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What's worse than Mother Nature?

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Troubled waters

Shattered with an event that historians are still not sure how to explain

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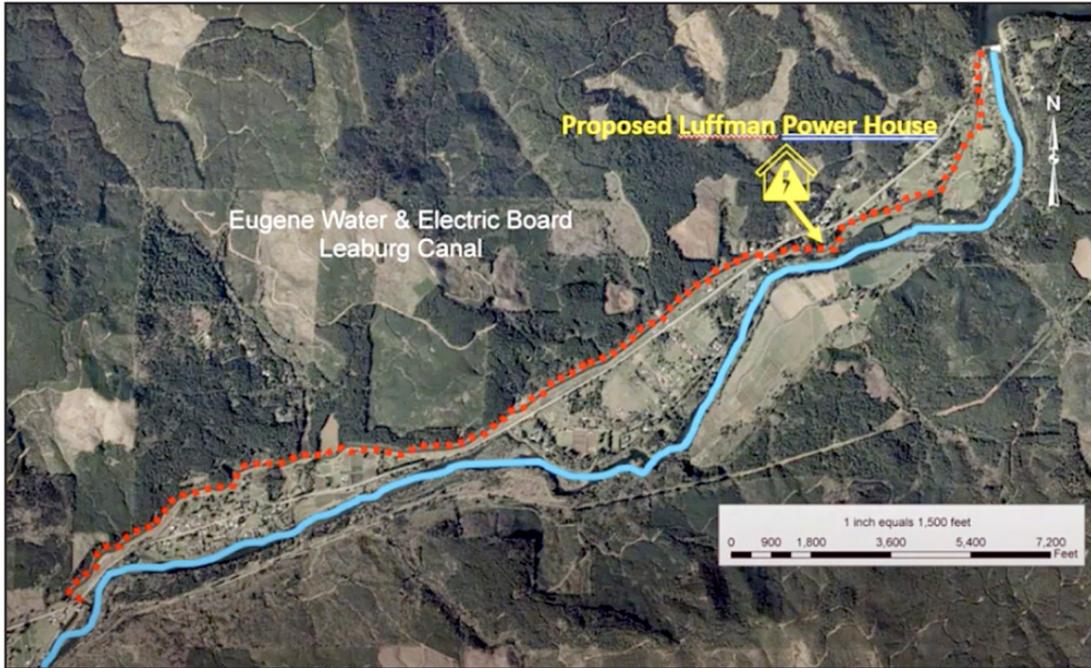
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"Short" Leaburg Canal is on the list

EWEB's options range from removal to full hydro restoration



Located about 1 mile below Leaburg Dam, the proposed Luffman Power House could generate 6.2 megawatts of electricity as part of the utility's Alternative 3. The output compares to about 15.9 MW the project used to generate.

EUGENE: "This is probably the biggest decision you'll ever make on this board unless we have to hire another general manager," was the advice Eugene Water & Electric Board president John Brown had for the utility's commissioners on June 16th. Echoing that assessment at last week's meeting, John Barofsky said he wanted at least four hours blocked

out in December for discussions that will determine the future of the Leaburg Canal.

At the core of those talks will be four options. At one end of the range is a plan that calls for total removal of the canal, dam, and other infrastructure. At the other end, EWEB could restore the whole project to the way it had normally operated before being

shut down for safety concerns.

In between those endpoints are proposals to build a new, small hydroelectric plant or to stop producing any electricity and instead rebuild the canal to only route water from tributary streams over to the McKenzie River during storms.

Three issues - economic, social
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Music plans are hatching

3 bands ready to perform on June 26th

VIDA: What started as casual brainstorming among friends for ways to bring neighbors and tourists together has become Caddisfly Concerts, and the first show is slated for Sunday, June 26th. Three local bands will perform, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Gate Creek Ranch in Vida.

Concert goers can expect high energy, family-friendly fun, and

a variety of musical genres, organizers say. "Most folks in the McKenzie Valley had to bug out during the fire of 2020," according to Paul Dage. "Most are back to rebuild and there's a spirit here - resilient, forward-looking, and strong. What better way to celebrate that spirit than live, toe-tapping, hand-clapping music per-

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A progressive bluegrass band, Sugar Pine, will be delivering their unique takes on roots and bluegrass tunes along with an eclectic mix of original songs from the newly constructed stage in Vida next Sunday.

First dirt!

Symbolic shovelful marks VMCC rebuild

VIDA: After many months of enthusiastic fundraising efforts, Vida McKenzie Community Center is breaking ground on the new Center building. Increased building costs have resulted in a funding gap of approximately \$250,000. Fundraising will continue during the build with the next event being an amazing, family-friendly con-

cert on June 26th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Gate Creek (the big red barn) on Hwy. 126 in Vida. Tickets are available at the door but pre-purchase is suggested from Caddisflyconcerts.com. Bring your blankets and low lawn chairs. There will be food, beer, and soft drinks for sale, with complimentary wine tasting available.



Craig Gustafson, project manager for rebuilding the Vida McKenzie Community Center generated a full round of applause when he let loose at a groundbreaking ceremony last Friday. Showing their approval (from left) were board members Sherry Jones and Ann Penny, VMCC Vice President and secretary Gerry Aster, board member Faith Bokros, and Tammy Pelton, VMCC Treasurer.

Historic sites gaining protection

U.S. Army Corps agrees to 10-year preservation plan

Cultural resource specialists with the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have finalized an agreement that will enhance the protection of historic and cultural resources across the Willamette Valley, where the Corps manages 13 dams and reservoirs in addition to thousands of acres of land.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider any potential impacts their projects may have on historic properties. The new 10-year document, officials say, goes a step further by directing the Corps to minimize its effects on the region's shared, public heritage resources.

