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Sheriff's Report

A caller reported that their neighbor punched and knocked over the caller's security camera that was on the property line.

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Worried about ash borers?

Since the emerald ash bud borer was detected in Oregon, questions have been pouring in about what to do if an ash tree becomes infested.

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Work continues at Carmen Smith

EWEB's upriver project was renewed in 2019



Crews from Wildish Construction built a temporary pipeline/dewatering project at the Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Project as part of a trap and haul project.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: The 40-year operating license at Carmen Smith, issued in 2019, includes 10 natural resource and recreation management plans and over 300 individual commitments.

Part of the Eugene Water and Electric Board's license agreement calls for providing passage for federally threatened bull trout and Chinook salmon so they can move safely past the Trail Bridge Dam. In that area, populations of native trout

are being monitored, along with a focus on returning historic fish spawning and feeding areas to a more natural environment.

Controlling how fast and how much water moves through the hydropower project can support the survival of fish at different life stages, in addition to other aquatic life that live in the nearby waterways. In addition, monitoring water quality throughout the project calls for including dissolved oxygen,

temperature, turbidity, and total dissolved gas as a way to help understand and protect the aquatic environment.

Other issues identified in the license include terrestrial wildlife, recreation facilities, public education, vegetation management, historic and cultural resources, along with transmission line management, roads, waste areas, staging areas, fire response, and suppression.

Predicting dam removal costs

Tool analyzes 55 years of decommissionings

By Sean Nealon, OSU
Scientists analyzed more than 650 dam removal projects over 55 years in the United States totaling \$1.52 billion inflation-adjusted dollars to develop a tool to better estimate the cost of future dam removals.

The analysis arrives at a time of increasing awareness of the disruptive impact dams can have on ecosystems, while thousands of dams are increasingly being removed because they are aging, unsafe, no longer serving their original purpose, or in need of costly repairs and maintenance.

"We are transitioning from a period of building dams to one that includes removing dams," said Jeffrey Duda, a research ecologist with U.S. Geological Survey's Western Fisheries Research Center. "But estimating costs of removing dams is a challenge, which makes it difficult to weigh when dam removal may be a viable alternative."

Duda and scientists from the USGS, Oregon State University, the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and

the University of Georgia, begin to unravel those challenges in a paper just published in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*.

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Glines Canyon dam removal on September 3, 2014.

Bedrock Fire is causing concerns

Cause of blaze near Fall Creek under investigation

Fire investigators with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service are seeking the public's assistance with any tips or information pertinent to the start of the Bedrock Fire. Reported on July 22nd, the wildfire is located in the Willamette National Forest's Middle Fork Ranger District, approximately 36 miles east of Springfield.

The fire started near the Bedrock Campground, off of Forest Road 18 in the Fall Creek area. This week over 720 emergency responders have supported suppression efforts on the fire, along with nine aircraft.

Officials report 3% of the fire perimeter has been designated as "contained," which designates a section of the line when there is little to no probability of re-ignition. The contained section is located south of Big Fall Creek Road on the west edge of the fire zone.

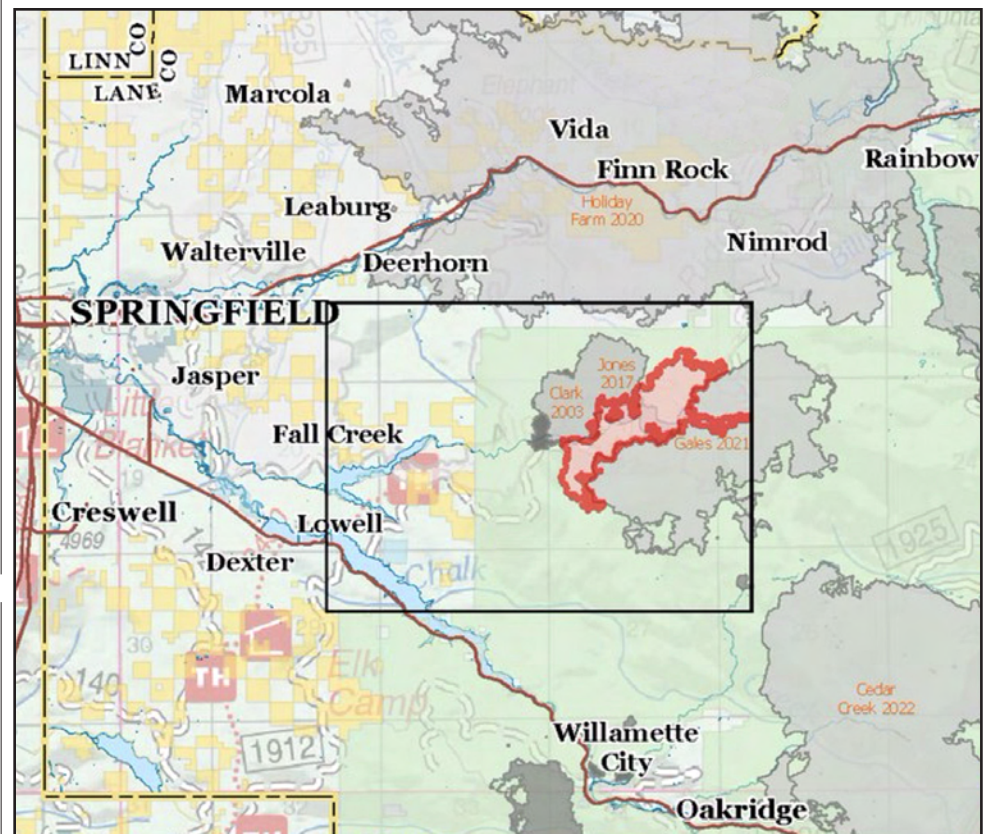
Details of the abatement actions taken

include a combination of mechanical methods like masticators and work by crews with chainsaws and hand tools cutting vegetation. That process prepares an area for burning off residual fuels along the line to consume them. "This prevents the fire from burning intensely along the line, reducing the chance of fire crossing the containment line," according to a fire official. "Firefighters then extinguish all heat near the fire line to complete the work needed to achieve containment."

Temperatures have been averaging in the 80-degree range and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the upper 30 percent range. Slightly warmer weather is expected later this week. Although cloud cover is forecast to increase, any rain remains unlikely.

Smoke from the Bedrock Fire will continue to spread into central Oregon, caus-

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Encompassing 10,659 acres as of Tuesday, the Bedrock Fire (in red) is near a number of fire scars from previously burned areas (in gray).

