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### JP Doodles

There's often more to the game than the score on the board.

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### Know your weeds

Each species has unique characteristics and vary in how they are controlled.

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## Area moves to 'High' Fire Danger

Both the Willamette National Forest and local Oregon Dept. of Forestry lands have changed their Fire Danger warnings from 'moderate' to 'high'. On July 4th, the ODF change impacted approximately 1.9 million acres of state, private, county and Bureau of Land Management lands in Lane, Linn and portions of Douglas County. The National Forest moved from an Industrial Fire Precaution Level I to IFPL II on July 5th.

Officials cautioned that any spark could have the potential to start a wildfire. Dry conditions in the districts make it that much easier for a fire to catch and spread. Residents and travelers, they say, need to be vigilant when it comes to wildfire prevention. This means not parking over dried grass, responsible and legal use of fireworks, recreating responsibly and

following local restrictions. The primary difference between prior fire prevention restrictions and those begun on Tuesday affects the public use of power-driven equipment, such as chain saws, mowers, weed eaters, and more. The use of power-driven equipment, grinding, cutting of metal, and other spark-emitting equipment, such as wood splitters and generators, will be prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. This does not apply to mowing green lawns.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) II – The following may operate only between the hours of 8 p.m.

- and 1 p.m.:
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- \* Feller-bunchers with rotary head saws
- \* Cable yarding
- \* Blasting
- \* Welding, cutting, or grinding of metal.

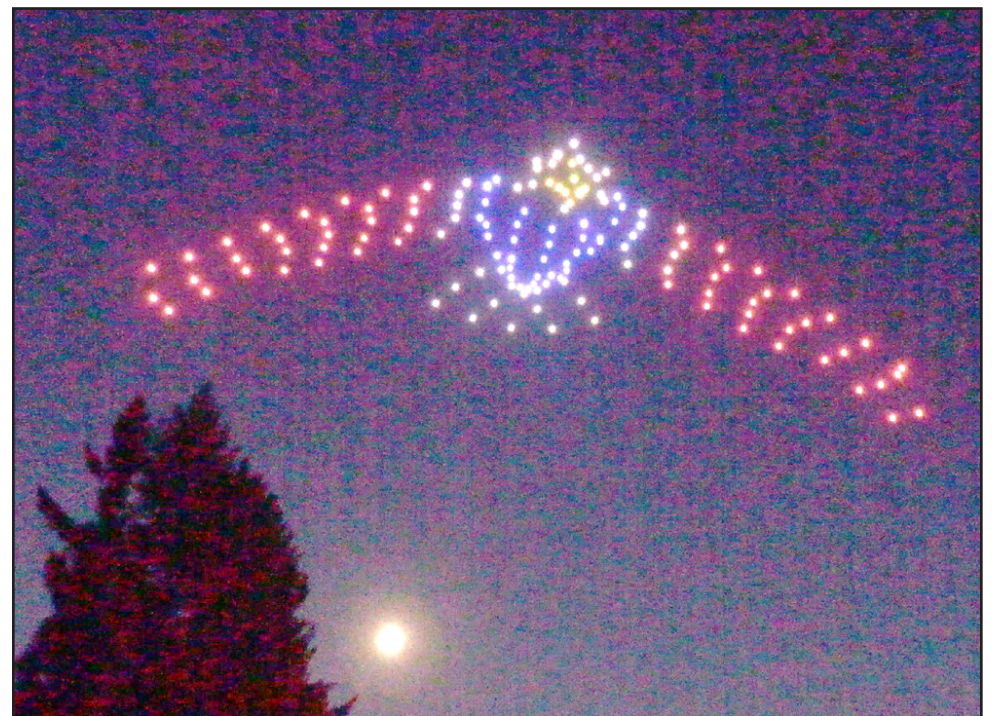
"We want the public to be extra prepared when visiting the forest and be mindful of the drier weather conditions," said Eric Miller, Acting Fire Staff Officer for the Northwest Oregon Interagency Fire Management Organization. "There are no fireworks allowed on National Forest lands and would appreciate the public's support to help us prevent human-caused fire starts."

