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38,000 free seed packets will be distributed by OSU Extension Service

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Utility launches home relocation program

EWEB supports moving away from riparian areas

The Eugene Water & Electric Board has launched the Homesite Relocation Program for landowners interested in rebuilding their homes and infrastructure outside of the riparian setback or special floodplain hazard area. As community partners in protecting natural resources, EWEB is investing in long term protection of the McKenzie River as well as helping landowners rebuild their homes in the McKenzie Valley.

Wildfire can dramatically increase erosion by reducing tree cover and altering the physical and chemical properties of soils. Post-fire ash, debris, and sediment can complicate water treatment, impact water quality for downstream communities, and challenge our source water protection efforts. Erosion can also threaten landowner properties by causing instability of stream banks.

In the aftermath of the Holiday Farm Fire, we are working in partnership with landowners, watershed researchers, forest management agencies and local

non-profits to identify threats to help with long-term community recovery.

The assistance includes a Lane County permit rebates of \$2,000 and an infrastructure grant offering up to \$5,000 on a sliding scale to incentivize home site relocation. EWEB has also expanded the former Septic Zero-Interest Loan to better support landowner needs. The new Septic System and Infrastructure Loan still carries no interest but may be issued for up to \$20,000 and can cover a wider range of expenses. A longer term of up to 8 years is also available to landowners with properties inside the fire perimeter.

Anyone with questions about these programs or other assistance EWEB has to offer can reach out to our Watershed Restoration Team at watershedrecovery@eweb.org.

Anyone rebuilding in the Holiday Farm Fire perimeter can visit <http://www.eweb.org/hff-resources> for more information.

\$15 million bond levy returns to May ballot

McKenzie would rebuild, then demolish elementary school



Elementary School Classroom

"The classrooms are appropriately sized, well lit and have appropriately tall ceilings, making them overall very pleasant spaces to inhabit. There are concerns with visibility into the the classrooms from the exterior, as a site security measure." McKenzie School District - Long Range Facilities Plan

Locals boost locals



Mary Ellen Wheeler, left, and Gerry Aster.

On February 25th, Mary Ellen Wheeler presented the Vida McKenzie Community Center with a check for \$500. This generous donation to VMCC's Rebuild Campaign was made by McKenzie Locals Helping Locals. The gift will move the Center closer to realizing its dream of reopening its doors on September 8th of 2022. Vida McKenzie Community Center cannot thank McKenzie Locals Helping Locals enough for their wonderful generosity.

Vida McKenzie Community

Center invites everyone to an Open House at the Discovery Center across from Leaburg Lake on 3/13/21 from 1-4p.m. to chat with board members and the with Jesse Elliot, the architect. This will provide an opportunity to see what we have envisioned for our new Center and to also give your input regarding the design and uses for the future Center.

Gerry Aster
Vida McKenzie
Community Center
Vice President & Secretary

FINN ROCK: McKenzie School District voters will have the opportunity, again, to vote on replacing their seventy-year-old elementary school. Last November the school board discouraged people from supporting a \$15,215,000 bond citing the damage done to the community by the Holiday Farm Fire.

Five teachers, a dozen classified staff and fifty students had been impacted when 400 homes were destroyed, accounting for about 70% of the district's tax base value.

Before that vote, board chair Tim Halloran advised patrons, "It's not a matter of do we need the bond or not need the bond, It's a matter of timing."

The measure narrowly failed in the November 3rd election, when 631 supported and 675 were opposed.

During a virtual meeting on February 24th the school board looked at potential \$15 and \$12 million bond proposals as well as costs based on how long a bond would be in effect.

"We held a series of three virtual public meetings to discuss the work, and kind of what

elements held the most importance to folks," school superintendent Lane Tompkins reported. "So we learned from our community engagement that the work identified was of importance and that the costs of a potential bond up to \$2 (per thousand) would be positively received."

If passed this time, the \$15 million bond would cover a wide range of items - from replacement and demolition of the existing elementary to high school improvements like energy efficient windows and shades, safety and security features throughout the district such as control gates, and updated security measures.

During discussions of the reduced scope, \$14 million bond, it was noted lower priority items like reconfiguring the bus drop off area and doing some of the ADA updates to the pagoda basement would not be funded.

"The first consideration is, you know, the longer the term, the more interest will be paid," Tompkins said. "So it'll cost a little bit more in the long run. Because the funds are going to term long term capital projects spreading that cost out over that longer lifespan of the

investment could make more sense and could be more logical."

Elaine Bryson supported that approach saying it was important to, "Assure people that there's not going to be bond levy after bond levy after bond levy every couple of years."

It also made sense to Alyssa Brownlee, who noted, "I believe Albert Einstein once said, 'Never underestimate the power of compound interest.'"

That led to a motion for a \$15,212,000 for 25-year-term bond by Melissa Norlund, seconded by Brownlee and unanimously approved. At that price and time period, taxpayers can expect to see an estimated additional \$1.92 per \$1,000 of assessed value added to their tax statements, besides the existing \$4.69 per thousand permanent rate for the McKenzie School District.

If voters approve the bond in May, McKenzie will be eligible for an additional \$4 million in matching grant monies from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Fund program.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for March 17th.

Letters to the Editor

Welcome back

As our friends and neighbors continue to suffer and recover from the Holiday Farm fire, we want to thank all the folks, both near and far, who have contributed funds and in-kind donations to the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Our two biggest donors have been Lane Electric and United Way, but so many others, some perfect strangers who heard about our experiences, have come forward to help. This includes our neighbors who have donated cans and bottles for redemption. These funds helped to pay the hefty heat and electric bills keeping the center warm and dry to host the Rainbow Relief Center through the winter. We've also been able to make many repairs and improvements, including a generator to ensure that UMCC can operate during future emergencies. The Northwest Youth Corps team will be arriving on the 15th of this month to help clean the property of ladder fuels and invasive plants. We are so grateful for all this generosity!

