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### Rainbow now works with three others

Much of Blue River was destroyed in the Holiday Farm but not the working relationship the area was building with the Rainbow Water District in Springfield. During the February 3<sup>rd</sup> virtual meeting of the Blue River Water District Board, Rainbow's superintendent Jamie Porter said not all had been lost.

Built around 1965 to coincide with construction of the Blue River and Cougar dams, the local municipal water system was designed by CH2M Hill, an engineering company with a worldwide reputation. Porter said aspects the system they developed went beyond what might typically be expected for a fairly small community. Among those details were some 10 inch diameter main lines, a big producing well and two storage tanks.

Although much of the card filing systems for customer records and system schematics went up in flames other information about what existed has been reconstructed.

With the help of the Lane Council of Governments, a new digital map was created that shows where much of the infrastructure is located. "A good system of

records is an extremely useful tool and a lot was lost in the fire," Porter said. "As you rebuild you're going to have contract documents, maintenance manuals from contractors and consultants and vendors."

During their investigations, it was discovered the current system did not have a working meter at the well, or at customer locations. "The meter is the cash register of a water system and when used it should be kept in good repair," Porter said. He also noted that type of user information was something that would be requested when applying for federal funds.

"The board has asked us to step in and help with billing and that's [Partnerships - Page 2](#)



Jamie Porter

## 4,700 river miles picked for protection

### Oregonians ID their most cherished

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

After hearing from nearly 2,500 Oregonians about which rivers they want protected, the bill would give 4,700 miles of rivers and streams across Oregon a Wild and Scenic River designation.

Chad Brown, president and founder of the group Soul River, and a Navy veteran, said Oregon's rivers are places where people can recharge.

"The river's a special place," Brown maintained. "And it's definitely a place of medicine, of natural medicine, that we all need to enrich our soul, our mind, our body and our spirit."

Brown noted rivers help him and other veterans cope, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

About 2% of Oregon's water-

ways are currently protected as Wild and Scenic. Wyden's office received more than 15,000 nominations for river miles across the state.

Opponents of Wild and Scenic designations worry it could impact industry along rivers and streams.

Liz Hamilton, executive director of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, said the bill bodes well for protecting salmon and steelhead, and boosting the state's outdoor recreation sector, which generates \$15.6 billion dollars in consumer spending, and is a boon for rural economies.

Hamilton added Wyden has worked on protecting Oregon rivers for decades, and the state could sustain more recreation.

"Our industry in particular has learned that there's not enough [Picked for protection - Page 2](#)

## Leaks and seismic concerns threaten EWEB power canals

### Repairs could approach the \$50 million spent on relicensing



The "Ames Reach," just west of Johnson Creek, has been an area of concern for the Eugene Water & Electric Board due to its steep banks and areas where seepage has been detected. An updated seismic analysis warned that portions of the canal just above Leaburg could be severely damaged or destabilized during an earthquake.

EUGENE: Internal erosion of the 5-mile long Leaburg power canal caused the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order its shutdown about two years ago. Now Eugene Water & Electric Board commissioners are being asked if they want to continue to operate or decommission the Leaburg hydroelectric facility, as well as its downriver counterpart in Waltherville.

At last Tuesday's board meeting, general manager Frank Lawson recommended that before

any major decisions are made, the utility would have to first take actions that would reduce the risks of having water in the Leaburg canal.

Both projects had gone through major studies that in 2000 gained the utility a 40-year federal license to operate the plants. Together they generate about 13 megawatts, a portion of EWEB's overall 275 MW load.

In the summer of 2018 soil movement, or piping, was discovered along the Leaburg

canal. Crews have since been keeping an eye on the problem at 15 different seepage monitoring sites.

Mike McCann, EWEB's generation manager, reported that when subsurface samples were taken from the canal bank near Cogswell Creek, "The core material was saturated soil and potentially unstable. We now know that we not only have a seepage issue but we also have an earthquake stability issue."

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## Connecting locally

### Resource Fair brought people face-to-face

BLUE RIVER: People with questions ranging from replacing septic systems to rebuilding in riparian zones had a chance to track down answers at last weekend's Resource Fair. The event, sponsored by the grassroots group McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals drew a couple hundred area folk to meet face-to-face with representatives from over 50 organizations, agencies and contractors.

"A lot of people had questions about the permitting process and

how to navigate it," according to East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch. "It was good to see people in person again and help navigate them to the people with answers."

Priscilla and Hollis Oxley, who lost their house on Conley Road, were among attendees who said they plan to rebuild. Not only their home but also the Blue River Library, which too was lost to the Holiday Farm Fire.

Cleanup work at their homesite

was expected to reach the final phase this week but whether or not the library can be rebuilt on the same site hasn't yet been determined. This summer, Priscilla says, it will be operating on a temporary basis out of the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow.

Stressing to people that every property is different is one message Lane County planner Aaron Staniak hoped was being [Resource Fair - Page 2](#)

# Power canals

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McCann went on to say that "The seismic risk to EWEB is greater with the canal full of water than its current condition."

Despite the extensive studies done during the relicensing process, those sort of issues weren't brought up.

"I just came on the board when relicensing occurred," noted commissioner John Brown. "How did this get missed? Things like gates would fail in seismic events. That hasn't changed in the last twelve years. You said it leaked since it was built. Why didn't somebody raise a red flag and say don't spend the \$100 million bucks?"

The staff response was that awareness of seismic issues were not part of general concerns within the time frame when relicensing occurred. Nor were the potential impacts of the Cascadia Fault subduction zone generally known.

