



JP Doodles

Aren't things already complicated enough?

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Home Country

Great notions often take time to fester, you know.

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Direct Answers

He was raised with the attitude a man can walk all over a woman

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School rehab will take time Walterville School = months of work

WALTERVILLE: For the second time in over 20 years, flooding has closed the Walterville Elementary School. Unlike the high water event that occurred in 1996 this year's flood has resulted in extensive damage.

On site inspections have shown that up to 6 inches of water pooled in the building, mainly in the office, administration area, library and some classrooms. During their January 16th meeting, the district school board voted unanimously to approved a request for a formal Declaration of Emergency to restore the school.

Examinations of the damage led to the decision to remove anything porous that had come in contact with the water. Those items go beyond wall coverings and insulation and include everything from wooden desks to bookcases or from personal belongs or cabinets.

The flooding entered the property after nearby Potter Creek overflowed its banks to the

east of the school. Floodwaters covered nearby properties where they became contaminated with fungi, sewage and bacteria before soaking the school overnight on January 6th.

Since the flooding students have been attending classes online. That will change on Monday, January 31st, when they will transition to on campus learning at Mohawk Elementary at 91166 Sunderman Road in Marcola. During the transition, no classes will be held on January 24th while teachers ready Mohawk Elementary for classes.

"I know this has been a continuation of the most challenging two years for our community, but I am so thankful for each of our families," Walterville Principal Nicki Gorham wrote in a note to parents. "This community continues to impress me with their resilience and commitment to our students. I am grateful for your support as we transition to our new location."

Danger tree removal on hold Lawsuit blocks USFS logging

The Willamette National Forest has withdrawn plans to log fire damaged trees along federal roads.

Last August, the Willamette 2020 Fires Roadside Danger Tree Reduction decision had authorized the felling of fire-killed or injured trees which the agency said posed a danger to roads and people traveling along them across about 404 miles of road affected by the Holiday Farm, Beachie Creek, and Lionshead fires that occurred in 2020.

Officials said the purpose of the project was to provide for access and improved safety along Forest System roads within the fire burned areas and would reopen them as quickly as possible for public and administrative use.

The felled trees would have been used for a variety of purposes. Some would have stayed on-site to reduce the risk of sediment run off and provide wildlife habitat, some may have been used for restoration projects as fish and wildlife habitat logs, while others would have been sold to local mills to become wood products, offered through permits for firewood to the local community, or given to Tribes for cultural use.

On August 18, 2021, four environmental interest groups filed two lawsuits against the Forest Service challenging the Danger

Tree decision memo. In the complaints they claimed violations under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Forest Management Act.

Following the complaints, motions for preliminary injunction to forestall the implementation of the project were filed and heard by the District Court of Oregon on September 17th and November 3rd, 2021, respectively.

United States District Court Judge McShane issued an opinion and order on November 5th, 2021, granting the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction and enjoined the Forest Service from felling any trees with a likely or low failure potential and from removing any felled trees.

With the withdrawal, David Warnack Willamette Forest Supervisor, said he'd decided it was, "In the best interest of the public to limit the continued time and expense associated with ongoing litigation surrounding this project."

Warnack said work to safely restore public access to areas burned in the 2020 Labor Day fires would continue to be top priority. "Upon withdrawal of this decision, my staff will conduct another review of the purpose and need of this project and will consider a new approach to addressing this important issue," he added.

Army Corps Transferring Leaburg Hatchery To ODFW

Rather than close, will contract with state for fish production



Multiple agencies, including McKenzie Fire & Rescue, were involved in saving the sturgeon in the show ponds at the Leaburg Fish Hatchery following the Holiday Farm Fire.

LEABURG: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of transferring the fire-damaged Leaburg trout, salmon, and steelhead hatchery it had scheduled for closure to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Both the Corps and ODFW have confirmed that the Leaburg Hatchery on the McKenzie River, currently owned by the agency, will be transferred from federal to state ownership in the near future, perhaps as soon as this year. The transfer of ownership will come at no cost to Oregon, other than upkeep and operations costs to keep the facility running.

"Our focus is production of mitigation fish," Corps spokesperson Tom Conning said. "Operation and maintenance of aging infrastructure, such as the Leaburg Hatchery, is expensive and time-consuming. Additionally, we don't need to operate a facility to acquire hatchery fish. It's more cost-effective to use a contract. Finally, disposal of the Leaburg Hatchery to another government entity is beneficial to both parties."

ODFW is already using the site, located at mile 38.8 of the McKenzie River, and has been producing chinook salmon and summer steelhead smolts that the agency releases into Willamette River basin streams. It also produces trout for rivers and its high lakes stocking program.

It was built by the Corps in 1953 to mitigate for lost trout habitat caused by the construction of the Blue River and Cougar dams on the McKenzie River, as well as for its other Willamette Valley projects, a total of 13 dams.

Conning said the Corps is not selling the hatchery to ODFW, but

instead had been directed by the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 to transfer its ownership to Oregon "without consideration," Conning said.

The Corps has been providing ODFW access to the hatchery through a no-cost memorandum of understanding, said Scott Patterson, ODFW Fish Propagation Manager. However, the federal agency was not funding maintenance or repairs on the hatchery after damage caused by the devastating Holiday Farm Day

Fire. While ODFW continues to produce fish, it did lose production in the fire.

From September 7th to the 9th, 2020, an estimated 11 percent of the Oregon Cascades burned in several large fires. Flames stretched from Clackamas County south to Douglas County and burned more area of the Oregon Cascades than had been lost in the previous 36 years combined - including from Rainbow to Leaburg.