"Through this agreement, our actions and decisions will align more deliberately and consistently with the expectations of the nation, tribes, states, and partners," said Erik Petersen, the Corps' Willamette Valley operations project manager. "The result will be better, more efficient protec-

tion and stewardship of important cultural and historic values and resources."

The document standardizes and streamlines the Corps' approach to accounting for potential impacts to cultural and historic resources—for example, by establishing agreement on low-risk projects that don't warrant additional consultation with partner agencies, allowing the Corps to focus its time and energy instead on more complex projects likely to have a greater effect on the area's resources.

The agreement defines roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols to ensure the Corps is using its funding and personnel wisely for the preservation of cultural resources. It also continues engagement with consulting parties to make sure cultural resources are considered early on in project planning.

To develop the agreement, the Corps collaborated with the Oregon State Historic Preservation

Office; Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; tribal nations; federal, state and local agencies; and local heritage-focused organizations with an interest in the Corps' Willamette Valley Project.

"It's not every day that local governments, local organizations, state and federal agencies, sovereign tribal governments, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation engage together in the process in the way that the legislation intended," said Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Chrissy Curran, who also signed the Corps agreement. "It's not lost on me that successful collaboration, negotiation, and meaningful consultation represent something far bigger in our world today than a project agreement."

The Corps estimates around 1,000 cultural and historical resources are located within its Willamette Valley area of operations - including historic buildings and landscapes with cultural or religious significance.



Which clinic? Many people still say they go to the "McKenzie River Clinic" even though the name was retired when the nonprofit, formed in 1974, changed its title to McKenzie Valley Wellness. The MRC hasn't seen patients in about five years after actual medical services were taken over by Orchid Health.

The recent news that the Oregon Dept. of Justice is investigating MVW, "has created confusion within our community and many have interpreted it to mean that Orchid is also under an ODOJ investigation," according to Jonny Cantrell, Orchid's marketing specialist.

"As you know," he noted in an email this week, "Our relationship with MVW is that of a tenant, and that we are cooperating with the ongoing ODOJ investigation of MVW but are under no investigation ourselves."

ValRaap, president of McKenzie Valley Wellness also commented on the situation writing, "The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) has started an investigation and is requesting records from McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW). We are fully cooperating with them. The DOJ has not made any allegations of wrongdoing by MVW. At this point, the request for records is similar to an audit."

She also noted that "The only people authorized as spokespeople for MVW are Val Rapp, current president of the organization, and the legal firm Miller Nash, which represents MVW. No other person or entity has the authority or the specific knowledge to comment accurately."

People doing online searches for more information may have found a link to "opencorporates.com," which bills itself as the "Open database of the corporate world."

The site includes a posting for McKenzie Valley Wellness that says the corporation is inactive and that Val Rapp has been removed as an officer.

That's not true. Told about the site, Rapp's response was simple: "I can assure you that I am currently the president of McKenzie Valley Wellness."

Up here on the River, we have nine unincorporated communities. So there's not one unifying organization - like a city - that acts as a central point to unite people and civic activities.

This business was started to try to fill some of that gap and has been doing so for the last 44 years - by reporting weekly - and preserving stories about the people who live here and the natural beauty that surrounds us.

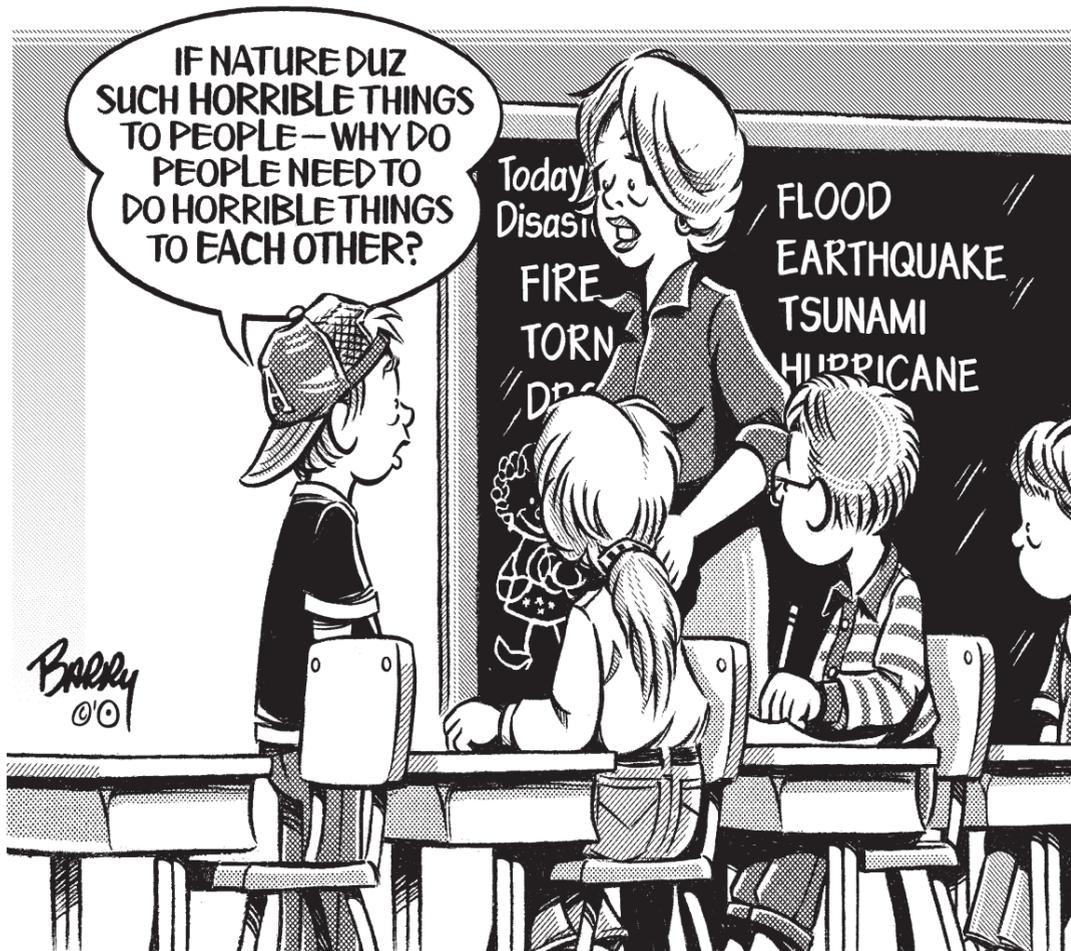
Two weeks ago the company that's printed River Reflections for 30 years announced it was shutting down its newsprint press.