Mark Zinniker, the utility's general engineering supervisor, said the highest risks that had been discovered were, "Seismic, specifically in the area of the Ames Reach, with its taller, steeper portions of the canal bank."

Dangers there included cyclic softening or liquification of the levee material that could potentially lead to the loss of life during landslides that might be caused by heavy storm events.

"Even when we closed the canal headgates the canal continues

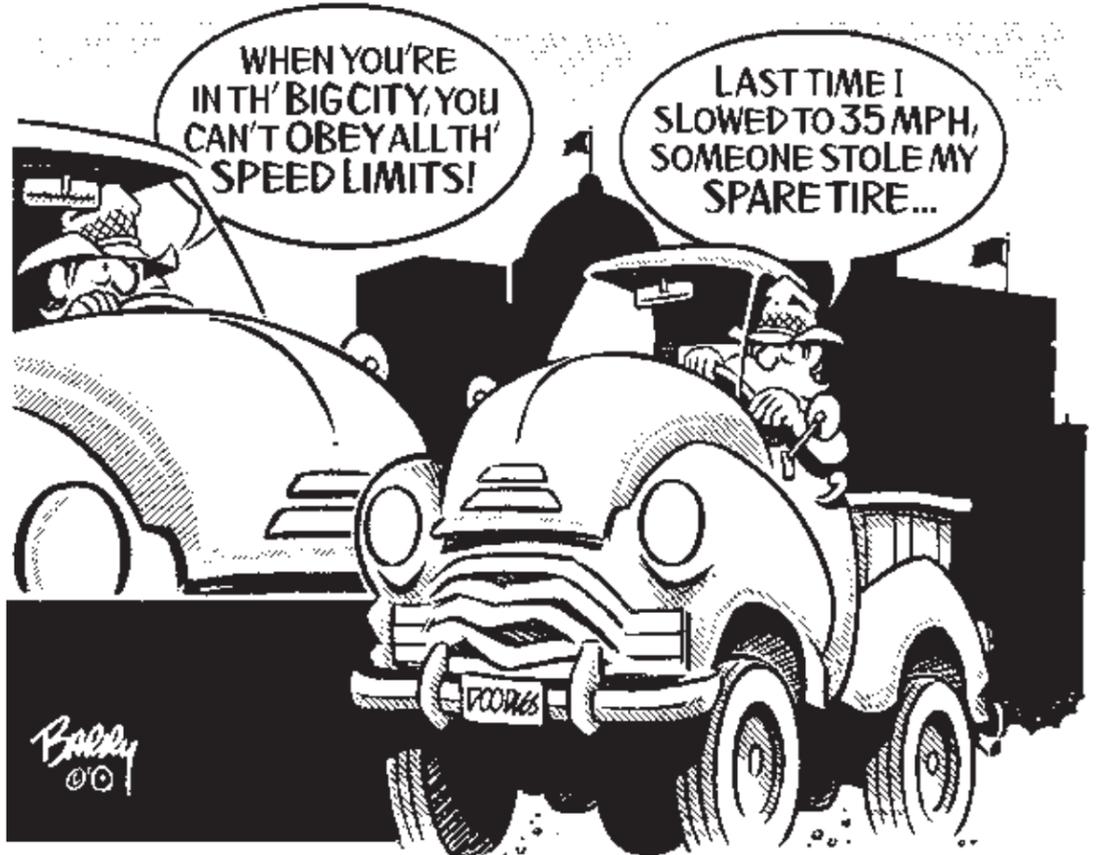
to receive water from tributary streams. Another potential failure mode lurking there is in the form of debris," Zinniker said. Debris is a risk, he added, because it potentially could block canal outlets - at the forebay (above the generator building), at the mid-point drainage area or at wastegates, as well as at bridges.

"Deterioration of the canal embankments continues even while out of service due to desiccation of soils and the presence of stormwater, even when not generating power," Zinniker warned. "Improvements should begin as soon as possible, whether there's a return to service or conversion to a stormwater conveyance."

If the project was returned to service, costs could approach as much as relicensing did and probably couldn't happen before 2028. The "stormwater conveyance" option, although not as expensive, would still involve a lot of repairs. The licenses for both canals will expire in 2040.

Patty Boyle, general contracts supervisor for EWEB, told the board the planning process for returning to generating power might cost in the range of \$35 to \$87 million. Using the canal as a water conveyance, she said, could come with a price tag in the range of \$10 to \$14 million.

Some issues related to using the canal as a stormwater channel



have to do with how the water will be returned to the McKenzie River. In some areas, the old stream channels that existed before the canals were built are still there. However, there are other areas where homes have been constructed and a new highway bridge may be needed as well.

If the utility pursued a third option - removal of the dam and draining Leaburg Lake - Boyle said EWEB would be facing a whole different scale of costs that would be required for, "a tremendous amount of restoration work."

Still unknown is where all the money to pay for any of the scenarios would come from. Commission Matt Barofsky said he was leaning toward a return to service. "To me at this time renewable energy is at a premium and it's only going to get more so," he said. Barofsky added he couldn't see the utility walking away from the 9 to 12 MW the Leaburg and Walterville projects generate.

Although no decision was made, the staff is recommending EWEB not to reactivate the power generation operations and instead

convert to using the canals to carry off storm water. "We're probably talking five years before we're really able to complete either a return to service or water conveyance. That lines up with the decision we'll be making around the Bonneville contracts in 2028," Lawson said.

The general manager said he expects EWEB will spend the next two to three years, "Making the canals safe and then we'll start working towards whatever the next step may be. It should be clear at that point."

