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Early bees

Mason bees fill a spot when other pollinators like honeybees are not out

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Direct Answers

How long do you want to spend languishing over this dead relationship?

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EWEB to consider town halls

Outreach planned to detail plans for Leaburg Canal

EUGENE: During their May 3rd session the Eugene Water & Electric Board's commissioners gave good reviews for last month's meeting in Leaburg when options for the Leaburg Canal were discussed.

Agreeing with that assessment was Will Rutherford who also asked for some more details. "People need to know what percentage of electricity is generated by Leaburg and what that means in terms of dollars and

income to EWEB because we think the impact is really greater than it is," the Lure Lane resident said.

Ward 3 & 4 commissioner John Barofsky said he felt information about returning the canal to its natural state, "was the one that caused the most concern among the people," and for himself as well. Discussions at prior board meetings, he said, had outlined three scenarios - stormwater conveyance, a return to generating

electricity, or a hybrid of both. Describing in detail what would have to happen if the canal was removed "was almost new to me," the commissioner said.

"I think it touched a lot of nerves up there that may not needed to have been touched that bad," Barofsky added. "In my mind (canal removal), that's a pretty extreme lift."

Matt McRae, who represents Wards 1 & 8, said he'd favor another upriver meeting to, "help us all understand what the tradeoffs look like."

Returning water to the way it naturally flowed could be seen as a heavy lift, he felt, but might not be as expensive as limiting the canal to only carrying off stormwater.

EWEB's at large commissioner, Mindy Schlossberg, said she's been planning to hold some "town hall" type upriver meetings and would work with general manager Frank Lawson to schedule one in June.



A preview of a dewatered Leaburg Lake occurred in 2014 when crews needed more access to repair storm damage.

Parks Dept. seeks \$6 million

Restoration of burned areas on the agenda

LEABURG: A Lane County Parks task force's recommendations to address the maintenance needs, restore critical habitat, and enhance services calls for a \$6 million Five-Year Local Option Levy. The details of their recommendations will be on the agenda of a May 23rd meeting.

During the Parks Master Planning process officials say it became clear that prioritizing investment in key parks was crucial. Feedback from community residents included taking into account the distribution and equity of recreation options, respecting unique assets at specific sites, and building on existing access, infrastructure, and opportunities to improve recreational experiences.

In 2019 the Board of Commissioners approved the formation of the Lane County Parks Funding Task Force and charged them with researching and recommending dedicated funding options that en-



Ben & Kay Dorris, Hendricks Bridge (above), Forest Glen, Helfrich Landing, Leaburg Landing and other regional boat ramps will be part of the focus of local parks discussions.

sure long-term financial stability. The task force developed five funding and service priorities: including operations, deferred maintenance, conservation, and habitat restoration, as well as special projects.

In the Special Projects category, they recommended meeting special needs like restoring parks along the McKenzie River, further implementing the Rivers to

Ridges Parks & Open Space Vision, providing enhanced beach and river access, and supporting projects that increase accessibility, inclusion, or tourism.

The May 23rd meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center. For more information go to: tinyurl.com/m745ruw9

McKenzie & Marcola win awards

Kindergarten teacher in running for a year's rent

The Community Credit Union's 13th annual celebration of outstanding education is granting \$2,000 Community Builder Awards to the McKenzie Community School and the Marcola Elementary School.

The McKenzie District's Fire Recovery and Art Therapy Project supports student recovery from the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire through art and music. Funds will be used to purchase art supplies to provide mental health resources to students.

The Marcola Elementary School's Playground Improvement Project supports upgrades or replacement of playground equipment including a broken slide, basketball hoop, and tetherball poles.

In addition to announcing its Community Builder awards, OnPoint also revealed its six finalists for the 2022 Educator of the Year. They include Jennifer Krebs, Kindergarten teacher at Marcola Elementary. The prize winner will receive mortgage or rent payments

for one year and a \$2,500 donation to their school for resources and supplies.

Jennifer Krebs was cited for her unique curriculum and passion for ensuring students are ready for their next step in education. Half her Kindergarteners reached a first-grade reading level in the first five months of school.

She says her secret to success is creating individualized lesson plans rather than teaching the entire class at once. Krebs utilizes songs, props, movement, and storytelling. She also teaches financial literacy to her students, understanding the importance of engaging children at a young age about money management.



Jennifer Krebs

Her methods were so successful that the Marcola superintendent asked her to assist develop a preschool program for the elementary school. She also serves as a teacher mentor and supervisor to new teachers.

The winners will be announced live on KGW 8 during the 7 p.m. broadcast on Thursday, May 26.

"When students have access to a quality education, our entire community thrives," said Rob Stuart, President, and CEO, On-Point Community Credit Union. "From reducing the wealth gap and fostering inclusion to inspiring innovation, education enables us to tackle the biggest challenges we face. We are proud to honor these five schools and six teachers making a substantial impact on their students and communities."

In its 12-year history, the contest has awarded more than \$562,000 to 296 educators and schools. Up to \$150,000 more will go to deserving K-12 teachers and schools this year.

School bus driver shortage continues

McKenzie Schools combines routes

FINN ROCK: The McKenzie School District dealt with a shortage of school bus drivers this week by combining the downriver routes, to and from school.

This Thursday was scheduled as a half day. Students will be released at 11:45 am and buses will leave the campus at noon. They will arrive home 4 hours earlier than usual.

People interested in be-

coming drivers are encouraged to contact the school.



No experience is necessary - the district will train qualified candidates. The work involves 16 hours a week driving a daily route in the morning and after school, Monday through Thursday, and sometimes on Fridays. The pay is up to \$21/hour with a \$1,200 sign-on hiring bonus.

Apply at: mckenzie.school.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=48

Electric shutoffs approved

Oregon readies for 2022 Wildfire season

SALEM: The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) has approved permanent rules for electric utilities. Temporary rules were implemented for the 2021 wildfire season while the PUC, utilities, public safety partners, and communities worked to finalize permanent rules.

This is a timely decision as May is National Wild-

fire Awareness Month and wildfire season quickly approaches. A PSPS is an important safety measure designed to help protect people and communities in high fire-risk areas by proactively shutting off electricity during extreme and dangerous weather conditions.

De-energizing power lines through a PSPS is

a wildfire risk mitigation strategy of last resort because of the significant impacts the loss of power can have on communities and the extensive planning and communication that are needed to effectively implement them. These new rules lay out specific communication requirements for the utilities to inform public **Electric shutoffs - Page 4**

Letters to the Editor

Celebrating success

The Bottle Boys invite everyone to help them celebrate the amazing success of the "One Dime at a Time" fund raising campaign, this Saturday, May 21, at the track in Blue River. The Bottle Boys will be joining the community celebration being sponsored by Locals Helping Locals and presenting donation checks to the groups being supported by the income from bottles and cans collected from our community.

The campaign began in the aftermath of the Holiday Farm fire in an effort to raise funds to rebuild the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River and the tremendous response by folks contributing their deposit beverage containers made it possible for them to extend their outreach to assist with rebuilding of the community center in Vida

and the Fire Station in Blue River.

With help from our McKenzie Strong community, the Bottle Boys are hoping to continue the commitment of donations to the library and offer funds to help sustain others, such as the community center in Rainbow and our park in Blue River.

Please bring donations of bottles and cans to the track this Saturday between 1 and 4pm and help us fill the recently donated Bottle Boys truck. The Locals Helping Locals are promoting the free event as a Spaghetti Drop and are asking folks to bring a quart of your sauce to add to the pot! Bound to be a good time and a great chance for our community to gather and celebrate.