Luckily River Reflections is in much better shape than the majority of other newspapers that will have to move into the digital world we all knew was coming. All our issues - back to 1978 have been scanned - and all from 2018 on are on the web as pdfs.

Because of RAIN, the support group for entrepreneurs recently approved for our area, I've been gaining the tools to improve access for our loyal readers but also reach new ones and expose our advertisers to larger markets.

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I know mckenzievalleyreflectionsnewspaper.com is a long address to type out, but I hope when you do - you'll go to that site and learn why people call River Reflections "the McKenzie Connection."



Music plans

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formed in a beautiful setting?"

Further emphasizing the community-building nature of the concert, proceeds from ticket sales are earmarked for helping rebuild the Vida McKenzie Community Center, which was destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire.

Headliner Melissa Ruth and the Likely Stories, from Douglas County, will perform what she herself calls, "Doo-Wop Twang: The space of blues, the teeth of country, and the grit of rock 'n' roll." Ruth's most recent album, according to the Roots Music Report has, "A supercharged air of tight, bluesy rock in play on just

about every track on Meteor, and the driving beat is a perfect setting for Melissa's deep, dark lyrics."

Neil Gregory Johnson, also from Douglas County, will be performing his own blend of folk, soul, and country.

"If the absolute thrill of organic, crisp, satisfying blues rock and roll is enough to raise you from your winter slump, the opening few moments of 'Three Days On The Wagon' from Neil Gregory Johnson's EP will have you flying high in an instant," says a review from Stereo Stickman, an online underground music magazine.

Also on the stage will be Eugene string band, Sugar Pine, bringing progressive bluegrass - ranging

from "dark, haunting harmonies to soaring, electrically charged instrumental jams," according to the band's website. "An eclectic mix of original songs and unique takes on roots and bluegrass tunes create a high-energy force that will make you want to get up and dance," it adds.

The concert is sponsored by the McKenzie Valley Chamber of Commerce and the McKenzie Community Development Corp. Food and beverage will be available for purchase, including Mexican cuisine and local beer and wine. Ticket sales are limited and can be purchased ahead of time at CaddisflyConcerts.com.

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and environmental have been identified as a "Triple Bottom Line" for the utility.

Rate impacts, capital costs, the facility's net and hydropower values are all part of the economic considerations.

Public safety, local economics, property value impacts, water rights and historic preservation have all been listed among social issues to consider.

Some of the environmental issues under the TBL were climate impacts, water and air quality, as well as aquatic resources.

The upfront costs associated with decommissioning - or a full return to service - could amount to \$250 million. Building a new powerplant or opting for a stormwater conveyance was expected to tally up to close to \$180 million.

General manager Frank

Lawson said that in conversations with other utilities he'd asked what they'd expect if they had a hydro plant similar to the size of Leaburg. Most said they'd expect a plant that could generate from 50 to 100 MW, far short of the 6 MW for the Luffman plant or the 16 MW a refurbishment would put out.

Brown argued decommissioning the whole project might balloon

to costs three times as much as returning to service. He suggested that approach was unlikely and should be dropped from consideration.

Commissioners Sonya Carlson and Mindy Schlossberg stopped the idea from becoming a motion by arguing the public had been told total removal was one of the alternatives EWEB would seriously consider.

Letters to the Editor



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

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WEATHER REPORT

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
6/14	60	46	0.02	346 cfs	6/14	59	47	0.17	9,100 cfs
6/15	66	51	0.04	350 cfs	6/15	65	44	0	7,508 cfs
6/16	66	50	0	NA	6/16	70	51	0.02	6,740 cfs
6/17	57	50	0	NA	6/17	67	50	0.12	6,370 cfs
6/18	58	49	0.08	NA	6/18	60	48	0.18	5,750 cfs
6/19	60	49	0.03	355 cfs	6/19	62	50	0.25	5,710 cfs
6/20	73	51	0	360 cfs	6/20	65	48	0	5,280 cfs

Sheriff's Report

June 13: 11:16 a.m: Assist OSP - McK. Hwy. & Deerhorn Rd.

5:34 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Walterville Pond trailhead.

5:59 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Milepost 35-36, A caller suspected that tree crews were cutting live trees and not just compromised ones.

6:02 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop Rd.

6:42 p.m: Assist Fire Dept. 92200 block, Carson St.

6:44 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

June 14: 10:05 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Hendricks Park Rd. & McK. Hwy.

June 15: 8:32 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - McK. Bridge area.

8:44 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - a.m: 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

9:28 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Booth Kelly Rd. & just passed the gate.

June 16: 9:51 a.m: Dog Bite -

51400 blk, Blue River Dr.

12:50 p.m: Civil Service - 92800 blk, Fir Ridge Rd.

1:08 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 94700 blk, Kelso Ln.

