



### JP Doodles

Has Mother Nature had supply chain issues with weather?

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### Home Country

Making the coffee gives us time to scratch and think

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### Country Kitchen

Dad picked up a box of the fluffy little birds at the post office

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## Office seekers visit the River

### Starnes and Pelton are on May ballot

BLUE RIVER: Candidates for Oregon's governorship and State Senate District 6 were in Blue River recently for a meet and greet with local residents. Both say they would like to avoid partisan issues and help rural communities have a stronger voice.

Patrick Starnes, who'd like to become the state's top official, said he was drawn to the idea of "working on the bigger picture, which means the whole state." A Democrat, one of his key issues is campaign finance reform, which he's put into practice by not accepting any contributions over \$1,000 as well as financial support from corporations or political action committees.

Ashley Pelton, a social worker who's adopted the tagline of "Finding cracks and filling gaps," said she's backing a rural cooperative initiative aimed at addressing homelessness the housing shortage crisis and lack of affordable housing.

Starnes, who used to live in the area and served on the McKenzie School Board, said in going around Oregon he's found people

have a lot more in common than they're often given credit for. "People are tired of divisiveness," he says. "People would like to share successes for a change."

In her campaign, Pelton is particularly focused of healthcare issues including getting rural clinics certified to increase their access to resources as well as funding addiction treatment services. Those measures, she says, will prove valuable when, "You're not just treating that person but the others in the community as well."

Fifteen Democrats have filed for the 2022 primary election on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Besides Starnes they include: Bridget Barton, Court Boice, David Burch, Reed Christensen, Christine Drazan, Jessica Gomez, Nick Hess, Tim McCloud, Kerry McQuisten, Brandon Merritt, Bud Pierce, John Presco, Stan Pulliam, Amber Richardson, Bill Sizemore, Stefan Strek, Marc Thierman, and Bob Tiernan.

Pelton will have fewer butterflies when ballots are counted. She's running unopposed in the Democratic race for SD 6.



Patrick Starnes and Ashley Pelton were in the streets of Blue River campaigning for Oregon Governor and State Senate, respectively.

## Will the Canal survive?

### EWEB facing decisions that might eliminate Leaburg Lake



Leaks in the Leaburg Canal, like this repair at Cogswell Creek, caused the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order the channel be drained, causing the shutdown hydropower operations as well.

LEABURG: The Eugene Water & Electric Board is reviewing four options dealing with the Leaburg Canal - ranging from full decommissioning to complete restoration.

Officials say changes are needed on the 1920s era canal because of seepage and internal erosion of the canal levees. EWEB has not generated electricity since 2018. Today the canal barely flows as water from tributary streams is channeled to the McKenzie River.

During the entire process, safety has been EWEB's top priority, for both the community and local residents near the canal.

In studies started in 2019, the utility has developed four possible remedies it says prioritize the safety of EWEB employees and the community.

Alternative 1 calls for the full removal of all facilities to pre-project conditions - as if the Leaburg Dam, canal and powerhouse were never built. On the list of what would have to be removed include the dam, canal, and all power generating facilities. Drainage patterns that existed before the project was altered by construction of the canal would have to be reestablished. Estimates are that would include allowing from 8 to 11 streams to follow where they had in the past through existing

residential or farm areas, which would involve crossing Hwy. 126. With removal of the dam, Leaburg Lake would be drained and a new bridge would have to be built to allow access to the south side of the river.

Under the second alternative, all facilities would be restored to peak performance levels.

With Alternative 3, a new powerhouse would be built higher up the canal at Luffman Spillway. Downstream from that point, the canal would be rehabilitated to allow stormwater and tributary streamflows to reach the river. The canal work would address seepage and seismic issues, particularly on the Cogswell and Ames areas. This plan would also allow EWEB to preserve its water rights for power generation.

The last alternative would involve decommissioning the canal, and combining "stormwater conveyance" alterations to other sections of the canal with the restoration of parts of the Leaburg Project to pre-project conditions. That work would involve constructing a new spillway at Johnson Creek and modifying the Luffman spillway.

In a report to the board, electric generation manager Lisa Krentz noted that Alternatives 1 and 2 are the most expensive due to ex-

tensive construction and repairs required throughout the entire project and facilities. Those proposals represent the two ends of the spectrum.

Alternatives 3 and 4 have been identified as "middle-ground options" that the utility says would balance costs with benefits.

Plans call for the four alternatives to be discussed in greater detail during an upriver Board of Commissioners meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center in Leaburg.

"While EWEB and our consultants continue to study the alternatives, we will carry on with prioritizing reducing near-term risk because safety is EWEB's first priority," Krentz said. "Those measures will include reversible canal configuration changes, such as isolating portions of the canal from the high-flow creeks, and canal-wide efforts, such as proactive removal of unhealthy trees that could fall into the canal during a storm and obstruct water flow."

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the EWEB board approved purchasing two properties along the canal. Both are adjacent to the canal near where canal restoration or decommissioning work is planned.

For more information, visit [www.eweb.org/leaburgcanal](http://www.eweb.org/leaburgcanal)

# Letters to the Editor

## Oil as a utility?

Americans should ask the fundamental question: what is the difference between what a public non-profit utility company provides and what a private for-profit oil company provides? After all they both sell energy to all United States citizens.

The difference is that natural gas and electricity are sold in the form of a public good whereas oil is sold in the form of a private product.

Accordingly, on the grounds of promoting national security, the United States Congress should convert all oil companies to utility companies. This would eliminate windfall profits and force the oil industry to earn enough income to cover operating expenses - just as natural gas and electric utility companies are required to do.

The resulting drop in gasoline prices would further stimulate the economy and lighten the energy stranglehold the Middle East has on the United States. It would also deflate the influence of the oil lobby.

