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**Remembering Rainbow**

The Barrow family lived in a house connected to the store. The old Rainbow Store later became a restaurant on the river at the Holiday Farm Resort.

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**Show-stealing shrubs**

In the urban gardens of many homeowners today, there may be fewer trees and more shrubs due to limited space.

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**Are you one of two million?**  
An Oregon volunteer will be an award winner



At the height of the pandemic, nearly two million Oregonians volunteered their services, according to AmeriCorps.

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

The nomination process is open for a prestigious award handed out to volunteers in Oregon each year. The Andrus Award for Community Service award is named after AARP founder, Doctor Ethel Percy Andrus. AARP Oregon will select a person or couple age 50 or older, who performs services without pay in their communities.

AARP State volunteer president for Oregon, Michael Schultz, said he has spent his whole career with nonprofit organizations and that these organizations rely on volunteers.

"Our communities, our state, our country just would not be as in good of shape without the service of volunteers doing what they do to help organizations

carry out their mission and vision," he said.

The deadline for nominations is July 15th. In 2021, more than 970,000 Oregonians volunteered and contributed \$2.6-billion in economic value to the state, according to AmeriCorps.

Schultz said 2022 Oregon Andrus Award winner Kathy Goeddel was part of AARP's program helping people do their taxes for nearly three decades.

"Kathy led the program as a volunteer for years, was involved with recruiting, training, onboarding and supporting tax aide volunteers throughout the state of Oregon," Schultz said. "So we were most honored to be able to give Kathy that award."

Schultz noted nominees do not have to be AARP members, and for the first time, the nominator and the recipient will each get \$1,000 to donate to the nonprofit of their choice.

**Pass not open yet**  
ODOT says Hwy. 242 remains closed to all traffic



The Old McKenzie Highway, OR 242, remains closed from Milepost 66 near the Linton Lakes Trailhead on the west side of the pass to Milepost 84 near Forest Road 1028 on the east side.

**MCKENZIE BRIDGE:** The earliest possible opening date for the Old McKenzie Pass is the third Monday in June, and officials at the Oregon Dept. of Transportation say they believe they are aiming for that date.

"We used to (around 10 years ago and earlier) let people know when we were going to start plowing, but we aren't doing that anymore for a variety of reasons," according to Kacey Davey, an ODOT public information officer. "Before the highway is open, and after we have cut through the snow, our crews are often up there performing pre-season maintenance like clearing debris, stabilizing slopes, and repairing potholes."

In the past, bicycle riders often showed up en masse to ride the roadway when snow had melted but before it was reopened to vehicular traffic. "We will not be announcing when we cut through the snow since we do not want to encourage people to use the highway while it is still closed," Davey said.

When the east and west side gates are closed, the road is not maintained. Weather conditions, logistics, and cost make it impractical to maintain for travel year around. To prepare the road for traffic, crews have been busy plowing, paving, felling trees, and doing other work with heavy equipment. There are no flaggers and it can be difficult to hear equipment in different areas due to snow and trees. ODOT warns that pre-season maintenance work can occur on any day of the week.

More information on the route is available at: [tinyurl.com/5n8dezhr](https://tinyurl.com/5n8dezhr).

**Ranger district plans improvement projects**  
Public can comment on site upgrades for 2023

**MCKENZIE BRIDGE:** The McKenzie River Ranger District is seeking comments on a variety of upcoming projects ranging from residence improvements at the Big Lake Youth Camp to restoration work at Owl Creek Meadow. Written and electronic comments concerning these proposals will be accepted until June 20th.

The largest would be work related to restoring the floodplain near the confluence of the McKenzie and South Fork McKenzie rivers. Some of those activities include the removal of artificial levees, berms, fill, riprap, and other natural sediment within the floodplain. Some existing channels would be filled to raise stream bed elevation while some large woody material would be hauled in and trees would be pushed over with heavy equipment whenever feasible to keep root wads intact. Officials plan to decommission USFS Road 1900400, including the removal of a bridge. Future recreational opportunities would be analyzed as part of the project.

The ranger district is also considering authorizing the operators of Camp White Branch to modify and expand a shower house there and build a shed for winter vehicle storage.

Several site improvements could upgrade

amenities at the Big Lake Youth Camp. A new equestrian center and riding arena is being considered that would better fit the functional and safety needs of the camp's programs while moving it away from the current drain field (which will allow for the construction of a new Welcome Center, including a registration check-in area, a health clinic, guest quarters for clinic staff, and a dedicated year-round space for the camp store). Other work planned there could include constructing trails for the equestrian program and rebuilding mountain biking trails that were destroyed in recent logging operations. A new maintenance shop and fuel storage area are planned, besides a Nature Education Center, three new staff housing units, and a guest lodge.

Recreation-related projects include installing two solar-powered light poles at the parking area and trailhead to Terwilliger Hot Springs, adding an automatic fee-pay station next to the Proxy Falls parking area, and creating two camp host sites at McKenzie Bridge Campground and Big Lake West Campground.

Written comments must be submitted to: Dean Schlichting, NEPA Planner, 57600 Highway 126 McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, or [dean.schlichting@usda.gov](mailto:dean.schlichting@usda.gov).

**Fire station rebuild receives a boost**  
County approves another \$250,000 for Blue River

**EUGENE:** At their May 23rd meeting, the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved a grant agreement to provide \$250,000 to the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District. A compelling reason for the move was cited as, "Not having a completed, functional fire protection station that can respond to calls for assistance creates the possibility of significant financial risk to community members whose property and belongings could be damaged in a fire."

In addition, the board order also noted that not taking action on this item would delay the fire protection station's rebuilding and ability to respond to calls for assistance which would negatively impact the health and safety of the community.

During the 2021 Legislative session, the Oregon House and Senate leadership each

created a special Committee formed to address the recovery needs arising from the Labor Day wildfires of 2020. In particular, the House Special Committee on Wildfire focused on the creation of a comprehensive funding package based on testimony the Committee had received over the course of the session.

The legislature appropriated \$150 million statewide to Oregon Housing and Community Services for the 2020 Labor Day fire recovery. Lane County was awarded a grant for \$4,120,547.41 from Oregon Housing and Community Services for Holiday Farm Fire Recovery.\$250,0000

The new grant will support the reconstruction of a fire station in Blue River where inflationary pressures had increased the total cost of reconstruction.