Bottle Boys add to Park rebound

BLUE RIVER: The Bottle Boys have stepped up to provide a generous donation to support the much-needed maintenance and mowing of the Blue River Park grounds. As soon as the fire restrictions ease up, the park will be mowed and weeded, thanks to the kind contribution from the Bottles Boys.

Over the past year, the **Park rebound - Page 10**



Bottle Boys Pete Petty and Monty Wilson, center and right, presented a check to park treasurer Tony Casad.

Guest Opinion

Takeaways from federal judge's injunction concerning social media companies

By Ken Paulson

Does the federal government have the right to encourage social media companies to bar posts that it contends offer false, misleading or potentially dangerous health information to the public?

That's the issue at the heart of a case in which U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty issued an injunction ordering the federal government to refrain from — in his words — “contacting social media companies for the purpose of urging, encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner, the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech posted on social-media platforms.”

It's a broad order in a case in the early stages of litigation, and it's unusual for a number of reasons:

* The social media companies are not plaintiffs in this case. In virtually every First Amendment case involving media, the plaintiff is someone who contends that the government has limited his or her free speech. Instead, this case was filed by Republican attorneys general from Louisiana and Missouri alleging that pressure from the government on social media companies infringed on the First Amendment rights of social me-

dia users.

* If a social media company censors content on its site, it's not a First Amendment violation. The First Amendment protects us from government actions, not those of private companies. The plaintiffs are claiming that government pressure makes any removal of posts unconstitutional, even though an independent decision by a social media company would not be actionable.

* The judge has apparently already made up his mind. Although this case is at an early stage and there is a trial ahead, Judge Doughty made a point of issuing his ruling on the 4th of July. That in itself is very unusual, but came into focus with Doughty's colorful opinion, which noted that “evidence produced thus far depicts an almost dystopian scenario. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a period perhaps best characterized by widespread doubt and uncertainty, the United States Government seems to have assumed a role similar to an Orwellian ‘Ministry of Truth.’” A judge citing George Orwell's novel 1984 before even hearing testimony is not a good sign for the government. In rejecting a request on July 10 to place his order on hold, Doughty also said he believed the government would lose the case.

* The judge's order is far-reaching and in some respects unprecedented. As Jameel Jaffer, the



executive director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, told The New York Times, “It can't be that the government violates the First Amendment simply by engaging with the platforms about their content-moderation decisions and policies ... If that's what the court is saying here, it's a pretty radical proposition that isn't supported by the case law.” The language is broad and would seem to bar government speech that attempts to “discourage” the posting or publication of content protected under the First Amendment. As a

newspaper editor for many years, I know firsthand how often government officials call news media to urge them not to publish constitutionally protected articles, either because they have a self-interest or claim to have a government interest. Were my free-press rights violated? I always had the right to ignore the calls, just as social media companies do. If the government ordered Facebook to take down posts, that would be a clear violation of the First Amendment, but where do expressions of concern fall?

Government lawyers have char-

acterized the judge's injunction as a gag order on the federal government and have filed a request for an emergency stay with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. (Update: The Associated Press reported that the 5th Circuit on July 14 temporarily paused Doughty's order.)

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Dam removal costs

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“The results help us get beyond the common perception of ‘every dam removal is different,’” said Desiree Tullos, a water resources engineer at Oregon State. “That's still true, but these databases give us a sense of the common and divergent features of dam removals across the U.S.”

“When working through detailed costs with practitioners, we found that height isn't always the best predictor of cost. Other factors like site restoration, mitigation of potential negative impacts of dam removal, and sediment management can be major cost drivers, and those are often dependent on the preferences of local regulators and interested parties.”

The number of dams removed in the United States has increased significantly over the past 50 years. For four 10-year periods beginning in 1976 and ending in 2015, the number of dams removed jumped from 45 to 139 to 313 to 637, according to past research by Duda, Tullos, and others.

Now, as part of the 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the federal government is awarding \$733 million for dam safety projects, including dam removals. A recent estimate predicted that by 2050 between 4,000 and 32,000

more dams will be removed in the United States.

For the new paper, the researchers compiled reported costs for 668 dams removed from 1965 to 2020 in the United States. When adjusted for inflation into 2020 dollars, the projects totaled \$1.52 billion dollars.

They divided the dams removed into three height categories: less than 5 meters, between 5 and 10 meters, and greater than 10 meters. The median cost respectively for the three categories was \$157,000, \$823,000, and \$6.2 million.

They also analyzed geographic differences in dam removals. The northeast accounted for the most dam removals with 277, followed by the Midwest (222), Southwest (78), Northwest (50), and Southeast (41). More than 80% of the dams were five meters or less.

The Northwest accounted for the highest cost, totaling \$775.8 million, more than triple the second-place Midwest. The cost in the Northwest is influenced by several recent large-scale projects on the Elwha and Clark Fork rivers in Washington and Montana.

The researchers also estimated the main cost drivers of dam removal. Dam height was the strongest predictor, followed by aver-

age river discharge and project complexity, which accounts for costs associated with construction and sediment management, mitigation for dam removal effects, and post-removal outcomes like replanting vegetation in former reservoir surfaces. Regional differences and dam material were also significant but less important factors.

In the coming years, the researchers plan to incorporate additional data as new projects and reported costs become available, with the goal of further refining the predictive accuracy of a machine-learning model.

“The model is going to get better and better and further help decision-makers as they grapple with how to manage the large number of dams approaching obsolescence,” Duda said.

Other co-authors of the paper are Suman Jumani, Daniel Wiefelich, S. Kyle McKay, Timothy Randle, Alvin Jansen, Susan Bailey, Benjamin L. Jensen, Rachelle Johnson, Ella Wagner, Kyla Richards, Seth Wenger, Eric Walther, and Jennifer Bountry.

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READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases
7/25	79	61	0	372cfs
7/26	83	52	0	367 cfs
7/27	81	51	0	367 cfs
7/28	83	51	0	367 cfs
7/29	80	54	0	372 cfs
7/30	82	52	0	367 cfs
7/31	84	52	0	367 cfs

READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
7/25	84	54	0	2,080 cfs
7/26	82	49	0	2,100 cfs
7/27	81	49	0	2,156 cfs
7/28	85	50	0	2,060 cfs
7/29	84	50	0	2,060 cfs
7/30	82	50	0	2,040 cfs
7/31	85	48	0	2,040 cfs

Friday 8/4

McKenzie Valley
Mostly Sunny
15% chance precip
High: 90 Low: 55

Santiam Pass
Mostly Sunny
25% chance precip
High: 87 Low: 54

Saturday 8/5

McKenzie Valley
Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 92 Low: 57

Santiam Pass
Mostly Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 89 Low: 56

Sunday 8/6

McKenzie Valley
Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 94 Low: 58

Santiam Pass
Mostly Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 92 Low: 58

Sheriff's Report

July 19: 8:23 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller advised that someone had covered up the security cameras attached to the caller's residence. The caller also heard a scraping sound.