Pete Petty
Nimrod

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Sports Program has concluded for the school year. No contests are scheduled.

North Lake Girls/Pacific Boys Teams Crowned Special District 2 Champions

The North Lake Varsity Girls and the Pacific Varsity Boys Track and Field Teams both traveled back home last Friday, May 13, with Special District 2 Championship trophies. The SD2 Special District 2 Championship meet was held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue and sponsored by the McKenzie Community Track and Field organization in cooperation with McKenzie High School. Many community volunteers turned out to provide event officiating, scoring, and other support services for the long but highly successful day at the Track. The SD2 Special District 2 Championship meet was the last High School Varsity meet of the 2022 Spring season.

The North Lake Girls earned 91 team points in the eighteen-team competition. North Douglas finished second with 78 points, holding off third place Triangle Lake which finished with 74 points, fourth place New Hope Christian with 71 points, and fifth place Chiloquin with 62 points earned. Sixth place went to Paisley with 39 pts., seventh secured by Crow with 31 pts., eighth went to Camas Valley with 28 pts., and Mohawk traveled back home in ninth place with 22 pts. Tenth place was earned by Cascades Academy of Central Oregon (Bend) with 18 pts.,

Mapleton earned eleventh with 16 pts., narrowly finishing ahead of twelfth place Gilchrist with 15 pts. Powers and Crosspoint Christian (Klamath Falls) tied for thirteenth with each team scoring 13 pts., Pacific finished fifteenth with 11 pts., and Yoncalla, Riddle, and Days Creek rounded out the

Sophomores Solomon Acevedo and Levi Lockard led their Eagle teammates at the SD2 Special District Championships

field tied for sixteenth with 2 points each. Host McKenzie did not score in the meet.

The Pacific Varsity Boys team (Port Orford) finished with 78 points earned and Triangle Lake finished in a close second with 70 pts. Third place was earned by North Douglas with 59 pts., fourth by North Lake with 53 pts., Mohawk was fifth with 50 pts., and Days Creek took sixth with 49 pts. Camas Valley finished seventh with 41 pts., Glendale eighth with 40 pts., Yoncalla ninth with 33 pts., and Crosspoint Christian finished tenth with 28 pts. The host team, McKenzie finished eleventh with 24 pts. Crow and Cascades Academy of Central Oregon tied for twelfth place with 22 pts., Powers fourteenth with 21 pts., Chiloquin fifteenth with 18 pts., and Mapleton sixteenth with 15 pts. Rounding out the field, Paisley scored 5 pts., for a seventeenth place finish, New Hope Christian 4 pts., for eighteenth and Riddle scored 1 pt., for nineteenth.

SD2 Special District 2 State Qualifiers

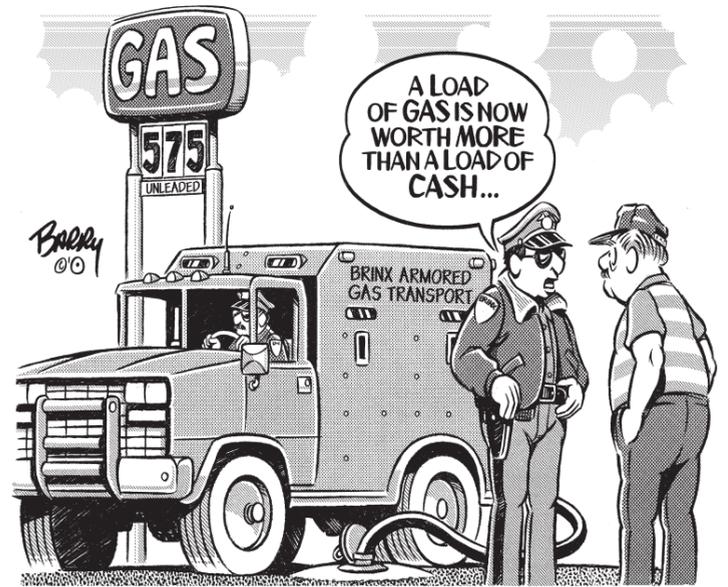
The following event place finishers at the SD2 Special District 2 Championship meet qualified for the 2022 OSAA 1A Track and Field State Championships, which will be held Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, at Hayward Field.

Girls: 100 m.: (1) Ava Barnett, New Hope Christian, 13.40 sec. (2) Emily Murphy, North Lake,

13.72 sec. 200 m.: (1) Ava Barnett, New Hope Christian, 26.96 sec., personal record and 3rd best State Class 1A time (2) Mia Piscopo, North Douglas, 28.63 sec., personal record. 400 m.: (1) Mia Piscopo, North Douglas, 1:03.76 min., personal record, 4th best State Class 1A time (2) Anastasia Shanks, Chiloquin, 1:07.82 min., season record. 800 m.: (1) Mia Piscopo, North Douglas, 2:39.27 min. (2) Ella Mather, Triangle Lake, 2:42.53 min., personal record. 1500 m.: (1) Opal Burrus, Mapleton, 5:38.78 min. (2) Jordan Zumhofe, New Hope Christian, 5:42.18 min., personal record, (3) Louisa Lamarre, Cascade Academy of Central Oregon, 5:43.73 min., personal record. 3000 m.: (1) Jordan Zumhofe, New Hope Christian, 12:52.14 min. (2) Lyvia Shortt, Triangle Lake, 13:14.26 min., personal record 100 m. Hurdles: (1) Vanessa Koon, Chiloquin, 17:34 sec., personal record, 3rd best State Class 1A time (2) Audri Ward, North Douglas, 18.51 sec. (3) Abrianna Roberts, Mohawk, 18.61 sec.

300 m. Hurdles: (1) Vanessa Koon, Chiloquin, 51.63 sec. (2) Julie Roth, North Lake, 52.08 sec., 6th best State Class 1A time (3) Courtney Phillips, Pacific, 54.36 sec., personal record. 4x100

m. Relay: (1) North Douglas (A. Ward, Savannah Harkins, Tabitha Baker, M. Piscopo), 54.64 sec. (2) New Hope Christian (Stephanie Chamberlain, J. Zumhofe, Ava Barnett, Abigail Metcalf) 55.11 sec. 4X400 m. Relay: (1) Triangle Lake (Keira Alvarez-Wilson, Kiele Riggs, E. Mather, Autumn Thelander) 4:57.85 min. (2) Paisley (Brianna Haynes, Nele Brottkka, Anna Bayard, Karin Sztranyovszky) 5:13.80 min. Shot Put: (1) Clara DeRoss, Camas Valley, 32 ft. 4 in. (2) Sierra Sanders, Gilchrist, 29 ft. 7 in., personal record. Discus: (1) Zada Koon, Chiloquin, 91 ft. 0 in. (2) Clara DeRoss, Camas Valley, 90 ft. 1 in. Javelin: (1) Clara DeRoss, Camas Valley, 111 ft. 7 in. (2) Savannah Harkins, North Douglas, 95 ft. 3 in. High Jump: (1) Julie Roth, North Lake, 4 ft. 10 in. (2) Emily Murphy, North Lake, 4 ft. 10 in. (3) Hannah Roth, North Lake, 4 ft. 9 in., (4) Kiele Riggs, Triangle Lake, 4 ft. 6 in. Pole Vault: (1) Lauren Stollard, Powers, 7 ft. 6 in. (2) Lucy Barrowcliff, Mohawk, 7 ft. 6 in. Long Jump: (1) Julie Roth, North Lake, 15 ft. 3 in. (2) Ava Barnett, New Hope Christian, 15 ft. 1.5 in. Triple Jump: (1) Julie Roth, North Lake, 34 ft. 10 in., personal record, 1st best State mark (2) Nele Brottkka, Paisley, 32 ft. 1 in., personal record, 5th best State mark. (3) Kiele Riggs, Triangle Lake, 31 ft. 3 in., personal record.



