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Rockin' in Leaburg

Kids got to dig into rocks, fossils, earthquakes and volcanos thanks to hands-on activities and rockin' specimens

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"Rolls Royce Guru"

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71st Walterville Fair

"Famous, fabulous, and full of family fun"



Crowd pleasers like beautifully maintained farm tractors will be among the parade entrants making their way from the fire station to the Walteville Community Fair grounds this Saturday.

From its humble beginning seven decades ago on Anita and Norman Rinehart's chicken ranch a few miles east of town, the Walterville Community Fair is sure to again be a gathering point in 2023.

This year's fair, which will be held September 9th at 39259 Camp Creek Road, promises to be another day of family fun.

As in years past the fair will feature the popular mile-long parade as well as a petting zoo and more, including displays of prize-winning canning, baking, fruits and vegetables, handcrafts (quilting, crochet, knitting), arts and crafts, antiques, and photos.

Barbeque chicken dinner consisting of 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, rolls, and brownie for \$12. Hotdogs and chips will also be available for \$3. Serving will start at 11:30. There will be lots of vendors to shop from (contact Jeff at 541-746-9974 if you wish to be a vendor).

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for some great prizes and drawing will take place at 3 PM. The Grange is working to raise money for the replacement of the windows and siding on the west side of the community center. Check out the thermometer and see how we have progressed and feel free to chip in. See you at the fair!

The schedule of fair events includes -9 a.m. Flag raising and fair opening, 9:30 a.m. Parade registration near the fire station, 9:30 a.m. Fair entries judged, 10 a.m. Flag raising by Boy Scouts, 10:30 a.m. Judging of parade entries, 11 a.m. The parade starts, at 11:30 a.m. Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner, and 3 p.m. Raffle ticket drawing.

As Norm Rinehart used to say, "The Walterville Fair is famous, fabulous, and full of family fun."

Hope Project delivers

Extra supplies delivered for new school year

FINN ROCK: There were plenty of smiles on the McKenzie School campus last Wednesday. One person wearing a grin was 3rd grade teacher Jacqueline Brown who noted that "this takes a lot off teachers' plates to know we have these things."

Those "things" were items on a wish list school district staff were asked to assemble that would include things they might even purchase themselves to ensure classrooms would be fully stocked.

The smiles came about in response to The Hope Project, a Lane County nonprofit, that visited McKenzie School District with boxes full of supplies straight from the lists. In addition, the teachers were also treated to breakfast and coffee.

Hope Project's creator, Ken Brown said organizers decided to take on the project after learning that "teachers spend a lot of

their own money providing items that they need that are crucial to run a class each year."

In this fifth year of the program, the Hope Project responded to wish lists for McKenzie, Bertha Hold, Awbrey Park, Maple, and Ridgeview elementary schools. The \$30,000 to cover expenses came from donors throughout Lane

County.

"It relieves a lot of pressure for the teachers," Brown said, as well as worries due to the recent forest fires.

"None of this would be possible without a great outpouring from the community," Brown feels. "We couldn't do what we do without the great community support."



Construction Technology Instructor Seth O'Hare with a Milwaukee drill/driver set that's sure to be put to use soon.

Two dozen school districts will split \$53 million for summer, after-school programs

Springfield will receive \$500,000 each year, for 3 years

By Alex Baumhardt
Oregon Capital Chronicle
Thousands of kids across Oregon are guaranteed summer and after-school programs in the coming school year with millions in new federal funding.

The Oregon Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education announced Monday that 25 school and education service districts around the state, along with the Boys & Girls Club and United

Way, will share more than \$53.5 million during the next five years to provide summer and after-school programs. The money is from the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program, which was established by Congress to serve rural and inter-city schools and provides the only federal money for after-school and summer learning programs.

The recipients, including 22 of the state's

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County approves ADU's

5-0 vote allows for more rural housing

EUGENE: A unanimous vote last Thursday will allow "more people to put front doors on their property," according to Pat Farr, chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners. To move to amend the county's building code will allow the conversion of a historic dwelling for accessory dwelling units (or ADUs) in rural residential zones.

The amendment came on the heels of a 2021 state law designed to allow people to add additional housing to their properties.

"A lot of people have long awaited this particular

item to be added as a possibility for their properties," according to East Lane Commissioner Heather Buch. "Especially those who have been rebuilding from the Holiday Farm Fire and other fires in our area where this could be desperately needed housing."



Smaller structures could offer some relief for the housing crunch in rural areas.

Buch also noted the change could benefit rural areas where "people are aging on farmland and they need assistance to carry on and work their land."

Under state law, an ADU cannot be used for vacation-style occupancy. A covenant in the county's code amendment will require that language to that effect be included in property descriptions so that future owners be fully informed

The motion to approve was made by vice chair Laurie Trieger of South Eugene and seconded by David Loveall of Springfield.



Getty Images

The grant money will go to 25 school districts in Oregon along with 25 education service districts around the state, along with the Boys & Girls Club and United Way.

Letters to the Editor

Sad news

Today I heard the news that a vital part of our community is gone. Sue O'Brien passed away last week of heart failure. When her own heart was failing she continued to serve and lift others. For many years Sue was Sister John's right hand. She helped Sister John feed this community. When Sister John was weak...Sue came along beside her and continued the mission and vision that Sister John had for those in need. She helped move the food being distributed out of the trunk of Sister

John's car to an actual Food Pantry that serves 43 families at this time.