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OR Forestry Climate Plan State commits to curbing impacts

By Lily Bohlke
Oregon News Service

The Oregon Department of Forestry recently approved its first Climate Change and Carbon Plan, to embrace climate-smart forest management in the state.

The Board of Forestry unani-

mously approved the plan last month.

Danny Norlander, forest carbon and forest health policy analyst for the Oregon Department of Forestry, said the plan has three legs: adaptation, mitigation and a social

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Forests cover almost 29 million acres in Oregon. Nearly half the state.

Leaburg Hatchery

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Ironically, some 1.75 million juvenile fish were evacuated from a hatchery in Cascade Locks on the Columbia River to the Leaburg Hatchery in 2018 due to a threat on the Cascade Hatchery by potential debris flows as storms hit areas devastated by the Eagle Creek Fire in the Columbia River Gorge. A debris flow there could have overwhelmed the water intake system and harmed water quality, which could have killed fish at the hatchery, prompting the decision to transfer smolts to Leaburg.

In addition, one million juvenile coho (under 1-year-old) bound for the Lostine and Umatilla Rivers were evacuated to Leaburg in September of 2017.

Today, the state is funding the facility in the current biennium (2021-23) to produce spring chinook, summer steelhead and trout, and the Corps is continuing to contract with ODFW for chinook salmon, summer steelhead smolts, and trout produced at the hatchery.

“ODFW is the Corps’ current contractor for the production of Chinook, steelhead, and trout in the Basin,” Conning said.

The contract for producing trout for the Corps in FY 2022 amounts to \$1.13 million.

The Corps has a long history with ODFW in running the Corps-owned hatchery. Oregon had raised chinook, summer steelhead, and trout for the Corps at the Leaburg Hatchery since 1953, when it was built.

However, after the Corps revamped its contracts for hatchery

production at six Oregon hatcheries in 2017, it had planned on abandoning its Leaburg facility.

In 2018, the Corps ceased production of summer steelhead at there and outsourced the hatchery’s rainbow trout production to the privately-owned Desert Springs Trout Farm in Summer Lake, Oregon. That outsourcing contract had Desert Springs producing some 277,000 pounds of trout each year at its facility in Central Oregon for distribution throughout Oregon.

The Corps’ contract with Desert Springs ran for just two years and trout production has since reverted to ODFW. Conning said that the Corps opened the trout production contract for bids every two years. ODFW is the Corps’ current contractor for the production of trout.

Today, some of the trout produced at Leaburg will go to the Corps and be distributed in the Willamette River basin. Some of those replace the fish produced until recently by Desert Springs. Other trout from Leaburg, Patterson said recently, will be stocked for ODFW programs. Corps trout mitigation fish are also scheduled to be produced at Roaring River and Willamette hatcheries, he added.

Patterson recently said that summer steelhead projections for the Leaburg Hatchery amount to 108,000 smolts for the McKenzie River and another 121,000 smolts for the North Fork Santiam River - both rivers are in the Willamette River watershed basin. However, the production of steelhead in hatcheries is not without issues.



AS COVID-19 GROWS IN COMPLEXITY, LOCAL FOLKS SIMPLIFY...

“There are several endemic fish pathogens in the McKenzie River, if not all surface water tributaries in Oregon,” Patterson explained. “We detect these pathogens in the fish reared in hatcheries, including Leaburg. Rarely do these pathogens cause epizootic loss of fish.” “I’m concerned, however, that climate change will push the ‘risk’ needle more towards fish pathogen as water warms not only in higher temps but the duration of warmer water. I believe fish pathogen will be more a problem going forward placing hatcheries, such as Leaburg, more at risk, as well as wild salmonids.”

Climate Plan

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dimension, focusing on communities and local economies.

He explained adaptation is looking at how forests can adapt to the changing environment, using different tree species, for instance, and mitigation is using forests to store carbon.

“The third leg there is the social dimensions,” Norlander emphasized. “We really need to just support natural resource-dependent economies in rural Oregon that have been experiencing a lot of impacts from wildfires and the heat wave that we had last summer.”

He added the plan also gets into urban and community forestry, to make sure no communities get left behind.

Grace Brahler, Oregon climate action plan and policy manager for Beyond Toxics, said the plan incorporates strategies and goals of a bill passed this year, Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, which calls attention to the disproportionate impact of climate change

on BIPOC, immigrant, rural and low-income communities.

She pointed out it also emphasizes the need to invest in a regenerative economy, and to have a fair and participatory process.

“Incorporating SCR 17 principles into Forest Practices will result in cleaner air and water, good jobs with family sustaining wages and a range of workforce services and skills training, and more climate resilient forests and communities across Oregon,” Brahler outlined.

Peter Hayes, a 6th generation experimental family forest business owner in the Oregon coast range who is working towards a better model of forestry, noted almost half of Oregon is covered in forests, and historically a lot of focus for forests has been on producing lumber.

“Our superpower is the capacity of our land -- in particular, our forests -- to catch and hold carbon,” Hayes contended. “And I think the plan m

“Let’s Talk” about the Oregon Governor’s Race



The 2022 Oregon governor’s race promises to be one of the most important in recent Oregon history with several high-profile candidates and a state reeling from the pandemic and political divides.

A group of news organizations and nonprofits in Oregon have teamed up to hear what voters want to know about their candidates for governor in 2022, by hosting a series of virtual listening sessions called “Let’s Talk.”