7:10 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - Delta pullout near McK. Bridge.

June 17: 7:40 a.m: Fraud - 37500 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

9:21 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 87900 blk, Keola Ct.

2:40 p.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

3:28 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

3:51 p.m: Illegal Burn - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:24 p.m: Theft - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. A victim reported that their cell phone had been stolen but recovered a short time later.

10:48 p.m Disturbance, Fight - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A fight between several people was reported at an area business. No injuries were reported. Parties departed in vehicles.

June 18: 8:31 a.m: Theft - 37900 blk, Railroad Ln.

9:01 p.m: Loud Noise - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:17 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 93600 blk, Marcola Rd.

9:41 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

10:02 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Upper Camp Creek Rd. Milepost .5.

10:22 a.m: Citizen Contact - Marcola Rd. & Hayden Bridge Rd.

10:30 a.m: Burglary - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

12:27 p.m: Water Patrol - 91800 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.

1:23 p.m: Civil Problem - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

4:36 p.m: Dog At Large - 91600 blk, Donna Rd.

5:08 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Blue River Reservoir Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:39 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Upper Camp Cree Rd. & Australian Rd.

7:55 p.m: Illegal Burn - 43900 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:28 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

June 19: 6:54 a.m: Unattended Children - 56300 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:06 a.m: Animal Complaint - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

10:01 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 87900 blk, Keola Ct.

12:00 p.m: Dog Bite - 51400 blk, Blue River Dr.

6:23 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Partridge Ln.

6:34 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - 45900 blk, McK. Hwy.

June 20: 5:45 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:45 p.m: Safety Hazard - Leavitt Ln. & Goats Rd.

3:31 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

3:32 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - **Continued On Page 8**

State Police Report

June 18: 20:08: Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 13. When troopers arrived on the scene they found one vehicle had left the roadway and overturned. It was determined the driver had fallen asleep. Both the driver and passenger were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

21:48: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp 54. The driver of the Subaru stated he was traveling eastbound and missed his turn. He slammed on his brakes and realized he was unable to make the left turn and started pulling to the right shoulder. He said at that time a truck pulling a camper struck his vehicle on his passenger side. Both vehicles were drivable. Trooper continued on to a priority call.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

June 13: 11:05: 1000 block, South C. St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:13: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-blocking, Non-injury.

12:40: 45000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, No transport.

13:59: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No transport.

June 14: 23:48: 86000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 16: 7:32: McK. Hwy./Milepost 14. Subject Down. No transport.

13:00: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 17: 15:57: McK. Hwy. Milepost 18. Subject Down. No transport.

15:57: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burn. Investigate.

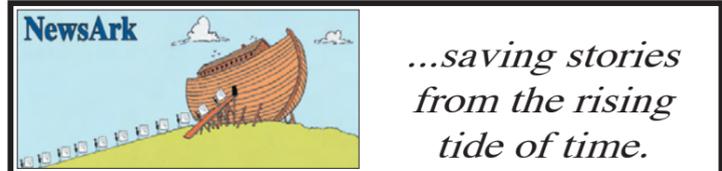
16:07: 41000 blk, Holden Creek **Continued On Page 8**

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

June 17: 14:42: Medical - 91000 block, Alma Dr. Female patient.

June 18: 18:50: Medical - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

21:43: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 55. Two vehicles involved.



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Steamboat explosions on the upper Willamette

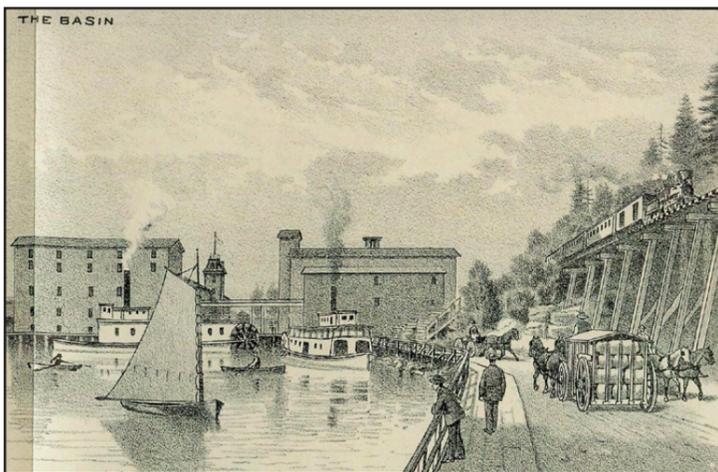
By Finn J.D. John

It was a peaceful, happy spring morning in the little river town of Canemah, situated just above Willamette Falls — or, rather, it started out that way.

It was April 8, 1854 — the very dawn of the steamboat era on the upper Willamette. Steamboats had been working the lower Willamette and Columbia for some time, but they'd only come to the upper Willamette three years before. The result, for Canemah, had been an explosion of growth. In those pre-railroad days, the rivers were the only way to get crops to market. The Willamette Valley was already producing a lot of crops, and all of it had to come downstream to Canemah — there to be unloaded, portaged around the falls and loaded aboard another riverboat in Oregon City.

On this particular morning, though, that bucolic routine would be shattered with an event that historians are still not sure how to explain.

It was on this morning that the brand-new steamboat *Gazelle*, just a month old and built right there in Canemah, was to make its first regular voyage upstream to Corvallis. The riverboat was drawn up at the portage road, where goods that had been trucked by wagons around the falls were loaded aboard. Several dozen passengers climbed its gangplank and settled in for their journey. Then the captain rang for steam, pulled out



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The steamboat Wallamet as it appeared in 1854, from an old daguerreotype. The Wallamet was badly damaged when the *Gazelle*, drawn up next to it at the dock, exploded on the morning of April 8 of that year. Whether this image was made before the explosion, or after repairs had been made, is unknown.

into the river and brought the big sidewheeler into the passenger dock, next to the slightly older sidewheeler *Wallamet*, to load the freight that hadn't come upriver from Oregon City.