When Sister John was failing, Sue stepped up to carry on caring for the community. Sue became an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary to continue the work that the order helps support. Sue's love for the Sisters was unending. She will be truly missed in their community and ours.

Robin Roberts
McKenzie River Food Pantry

Guest Opinion

Golf lessons

Life isn't seamless, but some people swing that way.

By Eric Mortenson

I've been working on a Substack piece that was getting kind of ponderous and it occurred to me just this morning that I really should be writing about golf lessons instead.

The annual tournament, put on by the United States Golf Association and played over four days, is open to women over 50. Many of the competitors were international stars when they were younger.

I'll go ahead and tell you now that Trish, our favorite, won the U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship Sunday with a gutsy, nervy play that you have to admire and celebrate. She made a devilish downhill putt to save par on the 14th hole, a 118-yard Par 3. If you play golf, you know that a 4-foot downhill putt is everybody's nightmare. Hit it too hard and you'll sail past the hole and have a longer putt coming back. And you'll miss that one, too, because you're all jacked up about the first one running past.

But if you hit a downhill putt too soft, any break or dent in the green will make the ball wobble off course. You can't win.

And the greens at Waverley apparently are "nuts," as Johnson called them in a television interview afterward. I've never played there — I've only played at a private club once in my own storied career — but from where I stood the greens looked fast, of course, and with a ton of break.

So that par putt Johnson made on 14 was about as clutch as you can get. Then she birdied 15 and 16 and was roaring to wrap it up, but had that long wait on the 17th tee. A two-shot lead with two holes to play. Her tee ball sitting there ready to be smacked. I think the gallery gathered around Johnson was trying to take a breath for her.

At one point she pulled the brim of her visor down over her face and held it there. At another point, she and her caddy watched the boats on the Willamette River behind them. So did Catriona Matthew of Scotland, on the left there in the dark blue shirt, a fine player who battled Trish Johnson all day and ultimately finished third. They appeared to remark about how one

boat was pulling another upriver. Engine trouble, probably.

I know golf is often seen, still, as a pursuit of the wealthy, the idle rich, even. Its heritage includes private clubs and segregation by gender, race, religion, and always by wealth, so some people still think of golf as something the country club set does and they don't.

And that's a shame. Yes, there is still an element of that: Go visit the internationally known Bandon Dunes golf resort on the Southern Oregon Coast and you'll find scads of bro-boy Chads, young white men who got a big headstart in life thanks to Daddy's money and influence but aren't aware enough to know it.

I doubt I'll go play Bandon again, no offense. I just didn't like the scene, last time. Most people I know play on public courses and have a hoot doing so. It's an absolutely fun, challenging, and frustrating game to play with friends.

Enough rant. My intention here was to recognize some of the life lessons that poured forth from Trish Johnson's golf win on Sunday, and from all the other players as well. It was a flat-out demonstration of skill, nerve, and perseverance — delivered with humor, grace, and kindness. Every player in the field would have scorched me and my buds by 20 to 40 strokes, and they played that difficult course four days straight.

The most famous player in the field was Annika Sorenstam of Sweden, one of golf's all-time greats. Only a legend, that's all.

Like I said, I started looking at the life lessons that came pouring out of Trish's win. Without taking too strong a grip on it (Sorry, obligatory golf lingo), it was a show of courage, audacity, resolve, determination, overcoming adversity, learning from your mistakes — all those wonderful life qualities.

Because after that long wait on the 17th tee, Trish Johnson crushed her drive down the middle.

She aggressively tried to go for the green in two, maybe figuring she would hammer down the championship for sure if she birdied the 17th. She ended up in a sand trap, had a recovery shot roll to the bottom of the sloped green, and had to hit an ocean liner of a putt back up the hill. It was a mess, and she ended up with a bogey 6.



Just like that, the lead was down to one shot with one hole to play, another Par 5.

Well, now what do you do? Wilt? Fume? Get anxious and swing wild? Find more trouble? Lots of people do, in life.

This time she played it conservatively. Another good drive, an easy iron about halfway, then another onto the green. Two putts for par and to win the championship. She beat steady American Leta Lindley, who finished earlier in the afternoon, by one shot. Catriona Matthew, Johnson's playing partner for the day, finished third, two strokes back.

One swing of the club over four

days was the difference between champion and second place. Afterward, Johnson told a TV interviewer she was "knackered," which is British slang for worn out, exhausted.

Then she said something else.

She's 57 now and spends part of her time doing golf tournament commentary on TV. She loves watching the younger women professionals play in American and European events. She marvels at their ability and knows she can't keep pace with them now, but she draws something keen from watching them.

"It makes me really want to compete," she told the TV inter-

viewer. "I think that never leaves you. You lose your ability to hit shots or whatever, but you never lose your competitive spirit."

And if that doesn't make you smile and lift your head in appreciation, then maybe you need to go back to the 17th tee box and wait around.

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Rockin' out in Leaburg

By Marty Mealey

The geology program, "OREGON ROCKS," held last Saturday at the McKenzie Fire and Rescue's Community Room in Leaburg, drew close to 40 people, half of them children. It was offered by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon, and sponsored by the Leaburg Library.