July 20: 10:37 a.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd. A dump truck was observed speeding through the school zone.

July 22: 9:11 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 44300 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller overheard a dispute between a husband and wife. Deputies made contact with the involved and no crime was articulated.

2:46 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A caller reported that their neighbor punched and knocked over the caller's security camera that was on the property line.

6:37 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.11516. Long: -121.85197. A passerby found two abandoned backpacks.

July 23: 12:20 p.m: Burglary - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr. An area business reported that a female driving an early 90's red sedan stole some property from a carport. Most of the property was recovered when it was found abandoned at another location.

12:46 p.m: Assault - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported being assaulted by her daughter while helping her daughter move.

10:54 p.m: suspicious vehicle - 90600 blk, Marcola Rd. A silver Buick Century was parked in the area for over 30 minutes.

July 24: 2:09 a.m: Alarm, Audible - 56800 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:34 a.m: Blocked Driveway - 92000 blk, Spicer Ln.

6:57 a.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

10:05 a.m: Traffic Hazard - 55700 blk, McK. River Dr.

11:42 a.m: Civil Standby -

38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

1:41 p.m: Fraud - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller advised that a person known to the caller contacted Verizon and pretended to be the caller.

3:04 p.m: Lost Property - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

7:42 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between neighbors.

10:59 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Marcola Rd. mp 15.

July 25: 2:47 a.m: Illegal Dump - Lat: 44.06059. Long: -122.96533.

2:55 p.m: Civil Service - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

4:47 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. Verbal dispute between former spouses.

8:09 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

July 26: 10:37 a.m: Stalking Complaint - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:02 a.m: Hit & Run - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

12:13 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, no injury - Queen St. & Marcola Rd.

12:02 p.m: Found Property - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:58 p.m: Dog at Large - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

3:06 p.m: Assault - 8000 blk, Continued On Page 9

McK. Hwy.

3:26 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.

5:07 p.m: Assist Motorist - McK. Hwy. & Thompson Resort Rd.

5:27 p.m: Civil Service - 93700 blk, Marcola Rd.

8:32 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91800 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

8:36 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 56400 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller advised that he picked up his 18-year-old son and found him to be intoxicated.

July 27: 1:32 a.m: Suspicious Subject - Whitmore St. & A St. He was described as being bald and wearing glasses, a button up shirt, board shorts, and carrying a satchel.

12:25 p.m: Suspicious Continued On Page 10

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July 24: 16:55: 42938 Leaburg Dr. Public Assist. Patient Refusal.

17:16: McK. Hwy. Mp. 27 Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Refusal.

July 25: 17:53: 42000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

20:29: 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. False Alarm. Investigated, No Fire Found.

22:42: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 26: 15:10: 8000 blk, McK. Hwy. Assist Police. Disregarded by Dispatch.

July 27: 6:06: 35000 blk, Block Camp Creek Rd Fire, Wildland. Fire Extinguished.

18:20: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Patient Refusal.

19:24: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Cancelled by Medic Prior To Arrival.

July 28: 2:44: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

8:26: 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:22: 39000 blk, Deerrhorn Rd Unregulated Equipment. Informed About Current Level/Home Owner Complied.

July 29: 21:45: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Water Rescue. Disregarded En Route by Dispatch.

July 30: 17:33: 88000 blk, Miller Ave Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.

19:36: 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 21st at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 25: 10:31: Medical - 54000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

22:42: Medical - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

July 27: 13:20: Medical - Paradise Campground. Female patient.

August 1: 14:03: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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By Slim Randles

Doc isn't even sure why he did it. For days afterwards, people would talk about it, then smile and shake their heads and just say "Oh, that Doc..."

The whole thing came up on the spur of the moment. Doc and Mrs. Doc were planning to go out of town for a few days and needed several hundred dollars in cash, so Doc dropped by the bank to take it out.

He drew Ardis Richardson as his teller, after he wound his way through the bank's roped rat maze, and told her how much he needed.

Then, on an impulse, he leaned forward and whispered, "Ardis, I need that in small, unmarked bills, please."

"Unmarked, Doc?"

"My squirrel's life depends on it."

Ardis's mouth dropped open. That should have stopped Doc, but it didn't.

"They said if I wanted to see him alive again, the bills would have to be unmarked."

She stared.

"Have you ever seen how cute he is when he sits up and eats a nut and his whiskers twitch? I mean, right now I can picture his big fluffy tail and those eyes ... those eyes.... Oh my..."

"Doc ... I didn't know," she said.

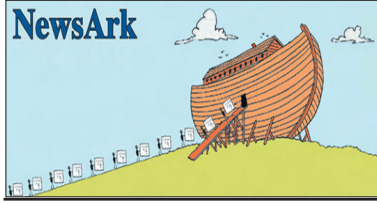
He nodded sadly. "I can hardly bear looking at his little squirrel bed, sitting there empty, and his squirrel food dish, with only half his meal gone. I really have no choice."

Ardis gave him the money. The sheriff came by Doc's office to make sure everything was all right. Mrs. Miller across the street from Steve's house sent a five-dollar donation to Doc to help rescue the squirrel. Pop Walker down at the Rest of Your Life home volunteered to get his gun and polish off every squirrel-napper in the county.

Doc, you see, doesn't have a squirrel.

Mrs. Doc thought this weekend away from home came not a moment too soon.

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Blue town reminiscences



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Blue River's "Hotel Sparks" offered upscale accommodations and a saloon, surely enjoyed by miners from Gold Hill.



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Workers at the Blue River veneer mill, above, had some off the job activities to look forward to in the 50s, like the playbill at the town's movie theater.



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Step four in a dream - A true public library

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By Jacquie Long

From a few stacks of books in her living room to shelves in a small brown shack, and finally to a large two-room collection, Mrs. O'Brien's Blue River Library continues to grow, and is now known nationally. Mrs. O'Brien and her husband, Orel, saw the need for a library in the McKenzie River area more than a decade ago. They began their dream of building one in 1970. After Mr. O'Brien's death in 1971, Mrs. O'Brien continued working on that dream alone.

