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Need some advice on the spot?

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Home Country

Are we really going to drive these teams 1,100 miles across Alaska?

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Time to trim

Clippers in hand, a shrub in mind and a gleam in your eye. It's pruning time.

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McKenzie honors its best Awards ceremony honors many

McKenzie Fire & Rescue volunteers and staff came together in February in a COVID mindful manner for a night of recognition and reflection for their 2021 Awards Ceremony.

Awards for the 2021 year included Service Awards for 5-years, 10-years, 15-years, 20-years, 25-years, 30-years, 35-years, and even 45-years of service. Volun-

teer of the Year, a Chief's Award, and two special recognition awards were also given..

Fire Chief Darren Bucich summed it up saying, "We have amazing volunteers who keep the Fire District operating successfully and without them, we wouldn't exist. We are thankful for their continued service, especially given the challenges of 2021."



5-Year recipients: Alexia Keller (left) and Ken Lewellen as well as Mike Belamy and Leea Means (both not pictured).



10-Year recipients: Brian White (left) and Raymond Byrne (not pictured). Junior Volunteer Firefighter Lane Palahniuk (right), remains an active participant in the district as he completes his senior year of high school.



Thomas Maddock (left) was the 2021 Special Districts Association of Oregon Outstanding Service Award for an Individual. This award celebrates Thomas's ingenuity, creativity, and commitment to excellence. Joel Zeni (right) was named Volunteer of the Year.



20-Year recipients were David Sherwood (left) and Clayton Canfield. Not pictured but honored for 30 years of service was Jim Ellis; for 35-Years, Dale Ledyard; and for 45-years, Dana Burwell and Joel Zeni.



The 2020 Chief's Award was given to the officers of McKenzie Fire & Rescue in gratitude for their continued support and dedication to the District. Officer's pictured L to R: Darren Bucich, Jim Ellis, Donny Smith, David Sherwood, Jim Fox, Dale Ledyard, Rusty Flanders, Patrick Anderson, Charene Dehne, Bart Thompson, and Matt Brooks.

Hit & Run U-Haul smacks into pursuing patrol truck

Escape from Rainbow ends in Thurston

A chase that stemmed from an incident near the intersection with Mill Creek Road and the McKenzie Highway ended 36 miles later last Tuesday. According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, the suspect's vehicle, a white U-Haul box van, left the area westbound after striking a parked vehicle around 5 p.m.

McKenzie District Sheriff's Deputy Russ Olson observed the U-Haul still headed westbound in the Vida area about 10 minutes after receiving the report and initiated a traffic stop. At first the driver pulled over, but sped away moments later.

The deputy then pursued the driver with his emergency lights and siren activated. After about a mile, the driver stopped the van and reversed, intentionally striking the front of Olson's Tacoma Tundra. The impacted dented the front of the Toyota and damaged a bumper-mounted winch.

The driver, who was later identified as 30-year-old Jeffrey Feaster then took off - again westbound on the highway. Although



Cheri Rushing

A tree in front of a DariMart in the 6800 block of Main Street in Thurston ended the police pursuit. A bicycle was the only item inside the U-Haul.

damaged, the deputy's vehicle was not disabled and he was able to continue following the fleeing van.

The chase ended when the driver crashed the van near the intersection of Main and 69th streets in Springfield.

Feaster was taken into custody on multiple charges including: Hit & Run, Elude by Vehicle, Reck-

less Driving, Reckless Endangering, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, and Assault on a Public Safety Officer.

Feaster's last known address is in Chicago, Illinois. He was transported and lodged in the Lane County Jail. Police said they didn't know where he'd rented the U-Haul but he told them he was headed toward Portland.

500,000 trees being planted

McKenzie River area targeted for post fire restoration efforts

Thanks to the Eugene Water & Electric Board's McKenzie River Source Protection Program, the utility is working with the Pure Water Partners and local residents to plant 500,000 trees in areas that burned in the Holiday Farm Fire. The work is designed to safeguard drinking water for metro residents by addressing erosion from high

burn areas, as well as longer-term resiliency to restore floodplain areas that are critical to water quality and habitat.

"This is everyone's water source. This is the water source for everyone upriver, this is the water source for everyone in town. So, first of all we want to be protecting that for everyone," according

to Lara Colley, a Vida resident and Restoration Specialist for the McKenzie Watershed Council.

Most EWEB's residential and commercial water customers pay a flat \$3 per month. Some, like large businesses or extensive irrigators, pay from \$4.50 to \$30 per month based on meter size. The fee went into effect in mid-2021.



EWEB

Since the Holiday Farm Fire, EWEB and the Pure Water Partners have replanted riparian forests, installed erosion control devices, and reduced fuels to mitigate future fires.

Letters to the Editor

Russia Threatens World Peace

Alan Dowd chronicles the Russian threat to world peace in the February 2022 edition of The American Legion Magazine. I quote and paraphrase from the article.

From its beginning in 1918 the Russian Communists led by Lenin and then Stalin sought to achieve power and control populations by intimidation, brutality and death. "Lenin murdered 6 million people and Stalin three times as many. During Stalin's reign from 1925 to 1953 Communism spread to Eastern Europe, China, North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba. President Reagan referred to the USSR as the "evil empire" and President Eisenhower stated the Soviet gov-

ernment believed in the "force of huge armies, subversion, and rule of neighboring nations."