As the Relief Center winds down, we're now pleased to partner with the Frances O'Brien

Memorial Library by providing a temporary location (in the section of the UMCC building named in original floor plans as "the Reading Room!") for at least a year as they weigh long term plans. We're also coordinating with Lane County Emergency Management to strengthen UMCC as an emergency management resource for whatever the future brings. And we continue to explore if a new location, shared with others, will enable us to be even more useful.

We're honored and thrilled to announce that our Board of Directors has expanded so we can wisely navigate next steps. Thank you and welcome to the following people who collectively bring a variety of perspectives, skills, neighborhoods, ages and community networks: Jane Bills, Alice Bonasio, Beverly Braun, Alyssa Brownlee, John Carlile, Darin Harbick, Kathy Keable, Michele Lansdowne, Pete Petty, José Ramirez, and Mary Sherman. Additionally, Sharon Zook and Patience Winningham will serve as "ex-officio" voices of wisdom. And more may join in. This initial group will serve until our 2021 Annual Meeting election.



McKenzie 2001 Boys Basketball Launched School First State Qualifying Season At Central Linn

McKenzie Head Boys Basketball Coach Mike Wiley's first varsity team had run up a respectable, but not so impressive 4-4 pre-season record in the winter of 2001. Now the time had come, the start of the regular Trico League (2A) season, to prove whether the new coaching staff had caught the attention of the older players and their younger teammates. There was a feeling of optimism to be certain, that this team would rise to the challenge and make a run for the Trico League title. But there hovered an uncertainty, as well, as in all early season startups, whether all plans and goals would gel as hoped.

The first test to that end would start at Central Linn, in Halsey, home of the Cobras. Central Linn was always a tough opener and more than one Eagle team had been snake-bit there prior. Both teams toed up at the tip off and with the tip, it was battle on.

The Eagles led by one, 11-10, at the end of the first quarter and Central Linn led at halftime, 28-26. The Cobras would extend the lead by one at the end of the third, 48-45, but the score didn't tell the whole story. McKenzie trailed in the third quarter by as much

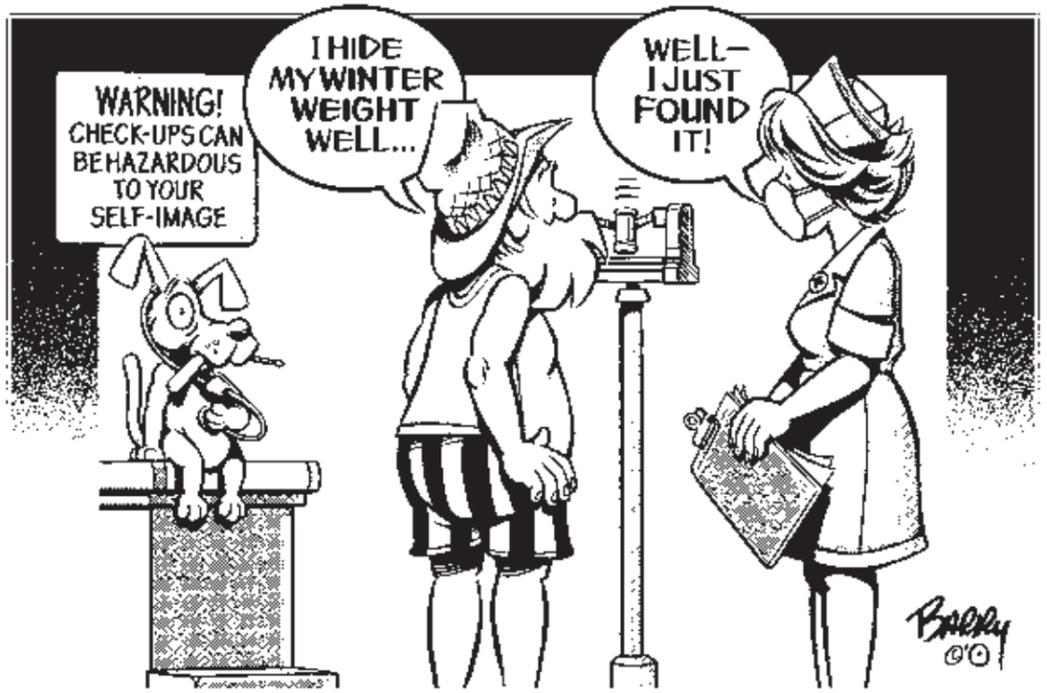
as 12 points before rallying and trimming the lead to three.

Following the final quarter break and definitely feeling the positive momentum, Eagle Coach Wiley's team caught and passed up their Cobra hosts, outscoring Central Linn 18-10 and winning 63-58. Eagle senior Casey Cline led all scorers with 22 points and fellow seniors David Fenley, Kyle Richardson, and Jared Woods added 20, 9, and 8 points respectively.

McKenzie returned home for the next contest, hosting the Warriors of Oakridge. The Eagles opened the game with a 17-11 first quarter lead and the game looked to all like a high scoring affair would ensue. Indeed, the second quarter had both teams trading baskets until the half-time horn. Oakridge added 16 points in the second quarter and McKenzie put up 15.