# Letters to the Editor

## Oversight needed for Classified documents

The Massachusetts Air National Guardsman who posted highly classified documents on social media should not have received a top-secret security clearance or any security clearance based on his terrible background. He discussed violence and murder and the use of an assassination van on social media. He also looked up mass shootings and government standoffs on his government computer. He was suspended from high school for discussing the use of Molotov cocktails and other weapons and making racial threats.

Why didn't an FBI background check, which is required for high-level security clearances, expose his past and disqualify him for the

security clearance?

My wife and I held top-secret security clearances back in the 1960s, and our background was thoroughly checked by the FBI. Neighbors, classmates in school, teachers, and employers were interviewed before we received our clearances.

We have to tighten up the system for obtaining security clearances and disseminating classified information on a need-to-know basis. We need a federal office responsible for the oversight of the dissemination of national security documents. When I was on a Navy staff back in the 1960s we had a top secret control officer responsible for the control of all top secret documents.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

you'll be more likely to encounter fake stories taking advantage of the interest. Hitting the brakes on consumption is especially important since there is evidence that fake stories spread faster than real information. With media fatigue, it's even easier to get tricked by false content.

\* Take a break and slow down

It's worth remembering that our right to silence is protected along with our ability to speak. You are more than welcome to add your voice to the conversation online but don't feel required to. It's also perfectly OK to step back to focus on what is important to you.

When we are being buffeted about by the social media swirl, it's easy to forget that we each have agency in how we choose to navigate our media environment. Building good media literacy habits not only helps us more fully appreciate our First Amendment rights but can also make us more effective users without the side ef-



fects of media fatigue.

At the end of the day one of the most important things we can do to stop falling for fake media content, on April Fools' or any day of the year, is to take care of ourselves.

Jessi Hollis McCarthy is the Freedom Forum's First Amendment educational content manager in Laurel, MD.

## Guest Opinion

### Media eatigue: 4 ways to fight information exhaustion

By Jessi Hollis McCarthy

Each April Fools' Day, you might brace yourself for tricks from friends and family and on social media. With all the swirling in our information universe, it can start to feel like April Fools' Day all year long. The skills you use each April 1 can be used year-round to fight the onslaught of junk media content in our media-saturated world.

If you are feeling overwhelmed by your daily dose of media, even when it's not April 1, know you aren't alone. This is a longstanding challenge of navigating the environment created by a free press. George Washington described this experience to Alexander Hamilton in 1796 as being "buffeted" around in print. Today it has a more modern name: media fatigue, which is psychological exhaustion due to overexposure to media. This can also include more specific types of exhaustion like news fatigue and social media fatigue. The challenge is that when we get this tired, we're more vulnerable to being duped by false content, both benign and malicious.

It's easy to think we can get rid of the problem by restricting freedom of the press and putting limits on reporters and news outlets. But remember: That would be calling for your own censorship too. Nowhere in the First Amendment does it say that freedom of the press is only for journalists.

Discover 4 ways to combat media fatigue

\* Take some time to learn the law

A basic understanding of what is and is not protected by the First Amendment can give us clarity on why we encounter the media we see in our daily lives. The founders believed that a free press, with all its challenges, is instrumental to democracy. Have you been frustrated over something in the media? Avoid the draining frustration and find out how and why the First Amendment protects press freedom.

\* Skip the middleman

You may have learned from a social media post which movie won the Oscar for best picture or that there will be worse than usual traffic on your way home, but if we trace that information to its roots, we'll probably find the work of the journalists. In fact, most of the factual news we consume originates from quality journalism before getting repeated on social media. We spend a lot of leisure time these days consuming media, from television shows to comedians on TikTok. Don't mix information-gathering with your relaxation routines. Go straight to the source and build a news diet of reputable reporting to reduce the flow of content while still getting the information you need. Not sure how to decide which news sources to trust? We have some media literacy resources to get you started.

\* Read until it repeats. Then stop.

It's easy in a breaking news cycle to get consumed with doom scrolling for more details, but reporting real information takes time. If you've built a diet of good news sources, you'll notice the details will start to repeat themselves after about two to three articles. If you keep diving into a story without giving time for more information to emerge,

## Efforts for ranked-choice and STAR voting gaining progress in Oregon

### Proposal for ranked-choice voting in 2028 statewide elections

By: Julia Shumway  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Efforts to change Oregon's voting system are on the move in the state Legislature and among citizen groups trying to write laws at the ballot box.

The House last week voted mostly along party lines to approve House Bill 2004, Speaker Dan Rayfield's proposal to establish ranked-choice voting in statewide elections beginning in 2028. The bill's prospects in the Senate are unclear as Republicans continue a walkout that prevents the Senate from voting on any bills, but citizen groups have also launched initiative campaigns for voters to make ranked-choice voting or another form that uses stars to rate candidates, the new standard.

Benton County, where Rayfield lives, has used ranked-choice voting in local elections since 2020. Maine, Alaska, and cities and counties throughout the country already use ranked-choice voting.

Voters rank candidates based on their preferences. If a candidate wins a majority of first-place votes, they win the election. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest number of first-place votes is eliminated and votes from the people who liked that candidate best are reallocated to their second-place pick. That process continues until one candidate receives a majority.



Proposals to change Oregon's voting system are advancing in the state House and in citizen initiatives.







was 9 years old when Benton County first began using ranked-choice voting, could understand it.

"We start ranking things in grade school," he said. "Which color do we like best? Which food do we like best? Ranking is not complicated."

His bill would require the state to use ranked-choice voting to select nominees and eventual candidates for president, vice president, U.S. senators and representatives, governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general, and commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The last is a non-partisan position that has a runoff election in November if a candidate doesn't receive a majority of the vote in the May primary election. Rayfield's proposal would eliminate the need for a second election because a candidate would end up with a majority because of ranked-choice voting.

The bill also would allow, but not require, local governments and service districts to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections. It wouldn't apply to candidates for the state Legislature, which Rayfield said was a compromise with county clerks who were

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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
5/23	74	40	0	367 cfs	5/23	66	39	0	4,940 cfs
5/24	79	48	0	342 cfs	5/24	68	38	0	4,490 cfs
5/25	80	54	0	367 cfs	5/25	75	38	0	4,640 cfs
5/26	74	54	0	357 cfs	5/26	81	48	0	4,200 cfs
5/27	80	50	0	340 cfs	5/27	85	53	0	4,190 cfs
5/28	80	50	0	309 cfs	5/28	75	46	0	4,130 cfs
5/29	81	48	0	NA	5/29	79	42	0	3,960 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**May 22: 11:54 a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.  
**1:23 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 51100 blk, McK. Hwy. verbal dispute. parties were separated.  
**May 23: 11:02 a.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 90200 blk, Hill Rd.  
**1:30 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Brush Creek.  
**5:58 p.m:** Animal Complaint - 39500 blk, Howard Rd.  
**May 24: 6:13 a.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**2:31 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A caller reported that a man and girl were in the hot springs naked and appeared 'out of place.' Caller believed the girl was underage.  
**May 25: 3:01 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Ross Ln.