There are currently no public use restrictions in place for fire, but Forest Service officials urge everyone to exercise caution while recreating.



## From a field of drones

Tokatee's aerial celebration wowed the crowd



Animations, including this American Eagle, were part of the displays Open Sky Drone Light Shows brought to the air above the Tokatee Golf Club last Saturday.

RAINBOW: Animated patriotic icons - ranging from the Statue of Liberty to the American flag - were joined by Tokatee's own logo in brightening the night sky last Saturday. The images were part of a 13-minute light show that drew plenty of shouts and applause when it capped off the golf club's 57th July Celebration.

Throughout last Saturday the steady flow of events included a 4-man scramble golf tournament, food trucks, live music, and an outdoor beer garden. As twilight drew closer, even more families arrived, stretching the line of parked cars far down both sides of the entry drive's shoulders.

Behind the scenes, Jesse Stone and his crew from Utah-based Open Sky Drone Light Shows were busy preparing the finale. This year they brought a show that eased the wildfire concerns that had caused the cancellation of Tokatee's popular fireworks display

in 2021.

"Now's the time to do some safe, sustainable events," according to Stone. "The West is a great spot for drone shows because we have so much fuel in the mountains and so many droughts all over."

To match the visual impact of a bursting sky-rocket, Open Sky employed 140 carbon fiber drones in their show. Each 10-ounce aircraft held a 3,000-lumen light capable of emitting up to 2,000+ different colors while maintaining a 1.5-meter spacing between each other. That spacing wasn't only a requirement for creating visually appealing displays but was also part of the requirements that must be met to gain Federal Aviation Administration approval before putting on a public display. Should one vary from the pattern - due to strong gusts or a mechanical issue - that drone was programmed to immediately land.

Stone said the LED

technology used to create that night's dazzling arrays of colors and patterns was all controlled by a pre-programmed computer set up near the launch site. From there they rose high above the tallest nearby trees to create a 2-dimensional palette that was stacked vertically and looked "basically like a 200 to 300-foot flat-screen TV." That it did. Despite several calls from youngsters who wanted to see "Captain America," (thwarted by copyright constraints) the images were bright and clear. Plus the programmed animations were linked to choreographed theme music piped from the clubhouse's speakers as the images morphed from ships to stars or a flying rocket - all against the background of a rising full moon.

View videos of the drone show at: [tinyurl.com/5xtfhxfr](https://tinyurl.com/5xtfhxfr)



A fleet of 140 Verge Aero drones went through pre-flight structural checks along with GPS confirmations to ensure they would maintain precisely aligned positions, linked with each other.

## Vida Center among six AARP projects

Center's grant to improve building's sound clarity

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

Six projects to improve communities in Oregon have received grants from AARP.

The organization has announced the recipients of its annual Community Challenge program. Oregon's grant projects total more than \$65,000.

Stacey Triplett, engagement director for AARP Oregon, said this quick-turnaround program fills a gap for many communities.

"Funding that's local, that's meant to be flexible, that comes right out within weeks of when it's been requested is hard to come

by," Triplett pointed out.

The grant program distributed \$3.6 million. **AARP projects - Page 2**



Work continues to progress inside and out at the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

## Funding for small forest landowners

Help for 2020 wildfire recovery for five years

On and around Labor Day 2020, wildfires burned over one million acres of forestland in Oregon, including over 370,000 acres of privately owned land. Now, funding and support are available to help small forest landowners in western Oregon impacted by the 2020 Labor Day wildfires recover and replant, while also reducing risk of future wildfires.

"This is a chance for small forest landowners to get the support they need to recover from the devastat-

ing 2020 Labor Day fires in western Oregon by replanting native trees, and helping make their land more resilient to future fires," said Greg Houle, wildfire program manager for Sustainable Northwest.