She calls the library's present stage, with the recent addition to the building, "the fourth step of my dream." The first three steps of the dream were the library's previous stages, in her home, in the brown shack, and then in a new building before the new addition.

Mrs. O'Brien hopes to add a fifth step to her dream some day.

"But that's as far as I go!" she laughs.

The Blue River Library is operated in a unique way. There are no late fines, no due dates, no membership fees.

"I tell people just to bring the books back when they've finished, and it works very well," said Mrs. O'Brien.

"And the library is always open, whether I'm around or not," she

added.

Without money from such things as late fines the library exists solely through donations. Mrs. O'Brien said the library has received books from all over the United States, and even one box from Hanoi.

"The books continue to come in," she said, "and I'm getting second and third boxes from people who have contributed earlier."

"Then there's more publicity about the library, and so other people send in books, which brings more publicity. It's really a growing thing. As the number of books increases, so does the interest," she said.

The library includes some very unusual, rare and often expensive books. Mrs. O'Brien keeps these books with all the others, on the shelves, rather than in an enclosed case.

"People should be able to read these books: that's why they were donated to the library," she said, "and it's gratifying to me that people are willing to put them here for others to use."

"Once I saw a man coming down the library steps, and I never saw anyone smiling any more than he did. He said he was so thrilled at what he'd found and I

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Attention Leaburg Lake and McKenzie River homeowners



Attention Leaburg Lake and McKenzie River homeowners. We need to show EWEB we want the Leaburg Dam and Lake saved and need ingress/egress to our homes without spending millions of dollars rerouting, widening and blasting mountains in order to make a new road. EWEB voted to decommission the Leaburg canals, which makes no sense as they had an article in the Register Guard 7-18-2023 stating they need to find a way to generate more power. There is no reason to dismantle the dam and drain Leaburg Lake, it does not generate power. They recently spent 5.2 million dollars rebuilding the roll gates on the dam and 7.6 million dollars building a substation in Leaburg. Thousands of people use this lake every year for recreation. These families cannot afford to hire a guide to take them on the river every week. We gathered 1100 signatures on a petition to "Save the Lake" last fall in just 3 weeks from folks using the lake. If this tourist attraction goes away, businesses are going to suffer and be forced to close. Tourism is the main economy for the McKenzie Recreational Valley.

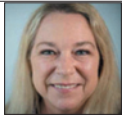
Removing the Leaburg Dam would also be taking away a historical landmark for this valley.

Join us at the EWEB Board meetings. The first Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 pm at 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene 97402. You can voice your concerns at the meetings by signing up at 5:30 pm for a 3- minute space. We need bodies at these meetings to show EWEB we are not giving in.

"Save Leaburg Lake" members meet at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month at the Vida Windermere Office in Vida. For more information you can call Nadine Scott 541-915-0807 or email nadine@windermere.com to join our email list

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Oregon won't see full effect of emerald ash borer for years



Wyatt Williams, ODF

Photo by Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry. Crown dieback is as symptom of an emerald ash borer infestation.

By Kym Pokorny
In the year since the emerald ash bud borer was detected in Oregon, questions have been pouring in about what to do if an ash tree becomes infested.

Currently, the emerald ash borer has been found in trees only in Washington County, where a quarantine prohibits moving ash (*Fraxinus*) or fringe tree (*Chionanthus*) wood in or out of the area. Dave Shaw, a forest health specialist with the Oregon State University Extension Service, encourages homeowners to not take down their ash trees before they are infested or unless the insect has been detected nearby.

It could be years before emerald ash borers find your tree, Shaw said, which then takes several years to die after being infested. Observations from the eastern United States, where the beetle was first detected in 2002, suggest that trees in areas where the infestation has started take longer to die than in areas where the insect is well-established. When the emerald ash borer is confirmed, though, the tree needs to be removed before it becomes a hazard.

Homeowners have the option of using a systemic pesticide to keep the insects at bay, but once the beetles arrive, pesticides won't kill them, Shaw said. And applications are expensive and must be repeated every two to

three years, he said, comparing the use of chemicals to using a Band-Aid.

"If you just have one tree and can afford it and don't mind the pesticides, they are available, but the most effective treatments must be applied by licensed professionals, and both the product, and the labor add up quickly," he said. "There's also the issue of pollinator health. Once a systemic pesticide is applied it travels through the entire tree and pollinators can take it up."

If a homeowner or woodland owner chooses to use a pesticide, a list can be found in the Extension article "What to do about emerald ash borer: Recommendations for tree protection in EAB-infested areas."

Symptoms of an emerald ash borer infestation are a dying crown, sucker shoots growing from the trunk or base of the tree, D-shaped holes in the bark, splitting back, and S-shaped areas underneath the bark. Often, you'll notice holes in the trunk made by sapsuckers trying to get to the insects' larvae. Many other pests cause the same symptoms, but in summer, adult insects will be visible for identification.

Public agencies and landowners are determining what trees can be planted to replace native trees. Homeowners can start to prepare by researching what tree to plant as a replacement.

Heather Stoven, OSU

Extension horticulturist, said the first thing to think about is "right tree, right place." Choose wisely by considering your site's sun exposure, soil, nearby structures, and overhead power lines. Ask nursery professionals or the Master Gardeners in your area for recommendations. If you're planting in a parking strip, it's important to obtain a permit from the city where you live, Stoven said.

Many trees would be a fine replacement for ash, Stoven said. Her top 10 concentrate on mid-size shade trees.

Dogwood (*Cornus*): For its stunning white, pink, or red flowers that cover the tree in spring. Some, like Japanese dogwood (*Cornus kousa*), have nice fall color. Oregon's native Pacific dogwood is an understory tree and needs some shade so won't be appropriate in many situations. Hardy to Zone 5.

Ginkgo: For its fan-shaped leaves, buttery yellow fall color, and drought tolerance. Hardy to Zone 3.

Hornbeam (*Carpinus*): For its blazing fall colors in orange and red, drought tolerance, and attractiveness to wildlife. Hardy to Zone 3.

Magnolia: For its beautiful, fluted flowers in white, pink or yellow. Some are fragrant and some have attractive fall colors. Hardy to Zone 5.

Maple (*Acer*): For its brilliant fall color, distinctive foliage and some are drought tolerant. Native vine maple and Rocky Mountain maple are small, understory trees and may not work as an ash alternative. Hardy to Zone 4.