## Resource Fair

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understood by people he was able to talk with over the weekend. "That's what the conversations start with," he said. "There were a lot of questions about rebuilding on the same footprint as well riparian issues. It's really helpful if people come to us first."

With the constraints from COVID-19 causing Lane County to close offices like Public Works,

Staniak said the workload in his department had increased to the point where additional staff had to be added. Much of their time is spent keeping up with the number of phone calls and emails he's seen increase, "as people begin to explore their replacement options."

While the county has initiated some new processes, like easier

ways to establish RV's on-site, Staniak said suggested to people it's best to check with land planning first before they get too committed. "If we all work together, we can figure out what they need," he said.

With the completion of the Resource Fair, organizers say there are plans for more local events in the months to come.

## Partnerships

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something we're happy to do," Porter said.

He added the Rainbow district is willing to work alongside Blue River's water superintendent, Al Artero, as new equipment is installed to help him become familiar with maintenance protocols.

In addition, Jason Corman from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation said his organization would also offer assistance, like templates that outline small water

system operations.

Corman suggested the water district should develop an emergency response plan with, "Things you need to know." In the plan would be topics like a vulnerability assessment based on templates developed by similar districts.

Both Porter and Corman agreed to help Blue River work on an application for a \$30,000 grant targeting a water source improvement project.

## Picked for protection

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public spaces for people," Hamilton argued. "The access has been crowded, and the need for more public space is really clear to us through this pandemic."

Hamilton also noted the bill

would help protect clean sources of water, especially from wildfire risks.

The legislation ensures only federal lands are affected by Wild and Scenic designations and Na-

tive American tribes have a voice in how rivers are managed.

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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
2/2	52	42	0.80 420 cfs	2/2	NA		
2/3	46	39	0.49 340 cfs	2/3	NA		
2/4	50	36	0 340 cfs	2/4	NA		
2/5	51	42	0.08 340 cfs	2/5	NA		
2/6	54	41	0.01 340 cfs	2/6	NA		
2/7	48	43	0.06 350 cfs	2/7	NA		
2/8	50	39	0.04 350 cfs	2/8	NA		

# Sheriff's Report

**Feb. 3: 2:04 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dam Rd. The occupants of a white van were contacted in a parking lot.

**5:33 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 91100 block, Donna Rd. A male was aggressive and being contacted for washing his car at a business. When the male was told the location was not a carwash he reportedly drove off.

**8:24 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Report of a location of a possibly stolen U-Haul truck. Investigation indicates the truck was not stolen.

**9:17 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 41800 blk, Madrone St. Deputies responded to the report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival it was determined that the dispute was verbal only and no enforcement action was needed.

**11:17 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

**Feb. 4: 1:17 p.m:** Truck Inspection - Marcola Mp. 7.

**1:26 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 36400 blk, Nadeau Acres Rd.

**2:45 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

**3:05 p.m:** Civil Standby - 36600 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**5:17 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola & H. F. Williams Rd.

**5:33 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.

**7:55 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 88800 blk, Ross Ln.

**8:13 p.m:** Alarm - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**8:24 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**9:42 p.m:** Assault - Terwilliger Hot Springs. Report of tires on a vehicle being slashed and a physical fight between a male and a female where the female reportedly punched the male.

**11:55 p.m:** Assist Outside Agency - Marcola area.

**Feb. 5: 12:55 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:39 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. & Camp Creek Rd.

**1:21 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**2:31 p.m:** Civil Service - 37200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**4:01 p.m:** Foot Patrol -

McGowan overlook.

**Feb. 6: 12:12 a.m:** Audible Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:41 a.m:** Vandalism, Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:48 p.m:** Foot Patrol - Quartz Creek Rd. & Pond Rd.

**3:41 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**4:08 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126 & Mp. 39.

**4:44 p.m:** Criminal Trespass - 4700 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:09 p.m:** Recover Stolen Vehicle - 55600 blk, E. King Rd.

**6:37 p.m:** Assist Oregon State police - Hwy. 126 & Mp. 13.

**9:16 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.

**Feb. 7: 10:23 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Hwy. 126, Mp. 11.

**10:31 a.m:** Vandalism, Criminal Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:21 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Hwy. 126, Mp. 40.

**1:23 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 49800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:52 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Mp. 23.

**1:56 p.m:** Assault - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

**2:10 p.m:** Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - McK. Hwy. & Blue River Reservoir Rd.

**4:13 p.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy.

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# State Police Report

**Feb. 5: 12:39:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126 E & Camp Creek Rd. As reported by those involved, witnesses & physical evidence as eastbound vehicle was stopped waiting for traffic to turn left onto Camp Creek Rd. A 2000 Ford F250 Rexius dump truck traveling eastbound slowed behind the parked vehicle & was struck from behind by an eastbound Kenworth log truck with a piggybacked trailer. The Ford truck was pushed off the roadway into a ditch on the south side of the highway & collided into a property fence that caused minor damage. The owners of the vehicles made arrangements for the vehicles to be towed from the scene. The driver of the log truck was warned for Violation of Basic Rule (too fast for conditions). Involved: 54-year-old male from Eugene, 24-year-old male.

**Feb. 7: 12:52:** Fish & Wildlife, Angling - Observed a group of young anglers using bait in the McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam. One angler was cited for No Angling License & warned for using bait. One angler was cited for angling with bait when prohibited. The third angler (juvenile) was warned for using bait. Two hatchery rainbow trout were seized that had been unlawfully harvested using bait. The trout were placed

evidence at the Springfield Patrol Office. Involved: 34-year-old male from Springfield, 17-year-old female, 34-year-old female from Springfield.