It was an excellent program, expertly presented by Kali, a junior at U of O, majoring in geology. She had those kids in the palm of her hand as she explained and demonstrated what makes Oregon tick — geologically speaking that is.

Everyone was totally immersed in the presentation, they all loved the displays which were interactive, and the Rock Cycle game was really fun as well as educational. The kids got to take home some souvenirs which they made at each of the display tables.

Folks left wondering when we will have the next program!

We do plan to offer another of the Museum's programs in January. This one will be about dinosaurs, so watch for the announcement on our website at leaburglibrary.weebly.com/events for information on this and other programs at the library.

We'll see you soon!



A geology adventure was on the agenda last week in Leaburg when kids got to dig into rocks, fossils, earthquakes, and volcanos thanks to hands-on activities and rockin' specimens - while discovering forces that shaped Oregon's landscape.



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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE
US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT
EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
8/29	68	59	0	357 cfs	8/29	67	58	0.05	1,880 cfs
8/30	77	57	0	357 cfs	8/30	72	57	0	1,880 cfs
8/31	63	57	0.41	357 cfs	8/31	82	53	0	1,880 cfs
9/1	74	58	0.02	323 cfs	9/1	63	58	0.40	1,950 cfs
9/2	62	59	.03	323 cfs	9/2	75	54	0	2,030 cfs
9/3	73	58	0	323 cfs	9/3	82	57	0.12	2,180 cfs
9/4	68	55	0	313 cfs	9/4	76	55	0.14	2,190 cfs

Friday 9/8		Saturday 9/9		Sunday 9/10	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 79 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 5% chance precip High: 69 Low: 44	McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 81 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Sunny 5% chance precip High: 72 Low: 46	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 79 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 5% chance precip High: 69 Low: 44

Sheriff's Report

Aug. 27: 5:39 p.m: Reckless Endangering - 89000 blk, Marcola Rd.
9:36 p.m: Illegal Burn - 39900 blk, Mohawk River Rd.
Aug. 28: 3:54 a.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Milepost 27.
5:15 p.m: Injured Animal - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.
5:58 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Lat: 44.1339. Long: -122.0411.
Aug. 29: 11:27 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Buck Mtn.
2:31 p.m: Theft of Mail - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
2:48 p.m: Assist, Information - McK. Hwy. Mp. 37.
Aug. 30: 2:45 a.m: Welfare Check - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.
1:23 p.m: Speeding Vehicle 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

5:36 p.m: Medical Info Call - 36700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
8:18 p.m: Alarm - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:29 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 43900 blk, McK. Hwy.
Aug. 31: 4:51 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.
Sept. 1: 10:02 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Goodpasture Rd. & Gale Creek Rd.
12:07 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 94300 blk, Old Marcola Rd.
12:15 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.
2:45 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.
2:56 p.m: Location of Stolen Property - 88600 blk, McK. Acres Dr.
8:37 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - 56200 blk, McK. Hwy.
10:35 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 90300 blk, Marcola Rd.
11:22 p.m: Warrant Service - 90300 blk, Marcola Rd.
Sept. 2: 10:02 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Goodpasture Rd. &

Gale Creek Rd.
12:07 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 94300 blk, Old Marcola Rd.
2:27 p.m: Criminal Information - Conley Rd. & McK. Hwy.
3:46 p.m: Recover Stolen Vehicle - Lat. 44.122860. Long. -122.372281.
6:09 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 37200 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
7:13 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Easy Ln.
9:52 p.m: Blocked Driveway - 41600 blk, McK. Hwy.
10:46 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.
Sept. 3: 2:44 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.
3:40 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.
6:28 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Paradise Campground.
6:56 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 40200 blk, Mohawk River Rd.
3:42 a.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. & Eagle Rock Dr.
7:26 p.m: Burglary - 38000 blk, MJ Chase Rd.
8:54 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
9:49 p.m: Dog Barking - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
Sept. 4: 6:53 a.m: Suspicious

Conditions - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.
1:18 p.m: Water Rescue - 41400 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
6:14 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40200 blk, Storment Ln.
Comments, as reported, may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
14:32: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Area Check For Smoke. Investigated, No Smoke Observed.
Sept. 3: 3:03: 8500 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Cancelled En Route By LCSO.
7:48: Camp Creek Rd./Milepost 3. Smoke Scare. Investigated, No Smoke Observed.
16:13: 9700 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Assist Eugene/Springfield Fire.
Sept. 4: 7:40: 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, General 7:40 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
13:17: 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Water Rescue. Assist Individuals Out Of Water/ Non-Injury.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Aug. 28: 7:26: McK. Hwy./Thurston Rd. Down Line. Secured Scene.
15:00: 42000 block, Leaburg Dr. Public Assist, Cat In Tree.
Aug. 29: 10:22: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Public Assist. Lift Assist.
Aug. 30: 15:09: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
17:15: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
17:27: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Aug. 31: 3:39: 36000 blk, Oak Point Rd. Medical, Heart. 3:39 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
13:53: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
Sept. 2: 12:28: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, General.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 18th 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

August 28: 17:49: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - FS 2638 Rd. Described as vehicle crash that may have resulted in injury.
Sept. 1: 20:59: Vehicle Fire - McK. Hwy./Milepost 47. Deputies are with a disabled vehicle that has started smoking. No flames at this time.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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When "The Rolls-Royce Guru" came to Oregon

Part Five: Aftermath

By Finn J.D. John

And that was the end of it. Germany extradited Sheela to the U.S. for trial on various charges including arson, poisoning, and assault. She worked out a deal that included a few years in federal prison, from which she was released in 1988, after which she immediately married a Swiss sannyasin named Urs Birnstiel and left for Switzerland with him.