Voters will join others within their region via Zoom to share what information they want to know about the candidates — and what they don’t want to hear. The intent is to hear from a range of Oregonians in 90-minute virtual sessions to understand their views and goals about the race, in order for organizations to provide relevant information in the coming months that serves the interests and needs of Oregonians, rather than coverage focusing on the candidates and their campaigns. You can read more about this initiative at shorturl.at/ikGI8

If you are interested in sharing your interests and values, go to shorturl.at/dICIO to complete an interest form by January 25, 2022.

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

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WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
1/11	43	35	0	NA	1/11	54	40	0.01	8,880 cfs
1/12	46	34	0	NA	1/12	52	39	0	8,108 cfs
1/13	44	33	0.69	2,041 cfs	1/13	56	36	0.20	8,950 cfs
1/14	47	36	0	NA	1/14	50	37	0.16	9,770 cfs
1/15	45	31	0	1,957 cfs	1/15	55	32	0	8,870 cfs
1/16	44	30	0	1,844 cfs	1/16	52	31	0	8,230 cfs
1/17	45	30	0	1,930 cfs	1/17	45	32	0	7,570 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Jan. 8: 3:56 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 44600 block, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that she was in a verbal dispute with her husband. Both parties were contacted and determined to be unharmed.

8:01 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that a former tenant littered on his property

Jan. 9: 5:28 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. A caller made multiple strange statements and stated that people were dying in the snow. Investigation revealed that the caller may have been experiencing mental health issues.

Jan. 10: 9:20 a.m: Burglary - 55200 blk, McK. River Dr. Caller reported their residence was broken into and undisclosed property was stolen from within.

11:38 a.m: Civil Service - 90800 blk, Marcola Rd.

1:08 p.m: Violation of Re-

straining Order - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

1:45 p.m: Fraud - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Caller reported that someone attempted to cash a fraudulent check.

Jan. 11: 7:01 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

1:01 p.m: Unlawful Us of Vehicle - 88800 blk, Twin Firs Rd.

7:44 p.m: Illegal Dump - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:52 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. Caller reported that a known suspect was harassing her by phone.

9:42 p.m: Theft of Mail - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Jan. 12: 8:15 a.m: Littering - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:16 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 9800 blk, HILL Rd.

12:21 p.m: Forgery - 37700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:47 p.m: Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

1:04 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - 40600 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:29 p.m: Citizen Contact -

44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

2:51 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

3:13 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

3:36 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

4:06 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

5:11 p.m: Welfare Check - 46100 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:00 p.m: Civil Service - 88700 blk, Potter Ln.

10:31 p.m: Hit & Run - 51600 blk, McK. Hwy.

Jan. 14: 7:44 a.m: Disorderly Subject - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

2:31 p.m: Reckless Driving - 91600 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:13 p.m: Welfare Check - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:01 p.m: Assist, Information - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

4:26 p.m: Criminal Trespass - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd.

8:04 p.m: Civil Problem - 39400 blk, MohawLoopk Rd.

8:42 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McGowan Creek Mp. 1.5.

8:56 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McGowan Creek Mp. 5.

Jan. 15: 4:10 a.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

11:03 a.m: Dead Animal - 34700 blk, McK. View Dr.

1:52 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 95600 blk, Marcola Dr.

Jan. 16: 12:00 p.m: Hit & Run - 51600 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:01 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute

- 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

9:54 p.m: Assault - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

11:02 p.m: Assist, Information - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

Jan. 17: 10:32 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

1:34p.m:SuspiciousConditions - 38300 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:13 p.m: Alarm - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

4:16 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Deerhorn Rd. & Madrone St.

10:27 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Jan. 10: 14:41: 42000 block, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:04: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 11: 1:22: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

10:45: 7600 blk, Thurston Rd Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:08: 7900 blk, S. C St. Medical, General. Disregarded Upon Arrival.

Jan. 13: 14:22: Deerhorn Rd. Milepost 5. Down Lines. Moved

communication lines from roadway.

22:10: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal, Patient transport by private vehicle.

Jan. 14: 10:36: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

22:16: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd Medical, Heart. Disregarded En Route.

Jan. 15: 1:34: 40000 blk, McKenzie Hwy Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:54: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.



McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday, January 17th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. if you have a question or concern 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

Jan. 14: 15:58: Medical – 55000 block, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

17:39: 17:39: Motor Vehicle Accident - Milepost 12, Clear Lake Cutoff. Car slid off the road.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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EWEE decreases electrical rates

EUGENE. The Eugene Water & Electric Board has lowered electric rates again.

Commissioners last Tuesday night approved the 1.8 percent overall decrease. EWEE's 95,000 customers will see the benefits of the lower rates reflected in their November bills, according to utility spokesman Lance Robertson.

Residential electric rates were lowered by 1.4 percent, or a total of \$1.21 per month for the average customer using 1,090 kilowatt hours of electricity (or \$92.25 per month). Other non-residential customers will see rates decline from about 1 percent to a half percent.

In 2005, electric rates were lowered twice for a combined total of about 4 percent, Robertson said. "However, electric charges were increased by an average of 5.8 percent in May of this year. When the three decreases are combined with the May increase, residential electric rates will have stayed relatively stable since the fall of 2004.

Lower Bonneville Power Administration electricity costs are driving the most recent decrease.

The EWEE commissioners have a policy of passing on to customers any increase or decrease in power costs whenever the BPA adjusts the price of wholesale power the federal agency sells to public utilities.

The utility gets about 70 percent of its electricity from Bonneville, so any cost adjustments by BPA have a direct impact on customers.

In recent years, Bonneville has adjusted its rates every six months.

Donations needed to keep 20 year tradition



Garden Club wreath makers (from left): Faith Bokros, Dee Dee Stevens, Myrna Mills and Sue Dewson are among the volunteers who have helped decrease the Goodpasture covered bridge for the holiday season.