The two long time rivals took the breather and came out swinging in the third. McKenzie outscored Oakridge 17-13 for a 49-40 lead and the game looked like it might finally open up in favor of the home Eagles, but the Warriors had one ace up their sleeve, their star, Uni Prenevost. Prenevost did what all great players do when the chips are down, and that was step up his game. Leading his Warrior teammates, Oakridge rallied to within 3 points, 52-49, when with one second showing on the game clock, Prenevost threw up a long 3-point shot attempt from the corner, and contrary to physics, the ball banked in to tie the game at 52. Unbelievably, the Eagles were called for a personal foul on the desperation shot, and with

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We can't wait to be able to get together in person again, to host Summer's Ice Cream Social and the December Holiday potluck. We can't wait to welcome back the garden club, the knitting club and others community groups for friendship and learning. We can't

wait to reach out to all the Upriver Communities, face to face, to listen and learn, to roll up our sleeves help where help is needed; to relish in our resilience and shape our future together.

As soon as state protocols allow us to have full-fledged meet-

ings at the center, the meetings and agendas will be posted prior to meetings in the paper. We welcome your attendance, your skills and ideas anytime.

Sincerely, Francesca Anton,
Marla English and
Kathi Jaworski

Guest Opinion

Lots of action with Salmon hatch

By Julia Pinnix
Leavenworth Fisheries

We may see winter as a time of dormancy, when much of life stills, sleeps, dies back. But in the beds of the chilly rivers, life is unfolding just as it is in our hatcheries. Young salmon are hatched!

Much of the action in a river takes place in the bed. In a way, this is like a garden. While we celebrate the flowers, it is the roots where everything begins, the nutrients in the soil that feed the growth of leaves. It is the unseen that supports life.

The current of flowing water drives down into the rocks and gravel, carrying precious oxygen to the hidden eggs of salmon, laid last year. Embryos absorb oxygen through their permeable "shells," their development driven as well by fuel in the eggs. Salmon egg yolks are rich in fatty acids, especially if the parent fish spent time in the ocean, potent fuel for growth.

Salmon eggs are extremely strong. They can bear 100 times the weight a chicken egg can on their tough, membranous shells. Yet they are also delicate. Fine sediment can block oxygen flow through the membrane and smother the eggs.

When an adult female salmon digs a redd (nest) for her eggs, she reshapes the river bed, forming a low hump which prevents fine sediment from settling on her eggs.

But so much can go wrong. In the wild, perhaps only one in ten eggs survives to hatch. Eggs are sensitive to disturbance in their first week, and always at risk from changes in water temperature,

flooding or loss of water, pollution, disease, and predation. In ideal water temperatures (42-50 degrees F), it may take more than three months for embryos to hatch.

Hatching may be a response to not getting enough oxygen. The membrane that so faithfully protected the developing fish while still allowing oxygen to pass through becomes a smothering blanket. This may cause the embryo to release a special enzyme which breaks down the membrane. As it squirms and stretches, it tears through and breaks free, immediately swimming down, led by gravity and darkness to safety in the gravel.

There in the dark it survives, still fed by the nutrients in its yolk sac. As they breathe, carbon dioxide builds up around them, and they swim in place in brief, rapid bursts to drive out CO2 and bring in fresh water and oxygen. About a month later, the alevins are increasingly active, moving up

toward the current, but still avoiding light.

This is all happening right now, out in our rivers, wherever salmon spawned, as well as in our hatcheries. Tiny alevins are wriggling in the river bed, poking their snouts out into the current in the night, soon to become free-swimming fry.

When I walk through the darkened nursery at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, I stop to stare at the racks of trays that shelter our developing spring Chinook. I know those alevins are in there, vibrating with life in the cold water. I long to see them. But that must wait until they are big enough to be released into the large indoor tanks, where they will take their first bites of food and begin an explosive growth phase. It's snowing now, but the days are getting longer. Spring is coming, and with it, an exciting season in the salmon lifecycle.

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Friday 3/5		Saturday 3/6		Sunday 3/7	
McKenzie Valley PM Showers 90% chance precip High: 60 Low: 31	Santiam Pass PM Showers 30% chance precip High: 49 Low: 28	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 53 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 60% chance precip High: 40 Low: 26	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 53 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 34 Low: 24

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
2/23	52	40	0.16	350 cfs	2/23	53	34	0.67	7,160 cfs
2/24	54	39	0.02	330 cfs	2/24	50	34	0.05	5,940 cfs
2/25	48	38	0.24	310 cfs	2/25	52	38	0.11	5,340 cfs
2/26	47	45	0.01	320 cfs	2/26	47	37	0.72	5,220 cfs
2/27	54	38	1.86	320 cfs	2/27	44	37	0.41	5,420 cfs
2/28	61	44	0	320 cfs	2/28	48	36	t	4,850 cfs
3/1	67	37	0	330 cfs	3/1	60	35	0	4,120 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 21: 12:05 a.m.: Foot Patrol - McGowan goat trail.

11:18 a.m.: Assist, Citizen Contact - 91100 block, Donna Rd.

11:42 a.m.: Illegal Dump - McGowan Creek Mp. 06.

3:27 p.m.: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.174706 Long: - 122.299247.

4:08 p.m.: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

Feb. 22: 1:37 a.m.: Assist, Information - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

6:33 p.m.: Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Gate Creek Rd.

7:45 p.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Feb. 23: 11:31 a.m.: Assault - 45700 blk, McK. Hwy. Domestic Disturbance between roommates. Determined to be mutual combat.

1:01 p.m.: Civil Service - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:44 p.m.: Assist, Citizen Contact - 54900 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:40 p.m.: Truck Inspection - McK. Hwy. Mp. 13.

Feb. 24: 11:11 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 39400 blk, Ann Ln.

9:34 p.m.: Drug Overdose - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.

Feb. 25: 1:36 a.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - 40300 blk, Tonga Ln.