Rajneesh was simply deported after receiving a prison sentence for immigration violations, suspended on condition that he leave immediately and not return. By this time, he was happy to comply.

Several other members of Rajneeshpuram's leadership also drew prison time for their various escapades. And the rank-and-file sannyasins were left to piece their lives back together as best they could. This was no small thing for most of them; many had actually sold everything they had and contributed all the proceeds to Rajneeshpuram.

And they probably wouldn't be getting any of it back. The organization had more than \$57 million on its books at the start of 1985; by the time of Sheela's flight, nearly all of it had disappeared somewhere. Sheela claimed to be unable to pay \$270,000 of her fine to the state of Oregon. Where had the money gone? Nobody ever figured that out.

As of the time of this writing, Sheela is still alive and living in Switzerland. Her marriage to Urs Birnstiel came about in the nick of time for her, as it made her eligible for Swiss residency and subsequently citizenship. Fresh from the slammer, she skipped out two steps ahead of the law,



FJD John

The only evidence of Rajneeshes in Antelope today is this plaque, mounted to a flagpole base at the Antelope Post Office. It reads, "Dedicated to those of this community who throughout the Rajneesh invasion and occupation of 1981-1985 remained, resisted and remembered. The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. (Edmund Burke)"

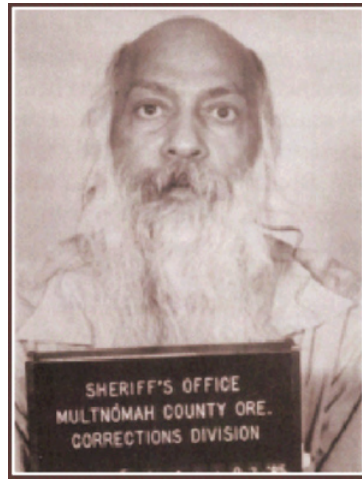
which wanted her to face trial for attempted murder in some of the assassination schemes she'd participated in.

Birnstiel died of AIDS in 1992,

leaving Sheela a widow and a Swiss citizen by marriage. Switzerland does not extradite its citizens to face charges in foreign courts, so she is quite safe so long



Multnomah County Ma Anand Sheela's booking photo from 1985.



Multnomah County Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's booking photo from 1985.

as she stays there in country. The Rajneeshes were well known for having members marry each other for citizenship reasons, going back to the Pune ashram days; chances are pretty good Sheela's marriage was at least partly motivated by desire to get her safely out of the U.S. and beyond the reach of extradition.

And as for Rajneesh, after moving back to India and changing his name to Osho, he died in 1990 of a sudden heart attack at age 58. He left behind more than 650 books — transcriptions of his lectures and discourses — which have since been translated into more than four dozen languages. His stock as a guru has never been higher, and hundreds of thousands of people come to his "Osho International Meditation Resort" in Pune every year.

In Oregon, though, his name is still mud — after all these years.

(Sources: "Rajneeshpuram," an episode of Oregon Experience produced by Eric Cain and Nadine Jelsing and aired Nov. 19, 2012, by Oregon Public Broadcasting; "Beyond the Ranch: Rajneesh Revisited," a three-part series by Cory Frye published July 8, 2018, in the Corvallis Gazette-Times; the Portland Oregonian's 20-part series on Rajneeshpuram, published June 30 through July 19, 1985, and 5-part series by reporter Les Zaitz published April 14, 2011)

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By Slim Randles

The calendar, and the quality of the air we breathe, insist it's state fair season. The competition is great to watch, no matter what it is. You know, like trying to knock down a pile of cinder blocks with a ping pong ball at 50 feet.

But there is also love and devotion and great pride and tremendous work on display there. With the kids and their prize animals.

Over the years I've interviewed a ton of these kids for whichever newspaper I was working for, and it's never ceased to amaze me. You give a kid a calf, or help him or her work to earn one, and then the work begins. There's the brushing and polishing, and feeding scientifically to bring out the best in the animal's conformation. And a kid must halter break the calf, which isn't easy at all, so that 700 pounds of beef follows you around on a leash.

And the kid gives hugs and snuggles from the growing calf, and gets them back in spades. That's the part I don't understand. You see, if the calf and the kid have worked together well enough over the past season, the calf will bring big bucks to the owner at the big sale. Restaurant chains pay premium dollars to say their Flamo Burgers are made from prize-winning cattle.

So the kid and the calf are separated for good, one going on to college more affordably now, and the other to the Flamo Burger factory.

And there are tears, of course, and deep questions to be asked, but the bottom line is that a beef in great condition can pay for a lot of tuition.

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Quote of the Week

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas A. Edison

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



PUMPKIN TIME OF YEAR

Pumpkin flavored foods are now making an appearance in the stores. Soon you'll find arrays of pumpkins there, as well as at roadside stands. Also, these orange globes will be decorating homes inside and out. And cooks will be stirring up pumpkin pies and other dishes.