Oak (*Quercus*): For its familiar lobed leaves, vivid fall color, wildlife value and some are drought tolerant. Native Oregon white oak and California black oak are two possibilities, though they can get up to 80 feet so be sure you have the room. Hardy to Zone 5 or 6, depending on the species.

Snowbell (*Styrax*): For its graceful pendulous bell-shaped white flowers that cover the tree in May and June. Hardy to Zone 5.

Tupelo (*Nyssa*): For its striking red fall color, bird habitat, and tough demeanor that tolerates pollution, salt, and poor soils. Hardy to Zone 4.

Yellowwood (*Cladrastis*): For its showy fragrant, white or pink flowers and clear yellow fall color. Hardy to Zone 4.

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



QUILTING BEES, OLD & NEW

As I read my grandfather's writings, *Fifty Years Ago, Rural Life from 1876*, I was delighted to realize he'd included information about his mother's quilting at Trails End Farm. I knew, from this, that my quilting heritage definitely traced back to my great grandmother, Mary Barker Coon.

Papa Coon, as our family referred to Burton Barker Coon, writer and farmer, mentioned the women getting together for afternoon tea and cutting out pieces for quilt blocks. "They would take their sewing along and have a very pleasant time. All the girls were brought up to piece quilts, bake bread and do all kinds of housework, he related.

Quilting Bees

of Grandpa's Childhood
Then he mentioned "quilting bees" that were common in his childhood. "The quilting frames would be brought down from the garret, the middle of the sitting room cleared, the frames put together with clamps, and the corners laid on the backs of four chairs. Then the quilt, pieced perhaps by a daughter in the family, would be stretched on the frame, the cotton batting inserted, and all would be ready for the bee."

He told how four or five neighborhood ladies came to

help. "Needles and tongues would vie with each other in making bed spreads and history," he wrote.

Souvenir Quilts

Papa Coon called each quilt a "sort of souvenir piece" of discarded clothing in the family.

He described the quilts: "I could see them all in stately array. There were no loud patterns. The figures were small and the colors very bright and lasting."

From my mother's tales of sewing get-togethers when she was a child and Mary Barker Coon an elderly lady, I imagined my great grandmother stitching quilts in her younger days.

Modern Quilting Bees

My daughter Beth and a group of friends have been getting together for quilting and fabric arts. Some of them have moved to other areas of the country so they get together via Zoom and have periodic chats and "show and tell" of their projects.

The few who live locally get together for outings - visiting a quilting exhibit at a regional gallery and having lunch at a favorite restaurant.

GRANDMOTHER'S MOLASSES COOKIES - This was a recipe found in my aunt's cooking notebook and was her grandmother's recipe. Cream together 1 cup shortening with 1/4-

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

On Standby



Anthony Tran

My wife of 35 years has fallen in love again with her old college boyfriend. I am 61, and she is 58. We have three grown children. Her boyfriend is 59, married, with two grown children.

They had not communicated since college. A year ago, they met at a class reunion. Since then, they have constantly talked on the phone. I know about their communication because my wife told me. However, last December my wife became secretive.

One night I heard her saying "I love you" to him. When I confronted my wife, she admitted she loved him, but she still loves me, too. She said she's not going to leave me and break up the family. She begged me not to leave or stop loving her.

As a compromise, we agreed he can call her once in a while if he has important news about their

classmates. She would not call him, as I reiterated to her that would be a violation of trust. However, a month later I overheard them talking. Again, she begged me not to give up on her.

I talked to my wife's boyfriend, and he assured me he was not trying to break up our family. He can wait until she is free, meaning if I die. If that happens, then they can pursue their dreams together. If not, then it's not meant to be.

I love my wife and trust her with anything but her long-distance love affair. He lives halfway across the country. They haven't had physical involvement yet, but despite its absence, I am deeply hurt. Shall I leave her, give up on her, or wait and see?

Harry

Harry, your wife has shattered your world and your relationship with her. Even if she stays, you will wonder about her reasons.

She didn't wake up the day of the reunion a different person. She was already at a point where there was room for this to occur. When your wife talks to her boyfriend, you are not there. She and her unrestrained feelings are there.

Relationships can become a habit, like putting your hat in the same place each time you come home. That does not reflect some deep emotion. It's just a habit.

Habits can mask many feelings, the lack of feeling, or the longing for something else. That is why you may not feel you saw this coming because she was maintaining most of her habits as your wife.

Love is like a race. We all want to finish first. You cannot be forced into second place and feel good about yourself. The longer you are passive, the worse you will feel because you will be letting two other people decide what your life will be like.

You must decide how much contact, if any, you can accept. You must decide if certain boundaries are crossed, and what you will do. You must decide what is acceptable for you, or if a boundary has already been crossed from which there is no return.

Tamara

Simple Answers

I have been seeing this fellow for the past year. He says he has a love for me and feels comfortable with me.

He mentioned when he is around me, he thinks of someone dear to his heart. I asked, "Who?" He said, "My mother." I asked, "Is that why you can't have sex with me because you see your mother?" He said, "Yes." Where does that leave me?

Zora

Zora, more than a century ago, William James talked about the psychologist's fallacy. What he meant was that people are inclined to view everything as some sort of psychological problem to be

solved.

Things are often a lot simpler than that. He loves you like he loves his mother. You want someone who loves and desires you as a wife. Where does that leave you? In need of a cold shower.

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

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

If Spirits Walk

By Sophie Jewett

"I have heard (but not believed) the spirits of the dead May walk again." Winter's Tale

If spirits walk, Love, when the night climbs slow The slant footpath where we were wont to go,

Be sure that I shall take the self-same way

To the hill-crest, and shoreward, down the gray, Sheer, gravelled slope, where vetches straggling grow.

Look for me not when gusts of

winter blow,

When at thy pane beat hands of sleet and snow;

I would not come thy dear eyes to affray,

If spirits walk.

But when, in June, the pines are whispering low, And when their breath plays with thy bright hair so

As some one's fingers once were used to play—

That hour when birds leave song, and children pray, Keep the old tryst, sweetheart, and thou shalt know

If spirits walk.

Sophie Jewett, "If Spirits Walk" from *The Poems of Sophie Jewett*, edited by Louise Rogers Jewett and Mary Whiton Calkins. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. 1910. Public domain.

Born in Moravia, New York, poet Sophie Jewett was the daughter of a country doctor. Her early writing was enhanced by her experiences traveling to England and Italy. Her poetry often finds its shape in the sonnet form, and frequently takes as its subject intimacy between women. In 1889 Jewett began a career teaching English at Wellesley College.