**3:17 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Latta Rd.  
**2:33 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Ross Ln.  
**2:55 p.m:** Vehicle Stop McK. Hwy. & Latta Rd.  
**7:58 p.m:** Dog Bite - 38200 blk, Boscage Ln.  
**May 26: 8:47 a.m:** Civil Service - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**11:07 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd. A caller observed a male on a bicycle wearing a dress. The caller believed the male was casing the area.  
**11:31 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 93000 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**12:43 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 38200 blk, Boscage Ln.  
**3:06 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - McK. Hwy. & Dexter St.  
**3:10 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.  
**6:58 p.m:** Citation Service - McK. Hwy. & Camp Creek Rd.  
**7:51 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500

blk, McK. Hwy.  
**10:40 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - Hill Rd. & Marcola Rd. A female was observed being disorderly and walking down the center of the roadway. Deputies made contact and determined she had warrants for her arrest.  
**May 27: 10:11 a.m:** Assault - Blue River Dam. Physical dispute between a man and woman resulting in minor injuries to the woman. Deputies were able to interview the victim and identify the suspect. Investigation is ongoing.  
**11:06 a.m:** Welfare Check - 45900 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.  
**12:29 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 33400 blk, McK. View Dr. Ongoing property line dispute. A caller advised that a neighbor was drunk and yelled at the caller's wife.  
**12:51 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dam Rd.  
**1:21 p.m:** Alarm - 34400 blk, McK. View Dr.  
**4:25 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - 54900 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**7:38 p.m:** Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Physical dispute between neighbors, determined to be mutual combat.  
**May 28: 10:03 p.m:** Alarm - 45800 blk, Goodpasture Rd.  
**May 29: 7:40 a.m:** Theft- 59200 N. Belknap Springs Rd.

**10:19 a.m:** Welfare Check - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.  
**10:59 a.m:** Theft From Vehicle - 59200 N. Belknap Springs Rd.  
**11:33 a.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd.  
**11:44 a.m:** Assist, Follow up - Blue River area.  
**12:41 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91700 blk, Blue River Rd.  
**3:26 p.m:** Disabled Vehicle - Lat: 44.1445. Long: -122.0028.  
**6:29 p.m:** Overdue Subject - Blue River area.  
**7:32 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39000 blk, Hendricks Parks Rd.

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

# State Police Report

**May 26: 15:01:** Crash, Injury - Hwy. 1216E & Dexter St. Troopers responded to a two-vehicle injury accident near Milepost 421. The driver of a 1994 Honda pulled into the westbound lane in front of a 2013 Kia. The driver of the Kia did not have time to react to colliding with the Kia. The male driver of the Honda was transported to Riverbend via Lifelight. The driver and passenger of the Kia were transported by Emergency Medical Services to Riverbend. Both lanes of travel were blocked for approximately 20 minutes. ODOT responded to assist with

traffic control. Both vehicles were towed due to damage. Involved: 68-year-old male from McKenzie Bridge, 50-year-old female from Cottage Grove and 54-year-old passenger from Springfield.



# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**May 22: 10:08:** 45000 block, S. Gate Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.  
**11:58:** 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.  
**15:15:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal. Blocking, Patient Assessed, 1 Transported..  
**May 23: 0:35:** 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**13:34:** 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.  
**May 24: 14:43:** 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Police Assist. Patient Transported by OSP.  
**May 25: 8:30:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.  
**19:55:** 38000 blk, Boscage Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.  
**May 26: 7:55:** McK. Hwy./ Milepost 19. Motor Vehicle

































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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**May 26: 15:40:** Water Rescue - 59000 block, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Child stuck under a log in river.  
**May 29: 20:14:** Medical - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.  
The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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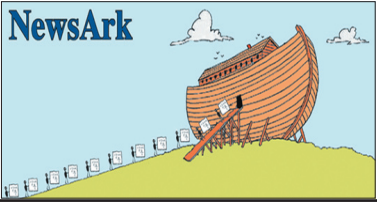
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# Our move to Oregon: (1935)

Continued From Last Week



The Barrow family lived in a house connected to the store. The old Rainbow Store later became a restaurant on the river at the Holiday Farm Resort.

By Maureen Trullinger, nee Barrows

The first year we were at the resort my parents decided they didn't want to keep Tom and Judy and the porcupines any more. Judy had deeply scratched the back of mom's hand as she was forking meat into the cage. Tom attracted female cougars down from the mountains at night during breeding season. Often their tracks could be seen around the cage the next morning. The female's cries sounded like a human woman crying, and my mother couldn't stand that.

Dad had to shoot Tom and Judy, as they would have been dangerous if let out into the for-

est — they might have wandered back for food. He took them to a taxidermist and the skins were hung on the living room walls of our new house. He took the porcupines back into the woods and let them go. One morning not long after that, he found Husky at our back door, whining. Husky had a muzzle full of porcupine quills. Dad had to use pliers to remove them and he said it was an emotional and difficult thing to do, as quills are barbed and very painful to remove. But Husky did not have any bad effects after his nose healed.

Husky was with us until about the year before we moved. He loved to chase loud cars on the highway and one day my best friend's father, who drove the milk truck, couldn't avoid hitting him. My father took Husky all the way into Eugene to the vet, but he had to be put to sleep.

## Attempts to cope with the mountains:

In the first winter they were at Rainbow, there was about three feet of snow. They still lived in the big house and owned the forest behind them. Dad went out into the woods to fell trees and chop wood for our fuel. He had borrowed a horse and buckboard to haul the wood in to the house. He asked mother to go along with him and pile the wood up for his next load while he and the horse brought a load in. After he left, she was piling wood and realized how very quiet it was in the forest. She looked all around her and realized how alone she was. Then she heard what she thought might be the cough of a cougar. She became panicked and started running toward the house (about a mile away). As she came out into the field, the snow was so deep she kept floundering and falling (mother was only five feet tall), all the time looking behind her for that imaginary cougar which by that time had become gigantic and close on her heels (she thought). She was struggling out of one more snow bank when Dad met her as he was coming back. She gasped out her fears and Dad just laughed, but when she adamantly

refused to go back in the forest, he let her go on home and he went back for more wood. There were no animal tracks.

