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With free WiFi leaving, area is exploring options

Oregon Internet Response to pull back in February

Randy Neals, a volunteer with the Oregon Internet Response group says the organization is planning on decommissioning the Emergency WiFi Access network at the end of February.

"Next weekend, Saturday January 23rd,, and Sunday January 24th, OIR teams will be working on the WiFi at the Christian Church and in the parking lot at Blue Sky Market & Takoda's," Neals said.

The group's WiFi access point at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church will transition to being operated by the Church.

"OIR engineers will assist the Church to wire things up so and provide enough access points so that the Church interior and parking lot has WiFi," Neals reports.

Just to the west, plans call for the WiFi at Blue Sky Market/Takoda's Restaurant parking lot to transition to a Charter connection on Sunday. "That will provide much more bandwidth, making things faster." Neals said. "We will add another WiFi access point to boost the WiFi signal over more of the parking lot."

Currently, OIR is evaluating Emergency WiFi at the McKenzie Schools parking lot. The Blue River Relief Center at the school will close in February and the orange Emergency WiFi box there will be decommissioned. OIR internet will still provide a connection for school itself and expectations are a new own fiber-delivered internet connection will be functioning

OIR will be removing the orange antennas from businesses that have had their normal Charter Internet restored. "Rest assured that we're not going to leave anyone without Internet," Neals added.

Looking to the future OIR is talking with the McKenzie Community Development Corporation about WiFi options and whether the non-profit would want to continue the public WiFi sites after Charter and CenturyLink are back up - possibly for improved tour-

"We're in dialog with Doug Toomey at University of Oregon regarding AlertWildfire," Neals said. and whether the solar powered system on Castle Rock could be transitioned to that.

AlertWildfire is a network that monitors for wildfires using cameras and Internet connectivity.

It's possible donations could provide ongoing support for the WiFi service.

For the Christian Church WiFi people can consider making a direct a donation to the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church to help them pay for their Charter Internet bill and for any equipment they may need to maintain the WiFi service in future.

At the Blue Sky/Takoda's WiFi site, Neals said OIR is interested in having a community group take over operation of the system to ensure continued free public access. Estimates are the Charter internet service there would cost about \$100 a month.

It might also be possible to continue access at the Upper Mc-Kenzie Community Center and the Old Fish Hatchery in Leaburg, with public support.

"WiFi locations will be up to the community/community groups.." Neals said. "OIR is happy to support a transition to a community group if you all feel that Free Community WiFi is something you all want to keep."

For more information, email team@emergencywifi.org.

Two arrested for fire related thefts

McKenzie District deputies

The newly established District Deputies assigned to work the McKenzie Valley area have been investigating reports of people going onto fire impacted properties and stealing items, according to Lane County Sheriff's Sergeant Carrie Carver. "One report in particular involved a safe that was left largely intact after the fire," she said. "The owners of the property reported they believed the safe had been tampered with, and that several items from a workshop had been stolen."

Carver said tat through extensive investigation, two suspects were identified.

On November 3rd, 50-year-old Patrick Parvin of Eugene was arrested for Theft in the first degree, Criminal Trespass in the first degree, and Criminal Mischief in the second degree in connection to the burglary on a fire impacted

On January 4th, the second suspect, identified as 42-year-old Gerald Poundstone II, was located in the West Lane area during a traffic stop and arrested for one count of Theft in the first degree, Criminal Trespass in the first degree, and Criminal Mischief in the second

"The McKenzie District deputies serve the community members in the McKenzie River Valley using a community policing model, which allows deputies to provide enhanced police services in addition to the services they already receive as Lane County residents," Carver noted. "This theft was able to be investigated because the McKenzie River Valley has district deputies dedicated to respond to and investigate crimes in that area."



Patrick Parvin



Gerald Poundstone

McKenzie to weigh school reopening

In-building classes could restart by February 15th

By Lane Tomkins McKenzie Schools Superintendent

The 2020-2021 school year has brought full time online Comprehensive Distance Learning to McKenzie School District. Students, staff and parents got a taste for online learning last spring due to school closures at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. With no quick end to the pandemic in sight this fall, staff prepared for a return to online instruction. What they also did not see coming was the Holiday Farm Fire in which one quarter of students and a third of staff lost their homes and the valley lost most of its communication infrastructure. Students, families and staff have made the most of the situation, finding connections to learning and each other through improvised internet connections provided by the Oregon Internet Response or district supplied cellular wifi hotspots.

Due to a December 23rd announcement in which Governor Brown made changes to the a resumption of in-person instruc- rooms for in-person learning by tion may happen in February. The February 15th by engaging their Governor's announcement also shifted the mandatory state reopening metrics to advisory, shifting the decision to reopen schools to each local school district. She also requested that schools begin

state's school reopening metrics, to work towards reopening classcommunities in a dialogue about their local needs and conditions. Although decision making to reopen has been shifted to local districts, the same health and safety

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Distance learning has kept students connected to their studies.