VIDA. Since 1987, the lighting of the Goodpasture Bridge has been a special tradition for the McKenzie Valley's holiday season. This holiday tradition, celebrating its 20th year in 2006, is now in need of community support to continue.

Regulations no longer allow permanent wiring on the bridge structure for the lights. The old wiring used on the bridge does not meet code and has been removed by the county. Instead, a permit has been obtained to use removable lighting each holiday season.

However, the new lighting system will cost \$10,000 - which is more than the Late Bloomers Garden Club can support with its limited resources.

The Garden Club has sponsored the bridge lighting for many years, making the late, wonderful adorning each end of the bridge and hosting the lighting ceremony.

Other supporters include the McKenzie Local Club, EWEE, Neighborhood Watch, and the McKenzie Bible Fellowship with their various contributions.

"The holiday lighting of the Goodpasture Bridge is a beautiful tradition that our community has enjoyed the past 19 years," said Carol Tannenbaum, President, Late Bloomers Garden Club. "The Late Bloomers Garden Club hopes that McKenzie Valley residents will help us keep it alive by contributing to the lighting fund."

Donations can be made payable to Goodpasture Bridge Holiday Lighting, P.O. Box 611, Wallowa, OR 97146. Contributions are not tax deductible.

Time to enjoy the fall colors

Unlike New England or other regions around the nation that have influxes of tourists coming to see the leaves turn, Oregon's fall foliage is not as well known. Except for a few spots, it's not as well known. Except for a few spots, it's not as well known. Except for a few spots, it's not as well known.

Now, as the days shorten and the nights grow cooler, Oregon's rural and urban forests are taking on an amazing transformation. Whether you're taking along a trail, driving through Oregon's back roads or simply along to major highways, leaves of big leaf maple, alder, red alder, vine maple and even poison oak all catch the eye with their brilliant changing colors and hues.

Oregon's rural forests are primarily composed of conifers or "evergreen" trees, but they do show some color. The trees in cities, or urban forests, are usually home to more deciduous trees that are associated with fall color.

Where are some good places to take in the sights of the season?

Good fall color can often be found in city parks or in arboreta, and a scenic drive is often a good way to observe fall colors.

The McKenzie Valley's Astoria-Memorial Drive is a popular destination for viewing fall colors. Formerly called Forest Road 17 and sometimes called the "Don Canyon Road," Astoria-Memorial Drive is a popular 14.5 mile loop from the Eugene-Springfield area. It can be accessed from Hwy. 126 at a point 5.5 miles above Blue River. The road travels along the South Fork of the McKenzie River and the North Fork of the Willamette River, and

Ranger Station sale confirmed

MCKENZIE BRIDGE. The sale of the former Blue River Ranger District administrative site is now complete. Larson has closed and the purchase. Earthquake Incorporated, owned by Chen and Julie LaVine of McKenzie Bridge, OR, has taken possession.

The site sold on July 27 for \$910,000. The Blue River

the administrative site sale is one of 14 Forest Service administrative sites that have sold throughout Oregon and Washington since special legislation became available in November, 2005. The 3.5-acre Blue River administrative site included an office, four residence buildings, a historic building, a warehouse and a refueling station.

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Early anti-prostitution crusade fizzled

By Finn J.D. John

One November evening in 1885, Portland residents walking past a row of tiny houses at Third and Yamhill heard screams coming from one of them.

Bursting in, they found the mutilated and lifeless remains of a 33-year-old French beauty known as Emma Merlotin. Someone had killed her brutally with a hatchet and then slipped away into the night.

Emma, whose real name was Anna DeCoz, was a well-known “nymph du pave,” as the Evening Telegram phrased it — basically, a courtesan. Her clientele included some of the city’s most prominent bigwigs, and it was widely rumored at the time that her death had come at the hands of one of them — although 11 years later, a Canadian drifter confessed to the crime.

Until this time, most Portland citizens hadn’t given much thought to the city’s prostitutes. Everyone knew they were there, of course, and their trade had been illegal since the early 1870s — outlawed, the rumor was, at the behest of a city councilor who had picked up a social disease from a bordello girl.

But in the wake of the Merlotin case, the plight of the poor “fallen woman” and her “life of shame” was a topic that was coming up in conversation — and in Sunday sermons.

It was all just talk until the early 1890s, nearly a full decade after Emma’s death, when a pastor named Charles Locke came to Portland from Pittsburgh. Locke maintained that if Portland wanted the ladies of the evening to give up their profession, they had to be offered some kind of alternative.



Portland Morning Oregonian
This cartoon ran with Herbert Lundy’s article in the Portland Morning Oregonian on April 2, 1939, illustrating Portland social reformers’ dilemma in trying to stamp out prostitution.

They couldn’t be simply run out of town. He urged Portland to build a “home for wayward girls and fallen women,” a place of refuge for prostitutes who wanted out and for teen girls at risk of being tempted into the business.

This idea met with immediate approval, and Portland’s church folks got busy immediately. By 1895, the project was well under way. With adorably earnest naïveté, they gave it a somewhat unfortunate name: “The Open Door.”

Eager citizens got busy supplying everything The Open Door might need. In fact, some of those citizens seemed a little too eager. One fellow, Captain Richard Williams, offered the

use of a building free of charge; the coordinators turned down his offer, saying the building was too large to be suitable, but their real reason may have had more to do with the captain’s reputation: He was known around town as “Slippery Dick.”

Fortunately, offers from less disreputable citizens came thick and fast — donations of kitchen equipment, furniture, linens. Soon The Open Door had a location, at 25 North Fifth Street. A house matron, Mrs. Lucy Morgan, was hired and moved in. And by late spring, The Open Door was ready to receive its first Fallen Woman.