In this case, desperate times call

for deliberate measures. But as pathetic as the energy policy is in the United States the effort to develop alternative energy sources won't really be accelerated - until the oil dries up and the Saudis place solar cells all across their desert - and then sell us the electricity.

Joe Bialek  
Cleveland, OH

## April is Grange Month

On behalf of Walterville Grange we would like to invite you to celebrate the month of April by embracing our common values. The Grange is committed to the development of the potential in families, children, youth and adults.

We emphasize civic responsibility, civil discussions and involvement. We strengthen hometowns through volunteerism and community support to buildup rural America for all.

Join us this month as we celebrate these values during Grange Month.

Jeffry Dehne  
Deerhorn

## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



### Siuslaw Boys And Girls Sweep AMJ Eagle Teams Finish Seventh

It has been postulated that either you're a fool or from out of State to predict the Spring weather in Oregon. Roseburg tried to get around that for years by watching their local "weather goats," on a nearby Mt. Nebo. The goats most likely were more accurate. Thus, when all the experts were calling for rain, wind and even snow last Saturday, the ten teams, their fans and the dedicated volunteers from the McKenzie Community Track and Field, were pleasantly grateful for none of the above. To be accurate, although dry, the air temperature at the Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational Track Meet was chilly and right at the end of the meet; Old Mother Nature threw a bit of hail down just to prove she was watching.

The competition on the track, however, was hot to trot and the day finished out as another tremendous success, the third this season thus far at the iconic Track facility. Ten teams traveled up the McKenzie River Valley early Saturday morning, representing Class 4A Siuslaw, Class 2A Jefferson and Lowell, and Class 1A Triangle Lake, Mohawk, Mapleton, Crow, C.S. Lewis Academy, Yoncalla, and McKenzie.

Siuslaw ran away with the Boys Competition scoring 258 points

in the meet, easily outdistancing second place Jefferson, which finished with 76 points. Triangle Lake Boys finished third with 53.5 pts. narrowly ahead of fourth place Yoncalla, which earned 52.5 pts. Mohawk took home fifth place at 35.5 pts. followed by Crow in sixth with 34 pts., McKenzie seventh with 30 pts., Lowell eighth at 27 pts., C.S. Lewis Academy ninth with 25.5 pts, and Mapleton tenth finishing tenth with 16 pts.

The Siuslaw girls also won their team competition, amassing 121 points, but the Vikings had to hold off the Lakers of Triangle Lake, who finished second close behind with 115 pts. Jefferson tallied 90 team points for a third place finish and Mohawk took fourth with 51 pts. The Crow girls finished fifth with 41 pts, followed by Lowell in sixth with 32 pts. McKenzie at seventh with 22 pts., C.S. Lewis Academy in eighth with 17 pts., Mapleton ninth with 12 points scored, and Yoncalla tenth with 10 points.

The McKenzie Track and Field Committee will be hosting three more High School and Middle School meets at the Aaron and Marie Jones Track this Spring. Saturday, April 23, the MWL (Mt. West League) Middle School Meet will take place, followed by the MWL MS (Middle School) District Meet on Saturday, May 7.

The final meet of the High School season at AMJ Track will be held on Friday, May 13, the 1A-SD2 Special District 2 Meet, featuring eighteen Class 1A teams competing for a berth to the OSAA 2022 Track and Field Championship Meet scheduled for May 19, 20 to be held at Hayward Field in Eugene.

### Lockart and Caulley Lead Their Eagle Teammates



### At AMJ Invitational

McKenzie sophomore Levi Lockart threw the shot put 36 ft. 2.5 in. last Saturday at the Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational Track and Field meet and walked away with fourth place. Eagle teammate, junior Cody Moralas, threw the shot 25 ft. 3 in. for a sixteenth place finish. Siuslaw's Jonathon Rose, who finished with a 39 ft. 4.75 in effort, won the shot put event. Lockart's walk away from the shot wasn't too far, just down the infield to the discus cage, where he proceeded to finish that event with fifth place toss, 98 ft. 3 in. Moralas also competed in the discus and he threw for 72 ft. 2 in. mark, good for twelfth place. Rose of Siuslaw again took home first place honors with a good throw of 124 ft. 7 in.

Lockart next arrived at the javelin where he threw the implement 104 ft. 8 in. and a sixth place finish. Eagle teammates, junior Trent Peek and sophomore Thomas Hayes, finished seventh (104 ft. 2 in.) and fifteenth (91 ft. 10 in.) respectively. Winning the Javelin event was Rowan Files of Lowell who launched a fine throw measured at 134 ft. 2 in. The Javelin event featured a unique twist in that Lane County Deputy Sheriff Dodd, who volunteered his time and expertise to the event, measured the distances with radar.

The McKenzie 4x100 m. Relay team finished its race in fifth place, posting a time of 54.17 sec. The team included Solomon Acevedo, Hayes, Jamie LeClair, and Peek. The Siuslaw quartet of Hunter Petterson, Wesley Nicholls, James Smith, and Noel Hernandez won the 4x100 m. relay in 45.93 sec. McKenzie's Acevedo ran his 100 m. race in a tenth place time of 12.86 seconds and he was followed by Peek in twelfth place with a time of 12.87 sec. Mohawk's Aiden O'Dea won the event in 11.45 sec. Hayes finished the 400 m. race in a fifth place time of 1:03.48 minutes and Eagle teammate LeClair followed in seventh place at 1:06.80 min. Petterson of Siuslaw won the 400 m. in a time of 53.21 sec. Acevedo also claimed a fifth place

finish, in the 800 m. race, running twice around the oval in a time of 2:33.39 min. Chad Hughes of Siuslaw crossed the finish line first in 2:09.20 min. The 200 m. race saw McKenzie's LeClair finish in twelfth in a time of 28.38 seconds and Siuslaw's Petterson in 22.9 sec won that event.