Not your typical tree planting season

By Oregon Forest Resource Institute January is the peak of tree planting season in Oregon. Seedlings are typically planted from winter into early spring by crews of reforestation workers who plant each new tree by hand. Seedlings

mant, to take advantage of cool, wet weather conditions that promote good root development.

In a typical year, more than 40 million seedlings are planted annually in Oregon. Due to the devastating wildfires that burned over a million acres in Oregon in 2020,

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Tree planters will encounter new challenges in 2021.

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Resource Fair coming to McKenzie High School

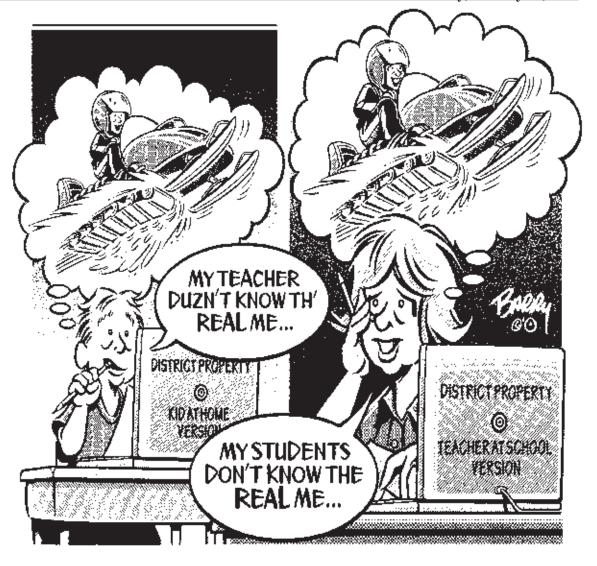
Do you have concerns about rebuilding your home or business following the devastating Holiday Farm Fire? Are you looking for answers to questions on how to proceed when returning home to reconstruct, such as what requirements, restrictions, permits, or costs are looming? Do you know who to talk with? Do you know who to contact?

These pending questions may be answered at the forthcoming Locals Helping Locals Resource Fair coming to McKenzie High School on Friday, February 5th, and Saturday, February 6th. The two-day event will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day and is free. Proper CoVid procedures will be in place to ensure safety for all.

The event is sponsored by the McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals organization in cooperation with McKenzie School District. Our hope (McKenzie River Lo-

cals Helping Locals) is to identify the current concerns and needs of our community folks while offering access to the many public and private resources in our county. There will be 32-plus booths set up for organizations such as Lane Electric, EWEB, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Transportation, East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch and other Lane County officials and the McKenzie School District.

Companies representing land surveys, site cleanup (asbestos and Hazmat materials), septic and well issues, architects, electrical including I-WAC systems, builders both on site and pre-fab and other aspects of construction will be available to answer questions and help people with returning to your properties and rebuilding your homes or businesses. We look forward to safely visiting with you all again.



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protocols around distancing, masking, cohorting and hygiene, outlined in the state's Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance, continue to be mandatory and will remain in place.

This week, a committee made up of staff, parents, board members and healthcare providers will begin meeting to investigate McKenzie's ability to reopen to in-person learning. This committee will provide recommendations to the administration and board around reopening timing and needed support to ensure a safe and successful reopening of school.

Roughly forty McKenzie students have been receiving in person support for accessing their Comprehensive Distance Learning courses, mostly to gain access to a stable internet connection in a warm, dry place, either on campus or at a site set up to support students displaced to Eugene/Springfield at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield. The Holiday Inn location closed at the conclusion

of last week due to low numbers accessing the available supports. McKenzie was able to offer these services utilizing a state waiver allowing fire affected districts to work with students with greater flexibility than other districts.

When looking at reopening, keeping our community's unique situation in mind will be important. There are many things to consider alongside the important health and safety protocols. Many students and families are still displaced or are living in temporary housing. The restoration of needed infrastructure in the area is another consideration. The school, like many families and Valley residents, is still without a permanent internet connection.

The reopening committee has already begun engaging families with a brief survey to learn more about the needs of their students and hopes to have recommendations ready for the administration and board by the first week of February.

Tree planting season

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this won't be a typical year. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) estimates 360,000 acres of private forestland were among the million acres that burned during the Labor Day wildfires.

One of the big challenges this year is nursery capacity. Most seeds are sown and grown inside greenhouses. The combination of the wildfires along with previously planned reforestation demand means availability of tree seedlings and tree planters is expected to fall short of what is needed over the next few years.

Oregon State University Extension is working with the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, ODF, the U.S. Forest Service and other partners to assess the reforestation need following the 2020 wildfires, and to develop extra capacity to produce seedlings and plant trees. There will be a new program to provide seedlings at fair market prices for landowners affected by the fires. Landowners who are interested in ordering

seedlings through this program should fill out the Reforestation Assistance Survey.