Now all was in readiness for Phase 2 of the reformers’ plan: A city-wide crackdown on dens of iniquity.

To the great amusement of the jaded newshounds at the Oregonian and the Telegram, a reluctant constabulary was now sent forth to collect suspected

prostitutes and bring them to justice. Time and again, the horse-drawn police wagon rumbled forth and returned creaking under a heavy burden of unrepentant Fallen Womanhood.

Interestingly, the women arrested were the city’s most upscale entrepreneurs. Della Burris and Lida Fanshaw, CEOs of the most exclusive and elegant parlor houses in the city, were among the first arrested. Dozens of their employees and colleagues were nicked too.

The cops had been, if we can believe Holbrook, somewhat reluctant and skeptical about the whole thing at first. But once they started arresting the ladies, they seem to have had a change of heart. Portland police officers suddenly threw themselves into the effort. Soon the city’s police-court docket was full of suspected bad girls.

The first to face prosecution was Della Burris, up on a charge of Operating a Bawdy House. Della coolly pleaded Not Guilty; the prosecution asserted that everybody KNEW she was running a brothel; and the judge promptly dismissed the case.

“Common fame and general reputation are not sufficient evidence to convict anyone of keeping a bawdy house,” he remarked.

The next defendant got pretty much the same treatment. And the next. And the next.

It turned out the cops, in bringing the ladies in, had simply been arresting them, collecting no evidence. The district attorney was simply filing charges against them, making no investigations. Without evidence, there could be no convictions. And this happened again and again.

The most likely explanation for this uncharacteristically cavalier attitude toward law enforcement was articulated very neatly by the

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By Slim Randles

It wasn’t like this idea just popped into his head all at once. Great notions often take time to fester, you know. It was like that with Windy Wilson a couple of weeks back.

Our semi-legendary cowboy, camp cook, and storyteller might have seen this coming on, but we missed the signs. There was that piece in the Valley Weekly Miracle about our pal, Doc, receiving that honorary associates’ degree from Jerry Hat Trick Junior College, the one financed and named for that hockey player. Now we knew Doc had more degrees than a thermometer already and it puzzled us why he needed another one.

“Doc?” said Windy over coffee, “that new diploma thingie you got is shore ‘nuf nice. Does it help you operate on folks?”

Doc laughed, and so did the rest of us. “Nope. Not really. All I did was make a contribution to their new gym. This was their way of thanking me, I guess.”

“Well you know,” said Steve, “this changes everything. Now, instead of calling our pal Doctor, we’ll have to update it and call him Associate, I guess.”

“That’s kinda long to say, isn’t it? Now if we were to shorten it to just the first three letters....”

“That’s not funny, Herb!”

“Then why are you laughing, Doc?”

I guess we all were. Truth was, they couldn’t trot out too many honors for Doc. Prince of a guy.

“You know,” Windy whispered to Steve, “I’d like to get one of them things my ownself. How do you do it?”

“Windy, that’s one of the goofy things about an honorary degree. If you think you deserve one, you don’t get one.”

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Head off moisture and insect damage

Ignoring moisture and insect damage in the home leads to serious problems down the line. Annual inspection is essential to head them off.

Whether you do it yourself or hire someone, start your inspection by checking out this article from the Oregon State University Extension Service on home moisture problems to help solve many problems you might encounter.

If you plan to inspect, maintain or repair yourself, begin by taking a tour around the exterior of the house.

Does water wick up the foundation? This indicates a need for better soil drainage next to the foundation.

Are there plants or tree branches that touch the house? These make perfect thoroughfares for carpenter

ants to enter and leave. Trim plants back at least 24 inches from the house.

Don your raincoat and go out during a downpour or snow melt and examine the gutters and downspouts. Are there breaks or leakage? Examine the area around and under decks for rot, especially where the deck attaches to the house.

Now comes the fun part. Put on coveralls, gloves and a stocking cap. Arm yourself with a head lamp or flashlight and a screwdriver and crawl under the house.

Is there a layer of plastic on the soil floor of your crawl space? There should be. Plastic provides an excellent vapor barrier that helps prevent decomposition of joists and other support structures. Inspect the sill plate, (the wood between the foundation wall and the floor members) for rot and insect damage. Newer houses

should have sill plates of pressure-treated wood.

Examine floor supports for rot and insect damage. Tap on suspect wood with the screwdriver to test how solid it sounds. Is there any sawdust on the ground or in spider webs? Note its location and brush it away so you can tell next time if damage from carpenter ants is still occurring. Remove any rodent nests, a source of mite, flea, lice, bed bug and tick infestations.

Check for mud tubes on foundation walls and supports – they are a sign of termites.

When you have crawled back to the outside world, write a brief report to use for comparison next year.

You are not quite done yet. Now go indoors for an inspection.

First check the attic. Are there wet spots? These indicate a leaky roof. Check for and remove all signs of animal nests.

Next, check for rot and insect damage just like you did in the crawl space. Finally, inspect under the sinks in the bathroom and the kitchen. Gaps in pipes that pass through the wall are perfect avenues for mice and rats. Seal these spaces with tin or steel wool. Check for leaks and damage.

Now write up an indoor inspection report. And then congratulate yourself. You’ve come a long way in protecting your house from insect and water damage.

What should you do if you find an infestation?

First, don’t panic. Chances are the damage has been there awhile and a few more months isn’t going to make any difference. Treat carpenter ant nests around mid-April when the nests are active. Termite and carpenter ant colonies should be treated by professional exterminators.