Boys: 100 m.: (1) Quentyn Petty, Pacific, 11.48 sec., personal record (2) Keith Gaskell, Days Creek, 11.51 sec. (3) Aiden O'Dea, Mohawk, 11.55 sec.

200 m.: (1) Quentyn Petty, Pacific, 23.27 sec., personal record (2) Kacey Benefiel, Days Creek, 23.29 sec., personal record. (3) Aiden O'Dea, Mohawk, 23.72 sec.

400 m.: (1) Quentyn Petty, Pacific, 53.13 sec. (2) Viggo Beck, Triangle Lake, 57.79 sec. 800 m.: (1) Viggo Beck, Triangle Lake, 2:13.42 min., personal record (2) Logan Gant, North Douglas, 2:14.63 min. 1500 m.: (1) Viggo Beck, Triangle Lake, 4:39.16 min. (2) Mitch Dumford, Triangle Lake, 4:42.86 min. 3000 m.: (1) Luke DeVault, Crosspoint Christian, 10:10.80 min., personal record (2) Randy Turner, Mohawk, 10:17.28 min., personal record.

110 m. Hurdles: (1) Elijah Wythcherley, Glendale, 16.25 sec. (2) Noah Roth, North Lake, 17.50 sec., personal record 300 m. Hurdles: (1) Elijah Wythcherley, Glendale, 45.04 sec. (2) Logan Gant, North Douglas, 45.25 sec. (3) Tucker Long, Pacific, 45.75 sec., personal record. 4X100 m. Relay: (1) Days Creek, (Ian Clifton, K. Benefiel, Isaiah Bloom, Keith Gaskell), 46.43 sec. (2) Mohawk (Tyler Wallace, Brody Robinson, Ewan O'Dea, Aiden O'Dea) 48.37 sec. 4X400 m. Relay: (1) Crosspoint Christian (Jack Spaulding, Hunter White, Luke DeVault, Lucas Heryford) 3:56.71 min. (2) Triangle Lake (Mitch Dumford, Garrett Warren, Yosiah Baker, V. Beck) 4:01.40 min.

Shot Put: (1) Greg Reedy, Days Creek, 46 ft. 5 in., (2) Ray Gerrard, North Douglas, 38 ft. 11.5 in. (3) Trenton Rabuck, North Douglas, 38 ft. 9 in., personal record.

Discus: (1) Ray Gerrard, North Douglas, 135 ft. 1 in. (2) Trent Williams, Yoncalla, 118 ft. 10 in. Javelin: (1) Ray Gerrard, North

Douglas, 139 ft. 7 in. (2) Owen Koegler, Camas Valley, 134 ft. 10 in., personal record. High Jump: (1) Elijah Wythcherley, Glendale, 5 ft. 11 in. (2) Mitch Dumford, Triangle Lake, 5 ft. 8 in., personal record (3) Ashton Hardy, Yoncalla, 5 ft. 8 in., (4) Joseph Shepard, Mapleton, 5 ft. 8 in.

Pole Vault: (1) Logen Grassman, North Lake, 11 ft. 6 in., personal record (2) Talon Blanton, Powers, 10 ft. 6 in. (3) Tyler McAulay, North Lake, 10 ft. 0 in.

Long Jump: (1) Elijah Wythcherley, Glendale, 20 ft. 4 in. (2) James Standley, Camas Valley, 20 ft. 3 in., personal record. (3) Keith Gaskell, Days Creek, 20 ft. 2 in., personal record. Triple Jump: (1) Joseph Shepard, Mapleton, 41 ft. 1 in., personal record (2) Noah Roth, North Lake, 39 ft. 5 in., personal record (3) Noah Leary, Yoncalla, 39 ft. 3 in., personal record.

Eagles At Special District 2 Championships

McKenziesophomoresSolomon Acevedo and Levi Lockard led their Eagle teammates last Friday at the SD2 Special District Championships held at Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track. Acevedo placed third in his 400 m. race and missed out qualifying for the OSAA 1A State Track and Field Championships by just one place. Acevedo ran the 400 m. in a time of 59.33 sec., a personal record, but the first two places qualified automatically and the Eagle sophomore did not run a State qualifying time in any of his previous races. Acevedo also placed seventeenth in the 200 m. race with a time of 26.68 sec. Lockard's highest finish on the day was in the Discus event, where he threw a personal record 110 ft. 0 in., which placed fourth. In the Shot Put, Lockard finished fifth with a throw of 37 ft. 10.75 in. and his throw of 98 ft. 2 in. in the Javelin, finished him in fifteenth place.

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Friday 5/20		Saturday 5/21		Sunday 5/22	
McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 65 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 56 Low: 33	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 71 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 0% chance precip High: 61 Low: 42	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 68 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 55 Low: 40

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
5/10	58	39	0	2,842 cfs	5/10	56	40	0.10	10,800 cfs
5/11	59	38	0.09	2,655 cfs	5/11	60	37	0	9,200 cfs
5/12	45	40	1.44	2,606 cfs	5/12	62	43	0.11	8,260 cfs
5/13	58	39	0.76	2,525 cfs	5/13	50	39	0.72	8,510 cfs
5/14	66	47	0.99	2,483 cfs	5/14	60	46	1.11	10,800 cfs
5/15	72	53	0	2,557 cfs	5/15	70	49	0	13,000 cfs
5/16	61	49	0	2,589 cfs	5/16	73	52	0	11,400 cfs

Sheriff's Report

May 10: 11:33 a.m: Welfare Check - 36600 blk, Lisa Ct.
4:48 p.m: Civil Service - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.
2:58 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39100 blk, Woods Rd.
8:24 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36700 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
May 11: 5:54 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Millican Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
May 13: 9:57 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 34300 blk, McK. View Dr.
3:29 p.m: Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - McK.

River Dr. & McK. Hwy.
11:43 p.m: disorderly juvenile - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.
May 14: 1:51 a.m: Reckless Endangering - Marcola Rd. & Old Marcola Rd.
2:03 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 51100 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:38 p.m: Stranded Boater - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.
May 15: 2:12 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 40400 blk, Mohawk River Rd.
5:42 p.m: Water Rescue - 45000 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.
7:49 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:08 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36600 blk, Alder Branch Rd.
8:48 p.m: Mental Subject - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.
May 16: 10:47 a.m: Theft -

49500 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:27 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 900 blk, Thurston Rd.
Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriffs Office.

Water Rescue. Patient Assessed, Refusal.
15:18: 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Mutual Aid Request. Disregarded En Route.
16:11: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. 16:11 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
23:43: 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. Lift Assist Only.
May 10: 9:15: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal.
May 11: 0:00: McK. Hwy./ Cedar Flat Rd. Electrical Hazard. Tree Limb On Power Line.
8:21: 87000 blk, Collins Lane Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
11:51: McK. Hwy./ Angles Flight Rd. Assist Police. Disregarded.