The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is enabling Sustainable Northwest and local partners to offer the following services to small forest landowners impacted by the Lionshead, Beachie Creek, Holiday Farm, Riverside,

South Obenchain and Archie Creek fires in 2020:

- Financial assistance for reforestation and forest management planning.
- Native plant seedlings for replanting.
- Guidance and expertise on wildfire risk reduction and response, particularly around homes and communities.
- Connecting small forest landowners to share lessons learned.
- Using lessons learned to develop suggestions for **Forest landowners - Page 9**



# Guest Opinion

## Politicians should stick to politics and leave technology alone

By John A. Charles, Jr.

Just four days before legislative adjournment, House Bill 3409 passed the Oregon House and was moved to the Senate in a race to the finish by June 25. On June 24th, the bill passed both houses.

HB 3409 establishes a state goal of installing 500,000 electric heat pumps in Oregon homes or commercial buildings by 2030.

The bill was never heard in a House policy committee and received only one short hearing in the budget committee. It's likely that the bill was rushed through the Senate in the last 72 hours of the session, with little opportunity for public review.

Why all the secrecy? HB 3409 has been touted by its advocates as a way to combat "global climate change." But even if Oregon could influence global climate (not likely), a technological mandate by politicians is almost guaranteed to fail, based on past experience.

For example, elected officials and other policy makers began pushing compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) decades ago on the grounds that they would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), which is funded largely with ratepayer money, launched a promotional campaign in 1997. NEEA believed CFLs were the future of lighting despite the fact that CFLs claimed less than 1% share of the market that year.

NEEA worked with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and utilities in the region to push CFLs. The campaign included handing out CFL coupons, in-store promotions, and consumer education. Despite NEEA's \$24 million direct expenditure and \$93 million of local program investments into the CFL campaign, the market share of CFLs in the Northwest only climbed to 24%. By 2019 the Northwest CFL market share had dropped to less than 10%.

Technological innovation had

made CFLs obsolete. LED lights were rapidly becoming the top choice of consumers, even without subsidies. There was also a growing backlash against CFLs based on concerns about hazardous waste associated with CFL disposal. In fact, that concern culminated in the passage of HB 2531 by the Oregon House just a few months ago which will ban CFLs in 2024.

The Oregon Green Energy Technology program, enacted in 2007 by the state legislature, is another example of technological hubris. The GET law requires that any public building undergoing construction or renovation with a contract price of over \$5,000,000 (originally \$1,000,000, with the minimum price being raised in 2019) that is deemed to have potential for generating electricity must also invest the equivalent of 1.5% of the contract price into "green energy technologies," to be integrated into the building to generate a portion of the building's power.

Over time, the program's definition of "green energy technology" has expanded, going from a solar-only requirement in 2007 to now including solar, woody biomass, geothermal, battery storage, and other methods of energy production.

Annual reports on the efficacy of the GET program are published by Oregon Department of Energy every year. The evidence is clear that the GET mandate has wasted millions of dollars. In 2014 the average payback period for GET projects was 64 years, far exceeding the expected useful life of the installed technology. In 2017 the average cost per GET project was \$979,342, and the longest payback period was 492 years for the project installed at the new Multnomah County Central Court-house.

Legislators should learn from experience and stop trying to tell consumers what to buy.

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## Glory in Ashes: Flag desecration and the First Amendment

By Freedom Forum

The United States flag is a poignant symbol. It can evoke patriotism. And flag burning or other types of flag desecration are sometimes controversially used for protest and dissent.

Can people treat the U.S. flag in ways others may not like, such as by flag burning or flag desecration? Are such actions free speech protected by the First Amendment, or can they be illegal?

Everything to know about flag desecration, flag burning and the First Amendment

Free speech is more than literal words being said aloud. It can also be symbolic acts. These are protected even if provocative. The First Amendment, by design, sets a high bar for when speech can be required or limited by the government.

In short, flag burning and flag desecration are protected free speech under the First Amendment. But this hasn't always been the case, and such actions could still get a person in trouble.

There have also been attempts to amend the First Amendment to outlaw flag burning and flag desecration, but no changes to the First Amendment have ever been made.

Desecration describes harming or disrespecting a sacred object. The term has been applied to patriotic symbols, such as the flag, as well.