Today, Putin is trying to bring back the USSR to its former size with confrontation in the Ukraine. He annexed the Ukrainian Crimea eight years ago and is now poised to take all of Ukraine. NATO, the United States and other countries must stand up against Putin and deter him with economic sanctions and force if necessary. Otherwise, the free world could be faced with threats to other former Soviet bloc European countries as Putin tries to reestablish the Russian empire.

Putin only understands the use of force.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

Guest Opinion

What does it look like when a judge takes over?

By Bill Crampton

Interesting things are happening in Oregon's Willamette River basin when it comes to salmon and steelhead recovery. Maybe even a little overlooked for their significance. An Oregon federal judge is running the river, issuing significant directions for how federal dams and reservoirs should be operated to benefit fish.

And that's what happens when populations of naturally producing salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act start approaching extinction. Entities worried about the decline of the fish sue. And they win.

Then what? In the Columbia/Snake River basin, the 20 years of legal battles over the federal hydropower system's impacts on salmon and steelhead have typically led to judges ordering "remands." Kick it back to the agencies for a do-over, and here we go again.

Not so for the mighty Willamette River, the Columbia's largest tributary west of the Snake River. A judge is telling the Army Corps of Engineers it needs to take action to assist faltering salmon and steelhead NOW, not in some distant future. And with the help of an advisory panel, orders are being issued and followed now, not later.

The Willamette is a troubled, polluted river winding south-north through urban Oregon, flowing into the Columbia at Portland. Yet, its tributaries include beautiful salmon/steelhead bearing rivers, with excellent high country salmonid habitat above dams and reservoirs.

Three species of wild Willamette River fish are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act — bull trout, Upper Willamette River spring chinook salmon, and Upper Willamette

River winter steelhead. A series of 13 Willamette Project dams block access to upstream spawning grounds.

In August 2020, Judge Marco Hernandez, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Oregon, ruled the Corps was not moving fast enough to ensure survival and recovery of the wild spring chinook and wild winter steelhead. "Far short of moving towards recovery, the Corps is pushing the UWR Chinook and steelhead even closer to the brink of extinction. The record demonstrates that the listed salmonids are in a more precarious condition today than they were at the time NMFS issued the 2008 BiOp."

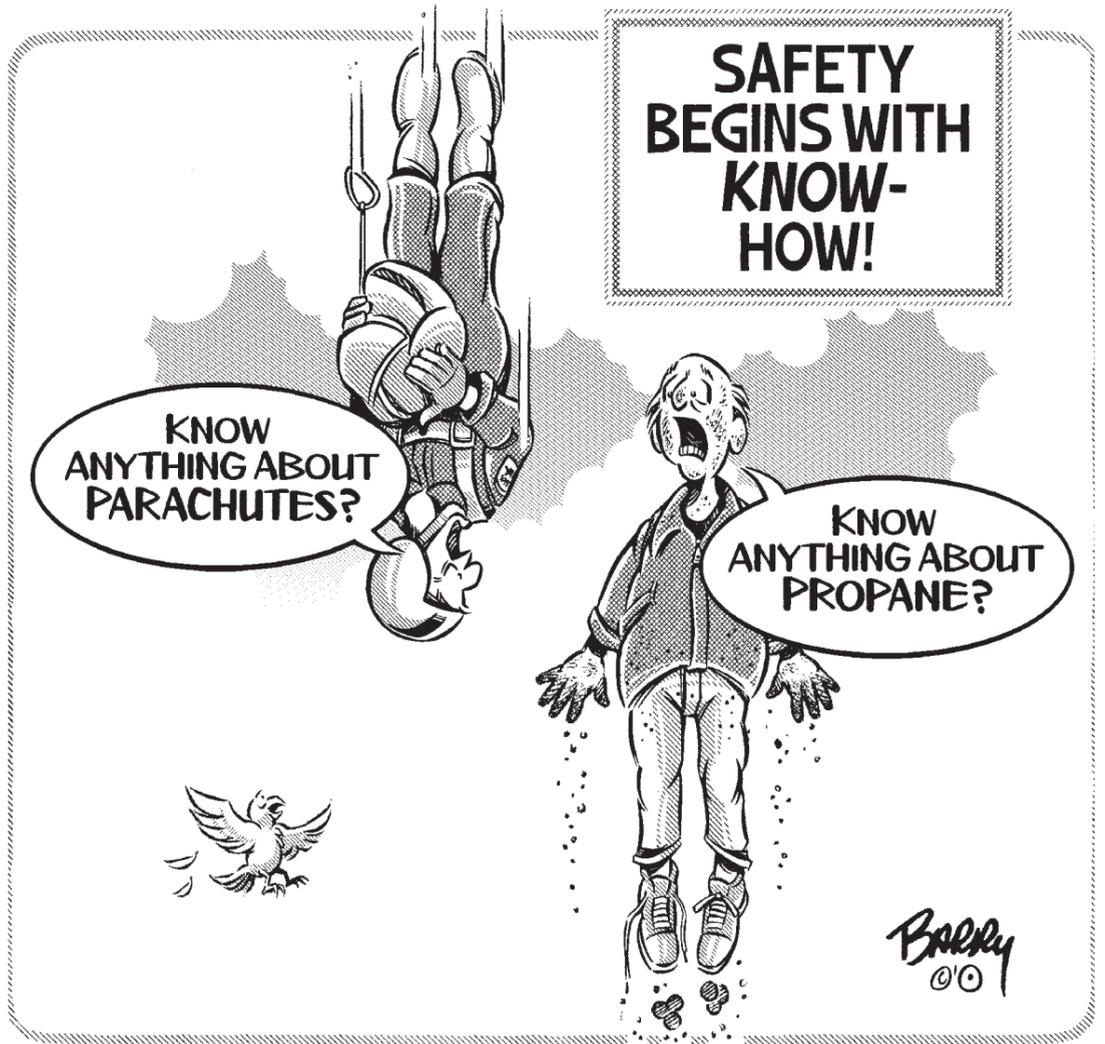
The conservation groups who sued the Corps were alarmed by the rapidly dwindling numbers of salmon and steelhead and the ongoing delays in mitigating action. The court ruled in favor of the groups on all of their claims.