To eliminate rot problems, the source of the water or moisture should be eliminated before the rotten areas are replaced.



Photo by Chris Branam
Moisture can damage structures if not kept under control.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



WORK & FUN IN THE SNOW

Snow pants, bulky coats, hats, mittens, boots all come out during winter weather as youngsters bundle up for fun in the snow. Adults may enjoy the snow, but are tasked with shoveling, blowing and plowing.

However there are many enjoyments, too - skiing, making snowmen and snow families or sitting by the fire reading and watching the snow fall outside coating trees in a fairyland. The birds around the feeder provide us with entertainment as well as we watch them.

Those of us who grew up in snow country and still live there savor the joys and endure the work involved...as long as we can keep warm.

Winter Food

Winter weather also involves savory food, hearty dishes and searching through family recipes as well as enjoying new ones.

Chicken Soup

For my chicken soup, I cut up the leftover chicken breast and added it to four cups of water. Then I stirred in cut up carrots, a diced potato, a diced onion, a handful of brown rice (about 1/4 cup) and 1 cup frozen green peas. I added seasonings...salt and pepper and a dash of poultry seasoning to taste.

If the soup seems too thick as it simmers, add more water (or chicken soup stock) until it is of the desired consistency. Cook until vegetables are tender. This is good made ahead (morning or early afternoon) and left in

the refrigerator, then reheated at mealtime.

This is the type of recipe that you can vary depending on what you have on hand and what ingredients you like to eat.

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- Brown 1 pound ground beef (or turkey) and drain off excess fat. Mix beef, 1 small diced onion, and 1 can chili con carne without beans. Spoon into the center of 10 flour tortillas, cover with grated cheese (whatever amount you desire), and roll up.

Place tortillas, folded side down, in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish.

Mix together 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can tomato soup, and 1/2 soup can of water. Pour soup over tortillas and top with more grated cheese, as you desire.

Bake at 350 degrees until hot and bubbly, about 40 minutes.

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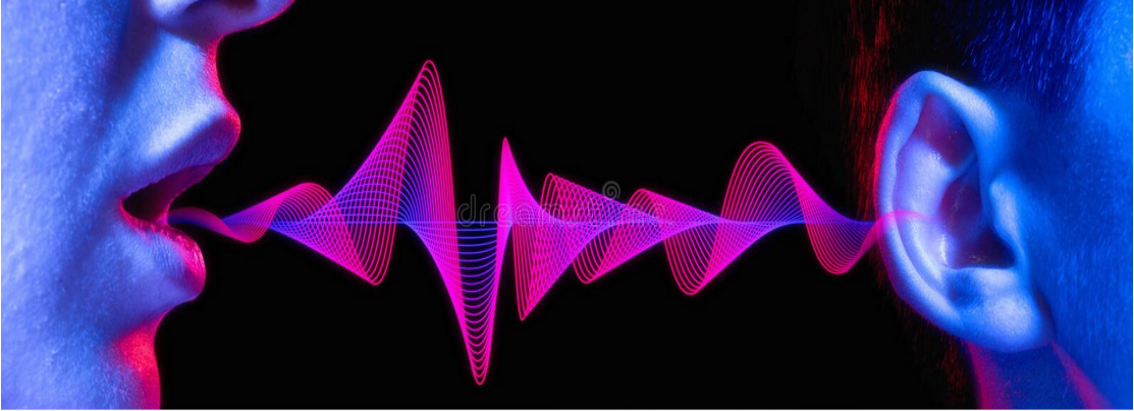
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In Memory

Jeannette Rae Thomson



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Long time resident of the McKenzie valley, Jeannette Rae Thomson, passed into eternity on January 10th 2022 from her battle with lung cancer.

Jeannette was born to Ira York and Patricia Thomson JR on September 25th, 1963. She has one brother, Ira York Thomson III and sister-in-law, Hollie Thomson of Hamilton Mt. Two nephews, Ira Joseph Thomson and John Paul Bell, Two nieces, Naomi Thomson and Sarah Harris.

Jeannette grew up on the McKenzie enjoying the Gate Creek swimming holes, picking blueberries during the summer and many hiking adventures with cousins and Aunts. Jeannette attended school on the McKenzie and after graduating McKenzie High she worked for the forest service in recreation. She really enjoyed taking care of the campgrounds so that many could have an enjoyable outdoor

experience. She also enjoyed dedicating herself to the helping of people. She looked after other's homes and animals and was often busy with daily chores for the elderly and those in need. She loved fishing and gold panning with her dad. Jeannette was also an artist, she painted, mostly on wood, and drew as well. Dogs, flowers and bugs were some of her favorite subjects'.

As many of you know, Jeannette lost everything in the Holiday Farm fire, so we are asking that if you have any pictures of her that you would like to share with the family it would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail them to us. We are putting a book together in her memory. Jeannette's memorial well be sometime in the spring, once the new home she ordered has arrived and is ready for use. If you would like to be notified of the date, please e-mail us. irayorkthomson@gmail.com

Thank You to all that helped Jeannette through the loss of her home and her battle with cancer. May God bless you all richly!

Jeannette will be missed by all who knew her, family, friends and the many folks her life has touched. Many will remember her by her words of encouragement and care, "You have a beautiful, wonderful day" As she would say to all as she or they parted company. So may we all remember to have that "beautiful, wonderful day" in her memory.

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Community Notes

January 20 Leaburg Food Pantry

The Leaburg Food Pantry is open from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

January 22 Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

January 24 - Springfield School Board Meeting

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th

January 28 McKenzie Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the new gym located on the McKenzie School campus.