After the Civil War, most states passed flag desecration laws. It became illegal to modify the flag or use it for commercial, decorative or protest purposes.

In 1907, the Supreme Court said a beer company could not use the flag on its bottle. The court did not cite free speech reasons, but said the government had a strong interest in protecting the flag as a patriotic symbol. Questions about the flag and the First Amendment didn't arise in force until much later.

Can burning the flag demonstrate dissent?

In June 1966, Sidney Street, a veteran living in Brooklyn, burned an American flag on a street corner after hearing that civil rights activist James Meredith was shot. When he was arrested for violating a New York flag desecration law, he said, "Yes, that is my flag; I burned it. If they let that happen to Meredith, we don't need an American flag." Three years later, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Street, saying he could not be punished for verbally disrespecting the flag - though it did not rule overall on the flag desecration law in question.

"It is firmly settled that under our Constitution, the public expression of ideas may not be prohibited merely because the ideas are themselves offensive to some of their hearers." - Street v. New York, 1969

It took until 1989 for the Supreme Court to declare in Texas v. Johnson that the act of burning the flag itself is considered expression when it is done to communicate a point of view.

This touched off efforts in Congress to outlaw flag desecration, including proposed constitutional amendments to outlaw flag burning that narrowly failed.

Is it possible to be punished for flag burning or flag desecration today?

Today, many state flag desecration laws are still technically on the books but would be overruled

in the courts if enforced.

But people could still face criminal charges related to burning the flag - just not because of the message alone. The government may limit the manner of speech if there is a very strong reason, the limit is as narrow as possible and it applies regardless of message.

For example, in places with high fire risk, you could face charges for burning anything at all. Similarly, stealing someone else's flag to burn it would be criminal, as would trespassing and burning the flag on someone else's property. And burning the flag to deliberately provoke a violent response from someone else or in order to incite others to imminent lawless violence is not protected either.

But if you choose to express your political view by burning or desecrating an American flag, you may.

Why are flag burning and flag desecration protected as free speech?

The structure of the republic was designed specifically not only to withstand and tolerate even powerful dissent, but to invite and be empowered by it. This is why the First Amendment is so protective - and why it protects even heated or offensive dissent.

The Freedom Forum's mission is to foster First Amendment freedoms for all. It works to raise awareness of First Amendment freedoms through education, advocacy and action, sharing the sto-

# AARP projects

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lion dollars to more than 300 organizations nationwide. AARP selects projects that can be developed quickly. They must be completed by November 30.

Triplett noted one project done in collaboration with the Klamath Tribes will bring a park to an empty lot in the southern Oregon city of Chiloquin.

"They're really making a lot of investments in their downtown to have that vibrant livable space

for folks of all ages," Triplett observed.

Other grant recipients include the Douglas Public Health Network, which will distribute emergency preparedness materials to older Oregonians in the community; installing a system for people who have hearing problems at the Vida McKenzie Community Center; and pop-up events in East Portland focused on disability and aging resilience.

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### WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
6/27	80	52	0	387 cfs	6/27	82	50	0	2,460 cfs
6/28	84	53	0	387 cfs	6/28	84	50	0	2,460 cfs
6/29	89	55	0	390 cfs	6/29	87	52	0	2,440 cfs
6/30	90	55	0	390 cfs	6/30	82	53	0	2,410 cfs
7/1	89	54	0	380 cfs	7/1	91	53	0	2,460 cfs
7/2	89	53	0	390 cfs	7/2	90	49	0	2,380 cfs
7/3	88	54	0	387 cfs	7/3	89	49	0	2,370 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**June 25: 8:42 a.m:** Vicious Animal - 92000 block, Spicer Ln. Two large dogs got out of their yard through an open gate. One of the dogs was aggressive with the caller's husband. Dogs were returned to their property and the gate was chained shut.

**4:45 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Quartz Creek Rd. & Pond Rd. Deputy located a Vehicle while on patrol and contacted two individuals. No crime and the deputy cleared.

**9:56p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 41800 blk, Madrone St. Caller advised that she heard noises inside residence. Dispatch stayed on the phone until deputies arrived and cleared the residence. No one was located on the property.