And now the judge is playing a substantial role in how these federal dams are operated. Already he has ordered:

- Deep reservoir drawdowns at Cougar Dam on the South Fork of the McKenzie River and at Fall Creek Dam on the Middle Fork Willamette to aid downstream migration of juvenile salmon and steelhead;
- Spring spill at Foster Dam on the South Santiam River to aid juvenile downstream migration;
- Adult outplanting, spring spill, and juvenile passage at Green Peter Dam on the Middle Fork Santiam River;
- Spring spill and the use of regulating outlets at Lookout Point Dam on the Middle Fork Willamette River;
- Use of temperature control outlets at Detroit and Big Cliff dams on the North Fork Santiam River.

That's no small potatoes. And it wouldn't be happening without a judge.

In his 2020 ruling, Hernandez



was blunt. "The reason the dams adversely affect salmonid migration is straightforward: Significant portions of the UWR Chinook and steelhead spawning habitat are located above the (Willamette Valley Projects) dams and salmonids cannot swim past dams, at least without operational and structural measures to facilitate such passage. Approximately 70% of historic UWR Chinook and 33% of UWR steelhead spawning, incubation, and rearing habitat in the North Santiam River and South Santiam River subbasins is blocked by dams. Approximately 16% of the historic UWR Chinook habitat in the McKenzie River subbasin is blocked by dams. Over 90% of the historic habitat for UWR Chinook has been blocked by dams in the Middle Fork Willamette River subbasin."

"The dams also adversely affect water quality, quantity, and temperature below the dams, and change the nature of the waterways above the dams in a variety of ways that can affect the ability of juvenile salmon to develop and survive downstream migration and the ability of adult salmonids to migrate upstream and spawn," Hernandez wrote in his opinion.

The Willamette situation harkens back to another years-long legal imbroglio that forced judges to issue orders to save a Northwest species not being helped in other ways.

Remember the spotted owl? The federal forests of the Pacific Northwest contain the last remaining pre-settlement "old growth" forests in the lower 48. The northern spotted owl, was designated by the Forest Service as a management indicator species for this habitat. The old growth areas' streams are utilized by imperiled salmon runs. Preserving

the old growth forests became the focal effort of environmental and recreational interests.

On the other side, the percentage of timber harvested from federal as opposed to state and private lands was comparatively large in these areas, creating dependency in the local economy on its availability. The stage was set for major conflict.

Eventually, judges ordered the Forest Service to halt further timber sales in spotted owl habitat in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California until standards and guidelines ensuring the owl's viability were in place.

Until the Northwest Forest Plan was finally approved by the courts, judges were running the woods.

Parties to the Columbia/Snake River basin long-running salmon/steelhead litigation are now in talks in Oregon District Court

Judge Michael Simon's court, aiming for some kind of settlement this summer.

If litigants and regional parties cannot agree on a plan to keep certain populations of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead from going functionally extinct, will a judge someday soon be ordering changes to the operations of the Columbia/Snake federal hydropower system, similar to what Hernandez is doing in the Willamette? Will a judge be running the river?

That's a likely outcome. Hernandez was done with the foot-dragging in the Willamette. Not hard to imagine another judge feeling the same way about the Columbia/Snake River.

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Friday 3/4		Saturday 3/5		Sunday 3/6	
McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 49 Low: 37	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 34 Low: 24	McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 47 Low: 35	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 33 Low: 21	McKenzie Valley PM Showers 30% chance precip High: 47 Low: 33	Santiam Pass PM Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 33 Low: 19

WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM			READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE						
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
2/22	21	32	0.02	NA	2/22	41	28	0.53	3,140 cfs
2/23	39	23	0.02	NA	2/23	40	23	0	2,980 cfs
2/24	46	25	0	610 cfs	2/24	44	22	0	2,930 cfs
2/25	48	32	0.06	NA	2/25	42	25	0	2,870 cfs
2/26	48	38	0.33	638 cfs	2/26	56	30	0	2,870 cfs
2/27	NA	NA	NA	480 cfs	2/27	55	38	0.14	2,950 cfs
2/28	NA				2/28	53	43	0.26	3,340 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 22: 7:47 a.m: Hit & Run - 38600 block, E. Cedar Flat Rd. Caller reported that they found damage to the front passenger door on their work vehicle.