Another story she liked to tell on herself was about the cow:

During the first year, when they still had the cow, and J.P., the young man who had driven the moving van for them, was staying on as a hired hand, Dad went to town one afternoon. In the early evening, mother discovered that the cow had gotten loose. J.P. was nowhere to be seen. Mother tramped out into the field to try to catch the cow, and it just kept running away from her. As it got dark, she decided to crouch behind a bush near the highway and wait for the cow to come by, then grab it. As she was hiding there, she heard footsteps coming down the highway. She leaped out to catch the cow, and ran right into a neighbor from up the road. She was so embarrassed she forgot at first to explain what she was doing behind the bush. But somehow the story became clear and the neighbor laughed and helped her catch the cow.

In the first year or two we lived in the big house, there was a large forest fire on the ridge of mountains just behind our 46 acres of forest. The fire could be seen at night on the ridge. Ashes were falling on our house, and we were afraid the fire would roar down the mountain toward us. It came part way, and my parents hurriedly packed some belongings into a pickup truck and prepared to evacuate. But the fire was contained when it had burned about halfway down our side of the mountain, and we hauled everything back into the house until "the next time." A few years later there was another fire just west of us. My Dad volunteered to fight the fire, and I remember the orange clouds of smoke over the mountains and over our home. Chemicals were used to fight the fire, which made the smoke orange. We didn't have to pack up that time, but it was great entertainment for the tourists.

The fishing in the late '30s was

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By Slim Randles

Dud was heading home in his pickup truck when he saw the strange goings-on at the Bahdziewicz place. Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz was out in the family's large garden with a full complement of kids who were happily hopping around. Some of the kids came from the neighborhood, but most of them were homegrown Bahdziewicz kids.

The Bahdziewicz family had a great garden, and went at the whole thing scientifically and in great fun, because this is one family that runs short on cash but long on kids.

Dud pulled over and watched for a minute as Abe laughingly directed the family dancers doing the vegetable boogie through the various rows of the huge garden.

"What's going on, Abe?" yelled Dud.

"Squash bug stomping time," Abe said, turning over another board lying next to the vegetables. As soon as the board was flipped over, a plethora of Bahdziewicz kids stomped the bugs flat. "It's the kids' favorite time in the garden."

The third-grader, John Kennedy Bahdziewicz, said, "Flip another board, Dad."

"Hold it!" Dud yelled. "Not another move until I get back, okay? I'll be back here in five minutes. Five minutes!"

Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz looked at his oldest son, Woodrow Wilson Bahdziewicz and they both shrugged. The rest of the family stopped, too. Dud peeled out in the pickup and was back in less than two minutes.

"Okay," Dud yelled. "Let's do the squash bug stomp the right way!"

And he strapped on his accordion and fired up a grand polka as boards were flipped over and the exposed squash bugs were dispatched in record polka time.

Sometimes just living here can be an awful lot of fun.

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## Emergency? Call 911



Show-stealing shrubs



By Mike Darcy

Most gardens have a diversity of plants, usually with a representation of at least one or two categories. This would include annuals, perennials, shrubs, vines and trees. In the urban gardens of many homeowners today, there may be fewer trees and more shrubs due to limited space.

Sometimes the distinction between a shrub and a tree is very subjective, but usually, a shrub will be shorter than a tree with multiple branches. Of course, this is not a hard and fast distinction because some trees can also be quite short and have multiple branches.

Using the above definition of a shrub, here are five shrubs that have commanded attention in my garden. None of them have needed any control measures for insects or diseases. They all survived the heat of last summer and the cold of this past winter and are looking good in our cool, very wet spring.

Perhaps one or more of these plants will demand attention in your garden, too.

Sometimes referred to by the common name of Tasmanian pepperberry or mountain pepper, *Drimys lanceolata* is an evergreen shrub with red stems. There are clusters of white flowers in late spring, but the real attraction is the red stems. The stems are red throughout the year and provide a nice contrast to the dark green leaves.

The specimen in my garden is probably 25 years old and is planted in a sunny location. It is about 6 feet tall and equally as wide. I have done minimal

pruning on this shrub.

The leaves have a hot pepper taste and can be chopped up and used in salads. While this shrub is attractive all year, the red stems are particularly showy during the winter months when green is the dominant color in the garden.

For late winter fragrance, *Edgeworthia chrysantha* is hard to beat. This is a relative of *Daphne* and has a similar fragrance. If you were just walking by it in bloom, it would be difficult to distinguish its fragrance from the common *Daphne*.

This deciduous plant has large leaves like rhododendron and is sometimes called the Chinese paper bush because paper can be made from its bark. The silver-colored buds open to yellow flowers that appear in clusters at the tips of the branches. *Edgeworthia* has a unique way of branching because the branches emerge in a group of three and form a triangle.

About 20 years old, the specimen in my garden does receive some hot summer sun and the leaves quickly wilt but bounce back in the shade or with irrigation. While I have seen plants growing in full sun, some afternoon shade would be beneficial.

Despite our cool rainy spring, this has been a stellar year for camellias. While most of us are familiar with the large flowering types, there is another type that has dangling, pure white, small fragrant flowers. Winter-blooming *Camellia transarisanensis* is new to me and a superb-looking shrub. It has an airy growth habit and looks as though it would make a

good plant for an espalier.

My neighbor's plant is situated among some other shrubs and under a dogwood tree, so it is protected from the hot sun and wind. It is about 8 feet tall and the new growth has stunning bright red leaves. I was so impressed that last year I bought my own plant. It is in a protected location, and it came through the cold winter with no damage.

This would be an outstanding plant in a woodland garden setting or an espalier in a shady location.

*Illicium 'Woodland Ruby'* (anise tree) has been in my garden for one year. The flowers were what attracted me to this shrub and the blooming season was much longer than I had expected. From late May through the summer, there were flowers.

While the name 'Woodland Ruby' would indicate that the flowers are red, I would consider them more of a dark pink. One reference said that the flowers were shaped like starfish, but I would have never thought of that resemblance.

In just one year of growth, the specimen in my garden has doubled in size and is now about 4 feet in height. It seems to do better with some shade from the hot afternoon sun and a soil rich in organic matter.