Under the Oregon Forest Practices Act, timberland owners must replant within two years after a fire, if they salvage the timber.

ODF has said that it will make some allowances to extend the deadline for landowners who can't obtain seedlings in time. Landowners who need an extension should contact their local stewardship forester.



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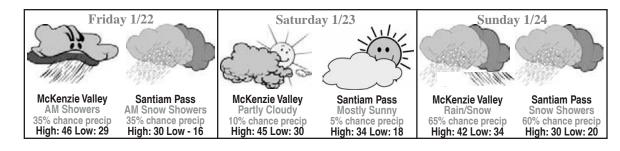
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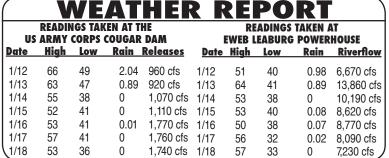
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Sheriff's Report

Jan. 9: 10:43 a,m: Fraud - 43200 block, McK. Hwy.. Report of unauthorized withdrawals on a bank account.

10:53 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr. Report of a neighbor coming onto another neighbor's property.

12:33 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Treston Ln. Report of a dispute between several males and a female. A deputy spoke with the involved and they have separated from each other. No physical aspect to the dispute and no evidence of a crime.

Jan. 10: 13:48: Dispute - 39500 blk. Walterville Ln. Report of a physical dispute between family members. Deputies responded and the involved separated with one leaving the house.

Jan. 11: 1:07 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. Mp. 11.

3:10 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 8000 block, McK. Hwy. Report of someone hearing from a third party that someone else was threatening them.

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5:02 p.m: Foot Patrol - McK. Hwy. Mp. 31.

5:59 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 55400 blk, McK. River. Dr.

6:15 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of someone destroying a retaining wall and septic hookup on private property.

Jan. 12: 12:09 p.m: Welfare Check - 9000 blk, Thurston Rd.

3:24 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 37600 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

3:50 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle Hill Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

6:33 p.m: Threat, Harassment – 94500 blk, Johnson Rd. Report of receiving unwanted messages over social media.

7:43 p.m: Traffic Hazard Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

8:58 p.m: Traffic Signal Malfunction - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

9:26 p.m: Tree Down - 40600 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

10:03 p.m: Assist, Information - 92000 blk, Farkas Ln.

Jan. 13: 1:55 a.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

2:36 a.m: Traffic Signal Malfunction - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

2:37 a.m: Tree Down - McK. River Dr. Milepost 2.5.

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3:46 a.m: Down Line - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

5:24 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 8300 blk, Thurston Rd. Report of an unknown male on private property. The male was reportedly naked and yelling profanities and threats. Deputies made contact with the male and made arrangements for him to be transported to a local crisis center called Hourglass. LCSO sends a huge thanks to CAHOOTS who provided the transport!

9:03 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 38300 blk, Wendling

Jan. 14: 12:16 a.m: Warrant Service - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.

7:00 a.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

9:51 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

10:08 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126, Mp. 45.

11:18 a.m: Elder Abuse - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.

1:50 p.m: Theft - 90100 blk, Sunderman Rd. Report of a locking mailbox being stolen.

1:59 p.m: Civil Service - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

7:22 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 16.

9:33 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126, Mp. 45.

9:49 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute

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& Accident, Vehicle/Pedestrian - 41700 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Initial report indicated that two individuals were in a dispute and when one tried to leave they hit the other one with a vehicle. The involved declined medics for what was reported to be a minor injury. Additionally, the involved did not want to speak with law enforcement or pursue criminal

Jan. 15: 12:09 a.m: Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

charges.

4:06 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - Hwy. 126, Mp. 51.

12:31 p.m: Civil Service - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

12:46 p.m: Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:50 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. Mp. 32. **2:09 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 37.

4:04 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 37000 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Report of ongoing harassment, including nails found in a private driveway.

5:33 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Oak Point Rd. 7:23 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. Mp. 21.8:07 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.Hwy. Mp. 29.

11:50 p.m: Vehicle In Ditch - Hwy. 126, Mp. 51.

Jan. 16: 12:23 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 88000 blk, Tiki Ln.

5:06 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. **6:02 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 126

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Jan. 11: 16:08: 41000 block, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

Jan. 12: 11:11: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:34: 39000 blk, Easton Lane Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:21: 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Down Line. Notify EWEB, protect exposures.

Jan. 13: 03:45: Camp Creek Rd./Old Marcola Rd. Down Line. Unable to Locate.

NA: McK. Hwy. Milepost 37.
Public Assist. Assist with Tree

Down Across Road. 11:30: 8000 blk, Thurston Rd Medical, General. Unable to

Medical, General. Unable to Locate.

Jan. 14: 21:47: 41000 blk,

Blk Deerhorn Rd, Vehicle Vs. Pedestrian. Cancelled Prior To Arrival.