Pumpkin pie probably originated during the 17th century. It's believed early settlers made the first pumpkin pies by scooping out the seeds from the center of the pumpkin and then filling it with milk, seasonings, maple syrup or molasses. Then they baked the pumpkin until tender.

The poet John Greenleaf Whittier wrote about pumpkin pies. You'll find mention of pie, pudding, and other pumpkin based dishes found in other writings and diaries.

This dessert was associated with Halloween and Thanksgiving during my childhood. Mother made pumpkin and apple pies throughout the fall. My aunt always had pumpkin pie for the Thanksgiving dinners we enjoyed at the farmhouse where she lived with my grandmother.

Many Varieties of Pumpkin Pie
Pumpkin pies come in many varieties today. Some cooks like to use the fresh pumpkins, cutting them up, cooking and mashing them for a pie filling. Others use canned pumpkin. When I was a child, we generally used the pumpkins we grew in garden and field.

You also can mix pumpkin with other ingredients for pie variations.

This includes stirring a package of mincemeat into your pie recipe.

Or you can create a chiffon pumpkin pie by making a gelatin custard mixture and stirring cooked pumpkin into it. Then turn into baked pie shell and top

with whipped cream or whipped topping.

Add a scoop of vanilla ice cream to the top of the pumpkin pie before serving.

Spread whipped topping or whipped cream over the top of the pie. Then sprinkle with slivered almonds or chopped walnuts.

FROZEN PUMPKIN PIE is one variation.

Stir 1-pint vanilla ice cream to soften. Spread in a baked 9-inch pie shell. Freeze ice cream in shell until firm.

Mix together 1 cup canned or fresh cooked pumpkin, 3/4-cup sugar (1/2 cup if you don't want it so sweet), 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg. (Spice amounts may vary depending on individual taste.) Fold in 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows and 1-cup heavy cream, whipped or use whipped topping. (If you don't like marshmallows, consider leaving them out.)

Spoon onto ice cream layer. Sprinkle with chopped nuts, if desired. Freeze until firm.

When serving, take from freezer and let stand in the refrigerator for 10 to 15 minutes. Top with more whipped topping, if desired.

PUMPKIN MINCE PIE combines the flavors of two harvest time pies.

Break a package of dry mincemeat into a saucepan and cook in 1 cup boiling water for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally so it doesn't stick. Cool and then spread over the bottom of a deep pastry-lined pie pan.

Mix your usual pumpkin pie recipe. Pour over mincemeat. Bake according to directions until pumpkin is set and inserted knife comes out clean.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

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



Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Planning now for a good tomato season



For most gardeners it's been a normal or above-average year for the country's most popular vegetable.

"It was a fairly decent season for tomatoes," said Brooke Edmunds, horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. "We got warm enough and didn't have any early cold spells. If you were irrigating, you probably had a pretty good year."

Some things – like weather – you can't control. Tomatoes, which are actually a fruit, thrive at ambient temperatures between 65 and 85 degrees and this year we had plenty of days in that range. Some things you can control, like how much you water and how you treat the soil.

If you had problems with blossom-end rot this year, take stock of the soil pH and review your watering practices. Blossom end rot shows up in many cultivars when calcium in the plant is low. Calcium uptake by plants is affected by several things, including low soil pH and water availability. The best way to adjust a low soil pH is to add lime to the soil in fall. In Extension's publication Blossom-End Rot in Tomatoes instructions say to use lime to adjust the pH of the soil to 6.8 to 7.2 in order to aid the plant in taking up calcium. Many Willamette Valley garden soils benefit from at least 5 pounds of lime to 100 square feet every three years. Mix the lime thoroughly into the top 8 to 12 inches of soil in fall.

When it comes to watering, tomatoes don't respond well to extreme dry-wet cycles, so water regularly when soil is drying out, Edmunds said. And remember, tomatoes want well-drained soil.

Blights can show up, also, and are more difficult to fight. Edmunds said the best method is to give tomatoes good air circula-

tion by keeping them staked up and pinching off suckers (the branches that grow at the joints) that can shade the fruit. Pick out affected leaves and put them in the garbage rather than composting. Avoid overhead watering. Instead, use drip irrigation, Edmunds recommends. If possible, move plants to a different site year to year, coming back to the original spot on a three-year rotation. For more information on blight, see Pacific Northwest Pest Management Handbooks.

In areas with shorter seasons like much of Oregon, it's a good idea to choose early-ripening varieties, Edmunds said. Some bred by OSU include:

* Legend: A tomato that produces large fruit that is good to eat straight off the vine. Resistant to some forms of late blight. Ripens 60-65 days after transplanting. You can get a larger-sized, earlier-ripening fruit by growing them first from seeds in gallon-size pots then transplanting them.

* Gold Nugget: Among the first to ripen, this prolific variety grows cherry tomatoes with a deep yellow color and mild, juicy flavor. Ripens in 60 days.

* Oroma: This tomato makes good tomato sauce and paste. Early to mature; average ripening time of 70 days. Prolific after ripening. Fruit is meaty and thick-walled.

* Oregon Spring: Ripens in 60-70 days. Slicing variety that can be eaten fresh in salads or straight from the vine. It will produce high, early yields of silver-dollar-sized juicy tomatoes.