13:30: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist.
17:53: Camp Creek Rd./ Millican Rd, Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/ Blocking.
May 12: 19:00: Mp. 24, McK. Hwy. Subject Down. UTL.
May 14: 3:13: 89000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
13:09: Leaburg Lake. Water Rescue. Boat Towed to shore.
May 15: 9:04: 45000 blk, S. Gate Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.
17:40: 45000 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd. Water Rescue. Patient assisted back to shore, no transport.
18:23: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Patient transported.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

May 9: 10:24: McK. Hwy. Milepost 13. Subject Down. Unable To Locate.
10:13: 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.
13:15: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

May 14: 17:15: Assist Police Dept. - 91000 block, Alma Dr. Female patient.
21:31: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
May 9: 15:00: Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.
May 15: 17:13: Motor Vehicle Accident - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Scooter ran into parked car. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
May 16: 14:54: Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female patient.

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Bridge Street bridge is glowing

BEER HOEN: Travelers have been seeing a bright glow over the McKenzie River near Waterville, thanks to the Deerhorn Ranch Acres Community Organization. DRACO volunteers, along with BEERHOEN crews, have installed "Glow Hoos The Troops" ribbons that are 4 feet tall and 4 feet wide, along with other strings of lights on the Bridge Street bridge. "The holiday display will remain on the bridge until January 27".

Two injured in a Wednesday wreck

THURSTON HILLS: A three-vehicle wreck last Wednesday afternoon injured two people, one seriously on Highway 124. According to Oregon State Police reports, the accident occurred on December 29, at about 5:10 p.m. near milepost 9. Police said a Ford Escort driven by Everett Nevins, 65, of Springfield, was eastbound when it crossed over the centerline into the path a westbound Mercedes Benz driven by Kara Gravel, 27, also of Springfield. The front of both vehicles collided, causing the Mercedes to leave the roadway and travel down an embankment on the north side of the highway. The Escort came to rest in the eastbound lanes where an eastbound Ford Taurus driven by 33-year-old Marc Hite of Blue River struck it. Nevins and Gravel were transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Medical Center. Nevins received serious injuries and Gravel received minor injuries. Both were apparently unharmed.

Board to review boat landings

EGGENE: Eugene Water & Electric Board commissioners will once again be discussing the location of a new boat landing in the vicinity of Leaburg Lake on Tuesday night, December 19, at 5:30 in the EWEB Board Room. During the work session, utility staffers will be announcing all the information they've collected on six sites under consideration. New to the discussion is the south site, an elevated facility across from the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery. It was suggested by Leaburg resident John Bennett and has been supported by several members of the Friends of Leaburg Lake Association (FOLLA). The other five sites include the existing Re's Landing, the Old Hatchery (using BE, not an elevated structure), Goodwin, Indian Creek and Water Board Park. The EWEB board will also hear the results of a random telephone survey of McKenzie Valley residents, as well as the membership polling conducted by the McKenzie Fly Fishers, McKenzie River Guides, and FOLLA.

Area study points to Indian settlements

CORNWALLIS: "There's legitimate scientific evidence that says people living adjacent to the forest are in risk of economic ruin or being to death. That's the summation of Bob Zylbach, a former administrative contractor who earned a PhD from Oregon State University in Environmental Science. His contract's research is based in part on a summer research project he recently completed on contact in the Grand Elbowe Indian nation. The focus of Zylbach's investigation was the habitation of Blue River and the South Santiam areas previously thought to be just a summer stopover for visiting Indians. Not only did he find evidence of huge camas meadows that existed in the past but also the sites of backley fields and bear grass fields that were important to Native Americans. "Thanks to the Forest Service nobody got to develop it and they've kept the trees from invading it." How would settlements relate to economic activity and fire safety? The answer relates to changes in the way forest management have come about since European settlement in the Pacific Northwest. Zylbach believes his 30-page report, currently undergoing peer review, will provide hard evidence that the Santiam and Madras Indians actively managed the Willamette National Forest between 1750 and 1850. Part of that management included setting fire to thin thick stands of Douglas fir, in contrast to the approach favored by modern day practices of the US Forest Service. Part of his study involved extensive mapping of the backwaters area, including some 500 GPS readings along with close to 1,500 digital photos that have been arranged to correspond with GIS (Geographic Information System) ranges. "Unless we change the way we manage the forest things will become worse," he says. "The BEB fire (on the Santiam Pass) was the largest on record in the Cascade. Our small economies have collapsed and the woods are now degraded (damage for the poor) and we're in a ditch." Just like the existence of Indian settlements, Zylbach also questions the accepted "year 1800" date to hold, which has now evolved to include concerns about hazard, as well as riparian ecology. "This period was discovered in the late 1800's in California and in 1900 in Washington," he says. "In 1914 to 1915 it was reported in Oregon. Then 30 years ago the barred owl came in from Canada. Now we're told that in just 10 to 15 years the barred owl has not only filled the entire range of the spotted owl but expanded it." Again, he believes the record will show the owls moved in after the Indian decline. Solutions too, could lie in the past. Zylbach hopes evidence of Indian settlements will help tribes shift attitudes and gain support for them to join with the Forest Service to create a 250,000-acre managed biological preserve. "If we do that, we can protect old growth, generate jobs, and reduce the risk of burning to death."

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"Blue Ruin" drove Oregon lawmakers to drink – and Prohibition

Most people know Prohibition in the United States started in 1920 when the Volstead Act went into effect. But in Oregon, Prohibition started quite a bit earlier than that. Actually, it started before Oregon was even a state.

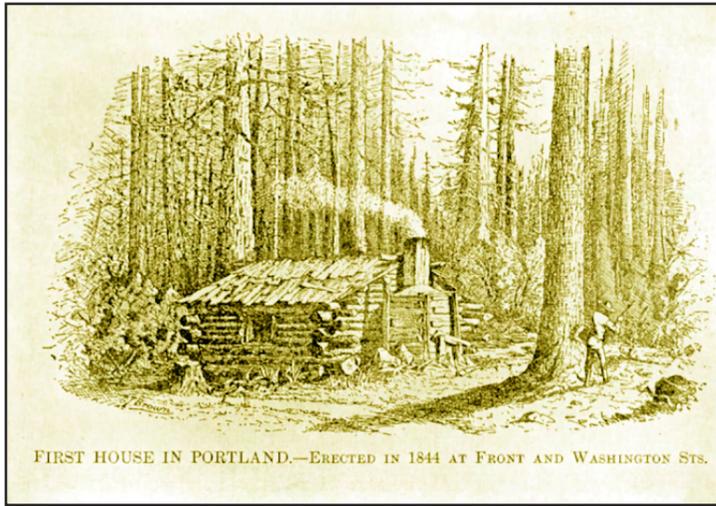
In 1844, the Oregon Territorial Government became the first in the United States to outlaw the use, manufacture or sale of booze.

The full story of Oregon Territory's first experiment with Prohibition will probably never be known; not a lot of written history has come down to us from early 1840s Oregon, and what we have is often contradictory. But from a distance, it looks an awful lot like the whole thing was inspired, if that's the right word, by the commercial activities of one man – a fellow named William Johnson – and his product, a rough-and-ready distilled beverage marketed under a picturesque and, sources agree, accurate name: "Blue Ruin."

Prohibition declared

The introduction of Johnson's Blue Ruin to the Willamette Valley frontier community was followed almost immediately by America's first prohibition law – the preamble to which gives a few hints as to why lawmakers felt it was necessary:

"WHEREAS the people of Oregon now occupy one of the most beautiful and interesting portions of the globe," they wrote turgidly, "and are placed in the most critical and responsible position ever filled by men, having as they do important duties to themselves, to their century, to posterity and to mankind, as the founders of a new government and a young nation; and WHEREAS the introduction,



FIRST HOUSE IN PORTLAND.—ERECTED IN 1844 AT FRONT AND WASHINGTON STS.