7:08 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 8700 blk, Thurston Rd. A caller reported that two unknown vehicles parked in the caller's driveway. The vehicles drove away towards Springfield. They were described as a white Chevy 2500 truck and a sedan.

Feb. 23: 9:31 a.m: Fraud - 43200 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:38 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Waterville area.

12:50 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Waterville area.

1:18 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:58 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy & Goodpasture Rd.

1:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy & Goodpasture Rd.

4:19 p.m: Citizen Contact -

38200 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:35 p.m: Citizen Contact - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

10:54 p.m: Livestock At Large - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

Feb. 24: 8:08 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & H F Williams Rd. A juvenile aged 9 to 10 was observed hitch hiking on Marcola Rd. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate him.

8:17 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39200 blk, Howard Rd.

1:02 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:21 p.m: Welfare Check - 7000 blk, Thurston Rd.

4:18 p.m: Assist, Information - 41700 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

5:22 p.m: Fraud - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:24 p.m: Foot Patrol - McGowan Education Center.

Feb. 25: 1:52 p.m: Theft of Mail - 39100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

2:42 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

4:43 p.m: Assault - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

4:55 p.m: Hit & Run - 600 blk, Thurston Rd.

9:10 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 10.

11:02 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Creek Rd. & Dollar Rd. A deputy made contact with a group of people in the area.

Feb. 26: 8:56 a.m: Burglary - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln. Undisclosed property was stolen in a residential burglary.

10:03 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39200 blk, Howard Rd.

2:14 p.m: Illegal Shooting - Horse Rock Ridge.

6:26 p.m: Illegal Burn - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

5:00 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. A caller reported that a neighbor was burning garbage illegally without fire protection. The neighbor refused to put the fire out when asked by the caller.

Feb. 27: 8:08 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - Crooked Creek staging area.

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Feb. 22: 12:36: 40000 block, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

20:52: 8 000 blk, Whitewater Rd. Medical General. Lifting Assistance.

Feb. 24: 0:00: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

Feb. 25: 10:46: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Lift Assist Only.

12:40: 47000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 27: 0:00: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. False Alarm.

Feb. 28: 1:49: 8000 blk, McKenzie Hwy. Medical General. Patient Assessed, Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 21st, at noon, in the Leaburg Training

Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains its own Facebook, Twitter, and webpage. However, 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.

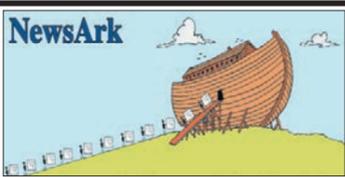
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Feb. 24: 12:20: Medical - 54000 block, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

12:48: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy.. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.

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



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TAKE NOTE OF THESE DEALS	McKenzie Valley Snow - 40% High - 51 - Low - 47	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow - 40% High - 39 - Low - 40	McKenzie Valley Rain - 70% High - 55 - Low - 50	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow - 70% High - 45 - Low - 39

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From snow to the seventies

Going outdoors over the last week may have offered a choice ranging from snow shovels to ski clothes. Winter proved it was more than just a calendar season when over 20 inches of snow accumulated in McKenzie Bridge last week. By Tuesday, though, most had disappeared, thanks to 70 degree temperatures in Leaburg that had flocks of robins out heating up some early Spring worms.

Wreck blocks highway

VIDA: The McKenzie Highway was closed seven miles east of Vida last Thursday after a semi truck and a 2003 Toyota Matrix crashed, leaving one driver hurt and the highway totally blocked. The accident occurred at around 6:30 a.m. near milepost 33.3. According to the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, a 2006 Mack truck towing two empty chip trailers went over the bank while the trailer remained on the roadway blocking both lanes. The driver is the Toyota, Patricia Wootman, 61, of Vida was injured. Oregon State Police report Wootman was wobbling on the highway, which was covered in snow and slush. She apparently lost control and her vehicle fell backward, crossing into the oncoming lanes, crashing head-on with the semi. The Toyota came to rest in a ditch north of the roadway. Wootman was wearing a seat belt, but her vehicle's airbag deployed. She was taken to McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center with minor injuries. Police cited her for failure to drive within a lane. The operator of the truck, 43 year old Wayne Stanley Lowry of Junction City was unscathed. Traffic was restricted to one lane until 11:00 a.m. Both lanes were reopened by 1:15 p.m.

Spring forward carefully into daylight-saving time

Not all school zones or even walk signal controllers are automatic—some may flash wrong hours Monday. Since 1986, most of the United States has observed daylight-saving time from 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October. Beginning in 2007, however, daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March (March 11, 2007) and revert to standard time on the first Sunday in November (Nov. 4, 2007). This change could affect hardware and software timing systems along Oregon highways, including signal timing and flashing light timing at school zones. These time-based access control systems that can't be changed remotely may signal wrong hours on Monday, March 12, until work crews can manually re-program them. ODOT also asks that motorists be extra cautious in their driving that Monday, especially around school zones. Spring may be just around the corner but winter sports enthusiasts still can find plenty of snow in the Cascades. To help people find some of those playgrounds, the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests have announced the publication of a new Winter Recreation Map for the Santiam Pass area. The new map is printed on waterproof paper and provides updated information on ski, snowmobile and snowshoeing trails, as well as other winter sports opportunities. Copies are available at local Forest Service offices for \$7 each.