**June 26: 10:29 a.m:** Theft From Vehicle - Blue River area. Caller

advised their camper trailer was broken into and involved stole a generator. No suspect info at this time.

**10:16 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident no injury - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**10:35 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Blue River Dam. Caller was in dispute with his girlfriend that was mostly verbal with some shoving. The boyfriend advised his girlfriend took his phone and she is heading towards Eugene. Deputy made contact with caller and it was determined there was no crime. The deputy provided a courtesy ride to the caller.

**2:42 p.m:** Civil Service - 700 blk, Laksonen Lp.

**3:54 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91500 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**10:37 p.m:** Incomplete 911 call - Lat: 44.18783. Long: -122.97050.

**June 27: 12:48 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37000 blk, Goats Rd. Caller advised husband made suicidal statements during

an argument. Deputy was able to talk with husband who advised he was not suicidal.

**6:42 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 36100 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Caller advised a vehicle was parked on their property. The Sheriff's Office was unable to contact registered owner of the vehicle and 72-hour tow notice was given.

**11:28 a.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy./Milepost 20.**2:01 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - McGowan overlook.

**5:09p.m:**SuspiciousConditions - 91200 blk, Rose St. Caller advised there was a male yelling in the area and it was concerning. A deputy responded and contacted the caller who advised the male had walked away.

**7:15 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy./Mp. 15.

**10:18 p.m:** Welfare Check - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

**11:06 p.m:** Loud Noise - 56600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**June 28: 2:28 p.m:** Assault - 38200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Caller advised that daughter assaulted her multiple times a few days earlier. Caller was no longer at location and when deputies attempted to locate daughter they were unable to locate.

**3:06 p.m:** Civil Service - 700 blk, Laksonen Lp.

**4:06 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 45600 blk, N. gate Creek Rd.

**6:42 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

**7:37 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - S. Gate Creek & McK. Hwy.

**June 29: 2:05 a.m:** Assist Public - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**2:17 a.m:** Restraining Order Service - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

**3:40 a.m:** alarm - 88100 blk, Chita Lp.

**12:04 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.

**1:14 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

**1:40 p.m:** Theft - McK. Hwy./Mp. 23. Caller advised they lost a wallet and when they found it items were missing from it.

**3:39 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

**5:32 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.

**5:33 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy.& Angels Flight Rd.

**6:00 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy.& Angels Flight Rd.

**7:14 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**7:47 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy. Caller advised a vehicle went down an embankment and doesn't know if there is anyone in the vehicle. It was determined this was a known vehicle accident from an old crash.

**June 30: 12:07 a.m:** Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & rose.

**12:24 a.m:** Loud Noise - Thurston Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**3:40 a.m:** Alarm - 88100 blk, Chita Lp.

**1:52 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

**2:04 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 89700 blk, Johnson Creek Rd.

**5:42 p.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

**8:22 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**8:48 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**10:13 p.m:** Weapon Offense - Lat: 44.16992. Long: -122.22659. A homeowner called advising someone was on his property and that he was shot at. When deputies arrived they were able to make contact with the shooter and took him into custody without further incident. At this time is believed that the shooter discharged the firearm into the ground. When deputies arrived they were able to contact the supposed shooter via phone and the individual was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Menacing.

**July 1: 12:07 a.m:** Disabled

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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**June 27: 22:19:** Medical - McK. Hwy./River St. Broken ankle.

**June 28: 12:09:** Medical - Between Milepost 69 & 70, Old McK. Hwy.

**19:06:** Medical - 91000 block, Mill Creek Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**June 29: 19:42:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr/Mp. 56. Automated message: "Crash has occurred in Ford vehicle."

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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By Slim Randles

Doc smiled and felt really good inside when he heard the familiar bird song.

"Hey there, Wheezer," he said, "happy nesting!"

For some reason, this mourning dove with the speech impediment comes around to Doc's back yard every spring, and Doc thinks that's just all right. If ol' Wheezer didn't have that distinctive voice, Doc would never know if this bird favored his yard or was just another bird looking for a home. Let's face it, Wheezer looks just like every other dove in town.