Chief engineer runs for his life As the big riverboat reached the dock, a man rushed up to the rail, vaulted over, lighted on the dock and sprinted inland. He ran like a man being chased by a devil, with desperate speed. He did not stop. He did not look back. Soon he was gone from view.

It was the *Gazelle's* chief engineer, Moses Toner.

Now, the chief engineer is

the man who's responsible for a steamboat's engines. It's his job to keep the fires going and to adjust the amount of power in response to the captain's orders.

But the engineer's most vital job is to make sure there's enough water in the boilers at all times. If the water level falls too low, the boiler explodes.

Less than sixty seconds later, it happened. The *Gazelle* had two boilers, one for each paddlewheel, and they both exploded at the same instant with a powerful roar, sending steel and wood and bodies and body parts flying in all directions. Pieces

of shrapnel from the explosion badly damaged the dock and the neighboring *Wallamet* and killed the *Wallamet's* pilot, J.M. Fudge. The aftermath: Blood in the water

Canemah residents flocked to the docks and plunged into the water to help the scalded, wounded, mutilated passengers and crew members to shore. Many of them were already dead. Some of them were in pieces. The carnage was horrific.

The blast took the upper works off the ship, but left plenty of debris in the open hull. Beneath that debris were even more bodies.

All told, 20 people died in the blast. Another 27 more were injured, some of them very badly.

The subsequent investigation wasn't particularly scientific — as would be expected for those pre-Civil-War frontier days. The circumstantial evidence of the engineer's sudden flight, reinforced by the fact that he had never come to pick up his pay and had not been heard from since, was seen as a tacit admission of guilt. Clearly, the investigators concluded, Toner had made a technical mistake, and had only just realized it when the boilers started showing signs of imminent failure and, seized with terror, fled.

There were dissenting voices. Some steamboat men suggested that the boilers may have been defective — perhaps made of steel that was too brittle or thin.

Those doubters may have been right. Steam explosions were already all too familiar on American riverboats in the 1850s, which had led to the Steamboat Act of 1852 — requiring boilers to be tested and to be fitted with a pressure relief valve. But steam engines had to be purchased back East and shipped to the West Coast by sea, “around the horn” — so chances were very good that the *Gazelle's* boilers pre-dated the law.

It's also a bit suspicious that

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By Slim Randles

“From the cow to the plow, Dewey,” Windy said, leaning on a shovel. Windy Wilson was on another of his “helper days” and today it was Dewey Decker's turn to be helped.

“What do you mean, Windy?” “You know ... a slogan for the business. From the cow to the plow. Fertilizer. Farming.”

He was helping Dewey spread some product around at Mrs. Simmons yard, helping her anticipate a greener lawn this summer. Besides enriching the English language at every possible moment, Alphonse “Windy” Wilson devotes one day each week to helping someone, for free, here in the valley. He usually calls it his “enriching experience.”

Windy went back to Dewey's pickup for the steel rake. “What you're doing here,” Windy tossed back over his shoulder, “is plowing backly into our community the veritable seedlets of hope and change for the future. Yes, if I can coagulate some ideas for assisting your business, I'm delightful. We need ya, boy!”

“Thanks, Windy. Everyone's been so nice. You know Emily's coming up with new ways of using cow manure so we can ... well, spread out a bit more.”

“Absotively. I heard that sweet little chickadee of yours was masticating some ideas that are ultra noo voo and knife bladelly sharp. She's a honey.”

“She sure is. She thinks we might get a steel tank and pour manure in it, then fill it with water. She says they call it ‘fertilizer tea’ or something and it's good to spray on crops.”

“No foolin'? Won't you have to buy one a them sprayer thingies to drag behind a tractor?”

Dewey stopped shoveling and thought. “Now that you mention it, we'd have to have some way to get it on the field. But you know about me and machinery ...”

Dewey's being monumentally self-destructive around anything valuable, movable or sharp was certainly no secret.

“Why son,” Windy said, “you just worry about getting that tractor ignited, and I'll drive ‘er for you.”

“You'd do that?” Windy put his hand on his heart. “Dewey, my word is my blonde.”

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Leaburg Hydroelectric Project Strategic Evaluation: Leaburg Lake Listening Sessions

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Lloyd Knox Park Visitor Center

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For more, go to: eweb.org/leaburgcanal

We will also be at Lloyd Knox Park on the following dates:
Tuesday, 7/12, 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday, 7/ 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, 8/9, 4 - 8 p.m.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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In the home garden, try solarization on one garden bed a year. This is similar to what farmers call summer fallow rotation, McGrath said. Success will depend on the intensity of sunlight, soil moisture, weather and length of time the plastic is left on the soil. Since the process kills diseases, pests and weeds down to a depth of only 12-18 inches, it's best for shallow-rooted plants like vegetables, annuals and turf grasses. Take care when planting not to mix up the soil from lower layers.

July is a good month to start a solarizing project because the heating power of the sun is at its peak. Keep the plastic on about two months to ensure that enough heat works for an adequate time.

You will need a roll of plastic sheeting large enough to cover the bed plus about 1½ feet extra around all sides. Thin plastic works better than thick and you don't need UV-resistant plastic.

Remove or mow down the weeds in the area you want to cover. Rake the loose plant debris after mowing. This is the best time to add amendments such as lime, compost or fertilizer.

Rototill the soil and amendments. Break up large clods and work in any loose plant debris. Rake the surface of the bed as smoothly as possible to ensure close contact of the plastic against the soil. Dig a trench all around the edge of the bed about 6 to 8 inches deep. Move any unbroken clods of soil outside the raised bed.