Sister John's Retirement Party

Long time community volunteer, Sister John Backlund of McKenzie Bridge, may soon have more time for canine friends. McKenzie Bridge home and dog volunteer work with the newly along the river. The event is an opportunity to thank her for several decades of work along the river. There will be a Mt. of Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. in the river lodge. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Wednesday, March 21st by calling St. Boniface's at 822-3572. Sister John will continue living in her

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The Samurai pilot who bombed Oregon

By Finn J.D. John

It was a little after 6 a.m. on September 9, 1942. A tiny seaplane with red balls painted on its wings was making its way through the skies over Brookings, Oregon. At the controls was a young man named Nobuo Fujita; behind him, in the observer's seat, looking intensely at the ground, was another, named Shoji Okuda.

The two of them were looking for a good place to initiate the first airstrike ever to be made on the continental United States.

Fujita's plan

This whole gambit had been Fujita's idea. Fujita was a warrant officer aboard the Imperial Japanese submarine I-25, in charge of the little reconnaissance airplane the sub kept on board in a watertight compartment. During the attack on Pearl Harbor he'd suggested bringing the sub across the Pacific and using the little airplane for bombing raids on the American mainland; his executive officer had loved the idea, and asked him to write it up as a formal proposal. So he'd done that.

Nothing had happened for a long time, and Fujita had given the matter little further thought — until April 1942, when that squadron of American bombers under Capt. Jimmy Doolittle's command had raided Japan itself. The raid had done very little damage — but it had been a slap in the face, and nearly everyone in the Imperial Japanese Navy burned for revenge.

So when Fujita and the rest of the I-25's crew returned from the cruise they were on, there was a message waiting for them. Fujita was being called to Imperial Navy



Imperial Japanese government
A Yokosuka E14Y is launched from the deck of a submarine during World War II.

headquarters immediately. A little worried he might be in some trouble, Fujita complied.

He was elated to learn that his idea was about to be implemented — and that he'd be the man at the controls, charged with delivering four 170-pound bombs to targets on the American mainland.

His joy turned to disappointment, though, when the other shoe was dropped: His assignment was not a suicidal-but-glorious attack against an aircraft plant in Los Angeles, or a U.S. Navy base in San Diego, but dull bomb-delivery run against a bunch of trees in the middle of Nowhere, Oregon. What? Could that be right?

Yes, the commander said. In 1936, a catastrophic forest fire had swept the woods of the southern Oregon coast and destroyed the town of Bandon. It did millions of dollars' worth of damage and even killed 10 people. If Fujita could set a fire like that, his relatively puny bombs would do far more damage

to the enemy than anything he could do to an aircraft factory or munitions plant — and he'd be far more likely to make it back alive, to boot. Skilled pilots cost a lot to train, and airplanes weren't cheap either.

"Fujita, if you succeed in this mission, you may well help to win this war by spreading panic through the enemy cities," the commander told him, "proving to them that we can bomb their homes and factories from 5,000 miles away."

His enthusiasm restored, Fujita had returned to the I-25 ready to do his historic bit. The submarine's next voyage was going to be for the express purpose of delivering himself and Okuda off the coast of America, ready to strike at the enemy's homeland.

A pre-dawn launch

And so it was that at 4 a.m., in the pre-dawn blackness, a mile or two off the Oregon coast, the I-25 surfaced and its tiny seaplane was

removed from its storage bay and assembled, ready for action.

The airplane itself was a Yokosuka E14Y ("Glen"), a compact and lightweight float plane made with a wood frame and fabric skin. Rickety though it looked, it was stoutly built. It had to be, to withstand the forces generated when it was launched, with the aid of a compressed-air-powered catapult track, from the submarine's deck. And it had a relatively powerful radial engine — a 340-horsepower nine-cylinder radial, which pushed it to a maximum speed of just over 150 miles per hour.

Fujita and Okuda had prepared for this moment — leaving hair and fingernail clippings behind for their families to bury in a funeral should they not return. Now they strapped themselves into their tiny airplane, started the engine, braced themselves and were shot into the gloaming sky. Fujita immediately shaped course eastward, heading toward the dark and silent American continent.

Flying over Brookings

The plane's flight path took it almost directly over a small Oregon town — Brookings. Fujita wasn't about to waste his precious bombs on that, though. The whole great Oregon timberlands lay to the east, and that was where he was headed. He flew on.

Below, early-rising residents heard the engine — one said it sounded like a Maytag washing machine, one of the pre-war gasoline-powered models designed for rural households without electric service. But it was too high up for them to see the Rising Sun insignia on its wings, and it certainly didn't sound like any kind of warplane — so few people gave it a second thought.

Soon the two airborne warriors were cruising over a heavily wooded area near Mount Emily. Fujita gave the signal, and Okuda sent his first bomb hurtling down out of the sky and into the history books. It plummeted to the ground and the two Japanese aviators



By Slim Randles

You know, it didn't really seem like the day was so auspicious. It was cold. There was snow on the ground there on the baseball diamond. But then, it's winter in Alaska ... Anchorage, actually, and it should be cold.