McKenzie's Moralas finished seventh in the Triple Jump, leaping 21 ft. 6 in. and Joseph Shepard of Mapleton won with a jump of 37 ft. 6.75 in. McKenzie had three finishers in the Long Jump, Peek at tenth place with a 16 ft. 1 in. jump, LeClair at sixteenth place 13 ft. 11.5 in, and Hayes at seventeenth place and 13 ft. 10 in. Jefferson's Elijah Stelly won the Long Jump with a mark of 18 ft. 11 in.

Other boys winners included Siuslaw's Samuel Ulrich, who took home first place honors in both the 1500 m. (4:16.17 min.) and the 3000 m. (9:02.90 min.) and Siuslaw's Camp Lacouture

who was a double winner in the 300 m. Hurdles (47.01 sec.) and the Pole Vault (13 ft. 6 in.). The 110 m. Hurdles first place medal was earned by Siuslaw Viking Lucian Murphy, who ran the event in 19.44 seconds and the High Jump was won by Yoncalla's Ashton Hardy, who cleared the bar at 5 ft. 10 in. And the Siuslaw foursome of Nicholls, Petterson, Hughes, and Jacob Blankenship won the 4x400 m. Relay in 3:49.53 minutes.

In the girls competition, McKenzie freshman Adrian Caulley led her Eagle teammates with a third place finish in the Long Jump, landing with an 11 ft. 5 in. mark. Freshman teammate Rebekah Short followed with an eighth place finish at 10 ft. 8 in. Mohawk's Lucy Barrowcliff won the Long Jump with a 13 ft. 5.5 in leap. Caulley stepped over to the Triple Jump lane and took home a fourth place finish, hop, skipping

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## WEATHER REPORT

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
4/5	56	41	2.42	999 cfs	4/5	NA			
4/6	67	34	0	1,018 cfs	4/6	NA			
4/7	83	44	0	945 cfs	4/7	NA			
4/8	57	39	0	919 cfs	4/8	NA			
4/9	458	37	0.03	1,018 cfs	4/9	NA			
4/10	39	32	1.00	NA	4/10	NA			
4/11	37	32	1.47	928 cfs	4/11	NA			

**Friday 4/15**

McKenzie Valley PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 51 Low: 38	Santiam Pass PM Snow 70% chance precip High: 36 Low: 24
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**Saturday 4/16**

McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 49 Low: 36	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 33 Low: 21
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**Sunday 4/17**

McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 60 Low: 39	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 42 Low: 27
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# Sheriff's Report

**April 4: 9:35 a.m:** Hit & Run - Lane/Linn County Line.

**1:52 p.m:** Menacing - WALTERVILLE area. A caller vaguely reported that someone possibly menaced the caller with a gun. The caller was unable to provide a valid address and did not answer returned calls.

**3:12 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd. A caller stated they thought they were being followed by an ex-boyfriend. Deputies patrolled the area.

**4:31 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Blue River Dr. & McK. Hwy. A pink 2 door hatchback with broken windows was reported to be abandoned.

**5:16 p.m:** Civil Service - 48100 block, McK. Hwy.

**7:05 p.m:** Assist Public - Mt. Hagen transmitter site.

McK. Hwy. Down Line - Deerhorn Mp. 3 - 4.

**April 5: 1:25 p.m:** Restraining

Order Service - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:36 p.m:** Menacing - WALTERVILLE area.

**3:46 p.m:** Menacing - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**April 6: 1:43 p.m:** Theft - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Caller reported a leaf blower was stolen by an unknown suspect.

**1:49 p.m:** Warrant Service - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.

**3:39 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. A caller reported that their son was being harassed by other students

**5:56 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 27.

**6:19 p.m:** Mental Subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**10:12 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Mp. 19.

**April 7: 10:00 a.m:** Fraud - 94600 blk, Johnson Rd.

**10:14 a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**12:08 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Wendling Rd. & Martin Ln.

**2:26 p.m:** Towed Vehicle - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

**3:05 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**4:02 p.m:** Warrant Service - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

**4:52 p.m:** Location Missing Person - Lat: 44.11955 Long: -

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# State Police Report

**April 1: 21:30:** Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Alcohol - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd. Stopped a reckless driver that exhibited signs of impairment. The driver consented to FST and clues of impairment were observed. The driver was taken into custody without incident and subsequently transported to Springfield Municipal Jail where he provided a BAC of .05%. The driver was cited and released in lieu of custody. Involved: silver/aluminum Buick LeSabre, 42-year-old male.

**April 7: 22:53:** Welfare Check - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 31. Troopers were dispatched to a report of a male adult walking on the shoulder near Vida. Investigation revealed the involved male had fail to report as a sexual offender and was subsequently arrested. The male was transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged for fail to report. Parole and Probation placed a detainer on the involved as a result of a probation, parole violation. Involved; 36-year-old male.

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**April 4: 14:47:** 42000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal, private vehicle to hospital.

**14:54:** Deerhorn Rd. Milepost 4. Lines Down. Communication line, no hazard.

**15:57:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**April 5: 17:51:** 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Fire Alarm. False Alarm.

**18:13:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**3:08:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical Alarm. False Alarm.

**April 6: 13:56:** 48000 blk, Block McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/ Non-Blocking.

**April 7: 13:44:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient assessed, refusal.

**19:51:** 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Disregarded.

**22:01:** 38000 blk, Kickbusch Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed/ Transported.

**April 8: 11:17:** 45000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:29:** 88000 blk, Missy Ln. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**14:51:** 88000 blk, Missy Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**23:11:** 39544 Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**April 9: 17:14:** 41000 blk, McK.

Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**April 6: 13:54:** Motor Vehicle Accident - 48000 block, McK. Hwy. 16 kids, 4 adults on school bus in ditch. All are OK.

**April 7: 05:17:** Fire Alarm - 57000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke fire alarm.

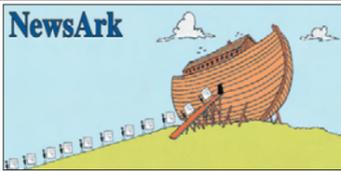
**10:04:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**19:51:** Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**April 11: 05:17:** Fire Alarm - 57600 McK. Hwy. Smoke fire alarm.

**08:59:** Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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**McKenzie Community Track awarded Nike grant**

Some sites still open on old scenic route

Conversion of a former big pond into a track and field facility got a big boost this week - thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Nike's Bowman Track Renovation Program.

**Booths available for Summer Festival**

VIDA: The date for the Leaburg Community Festival this year is Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Individuals and organizations are invited to rent booth space where they can display crafts, wares, candy, flowers, books, plants, games, or work, etc. The McKenzie River Leaburg Club sponsors the event. The price for a 10-foot by 10-foot booth is \$15. To reserve space please contact Laura Olson at 956-5208, Helen Abert at 255-0379 or Vera Blankenship at 956-5814. The festival will be held on the grounds of the McKenzie Bible Fellowship in Vida this year because of construction underway by the fire department on the former Leaburg School grounds.

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# Oregon's biggest uranium mine was found by amateur rockhound

By Finn J.D. John

During the go-go years of the uranium-mining rush of the early 1950s, the character of the uranium prospector became iconic. He was basically the gold-seeking "miner 49er" updated for the atomic age: in lieu of a mule, he rode an Army-surplus Jeep; in place of pick and gold pan, he carried a Geiger counter and ultraviolet flashlight.

For the better part of a decade seekers of "A-metal" deposits (the "A" stood for "Atomic") prowled all over the public lands of all the Western states, waving their Geiger counters at every promising rock formation. They spent a lot of time getting excited, and a lot of time being disappointed. Oregon has a lot of uranium, much of it in the form of autinite crystals; but it's very thinly distributed -- in most deposits, there is enough to set off a Geiger counter and get a prospector all excited, but not enough to mine.

So it's ironic but maybe not surprising that Oregon's biggest uranium strike was made by a guy who didn't even own a Geiger counter.

Lakeview business owner Don Tracy knew almost nothing about rocks and geology until he was in his late 30s. That's when he stumbled across some stones, multi-colored and obviously semiprecious, that he couldn't identify, and none of his friends could either.

Tracy hit the books, borrowing everything the Lakeview public library had on gemstones and even digging into geology textbooks from Oregon State University.

He also set up a rock shop in his garage with polishing and cutting equipment, and started going out with his family on regular excursions to hunt up new specimens.

He never did find a name for his stones; they were some kind of jasper, but beyond that, they



Oregon Historical Society  
**Uranium prospectors Lee Gibson, Allen Berends, and Elden Berends stake a claim in Malheur County in 1954 in this photo made by Harano Studio of Ontario.**

apparently were unknown to science. Today they are known as Tracinite.

Tracy was still in the full flush of his new geology hobby when the uranium craze broke out, and the first thing he wanted to do was go out and use his new-found knowledge of mineralogy to try to find some.

Tracy didn't own a Geiger counter, but he knew what uranium oxide crystals looked like; and maybe he remembered seeing something like them on one of his previous rockhounding expeditions. In any case, he closed in on the future site of the White King Mine like a bloodhound on a scent. There, near the edge of the Fremont National Forest, he found a deposit of rocks with promising-looking crystals set in them. He promptly staked a claim around them, naming it the Lucky Day.

Back he went to Lakeview with a sample of the rocks. Because he wasn't kitted out for uranium mining, he had to borrow an ultraviolet light from a friend

to shine at the rocks. Under it, they fluoresced the characteristic chartreuse color of uranium oxide crystals.

To make sure, he sent a sample to the Oregon Department of Geology. The department checked the samples and replied that there was uranium in them, in the form of autinite; but not enough to be worth processing. But they encouraged him to keep looking.

He did, moving afield from his first discovery, looking for rocks more densely packed with autinite crystals. And again, he very quickly found what he was looking for, near the banks of Augur Creek, stuck in the dirt wad of a tree that had blown down in a winter storm a month or two before.

Tracy still didn't have a Geiger counter; but his wife's uncle, John Rouch, did. So he brought the rocks to Rouch and asked him to scan them.

Rouch phoned that night in great excitement. The rocks were hot, he said, and better get back out there and stake a claim!

Rouch accompanied Tracy out to the spot after Tracy got off work the next day. It looked extremely promising. So the two of them decided to partner up to exploit it. Rouch had a bulldozer they could

use to dig prospect holes, and, of course, a Geiger counter.

They took on a third partner as well: Walter Leehman, the owner of the land adjacent to the state forest on which they'd struck pay dirt, on which some of the uranium deposits lay.

The three of them staked 16 claims covering the "hot" ground in the state forest and Leehman's land, and got busy exploiting it. They named the claim cluster "The White King Group."

While all of this was going on, another group of prospectors was hunting across Lake County for the elusive A-metal using a very different technique.

Their names were Don Lindsey, Robert Adams, Clair Smith and Choc Shelton, and the four of them had gotten interested in uranium mining a year earlier, in 1954. They had pooled their resources to purchase an extremely expensive Geiger counter, a Detectron Nucleometer, which was allegedly so sensitive that one could use it to sniff out uranium deposits from low-flying airplane. Adams had a Piper Super Cub, so they used that to try the Nucleometer out.