Jewett's poetry collections include *The Pilgrim*, and *Other Poems* (1896) and *God's Troubadour* (1903), as well as a translation from Middle English of *The Pearl* (1908).

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- 54. *At the end of a hot pepper or many a sweet potato
- 56. Cruising
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Events from Aug 3rd

Submit Event



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Summer Reading Program

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Thu Jul 13th 11:00am - Sat Dec 16th 12:00pm

STORY TIME

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



Fri Jul 14th 4:00pm - Thu Aug 3rd 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

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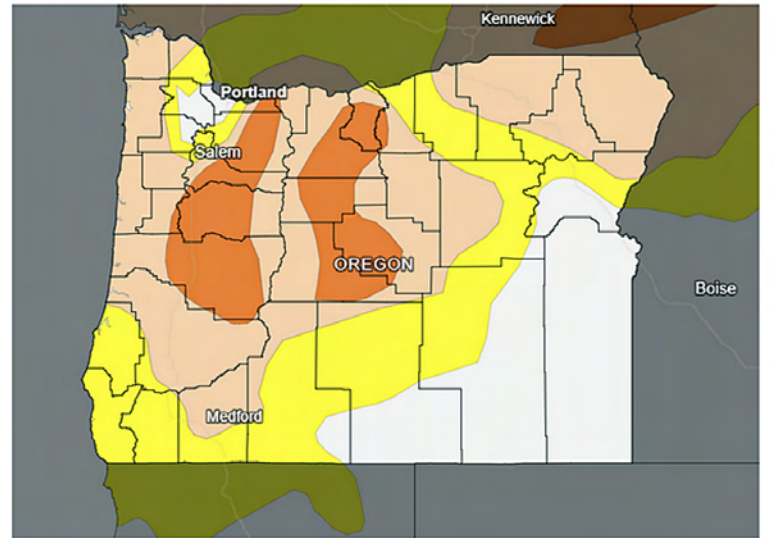
The Pacific Northwest has seen a significant increase in human-caused wildfires compared to the same period last year. Since June 1, there have already been 197 human-caused or undetermined caused fire starts that have impacted National Forest lands in Oregon and Washington. The reasons behind this increase are unknown, but human-caused fires are preventable.

With seasonal lightning storms and gusty winds in the forecast, the risk of lightning-caused fires is also on the rise, further challenging firefighters who are already occupied with suppressing human-caused fire starts.

The ongoing drought in the region exacerbates fire danger. Drought conditions can significantly contribute to the occurrence and severity of wildfires. The combination of dry, hot, and windy weather, along with parched vegetation, creates an environment conducive to the rapid spread of fires.

To illustrate the severity of the drought, a map has been provided

U.S. Drought Monitor: Oregon



Drought & Dryness Categories

Drought & Dryness Categories	% of OR
D0 - Abnormally Dry	26.9%
D1 - Moderate Drought	36.2%
D2 - Severe Drought	12.6%
D3 - Extreme Drought	0.0%
D4 - Exceptional Drought	0.0%
Total Area in Drought (D1-D4)	48.8%

below, showing the number of days since the last wetting rain (defined as precipitation of more than 0.10 inches over an entire area) as of July 26. Maps depicting

the drought conditions in Oregon and Washington are also included to provide a visual representation of the current situation.

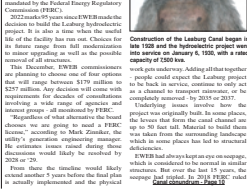
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Rafter drowned near Paradise Campground
 MCKENZIE RIVER: On Sunday, an angler was killed while fishing at Paradise Campground near the McKenzie River and Paradise Campground. Paradise Campground is located just north of the McKenzie River and Paradise Campground. The victim was identified as [Name], 48, of [Address]. He was found floating in the river about 100 yards from the campground. The cause of death is being investigated by Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Sam Squatch named Guide of the Year
 Pacific Northwest Outdoors annual 2022 pick
 SQUATCH: Early in 1971, when the Pacific Northwest Outdoors magazine was founded, Sam Squatch was named Guide of the Year. He has since become a well-known figure in the outdoor community. He is currently a guide at [Location].

Hatchery salmon returning nutrients to waterways
 Owners warned to keep dogs away from carcasses
 MCKENZIE RIVER: The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is encouraging anglers to keep their dogs away from hatchery salmon carcasses. The carcasses are rich in nutrients and can be harmful to the environment if not properly disposed of.



Can we live with wildfires?
 Documentary film explores what could be done
 MCKENZIE RIVER: A new documentary film titled "Can We Live With Wildfires?" explores the challenges of living in a fire-prone region. The film features interviews with experts and residents of the McKenzie River Valley.

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NOTICE OF HOLIDAY FARM FIRE RECOVERY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Notice is hereby given that the Holiday Farm Fire Recovery PIER Funding Selection Committee will hold a public meeting with opportunity for public testimony on THURSDAY AUGUST 10TH at 3 p.m.

What is PIER funding?
 Federal funding in the form of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, will soon become available to support recovery from the Holiday Farm Fire. A portion of these funds, \$7.9 million, will be available for Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Recovery (PIER) activities in the Holiday Farm Fire footprint. A Selection Committee is tasked with proposing priority uses for these funds to support wildfire recovery in the McKenzie River Valley.

Who makes up the Selection Committee?
 The committee is made up of wildfire survivors, disaster recovery partners, and special districts and includes representatives from Rural Development Initiatives, McKenzie Community Land Trust, Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District, McKenzie Track and Field, McKenzie Fire and Rescue, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, McKenzie Community Partners, McKenzie Food Pantry, McKenzie School District, McKenzie Discovery Center, McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals, Eugene Water and Electric Board, and Lane County. The group will formally vote on priorities during upcoming meetings including this one set for August 10th.

Meeting Details:
 This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with in-person and remote call-in options from 3-5:30 p.m. Please call or email staff contact below for meeting link. The in-person meeting will be held at the McKenzie River Community School, 51187 Blue River Drive, Finn Rock, Oregon 97488.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:
 Written comments should be directed to the staff contact listed below prior to the meeting or submitted at the public meeting on August 10th, 2023. Written comments will be accepted until the close of the public meeting. Oral statements and testimony must be given at the public meeting either in person or by calling in. If you are interested in providing public testimony, please notify the staff contact below to help staff plan sufficient meeting time and space to accommodate everyone. For questions or additional information, please call or email the staff contact.

Future Meetings:
 Future meetings of the Holiday Farm Fire Recovery PIER Funding Selection Committee will also be open to the public, provide an opportunity for testimony, and be publicly noticed. Those interested in future meetings can be added to an interested parties list by reaching out to the staff contact.