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Feb. 1: 11:31:** McK. Hwy. Milepost 18. Hazardous Material Spill. Investigate, non-hazardous material found.

**16:49:** 45000 block, N. Gate Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb. 2:20:43:** 44000 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb. 3: 17:38:** 41000 blk, McK. **Continued On Page 8**

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

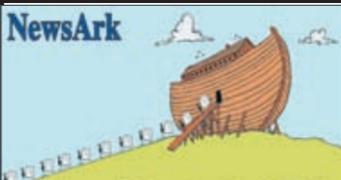
**Jan. 26: 15:50:** Motor Vehicle Accident - Milepost 8, Clear Lake Cutoff. Semi slid in to ODOT truck, blocking all traffic lanes.

**Jan. 29: 09:34:** Medical - 91000 block, McBride Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**17:38:** Brush Fire - Aufderheide Dr./Cougar Dam Rd. Fire seemed to start at the base and is inside the tree.

**Feb. 6: 15:32:** Medical - 91000 blk, McBride Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Feb. 7: 18:41:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.



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# Coos Bay shipwreck became scene of drunken looting party

By Finn J.D. John

On the morning of Nov. 5, 1915, at the back of the entrance to Coos Bay, a big steamship could be seen towering improbably over the beach, stuck fast in the sand close to shore.

This was the Santa Clara, a 233-foot steamer on the Portland-San Francisco run.

The Santa Clara didn't much look like the scene of a humanitarian disaster, jutting out of the sand nearly plumb and level and nearly high and dry; but appearances were deceiving. Sixteen people died trying to get ashore when she first struck, three days before.

Nor did the wreck scene look like a very likely place for a massive, boozy free-for-all mob rampage ... but a little later on that day, after a small army of looters swarmed aboard and found she was carrying a cargo of whiskey, things would be different.

Here's how the wreck of the Santa Clara — arguably the most tragicomic maritime disaster in Oregon history — went down:

In the afternoon of Nov. 2, 1915, the Santa Clara was on her regular run from Portland to San Francisco. She was making her scheduled stop at Coos Bay, where a large cargo of shipments consigned to Marshfield and North Bend merchants would be offloaded along with several dozen of her complement of about 60 passengers.

But as she made the turn into the mouth of the bay, something happened to the steering gear. Captain August Lofstedt had



**Coos History Museum**  
The steamship Santa Clara stands almost high and dry on the beach at the mouth of Coos Bay early in the day on Nov. 5, 1915, surrounded by onlookers and would-be looters.

called for a 55-degree turn, but the best the ship could do was 15. The ship was now headed straight for South Spit.

Lofstedt called for full power astern, hoping to pull the ship back in time.

He was too late. The ship left the channel and struck something hard, evidently an underwater basalt reef; then the heavy seas lifted her over the obstacle and she was wallowing in deeper waters for the moment, just inside the mouth of the bay but still in unprotected waters.

Lofstedt called for the power to be reversed: All ahead full. Whatever they'd hit was letting a lot of water into the hull, and it was crystal clear to him that the ship was doomed. He wanted her as close to the beach as he could get her, so the passengers could be saved.

The big steamer churned up to

the beach and shuddered to a stop, still outside the line of breakers. The seas were high and rough — the waves started pounding her into the sand. Things started cracking and breaking below.

Lofstedt then, in the pressure of the moment, made what was almost certainly the worst mistake of his life: He gave an order to abandon ship.

What followed was a nearly unmitigated disaster. The first lifeboat pulled straight for the beach, hit a rock, and was somersaulted over by the next breaker. Men, women and children struggled for life's breath in the cold, roiling water. Some of them made it to shore. Some of them didn't.

The other lifeboats made it through the surf and onto shore, all except for the last one — the one into which Lofstedt had stepped after seeing everyone off the ship. This lifeboat flipped over

almost immediately after launch. Lofstedt and the others struggled around to the lee side of the wreck and managed to climb back aboard the hulk.

And there they spent a more comfortable night than the survivors on shore did. The spot where the boats landed was not far from Marshfield (as the town of Coos Bay was then named), but it was very remote, and the road to town was long, muddy, and awful. Rain poured down all night long, and the only shelter available was a fishing-club cabin with a tiny, inadequate woodstove and a single kerosene lantern for light. Some 45 survivors packed into it. They brought the bodies of the dead and the unconscious and tried to revive them, mostly unsuccessfully. Those close to the outer walls shivered in the damp cold.

The next day was almost as bad. The cabin in which the survivors had taken shelter was only accessible by a long, slippery walking trail that led to a long, slippery, winding dirt road — 18 miles long — to Marshfield. And after a night of heavy November rains, the road was a bog. At least 20 automobiles got stuck on it trying to reach the scene.

Meanwhile, the pounding breakers were driving the stranded ship higher and higher on the shore. By the time they'd finished their work, the wreck was so high up on the beach that it was possible to wade ashore at low tide. Ironically, if the passengers and crew had stayed aboard to ride it out, it's almost certain that they would have all been fine. They might not even have had to get their feet wet walking ashore.

A day went by. Then word started getting around that the Marshfield merchants, who had



By Slim Randles

"You know," said Herb, "when this danged virus thingie is over and we all have our shots and are guaranteed to live longer than anyone else wants us to, there is only one thing I'll miss."

Doc, our morning coffee medical expert, put down his cup and looked at Herb, who was not our medical expert but a retired pawn shop owner.