It didn't work so great. Many hours of tedious, dangerous treetop hopping later, they had nothing to show for it. So they switched to prospecting the old-fashioned way, or rather the new-old-fashioned way, with a Jeep, using the Nucleometer like a regular Geiger counter.

They were doing that when rumors reached their ears of Tracy's big strike.

Nobody admitted it -- the prospectors said they were put onto the scent when a friend told them he'd seen pickup trucks leaving the Fremont National Forest with their beds full of rocks -- but it seems most likely they used the Super Cub to figure out where the mining action was taking place. It wasn't the kind of activity that one could do by stealth and by night.

However they figured it out, figure it out they did, and prospecting out from the marked claims of the White

**Uranium mine - Page 8**



By Slim Randles

There's something so satisfying about getting out of bed when the world is still dark and quiet and resting. Making the coffee gives us time to scratch and think. Well, scratch, anyway. Most of that thinking will start after about the third cup of coffee.

But it's a quiet time. A private time. When the world is dark, and there isn't yet a hint of pink over the eastern mountains, it's very good. We can relax. No one is expecting anything from us right now. Our guilt can take some time off, and we can listen to music or work a crossword puzzle or turn on the TV and watch the weather guy discuss millibars and troughs.

Soon enough, we'll have to be out there living for others: our bosses, our customers, our animals, our fields. But right now no one needs us except the dog, and she does well on kibbles and an ear muffle.

We can look out the window at the eastern glow and wonder what will happen in the hours until our world turns dark again. People will be born and people will die. People will win honors and people will go to jail. People will create things today that live past them and people will disappear forever. Some people will write about these things and other people will read about these things.

And then the world will go dark on us again and we'll think about what happened in our tiny portion of this huge moving amalgam and hopefully we'll sleep easily tonight. Then, when we arise tomorrow and head for the coffee pot, we can think about what happened today, and how it has made us slightly different for taking on the next tomorrow.

Come to us, Daylight. Bring us the new day. But do it gently, please, and slowly enough for one more cup.

Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" [www.lpdpress.com](http://www.lpdpress.com).

## Quote of the Week

"Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand."

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



### Best ways to weed

Unseen and seemingly uncontrollable, weeds have a way of taking over the garden in the time it takes to put the hoe away.

Keeping weeds under control takes time and patience, but the effort is worth it, said Chip Bubl, horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. Plants — especially vegetables — have a hard time thriving in the company of unwelcome neighbors that compete for water, light and nutrients. Some also harbor pests or diseases.

“Weed seedlings are vulnerable to hoeing, hand pulling or rototilling,” he said. “Mature weeds are more difficult to remove. Since weeds often emerge before vegetable seedlings, they’ll suppress the growth of your vegetable seeds. The time you spend weeding in the two to three weeks after you plant seeds will be time very well spent. Weed early and often.”

If you keep weeds at a minimum, your vegetables, annuals and perennials have a better chance of flourishing. Here are a few guidelines from Bubl on how to control these stubborn plants:

Organic mulches such as leaves, hay and grass clippings keep weeds under control and improve soil as they break down. Apply a layer of organic mulch two to four inches deep to your vegetable garden. Avoid the leaves of black walnut trees (*Juglans nigra*) or tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), which can inhibit growth of plants and seeds. Don’t use grass or lawn clippings if the lawn was mowed when weeds were in seed.

Plastic sheeting may also be used to control weeds. Black plastic reduces light and prevents weed growth. You will need drip irrigation and appropriate fertilizer in place before you lay the plastic. Make slits in the plastic, and if weeds appear in the planting slits,

immediately remove them.

Sprinklers water a large area, but encourage weed growth. Drip irrigation delivers water only where you want it and will slow the amount of weeds in the garden.

Rototillers are useful tools for incorporating organic matter and controlling persistent winter weeds before planting. If you space your rows wide enough, rototillers can be used between rows for weed control as your crops grow.

One caution: If you rototill perennial weeds like quackgrass, morning glory and Canada thistle, you likely will increase the number of individual weeds because new plants will grow from broken roots left in the soil. But persistent pulling of these “weed fragments” will weaken their hold on the garden.

Rototillers can damage roots or stems if used close to plants. In addition, too much tilling may damage the structural qualities of the soil. Never till soil when it is wet or you’ll end up with cloddy, compacted soil.

Hand pulling works well in small gardens and raised beds. Pull when the soil is damp, but not wet. Try to get to annual weeds before they go to seed or you’ll get a whole new crop. When you pull perennial weeds, you won’t get all of the root system. However, if you persistently remove new weedy shoots, you prevent the plant from storing carbohydrates and may, eventually, kill the perennial plant and win the war. This process is called carbohydrate starvation and must be done with passion almost every day to be successful. But people really can control morning glory and other perennial weeds by this level of commitment.

Hoes are a traditional and effective way to weed. Several styles are available. A scuffle hoe is better for larger areas. The hula, or action hoe is a lightweight scuffle hoe. Pushing and pulling it just

under the soil surface eliminates newly emerging weeds. It is less effective against well-established weeds. The lightweight Warren hoe has a heart-shaped blade and is useful for cultivating between plants.

Small hand cultivators are good for weeding small areas and between closely spaced plants. Another handy tool is the dandelion digger (also known as a weeder, cultivator or asparagus knife). It is a 10- to 14-inch metal rod with a two-pronged blade and works well for digging long taproots. Hori Hori knives are a popular choice for any sort of hand weeding.

Crop rotation can reduce weed problems. Plant fast-germinating, spreading vegetables (such as squash, cucumbers or melons) where noncompetitive crops (such as carrots and onions) grew the year before. Keeping part of the garden in a summer cover crop can help reduce weed problems for the next season.