8:11 a.m.: Medical Info Call - 39500 blk, Wendling Rd.

9:06 a.m.: Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:23 a.m.: Welfare Check - 39500 blk, Luzkow Ln.

3:48 p.m.: Weapon, Shots Fired - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:35 p.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - 44900 blk, McK. Hwy. Commercial vehicle parked on caller's property. Resolved civilly.

Feb. 26: 11:19 a.m.: Theft - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

12:08 p.m.: Assist, Follow Up - 91900 blk, Marcola Rd.

2:22 p.m.: Violation of Restraining Order - 38700 blk, E Cedar Flat Rd.

2:33 p.m.: Traffic Hazard - Goodpasture Rd. Mp. 1-3.

8:23 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

9:24 p.m.: Location of Stolen Property - Vida area.

9:42 p.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.

9:44 p.m.: Citizen Contact -

35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:30 p.m.: Warrant Service - 92200 blk, Carson St.

Feb. 27: 1:04 a.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 36800 blk, Tovey Dr.

10:00 a.m.: Location of Stolen Property - Vida area.

4:56 a.m.: Assist, Information - Vida area.

1:16 p.m.: Recover Stolen Property - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

2:50 p.m.: Threat, Harassment - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.

3:27 p.m.: Alarm - 89300 blk, Hill Rd.

8:00 p.m.: Person Stop - McGowan Goat Trail.

9:27 p.m.: Person Stop - McGowan Quarry.

Feb. 28: 9:52 a.m.: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

2:24 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

2:42 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

3:04 p.m.: Assist Public - Sahalie Falls.

5:07 p.m.: Violation of Restraining Order - 37800 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

7:08 p.m.: Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:37 p.m.: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:39 p.m.: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. &

Camp Creek Rd.

March 1: 2:54 p.m.: Civil Service - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

3:39 p.m.: Found Property - 89800 blk, Greenwood Dr.

State Police Report

Feb. 26: 14:28 Traffic - Hwy. 126 E, Milepost 49. Motorist was stopped for Violation of Basic Rule, 99/45. Driver was Driving While Suspended Violation, No Insurance. A meth pipe was in plain view. Driver advised of a small bag of meth in center console and was seized. Driver was cited for VBR, DWS, No Insurance, and Possession Controlled Substance - Meth Violation. Involved: 49-year-old male, blue Chrysler PT Cruiser.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Feb. 23: 0:48: 50000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 24: 8:47: 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No Transport.

Feb. 24: 21:33: 7500 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal

Feb. 25: 9:54: 87000 blk, Fawn Way Fire Alarm. Disregarded by Dispatch.

Feb. 26: 21:25: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General.

Walk-in, Blood Pressure Check, No Transport.

Feb. 27: 6:33: 90000 blk, Thomson Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:20: McK. Hwy./Milepost 13. Structure Fire. False Alarm, Large Burn Pile.

21:49: 39000 blk, Block McK. Hwy. Structure Fire. False Alarm, Same Large Burn Pile.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday, March 15th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.. For notary and other business services, please call ahead to schedule an appointment and observe public guidelines by wearing, at minimum, a mask.

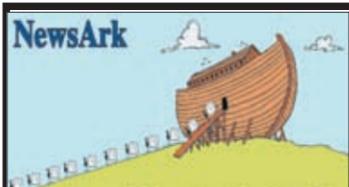
Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Feb. 23: 09:46: Medical - 50000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Feb. 24: 18:17: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Feb. 25: 14:59: Medical - 59000 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Five Arrested After Gagging Granny

Plans to camp near the Lockline had been made for a group of five people. Family again in connection with a robbery and car theft from a 74-year-old woman who had been gagged and gagged.

Charged with five degrees robbery and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was 39-year-old Leslie James Johnson. Police said Johnson had his grandmother with his phone and

Be Woodwise This Week



and covered her mouth with duct tape around 11:00 p.m. on the night. According to Sheriff's Office reports the suspect became quiet when the woman refused to let him use her car to go camping.

US Forest Service officials have arrested the suspect, 37½ Plymouth near Moska Campground around 8:30 a.m. Sunday. A woman identified one of the occupants, arrested two

Thieves Disable Vida Fire Station

Thieves who broke into the Vida fire station last Tuesday night must have been looking for a good time. They "happily" got the station completely out of commission.

"When from the building west of the station's hand held radios, in addition, vandals cut the cables and took the control heads from fire trucks, causing radio, leaving Station #4 without radio communication. Also removed was the medical supply bin."

The theft and vandalism, Jack

Hot Springs Timber Sale Reviewed

Timber harvest and revegetation this Spring will be the subject of a hot issue and open house held by the Blue River Ranger District's. Next week local home planners will present ideas on ways to log near the natural ponds without disturbing habitats or nearby riparian areas.

The public sessions are part of the proposed Twentymile Area timber sale process, which was discussed at a May meeting in Eugene. Following that meeting Blue River District personnel met with representatives of the Friends of the Hot Springs Trust, the Sierra Club, Earth First! and the Hot Springs Club.

"Members of these groups and others have helped in the initial steps in building some of the alternatives for the Twentymile Area timber sale. We would now like to get feedback about the proposals that have been developed," said Katie Gray, district planner.

First on the agenda is the open house, scheduled for Wed., Sept. 11th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Red

EWEB Aids Residents Concerns

Keeping Leaburg Lake water in proposed the dam flow will be work. Several area residents spoke out against the idea when the Eugene Water and Electric Board asked for comments at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 3rd at Board's office.