"You mean you're going to miss this pandemic, Herb? It's terrible. What on earth will you miss about it?"

Herb glanced around the philosophy counter here at the Mule Barn truck stop and smiled.

"I will slightly miss its contributions to our more colorful swearing."

"Oh ... " said the cowboy, Steve. "because we cussed it so much?"

"Not a bit, Steve. No, it was in the use of new words and phrases. For example, as a cussing epithet, who could outdo someone who says, "I want that virus vaccination now, PANDEMIC!"

He nodded. "Or ... why don't you just go COVID yourself ... 19 times!"

Doc nodded. "Good one, Herb." "I know," said Windy, "how about let's VIRUSTICATE ourselves over to the bar and have a CORONA?"

"That sounds like fun, Windy," said Doc, "but at my age it'd be just my luck to virusticate myself over to the bar and have a coronary, instead!"

Windy had a quizzical look on his old bearded face. "Well ... how about a Budweiser then?"

"That does sound wiser," Doc said.

Sometimes, there is a danger that expanding the language can create its own problems. That's why we drink coffee here.

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"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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# Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



By mid-summer, the artichoke plant should send up flower buds. To eat the buds, harvest them before they open. If left to flower, the plant will produce a large purple thistle that can be dried and used in arrangements. If you harvest all the heads, in milder climates artichokes may send up a second crop in the fall.

An artichoke will produce well for about three or four years, Myers said. After that, it's best to dig and divide it as it produces offshoot plants that may crowd the original plant.

"In the fall, cut back your artichoke plant and mulch it with a covering of leaves or straw. After mild winters, new plants will sprout in the spring from the old parent plant. Uncover them in April. Cold winters, however, may kill artichokes, whether or not they are mulched."

artichokes." Artichokes as annuals also can grow in many places east of the Cascade Range, with a little coaxing, he added.

To grow artichokes from seed, start them indoors in late February or March under grow lights for about eight weeks, and then plant them outside after the last frost. In May or June, it's best to purchase starts from your local nursery or mail-order catalog.

"Plant artichoke starts in loose, well-amended soil in full sun," Myers said. "Space them 3 to 5 feet apart, and when planning your garden, think about the shade they will cast. Water and mulch regularly."



## Growing artichokes: Peeling off the mystery

With deeply lobed silver leaves and a 3-foot stature, the artichoke unfolds as much mystery in the garden as it does on the dinner table.

Used to set off any color in a perennial border, as a striking specimen plant or the flagship of a vegetable garden, the artichoke has much to recommend it to the gardener. But the reason most people grow them are the leathery leaves made to dip into butter – or is it mayo? – and the succulent heart at the center.

Although most artichokes thrive in the cool, moist climate of coastal California, western Oregon is usually mild enough to grow these edible thistles as perennials if cut back and mulched in the winter, according to Jim Myers, plant breeder and researcher at Oregon State University.

For the best success he recommends varieties Green Globe, Imperial Star and Emerald.

"For something unusual, try growing Violetto," Myers said. "It is particularly variable for spines and purple heads, but in my opinion, has the best flavor of all of the

# Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

I recently learned that February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Every day should be a day of kindness, but you can be extraordinarily thoughtful and kind on this day. Then it becomes a habit that will make you and the people you encounter, be it family, friends and strangers, feel better and have a happier day.

During this past year, so many have been stressed and have experienced days of worry, hardship, illness and frustration as our lives have taken a different turn. We've had to learn to travel new paths, communicate in new ways, deal with new challenges and find pleasure in small things.

### What Kinds of Kindness?

What acts can you perform to spread kindness on February 17 and every day?

Complimenting others for various reasons, thus giving them something to buoy their spirits.

Calling someone on the phone or via Internet facilities like Zoom, Facebook or email when you can't visit in person.

Sending someone a note or postcard via postal mail. People do still like to receive these thoughtful notes.

Baking and delivering a special

treat Helping someone with chores, such as two young men from our church do for us by carrying inside the ton of pellets we recently had delivered for our stove.

Letting someone behind you at the store go ahead of you, especially if they have only a few items or they are busy with children.

Also SMILE whenever you can. You'll notice you can tell when someone is smiling by looking at their eyes, even when they're wearing a mask. A true smile lights up the eyes and makes both the recipient and the giver feel better. Often when you smile at a grumpy or unhappy person, they'll begin smiling, too.

### Treats for Family and Friends

These can include sweet treats or something for the main meal. If you don't feel comfortable making something for a friend during this Covid time, make special dishes for your family.

### Quick Chocolate Candy

These are easy for children to make, too.

Place 1 cup of chocolate chips/bits in a microwave safe bowl and microwave 1 - 2 minutes until melted. Stir about halfway through the melting process.

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## Community Notes

### Cascade Relief Team

On Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, a volunteer cleanup effort will begin in Blue River to help people who lost their homes in the Holiday Farm Fire. The work will replicate successful volunteer cleanup efforts that the Cascade Relief Team helped start in Otis Oregon.

Volunteers are needed with heavy equipment and chain saws, as well as boots on the ground for helping bag and sift ash.

The work will involve cutting and removing several tons of steel and a high amount of green waste that has been burned. Fire waste will be properly bagged for legal disposal.

The operation will continue through weekend and again on future dates as long as resources are available. Although all labor and most of the meals are being donated, there are out-of-pocket expenses, such as equipment rentals and dump fees. Proper disposal of asbestos-positive ash can cost more than a thousand dollars per bin.

Organizers are encouraging community members to get involved whatever way they can - from donating, volunteering or a combination of both.