J. Gaston

An engraving by Grafton T. Brown showing the first cabin in what would become the city of Portland – a cabin occupied by William Johnson, the Oregon Territory's original moonshiner.

distillation, or sale of ardent spirits, under the circumstances in which we are placed, would bring withering ruin upon the prosperity and prospects of this interesting and rising community, by involving us in idle and dissolute habits, inviting hither swarms of the dissipated inhabitants of other countries, cluttering emigration, destroying the industry of the country, bringing upon us the swarms of savages now in our midst, interrupting the orderly and peaceable administration of justice, and in a word producing and perpetrating increasing and untoward miseries that no mind can rightly estimate; THEREFORE be it enacted by the Legislative Committee of Oregon as follows"

Fair enough. And yet the members of the Legislative Committee of Oregon were frontier men – they liked a little

nip now and then. Why would they pass a law that most of them would subsequently be violating on a regular basis?

The answer lies coyly camouflaged among the references to "industry" and "prosperity." It's the part about "bringing upon us the swarms of savages now in our midst."

Which gets us right back to Mr. Johnson.

Blue Ruin

Mr. William Johnson, it seems, had settled in a little clearing by the river a dozen or so miles downstream from Willamette Falls in around 1842. Different sources give different accounts of Johnson: one says he was a deserter from a British man-of-war who'd settled there, hiding out from the Brits; others say he was a 50-year-old family man living in Champoeg in the late 1830s with a successful farm who, for some reason, abandoned his land claim and moved 50 miles down the river to stake out a new one. The explanation is probably that there were two William Johnsons in the valley at the time – Farmer Johnson and Bootlegger Johnson.

In any case, Bootlegger Johnson very quickly figured out that an ambitious distiller could sell

every drop of liquor he squeezed out of whatever horrific precursor sugars could be had: table scraps, molasses, rotten tomatoes, floor sweepings from the nearest flour mill – whatever.

What came out of his still was like a raw, searing mixture of unaged grappa, white whiskey and Everclear. It's also a good bet that, being keen to save resources, Johnson didn't bother to discard the "heads" (the first ounce or two that comes out of the still with each batch, which contains all the toxic hangover-inducing wood alcohols and other nasty chemicals).

But it was cheap, there was plenty of it, and it was good enough for Johnson's primary customers: The Native Americans.

A taste for bad whiskey

Many of the leaders of Oregon's provisional government were former Hudson's Bay Company employees. They knew, from firsthand experience, that letting Native Americans buy as much whiskey as they wanted was a recipe for trouble. The Pacific Northwest natives had virtually no ability to resist liquor, and would drink just as much of it as they could get, as fast as they could. It would transform them from peaceful, happy people into raging, brawling rioters. The best-case scenario was a sharp drop in their production of otter pelts; the worst-case scenario was bloodshed and property destruction.

So the old Hudson's Bay men were careful to prevent whiskey from falling into Native American hands. Yet those Native American hands were unusually eager to get the stuff. The laws of supply and demand being what they are, the arrival of Johnson – or someone like him – was probably inevitable.

Once Johnson's commercial enterprises came to the attention of U.S. Indian Agent Elijah White, the official journeyed to Johnson's place and destroyed his still. And it was around that same time that the provisional government convened

Lucky prospectors - Page 8



By Slim Randles

Windy's friends and neighbors started the day off as usual, smiles and waves to each other. But then a change occurred when they heard the first announcement on the Gates of Heaven Chinese Restaurant's loudspeaker car.

"Let's get your day started down at the Mule Barn with a short stack and a cuppa joe that'll jest flat spring yore eyes wide open. Thass always a good idear, campers, and you can tell 'em hello from ol' Windy while you're there.

"And speakin' of Windy, continentally a-course, don't forget to write someone in one a-them fancy universalies 'bout 'wardin' your pal Alphonse Wilson one a-them honorary college degrees. Thass right. 'Bout time to honorific them guys all over cow country who can cook you up a meal from nothin' but a cow call and a gentle breeze. And coffee that'll reorganize yore medulla obligation.

"Then, a-course, you're gonna need somethin' to read, right?" The sound was fading away fast.

"So ya jest whup and spur on down to the Read Me Now bookstore and ask for

Sarah McKinley. You'll know her ... right off ... 'cuz she's the only one in there and that means you'll have some uncompromotin' quiet time to do some book lookin'.

The people strolling on the town's sidewalks started smiling then as they continued toward the Baptist Church. But every time they heard a car engine, they became slightly furtive. Yeah, that was it. Furtive and friendly. And as each neighbor was shushed and sent in the door to the church by Pastor Don, the furtivity – hey, it might be a word – and smiles hooked onto a feeling of conspiracy, but in a happy way.

This was one meeting Windy wasn't invited to.

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safety partners, state agencies, local jurisdictions, and the public of the need to implement a PSPS to mitigate wildfire risk, as well as updates at least every 24 hours until service is restored. "Extreme fire weather can clearly happen throughout Oregon," said Letha Tawney, PUC Commissioner. "Implementing a PSPS is a complex decision that impacts communities including use of home medical devices, access to 911

services, and the ability to pump water. However, it's a tool in the utility's tool kit to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, if they determine necessary."

The PUC is reminding Oregonians to get ready for the 2022 wildfire season and potential power outages. While the utilities have identified high risk zones, under extreme conditions PSPS could be utilized more widely.

How to Prepare for Wildfires

Before They Happen

- Register to receive alerts from official sources. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Also, sign up for emergency notifications with your local city and/or county, as well as outage alerts from your electric utility service provider.

- Develop an emergency plan and make sure everyone in your household knows and understands what to do in the event of an evacuation.

- Create a circle of safety around your home, which is a fuel-free defensible space that can help reduce fire danger. Visit Keep Oregon Green for more information <https://keeporegongreen.org/prevent-wildfires/at-home/>

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Gardening Tips
By Kym Pokorny



Edmunds' guide. By far the mason bee's preferred food comes from early-blooming fruit trees like apples, pears, plums and cherries. So plant one or two. If you've got a small lot, choose columnar or dwarf cultivars.

Though not as dear to the bee's palate, other plants qualify to attract them. Look to crabapples, flowering currant, elderberry, huckleberry, forsythia, pieris and Oregon grape. They'll head straight for dandelion, Edmunds said, which are in good supply this time of year.

Since mason bees travel only short distances, about 200-300 feet, their favorite plants need to be planted near to nesting spots or away they'll go. You'll also need to provide small patches of clay mud, something in abundance in the Willamette Valley. But if you've covered your soil with mulch, it's a good idea to push away a little bit to create a mud pool for them. If the soil dries out, give it a misting. Alternately, put a tray out and fill it with moist clay soil.

The female mason bees use the clay soil to wall up their eggs, which are deposited in the tubes or crevices with nectar and pollen they've rolled into little balls, Edmunds explained. They'll continue to alternate wall, food, egg and wall until they come to the end of the tube or crevice and then wall it up for the next eight months. The eggs develop into small larva that spin cocoons where the adults form. Come spring when temperatures rise to 50 to 60 degrees, the adults break through the cocoon, chew through the clay and fly out to start the process all over again.

In their short three-month life, these single-minded bees do an important job for gardeners. Most significantly they efficiently pollinate prized fruit trees, giving a markedly increased yield. But consider a more altruistic reason, Edmunds said. Mason bees, like other beneficial insects, help diversify the garden, leading to a healthier backyard ecosystem, healthier humans and a healthier planet..



Mason bees and fruit trees share a two-way street

For mason bees, the wait for their first meal is a long one, six months if it's a day.