Jan. 15: 16:36: 42000 blk,

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Accident - Milepost 15, Clear Lake Cutoff. Box truck crashed into downed tree - no one looked to be injured.

Jan. 14: 15:07: Medical – 56000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

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A hopeful scheme to scrap out the Peter Iredale wreck

By Finn J.D. John In 2012, a big section of a Japanese harbor dock that had drifted across the Pacific Ocean was removed at considerable expense from the beach near Newport.

The state government had gotten itself into something of a lather over the dock — as it also did several years ago with the wreckage of the freighter New Carissa. The government wanted that stuff off the beach immediately, if not sooner, and was willing to go to great lengths and spend lots of money to get it done.

That hasn't always been Oregon's official attitude, though. There was a time when Oregon state and local governments took the opposite approach — as happened in a somewhat comical squabble in 1960 over salvage rights to the wreckage of the Peter Iredale.

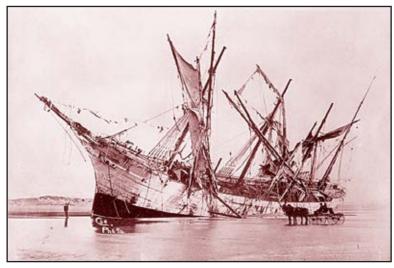
> History's most uneventful shipwreck

On a foggy late-October morning in 1906, a 287-foot steelhulled four-masted barque called the Peter Iredale was running before the usual southwest wind, making for the mouth of the Columbia River, when a sudden squall roared out of the northwest, driving the ship straight up onto the beach on Clatsop Spit.

What followed was, as author Don Marshall describes it, "the singularly unexciting shipwreck scenario in maritime history." The crew members were all uneventfully evacuated with a breeches buoy (essentially a zipline), but had they waited a few hours until low tide, they could have all walked ashore.

Instant tourist attraction

Ofcourse, a 2,000-ton sailing ship parked on the beach is something you don't see every day, so there



Oregon Historical Society

The wreck of the Peter Iredale as it appeared a few months after its stranding.

was a good bit of excitement on shore. Local schoolchildren were released early for the day so they could go check it out. A local railroad operator started making plans for a special excursion train. And photographers, both professional and amateur, started making images of the Peter Iredale — which has been called, with some justification, the most photographed shipwreck in the world.

It's also quite possibly the most long-lasting shipwreck in the world. In part, that's because of geology. After the ship grounded, of course, it was stuck firmly on the beach, but beaches change. Sometimes the wind and currents wear them away, and other times they grow.

In the case of Clatsop Spit, the beach was growing. Over the years, more and more sand accumulated around the wreck, until it was high and dry most of the time.

This made it more popular than ever. Tourists posed on its decks and explored its depths. As time and weather and salt spray eroded away its hull, a ladder-like structure of rusty steel remained for children to climb and play on.

The Peter Iredale quickly became counted among the state's great treasures — a real, picturesque shipwreck that you could walk around and photograph and imagine as a setting for maritime adventures and ghost stories.

The salvage scheme

The growth of the beach sands changed other things as well, though. A ship stuck fast on a beach in six feet of water with West Coast surf breaking around it is a hopeless proposition for scrap salvage, but a ship stuck on a dry beach is a two-week easymoney job. Couple that with the fact that unsalvageable wrecks were frequently sold to suckers for small amounts of money in the aftermath of incidents like this, and you have a recipe for — well, for what happened next.

On June 2, 1960, a Clackamas County man named Cliff Hendricks notified the Oregon Highway Department (which was in charge of beaches at the time) that he was the owner of the wreck, having inherited it from his

father, and that he intended to start salvage operations immediately.

Clatsop County dons war paint Anyone who remembers the state government's angry determination to get every last vestige of the New Carissa off the Waldport and Coos Bay beaches will likely find the state's response to Hendricks's letter amusing. It started with a Clatsop County judge, who — after threatening to throw Hendricks in jail if he tried anything of the kind — alerted the city of Warrenton; the growth of Clatsop Spit in the intervening half-century had, the city claimed, put the wreck inside its city limits.

Local newspapers picked up the story, and the public got very excited. Astoria newspaper editor Fred Andrus settled everyone down by spending an afternoon at the county courthouse examining all the records for 1908, the year Hendricks said his father bought the wreck for \$25. There was no

But then, after everyone had settled down and breathed a sigh of relief, a county records clerk found the record. It had sold in 1917, not 1908.

Things started heating up. An offer came in from the "Oregon Coast Ad Club," which wanted to buy the wreck and make it part of Lincoln County's "Twenty Miracle Miles" tourism project. Hendricks's attorney suggested his client might be inclined to donate it to Clackamas County, where it could be arranged in the parking lot in front of the courthouse in Oregon City. The people of Clatsop County, of course, viewed all these schemes as a form of

The tension mounts ...