Closely spaced vegetables shade the soil and suppress weeds. Remember, however, that weeding must be done by hand when plants are near to each other. In addition, crops spaced too close may compete for sunlight. The end result is reduced crop growth no different than from weed competition. So thin corn, carrots and beets, and experiment with tighter vegetable spacing for your other vegetable crops.

Cover crops grown on annual beds in the winter can smother much winter weed growth. The cover crop can be a winter-hardy grain, a legume or a combination of the two.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### BABY CHICKS & LAMBS IN SPRING

This is the season of new life whether it is nature, baby animals or birds. When I saw some baby chicks recently, I was transported to the days when my dad picked up a box of the fluffy little birds at the post office. One hundred of these yellow balls of peeping puff fascinated us children, and we looked forward each spring when Father ordered the chicks to add to the flock.

I don’t know if baby chicks are sent via postal mail any more but when I was growing up, this was a common occurrence.

#### Young Lambs in Spring

The sight of young lambs on a hillside or in a pasture as you travel a country road can bring back memories and a smile to your face. My uncle raised sheep on his farm. His few dairy cattle were for their personal use, not to ship milk to market. He supplemented his income by raising sheep and selling the wool.

I often spent spring vacation from school at this farm where my mom grew up. My grandmother, my mom’s sister, her brother and his wife lived there. This was the time of year for baby lambs.

Some were old enough to frolic in the pasture. Others were newly born and might even need to be fed by bottle. What fun! These often were twins and the mother wasn’t able to provide for both.

Occasionally my aunts kept a

frail lamb in a box in the kitchen near the wood-burning cook stove. This one had to be fed small amounts frequently. I even was allowed to hold it on my lap to keep it warm.

Cooking at Grandmother’s Home

My aunts and grandmother were excellent cooks. During these visits at their home, some distance from ours, I learned delicious recipes there. Although they raised much of their food and didn’t have money for fancy ingredients from the store, they ate well and turned simple meals into feasts.

**BANANA MUFFIN VARIATION** (with Chocolate Chips) - This is one of my daughter’s family’s favorites if they’re making banana muffins.

Beat 1 egg and stir in 1/3-cup milk and 1/4-cup margarine. Add 1 cup mashed bananas. Then stir in sifted ingredients (2 cups all purpose flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1/1/2 teaspoon salt) with 1/3-cup brown sugar. Stir only until ingredients are mixed; batter may be somewhat lumpy. Add 1/2 cup of chocolate chips (more if you like).

Fill paper lined or greased muffin cups about 3/4 full. Bake at 375 degrees F. until golden, about 20 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home; e-mail me.allen@juno.com).



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# Community Notes

## April 16 Dime At A Time

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

## April 16 -Waltersville Easter Egg Hunt

The Waltersville Grange will be holding its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Waltersville Community Center starting at 10 a.m. (don't be late or the eggs will be gone). There will be some special eggs with special surprises in them. Age groups will be 4 and under, 5 to 6, and 7 and up. Be sure to bring your own basket to put your eggs in. This will be held at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Waltersville.

## April 16 - Blue River Easter Egg Hunt

A free community Easter egg hunt will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, starting promptly at 11 a.m.

We will have a special area for youngsters up to 4years old and then a timed release for the other age groups, up to 18.

There will also be field games like sack races, three-legged races, and egg in spoon race. The Easter Egg Hunt and Field Games will be free.

Young Life, the sponsor, will have tents setup with Coffee and Hot Chocolate served by teens going to camp this summer and will be accepting donations towards the costs of going to camp.

For more information, contact Spencer Wallace @ (405) 595-7011

## April 18

### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center,

## April 18

### Springfield School Board

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

## April 20

### Upper McK Firer Board

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

## April 20

### McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

## April 23

### Wooden Boat Show

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show will return on April

23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge (between mile post 35 and 36). There will be no exhibitors' fee and no admission charge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. "Drifters" should plan to launch from Finn Rock on Quartz Creek at 9 a.m. Drivers should arrive between 9 and 10 to have their boats moved to the riverside parking area. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages.. This year's event is a team effort between Randy Dersham's Eddyline Entertainment and the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

## April 29

### Play Festival

The Waltersville Grange Play Festival is back. The Grange will be hosting three plays performed by Goshen, Irving and Waltersville Granges on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after. The plays will be held at the Waltersville Community Center located at 39259 Camp Creek Road. Donations are always gratefully accepted. There will also be a collection of canned food donations for the upriver foodbank

## April 30

### Annual Art Show

The McKenzie Artists' Guild's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show will be held from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. in Leaburg. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

## April 30

### Plant Sale

The Lane County Master Gardener Association will hold its annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lane Event Center, 796 West 13th Ave. in Eugene. Annuals, perennials, berries, trees, shrubs, will be on sale along with \$2 starts for tomatoes and other vegetables.

## May 4

### Blue River Park

The Blue River Park Board's meeting time will change beginning in March and for all future meetings. The regular board meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:15pm instead of at 7 p.m.



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Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

## Method Of Operation

I am having a problem in paradise. First of all, I am 22, he is 31. We have known each other for a little over a month.

At first, he was more affectionate than I was. He felt a little upset I wasn't moving as fast as he was affectionately. Not that he was trying to be sexual, he just wanted cuddling, hugging, and kissing.

For some reason he thought we were "two different people." He was unsure whether we should even talk anymore. I didn't see that! We had a long debate, and everything was good after that.

Last Thursday he came to my birthday party, and everyone thought he was very attentive. I sat on his lap, we held hands and hugged a lot. He brought me a bottle of merlot wine, burned a CD with my favorite songs on it, and gave me a card.