When the garden surface is smooth, place a soaker hose or sprinkler up and down the bed

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SUMMER ICE CREAM TREATS

Summer time, when I was growing up on the farm, meant an ice cream treat after the first crop/cutting of hay was harvested. Ice cream wasn't an everyday event. It was a special occasion in our lives in those days.

Father bought two quarts of hand dipped (the only kind available) ice cream at the local general store to celebrate successfully getting the hay into the barn.

Then the whole family... Mother, Father, four children and the hired man... sat on the front porch and enjoyed the frosty treat. Since Father's favorite flavor was strawberry with real berries, one quart was always that kind. The other might be vanilla or chocolate. No matter what the flavor, it was a delicious, memorable snack.

Ice Cream at the General Store

Ice cream was hand dipped, and came in about six flavors in Mr. Knapp's General Store. There always was vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. Then if we wanted to be adventuresome, we might try Rocky Road (vanilla swirled with chocolate sauce), Butter Pecan, Black Raspberry, or Orange Sherbet. In season, there might be a different flavor, but we didn't have the choices of today.

On special occasions we got an ice cream cone. I think single dips were five cents and double dips a dime. If we have double dips, we

often chose each scoop a different flavor.

Ice Cream Sodas at the Drug Store

Another treat was an ice cream soda at the drug store in a neighboring town. (Our little village only had the general store, post office, and service station.) The drug store sold prescription medicine, of course, and sundry other items related to health, perhaps a few gift items and stationery supplies.

The soda fountain was the big attraction. This was a long counter with stools. Behind it clerks prepared sandwiches and simple lunch fare. They also served ice cream.

You might order an ice cream sundae, banana split or ice cream soda. What fun to slowly sip the soda through a straw and scoop up spoonfuls of ice cream. Root beer floats were a variation of the ice cream soda.

Thus the name "soda fountain", a place that served ice cream sodas.

Cookies with Ice Cream MOLASSES CRINKLES - Cream together ¾ cup shortening and ¾-cup sugar. Add 1 egg and ¼ cup molasses; stir well.

Sift together 2 cups sifted flour, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 1-teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2-teaspoon cloves (some people prefer less), 1/2-teaspoon ginger, and 1/2-teaspoon salt. Add to the molasses

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Trapped heat is deadly to pests

Pests of all kinds plague plants relentlessly throughout the summer season. Many gardeners would rather not turn to chemicals as a solution.

One option is soil solarization — a fancy term for a simple way to combat plant diseases, insects and weeds when the weather warms.

The method requires stretching transparent plastic sheeting over moist, tilled soil during the warmest and sunniest months of the year. As the clear plastic traps

the heat of the sun, it changes the soil in physical, chemical and biological ways.

Under plastic sheeting, the top few inches of soil can be as much as 20 degrees warmer than uncovered soil, said Dan McGrath, Oregon State University Extension crop scientist. In this extra-warm environment, disease-causing organisms tend to flounder while more heat-tolerant beneficial microbe species increase in numbers. The heat also eliminates some types of pests, weed seeds and seedlings.

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Community Notes

June 24

McK River Food Pantry

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June 25

Lake Listening Session

The Eugene Water & Electric Board is seeking feedback on upcoming decisions affecting the Leaburg hydro project. Stop by from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Lloyd Knox Park.

June 25

Dime At A Time

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

June 26

Caddisfly Concerts

1-5 p.m. Three-band concert to benefit Vida Community Center. Go to CaddisflyConcerts.com for info and tickets. All ages welcome.

Food and drink available. Gate Creek Ranch, Vida.

June 27

Making Waves

Making Waves, 9 am at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, is for youth from preschool through entering sixth grade and will run from to noon each day. Teen helpers must be entering the 9th grade or older.

June 27

Springfield School Board

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

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July 8-10

Lavender Bloom

The McKenzie River Lavender Bloom will be open to the public

on July 8th to the 10th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. A variety of lavender products will be on sale and people who want to U-pick can enter the garden to gather a lavender bundle to take home. McKenzie River Lavender is located at 40882 McKenzie Hwy. (milepost 15.5) in Deerhorn.

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July 16

Spring Flea Market

On Saturday, July 16th, the Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a Flea Market at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. People are invited to be a "vendor" by purchasing a "space" to sell new or used goods to the general public - and keep all profits.

The location is great for attracting buyers and VMCC will provide publicity, tables and a yummy snack bar to keep shoppers happy while they browse.

Contact Tammy Pelton regarding table fees and to reserve a space. Call 951-970-0176 for more information.

July 18

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

Artist's work honored



Gloria Tinker's prize-winning "Tangles" can be viewed during June at the Emerald Art Gallery in Springfield.

For someone who was pretty much self-taught as a child, Gloria Tinker is having a string of good luck. She was recently awarded the People's Choice Award at a nationally juried exhibit at the Emerald Art Gallery in Springfield. Then, last week Astonish Magazine told her that her work will be featured, and Art Moment followed up with a notice they were doing the same.

Gloria has a studio in Leaburg where she lives "With my husband, two horses, two amazing parrots, a Macaw and a vast array of furry and feathered friends."

Inside the studio a series of easels reveal part of her thought processes that come to life with strokes of watercolor or acrylics. "I've always been into animals and wildlife and also do a lot of florals," she says. "They're kind of my vacation from more serious paintings."

These days a 48-inch canvas with a basic chalk drawing is starting to bring to life an image of clouds she saw over the Sisters while on a trip to Idaho. An eagle or two may also soon join the scene, thanks to some photos of

a group of the birds her son had taken.