Mayor Red & Board's owner Mayor Hahn asked the ability installed splashboards in the 1990's to increase storage capacity in the lake. How and when higher splashboards would make a creek dividing her property inoperative, flood street, many trees, and environmental damage as well as immediate fire risk.

Beth Wolf of Waterville wondered about the very existence of the dam across the main stem of the river at Leaburg. Finding some people

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Mass murderer accidentally honored on monument

By Finn J.D. John

Wallowa County covers the northeast corner of Oregon — a gorgeous area of rugged, remote mountain lakes, the homeland of the legendary Chief Joseph.

It's also the only county in the state whose courthouse grounds includes a monument dedicated to a known mass murderer.

That sounds worse than it actually is. There are, in fact, about 200 names on the monument, which is an archway built in 1936 through which visitors walk to approach the courthouse steps.

The archway is labeled "Wallowa County Pioneers," and the brass plaques on the inside of the arch list them by date of arrival — 1871 to 1879. Murderer or no, Bruce "Blue" Evans did in fact settle in Wallowa County in 1879. They couldn't have just left his name off the list just because he was a notorious horse thief who'd escaped from police custody at gunpoint and led a gang that coldly murdered three dozen people, now, could they?

Looking back on it today, it's hard to imagine why they didn't — if nothing else, they could have lopped the entire year of 1879 off the list. But in 1936 when this plaque was commissioned, it's a good bet the people working on it didn't even know about the massacre — or if they did, thought it was a nasty rumor. Wallowa County had tried hard to forget. Records from the investigation of the incident and the court case



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The archway monument leading up to the Wallowa County Courthouse, built in 1936. The bronze plaque on the inside left of the arch includes the name of murderer and horse thief Bruce "Blue" Evans.

that resulted from it had been tucked away in unlikely places to keep them from being found. People who knew about it kept their mouths shut. There was a deep sense of secret shame about the whole thing — at least in part because some of the men involved were scions of some of the county's most respected families.

Those other men were J. Titus Canfield, Omar LaRue, Hezekiah "Carl" Hughes, Hiram Maynard, Frank Vaughn and Robert McMillan. Evans was, beyond question, their leader, and many Wallowa County residents thought of him as having led the others astray.

Horse thieves & Chinese miners

The killing happened in the last days of May 1887, when Evans and the other gang members were moving some stolen horses around on the Oregon side of the Snake River, near Deep Creek. The area is remote and inaccessible even by Wallowa County standards, and it made a great place for a bunch of horse thieves on the run from the law to hide out. And they were on the run; authorities had tried to serve Evans with papers a few days earlier. Trouble was coming.

Deep Creek runs into the Snake River at a spot with high rimrock all around and no cover of any kind. On this particular day, a group of Chinese gold miners was down along the creek below,

working through a gravel bar with gold pans, looking for — and apparently finding — "flour gold." A few minutes after Evans and his gang met them, these innocent strangers were dead — and the gang had graduated from rustling to cold-blooded murder.

Stories conflict over why Evans and his gang did it. One account says they asked the miners to lend them a boat to ferry their stolen horses across into Idaho and, when turned down, became enraged; another says that, knowing the miners had been there a while, they figured they'd have lots of gold, which would be useful since they were now fugitives from justice. Greg Nokes, in his book, makes the case that simple racist hatred was a major factor, and he is probably right.

Gunfire

Whatever the motivation, the gang members simply started shooting the terrified miners from the rimrock with high-powered rifles, taking their shots carefully and simply exterminating these inoffensive strangers as if they were prairie dogs, one by one, until they were out of bullets and only one was left — and they chased him down and brained him with rocks.

The number of miners involved is unclear as well. Most sources agree there were 10 in the first group. Most sources also say there were other Chinese miners in the area, and the gang found and massacred them in the same fashion. The total death toll was most likely 31 or 34. Of all of the murdered men, the names of only 10 are known.

Of the seven gang members, **Mass murderer - Page 8**



By Slim Randles

Nature hates a vacuum, and so does Windy Wilson. The other day, emerging from the drug store, he looked around, and, finding no handy audience, spoke instead to the world.

"Dad-gum ol' Doc, anyway," he said. "He's one-a my bestest pals, but if you go to him for a mizzry, he makes you do some things and quit doin' some other things. Them things Doc wants you to do you don't wanna do, and the things he wants you to quit doin' are stuff you bin savin' up to do a buncha years now. "Now ol' Doc didn't even know he done it, but he proved to me that we had some a-them space alienated bein's for ancestors. Oh, they's hidin' out now, but they got a job ... as pill namers!"

"Doc told me to quit shoein' horses, which was jest fine with me. Missable back-breakin' nasty work, anyway. But then he give me two subscriptions for pills that I am 'sposed to take for my mizzry.

"And when the nice girl here at the drugstore give 'em to me, she asked me if I had any questions about 'em. And I ast her how to say the pill names. And she told me, and thass when I knew.

"Ya see, ya can't jest name them pills in American. Oh no. First off ya gotta give 'em a name that's too much and a half too long ... like oh ... syna-broliam-fester-ine.

"We should take pill namin' back from them alien guys and create jobs fer Americans! Give them pills names people can actual

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



lessons will be released every Thursday through June 10 when school ends. The lineup includes Growing Healthy Kids with OSU Master Gardeners and a four-week lesson plan in partnership with the Oregon Bee Project. Kids will learn about how bees help make healthy food and how to identify several of Oregon's bees.

Throughout summer and into fall, participants will receive a monthly Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge email with gardening information, harvest recipes and storage tips. Challenge information will also be available in English and Spanish on the Food Hero gardening page. For more personalized interaction, participants can email challenge leaders or email or call the Master Gardeners in their area.