* Oregon Star: Ripens in 80 days. An early-maturing, red paste-type tomato. Large, seedless fruit. Good for fresh eating and for canning.

* Santiam: Ripens in 65-75 days. Suited for salads and fresh

eating; good, tart flavor.

* Siletz: Ripens in 70-75 days. Reliable tomato with good flavor; ideal for eating fresh from the vine. Not resistant to late blight.

* Indigo Rose: Ripens about 80-90 days after transplanting. First of a new class of tomato that is high in antioxidants. Its purple color comes from the anthocyanin pigment in its fruit. This open-pollinated variety is a prolific producer. Get the best flavor by picking the tomato at its ripest; it will turn a muddy brown, dull purple color in September when ripe.

Another great resource for finding the best tomato varieties is Vegetable Variety Trials, 2017, which includes lists of vegetables grown and evaluated by OSU Extension Master Gardeners led by Edmunds. Tomatoes are ranked from 1 to 9 in such categories as fruit size, color and taste, how many days to maturity, and yield. The evaluation also includes cabbage, pepper, pumpkin and ornamental gourd and winter squash.

Find tomatoes from both lists in the seed catalogs from Territorial Seed Co., Victory Seed Co., Ed Hume Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Nichols Garden Nursery and others. Many varieties will be available as starts at garden centers.

For more information, refer to Extension's Grow Your Own Tomatoes and Tomatillos.

If you want to save your own seed, remember that hybrid varieties won't come true to type, while open-pollinated and heirloom ones will. The seed packet should tell you what type tomato you've chosen or check the internet.

Saving seed can be a little messy, Edmunds said. Cut open the tomato and squeeze out the seeds, which will be coated with a gel-like substance. There are different methods for removing the gel, but the easiest is to put the seeds in a mason jar and add two-thirds water by volume (one-third seeds, two-thirds water). Stir it up and leave it to ferment. Mold will grow on it and break down the gel, seeds get released and sink to the bottom. Pour them out into a sieve or small colander and wash them off. Spread on a paper towel to dry, which could take one to two weeks. Then package them up in envelopes or jars (don't seal all the way).

No matter what you do, there's bound to be green tomatoes left on the vine. Edmunds notes it's possible to ripen those with a little color by laying them out in a single layer in a dark area, like a loosely closed box in a closet.

"Some cultivars do better than others," she said. "It's fun to try."

Barring that, why not use your green tomatoes and not just fried? Jeanne Brandt, a family and community health expert with Oregon State University Extension Service, offers two recipes. One is her favorite salsa, which is called Tomatillo Salsa, but the recipe is just as good with green tomatoes. It's in Salsa Recipes for Canning on Page 6.

The other is for Pickled Dill Tomatoes. "Some people love them, especially when they substitute hot peppers for the green peppers, which is fine to do. You can use a mixture of green and partially ripe yellow tomatoes for interesting colors."



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September 7

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September 8

McKenzie Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 2nd & 4th Friday, at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop for yourself or have food delivered to car. Questions call Robin 541-844-8838.

September 8

2nd Friday Art Walk

From 4 to 7:30 pm at the Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield, 500 Main St.

September 9

Living River

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature this year, join in the fun on the second Saturday's, March through December, and explore the Living Rivers in your backyard.

September 9

The Block Party

Look for an evening of music, culture, food & of course, craft beverages. Reimagined in September 2022 by Common Bond Yoga & Trudy Bauchery, the 3rd block party drew a crowd of 5000 plus to Discover Downtown Springfield on a smoky September Friday.

The party included flying axes, bouncing houses, hand-crafted goods, food trucks, and local libations, all featuring Springfield at its finest. A true party for those who know better, Springfield THE BLOCK Party will be back in September 2023, bigger than ever, once again combining forces with Noche Cultural for a Downtown spectacular at 225 5th St.

September 11

Grant Workshop

An Arts & Culture Grant Writing Workshop will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg station.

September 11

Parks Advisory Committee

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community

September 11

Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

September 12

Board of Commissioners

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September 14

VMCC Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Vida Mcenzie Community Center will meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Waterville. All are welcome.

September 15

Leaburg Food Pantry

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September 16

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 -

11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

September 18

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

September 19

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September 19

Family Story Time

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

September 19

Write Your Life

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week memoir workshop will begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 22nd, and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free and will meet in the library's Annex Room.

To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library. We're right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

September 20

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be livestreamed with viewing available at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIzi4-UMCeQ/videos.

September 20

Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will meet at 7p.m. at 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

September 21

McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

September 22

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September 27

Lane Electric Coop

Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Rd, Eugene.

Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly.

If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting>

September 27

Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

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October 3

EWEB board meeting

Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at <https://tinyurl.com/EWEB-Board-Meeting-08-01-23>.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, EWEB's Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000.

October 21

Learn CPR & defibrillator use

A CPR and Defibrillator Use class will be held on October 21 at McKenzie Fire & Rescue in Leaburg. The class starts at 9:00a.m., will likely require 4-5 hours, and will cost \$30 (includes Heart Association certificate.) There are 9 spaces left. Interested? Call Clayton at McKenzie Fire & Rescue: 541-896-3311.

Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar.](#)

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Keeping Faith



Ban White

Please bear with me. I desperately need advice. I dated this girl for a year, and we broke up many times because of religion. We are of two different religions, and she wanted our potential children to be of her faith and only her faith.

To me, that seemed a bit unfair. I too want to share in my children's spirituality, and I too want to take them to my church and experience a bit of what I had while growing up. She did not like this idea. She said it would be okay if I took them to my church, but the children could not pray with me or to "my" God.

I tried to explain to her that we are all one and all God's children. I said our children would benefit from what the two religions have to offer. In addition, since we care so deeply for each other, we should respect each other's beliefs.

We never agreed, and three

months ago we broke up for good. Last week, she invited me to dinner. She told me she dated someone for a month, but it didn't work. I was hurt because the thought of dating another made me sick.

One thing led to another, and we were intimate. When we parted, she said she would always love me and for me to email when I become engaged so she won't have to wonder "what if." She also said one day she may change her mind and agree with my views about children.

I don't know what to do. Oh, one more thing. Prior to dating me, she had a four-month relationship with a married man twice her age.

Sig

Sig, a person who suggests she feels so strongly about her religious faith, needs to date within that faith. But that only partly describes your situation.

Your former girlfriend seems to invent the rules as she goes along. Her behavior does not reflect a life lived within religious teachings. It is as if she is trying to add piety to herself by speaking of her religious fervor for children who don't yet exist.

She is also giving you hope for the future in case she cannot find someone else, and because you

have been intimate with her, you feel possessive about her. That is why the thought of dating another makes you sick. You also feel fear of the uncertainties of dating again.

Don't let your desire for a relationship blind you to what is happening. Letting her come back to you because she cannot find someone else is in her interest, not yours. She does you a disservice in saying she loves you because what you are describing is a woman who likes you up to the point where you are not of her religion.

Wayne & Tamara

Too Late

My friend Missy is getting married this Saturday. I am the maid of honor. Missy's fiancé has expressed deep concern about their sex life. Basically, he isn't getting any.

Missy's fiancé has asked Missy's friends, including me, to talk to her about it. So far, nothing seems to work. He has already said he will just have to suffer in that aspect of their relationship for the rest of his life. I know this is a personal issue, but is there anything I could do to help?

Tricia

Tricia, as a young man, Missy's fiancé has no idea how long a lifetime can be. He will never have more leverage than he has now, but he is marrying with a marriage-ending problem.

There is no indication in your letter that Missy is saving herself

for marriage. Rather, she believes by marrying her, he has accepted things as they are. Letters like yours make us want to scream with frustration. When will we receive his letter asking if he should cheat or divorce?

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men and Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

Dear Dr. Frankenstein

By Jericho Brown

I, too, know the science of building men
Out of fragments in little light
Where I'll be damned if lightning don't

Strike as I forget one
May have a thief's thumb,

Another, a murderer's arm,
And watch the men I've made leave
Like an idea I meant to write down,

Like a vehicle stuck
In reverse, like the monster

God came to know the moment
Adam named animals and claimed

Eve, turning from heaven to her

As if she was his
To run. No word he said could be tamed.

No science. No design. Nothing taken
Gently into his hand or your hand or mine,
Nothing we erect is our own.

Jericho Brown's first book, *Please (New Issues, 2008)*, won the American Book Award, and his second book, *The New Testament (Copper Canyon, 2014)*, was named one of the best poetry books of the year by *Library Journal* and received the *Anisfield-Wolf Book Award*. His third collection, *The Tradition (Copper Canyon, 2019)*, won the *Pulitzer Prize for Poetry* and was a finalist for many awards, including the *National Book Critics Circle Award*. His poems have appeared in the *Nation*, the *New Republic*, the *New Yorker*, the *Paris Review*, *Time*, and several volumes of the *The Best American Poetry anthologies*.

He is the recipient of the *Whiting Writers' Award* and fellowships from the *Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University*, the *National Endowment for the Arts*, and the *Guggenheim Foundation*. Brown is an associate professor and the director of the *Creative Writing program at Emory University in Atlanta*.

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48. Bungle (2 words)
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 53. Debilitating spray
 55. **How I wonder what you ____"
 57. *Bed on the tree top
 60. *____ John, or FrÈre Jacques
 64. Formerly known as Pleasant Island
 65. Commotion or fuss
 67. One of journalism's Ws
 68. Vinyl collectible
 69. **Tom, Tom, the Piper's ____"
 70. Israel's neighbor
 71. Big Bang's original matter
 72. Deviled one
 73. One deserving of respect?