But he was back and flirting with a good-looking lady dove up on the branches of the locust tree. Doc always wondered whether doves mate for life, and this was the same Mrs. Wheezer he sees every year, or if Wheezer had to court a new lassie each spring.

"I'll have to look it up," Doc said, knowing that he wouldn't.

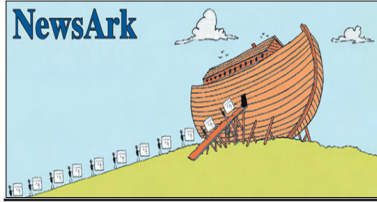
But he did go over to the concrete block wall and clean out the crud from the hollow in the top block by the gate. Doc had put dirt in it years ago, and each spring, the Wheezer family hauled in twigs and grass and made a place to raise their family.

And each spring, as Mrs. W. sat on her eggs, it would take Doc a few days before she would tolerate him coming and going through the gate. This was the dove family he was close to. They let him get right up to maybe a foot from the ugly little baby birds each spring, and he was careful never to move quickly or make a noise. That was his contribution, you see, to the putting together of the "Doves in the Concrete Block" family.

Wonder how long doves live? Doc thought. Wonder how long old Wheezer will last? I'll have to look it up.

No he won't.

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## McKENZIE RIVER SIDELIGHTS

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By Prince Helfrich

The McKenzie River was first discovered by Donald McKenzie in 1811. Trails from Eastern Oregon following the north bank of the river had been used for years by Indians who made the trip in the fall to catch salmon and dry them and pick wild huckleberries for their winter food.

The McKenzie was first called the McKenzie Fork as it was thought this stream was a tributary of the Willamette River.

As late as 1935, parties of Eastern Oregon Indians came to the McKenzie in their light wagons, accompanied by extra horses and several mongrel dogs, who trotted beside the wagons or underneath at the horses' heels. They would stop at Halfway, the resort owned by B. B. and Ruth Helfrich, parents of Prince Helfrich. They wanted to trade moccasins and gloves for deer hides, and were always delighted to receive the apples which the Helfrich family raised in plentiful supply.

As they came on downriver after exchanging stories of hunting success they would camp at a clearing just above Clover Point. On one occasion an old Indian was questioned as to how he happened to be limping.

His reply, "Me kick 'em horse!"

### EARLY DAY MAIL DELIVERY

Mail delivery on the McKenzie was not always accomplished as easily as it is today. Due to rough roads in the late 1800's and the early 1900's, the mail was delivered by horse stages. The stages not only carried the mail but also carried passengers and freight. The livery stables were located in Eugene and mail was picked up in Springfield for delivery along the McKenzie River.

In 1872 transportation from Eugene to McKenzie Bridge was provided by a large hack seating six people. This hack was drawn by four to six horses according to road conditions. Horses were changed at Wycoff's (Cook's Ranch) and the entire distance

was covered in ten to twelve hours when the roads were good.

The stages had a number of stops along the river, where horses were changed and meals were served to passengers. Four horses were used on the stages, except into Foley Springs, where a two horse stage was used in summer and in the winter mail was carried by horseback. Mail was also carried over the pass in winter on snowshoes.

### SCHOOLS

The first school in Vida was built in 1872 west of the Goodpasture Bridge near the old wagon road. It was known as the Blazing Stump School and was located on property that is now the Angler's Trailer Park.

Before the school was built, Mrs. Fayette Thomson held school in her home for the children of B. F. Finn, Regis Pepiot and her own, for two years.

Classes in the Blue River area date from 1891 and first were held in a building east of Elk Creek. Agnes Millican was the first teacher. She was 16 years old and an 8th grade graduate.

At McKenzie Bridge, school in 1890 was held in a one room building near Phil's Phine Phoods today. In a booklet written by the class of 1958 at McKenzie High School is a description of the early school.

"There were all eight grades under one teacher. There were no report cards and they were not graded as we are now. The students were divided into four main groups. A pupil was placed in the class he was most capable of handling, and advanced as fast as he could learn. The students bought their books in Eugene and used slates to do their work on in class.