Various governments were taking hard lines, as well. The state parks department cited the potential for harm to stateowned property around the wreck. The city of Warrenton asserted its jurisdiction (again) and told Hendricks to get lost. Editor Andrus pointed out that if Hendricks did in fact own the ship, he owed five decades' worth of property taxes on it. Attorneys for

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Ski Report

January 19, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported

on Tuesday that no new snow fell overnight, leaving the base

at 45 inches. Temperatures were

33 degrees mid-mountain and 35

at the base with ESE winds at 19



By Slim Randles

"What a great winter morning, guys," said Doc, seating himself at the philosophy counter and flipping his cup to the upright and fillable position. "Makes a guy glad to be alive."

We all nodded and sipped.

"Say Doc," said Herb, "how's old Chipper getting along these days?"

We all chuckled, because all the locals know Chipper was invented by Doc a few years back to be his very own imaginary squirrel. Yeah, Doc's like that.

Doc laughed, too. "Hibernation, boys," he said, "Sacked out 'til spring. You should all get hibernating pets. They're really easy to care for as long as they stay asleep."

"And he's all tucked in?" Steve wanted to know.

"Fluffy tail covering his face. The very picture of warm beds and happy dreams."

"That's good," said Dud.

The man in the uniform stood up from his place over in the booth and walked over to the counter. "Excuse me, sir, but are you Doc?"

Doc nodded.

"Doc that has the squirrel?"

"Well, yes," he said.

"I'm the new game warden here and I'd like to see your squirrel permit, please."

"Squirrel permit?"

"A civilian can't keep a wild animal without first obtaining a permit. Otherwise, it's a \$500 fine."

We sat in stunned silence, then Dud spoke up. "You boys haven't met my cousin Jimmy yet, have you? He's here for the weekend and I put him up to it."

We made Dud buy the coffee. We all chipped in for Jimmy's breakfast. Most cafes only serve food.

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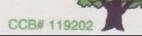




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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Don't be timid when pruning grapes

Once grape vines lose their leaves, the plants fade into the background of the winter land-scape. That's the time to take action and get out the clippers.

January through the first of March is the season to prune your vines, said Bernadine Strik, a berry specialist with Oregon State University Extension Service. First, though, you've got to know how to do it properly.

"Home grape growers don't prune their vines enough," said Strik, who is the author of Extension's Growing Table Grapes publication. "When gardeners prune, they should remove the majority of wood produced the previous season – until about 90 percent is pruned off."

That's a lot. But look at it this way: There's no need to evaluate shape and size like when you cut back shrubs and trees. The instructions are straight-forward and illustrations and photos in Strik's guide, which includes information on all aspects of growing grapes, help you visualize the process.

Grapes are produced from buds that will grow into shoots on 1year old canes (the long stems or "shoots" after they've borne fruit for at least one year). The most fruitful canes will be those that were exposed to light during the growing season. These are thicker than a pencil in width and as close to the trunk as possible, Strik explained.

There are two types of grape pruning – cane pruning and spur pruning. Mature plants should be pruned yearly to remove all growth except new 1-year-old fruiting canes and renewal spurs (a cane pruned back to one to five buds).

To cane prune, select two to four new fruiting canes per vine. Cut back each of these to leave about 15 buds per cane. For wine grapes, leave about 20 to 30 buds per plant. In table grapes, leave

50 to 80 buds per plant. Leave a one- or two-bud spur cane near the fruiting cane with one or two buds each. These "renewal spurs" will produce the fruiting canes for the following year and thus maintain fruiting close to the trunk. All other cane growth should be pruned off.

Most table grapes produce the highest yield of good quality fruit when cane-pruned.

To spur prune, prune along main canes to leave two- to three-bud spurs, each four to six inches apart. Leave no more than 20 to 80 buds per plant, depending on the type of grape. Remove all other 1-year-old wood.

"If you prune properly, your vine will be more manageable and have better fruit," Strik said. "Poor pruning year after year leads to low yield and poor fruit quality."





CREATE A FAMILY COOKBOOK

My daughter Beth is in the process of exploring family recipes and creating or adding to family cookbooks. Several years ago, she collaborated on a cookbook for her dad's family. Now she's adding to that by collecting more recipes from extended family members. She's also putting together a collection of recipes from my family, going back several generations.

She has found an online program that helps put these all together and eventually will enable other family members to add their recipes.

AUNTIE'S COOKBOOK

My aunt, Esther Coon Rider, wrote many family recipes in a notebook. This was handed down to me since I write cooking articles. I'm trying to identify some of the contributors' names for Beth, such as Ma, Aunt Susie, Mrs. Battenfeld, Aunt Tina, Cousin Hattie and any stories I recall associated with them.

Beth also is fascinated by the old style measurements, such as teacup full, one half coffee cup (tea cup was smaller than a coffee cup in Auntie's day), pinch of salt, handful of sugar, etc.