One tough plant that I have had in my garden for many years is *Calycanthus x raulstonii 'Hartlage Wine'*. This deciduous shrub has maroon, wine-colored flowers, and it is one of the most talked about plants in my garden when it is in bloom. It is rare that we see flowers of this color and when the plant is in full bloom, late spring to early summer, the flowering is profuse.

It is a very vigorous growing plant and often will need some pruning for space considerations. This *Calycanthus* does well in full sun and it has never had any winter damage. Give it room to spread: my plant is probably 8 feet tall and equally as wide, and I prune it every year.

Shrubs are clearly an important component of any garden. A few well-placed shrubs can become permanent focal plants in the garden. Your local garden center can give you creative ideas regarding shrub placement, along with suggestions for companion plants, such as other shrubs, ground covers, or summer-flowering annuals. These are great options if you're looking for something new.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen

THE SEASON OF LILACS

Ah! The lilacs of spring! They brighten our scenery and our spirits I always look forward to the lilac bushes showing off their lavender or white blooms. These signs of warmer weather are such a welcoming sight.

When I recall springtime in my childhood, I can close my eyes and picture the large white lilac bush beside the woodhouse/shop (formerly the original farmhouse) and the lavender one near the front steps that blossomed around Memorial Day. My mother's parents also had a number of purple lilac bushes at their farmhouse, too.

Age-Old Flowers

This time of year when lilac festivals are scheduled throughout New Hampshire, we enjoy the lilacs that bloom in our village and the countryside. Lilacs beside the kitchen door remind us of the older homes.

Often you'll find old cellar holes or homes in need of restoration with lilacs in the dooryard, along with rose bushes and forsythia. As one rambles through old fields and woodlands, beside stone walls and along abandoned roads, you'll come across these flowers that once stood beside a home full of family activities.

Today we find these flowering bushes in villages, city parks, beside homes, and near old cellar holes. Lilacs and forsythia, which recall memories and provide pleasant surroundings, herald the springtime.

RECIPES FOR SPRING

Among the recipes you may want to try for your springtime meals are those involving dandelions.

DANDELION SALAD - Wash 6 cups tender dandelion greens. Place in a large bowl. Add a favorite dressing or one made by stirring together: 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons olive oil or salad oil, salt and ground black pepper to taste. Some people like to sprinkle chopped hard-boiled egg and/or crumble crisp bacon over the salad.

(An old-fashioned flavor involves substituting bacon drippings for the oil in the salad. You also can combine the dandelion greens with other salad greens if you like variation.)

BROCCOLI-CAULIFLOWER SALAD - Cook and chop 1-pound bacon. Layer it and the following vegetables in a 13x9-inch glass dish: 1 sliced red onion, 1 head of cauliflower separated into flowerettes, 1 head of broccoli flowerettes.

Mix together 1 1/4 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing (light or low fat if you wish), 1/2 to 1 cup-shredded cheddar cheese, 1-tablespoon sugar, 1-tablespoon mustard. Spread over the top of the vegetables and bacon.

Refrigerate overnight. Toss salad ingredients together just before serving.

This makes a nice potluck dish or family gathering salad.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes for children and adults from her home in the NH woods.)

Quote of the Week

"If both sides have the answer, why don't we have a solution?"

Anonymous

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### June 2 First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project

the Tuesday ahead of each event.

### June 2 Cornhole League

People interested in forming a Cornhole League can sign up at a member's meeting from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow. Days and times will depend on people's availability during the sign-up at 54745 McKenzie River Drive.

### June 2 UMCC Annual Mtg

The Upper McKenzie Community Center's Annual Members Meeting will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Drive. Tour the community center and see the newly remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, get updates, learn about the UMCC's goals and future plans, and meet the board members and cast your ballots. There will also be a potluck, so bring a dish, side, or app to share (bring tableware if you can).

### June 3 & 4 DRACO Sale

The Annual DRACO "That's Incredible!" Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with sale sites throughout the Deerhorn Ranch Acres Neighborhood - all in one nice, easy-to-walk location. Antiques, tools, sporting goods, and tons of miscellaneous. Location: 6 mi. east of Walterville on Hwy 126, near mp 17. Follow the signs across the bridge to the sales.

### June 3 Start & Seed Swap

Want plant starts? Have any plant starts to share? Come to

the McKenzie River Valley Start and Seed Swap (Giveaway) in downtown Blue River June 3 from 9 to noon at 51748 Cascade Street in Blue River. You don't need to bring anything with you, but if you have plants/seeds to share, please do. All varieties of plants and seeds welcome - vegetables, ornamentals, cuttings, annuals, perennials, flowers, natives. For more information contact Sarah Hunter at 541-632-3636 and leave a message.

### June 3 Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

### June 3 Dime At A Time

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

### June 3 & 4 Free Fishing Weekend

The first weekend in June is Oregon's traditional Free Fishing Weekend. And each year ODFW and its partners sponsor several free fishing events throughout the state. To find an event near you, and to check out other family fishing events throughout the spring and fall, visit the "Take the family fishing page" at [tinyurl.com/mtaepjrs](http://tinyurl.com/mtaepjrs).

### June 4 Pride Outside

A Pride Outside Bird Walk will be held from 8 to 11:30

a.m. at Green Island in Eugene. The McKenzie River Trust is inviting LGBTQIA2S+ friends and neighbors to the island for a morning bird walk at the Willamette Confluence. Led by queer local bird nerds, this walk will be full of fun and education for birders of all ages and levels.

### June 4 Boat Inspections

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Bi-Mart stores to sponsor Free Boat Inspections to help boaters prepare for the summer season. It will be held on Sunday, June 4th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Mohawk Bi-Mart, 1521 Mohawk Blvd, in Springfield. Bring your boat (any kind) for a free inspection.

### June 6 BCC Meeting

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

### June 6 Coffee With Locals

Meet at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd, Come have a cup of coffee with the locals at 10 a.m. (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in the fire recovery process, and share your successes and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

### June 6 Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to

enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

### June 7 BCC Meeting

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

### June 11 Farming for Vets

A coffee & chat for Veteran Farmers (and those exploring farming) will be held on Sunday, June 11th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics will include networking and resource sharing, along with a potluck. Bring a dish to share if you'd like, or just show up and get to know your neighboring Veteran Farmers. It will be held in Springfield (location provided with RSVP) Please RSVP online: [tinyurl.com/2d5vphjw](http://tinyurl.com/2d5vphjw) or contact Crystal directly via email [kelsocr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kelsocr@oregonstate.edu) Please let us know if you would like any help with accommodations or requests.