There's no TV, no smart phone, not even a book to while away the time as these solitary bees hang out in their tight cocoons waiting for the cool temperatures of early spring to break them out of lethargy, to convene at the floral banquet waiting for them among the branches of fruit trees.

And because honeybees and other pollinators haven't made an appearance yet, there's more sweetness for the native mason bees.

"Mason bees fill a spot in the season when other pollinators like honeybees are not out," said Brooke Edmunds, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. "They're really important for fruit trees, especially in cool, wet areas."

After emerging in March – perhaps February this year because of the mild winter – the small, bluish bees start foraging for food for the next generation and combing for suitable nesting sites.

"They're solitary, non-aggressive bees, so they're very different from honeybees; they don't form hives," said Edmunds, author of the new OSU Extension publication *Nurturing Mason Bees in Your Backyard in Western Oregon*.

Instead, mason bees, most commonly the native blue orchard mason bee (*Osmia lignaria*), look for cracks and crevices that fit their need for small spaces where they crawl in and lay eggs. They might find the appropriate spots in wood bored by other insects, siding on buildings or nesting blocks filled with tubes provided by gardeners.

"Gardeners can purchase cocoons containing adult bees as a way of introducing new mason bee populations to their yards," Edmunds said. "Unfortunately, most garden centers and mail-order sources are probably sold out by now. But you can buy nesting houses and tubes any time. Place these in your garden and you might get lucky and they could nest in them this year."

To hedge your bets, provide what mason bees need. Fill homemade or purchased nesting houses with cocoons in late winter or spring. You can get elaborate and remove the cocoons each fall, clean them of frass and mites, store them in the refrigerator over winter and reinsert them in the tubes in spring. Or choose the easy way; hang the tubes and wait for the bees to find them. Instructions for both methods are included in its.



By Mary Emma Allen

A CUP OF TEA FOR COMFORT

A cup of tea has long been a sign of hospitality or comfort in my family. "Have a cup of tea" often was the invitation when guests visited. My grandmother enjoyed her tea at 3 PM every afternoon. She had tea while my two aunts drank their coffee.

When I visited my mom in her home, before she moved in with us as she developed Alzheimer's, she'd insist we sit and chat over tea upon our arrival. (Mother and I lived 275 miles apart at that time.)

As Mother needed more care and moved to a nursing home near me, we had our tea parties there. My grandchildren (her great grands) thought it fun to have tea with her. They would eat their snacks while Grandma and I enjoyed tea and muffins or cookies. (The children liked the goodies, too!) Those are memories we have today, even though my mom and grandmother are gone.

My Comfort

A cup of tea has been my beverage of comfort the past few days as I've experienced a death in the family. As my daughter and I make lists, phone calls, send text messages and emails, design a photo memory board and write

down our own memories, I make myself numerous cups of tea. Some are plain black tea while others are flavored.

Tea Accompaniments

Tea and crumpets, muffins, cookies and sandwiches are just a few of the goodies that might accompany afternoon tea.

QUICK COFFEE CAKE - (You might want to re-name it "tea cake" if you're serving it with this beverage!)

Cream together 1/4 cup sugar and 1/3 cup shortening. Stir in 1 egg.

Sift together 1/4 teaspoon salt, 3 teaspoons baking powder, and 2 cups flour. Add these dry ingredients alternately with 1 cup milk to creamed mixture, resulting in a rather stiff batter. Spread in greased 8-inch square pan.

For a topping: Mix together 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 stick butter or oleo melted, 2 teaspoons cinnamon (more or less as desired). Sprinkle over batter in pan.

Bake in 425 degree F. oven for 20 minutes or until tests done. It's not recommended you use an electric mixer for this.

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Community Notes

May 19

Navigator not available

Permit Navigator Marianne Nolte will not be available during her normal "office" hours this Thursday, May 19th.

In her absence, help is available by calling the Lane County Land Management Division planner-on-duty line at 541-682-3577.

There are also rebuilding resources available at www.McKenzieRebuilds.org/rebuilding.

May 20

Community BBQ

Orchid Health will host a Community BBQ on Friday, May 20th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Highway in Rainbow. All ages are welcome to enjoy free food, music and games as well as raffles for a bike and gift cards.

May 21

Dime At A Time

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

May 21

Spaghetti Feed

McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals is hosting an old fashioned "Spaghetti Dump" event from 1 to 4 p.m. at the McKenzie Community Track & Field in Finn Rock.

People are encouraged to bring their favorite quart of spaghetti sauce to be added to a community pot. Free salad, bread and pasta will be provided. People should bring their favorite non-alcoholic drink. RSVP to the McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals Facebook page or text 541-419-6571.

May 28

Church Yard Sale

The McKenzie Bridge Christian Church will hold its annual fundraiser to keep its Youth Program free, and generate money for various youth camp. People can donate items they no longer want or need and bring them to the Church. Call (541) 822-6061 before delivering items. The sale will start at 10 a.m. People should not come early unless to donate.

May 30

Springfield School Board

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

June 18

McKenzie River Trail Run

McKenzie River Trail Run's 35th year, Oregon's oldest con-

tinuous ultra trail race. As a result of local fires and smoke inversions the MRTR will take place in June rather than its usual post Labor Day weekend. The MRTR converted to a nonprofit 4 years ago and takes great pride in making post race donations to other local nonprofits and local worthy causes. We would like to thank all the past and present local volunteers who help make this annual event possible.

June 20

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.

July 16

Spring Flea Market

Spring is the time of year when most of us are motivated to clean our homes, garages and storage sheds to whip our homes into shape. But what to do with all that "stuff" you no longer want or need? Vida McKenzie Community Center has a solution!

On Saturday, July 16th, there will be a Flea Market at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church where you can become a "vendor" by purchasing a "space" to sell your new or used goods to the general public. Best of all, you keep all profits.

The highway location in Walterville is great for attracting buyers and VMCC will provide publicity, tables and a yummy snack bar to keep shoppers happy while they browse.

Interested? Contact Tammy Pelton regarding table fees. Reserve your space now! Call 951-970-0176 for more information.

Fire Chief honored



Roger Johnson (left), Fire Chief, Sisters-Camp Sherman and Darren Bucich, Fire Chief, McKenzie Fire & Rescue.

OSFM Wildland Urban Interface Vehicle Acquisition Committee, and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training Board (BPSST) where he currently serves as the Chairman. He also serves on the OSFM Overhead Incident Management Team as Safety Officer and is active in managing Fire and Health emergencies.

At the County level Darren serves on the Lane Community College Advisory Board, Leaburg Library Board, Lane County Radio Group, and remains active with the Lane County Fire Chiefs Association. He has been actively working with Lane County and the state to design and develop a Logistics warehouse in our county to help with future disasters, including, but not limited to, earthquakes and floods. This would provide the McKenzie Corridor with immediate assistance, while State and County disaster relief teams are organizing.

Locally Darren has organized Coat/Cold Weather Clothing Drive for Seniors & Veterans, organized free community Thanksgiving Meals, and helps with the Toys for Tots annual toy drive. He attends community events and represents the District in a professional and respectful manner.

As an outstanding member of the McKenzie valley, he is continually working to improve not only himself and surrounding communities, but the fire service as a whole in Lane County and the State of Oregon."

Another award was received last week at the Oregon Fire Chief's Association Awards Luncheon.

"McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Fire Chief Darren Bucich received the Oregon Fire Chief's Association Award of Excellence during the luncheon last Thursday, May 5th.