In the past he told me I am special, and it would be a loss if I wasn't in his life. After the party I emailed him a thank you. I called Saturday afternoon to see if he wanted to go dancing and left a message on his answering machine. He didn't call back, so I assumed he was busy. No big deal.

Next day I called again. He said he had plans all day. I asked if he wanted to do something later, but he said he was starting a new job on Monday. I've called or emailed four times since.

Maybe I'm being paranoid, but I've gotten no return call, no email, no nothing. My friends and I can't figure out what's going on in his head. I'm trying to think of the best way humanly possible to handle this situation delicately. I don't want to lose him, and I sure don't want to give up easily.

Elise  
Elise, you want a delicate solution. I can give you the solution, but it lacks delicacy.

In your mind your boyfriend wasn't trying to be sexual, but cuddling, hugging, and kissing are the prelude to something more. He didn't get what he wanted. Then he withdrew, perhaps as a way of moving you along. Along the way he decided he was done with you.

Bill Clinton gave Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" to Hillary while they were courting. He also gave the same book to Monica Lewinsky. Who knows how many other women received the same treatment. It was just his method of operation.

A bottle of merlot, a CD, and a

note may well be just part of your ex-boyfriend's modus operandi. He does it by rote. It doesn't mean anything. What has meaning is the way he is treating you.

Pursuing him makes you vulnerable, and opens the possibility he might try to use you for his own ends. He's a player. Don't play unless you want to be hurt.

Wayne

## No Shortcut

My daughter is the single mother of two children. I know this sounds harsh, but it has gotten to the point where her father and I are estranged from her. Basically we want a "divorce" from her and would like visitation with our grandchildren. Is this possible?

Betty

Betty, focus on your daughter, not on your grandchildren. Your relationship to those kids is through her. If someone tried to circumvent you to get to your children, imagine how you would react.

If there is a way to help your daughter, or even placate her, that is more likely to be productive than legal remedies. Getting between a mother bear and her cubs can raise the amount of discord to a level beyond what you can now imagine.

There's one major problem with giving grandparents legal access to their grandchildren. People who inflicted verbal, physical, and sexual abuse on their children are

then given access to inflict trauma on yet another generation.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

In the 1st century apostle Luke's epistle, (the Bible, Luke 3:5), he quotes John the Baptist's announcement of himself as the prophet who will, among other things, make smooth the "rough ways". If Nate Marshall was not conscious of this allusion in "my mother's hands", his tender praise song to his mother, he certainly would not mind the connection. In the end, this unabashedly sentimental poem (poets are allowed), is offered as a balm for the vividly expressed hardships against which this mother's love is a bulwark: "we survive/ every fire without becoming/ ash."

### my mother's hands

By Nate Marshall

would moisturize  
my face from jaw inward  
the days she had too

## Ski Report

April 12, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that 4 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the base to 68 inches. Temperatures were 21 degrees mid-mountain and 28 at the base with WSW winds averaging 19 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 15 degrees at the base and 11 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. 6 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 96 inches at mid-mountain. On Tuesday morning the storm was continuing to add to the heavy snowfall of the past day and night. Winds were from the west at 20 to 40 mph. 8 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 105 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.



## A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 14 - Nahum King, along with his wife and their nine children, traveled west by covered wagon in 1845. They chose to take the Meek Cut-off across Eastern Oregon and after suffering great hardships they reached the Willamette Valley. Camp was set while King and some of the other men looked for suitable land. They found a secluded valley in the foothills of the Coast Range and laid out a series of claims. Numbers were put in a hat and the men drew lots for the land. When it came time to choose a name it was decided that Nahum King deserved the honor. The area became known as Kings Valley. The first post office was established there on April 13, 1855.

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# Uranium mine

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King group with the help of their overpowered Nucleometer, they soon homed in on a spot that was so hot, the Nucleometer actually couldn't measure it -- there was no sensitivity setting low enough to keep the needle from simply pegging at the high end.

As quickly as possible, they staked and filed a discovery claim and four claims around it, dubbing it the Lucky Lass Mine. And they weren't a moment too soon; other prospectors were already arriving. The word, it seemed, was out.

"Talk about excitement!" Clair Smith wrote, in correspondence with author Ruby El Hult. "The next day the discovery ... was in the newspapers, on the radio and TV all across the nation. People came from all over, some from 1,000 miles or more away."

"The first week after the discovery we estimated 2,000 cars drove by in front of the open cut," he added. "Of the ore dug and piled by the side of the road, two or three tons must have been carried off piece by piece as souvenirs by sightseers. Our little town (Lakeview) looked like Gold Rush days, with street hawkers on corners selling Geiger counters and scintillators."

Over that crazy summer of 1955, nearly 10,000 claims were staked in the Fremont National Forest by hopeful prospectors, most of them based on marginal readings from the cheap Geiger counters like the ones hawked on the streets of Lakeview. The area teemed with Army surplus Jeeps and battered pickup trucks. And one or two of them may even have panned out; but, a decade later, only two of them remained in operation: The White King and the Lucky Lass.

No uranium-mining story has a really happy ending. Few of the prospectors and miners who were involved in the industry realized how dangerous uranium ore really was.

But Oregon got off comparatively unscathed, at least

by comparison with other Western states.

The White King and the Lucky Lass were open-pit mines, so Lakeview was spared the trauma of losing a generation of underground uranium miners to a pandemic of lung cancer a dozen years later. (The White King did have one underground mine, but most of the work was done in the big pit.)

After the uranium market declined to the point of the mines no longer being profitable, both were closed, and the pits filled with water to form White King Pond and Lucky Lass Pond (13 acres and five acres, respectively). Left behind were mountainous heaps of radioactive tailings.