They studied reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography, civil government, physiology and spelling. Roll call was taken every day. There were seldom any tests except in writing. All the students made a specimen of their handwriting at the first of each term and again at the last of the term.

The pupil showing the best improvement received a prize.

Regular P.E. classes were not held. Instead they had a 15 minute recess mid-morning and another in mid-afternoon. The smaller ones played anti-over with a ball or played with the small wild animals like the blue belly lizards that would wander into the schoolyard."

Getting to school was a problem for many of the students. The trails were often muddy and very slippery. The weather would be wet and cold. There were no big, yellow, warm buses. The older children were responsible for the safety of the younger students on their daily travel.

High school was started in Vida about 1900. The students used Menny Hall, now known as Gate Creek Ranch. Blue River built their high school in 1925. Students from McKenzie Bridge traveled downriver to attend in Blue River.

Mrs. Frances O'Brien shared a few comments on the development of the present school district. In January, 1916, all outside the Blue River school district were required to pay \$1.00 per month tuition. In December 1919, the first meeting to attempt consolidating the three districts (McKenzie Bridge, Blue River and Vida) was held and opposed. It wasn't until 1940 that a vote of consolidation was passed.

The present school was built in 1941 and used as the high school for the new district. All the grade school students attended in Blue River until January of 1943 when the building was destroyed by fire and all the students were then put into the present building.

### IMPRESSIONS

By Vi Thomson

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, pregnant hinterland-dwelling women had no access to doctors or hospitals. Most areas were considered fortunate indeed if there was an older woman available to help one through the rigors of childbirth. Such a person was known as a midwife.

Mary Thomson was the midwife for this area for years. She used to tear strips of clean, old sheets, and cut pieces of ordinary store twine.

These were placed in a jar, sealed and baked until light brown to make them sterile. The sheet strips became bandages; the twine was used to tie the umbilical.

About to be born babies have a way of asserting themselves at inconvenient times, like in the middle of the night or during a blizzard. Sometimes distances were great, and the midwife, with her sterile trappings, would take to horseback.

On arrival, the midwife might find that the baby had arrived, or that the mother was having a very hard time. Then "doctor midwife" would tie sheets on the lower end of the bed for the mother to pull on as she labored.

Today, with super-highways and ambulances, we get to hospitals in minutes, and are home in a few days. We've "come a long way, baby" - and mothers.

### McKENZIE RIVER FISHING

The first guides on the river were the Thomsons, father and four sons.

In 1905 they had a resort on the north bank of the river about a mile below Martin Rapids. This was called Thomson's Lodge.

The Thomsons took parties and boats upriver on wagons and floated down stream several miles. The McKenzie was one of the finest trout streams in the world, due to the cold water and abundance of food. In the early 1900's there was no limit on the number of fish one could save.

Later on there was a limit of 60 a day. Then it was reduced to 30, then 20, 15 and finally 10, which is the daily catch at present. Heavy cane poles were used with wet flies and spinners and very heavy leaders.

The first boats were 18 feet long with low sides and were very heavy.

With the coming of plywood in the early thirties, much lighter boats were developed. By experimentation, the present McKenzie type boat, which is light and high-sided and well suited to the running of the white water, came into being. A number of men helped in the design of this boat which is now used on many white water streams in the Northwest.

In the early twenties, Rube Montgomery and Al Cook joined the guiding of parties down the McKenzie River. Al's place, which was located at the site which is presently called Shepards' Ranch Cottages, was called Cook's McKenzie Inn.

Prince Helfrich used to catch grasshoppers for Al Cook's fishermen and learned to row a soon as he was able to handle a pair of oars. He began taking fishermen out in 1922 when he was 15. He took parties out from his father's resort, Halfway, so-called because this resort was halfway between the summit of the Cascade Mountains and Eugene, Oregon.