First Saturday in March, 1973. More than 40 dog teams were there, getting lined out and harnessed by mushers and their handlers. I was one of those dog mushers. We had a couple of world champions to race against and a lot of folks like me ... called "recreational" mushers by the big shots in racing. In my case, my cabin was more than 12 miles from pavement, and dog sledding was how we got to the car.

We kept looking at each other and silently asking, "Are we really going to do this?"

Are we really going to drive these teams 1,100 miles across Alaska and end up in Nome?

Well, yes. Most of the teams got there. I didn't. I crushed an ankle about halfway to Nome ... and was flown by helicopter back to a hospital in Anchorage.

But at least I was part of it. "It" was the very first Iditarod Dog Sled Race. I had seven dogs, which was the minimum allowed, and I had to borrow someone's house pet to get the seven. The next year the minimum was nine dogs, so my one distinction is being the only guy to start the race with seven dogs.

There are still some old people up in that country who'll know who you're talking about if you mention "Seven Dog Slim." And this Saturday, as the teams leave Anchorage on that long, cold, camping trip, you mushers and dogs can count on good luck prayers from ol' Seven Dog Slim.

Be careful and take care of your dogs. It's a very long way to Nome.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Be kind when you pick up pruners

You've got clippers in hand, a shrub in mind and a gleam in your eye. It's pruning time.

But do you have a plan?

Before you clip a stem, know your shrub, said Neil Bell, horticulturist for Oregon State University's Extension Service.

"What you want to focus on is flowering time and growth habit," he said. "Certain shrubs you can prune right about now; others you should wait until after they flower."

Spring-blooming shrubs like forsythia, mock orange, flowering quince, deutzia and lilac, should be left alone until flowering is over. These bloom on last year's stems, known as old wood, from buds that form in summer or fall. Prune now and you sacrifice flowers.

Summer- and fall-blooming shrubs, on the other hand, flower on new wood. They're fair game to prune now. Some include rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus), PeeGee hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata) winterberry (Ilex verticillata), Japanese spiraea (Spiraea japonica) and a lot of the subshrubs like Russian sage (Perovskia atriplicifolia), hardy fuchsia (Fuchsia magellanica), cape fuchsia (Phygelius) and bluebeard (Caryopteris).

There are some exceptions, Bell said. If the goal is to remove some older canes to even out the canopy or thin out the center to facilitate air circulation, pruning a spring-blooming shrub during the dormant season is acceptable.

"It's easier since you can see the plant's form," he said. "Just be judicious. Thin out only the oldest canes, leaving the height and width the same to assure you maintain growth habit and you're not cutting off too many flowers."

Keep in mind, Bell said, that many shrubs need only light

pruning, especially if given the room to grow to their mature size. Rhododendron, azalea, rockrose (Cistus) and ceanothus are a few of these. They're better off with a light trim every couple of years. Pieris, rosemary, lavender and Daphne odora and other winter daphne are also low-maintenance. Just cutting off the flowers does the trick.

If Bell has one piece of advice he's most adamant about, it's avoid shearing or topping a shrub.

"The biggest sin is taking a pair of hedge clippers and chopping off the top of a shrub or shaping it into a geometric shape," Bell said. "Plants have a natural growth habit. Shearing ruins the form, cuts off the flowers if done before flowering on spring-blooming shrubs and may even weaken the plant."

Instead, if you want a rounded bush, seek out those that grow that way naturally, he said, pointing to rockrose (Cistus), hebe and some daphne and spirea as examples. Or use plants like boxwood, privet, laurel and Japanese holly (Ilex crenata) that respond well to shearing into spheres, squares or other shapes.

Most of the time, well-considered pruning begins with determining the shape of the plant. Is it vase-shaped? Upright? Weeping? You'll want to keep that form in mind as you proceed. When it comes time to pick up the clippers, start by cutting out dead or dying canes (stems that grow from the ground). If the shrub needs thinning, cut out

the old, less-attractive canes first, Bell said. They'll often be the tallest, so pruning them will keep the plant at a more manageable size. Crossing branches within the canopy can also be clipped out if they're causing too much congestion. Cut some of those stems back to a main branch. But don't go wild. Less is more.

"You prune mainly because if left to its own devices, a plant looks unkempt," Bell said. "The canopy becomes crowded, it becomes larger than we want. Pruning is a way to maintain size and accentuate its ornamental attributes."

Judicious clipping may also help ward off bacterial and fungal diseases by opening the interior of the plant to light and air circulation, he noted.

If a plant has gotten out of control, it can be cut to the ground and allowed to grow back, Bell said. However, that applies only to vigorous plants. If a plant is declining because of too much shade, poor soil or a disease, no amount of pruning will rejuvenate it. Even for vigorous plants, constant pruning is not ideal.

"It's possible, but if a plant is too big for its space, you'll be pruning it down all the time and it will never have the chance to reach its potential," Bell said. "You sacrifice the ornamental appeal of the plant and it's a lot of trouble. It's better to move it to a different space; or to take cuttings and plant those in a better spot."

Unless you inherit an overgrown plant, he said, it's always better to start with the right plant for the right place.

Look for more information on pruning, including illustrations, in the OSU Master Gardener handout Pruning Trees and Shrubs.