Both sites were added to the government's Superfund cleanup program in 2001. Today, the hottest of the tailings have been hauled away and more-or-less-safely buried in a "disposal cell" area nearby, protected by a heavy layer of compacted soil topped with rock. The remaining tailings are buried on site, and the whole area presents the appearance of a peaceful meadowland -- although access is restricted due to the lingering radioactivity.

(Sources: *Treasure Hunting Northwest*, a book by Ruby El Hult published in 1971 by Binford and Mort; "White King, Lucky Lass mine sites change over time," an article by Lacey Jarrell published on Oct. 5, 2014, in the *Klamath Falls Herald and News*; "Uranium Miners, Malheur County, 1954," a detailed photograph caption by Cain Allen published on [www.oregonhistoryproject.org](http://www.oregonhistoryproject.org) on March 17, 2018)

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and jumping 22 ft. 2 in. Triangle Lake's Kiele Riggs won the TJ event at 27 ft. 6 in. Caulley and Short teamed up at the 100 m. race, where Caulley ran a sixth place time of 15.82 seconds and Short finished in eleventh place at 16.84 sec. Baylie Campau of Jefferson won the 100 m. in 14.08 sec. McKenzie's Short also finished seventh in the 200 m. race with a time of 37.08 sec and that event was won by Flor Ruiz-Jimenez of

Jefferson in 30.83 sec.

Over in the field events, McKenzie junior Hailey Prater threw the Javelin 74 ft. 6 in. for fifth place and senior sister teammate Hannah Prater finished in sixteenth place with a throw of 37 ft. 9 in. Hayden Muller of Siuslaw, who had a legal stick of 89 ft. 8 in, won the Javelin. Hailey Prater finished eighth in the Shot Put at 20 ft. 4.5 in. and Hannah finished ninth with a toss of 19 ft. 4.5 in. Mapleton's Emily Neece won the Shot Put with a throw of 27 ft. 3.25 in. In the Discus, Hailey Prater took the tenth place finish with a throw of 49 ft. 6 in. and Hannah finished eleventh at 45 ft. 10 in. Clara Simonsen of Crow won the Discus with a 72 ft. 5 in. mark. Campau of Jefferson won the High Jump, clearing the bar at 5 ft. 0 in. and Macali Lade of Siuslaw won the Pole Vault,

over the bar at 7 ft. 0 in.

Ruiz-Jimenez of Jefferson won the 400 m. race in 1:13.20 min. and the 800 m. race won by Rylee Colton of Siuslaw in 2:28.81 min. Corduroy Holbrook of Siuslaw earned the 1500 m. run first place with a winning time of 5:28.79 min. and the 3000 m. race first place honors claimed by Lyvia Shortt of Triangle Lake, who ran the distance in 14:01.6 min. Mohawk's Abrianna Roberts, who posted top times of 19.48 seconds and 1:00.81 min. respectively, the 100 m. and the 300 m., won both the two Hurdles races. The Jefferson foursome of Ruiz-Jimenez, Holly Gay, Guyn Orton, and Campau won the 4x100 m. Relay, with a time of 58.11 sec. Siuslaw's Colton, Maya Wells, Holbrook, and Makayla Bender, who were timed at 4:43.75 minutes, won the 4x400 m. Relay.

## Sheriff's Report

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122.47420. Follow up in search for SPD's missing person Eric Brazil. No new case developments.

**4:59 p.m.** Mental Subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**7:52 p.m.** Suspicious Conditions - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that their ex showed up at the caller's work unexpectedly in violation of probation.

**10:32 p.m.** Disturbance, Dispute - 36800 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Deputies responded to the report of a possible domestic dispute involving a firearm. Upon arrival there was no evidence of a dispute and it was determined that the caller may suffer from mental health issues. A welfare check was conducted.

**April 8: 12:12 p.m.** Incomplete 911 Call - Lat: 44.179169 Long: -122.897507.

**1:07 p.m.** Emergency Message - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

**1:18 p.m.** Citizen Contact - 91600 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**1:26 p.m.** Alarm - 90500 blk, Hill Rd.

**3:13 p.m.** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.

**4:07 p.m.** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

**4:34 p.m.** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**6:15 p.m.** Recover Stolen Vehicle - Lat: 44.151795 Long: -122.970653.

**6:55 p.m.** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**8:48 p.m.** Illegal Dump - Lat, 44.186890 Long: -122.995571.

**11:52 p.m.** Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to a dispute between two family members. No crime was articulated and the family members were separated.

**April 9: 12:25 p.m.** Illegal Dump - Lat: 44.186890 Long: -122.995571.

**1:16 p.m.** Threat, Harassment - 45500 blk, S. Gate Creek Rd. A caller advised threats were posted on social media over a civil issue.

**2:44 p.m.** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**3:48 p.m.** Criminal Mischief - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller advised they had two tires flattened and the lock broken to his 5th wheel trailer.

**3:54 p.m.** Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:59 a.m.** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.151520 Long: -122.258087.

**5:25 p.m.** Citizen Contact - 56900 blk, N. Bank Rd.

**5:37 p.m.** Medical Info - 41000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:36 p.m.** Welfare Check - 57600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**April 10: 4:59 a.m.** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.151520 Long: -122.258087.

**3:54 p.m.** Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:25 p.m.** Citizen Contact - 56900 blk, N. Bank Rd.

**April 11: 12:21 p.m.** Driving While Suspended - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**12:59 p.m.** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd.

**2:50 p.m.** Threat, Harassment - 35500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**3:25 p.m.** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Mp. 26.

**5:20 p.m.** Assist, Follow Up - 48500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:32 p.m.** Weapon, Shots Fired - 42600 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

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

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