Darren has served as OFCA Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President, and now serves as an OFCA Past President. He has helped bring that organization to the professional level that it is today. Currently, he is serving as the Oregon Fire Chief's Association liaison to the Health Insurance Committee.

At the State level, Darren is on the state of Oregon Telecommunications Policy Board, the Special Districts Association of Oregon Board of Trustees, the

Is it time to clean up?

Spring has finally sprung – a leak it might seem some days – but it's here so it's time to get busy with planning and planting and cleaning and clearing. While you're at it you can support the Upper McKenzie Community Center and help us put some "fun" into our fundraising. This year we are planning our 1st Annual All-Day Yard Sale for Saturday, June 4th from 10am to 6pm at the UMCC and there are lots of ways to get involved and join in the fun.

Need to clear out some stuff and make a little room and some money, too? Then rent a table for the day of the sale and lighten your load. Maybe you have no time for selling but you have things to clear out? Donate them to the UMCC and we will sell them with all proceeds going to help "keep the lights on" at the UMCC while we raise funds for the necessary and

overdue upgrades and improvements we have planned. It turns out we need to fix the leak we have in our roof some days, too.

For over 60 years the Upper McKenzie Community center has served this community in so many ways and we are excited about our plans for the next 60 years. Our mission is to provide accessible space for all of our community members to gather and enjoy and to serve in an emergency or natural disaster should the need arise. Your continued support will help make that mission possible.

Join us June 6th from 10am to 6pm for the event with set up being from 8am to 10am on the morning of the event. Reserve your space now as space is limited. To reserve a space or to donate items for the sale contact us at UMCCevents@gmail.com

The Upper McKenzie Community Center is located at 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow. We hope to see you there!

McKenzie Students of the Month



The McKenzie River Community School's Student of this month, April, is 8th grade student, Myra Dion.

Myra is a bright, intuitive, motivated, conscientious hard-working learner.

She is a very active participant in school wide activities.

Myra is a leader among her peers and so very thoughtful of others.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Woe Is Me

I was in a five-year relationship with my brother-in-law's sister, and she left me for someone else. Over the years, I built so many dreams with her I still can't accept what happened.

Then I met this gal who was my office colleague. She is beautiful, intelligent, full of energy, and a great sincere friend. She made me forget my worries and made me laugh. I was attracted to her and she was attracted to me, but neither of us confessed our feelings until she accepted a great job offer in another country.

When her plans came through, I just about went crazy. She had two weeks to gather her things and leave. We spent time together as though there was no tomorrow, and I was at the airport to send her off. When she hugged me to say goodbye, she said "I love you" and walked through the gates to board the plane, taking my heart and soul with her.

We keep in touch by phone and email almost every day. I missed her so much I went to see her for two weeks. During that time, we talked a lot. She wants to make me her life partner. Though I love her with all my heart, I have not

healed from my wound. I don't think I ever will.

When I see my ex-girlfriend at family gatherings, I know I am hurting myself hoping for something which will never happen. I am also hurting the girl who loves me so much. My uncertainty is ruining her. She is changing from a happy, confident girl to a sad, lonely girl in a foreign land. Help me please.

Wes

Wes, I once heard a man say, in a radio interview, he had a good life until his wife left him. When the interviewer asked him how long ago that was, he said, "Thirty-five years." How long do you want to spend languishing over this dead relationship? Your entire life?

Life is desperately simple, but we have a talent for complicating the obvious. The amoeba, a one cell organism, has a lesson for all of us. It moves toward and embraces what is positive. It moves away from the negative. You are like an amoeba fascinated by what it can never have.

When you talk about your brother-in-law's sister, I sense emptiness and negativity. When you speak of this new woman,

you speak with life, vitality, and passion. We don't know if she is the right one for you. We do know you need to move forward, embracing the positive.

Now you are like the carrier of a virus. A negative virus has infected you, and you are spreading it to others. When you make choices based on positives, things may or may not work out. Either way you will have no regrets.

Wayne

An Unwelcome Addition

I have been living with what I thought was the man of my dreams. Lately we have spent time apart, and it has given me time to think about our relationship. He wants me to have breast implants, because he loves large breasts. I feel he doesn't accept me for who I am.

We had a heated discussion about our future and wrote out our goals. His goals involve him, him, and more him. My goals involve us. Why do I feel getting out would be better for me in the long run?

Madeleine

Madeleine, do we need to go any further than this? His goals involve only himself. He is the one who loves large breasts. Let him pay for them, let him go under the knife, let him carry them around the rest of his life.

Breast augmentation is a serious

undertaking. You don't do this as a reaction to anyone else, or to satisfy anyone else. Why do you want out? Because you don't want this.

Tamara

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

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Poets often have the insight to see, in a single detail or feature, a complex universe of meaning. Melissa Johnson, in "Mama's Hair", fixates on an ordinary detail of our lives — the hair that we carry around as extensions of our skins — to tell a tender and painful story about the relationship between a mother and a daughter. Contained in this small pocket of verse are moments of care, regret, guilt, humor, tenderness, illness and hurt that are all triggered by a meditation on hair.

Mama's Hair

By Melissa Johnson

Heavy, slick-straight, black as coal, Mama's hair could be pulled

over the headrest as she drove, gathered and stroked in the back seat.

When she cut it, I thought it was my fault, maybe she told me so.

Every year she went shorter. It never passed her nape again.

The last time she reached out to me, she mimed clipping my curls with scissored fingers, her mouth determined as I leaned to lift her back to bed.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
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March 19 - The Schooner Juliet wrecked along the Oregon coast the winter of 1852, and the survivors were stranded near Yaquina Bay for two months. When they finally reached the Willamette Valley they reported they had subsisted on an abundance of oysters. It was not until 1863 that two commercial oyster companies appeared at Yaquina Bay. At that time Yaquina Bay belonged to the Grand Ronde reservation and only one of the firms agreed to pay a tribute to the tribes and was granted the right to collect oysters. Over the years the oyster industry on the west coast has continued to grow and has now surpassed the East and Gulf coasts as the top producer of oysters in the nation.



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 last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 7,565.

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Mark Twain

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"Blue Ruin"

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and outlawed his trade.

Johnson's reaction to this seems to have been to find a better hiding place for his rebuilt still. He may also have raised his prices. He certainly didn't quit making deliveries.

Any questions about whether "Blue Ruin" was a genuine public menace are answered rather nicely in the memoirs of one of Johnson's erstwhile partners – a rough-and-ready French-Canadian gambler and all-around rascal named Edouard Chambreau. Here's how Chambreau remembers his first liquor run with Johnson:

"The next morning the skiff was made ready with a 20 gallon keg of Blue Ruin. This was hid under the things in the bottom of the boat. ... There were quite a number of Indians camped here, and they were anxious to 'swap for lumm' (the word for whiskey)....

"We made them sit down in rows with their different things they had to put their Lumm in, and whatever they had to pay for it. They were all on the beach about ten steps from the skiff. ... We went to every one before we began to pour it out in their vessels, and agreed on what should be given for this and that measure full. Having done this, Johnson began to pour out and I carried the things to the boat. The principle things we got in exchange was Beaver and Otter skins, and Hudson's Bay blankets.

"An Indian, when he drinks whisky, he will drink as long as he can hold his breath. By the time [Johnson] was getting through with the last ones, the first ones were getting very funny. He shouted to me to run for the boat. I ran to the boat and shoved it until I was knee deep in the water. As he had the whisky, some of them followed him to the boat. He was retreating backwards with his keg under his arm and his long knife in the other (hand). In the meantime, I covered him with my rifle. Before it takes time to tell it, he threw the keg with what remained in it as far as he could toward the camp. This gave him a chance to get away from those who were immediately near him, and he got into the boat.