Quote of the Week

"Good breeding consists of concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person."

Mark Twain

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



WINTER TIME/ QUILTING TIME

These colder days of winter with snowbound hours or long evenings of darkness often seem an ideal time for quilting and handiwork. The pioneer homemakers engaged in much of their sewing and quilt making during this time of year.

Nanny and I, when I was about eight years old, sat beside the kitchen woodstove, cut and stitched patches into quilts for us four children. I was so pleased when, years later, my mom found that old quilt. Though well worn, it remained in salvageable condition.

My grandfather, in one of his journals, related how his mother and some of her friends gathered in winter for quilting bees and worked together on these bed coverings. They set up quilting frames in their homes and did quilting throughout the evenings even when they didn't meet together.

I recall visiting Nanny's home during a school holiday when the ladies church group met and worked on quilts. It was special to be allowed to attend this gathering and have my own quilting project, too.

Recipes for Quilting Days

While you're working on your quilting and patchwork, you may want to have meal cooking or made beforehand so you don't have to take time away from your

tasks. You also could put a one-pan dish into the oven to bake, using baking bags, which save on cleaning tasks as well.

If you're quilting with other ladies, you can have a potluck lunch, with everyone bringing something to share. This can be sandwiches, casseroles, salads, fruit, desserts, cheese and crackers.

SEVEN LAYER SALAD

Tear one head of lettuce and arrange in a 9 x 13-inch pan. Layer the following ingredients in this order:

- * 1 cup chopped celery
- * 1 sliced green pepper
- * 1 cup sliced onion
- * 1 cup grated carrots
- * 10-oz. package peas, slightly cooked
- * 1/2 package bacon, cooked and crumbled

Spread 1 cup or slightly more mayonnaise over salad. (Use light mayonnaise or salad dressing, if desired. You also can use less if you want.)

Top with 4 ounces grated Cheddar cheese. (This can be the low fat variety.) Refrigerate overnight, or 8-10 hours before serving.

Serve with a cup of soup and hot bread or rolls.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

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In Memory

Shari Doreen Parker



August 15, 1934-February 7, 2022

Shari Parker passed away on February 7, 2022, at the age of 87 of age-related illness.

Shari was born in Vida, Oregon to Richard Eugene and Dorothy Josephine Dare on August 15, 1934. Shari attended schools in Deerhorn, Klamath Falls, and graduated from Springfield High School in 1952.

Shari married Robert (Bob)

Parker on August 26th, 1956, in Deerhorn. Bob died in 2016. Shari was a homemaker who enjoyed bowling, golfing, camping, gardening, rock hunting, and embroidery.

Shari is survived by her daughters Teresa (Mike) Scott of Springfield, Cynthia (Kelvin) Dietz of Eugene, and Juanita (Rob) Bassett of Springfield. Shari had four grandchildren; Michael, Andrew, Christopher, and Alysha. Five great-grandchildren; Tucker, Desmond, Sienna, Amaia, and Esmerelda. She is also survived by her sister Beverly Ferguson of North Carolina. Shari was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Clifford and Donald Dare.

A celebration of life will be held on March 11th at 12:00 at Springfield Memorial Gardens followed by internment. A small luncheon at the Walterville Grange at 39259 Camp Creek Road will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charities. Arrangements entrusted to Springfield Memorial Gardens.

Community Notes

March 5 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.

March 7 Spfd School Board Meeting

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.

March 17 Leaburg Food Pantry

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

March 21 McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

March 25 McKenzie Food Pantry

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

April 9 Spring Craft Faire

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Vida McKenzie Community Center will be hosting a Spring Craft Faire at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. The Center is seeking artisans and other individuals who create art or fashion hand-made crafts of all sorts. Interested? Please contact Tammy Pelton at 951-970-0176.

February - April Fuels Reduction

McKenzie Fire & Rescue, in partnership with Northwest Youth Corps, is compiling a list of residents within the fire district boundaries who are interested in participating in a fuels reduction program that will occur between 2/22 and 4/21.

The primary focus of this program will be driveway access and

30-50' around the home.

The funds for this program have been made available through the Senate Bill 762.

For more information, call McKenzie Fire & Rescue at 541-896-3311.

VMCC receives \$250,000 grant

On February 10th the Vida McKenzie Community Center learned the Board of the Ford Family Foundation unanimously awarded the Center a grant for \$250,000. These funds are designated for the rebuilding of VMCC, destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. This grant, combined with other grants and generous donations from local residents and friends, will make it possible to begin construction in the very near future. Stay tuned for updates and follow progress at vidacomunitycenter.com.

Grants for Arts

Lane Arts has opened applications for their Artist Grant program. This opportunity is open to individual artists of all disciplines. The grant program is funded by City of Eugene Cultural Services Division and administrated by Lane Arts Council. Questions? Call Eric Braman at 541-485-2278, eric@lanearts.org

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

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Wishing, hoping, and false promises aren't going to aid you and your baby. Look at your situation in the harshest light of reality. The hard reality is that you can't undo what you know, and you know your husband is actively undermining your marriage.

That's hard, but that's the truth.

Wayne & Tamara

The Riddler

My name is Rosemary and I have a question for you. What is the difference between dating someone and seeing someone in a dating sense?