ORGANIZING RECIPES
These recipes in a family

cookbook can be grouped according to the type of food (desserts, main meal dishes, breads, appetizers, etc.). Or you can organize them according to the occasion when served, such as various holidays, birthdays, vacations, season of the year.

Adding pictures of the person who contributed the recipe is interesting, too. So I'm in the process of looking for photos of these various family members.

PENUCHE FUDGE - My dad especially liked this candy. We often made it for him as a treat for Christmas and for his birthday on January 25. We also cooked this in the large black iron skillet on the wood cook stove.

Simmer 1-pound brown sugar and 1/2-cup milk, stirring constantly. (Father liked the dark brown sugar best.) Remove from heat when the candy "spins a thread" dripped from the spoon.

Stir in butter the "size of a walnut", 1-teaspoon vanilla and 1/2 to 1 cup chopped walnuts. Beat until the fudge begins to sugar on the side of the pan. Pour into a buttered dish. We often used a glass pie plate. Mark off in squares while warm.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH woodland home.)

Sheriff's Report

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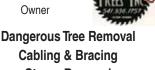
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Let people know your business is welcoming visitors this winter season, while safely enjoying recreation. (Health officials recommend keeping groups under ten people - easily done outside.)



Contact Dan Purkey 503-953-5764 daniel.purkey50@icloud.com

Community Notes

McKenzie Schools future plans

For more than a year, the Mc-Kenzie School district has been working to assess and identify campus needs through inspections, assessments as well as community input. After the fire, the needs of the community may have changed.

Over the next two months, virtual public meetings will be held to prioritize needs for the campus and listen for ideas that have not vet been identified.

If a bond was to pass in an upcoming election, the district wants to make sure it is making the most of taxpayer dollars as well as available Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching grant funds. Public input will help focus those efforts.

The first of three virtual zoom meetings wa held at 6 p.m. on January 19th. The other two are set for February 1st and February 15th, same time.

Families can check their email for the link or go to the school

Relief Centers will change

A new transition is in play. It saddens us to say but our time at the Blue River High School is coming to an end. As the school hopes to opens up for students on February 15th we will be transitioning into combining with the Rainbow Relief Center the week of January 20th, with our last day being open being the 22nd. We are not going to stop supporting you!!! Our relief efforts and goals have not changed and our presence will continue to be just as strong after this transition. While I know this will be as disappointing to everyone else as it was to us, let us focus on the positives which is that we have your back and are dedicated to supporting each and everyone of you through these challenging times! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Also if you have any specific needs please reach out so that we can work on fulfilling them for you! All of the love to each and everyone of the survivors out there.

Call 9-1-1 safely

Text to 9-1-1 is now available for most people in Lane County to use when a voice call is not an option, or not a safe option. Two of Lane County's 9-1-1 Centers (Central Lane and South Lane) now have the capability to receive 9-1-1 calls through text. This service is available to wireless customers when within range of a cell tower. The Central and South Lane County 9-1-1 Centers are live with text to 9-1-1 ability. Western Lane 9-1-1, which serves the Florence area, does not currently have this capability. If you are west of Triangle Lake, or on the west side of the tunnel on Hwy 126W, you likely won't be able to use text to 9-1-1 and should make a voice call in an emergency.

It should be noted that text to 9-1-1 should only be used when voice calls are not an option (for example, the caller is hearing or voice impaired, or it isn't safe to make a voice call).

A few important things to note about this great new service!

- 1. The feature is text only. Pictures and video will not come through.
- 2. Text to 9-1-1 is designed to communicate emergency information from the community member to 9-1-1. Adding additional recipients to the text will prevent the text from going through, and will generate a bounce back.
- 3. Please use plain language to avoid miscommunication. Emojis, slang, and abbreviations should not be used.

A huge thank you to our partners at Central Lane 9-1-1 and South Lane 9-1-1, and to all of the Dispatchers who have been a part of making this happen!

Hodoo on schedule

The Hoodoo Ski Area is now operating on ots regular season schedule: Wednesday through Sunday. The hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to

through 4 p.m. **MEF Wildfire**

9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.

Relief Fund

The McKenzie Education Foundation (MEF) is a small non-profit group dedicated to inspiring learning and enhancing educational opportunities in the McKenzie School District #68, and the Mc-Kenzie Community School. This District includes about 40 miles of the McKenzie River corridor. Recently the group has received generous donations to assist students and families whose lives have been disrupted by the Holiday Farm Wildfire. If you are the parent or guardian of a student who is currently enrolled in the McKenzie School, you can apply for up to \$200 to support the student's learning.

To apply, send your name, phone number, the name of the student(s) who are enrolled, a few sentences about how you will use the money, and the amount you need to mckedfound@gmail. com. If you want to fill out a form, it is available at the Administration Office of the school, and at www.mckedfound.org/ mef-wildfire-fund.html. Applications will be looked at on the 28th and 15th of the month. Additional funds may be available in the future.