The Cascade Relief Team is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people and animals who have been victims of a natural disaster. For more information: marc@cascaderelief.org or <http://www.CascadeRelief.Org>.

### Relief Centers change

Emergency relief center locations will be closing over the next few weeks, but the assistance provided will still remain available to residents through other distribution channels.

The Blue River Center at the McKenzie Community School, has closed.

The Rainbow Relief Center at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow. Its hours are: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Thursday & Friday. The Rainbow Center will close on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Vida Relief Center, at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, on Leaburg Lake, is open from 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is closed on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. It's last day of operation: s will be Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. It will remain open as an information center for the community.

Starting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a weekly food distribution every Tuesday organized by the McKenzie River Food Pantry in Blue River. The McKenzie Bible Fellowship will continue to run its monthly food pantry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, and there are discussions about offering a weekly pantry.

The Vida Relief center is no longer taking donations, but the relief center at Rainbow is currently accepting donations of limited items like good quality tarps, batteries, flashlights, headlamps, cleaning supplies and cat food and litter

People donating non-food items are encouraged to send them to St. Vincent de Paul's. For more information please contact contact Madison Kleiner at 541.514.6309

### Community Center

A conceptual drawing of the new Vida McKenzie Community Center will be featured at an Open House at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, on the north side of McKenzie Highway, across from Leaburg Lake on February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 p.m. The architect and project manager will attend during discussions for expanded uses of the Center. People will be able to voice their thoughts about the building and ways it can serve the community for years to come.

Refreshments will be provided, with raffles each hour.

### Debris dump over

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

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

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

### Little Eagles is reconnecting

The Littlest Eagles' early childhood family meet-up will be Zooming from 10-10:30a.m. each Wednesday. The sessions will include a half hour of games, verses and songs, sharing and dancing. This is geared towards families

from the McKenzie community with children under 6 years old, though everyone is invited. If you know a child would feel supported by seeing you "there," please come. People are welcome to jump on or off according to their family's needs. Zoom Link: [shorturl.at/ghxFH](https://shorturl.at/ghxFH)

### McKenzie Schools future plans

For more than a year, the McKenzie School district has been working to assess and identify campus needs through inspections, assessments as well as community input. After the fire, the needs of the community may have changed.

Over the next two months, virtual public meetings will be held to prioritize needs for the campus and listen for ideas that have not yet been identified.

If a bond was to pass in an upcoming election, the district wants to make sure it is making the most of taxpayer dollars as well as available Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching grant funds. Public input will help focus those efforts.

The first of three virtual zoom meetings was held at 6 p.m. on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The other two are set for February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>, same time.

Families can check their email for the link or go to the school website.

### MEF Wildfire Relief Fund

The McKenzie Education Foundation (MEF) is a small non-profit group dedicated to inspiring learning and enhancing educational opportunities in the McKenzie School District #68 and the McKenzie Community School. Recently the group has received generous donations to assist students and whose lives have been disrupted by the Holiday Farm Wildfire.

If you are the parent or guardian of a student who is currently enrolled in the McKenzie School, you can apply for up to \$200 to support the student's learning. To apply, send your name, phone number, the name of the student(s) who are enrolled, a few sentences about how you will use the money, and the amount you need to [mckedfound@gmail.com](mailto:mckedfound@gmail.com).

Donations are still being accepted at MEF, PO Box 274, Blue River, OR 97413 or online at [www.mckedfound.org](http://www.mckedfound.org). If you like the mission of MEF and want to learn more, please contact them at [mckedfound@gmail.com](mailto:mckedfound@gmail.com)

## Enhanced Monitoring Key to Restoring a Healthy Watershed



On the heels of the Holiday Farm Fire, the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) quickly got to work with partner agencies and research organizations to identify post-fire threats to water quality in the McKenzie River. Additional water quality sensors have been placed in the main stem of the river, as well as in several creeks and tributaries. EWEB anticipates that the widespread damage from the fire will threaten water quality for years, and these sensors are essential tools to the on-going recovery effort.

Real-time monitoring, especially during major storm events, provides important data about the location, amount and types of contaminants flushed into the river. This information can act as an early warning system to adjust treatment practices at EWEB's filtration plant downstream and help prioritize watershed restoration activities.

During the past few heavy rain events, monitors detected turbidity levels that were significantly higher than typical for the McKenzie River—a result of sediment from the surrounding

land washing into the river. Analytical results from the expanded real-time monitoring network also showed an increase in nutrients, metals and organic compounds coming from the burned and eroded landscape above the river. Fortunately, these impacts seem to be short-lived and the water quality issues experienced so far are well within the capacity of EWEB's treatment plant to handle. More information about water quality impacts can be found on-line at [eweb.org/water-quality](http://eweb.org/water-quality).

Protecting water quality requires a "source to tap" mentality, not simply relying on treatment measures to mitigate problems. This disaster presents an opportu-

nity to rebuild smarter and strategically scale up source protection activities with an eye towards a more resilient watershed. EWEB and its partners are looking for opportunities to implement large-scale floodplain restoration in key areas to mitigate flooding, erosion and water quality impacts from severely burned landscapes. We also hope to work with area residents to replant some 100 acres of high priority riparian areas this winter.

If you are a landowner in the fire area and would like a free property assessment from one of our team members, please go to [purewaterpartners.org](http://purewaterpartners.org).



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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

### Just Deserts

I want to find the courage to do the right thing.

My parents, particularly my mom, cut me down harshly in front of people and compared me, endlessly and unfavorably, with my sister, cousins, and just about everyone else.