Gloria says she's long been a collector of images that pique her interest. "I have some things I've had since I was in my 20's," she admits.

Her process, she feels, "Is kind of impulsive. When I get up in the morning I'll usually have three or four things going at once to work on."

Her work has taken her to many places over a long history of showings. Her "Like A Flower" was featured in the Art Center at Novacella, Italy in 2006, and Hilo Hawaii, Art In The Iron Works, in 2007 were highlights along the way. "My art has traveled the world in publications, calendars and engagement books," Gloria notes. Her paintings are also part of private and corporate collections. They can be viewed in the Coos Art Museum, the Emerald Art Gallery in Springfield, and at Gallery 71 in Eugene.

Going back to her beginnings, Gloria says as an only child who wasn't musical she spent a lot of time in her room where, "My art was my babysitter." For youngsters or other just starting out she has some simple advice: "Take some classes and learn the basic skills. It's pretty hard to concentrate on your painting if you don't know how to work your brush."

Scam Warning

The Lane Electric Cooperative reports it has been receiving reports of members getting generic phone calls, and in some cases emails, saying "your account is past due, and an immediate payment must be made to avoid disconnection."

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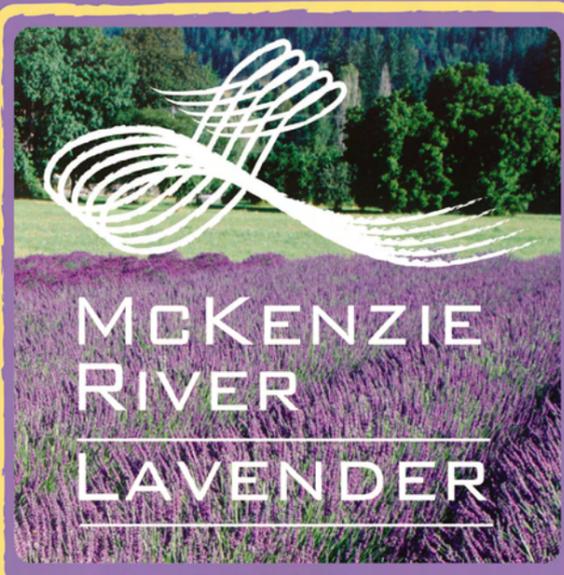
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Her Legacy

I am a happily married woman with school-aged children. I am also in love with "Steven," a man I knew back in college. Though there was undeniable magnetism between us when we met, I was already dating the man I later married. Steven and I had only a couple of nights of dynamic passion.

After graduation, we had no contact until the Internet came along. For four years we've emailed and talked as lovers. We exchanged sexual fantasies about each other and even a few explicit photos. We live less than two hours apart and have seen each other twice since college, both times in professional settings. He is something of a public figure.

My husband knows Steven and I email and speak on the phone. Steven's wife is totally unaware. I love my husband. He treats me like a queen, and my marriage is the envy of all my friends. Steven and I don't want to rip everyone's life apart, but it is difficult to have so little contact with someone you love so deeply.

Recently I explained to Steven how much it bothers me that he is living a lie. Our dilemma is if he

tells his wife he also loves me, she will surely leave him and take the children. If he fudges and says we are friends, she will insist we stop talking.

Now Steven has decided to limit our email to one letter a month. This is part of what he wrote: "Please don't call. It's too hard to talk about this. In total honesty, hearing your voice is a problem. I'm asking you this as a friend: don't call.

"I lay in bed staring at the ceiling all night. I'm comparing my wife to you and getting angry she is not you. I recognize you and I are soul mates.

"Fourteen years ago we might have pulled it off, not now. Children change everything. I love you. And I love my wife. But I love my children more (and I know you understand this). Over the weekend I envisioned what I would have to say to my kids if this ever came out.

"The phone rang twice since I started typing. I assume it's you. I'm sorry not to answer, but I have to insist we stop talking. I love you. It's amazing to me you would doubt that. My feelings, both noble and carnal, aren't going to change, but I can't let them ruin

our lives."

I'm afraid Steven's wife will find out about us. I wish he could at least tell her we are friends, even if he leaves out that we love each other. It's such a mess. We're constantly longing for each other, and one email a month doesn't satisfy our desires. Any advice?
Winnie

Winnie, nitroglycerin is a highly explosive liquid. It is so unstable the slightest jolt can cause it to spontaneously detonate. That is what Steven thinks you are. Nitroglycerin.

His stomach does flips each time the phone rings. He has night sweats and makes bargains with God. He is begging you not to ruin him.

You're not afraid his wife will find out about you. You are hopeful. And you have all those letters and pictures. We doubt anything we say will change what you are about to do, but we are curious about what happens. Let us know how many city blocks are leveled, how many lives are destroyed, when you go off.

Alfred Nobel made a fortune turning nitroglycerin into dynamite, a useful form of the explosive. When a newspaper mistakenly ran his obituary before he died, Nobel realized he would be remembered for creating a weapon of destruction. So he created the Nobel Prizes, forever

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Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *The Friendship Solution*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

This poem captures one of the peculiar, private deals that we sometimes make in a world that seems to be marching on, completely out of our control. Some might call it a prayer, or a spell, or a strange vow, characterized by a certain magical hope against reality. Huey labels it a "fairy tale", a deeply haunting expression of the familiar fear we have of "the bill" coming due.

Fairy Tale

By Huey

My father cuts off his thumb with a circular saw. A tiny magical man makes me an offer.

I cannot refuse. My father's thumb grows back.

The price I have agreed to pay is too great;

I cannot bear to say its name aloud. In the corner of every room I enter, the tiny magical man

crouches, nameless and cruel. Not today, he says.

Not today. One day, I will enter a room and he will

not be there, and I will know the bill has come due.