Cousineau said instructions and tips will include information on all types of gardening situations like planting in containers or even indoors.

"We're trying to make the program accessible to anyone, children, elders, people with special needs and the diversity of cultural populations in Oregon," she said. "We're encouraging people anywhere to join. We really want to make sure the information we provide will make people successful. We want to make a community."

This year, leftover seed goes to OSU Extension Master Gardeners Champions, who are joining the challenge and will garden along with participants, give feedback and tell their stories of growing some of the seeds.

"We're thrilled that Master Gardeners are joining the 2021 Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge," said Lauren Tobey, Food Hero coordinator. "They'll be answering participants' questions and sharing tips from around the state to support a healthy harvest."

The Food Hero Facebook page will hold weekly office hours when gardeners can ask questions, post photos and brag about their accomplishments, Cousineau said. Videos will come out bi-monthly and information on social media will be ongoing. In addition to the information printed on the seed packets, participants can click on images of seeds and read detailed planting directions. Once they harvest their produce, gardeners can find more than 300 recipes using vegetables and fruits on the Food Hero website.

Children are part of the program, too. Beginning April 1, digital

Grow This! Garden Challenge

Almost 38,000 free seed packets will be distributed by Oregon State University Extension Service to Oregonians who show no signs of losing the enthusiasm for gardening generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge kicks off March 1 when people can sign up and start preparing to collect their seed kits at the end of March. The seed kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at county Extension offices throughout the state, according to Halie Cousineau, OSU Extension Food Hero state garden education coordinator.

The seed packets, donated by Bi-Mart, will be packaged into 8,000 seed kits of four different plants: one cool-weather vegetable, one warm-weather vegetable, one herb or edible flowers and flowers to encourage pollination.

When people sign up, they're asked to complete a survey about what level of experience and interest they have in gardening. The feedback will help Cousineau adjust the program to meet the needs of potential participants. The challenge is open to anyone, but only Oregonians will receive seeds. Cousineau encourages even those not in Oregon to garden along.

The gardening challenge, spearheaded by Food Hero, a statewide initiative of the Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) program and was developed by OSU Extension in English and Spanish. It expanded from last year, when Cousineau and a few colleagues, separated, counted and packaged the seed from 800 seed packets to make 14,000 individual baggies to include in 3,500 seed kits.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



OLD WOODENWARE STIRS MEMORIES

As Beth and I were discussing the old and new family recipes she wanted to include in the family cookbook she's compiling, she brought out an old oblong wooden bowl I'd given her.

"I want to include a photo of it in the cookbook," she said, "and your memories of using it, Mom."

It's about 18 inches in length and 10 inches in width. As I held it in my hands, this wooden chopping bowl evoked many childhood memories. Scarred from chopping many foods, this wooden bowl had been involved for preparing numerous meals during my growing up years on the farm and helping Mother in the kitchen.

My thoughts drifted back to cooking in the farmhouse kitchen with its wood fired stove. Many times, I chopped cabbage, carrots and onions for coleslaw or potatoes and meat for hash, in that bowl.

We couldn't run to the store for ready-chopped cabbage or cans of hash. Everything was handmade and often mixed in the oblong wooden bowl or a smaller round one Mother had.

Bowls of Great Variety

The wooden bowls of early America were of great variety, ranging from small salt dishes to round and oval bowls for preparing

and even serving the main dish at mealtime. Large round and oblong ones, often 20 inches in length were used as chopping and mixing bowls.

Not many of these old bowls exist today. Those that do are considered antiques and collectible. They were made for daily use, so wore out.

However, if you have one from childhood, treasure it, more for its nostalgic value than anything monetary. It probably will have nicks and scratches from the metal chopping tool, but that gives it "character," as someone once told me of old woodenware and furniture.

HASH BROWN CASSEROLE might be considered a variation of hash, but without the meat. However, you could add chopped corned beef if you had any.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter over low heat. Stir in 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese until melted. In bowl, mix together 1 pint sour cream, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/2 tsp. pepper. Add to cheese mixture. Lightly stir in 30 oz. frozen hash brown potatoes.

Spread this mixture into a baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 30 minutes, until potatoes are heated through and top is bubbly.

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Community Notes

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Applications are due to the high school office by April 30th.

Rebuilding Help

The Northwest Rebuild Project is still accepting applications for assistance for everyone effected by the wildfires. The project is a 100% volunteer group of designers, drafters, architects, and engineers from all over the northwest that helps people rebuild their homes after natural disasters free of charge.

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Applications for assistance is available at www.nwrebuild.org.

Open House

The Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a second Open House meeting on Monday, March 13th, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, next to Leaburg Lake.

Easter Egg Hunt

The McKenzie Bridge Christian Church will host a free Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 4th. Eggs will be hidden in multiple grassy and wooded areas for age groups and to create space for social distancing. Please invite your friends and family, wear a mask and social distance.

Debris dump over

Strube Flats, below Cougar Reservoir, is no longer accepting organic yard debris from McKenzie River residents for disposal. This service was temporary in nature and was set up to benefit community cleanup efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire.

"Free organic debris disposal was a service to the community that was a small cost to residents and partners with a big benefit to those affected by the fire," said McKenzie River District Ranger Darren Cross. "We are starting the process of chipping the debris and staging additional danger trees from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) phase two cleanup of Highway 126."

The Strube Flats area has multiple piles and large log decks. Large log volumes are anticipated to arrive and depart daily with a lot of heavy equipment traffic. People are asked to avoid the 1900-410 Road and the Strube Flats area.



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a stunned packed house crowd, Prenevost calmly sunk the one free-throw awarded and with the 4-point play, won the game, 53-52.