The Holiday Farm Wildfire destroyed almost one-third of the homes in the School District, changing everything about how students in these homes live and learn. Many are still in temporary lodging in the Eugene/Springfield area. The wildfire also destroyed miles internet and phone infrastructure, cutting connection for the families whose homes did not burn, and making online learning extremely difficult.

The MEF Wildfire Relief Fund is intended to help students and teachers return to as normal

an educational situation as can be; support families and children who have been displaced by the wildfires; help families and children whose livelihoods, health, education, and housing are at risk.

Generous donations have been made by the following organizations and individuals: United Way, The Miller Foundation, OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation, the Rees Family, Benevity Community Impact Fund, Sonderstrom Architects, A. Forrer, B. Watkins, J. Vissers, C. Samuels, M. Stumbaugh, .R. Hermansen, J. Savidge-Doolin. K.Tompkins. G. Corridori. K. Creasy, R. Spraitz, R Strunk, B. Gerondale, S. Gerondale.

Donations are still being accepted at MEF, PO Box 274, Blue River, OR 97413 or online at www.mckedfound.org. If you like the mission of MEF and want to learn more, please contact them at mckedfound@gmail.com

Riparian planting assistance for lands impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire



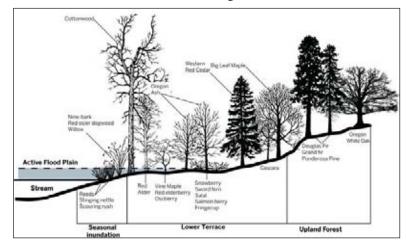
Wildfire can dramatically increase erosion by reducing vegetation cover, particularly along sensitive streamside, or riparian, areas. The Pure Water Partners (PWP) program is aiding private landowners impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire by providing free native tree and shrub replanting in riparian areas. Not only are native plants beautiful throughout the year, but they are also well adapted to the local climate and soils and require little to no maintenance. Along the McKenzie River, native trees and shrubs provide important habitat for native fish and wildlife and also help protect water quality by filtering nutrients and providing shade, controlling erosion during high-water events, and dissipating stream energy dur-

The PWP is seeking to plant 60-

ing flooding.

80 acres of private land this winter and is still accepting new landowners into the program. If you are interested in assistance with immediate native tree and shrub planting or long-term riparian restoration projects, please sign up for a PWP site assessment by visiting www.purewaterpartners.org.

A partnering representative from the Eugene Water & Electric Board, McKenzie River Trust, McKenzie Watershed Council, or Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District will assist with planning a potential planting project on your property depending on site conditions.





<u>\$500 REWARD</u>

\$500 reward for the return of a US Navy bell - no questions. THe home burned down in Nimrod on Sept. 8. The WWII bel was left & gone around Nov. 4. Please contact Skip George at

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

A Run for Freedom

My divorce was recently finalized, and I find myself seeing other relationships that need to be severed as well.

My ex-husband and I were together almost 10 years and married for six. We had no children, although it was something I always wanted. Our marriage ended because he was unfaithful.

I made the mistake of forgiving him the first time. After the second affair, with a different woman, I got an attorney and filed for divorce, as I now know I should have the first time.

Although ending my marriage was painful and something my ex-husband hated me for, I know it was the right thing to do. He still believes we will get back together because I told him I forgave him. However, he missed the last part of the sentence, which was "but you will never be in my life again."

Since leaving him, I feel released from many of the painful impacts of his infidelity.

I realized, though, that I carry anxiety and stress from other relationships. My mother and sister have always been challenging for me. My sister tells me my life has turned out the way it has because I don't have a strong relationship with God like she does.

She graduated from high school, married her high school sweetheart, had children, and has never worked. She enjoys being a mother, a wife, involved in her church, and homeschooling her children.

When I graduated high school, I went to college, obtained a successful career, and earned my master's degree. Although I always believed in God and pray often, it is not good enough for my sister unless I live her exact life. Even then I don't think that would satisfy her.

She prays for God to "break me," so I will be at his mercy like she is. She believes her marriage survived her husband's emotional affair because she did the work with her faith to save it.

My mother defends my sister's behavior towards me because she wants access to her grandchildren. She knows it will be denied if she holds my sister accountable for being so hurtful to me.

I never fight with either of them. I usually let my sister talk how she wants towards me and bear the pain because I'm honestly afraid of her.

When I talk to my mother, she says how wonderful my sister is as a mother and what a Godly woman she is. She says since her choices after high school were different than mine, that's why things are as they are.

Once I tried to say that just because I wanted an education and career doesn't mean I didn't want to be a wife and mother. My mother got upset and said, "No, you chose to focus on having a career, and that is why you are still not a mother or wife."

Since my divorce I've realized my mother and sister are not healthy for me, and I should distance myself. My father passed away two years ago, and if I start setting boundaries with my mother and sister, I will have no family.

That makes me sad, but perhaps not having any family and a few close friends is a better option for a healthy life.