A phone will ring. I will answer. A stranger's voice

will mispronounce my name, apologize,

hesitate. In this brief silence, foolish hope will bloom.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

June 23 - During the days of gold discoveries, desertions from the U.S. Army were a common occurrence. Upon outbreak of the Civil War the penalty for desertion was established as death by firing squad. Nine times soldiers in the Oregon Country were sentenced to death but each time the sentence was commuted. Frances Ely, a 21-year-old private who enlisted in

Fishing Report

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

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 5,632, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

Fish Counts

June 15, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 17,958
Summer Steelhead - 2,852

the Oregon Volunteer Cavalry, deserted, was tried by court martial and sentenced to death. At Fort Walla Walla, as the execution date drew near, men were stationed every ten miles along the road all the way to Fort Dalles, so word of a reprieve could be quickly relayed. The reprieve was never granted and Private Ely became the only deserter in Oregon Country to ever be executed.

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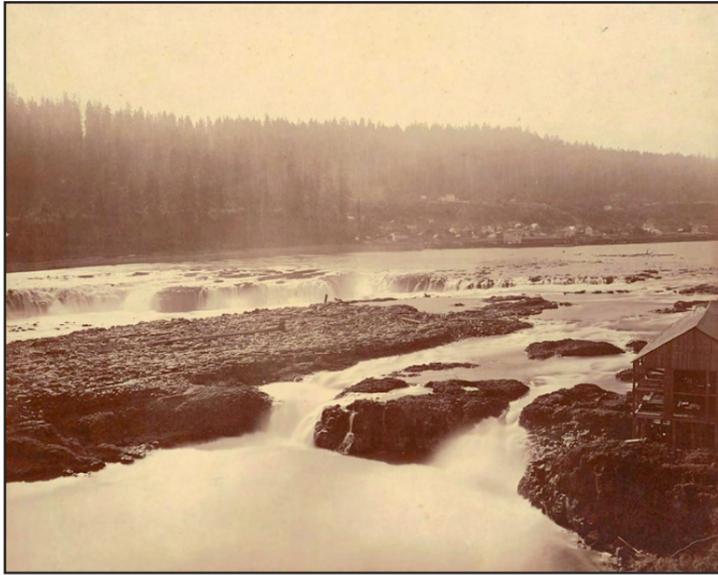
Steamboat explosions

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the only other boiler explosion in the history of the state at that time had also happened to an upper Willamette steamboat, named after the town of Canemah, at Champoeg the previous year. One person had died in that incident. And the upper Willamette was, in 1854, served by fewer than half a dozen riverboats, which represented a tiny fraction of steamboats in use in Oregon at that time. The sample size is too small to draw conclusions, but the fact that 40 percent of boats on the upper Willamette exploded was certainly a startling one.

The flying steamboat captain The long-ago explosion of the Gazelle remains the worst disaster in Willamette River history as measured in casualty counts. But it wasn't the last. Three years later, the little steamboat Elk exploded in mid-stream as it approached the Yamhill River.

The explosion lifted the wheelhouse and smokestack off the boat and sent the whole works flying through the air — intact, with the boat's captain still inside. The wheelhouse miraculously landed in the top of a cottonwood tree, and the skipper was able to shinny down the tree to safety. While airborne and in free-fall (along with sextants, coffee cups and whatever else was in the wheelhouse at the time) he'd actually been able to look through the smokestack at his pilot, who'd been blown onto the bank by the blast and was sitting there, dazed but unhurt, trying to collect his wits.



Univ. of California Willamette Falls as it appeared in 1867, with the town of Canemah in the distance behind. This photograph was made from approximately where the Portland General Electric power station is today.

On that occasion, the passengers were shielded from the shrapnel by a heavy woodstove. A few of them were hurt, but none badly, and not a single person was killed. And for twenty years after that, every time they passed the tree that had broken the captain's fall and saved his life, riverboat pilots pointed it out and retold the story — something their passengers likely didn't find particularly reassuring.

But by the time of the Elk's disaster, new steamboat inspection laws were having their effect. Only one major boiler explosion happened on the Willamette after that, despite a massive increase in the number of ships on the river. That explosion was in 1875, when the steamboat Senator exploded while docking in Portland, killing seven people and injuring another eight.

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and soak the soil for three or four hours until wet to a depth of at least a foot. Moist soil responds well to the process because water conducts heat, McGrath said. The moisture also tends to activate soil pathogens, making them more susceptible to the heat.

Finally, cut a piece of plastic the size of the bed, plus 1½ feet around. Put the plastic over the bed and pull it tight and then anchor it snugly by weighing the edges down in the surrounding trench with dirt clods, rocks or bricks.

After 8-10 weeks, remove the plastic and plant a cover crop such as fava bean or Austrian winter pea or leave the plastic on until spring. Or plant crops and use the plastic sheeting as mulch. Just cut small Xs in the plastic and plant starts.

Country Kitchen

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mixture and mix well. Chill. When chilled so you can handle easily, form the dough into 1-inch balls. Then roll the balls in granulated sugar. Place on greased cookie sheet, about 2 inches apart. Bake 8-10 minutes at 375 degree F.

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Sheriff's Report

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- 54700 blk, McK. Hwy. **6:31 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
- 9:25 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy, Mp. 21.
- 11:24 p.m:** Shots Fired - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

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Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

17:09: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:00: 41000 blk, Holden Creek Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 18: 6:36: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

10:02: Upper Camp Creek Rd. Mp. 1. MVA. No patient.

10:55: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

18:50: 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:53: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal burn.

20:06: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Patients Assessed, 2 Transported.

June 19: 7:41: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Community member assisted.

20:32: 88000 blk, Miller Ave. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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