firm based in San Diego has confirmed with KLCC that they’re working on a lawsuit of their own. That’s on top of another one they filed last September in the Court of Federal Claims, which BPA has until Feb. 12 to respond to.

15:01: 89846 Old Mohawk Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded by MVFR.

16:16: 41442 McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Assist Community Members.

17:29: McK. Hwy./Mp. 32. MVA. Non-Injury/Blocking. Line Removed from Vehicle, Vehicle off the Road.

23:23: 39045 Hendricks Park Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:55: 7080 Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart.. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 15: 10:18: 38127 McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:49: 45947 N. Gate Cr. Rd. Welfare Check. No Patient / Occupant OK.

14:18: 35608 Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

21:13: 37833 Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

21:13: 7715 Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 16: 9:28: 7080 Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

1/16/2024 56404 McK. Hwy. Mutual Aid. Assist UMFR on a Structure Fire

15:04: 38451 Kickbusch Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:32: 37573 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:17: 38174 McK. Hwy. Down Lines. EWEB Working in the Area, OSP Providing Traffic Control.

19:22: 89065 Twin Firs Rd. Down Tree. EWEB & Lane County Public Works Notified.

Jan. 17: 9:36: 35898 Ellington Dr. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

10:15: 37573 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

10:19: 44531 McK. Hwy.

Public Assist. Assist Homeowner. 12:15: 89025 Sky High Dr. Welfare Check. Patient Refusal.

16:43: 45602 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:16: Camp Creek Rd./Swearingen Rd. Electrical Fire. Investigated, False Alarm.

21:18:McK. Hwy./Greenwood Dr. MVA. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 18: 4:28: 92250 Alcorn St. Mutual Aid. Provided Mohawk Fire Assistance.

16:04: 44531 McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

Jan. 19: 3:07: 88260 Millican Rd. Medical, Heart. Disregarded En Route.

5:56: 41608 Madrone St.. Possible Deceased Subject. Confirmed.

8:43: 42805 Leaburg Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

8:57: 38875 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed. 1 Transported

13:32: 43045 McK. Hwy. Fire, Structural. Fire Extinguished, Overhaul.

Jan. 20: 8:35: 7080 McK. Hwy. Medical, Disregarded En Route.

15:04: McK. Hwy./Mp. 21. MVA. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:41: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. Assist Police, Medical. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

22:01: McK. Hwy./Mp. 20. Mistaken Alarm. Confirmed False Alarm, Cancel Assignment.

Jan. 21: 0:43: McK. Hwy./Mp. 22. Mistaken Alarm. Confirmed False Alarm, Cancel Assignment.

11:49: 39565 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

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