Rosemary

Rosemary, what is the difference between having a boyfriend and not having a boyfriend? Sounds like someone is giving you a confusing answer to a simple question.

Simply put, anything less than dating is not dating. Don't date anyone who speaks in riddles.

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

Marwa Helal's poem is anchored by a line of aspiration and effort, "I am trying to tell you something", a line, in other words, that might easily be the mantra of all poets. In "generation of feeling", she seems to say that poetry, language, and words, arranged and rearranged, alter, change the universe. These lines should be reassuring even when we are bewildered and alarmed by the strange violence of the first stanza's image: bones, fires, and the pains of growing. She invites us to keep rearranging words to achieve hopeful meaning. Sometimes this is what poetry aspires to.

generation of feeling

By Marwa Helal

these growing pains though
this good will hunting
we
fallen twigs
look like bones
waiting to be lit

i am trying to tell you something
about how
rearranging words
rearranges the universe

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

March 10 - The Lot Whitcomb was the first steam-powered boat built on the lower Willamette River. She measured 160 feet in length, had two side wheels and was launched at Milwaukie in 1850. She was built for comfort and speed - had luxury cabins and could make 12 knots an hour - and was used on the Willamette-Portland-Astoria route. Because of her power she was often called upon to tow sailing vessels up the Columbia River. In 1854 she was sold to the California Steam Navigation Company and passed from Oregon history.

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Between A Rock And A Hard Place

I am a 26-year-old married woman, and we are expecting our first child. My husband and I used to go out every weekend and play cards with friends or have a few drinks. I am unable to do this now. Since I became pregnant, I have lost my energy level and been sick a lot.

I trusted my husband and told him he should still go out and have fun, just don't forget about me. Everything was fine, or so I thought. One night after I went to bed I heard my husband on the computer, so I came out to see what he was doing. When I walked into the computer room, he downsized what he was doing and asked me why I was up.

Curiosity killed the cat, but not me. Next morning I read his email, both sent and received. My husband had written a friend about how he wanted to hook up with her, and that he had great dreams about the sex they would have together. Her emails neither encouraged nor discouraged him. They haven't slept together yet, but I know my husband's mind and eyes are straying.

I continued to read his mail and found several more with sexual hints or lies. One Saturday we spent the evening together, a romantic dinner and cozied up

with a movie, followed by what married people do best. In his email he apologized to his friend and said he was sick and throwing up all night. This really hurt.

My dilemma is I am not sure how to tell him I know. I have printed out copies of his emails. Should I stay and constantly worry, or should I leave and wonder what he would have done. Maybe I am reading too much into this. Can you give me some advice?

Francesca

Francesca, at this point in your marriage, your husband should be thinking and talking about being a father. He should be thrilled, sharing his excitement with you. He should be nest-building and preparing for this child, another part of him on the planet.

Instead your husband is lying, the prelude to cheating. A person about to cheat fantasizes about it, plays it out in his head, and makes tentative efforts to bring it about. Your husband has done all of these. He is practicing to make it happen. You can't spend your whole life trying to stop him from doing this.

Nothing - no marriage contract, no sense of duty, no outside pressure - can force him to be what he is not. You must let him know that you know. If you don't, it will be a lie on your part. Hang on to copies of those emails. Put

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Samurai pilot

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were rewarded with the sight of a modest fireball below, followed by the glow of flames.

They flew on, over a ridge, and dropped their second bomb. Then, losing no time and figuring the American military would soon have fighter planes on the scene, they turned back westward. Fujita opened the throttle up wide and they raced back toward the sea.

Behind them, the fires they'd started flickered fitfully. Most years, early September would be a very dry time in the Oregon timber, but this year it wasn't. Furthermore, as any logger knows, early morning is the safest time of day in terms of risk of fire; everything is soaked with dew, and temperatures are low. Forest Service lookout crews and Aircraft Warning Service volunteers quickly spotted the smoke and crews had the fires stamped out before the day was over.

The conquering heroes return

Fujita and Okuda, back on their submarine, reported their success and no doubt basked in the glory of having struck back at the Americans, getting a tiny taste



Imperial Japanese government Nobuo Fujita in his flight suit with parachute on, during the war.

of revenge. They tried again 20 days later, dropping their last two bombs with basically the same effect.

After that, the I-25 stayed around just long enough to torpedo a couple of passing freighters, and then headed back to Japan. It never returned to Oregon waters, and was eventually sunk by an American destroyer off what's now Vanatu.

Both Fujita and Okuda were tapped for the Kamikaze program

late in the war. Okuda went out on his mission and was, of course, killed while carrying it out; but the war ended before it was Fujita's turn to go, so he survived the war. Twenty years later, he came back to Brookings on a mission of friendship. We'll talk about that visit, and the subsequent relationship between Oregon and the Samurai who bombed it, next week.

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Ski Report

February 28, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Monday that no new snow fell overnight, leaving the base at 56 inches. Temperatures were 40 degrees mid-mountain and 43 at the base with SW winds averaging 34 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 32 degrees at the base and 36 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 73 inches at mid-mountain. On Monday morning the day was starting with soggy clouds and

warm temperatures, along with winds gusting from 40 to 50 mph. 11 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 105 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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