"We were almost in swimming water, with three Indians hanging yet to the boat. We knocked them over the head and shoved off just

in the nick of time, because we had no more than had them loose from the boat than there was a gang of about 30 that came running and yelling with all their might. Then the fighting was among themselves.

"On this trip we made very near \$500 apiece," Chambreau concludes. "The reader can draw his own conclusions of what must have been the scene in that Indian camp with 20 gallons of that abominable stuff in them."

William Johnson died the following year. I haven't been able to find a source that will give a cause of death, but a couple of them hint that it happened during one of these deliveries ... a fate that seems grimly appropriate, maybe even just.

In any case, Oregon's prohibition law was repealed the year after Johnson died, and after that the booze flowed pretty freely, right up until the 1910s.

Portland's oldest profession

The still Johnson was running when Chambreau helped him make that 1847 delivery was tucked away in a gulley about four miles south of Oregon City, a setting much more in keeping with the spirit of an illicit moonshine still. But it's worth noting the location of the first one he set up – the one White destroyed when he learned the Native Americans were getting supplied by it. Most likely it was conveniently located by his cabin – in the area of what's now Macadam Avenue near the Ross Island Bridge, right in the middle of Portland. Johnson's was the first house in Portland ... and, it seems, the first business.

(Sources: *Wehrkamp, Timothy. Edward Chambreau: His Autobiography. Dissertation (Ph. D., 1976, University of Oregon); Oregon State Archives, arcweb.sos.state.or.us; Federal Writers Project, Oregon: End of the Trail. Portland: Metropolitan Press, 1940*)

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ODE TO CLARK

The first cat I ever had was black with white paws and a white bib. His name was Inky. I was three years old, sick in bed with the mumps (remember those?), and my older brother, Richard, found this black and white cat in the field next to our house, and brought him home to me because he had a dog and all I had was the mumps. Or so he explained to my mother. I was never allowed to have a cat because my mother had hay fever and cat fur made her sneeze. She made an exception for Inky. And so began my love affair with cats.

In my adult life, several cats have shared their lives with me, each of them unique in his or her own way. They left me with wonderful memories and I loved them all. But then Clark arrived, and he was without a doubt in-a-class-by-himself special.

No one is sure of the day or year that Clark was born, or even where he was born although we think it was somewhere near Vida. His survival skills were remarkably refined because he managed to live on his own for a few years until he somehow wound up in McKenzie Bridge - at the back door of the Dominican House at St. Benedict Retreat Lodge. He was starving and in dire need of love and attention. Father Tom, the resident priest and cat lover extraordinaire, took pity on him and gave him a home. Which was fortunate for both of them because Fr. Tom had just lost the first "Clark" to a hungry coyote.

(Sidebar Explanation : In 2003, someone had given Fr. Tom two cats which he named Lewis and Clark since it was the 200th

anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. He had already lost the original Lewis and Clark, but had acquired a second Lewis. Hence he needed a second Clark.)

Clark quickly adapted to his new surroundings, claiming the entire Dominican compound as his own, and assuming the role of a 'One Cat Welcoming Committee' to all who came there on retreat. He would make sure that all the beds were warm, and that everyone left the doors of their rooms ajar so that he could check on them at will. He occasionally attended Mass in the small chapel, being careful to maintain silence when appropriate. He also considered it his duty to keep the premises clear of all dogs.

This was his contented life for about nine years, at which time Fr. Tom retired and decided to move to Arizona. Sadly, he could not take Clark with him. He mentioned that to me one day and I immediately blurted out, "I'll take him! I love Clark."

So in 2017, Clark came to live with us.

I'm fairly certain that he missed Fr. Tom and the life he had led for nine years, but he didn't complain. He became familiar with all the comfortable chairs, and checked out all the rooms which he found to his liking. He was extremely polite, never intruding until he asked permission. It didn't take long for us to become fast friends and constant companions. He would sit outside my bedroom door every morning waiting for me to wake up, then quietly pad into the bathroom and jump into the tub to chase down any random water droplets that might still linger there. Then he'd follow me

into the kitchen, and gently put his paw on my leg to let me know that it was time for his morning head scratch.

The days were full of things to do and he was always right there to help. Wherever I was, inside or out, he would find me and ask what I was doing. He loved to go off hunting by himself, but he would always come home as soon as he heard my voice. I can still see him loping down the driveway in his characteristic joy.

Joy. That's the perfect word. Clark brought so much joy to me, to all of us. Joy describes the feeling I had every time I saw him - every time he jumped up in my chair to lie beside me in the evenings - every time I came home to find him waiting at the door - every time I looked into his eyes and saw love. He had a way of looking through my eyes and into my soul, letting me know that it was he who owned me, not the other way round. If you have ever been lucky enough to be owned by a cat, then you will understand this completely.

When I was eight years old, my mother gave me a beautiful book titled "The Blue Cat Of Castle Town" by Catherine Cate Coblentz. It is an enchanted story about a blue kitten born under a blue moon beside the river. His mother was fearful for him, for everyone knows that a blue kitten could learn the river's song, that he must find a hearth to fit his song, and that he must also teach the keeper of that hearth to sing the same song. Clark was not blue, he was black, But he had a song. His song was one of faithfulness, trust and love. He found my hearth and taught me his song, and brought me joy every day. He died on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

I miss him more deeply than I can say. But I will never forget his song.

Marty Mealey, Director
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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Eagle junior teammate Trent Peek threw the javelin 115 ft. 10 in., which earned him a seventh place finish and he also, took twentieth place in the 100 m. recording a time of 12.75 sec. Another Eagle sophomore, Thomas Hayes threw the javelin 83 ft. 0 in., good for a twenty-ninth place finish and he also placed twentieth in the Long Jump, leaping 14 ft. 7.75 in. Hayes competed in the 400 m. race, placing sixth in a time of 1:00.82

min. and that was a personal record. Freshman teammate Jamie LeClair followed Hayes in the 400 m., crossing the finish line in 1:07.40 min., which placed eleventh. LeClair's Triple Jump mark of 30 ft. 11 in., earned him a second eleventh place finish. The McKenzie 4x100 Relay foursome of Acevedo, Hayes, LeClair, and Peek, finished that race in fifth place time of 50.18 sec.

The Eagle girl's highest finish in the District Championships came courtesy of freshman Adrian Caulley in the Triple Jump. Caulley was marked at 24 ft. 6 in., for a ninth place finish and freshman teammate Rebekah Short followed in tenth place with a leap of 21 ft. 0 in. Both marks were personal records. Caulley finished twelfth in the Long Jump at 10 ft. 10 in. and Short finished fourteenth with a jump of 10 ft. 0.5 in. The two

competed in the 100 m race and there, Caulley finished in a time of 15.89 sec., good for fourteenth and Short ran the race in 16.91 sec., a seventeenth place finish. Short's time of 36.58 sec., in the 200 m. race, placed her fourteenth. In the field events, Hailey Prater took home fourteenth in the Shot Put, her throw measured at 20 ft. 3.5 in. and teammate Hannah Prater finished the event in nineteenth with a throw marked at 18 ft. 10.5 in. The Javelin event found Hailey Prater finishing twelfth with a throw of 66 ft. 2 in. and her sister teammate, Hannah, finished twenty-seventh, with a throw of 32 ft. 5 in. Hailey Prater also finished twenty-fifth in the Discus that throw marked at 53 ft. 2 in. and Hannah Prater followed in twenty-seventh place at 47 ft. 1 in.

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