I used to think I was a problem child. Now that I'm grown, I think she is the one with the problem.

In all honesty, I can say I never felt loved by my mother. No smiles, no encouragement, not even a pat on the back. I remember being hit in front of people, and I remember being humiliated. I used to want to kill myself. Not anymore, since I became clear about my own identity.

Now, as a 27-year-old adult, I still get sharp remarks from my mother. She even cuts down my future in-laws who are not as well-to-do as my parents.

After my law degree ( my mom's idea, not mine) , and a few jobs, I finally started my own business doing what I really like. I'm getting married later this year and will be moving into a beautiful family. Ironically, my future in-laws have given me more love and support than my mom ever did.

I feel like an outcast in my own family (mom, sister, and even my dad). I used to want to be included. Now I would rather be left out. I stopped going to some family dinners, but it makes me feel guilty. They tell me they are the best parents in the world, and I

must be nuts to shun them.

But when I weigh them against what I see in other families, I see more love, compassion, and collective purpose elsewhere. Nothing could be further from the reality I live in. Only the strong win in my family. Only the rich can talk.

I forgave my parents, but they won't let me forget the pain because they are so skilled at hurting me again and again. I want to cut loose from this family and enjoy real family love in my new life, but I feel guilty because my dad loves me, even though he has an ugly bias in favor of my sister.

I wish my family would migrate to another country or disown me.

I want to abandon them because they discarded me. Yet when I try, they hammer me with guilt or hammer me with threats. They don't realize I only wanted to be a daughter with her parents.

Joyce

Joyce, one of the Grimm's fairy tales is about a grandfather who lived with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandson.

The grandfather was growing old, and sometimes he spilled his broth upon the dinner table. This disgusted his son and daughter-in-law so much they forced him to eat by himself from a wooden bowl behind the stove.

One day the grandson, who was only four, began gathering bits of wood. When his father asked what he was doing, the boy replied, "I am making a wooden trough for

you and mother to eat from when I am big."

The couple were so ashamed they brought the grandfather back to the table, and if he spilled a little food, they never complained.

Your parents did not understand that one day the power would shift into your hands, nor did they understand they were fashioning their own punishment.

Some people are incapable of being good parents. They start rivalries among their own offspring and pick out one child to abuse and torture. That is unfathomable to most of us.

You say you forgive your parents, but forgiveness must be earned. Giving forgiveness to someone who has not atoned is unwarranted. The only person who needs forgiveness is you. You need to forgive yourself for having groundless feelings of guilt. Once you do that, you will be whole.

Many people coming from a bad family of origin are unable to find a good family of choice. But you have, and that's a reason to celebrate.

Let your mother explain to outsiders why you no longer visit the family. Until she understands the lesson of the fable, she has no place at your table.

Wayne & Tamara

[According to Merriam-Webster, despite its pronunciation, just deserts, with one s, is the proper spelling for the phrase meaning 'the punishment that one deserves.' We had to look this one up to be sure.]

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## American Life in Poetry

In many American poems, the poet makes a personal appearance and offers us a revealing monologue from center stage, but there are lots of fine poems in which the poet, a stranger in a strange place, observes the lives of others from a distance and imagines her way into them. This poem by Lita Hooper is a good example of this kind of writing.

*Editor's Note: This column (75) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.*

### Love Worn

In a tavern on the Southside of Chicago a man sits with his wife. From their corner booth each stares at strangers just beyond the other's shoulder, nodding to the songs of their youth. Tonight they will not fight.

Thirty years of marriage sits between them like a bomb. The woman shifts then rubs her right wrist as the man recalls the day when they sat on the porch of her parents' home.

Even then he could feel the absence of something desired or planned. There was the smell of a freshly tarred driveway, the slow heat, him offering his future to folks he

did not know.

And there was the blooming magnolia tree in the distance—its oversized petals like those on the woman's dress, making her belly even larger, her hands disappearing into the folds.

When the last neighbor or friend leaves their booth he stares at her hands, which are now closer to his, remembers that there had always been some joy. Leaning closer, he believes he can see their daughter in her eyes.

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## Ski Report

February 9, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that new snow fell overnight, leaving the base at 64 inches. Temperatures were 25 degrees mid-mountain and 27 at the base with SW winds at 18 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 17 degree at the base and 23 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 80 inches at mid-mountain. Predictions called for light to moderate winds and partly sunny skies, with high temps hovering in the 20's. Nine out of 15 lifts were open, along with 112 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

## Country Kitchen

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Stir in 1-cup peanuts, chopped walnuts, almonds, raisins, cranberries...in whatever combination you desire.

Drop by teaspoonful onto a waxed paper lined or greased baking sheet. Place in the refrigerator until firm.

You could substitute white chocolate, mint chocolate or butterscotch bits for the chocolate.

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**A Moment in Oregon History**

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

**February 11** - The City of Baker, located in Northeastern Oregon, was platted in 1865 and named for Edward Dickinson Baker. He was Oregon's first U.S. Senator and was killed during the Civil War. In 1868 the county seat was transferred from Auburn, a gold mining boomtown that had gone bust, to Baker City. The settlement grew rapidly and supplied the needs of the miners, as well as serving as a stopping-off spot for travelers on the Oregon Trail. In 1884 the Oregon Short Line reached Baker City and soon the line was connected to the trans-continental railroad. These were the golden years for the community, and on any street corner could be seen ranchers, sheepherders, loggers, miners, gamblers and dance hall ladies.

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# Looting party

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initially thought their shipments were covered by the steamship's insurance policy, were probably completely out of luck. Naturally, their thoughts quickly turned to wondering if they would be able to salvage any of it from the stranded ship.