### June 18 Father's Day Breakfast

The Walterville Grange will host the annual Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 18. Bring dad to the Walterville Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m., where Grangers be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham and/or sausage, fresh fruit, and coffee and orange juice. It is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. There will also be a collection for canned food items for the upriver food bank. Donations will gratefully be accepted. Funds are also being collected for new windows and siding for the east side of the community center. For more information call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

### July 7 - 9 Lavender Festival

McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday - Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop for fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk through the fields and cut your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender farm, located just east of Walterville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skincare essentials, u-cut lavender, a country bazaar of local artisans, food, music, and lavender refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

Stay in touch with events online with the [McKenzie Community Events Calendar](#).

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell



### No Class

The manager of a very posh store in New York City has this weird habit of touching her employees’ lunches. She has picked up sandwiches and taken bites out of them without permission. She even sticks her finger into their donuts or muffins while they are eating them.

She laughs and thinks it is funny. I find it disgusting and rude. What is wrong with this woman? People have said things to her, but she continues to abuse her authority. Since she rules the store, what can they do?

Mardi

Mardi, there is one thing they can do about this woman’s behavior. Make her disappear! They can do this permanently by quitting, or temporarily, by eating out or eating elsewhere.

Obsessions, compulsions, and morbid habits are deeply rooted.

Her brain is stuck on impulses you will probably never understand, but even if you did, you lack the power to change them. It is sometimes said people who act this way get no pleasure from their behavior, but there is a clear gain to her actions.

Every time she touches her employees’ food she reinforces her superiority and their inferiority. In a way, that is the essence of poshness. The word “posh” means elegant, expensive, and upper-class.

Knowing the right wine to order from an extensive wine list may be wonderful, but only if you already know what is truly important. For that reason, being posh implies the ability to make unimportant distinctions, while being blind to what is truly important. In that sense, your manager and her store are truly posh.

Wayne & Tamara

### Altered Image

I am recently separated after four years of marriage. I have always been a large person, tall enough to be mistaken for a professional basketball player. For the last 10 years, my weight has fluctuated from 250 to 450 pounds.

When I started dating my wife, I was at the end of a liquid diet I had been doing for 11 months. I

was looking and feeling good. She treated me so well and things were so nice, I swear I could do no wrong.

Darcy knew I had been battling weight problems most of my life. Eighteen months after the marriage, the weight came back on. I knew I would have to do something and made efforts to change my eating habits, but it was never good enough. She made me feel like a monster.

Darn it, I’m a nice guy. But she resented me and said my weight problem had taken over both our lives. Slowly but surely intimacy and communication were going and then gone. We went to counseling, but it always ended up with my weight. I’m sick of defending my weight problem. There’s more to life than trying to lose weight.

She even told me on our first date she liked me when we met several years before, and I was fairly large then. Was she lying? I filed for divorce last month. I could not live with the resentment and disrespect. Any advice?

Kevin

Kevin, with many people, the amount of affection they feel is based on the lack of problems they incur. If there is an illness, job loss, or the birth of a child with medical problems, they are no longer comfortable in the relationship.

People want to be married. Often they will stuff everything under the rug to go ahead with the wedding. Don’t trap yourself in misery because you won’t be

honest. Ask yourself honestly, Would she have married me if I had not lost all that weight?

Manipulation during the dating process always comes back to haunt us. That is why we need to present ourselves as honestly as possible. Perhaps you both pulled something on each other. Next time you want a woman who knows and loves you just as you are, because that is where real happiness is to be found.

Tamara

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

Hound,” but beyond that — silence.

I should resist this degrading donkey-work in favor of my own writing, wherein contentment surely lies.

But A. Smith stares smugly from the reverse of the twenty pound note, and when my bank manager guffaws, small particles of saliva stream like a meteor shower through the infinity of dark space between his world and mine.

Simon Armitage served from 2015 to 2019 as Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford, and in 2017 he was appointed Professor of Poetry at the University of Leeds. He was named UK Poet Laureate in 2019. The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Armitage was named the Millennium Poet in 1999, a Fellow of the Royal Society for Literature in 2004, and a Commander of the British Empire in 2010. In 2014 he was awarded the Cholmondeley Award.

Known for his deadpan delivery, Armitage’s formally assured, often darkly comic poetry is influenced by the work of Ted Hughes, W.H. Auden, and Philip Larkin. As a reviewer for the PoetryArchive.org observed, “With his acute eye for modern life, Armitage is an updated version of Wordsworth’s ‘man talking to men.’”

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1. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks

5. Barrel, unit

8. Foot the bill

11. Quiet time

12. Nemo's forgetful friend

13. Horace's poem

15. One thing on a list

16. Ophthamologist's check-up, e.g.

17. Range of hills in England, pl.

18. \*Ticket booth (2 words)

20. "Odyssey," e.g.

21. Biased perspective

22. Azog or Bolg in Tolkien's Moria

23. \*Siskel or Ebert

26. To the degree

30. Brick and mortar carrier
31. Governing authority

34. Key component of a loan

35. Highly skilled

37. E in CE or BCE

38. "\_\_\_\_\_ a high note"

39. End of the line

40. Like certain yellowish hair color

42. Compass bearing

43. Ambled

45. Warhol or Samberg, formally

47. Churchill's sign

48. Anna Wintour's magazine

50. "Heat of the Moment" band

52. \*Like some seats

56. More slippery

57. Initial bet in poker

58. Popular dunking cookie

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59. "Little \_\_\_\_ fact"
60. Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.
61. \*Sentimental movie, or \_\_\_\_-jerker
62. Literary "even"
63. \*Shooting location
64. ESPN award

DOWN

1. Not intellectually deep
2. \_\_\_\_pilot
3. Holly family
4. \*Kate Hudson's "\_\_\_\_ Famous" (2000)
5. Put someone in a bind (2 words)
6. Modified leaf
7. Tick-born disease
8. Ralph Lauren's inspiration
9. Puts two and two together
10. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
12. Vandalize
13. Pitchers
14. \*Tub contents
19. Behave like a coquette
22. Comes before first Mississippi
23. Bracelet add-on
24. Barrel racing meet
25. Think tank output, pl.
26. \*Widescreen cinematography abbreviation
27. Dimmer, e.g.
28. Do penance
29. Re-establish
32. Neuter
33. Investment option acronym
36. \*Movie ad
38. Boredom
40. \*Upcharge for an online ticket purchase, e.g.
41. Aerie baby
44. Pine
46. Indicate
48. \*Movie theater, e.g.
49. Set of eight
50. Teenager's breakout
51. Land of Israel
52. X-ray units
53. Wraths
54. Type of tide
55. \*Like a bloody horror movie
56. Short of Isaac