McKenzie's Fenley scored 19 pts. to lead his Eagles. Ryan Spiro added 11 pts. and Jared Woods pitched in 10 pts. Speaking to reporters following the stunning finish, Coach Wiley would lament, "It (the foul) was something we should not have done.....since we were up three, it was just a killer."

The Eagles hit the road for a non-league game with Umpqua Valley Christian in Roseburg. Shaking off their road legs, the Eagles broke open a close game to win going away, 67-52. Fenley led all scorers with 22 pts. Woods added 15, Richardson scored 9 and Spiro dropped in 8 pts.

McKenzie continued to rebound, this time against Monroe in their next Trico League game, and defensively held the Dragon's best player, Jason Weaver, to 3 points, winning 58-46. The Eagles literally rebounded by outboarding Monroe 37-25. Woods led his Eagle mates with 19 pts and 11 rebounds. Fenley scored 15 pts. for the Eagles.

The Oakridge game was an eye opener for Coach Wiley's team and Monroe was the game that set the team believing in the new system. The Eagles followed up the game with the Dragons with wins over Crow (51-49), Lowell (69-27) and Mapleton (76-30). The Crow Cougars did go down easy. McKenzie built a 30-23 halftime margin and led 43-34 at the end of the third quarter.

"We got candid with the ball with the big lead," Coach Wiley would share later. "We had a 14 point lead and Crow battled back." Cougar Coach Terry Crabb threw a match-up zone defense on the Eagles which Wiley admitted, "... that gave us trouble." The Eagles muscled up however, hung on, and won by two, 51-49. Fenley led the game with 24 points, Woods added 15 pts. and their Trico League All Star, Jake Nelson, led the Cougars with 20 pts.

David Fenley continued his high scoring show with 20 pts. in the blowout versus the Red Devils of Lowell. Casey Cline added 15 pts. and Kyle Richardson finished with 9 pts. Jared Woods and Jacob Egan each added 7 pts.

The Eagles, now on a roll, completely overwhelmed the Sailors of Mapleton, defeating the Siuslaw visitors by 46 pts., 76-30. Casey Cline and David Fenley each scored 15 points to lead the Eagles. Jared Woods scored 13 pts., Ryan Spiro added 12 pts., Kyle Richardson chipped in 9 pts., and freshman Garrett Cline scored 8 pts.

McKenzie had forged a 5-1 Trico League record thus far and next up on the schedule was none other than the other Eagle team in the League, pre-season favorite, Harrisburg, also sitting at 5-1. Harrisburg's lone loss had come at the hands of Oakridge, 41-37. This would be the biggest test thus far for Coach Wiley's initial team and it would be up the road in the heart of the Willamette Valley, at Harrisburg. Dogfights aside, feathers would fly in the Valley.

Next week: Highflying Eagles lock talons in Territorial Tangle!!!

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Imaginary Lover

Four years ago I cheated on my husband and left my marriage. Since then I have worked hard to learn from this life experience. I have done this by going to therapy regularly where I was diagnosed with depression and placed on antidepressants.

Reflecting back now, I have come a long way. No longer am I the person I was four years ago. This has come through hard work and tremendous self-examination.

I have begun dating a man who I care for deeply. We have been dating for two months, and it appears we are really connecting. Since I am in my mid-30s, obviously I bring a history to this relationship which he has asked me about.

How much do I share about my past? He knows I was married, and I explained the reasons why we broke up. I know the affair is not the reason. There were plenty of red flags long before I acted out.

I explained why I believe our marriage did not work but left out this detail. I ask myself how it would benefit our relationship if I shared this information with him, and if I did share it, would he hold it against me in the future?

Most recently I shared with him that I was diagnosed with depression and am taking antidepressants. His reaction to this information was quite shocking. Rather than being understanding, he expressed concern whether the drugs alter my personality so much he truly does not know who

I am.

I was so stunned all I could do was cry, because I felt judged. Here I worked so hard to become a healthy adult, only to be questioned about whether my personality was genuine because of the drugs.

So, I pose this question to you. Do I share with him about my affair? Am I being deceptive if I don't tell him? When do you tell someone this kind of information?

He felt I should have told him immediately about my depression rather than wait two months. My feeling is you have to know and trust that individual before you share such vulnerable information. I am still feeling hurt after his depression reaction.

Candice

Candice, there is a line in George Orwell's book 1984 that goes something like this. "If you want to keep a secret, keep it from yourself." Stop seeing this as a secret you need to divulge.

There is one main question in your letter. This is our answer.

Why would you consider telling this man about previous cheating, once he said, "I don't know who you are." It sounds like self-punishment to us. You want to put him in a position to punish and reject you.

A better question to ask us is, should I break up with him? Our answer is yes.

He made two claims. Your personality is false because you are "under the influence" and you should have told him

immediately.

Apparently, he has a list of assumptions about the woman for him. He knows who she will be without having met her. We don't know all the qualities on his list, but that person has as much substance as a child's imaginary friend. His list, however, does tell you who you are dealing with. He is not looking for the one for him. He is looking for the one he invented in his mind. And he already gave himself an out—I don't know who you are.

If this is his reaction to a common, legally prescribed medication you need to take, don't tell him anything more about yourself.

He's negated the two months of dating and the two months spent learning who you are.

You cried over his remark. Make that cry the cry which comes at the end of a relationship.

We have advice for the next man you date. Some information belongs solely to you. It doesn't affect anyone else, and it does not belong to anyone else. There is no requirement to share all of your secrets, especially if that person might use them to injure you.

Where does the desire to confess come from? You regret doing it, and you learned your lesson. You married the wrong person, couldn't face ending it, and added another misstep. You know you will never do it again. The issue has been resolved all time and forever.