On the beach, the ship was still being pounded hard by breakers at high tide. Sooner or later it would probably break up — its hull was, after all, made of wood — and everything would be gone. But maybe, they thought, maybe there was still time to salvage some of it.

They reached out to the president of the shipping line with a telegram. He didn't reply.

Meanwhile, Lofstedt and his officers had moved back onto the ship. There was about \$50,000 worth of cargo on board, and if it were fully abandoned, it would be vulnerable to a salvage claim if someone else managed to take possession.

And their fears weren't unjustified. Word had gotten around that the shipwreck was loaded with valuable cargo, and there was a large encampment of local residents nearby waiting for a chance to get at it — either by waiting for the ship to break up and scavenging goods up off the beach, or — for the more assertive — by simply boarding the wreck and looting it.

Another day went by without word from the shipping company, and the business owners started talking about actually forcing their way aboard ship to salvage

their cargo.

Finally, on the third day, just as the business owners had decided to do just that, the owners replied to the telegram:

"Consignees may go aboard Santa Clara and remove any cargo that may be salvaged," they wrote. "It will be necessary to thoroughly guard and prevent any pilferage by unauthorized parties. Keep an accurate account of everything removed for future adjustment between the underwriters and the owners. Captain Lofstedt will assist and represent us."

Trouble was, it was all well and good to urge a "thorough guard" and request an "accurate account." Making those things happen was going to turn out to be something of a "you and whose army" kind of proposition.

The businessmen and their hired helpers chartered a boat to take them to the scene. They presented their permission credentials to the captain, who stepped aside and let them come aboard.

When the encamped looters saw the businessmen and helpers being allowed aboard the ship, they thought this signaled that the shipping company had finally given up and was abandoning the wreck to its fate. So, naturally enough, they surged forward en masse to grab their share of the loot.

There was probably a moment at which the captain and crew could have discouraged them with a couple of careful rifle shots, but the attack seems to have caught them entirely flat-footed.

Soon the ship was full of men, all strangers to the ship's officers, grabbing boxes and hustling them to the rails and flinging them into the sea. Other men and boys were fishing the boxes out and hustling them up on the beach, making little piles of booty watched over by women and children.

And then ... someone found the whiskey.

Lots of whiskey. Cases and cases of bonded liquor, no doubt consigned for some unfortunate local merchant. And after that, there was no shutting the party down.

"The merchants saved little of their goods and were soon forced out of the running by the pirates," the Coos Bay Times reported in the next day's edition. "All last night the looting went on in one mad orgy. Case after case of whiskey was broached and the beach was covered with swaying men."

"At one o'clock it is reported there was a regular riot on the sands," the article continues (under an eye-catching sub-headline reading "HAVE DRUNKEN RIOT"); "and a hurry call was sent for the Coast Guard in the hope that they might be able to still things."

(Sources: Archives of the Coos Bay Times and Portland Daily Journal, 03 Nov – 03 Dec 1915; [historicbeaverton.org](http://historicbeaverton.org))

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## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Hwy. Flue Fire. Disregarded En Route.

**18:28:** 88000 blk, Ross Ln. Assist Police. Assist with Entry into Residence.

**20:18:** 88000 blk, Ross Ln Assist Police. Assist LCSO.

**Feb. 4: 0:28:** 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**2:43:** 88979 Bridge St. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**Feb. 5: 12:36:** McK. Hwy./Camp Creek Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident – Non-Injury.

**Feb. 6: 15:37:** 91000 blk, McBride Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.

**1:11:** 88000 blk, Missy Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly virtual board of directors meeting on Monday; February 15<sup>th</sup>. Check the web site [www.mckenziefire.com](http://www.mckenziefire.com) for meeting log-in/call-in information. Information will be posted the week prior to the meeting. Anyone coming to the district offices needs to make an appointment and should observe public guidelines by wearing, at minimum, gloves and a mask.

## Sheriff's Report

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**5:13 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - Lat: 44.074810. Long: -122.971129.

**5:31 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**5:55 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**7:00 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd.

**7:28 p.m:** Minor In Possession - McGowan Quarry.

**10:01 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126 & Mp. 8.

**10:49 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Hwy. 126, Mp. 44.

**Feb. 8: 1:35 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

**7:16 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126 & Mp. 8.

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



### Did you know...

Community newspaper readers share papers with up to 5 other people?



# HOLIDAY FARM FIRE CLEANUP UPDATE



**NOTICE - Oregon Debris Management Task Force (DMTF) crews continue to mark and remove hazard trees along Hwy 126.**

**DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 YOU MAY SEE TREE FALLERS WORKING BETWEEN MILEPOSTS 36-38 AND 43-45. Please note that weather conditions or other circumstances may require crews to work outside those areas.**

### Why are hazard trees being removed?

Hazard trees have structural defects and pose a threat to cleanup crews or public areas, like roads. Hazard trees are being marked with blue markings and a barcode by professional arborists. Making roads and properties safer after a wildfire is an important part of the recovery process. Hazard trees must be removed so that cleanup - and rebuilding - can happen.

### What is the timeline for removing hazard trees?

The DMTF estimates cleanup will take between 6 and 18 months. As hazard tree removal continues, residents will begin to see progress on ash and debris removal on properties where hazard trees have been removed. The State is working to create an online tool for property owners to get schedule information.

**Questions? 503-934-1700 or [ODOT.Wildfire@odot.state.or.us](mailto:ODOT.Wildfire@odot.state.or.us)  
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