Staff contact: Megan Heurion, Senior Program Services Coordinator
 Lane County Administration Policy Division
 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401
 541-852-8259, megan.m.heurion@lanecounty.gov

Persons needing special accommodation (e.g. in-person accommodation, hearing impaired, language translation, chemical sensitivity needs, and large print copies of the agenda or other application materials) are instructed to submit their request at least 48 business hours prior to the meeting by calling Megan Heurion at 541-852-8259 or emailing megan.m.heurion@lanecounty.gov



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Park rebound

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park district has been working on a Wildfire Recovery Master Plan, taking into account feedback gathered from surveys. The Overall Plan, with assistance from the National Park Service and Kerry Landford, has been completed. Details are posted on the park's official website, Blueriverpark.com, under the section "Latest Plans."

In addition, park officials have taken steps to enhance the site's natural beauty and rejuvenate its environment. 1,800 new plants have been planted along the riparian area to create a vibrant and eco-friendly atmosphere. Other work included clearing the back 4 acres of Scotch Broom and small burnt trees, while on the East side, overgrown blackberries have now been mowed.

People entering the park can use a gravel parking lot on their way

to the tennis court, a cherished feature, that has been given a thorough cleaning. And there's good news for travelers too, because a new RV rental spot has been constructed to contribute toward a dedicated maintenance fund.

To support the overall project management and funding, the Park District has been actively collaborating with Lane County. This collaboration bore fruit when the park was awarded a \$70,000 grant, for the installation of much-needed restrooms in the park next spring.

Park district treasurer Tony Casad said "board is brimming with enthusiasm over the remarkable progress achieved so far, and they are eagerly looking forward to the park's successful recovery and transformation. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support and self-

lessness of volunteers and donors like the Blue River Bottles Boys. Their dedication to the welfare of the community and the park is truly commendable."

People who share the same passion for preserving and enhancing Blue River Park can make a contribution on the park's website, along with other opportunities to get involved.

"Together, we can continue to nurture and safeguard this cherished haven for future generations to come," Casad said. "Let's unite and celebrate the spirit of the McKenzie community, making Blue River Park a symbol of resilience and generosity."

Quote of the Week

"By the time you're 80 years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."

George Burns

Bedrock Fire

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ing some areas to experience "unhealthy" conditions. Smoke from the Flat Fire and other fires is also impacting many areas.

The Forest Service asks that the public recall any information, photography, or videos they may have from their visit to the area where

the fire began on July 22. Any information can assist investigators in determining the cause of the fire.

Please submit any information that could assist fire investigation efforts to SM.FS.R6TipHotLine@usda.gov.

Emerald ash borer

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Zelkova: For its distinctive fall color in shades of yellow, orange, deep red to reddish purple. It's also tough, drought-tolerant, and has gray-brown bark that often exfoliates to expose an orangish inner bark. Hardy to Zone 5.

The Oregon Department of agriculture and forestry is monitoring the Forest Grove discovery site and trapping insects to monitor how far and fast it is spreading. Properly identifying emerald ash borer is essential to help track and slow its spread. If you see one, report it to the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline. OSU Extension Emerald ash borer resources include photos of the beetle and articles on protecting trees, identifying ash trees, FAQs, alternatives to ash in their native habitat, and more.

When emerald ash borers spread across Oregon, their effect on ash trees will be devastating, Shaw said. Based on what's been observed in the eastern United States, he said it's likely that 99% of Oregon's ash trees will disappear. That includes both

the trees that enhance urban and suburban areas, but also the native ash that grows in riparian areas along waterways and cool and filter the water for fish, Shaw said.

The insect has destroyed over 100 million ash trees in the eastern U.S. Research is underway in many areas of the country to find a biological or chemical application to halt emerald ash borer, but so far there's no cure for a tree infested by the beetle. It can take up to six years for the tree to die, but eventually, it will be killed, Shaw said.

"We have a small region where it is concentrated," Shaw said. "ODA is trying to keep it in that zone. They've ringed Forest Grove with trap trees - trees you girdle to cause high stress. These beetles are more attracted to stressed trees. If they find any, they'll destroy them. That's one way we can try to control the population. They are also releasing parasitoid wasps that feed on emerald ash borer. We hope these practices help. We're not going to roll over."

Sheriff's Report

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Conditions - 39600 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that former tenants are believed to be returning to a vacant residence.

12:35 p.m: Animal Bite - 40900 blk, McK. Hwy. Two German shepherds are reported to have bitten a postal worker.

1:09 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

2:13 p.m: Speeding Motorcycle - McK. River Dr. & McK. Hwy.

3:49 p.m: Lockout - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:25 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

6:21 p.m: Dog at Large - 55100 blk, McK. River Dr.

6:46 p.m: Civil Service - 91100 blk, McCauley St.

6:51 p.m: Civil Service - 52600 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:03 p.m: Assist, Information - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

7:03 p.m: Civil Service - 54900 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:09 p.m: Screaming - 89200 blk, Marcola Rd.

July 28: 9:43 a.m: Welfare

Check - 92200 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:41 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller saw a white male in his twenties take a blue bicycle that is sized for a child. The male was approximately 6'00" tall, with brown hair and thin build. He was last seen wearing a dark green or black shirt and 'loose' shorts.

11:39 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

12:00 p.m: Lockout - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

1:00 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 37200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

5:06 p.m: Harassment - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. A caller reported that there is a woman in the area that has been throwing rocks at animals and tried to kick a cat.

July 29: 11:22 a.m: Traffic Signal Malfunction - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

12:06 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

2:19 p.m: Criminal Information - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

3:04 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 35200 blk, McK. View Dr.

3:32 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

4:42 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.11534118. Long: -121.851737.

5:59 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500

blk, McK. Hwy. **9:47 p.m:** Water Rescue - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

July 30: 3:13 a.m: Assault - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

7:47 a.m: Hit & Run - 90300 blk, Shadows Dr.

7:54 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

8:26 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:51 a.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 89400 blk, Hill Rd.

10:56 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 89400 blk, Hill Rd.

11:40 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:19 p.m: Civil Service - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:11 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 3900 blk, Hayden Bridge Rd.

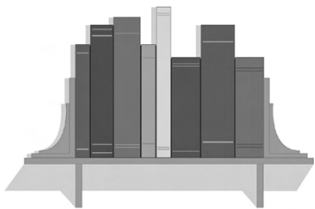
July 31: 3:12 a.m: Arrest - Cedar Flat Rd. & McK. Hwy.