February 7 - Springfield School Board Meeting

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July).

February 9 Blue River Park Board

The board will will meet at 5 p.m. More info @ [/www.blueriverpark.com](http://www.blueriverpark.com).

February 9 Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 7p.m. More info @ www.blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

February 9 Upper McK Firer Board

The will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge

February 16 McKenzie School Board

The will meet at 5:30 p.m. www.mckenzie.k12.or.us.

February 21 McKenzie Fire & Rescue


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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Cruel Secrets

Last year my wife and I separated and nearly divorced because she had an affair. Since then we have been in therapy and are now happier than any time in our 15 year marriage. During our separation, I slept numerous times with a co-worker who is a close personal friend of my wife. My wife doesn't know about this, and our friends and family are still persecuting her for her affair.

The woman I slept with still works with me, but our affair is never discussed. She and my wife get together for a movie or drinks regularly, and she comes to dinner at our house at least once a week. Should I tell my wife about the affair and risk damaging our relationship? I confessed all to one of my best friends, and he cannot believe we are rubbing this in my wife's face. He says it is not moral since my wife confessed everything to me.

Arnie

Arnie, when more than one person knows a secret, it's not a secret anymore. The life of this secret is likely measured in days or even hours. You told somebody, and your wife's friend must have told somebody. Concealing this secret made you write us. Who knows how many somebodies now know this secret.

Sigmund Freud said, "Secrets

make you sick." It is probably the wisest thing he ever said. Soon somebody, for whatever reason, will let this secret out. They may tell to feel moral, to defend your wife, or to hurt your wife. They may tell to hurt you. Or they may tell because keeping this secret makes them sick.

Tamara

The Reason Why

My fiancé and I have been together almost four years and have a son. Last year we were supposed to be married, but he cheated on me and called off the wedding. After I started dating someone else, he changed his mind and decided I was what he wanted. We went to see marriage counselors, and they made him see that communication is the key to any relationship surviving.

My fiancé wasn't raised to talk out problems. He was raised with the attitude a man can walk all over a woman, and she is supposed to support him no matter what. Well, I do not agree to being a doormat, and he knows this.

Once we got back together, we planned another wedding next May. We moved to a new home, started a new life, and things were going perfectly. Then three weeks ago he started acting strange again. He said he didn't love me. When he said this, I took it to heart. After waiting a few days I

called the church and canceled the wedding. My fiancé didn't care. Last night at midnight he called me at mom's, begging me to give him one more chance. When I called off the wedding, I knew it was the right thing to do. Now I feel like I made a mistake, but I can't figure out why. What do you think?

Ginger

Ginger, it's time to put to rest the old canard that communication is the key to a relationship. It isn't. Bullies, for example, are masters of communication. They clearly communicate that they will make your life miserable! But this successful communication doesn't mean you have a good relationship with them.

The key to relationships is connection. When you feel a strong, unwavering connection to another, you have the basis for marriage. What have you told us about this man? He has been unfaithful, he belittles you, and he said he doesn't love you.

Your ex-fiancé is good at communicating. His words and actions show he doesn't feel connected to you. If you stay with him, your life will be a seesaw with you mostly up in the air. Your son will learn to accept this kind of relationship as the norm.

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

More and more, poets, like everyone else, are confronted with the news and physical evidence of change in our weather patterns and landscapes, and we find ourselves trying to find language for this unsettling sense that the world is changing rapidly. Khadijah Queen, in her poem, "Undoing", has a haunting sense while driving through a snowstorm, that somehow our machines and our voracious appetite for fuel have something to do with this "undoing" of our world. Like many of us, she is arrested by this knowing. Poetry does not always give us answers, instead, it helps us meditate on the questions, and this, sometimes, is enough.

Undoing

By Khadijah Queen

In winter traffic, fog of midday shoves toward our machines—snow eclipses the mountainscapes I drive toward, keeping time against the urge to quit moving. I refuse to not know how not to, wrestling out loud to music, as hovering me—automatic engine, watching miles of sky on the fall—loves such undoing, secretly, adding fuel to what undoes the ozone, the endless nothing

manifested as sinkholes under permafrost. Refusal, indecision—an arctic undoing of us, interrupting cascades—icy existences. I cannot drive through.

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A Moment in History

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January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the only president to be elected to three terms in office, was inaugurated to his fourth—and final—term. During his second term, he became increasingly concerned with German and Japanese aggression and began a long campaign to awaken America from its isolationist slumber. In 1940, with World War II raging in Europe and the Pacific, Roosevelt agreed to run for an unprecedented third term. Reelected by Americans who valued his strong leadership, he proved a highly effective commander in chief during World War II. In 1944, with the war not yet won, Roosevelt was reelected to a fourth term. Three months after his inauguration, he died. Roosevelt's unparalleled 13 years as president led to the passing of the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, limiting future presidents to a maximum of two elected terms in office, or one elected term if the president already served more than two years of another president's elected term.