It's interesting that my divorce showed me I didn't just lose my husband, I lost my mother and sister due to their harsh criticisms all my life. I no longer have the strength to entertain anyone who treats me poorly.

Can people really live life without their family and still be happy, or are we seen as flawed?

Cathy Cathy, your husband wronged you, then he wronged you again. He used the second chance you gave him to do it again, and he thinks you are in the wrong because you won't give him a third chance to cheat on you.

He never saw this as an opportunity to change his ways; he wanted to change you into accepting his ways.

Analyzing what your ex did, put a revealing light on your mother and sister. It revealed that they have victimized you all of your

Your sister engages in the worst kind of one-upmanship. There is nothing spiritual in the way she treats you. She simply always wants to have the upper hand. She believes her life is superior to your life, even though you have gone farther and higher than she has. She minimizes your achievements, as if that is a virtue in her.

You fear her. Your mother backs her. That means you have no option but to cut them off.

What will help is reframing this experience. You are not so much cutting them off as standing up for yourself. Standing up to them means removing yourself from their abuse. After cutting them off, you will be no more alone than you are now.

This is a time to focus on yourself: the things you wish to do and the things you want to do. Strengthen connections to those who treat you well. Live the best life you can, filling your well.

Often when we try to pull away from abusers, they become most determined to harm us. Once you get away from them, they will have one less person to abuse and one less person to be "superior" to. They won't like that. They won't come to you out of love, but they may come to you from their own base emotions.

It's like the man who beats and starves his dog, but won't let the Humane Society take the dog from him. Why? Because that dog fills a need in that person.

Your sister and mother treat you like a dog. It's as if they have a choke collar on you, and they enjoy yanking on the leash. You

might be going along, having a good day, being a good citizen, when a phone call comes and your sister or mother is there to give a sharp yank on your collar.

This one life is yours. You are the captain of that life. Now do what fulfills you. Pursue the life you envision for yourself. Do, be, see, experience, and you will come into contact with others who share your outlook.

The hardest times will be in the beginning, but as each day you get farther from them, the burden will lift. When you drive by the place where you had a terrible car accident, you will think about the terrible car accident. But what if you don't go there again?

What would it be like to wake up in the morning and not have their mental and verbal abuse running through your head?

Well, Cathy, you can find out. Wayne & Tamara

write: Directanswers@ WayneAndTamara.com

American Life in Poetry

Arizonan Alberto Rios probably observed this shamel ash often, its year-round green leaves never changing. On this particular day, however, he recognizes a difference—a yellow leaf. In doing so he offers us a glimpse of how something small yet unexpected may stay with us, perhaps even become a secret pleasure.

Editor's Note: This column (40) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

A Yellow Leaf

A yellow leaf in the branches Of a shamel ash In the front yard; I see it, a yellow leaf Among so many. Nothing distinguishes it, Nothing striking, striped, stripped, Strident, nothing More than its yellow On this day, Which is enough, which makes Think of it later in the day, Remember it in conversation With a friend, Though I do not mention it— A yellow leaf on a shamel ash

On a clear day

In an Arizona winter.

A January like so many.

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The case against Hiss began in 1948, when Whittaker Chambers, an admitted ex-communist and an editor with Time magazine, testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee and charged that Hiss was a communist in the 1930s and 1940s.

Chambers produced the famous "Pumpkin Papers"—copies of the documents he said Hiss passed him during the 1930s that Chambers kept hidden in his pumpkin patch.

Defenders of Hiss claimed President Truman's opponents were making a sacrificial lamb out of him. Truman declared that HUAC was using "red herrings" to defame Hiss. Critics fired back that Hiss was only the tip of the iceberg—and that communists had penetrated the highest levels of the American government.

Quote of the Week

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Peter Iredale wreck

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Matt Conwell

The wreckage of the Peter Iredale as it appeared in the summer of 2006.

the highway department started looking into abandoned-property laws.

By June 5, the wreck was being watched 24 hours a day by guards with machine guns.

But just as everything seemed to be building to some sort of horrible climax, the Clatsop County records clerk — the one who found Hendricks's record of purchase—found something else. It seemed the elder Hendricks had, 72 hours after buying the Peter Iredale, sold the wreck for \$325 — an annualized return of 85,166 percent on his \$25 initial investment. Hendricks, it now

appeared, had no claim on the wreck at all.

Then as now, it was hard to imagine how this could have all been an innocent misunderstanding. Nonetheless, nobody seems to have pursued it, apparently because it was such a relief that Oregon's only visible and visitable shipwreck was safe.

The Peter Iredale remains Oregon's only visible shipwreck to this day (excluding, of course, small bits like the boiler of the J. Marhoffer in Boiler Bay). And, given the attitude of the state government during the New Carissa debacle, it doesn't seem likely that that will change anytime soon.

(Sources: Marshall, Don. Oregon Shipwrecks. Portland: Binford, 1984; www.iredale.de)

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