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

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Events from Jun 1st

Submit Event

EMERALD ART CENTER

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Fri May 12th 4:00pm - Thu Jun 1st 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

UPPER MCKENZIE FIRE DISTRICT

Wed May 17th 7:00pm - Mon Jun 5th 8:00pm

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479

Alesong Happy Hour Benefit

Thu Jun 1st 5:00pm - 7:00pm

From 5 - 7 pm, \$1 of everything sold will benefit the McKenzie River Trust. In addition, for the entire month of June, 25% of sales of ...

Fri Jun 2nd 9:30am - 12:00pm

Volunteer: First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach

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CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Fri Jun 2nd 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Cornhole League at the UMCC

Sign up at our Member's Meeting - We'll figure out which days and times are best for everyone depending on people's availability during

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

6PM, JUNE 2, 2023

Upper McKenzie Community Center 54243 McKenzie River Drive

Fri Jun 2nd 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Upper McKenzie Community Center Annual Members Meeting

Join us at the Upper McKenzie Community Center for our Annual Members Meeting! This is a great opportunity to make new

Sat Jun 3rd 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet.

Sat Jun 3rd 9:00am - Sun 4th 3:00pm

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of McKenzie Fire & Rescue will be held on June 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at McKenzie Fire & Rescue Headquarters, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or requested electronically by emailing mckenziefire@mckenziefire.com. This budget is for the 2023 / 2024 annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Darren Bucich, Fire Chief Telephone: 541.896.3311 Email: dbucich@mckenziefire.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2021-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-2023	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-2024
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,584,843	4,280,804	4,558,362
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	0	0	0
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	76,000	738,293	81,750
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	253,720	433,848	276,028
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	486,368	178,882	109,427
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,106,003	1,597,913	1,645,851
Total Resources	4,506,934	7,229,740	6,671,418

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

	Actual Amount 2021-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-2023	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-2024
Personnel Services	982,304	1,265,625	1,157,778
Materials and Services	582,347	701,890	595,222
Capital Outlay	2,678,563	4,818,377	4,632,390
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	253,720	433,848	276,028
Contingencies	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	0	0
Total Requirements	4,506,934	7,229,740	6,671,418

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM \*

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Fire Life Safety	505,748	555,900	579,325
FTE	7	7	7
Total Requirements			
Total FTE	7	7	7

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \*

No changes in activities or sources of financing.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2021-2022	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2022-2023	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2023-2024
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.6106 per \$1,000)	1.6106	1.6106	1.6106
Local Option Levy	.60	.60	.60
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	None	None
Other Bonds	None	None
Other Borrowings	None	None
Total		

\* If more space is needed to complete any section of this form, insert lines (rows) on this sheet. You may delete blank lines.

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Fishing Report

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

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

**Fish Counts**  
May 25, Willamette Falls  
Spring Chinook - 9,028  
Steelhead - 2,029


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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**June 1** - David Lenox, the first Baptist minister in the Oregon Country was a giving man. He built a log cabin on the Tualatin Plains, and during the winter of 1845-46 he opened his home to others in need. The cabin, measuring eighteen feet by twenty-two feet, housed the reverend, his wife and their 10 children, and also a widow with three children as well as the Reverend Ezra Fisher, his wife and their five children. In later years Reverend Lenox helped form a Baptist church in Oregon City. He finally retired from the ministry and turned his attention to farming near Weston. He died in 1874.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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**9:16:** 89000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
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**May 27: 8:47:** 37000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.  
**15:06:** 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**15:54:** Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**May 28: 5:46:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Heart.

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**Is Lane County working for you?**  
Charter Committee seeks public's comments

EUGENE: A committee comprised of seven Lane County residents is now in the process of gathering comments that could lead to changes in some of the ways the regional government operates.

The county is governed by a Home Rule Charter (HRC) that establishes how the local county government operates. It can only be changed by a countywide vote. Every 10 years, a committee of residents is appointed to review the Lane County Charter and suggest changes to the Board of County Commissioners.

This year, the committee reviewing the charter has created a survey for people to share their thoughts. Topics include the

existing commissioner districts, local campaign finance limits, and more, as well as opportunities for open-ended suggestions.

HRC amendments approved in the past included reducing county commissioner terms from six years to four (in 1972), requiring a review of commissioner district boundaries every 10 years (in 1982), and a change in 2010 to create more flexibility in the ways the county provides services across departments.

In 1958 the Oregon Constitution was amended to give voters the right to adopt charters prescribing how their county governments

should be organized, what powers they should have, and what procedure they should follow in administering county affairs. The Home Rule Charter for Lane County was approved by voters four years later (in 1962).

The CRC meets monthly on the fourth Friday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Conference Room unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings will be held as needed on the second Thursday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information and a link to the survey, go to: [tinyurl.com/y3exy2d9](https://tinyurl.com/y3exy2d9).

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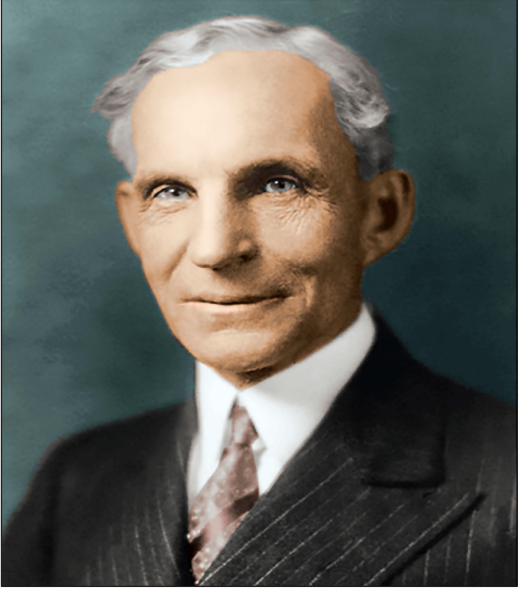
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# Move to Oregon

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The Barrows family with Husky in front of the fish pond.

excellent in the McKenzie. Dad must have fished occasionally, as I remember many meals of Rainbow Trout, rolled in corn meal, and fried. I hated picking out all the bones. To this day trout is not a treat for me.