Ski Report

January 18, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that a dusting of new snow fell overnight, bringing the base to 62 inches. Temperatures were 29 degrees mid-mountain and 34 at the base with SW winds averaging 24 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 27 degrees at the base and 41 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 70 inches at mid-mountain broken clouds. On Tuesday morning moderate winds from the west were expected to bring in clouds for most of the day. 11 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 110 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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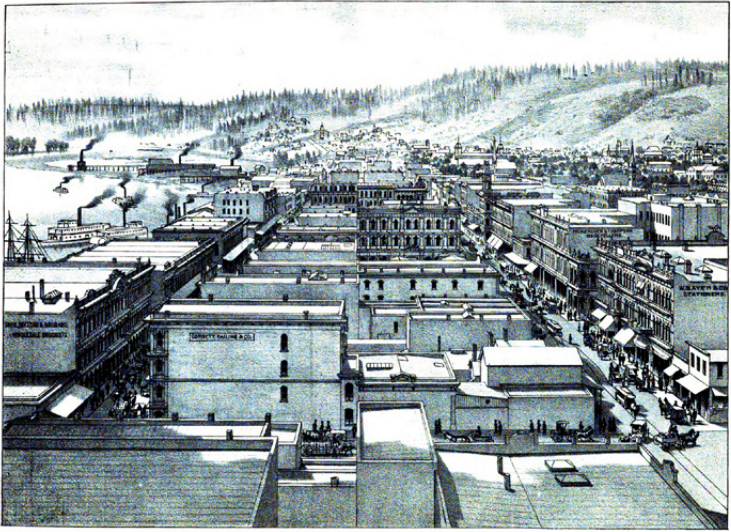
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Correction

The January 6th edition of River Reflections reported that Melanie Brite was voted Woman of the Year for the second year in a row. That was wrong. Rainbow Plews, Chief of the Upper Mc-Kenzie Fire District was the winner the year before.

Crusade fizzled

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The West Shore Downtown Portland as seen looking south from the tower of the Kamm Building, located on Pine Street between Front and First, in 1886. The murder of Emma Merlottin occurred six blocks down and two blocks to the right of where the artist was standing when this image was made.

editor of the Morning Oregonian on its editorial page on April 10: “The District Attorney gets \$5 for every arrest; \$7.50 for trial; and \$15 for convictions,” the editor wrote tartly. “In each case, having taken pains to draw all the indictments separately, if there are no convictions, he will make from \$500 to \$600. The police justices and constables make about \$12 out of each case, or as much more, and the county foots the bill. This is the total visible profit of the moral crusade so far — about \$1,200 diverted from the pockets of taxpayers to those of officials.” In other words, some clever devil had figured out that the authorities were essentially working on commission. Reformers having demanded action from them,

they’d realized that such pressure was like a license to print money — and who were they to refuse such a clear call to action from the citizenry, anyway? But the law enforcement pressure looked like it was having its intended effect on Portland’s ladies of the evening. One by one, the Rose City’s Roxannes wandered into The Open Door and settled in, apparently ready to put away their makeup and embrace the clean and sober life. By late June, The Open Door was starting to look like a big success. Then the logging camps shut down for the traditional “Fourth of July Drunk,” and Portland was suddenly flooded with strapping young lads smelling of sawdust and pitch and whiskey, freshly paid

and ready to “blow ‘er in.” And a funny thing started happening: The Wayward Women started melting away from The Open Door. They’d go out shopping and just never come back. It turned out the opening of The Open Door had just happened to coincide precisely with the least lucrative time of the year for Portland prostitutes — the early summer season, when the loggers were all hard at work in the woods. They’d been happy to check in for a few weeks and enjoy free room and board. But now the boys were back in town, and it was time to go get some of their money. Soon Mrs. Lucy Morgan was alone in the big empty house, listening to roaring-drunk loggers and Fallen Women cavorting around in the streets outside. A few weeks later, the demoralized reformers gave up on the whole thing. (Sources: Holbrook, Stewart. “The Great Moral Crusade,” *Portland Morning Oregonian*, 2 Aug 1936; Lundy, Herbert. “Vice in Portland,” *Portland Morning Oregonian*, 2 Apr 1939; “Confesses to a Portland Crime,” *San Francisco Call*, 28 Apr 1896 www.weirdportland.blogspot.com) Finn J.D. John is an instructor at Oregon State University and the author of “Wicked Portland,” a book about the dark side of Oregon’s metropolis in the 1890s. To contact him or suggest a topic: finn@offbeatoregon.com, @OffbeatOregon (on Twitter), or 541-357-2222.

LTD wants ideas for bus services

The Lane Transit District (LTD) is asking for input on ways to expand or modify the public transportation network along with ways to deliver new public transportation options and services to the region. Officials say the information will help upgrade LTD’s Mobility Management Strategy (MMS) to provide public transportation to the community in the future. Interested people, including LTD’s private-sector partners, can learn more about the process and sign up for project updates by visiting the LTD website. The survey that will be posted on the project’s webpage later next month. The purpose of the MMS is to:


- Understand needs and gaps in transportation services
- Determine the best role for

LTD to play in supporting new transportation services and programs

- Define a process for making decisions about LTD’s role in new transportation options
- Identify a list of potential transportation projects to consider for implementation in the future

“The Mobility Management Strategy process gives interested community members the opportunity to express their ideas about what could be next for public transportation services in our communities,” said Andrew Martin, a development planner with the District. “LTD will seriously consider all community input as we manage our available resources to meet the public transportation needs of a changing community and region.”

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Dear McKenzie Valley Neighbor,


The McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group is a non-profit organization formed after the Holiday Farm Fire that is working to recognize needs, find resources, and help you recover from disaster. Please help us identify your needs by filling out this online survey. We want to share information about which programs may be available to you. The information you provide will be used to advocate for funding and allocate resources, materials and volunteers. Together, we can help create a resilient and sustainable future for you, your family and the McKenzie Valley we call home.

Only one person per household should fill out the form. The first 500 households to submit a survey and provide contact information will receive a \$10.00 gift card. Deadline: January 31, 2022.

A link to the survey can be found on our website www.McKenzieValleyLTRG.org under the “GET HELP” tab.

If you need help filling out the survey, have questions or need an interpreter, call the helpline at (541)214-7816.


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