Yet you still feel guilty. You don't need to confess and be forgiven by some third party. Once a lesson is learned, that ends it.

Wayne & Tamara

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American Life in Poetry

Tracy K. Smith won the Pulitzer Prize for her book of poems, *Life on Mars*, from which I've selected this week's poem, which presents a payday in the way many of us at some time have experienced it. The poet lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Editor's Note: This column (197) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

The Good Life

When some people talk about money They speak as if it were a mysterious lover Who went out to buy milk and never Came back, and it makes me nostalgic For the years I lived on coffee and bread, Hungry all the time, walking to work on payday

Like a woman journeying for water From a village without a well, then living One or two nights like everyone else On roast chicken and red wine.

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Older than dinosaurs, Oregon's lampreys are fascinating fishes



Research photo courtesy Benjamin Clemens: Adult Pacific lamprey live in the ocean and return to freshwater to spawn and die.

Older than dinosaurs and still remaining primitive with boneless bodies, lampreys are fascinating fishes. A new ODFW brochure is introducing Oregonians to four of the state's 10 native lamprey species.

Filled with professional illustrations by noted artist Joseph Tomelleri, eye-catching images and graphics, the online brochure is informative and easy to read.

Oregon Lamprey Coordinator Benjamin Clemens is using the online brochure as an outreach tool to showcase the diversity and biology of Oregon's lampreys and how they contribute to balancing stream ecosystems.

"I hope the brochure introduces readers to these unique fishes, each with a different life cycle and feeding habit," Clemens said. Larval lamprey cleanse the water

through their filter feeding and aerate the substrate they are burrowed into. All life stages provide high caloric food sources for many different species of fish, birds, and marine mammals."

Clemens also noted the state's other native fish species, including salmon and steelhead evolved to co-habitat with Oregon's lampreys, none of which are the same nuisance species (the sea lamprey) that invaded the Great Lakes.

The brochure is in a printable pdf format with links to the species highlighted: Pacific, Western river, Western brook, and Miller Lake lamprey. It has been well-received in the scientific community and Clemens hopes Oregonians take advantage of another opportunity to learn more about Oregon's lamprey species.

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Mass murderer

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one stayed at the remote cabin they were camping in — probably McMillan, who was just 15 at the time. One source quoted in Nokes' book says there was also a young orphan boy with them who, after the shooting started, took off running and was tracked down and killed by Evans to keep him from squealing.

A short trial, a long forgetting. Eventually, Vaughn turned state's evidence, and gave a confession. Evans, Canfield and LaRue fled the state before trial; the other three were arrested and given a speedy but friendly trial. After apparently blaming the missing three for the whole thing, they were acquitted.

Vaughn's confession has disappeared. The court records for the entire day in which the case was heard are likewise missing — the only blank page in the entire court journal. What documents there are were tucked away in unlikely places — the county planning records department, a dusty unused office safe — and forgotten.

Of the three fugitives, very little further is known. Canfield ended up changing his name to Charles and opening a blacksmith shop in



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A 1960 photo of one of the two bronze plaques in the pioneer archway, on the grounds of the Wallowa County Courthouse, which honors the first 199 settlers in the county — including mass murderer and horse thief Bruce "Blue" Evans. Evans is on the other plaque, the one that lists 1878 and 1879 settlers.

southern Idaho — possibly with the proceeds of the massacre. None of them were ever arrested, charged or even really sought after. They had perpetrated the worst massacre of Chinese people in U.S. history, and gotten away

with it.

But in spite of the startling lack of judicial action, it would be a mistake to suggest that the people of Wallowa County didn't think killing those Chinese people was that big a deal. The extraordinary attempts to cover the crime up and pretend it never happened testify to that.

Even today, the shame of what those seven men and boys did still haunts their families, their community — and, yes, their state.

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say. "It wouldn't be too awful dang hard to remember a pill for pain if you called it

Mizzryfixer, now would it? And for a hangover cure, ya jest pop ya a happy little pill called Betchawish-ya-hadn't. If ya come down with the sugar diabeets, ol' Doc could tell ya to bullsnake down some pills we could call Toosweet-by-half-odone. Now, for a instance, if you get plagiarized by them roamin' 'round peewaddles, you could take a pill called Limpbe-gone, or mebbe-so Gimpy-blocker, and you'd know jest what it was for, wouldn't ya?

"Betcha them space guy's jest laughin' theirselves sick. But hey, at least Doc told me to quit shoein' horses, and that there's a constellation dee-voutly to be wished on.

"And you kin tell 'em I said so."

Windy sneaked in here courtesy of the nice folks at the University of New Mexico Journalism Department, where they claim they can talk more gooder than him.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

March 4 - Oregon fever and the promise of free land was running high, and in 1847 Henderson Luelling planted an assortment of fruit tree rootings in earth-filled boxes and loaded them into a wagon. With his valuable cargo, plus his wife and their 10 children, Luelling crossed the Plains to Oregon. On the way west Luelling insisted his trees have water even if his family went without. They settled near Milwaukie and started the first nursery in the Oregon Country. When the orchard came into bearing the first apples were sold for \$5 each. Many homesteaders purchased seedlings from Luelling and as a result apple orchards were common on Oregon homesteads.

Ski Report

March 1 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that no new snow fell overnight, leaving the base at 98 inches. Temperatures were 25 degrees mid-mountain and 34 at the base with gusty SW winds averaging 13 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 20 degree at the base and 25 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 116 inches at mid-mountain. Predictions called for sunny Tuesday along with a light breeze on the mountain. Ten out of 15 lifts were open, along with 109 of the 117 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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