On the west side of our house was a boat landing where I spent many hours playing in the shallow icy water. I'd build small dams of river rock and play with bark boats. Sometimes I'd hike west down the highway to a bridge that took me across to an island in the river. There I'd visit an old man, John Webber, who was a friend of my parents. John had a cabin there and sometimes acted as a caretaker for a family that owned a summer home on the highway near the bridge. John was a retired German sailor, and told us stories of his days on real sailing ships and being shipwrecked. He doted on me and liked to take me fishing in his rowboat. He told me stories of people getting mauled by bears on the island, but I wasn't frightened as long as I was with him.

When I caught small trout with salmon eggs and brought them home, I'd put them in the large metal tank at the back of the store. The top of the tank was open and held river water that was constant-

ly pumped through it to keep it cold for storage of soda pop, milk, and beer. Below the tank were cupboards for storage of butter and other items that needed to stay cool. That was our refrigerator. I thought it was great fun to sneak the still-alive fish into the top of the tank and watch as my mother would come in to pick up a bottle of milk or soda and jump as she was startled by a darting fish! I also used to sneak through the store on my way out to the swing and grab a Three Musketeers candy bar on my way. Three Musketeers at that time consisted of three separate bars packaged together. One or two would have white centers and the others chocolate centers. I liked to nibble off the chocolate coating and then eat the centers. Mother said her favorite thing in the store was the cigarette packages. She didn't smoke, but she liked to arrange them in the display because of their cellophane covering which felt so smooth.

One time an old man, a "native," (anyone who lived on the river, not a tourist, was a "native") came in to buy something. He saw a tray of eggs on the counter and, thinking they were hard-boiled (taverns in those days used to serve free hard-boiled eggs on

their bars), he picked up one and rolled it along the counter to crack the shell. Mother laughed until her sides hurt as he looked stunned and lifted his hand dripping with raw egg.

During the first few years at Rainbow my parents kept the gasoline tank that was in front of the store. It was the round type, with glass on the top third so you could see the orange gasoline drop as the car tank was filled. Mother said she never thought when she lived in the CITY that she'd ever be pumping gas. She also could check oil and wash windows.

I started first grade at McKenzie Bridge. It was a white two-room schoolhouse with a bell tower on the roof, an outhouse in the back, and a water pump in the front. Each room had a pot-bellied wood stove. The first four grades were in the room on the right, and the next four grades on the left. My best friends, Patty Daniels, and Betty Jo Carlton and I were the only students in the first and second grades. I remember the long blackboard — above it the alphabet was printed in small and capital letters on a paper banner. Of course, we sat in wooden and wrought-iron seats, all fastened together in a row, one in front of the other. Our teacher, Mrs. Steele, and Miss Thurman, who taught the upper grades, came for the school year from Eugene. They lived with families nearby on the river and perhaps went home on weekends. Mrs. Steele was blonde and had the most beautiful deep blue eyes I'd ever seen. She taught us phonetic spelling and reading.

I rode to school (4 miles) in a small station wagon that we called the "Tomato Can." I remember sitting on the floor in the back, holding my metal lunchbox. Then the school district managed to buy a short yellow school bus with real seats! Jim Yale was the bus driver. When school was out each May, we'd all ride in the school bus to one of the state parks nearby and have a picnic. I really liked school. In the winter, I remember big drifts of snow outside the window of the school room. If you sat in the row near the window you were always cold. But if you sat near the stove, it was too hot. To get to the outhouse in the back, we'd walk along the crusted snow on the big snow banks.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

# Ode to the Oregon Trail



"Hall, Laramie, Bridger, and Boise" are more than names to students at Walterville Elementary who had a chance to show what they learned this year during their "Oregon Trail" presentation last Tuesday. The fourth graders in Sheila Garrelts' class brought to life some of the pioneer activities that went on inside frontier forts associated with those names. Class members had all worked hard creating wagon models filled with supplies that reflected historical accuracy. Each student also created Oregon guidebooks to go with their wagons that were filled with lists, art, and detailed historical facts about other places like Independence, The Dalles, and Oregon City.



# Gaining progress

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worried about not having enough space on ballots if they needed to give voters enough room to rank every candidate.

"Personally speaking, I would love to see legislative races included down the road, and in my perfect policy, it would absolutely be there," Rayfield said.

Even if the measure passes the Senate, voters still would need to approve it in the 2024 election for it to take effect.

Rayfield's measure passed nearly along party lines, with Republican Rep. Charlie Conrad of Dexter joining 34 Democrats in voting for the bill and every Republican voting against it.

Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, said the ranked-choice voting would enable fringe candidates to win elections.

"Voters risk seeing their least favorite choice for office receives unearned support," she said. "A candidate would ride into office without a true mandate to govern."

If Rayfield's measure doesn't pass this session or in the short legislative session in 2024, a group is preparing a citizen initiative to bring it to the ballot. Mike Alfoni, the chief petitioner for the Voter Choice Act, told the Capital Chronicle he's focused now on getting something passed through the Legislature.

"What we're looking at with a citizen's initiative is sort of a backstop to just ensure that voters will have the opportunity to vote

on this one way or the other in 2024," he said.

## STAR Voting

Separately, a group that includes state Rep. Zach Hudson, D-Troutdale, is pushing for Oregon ballots to come with star ratings. STAR voting, which stands for "score then automatic runoff," has been used by political parties in internal elections but not in any official elections.

Under STAR voting, voters have the option to give every candidate between 0 and 5 stars. There are two rounds of counting. First, vote counters would tally up the total number of stars each candidate received.

The two candidates with the most stars would go to an automatic runoff, with the winner being the person preferred by the most voters.

Deanna Kallen, one of the chief petitioners for a ballot initiative seeking to enact STAR voting statewide, said she initially supported ranked-choice voting before learning more about STAR voting.

"The reason why we advocate for STAR voting over ranked-choice voting is because STAR voting actually provides an equally weighted vote," she said. "What that means is, mathematically, my vote weighs the same as yours. We could balance each other out, so if I vote one way, you could vote equal and opposite."

A political action committee supporting the cause has raised less than \$2,000 since it launched last year, according to state campaign finance records. As of April 24, the group had collected 102 of the more than 120,000 signatures needed by summer 2024 to get the initiative on the November ballot.

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