DOWN

1. Hand grenade
 2. Pick-up expression
 3. On top of
 4. Website visitors
 5. Wrigley's Big ____
 6. Bone-dry
 7. Elf on the Shelf, e.g.
 8. Cuban dance
 9. *Old MacDonald's farm sound
 10. Traveled on
 11. Proofreader's mark
 12. Sail alternative
 15. Boot that reaches halfway or more to knee
 20. Unsuitable
 22. Pitcher's pride
 24. Bishop's jurisdiction
 25. *Life is but this
 26. Marcello Mastroianni's "La ____ Vita"
 27. Some Romanovs
 29. SI unit of mass
 31. **Here goes my ____ a trot, a trot..."
 32. Sag
 33. Portray emotion
 34. *Jack and Jill's quest
 36. Black tropical cuckoos
 38. *Sheep's bagfull
 42. Curse
 45. Lollipop brand
 49. Bud or chum
 51. Snooze
 54. ____ and desist
 56. C2H5
 57. Pay a visit
 58. Bumpkin
 59. Famous boxing promoter Bob
 60. Smoker's water pipe
 61. Group of cows
 62. Great Lake
 63. Back seat, e.g.
 64. Negative vote
 66. *Mother Hubbard's pet

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 6. *Black sheep answer: "Yes _____, three bags full."
 9. Estimator's phrase (2 words)
 13. Washer cycle
 14. Australian bird
 15. Plants and animals
 16. Chipped in
 17. Dashboard acronym
 18. Not over
 19. *Rhymes with Porgie
 21. *Container in nursery rhyme and Ella Fitzgerald's song

23. Ray shooter
 24. Gloomy
 25. Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
 28. The Wise Men
 30. Type of mold
 35. Civil Rights icon
 37. Front of ship
 39. Marilyn's real name
 40. Distinctive elegance
 41. Meal in a shell, pl.
 43. Plant anchor
 44. Strong and sharp
 46. **"Three Little Kittens" cry
 47. Shower with affection

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

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Tue Sep 5th 6:00pm - Tue Oct 10th 8:00pm
WRITE YOUR LIFE
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Thu Sep 7th 11:00am - Sat Feb 10th 2024 12:00pm
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Sat Sep 16th 10:00am - 12:00pm
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Tue Sep 19th 10:00am - 11:00am
Family Story Time
 Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

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 The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular

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Pamela Reim

RSVP not necessary, but you can reach me at 541-517-9599 or fritz0216@msn.com if you want to let me know you are attending or have questions.

After-school programs

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197 school districts and three of the state's 19 education service districts, welcomed the money following lean offerings this summer due to a lack of money from the Legislature.

The districts and organizations will partner with more than 200 community groups to use the money to serve thousands of kids in 115 schools.

Each recipient, which had to apply for the money, has tailored their programs to align with Gov. Tina Kotek's education objectives, according to a news release from the state education department. These include improving K-5 reading and writing skills, growing career and technical education, and improving student mental health.

Recipients will split more than \$11 million this year and the following two school years. They'll split \$10 million during the 2026-27 school year and about \$9 million during the 2027-28 school year.

Ten school districts in Corvallis, Portland, Forest Grove, Gresham, Jefferson County, Klamath Falls, North Clackamas, Springfield, Umatilla, and Woodburn will each get \$500,000 each year for the next three years.

In Corvallis, four Title I elementary schools will get special reading and math intervention programs to help students struggling the most. Title I schools serve a high number of students from low-income families. The David Douglas School District in Portland is teaming up with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, which provides legal and job training resources to immigrants and refugees in Oregon, on a number of programs.

They'll work together to provide racially and ethnically diverse students, English language learners,

low-income students, and students with disabilities tutoring in core subjects, credit recovery classes, and civics education.

The Boys & Girls Club of Santiam and the United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley will get about \$320,000 and nearly \$500,000 per year, respectively. The Boys & Girls Club plans to focus on helping nearly 300 fifth through 10th-graders living in Lebanon and Sweet Home meet state academic standards in core subjects. The United Way will serve more than 3,000 students in two high schools and six middle schools in the Salem-Keizer School District. Money will go to providing tutors, homework help, and family event nights, along with before and after-school meals and snacks.

No money this summer

In 2021 and 2022, the state Legislature allocated more than \$390 million to schools and community groups to pay for summer programs to help students catch up on learning and access mental health resources following the pandemic.

No summer school funding was allocated to schools during the most recent Legislative session, which wrapped up in June. A bill that would have sent money to

schools died in the Senate Ways and Means Committee in late February, and Democratic leaders offered no explanation.

Some community groups that had received six-figure grants got nothing, leading some to scale back programs or cut them entirely, according to a survey by the nonprofit Oregon Afterschool & Summer for Kids Network. They anticipated serving about half as many of the 120,000 youth as they had the summer prior.

Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, previously told the Capital Chronicle that in the absence of additional money, lawmakers hoped districts would use any remaining COVID relief funds they had from the U.S. Department of Education or money from the Student Success Act for summer programs. The act is meant to serve traditionally underserved students, as well as to pay for school counselors and emotional support staff.

Correction: Boys & Girls Club of Santiam will serve students in Lebanon and Sweet Home. A previous version of this story said the club would serve students in Salem.

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A Moment in Oregon History
By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

September 7 - Christopher "Kit" Carson was the most famous of all western scouts. He was born in Kentucky and at an early age became an expert marksman and skilled in surviving in the wilds. At age of 15 he came west and lived as a hunter, trapper and trader. In 1842 Kit met explorer John C. Fremont and agreed to guide Fremont's expedition to the Far West. With Kit leading the way the expedition reached The Dalles and turned south, traveling through Central and Southern Oregon and on to California. When Fremont published the journals of his expedition he praised Kit Carson as the ultimate scout and mountain man. Several books and many articles were written about Kit and by the time he died in 1869 he was considered a true American folk hero.

Fishing Report

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

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 2,000.

Fish Counts
August 28, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook - 345
Summer Steelhead - 972

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