12:42 p.m: Theft - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:35 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 6.

3:36 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - River St. & Blue River Dr.

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



SHELFNOTES FROM LEABURG LIBRARY

AUGUST 2023

* Remembering Joyce *
8:30 am.
“Woo-hoo - Hello? Anybody home?” she called as she let herself in the back door and made her way down the hallway into the kitchen.

“I was just on my way home and thought I’d stop in for a cup a’ coffee,” she said.

Oh - hi,” I said. “Sit down. I’ll make a fresh pot.”

Steve and I exchanged a quick bemused glance that said : ‘Well, at least we were dressed!’

I turned and looked at my friend who, having already settled herself on one of the kitchen stools, was busily arranging her coat and tote bag on the floor.

“What are you two doing today?” she inquired.

You never quite knew when Joyce would pop in, but it was always fun when she did. She never stayed very long, just long enough to remind you what friends are for.

Joyce Brooks died on July 3rd of this year. And when she did, a light went out here on earth.

Joyce was a person of small stature – possibly five feet tall and maybe 100 pounds with all of her winter clothes on. But what she lacked in size, she more than made up for in energy, personality, and kindness. She belonged to practically everything up here on the river : St. Benedict Church, garden club, PEO, Ladies of the Lake, Leaburg Library (volunteer for many years), the Vida Community Center, and probably other things that I don’t know about! For Joyce, it was about giving back. Everything

she did was for other people.

She loved baseball and the Red Sox, since she grew up near Boston. So it was a natural that she should host yearly birthday dinners for Bobby Doerr, Boston’s second-baseman Hall of Famer who lived in Junction City. The fact that she was a marvelous cook didn’t hurt either. Bobby loved those dinners, and he loved Joyce. She was absolutely in her element then, and her ‘joie de vive’ was contagious.

Speaking of hosting : Every summer, the student Brothers from the Roman Catholic Dominican Province in Oakland come to St. Benedict Lodge for three weeks in August as part of their study. And every summer for as long as she lived on the river, they along with members of the St. Benedict community were invited to Joyce’s house for an evening of BBQ, swimming, kayaking and conversation. They were marvelous evenings that left us with unforgettable memories.

Some of us who are lucky enough to have been her friends will remember the summer afternoon gatherings on her deck that just sort of happened. One by one, we each found ourselves pulling into her driveway to spend a few hours talking, laughing, sipping tea or wine or lemonade, and munching on whatever she baked that morning. Many of those friends are now gone, but the warmth of those afternoons lingers in the hearts of us who remain.

Now that’s another thing. With Joyce around, there was never a shortage of cake, cookies, scones, bread, or anything that could

possibly come out of an oven. I sometimes think that folks came to Sunday Mass just to eat the goodies she brought.

What she brought was love. The things she baked were always for someone else. It was her way of sharing the gifts she had.

Cats were as much a part of Joyce’s life as breathing. I don’t think she was ever without at least one cat. Stepping inside her home was like walking into a cat museum. There were cat things everywhere : framed pictures on the walls, cushions embroidered with cat faces, figurines, dishes, knick-knacks, throw pillows and blankets, aprons, and tea towels, all with cats on them! I think she even had a cat cookie jar. And of course there were the actual cats themselves : Snuggles, Cuddles, Charlie, and kitties in her life before we knew her. They were her children, and she loved them completely. There is just something special about someone who is owned by a cat, and Joyce was special.

When she moved away from the river a few years ago, things didn’t feel right. Even though we could still visit her, the karma had been forever altered. Her house wasn’t her house any more. Her place in the bench at church was vacant. She didn’t pop into our house at all hours for a bit of a chat.

And when her body began to fail her and her mind slowly shut down, each of us in our own way quietly said good-bye.

8:30 pm.

I miss my friend. And I will be sad for a time. But I am also so very happy to have known Joyce Brooks, to have loved her and been loved by her.

She was so much more than what could be written here; it would take a book to get it all down properly. But that’s another story.

I love you, Joyce.

I’ll see you at the library.
Marty Mealey, Director

A true public library

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asked why.”

“He held out a book that looked no different from the rest, and he said he and his wife had searched for years for that book. They’d been told the only copy was in Wales, and that copy was under glass.”

“I won’t tell anyone what that book is now, because he says it’s invaluable. He asked me if I were going to leave it on the shelf and I said ‘yes,’ you’re the only one who knows which one it is!”

“These are the things that make this a very interesting library,” she added.

Mrs. O’Brien’s favorite book was donated to the library last summer.

The volume is titled Crater Lake and Its Legend, by Albert Cooper Allen. It is a completely handmade book, bound in a deep blue silk, “as close to the color of Crater Lake as the author could find.”

“To me this is the most valuable book in the library, not for its monetary worth, but for its history,” said Mrs. O’Brien.

Along with her library work, Mrs. O’Brien is a tax consultant,

and the money from that work goes to the library also.

When she finds free time, quilt-making is her hobby. She is working on several quilts recently, including one to be donated to the Blue River Fire Department for a raffle.

Mrs. O’Brien first came to Blue River in 1925, on the auto stage driven by Percy O’Brien, her husband’s brother.

She came from Aurora, Oregon, which she left to become one of the two teachers at the Blue River School then, and had a classroom of 13 students.

She taught there for three years before her marriage, then became a school clerk for the district until her retirement in 1968.

“I’ve always been interested in books though, and the library gives me a wonderful opportunity to look at them.”

Fishing Report

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

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8” to 10” hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 5,166, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

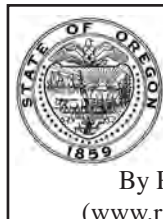
Fish Counts

July 27, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 23,018
Summer Steelhead - 930

Quote of the Week

“The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.”

Muhammad Ali




A Moment in Oregon History


By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

August 3 - During the time of white settlement Chief Paulina was feared more than any other Indian of Central and Eastern Oregon. Paulina was thought to have been a Northern Paiute, a tribe that had inhabited the region for thousands of years. He fought the invasion of white settlers. Paulina was the leader of a band of renegades that made swift and daring raids on settlements and scattered ranches and homesteads. They drove away livestock and stole whatever they could carry, killing anyone who stood in their way. For nearly two decades Paulina evaded capture, and then one day in 1867, while driving a herd of stolen cattle, he was ambushed and killed. But the name of the renegade chief lives on in the white man’s world. Today there are eight geographic features and a town named for Chief Paulina.

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