Halfway featured the first cabins on the river for fishermen and vacationers, other than those at Belknap Springs, about 30 miles upriver. Prince Helfrich boated for Thomson's Lodge for several years, then began his own business in 1926. Since that time he has boated and fished many famous people, presidents, movie actors and actresses, and some of the greatest fishermen in the world. At the present time his three sons are carrying on the guiding traditions on the McKenzie River and other whitewater streams.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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### Know your weeds before waging war



Summer has arrived and so have the weeds to take over our gardens and make us tear our hair out in frustration.

Ed Peachey, Oregon State University Extension Service weed specialist, can relate. He sees weeds everywhere and has plenty of advice to share. The first line of defense is identification.

"If you don't know what you have, you don't know what to do," he said. "Each species has unique characteristics and vary in how they are controlled."

Even those who subscribe to the philosophy of there are no such thing as weeds just plants in the wrong place have to admit that some get out of control. They out-compete desirable plants and quickly take over vegetable gardens, flower beds, and lawns.

Perennial weeds such as Canada thistle, dandelion, and bindweed are the hardest to control, but many annuals have the ability to disperse their seeds far and wide, whether it's by wind, wildlife, or, as in the case of western bittercress, send their seed flying for many feet.

"Some annual weeds are not that big of a deal," Peachey said. "Their competition with other plants is fairly minimal. But it makes a difference how many seeds are produced and how long they live in the soil."

How he kills them is determined by the weed. For annuals, digging them before they go to seed is effective. If, like pigweed and lambsquarters, they have tap roots, it's good to get them early while the root is still short. Scuffing them with a hoe, pulling by hand, or using an herbicide, whether organic or synthetic, can be effective. Mulch helps to rob weeds of sunlight and will help kill them, but seeds will still blow in and germinate. Laying black

plastic helps control weeds by preventing light from reaching weed seedlings, but will not be effective on established perennial weeds that will sometimes poke through plastic. Weeds must be removed first and the plastic left for three to six months.

Two popular organic herbicides are Suppress and Avenger, which kill by contact. Remember, though, that just because a product is organic doesn't mean it's safe.

"These herbicides can be very useful to homeowners," Peachey said. "They give a quick burndown, usually within two to three days. Their main advantage is that they don't injure perennial plants in the landscape that gardeners want to keep. The downside is that they only kill small annual weeds."

Many homeowners opt for Roundup, which is effective on many weeds, but also may damage desirable plants it comes in contact with. There are a couple of pre-emergence herbicides such as Preen that can be used in the landscape without much risk to plants.

On the whole, unless a homeowner is dealing with a large garden, Peachey doesn't recommend herbicides. For those



who do decide to use one always follow the instructions and safety precautions on the label.

Of the many weeds out there right now, Peachey identifies these five as some of the most common. Learning to identify them will make controlling them more effective.

Northern willowherb (*Epilobium ciliatum*) [shown above] is an upright perennial weed with oval- to lance-shaped leaves. Small, light purple or pink ray-shaped flowers have four petals, though they look like eight because they're so deeply cut. Foliage and stems are covered in bristly hairs. Downy seeds can float for long distances.

Sharppoint fluvellin (*Kickxia elatine*) forms a ground-hugging mat. Leaves are egg-shaped to heart-shaped and are covered with soft hairs. Tiny flowers, which appear from June through September, have two lips; the top is violet, and the bottom is yellow. It can be confused with bindweed (wild morning glory), but is much smaller. Like bindweed, it spreads by roots and seeds.

Shiny geranium (*Geranium lucidum*) resembles stinky herb Robert (*G. robertianum*), but doesn't give off a bad odor and has shiny foliage that isn't as deeply cut as herb Robert. Both have dark pink flowers similar to cultivated geraniums only much smaller. Herb Robert flowers are three to four times the size of shiny geranium. Spreads by seed.

Western bittercress (*Cardamine oligosperma*) is a tiny weed that forms a rosette. Young leaves are round but as the plant ages, new leaves further up the stems are arrow-shaped. The long, upright stems hold white flowers that give way to pods that can release thousands of seeds that "pop" many feet away.

Purple dead-nettle (*Lamium purpureum*) features slightly hairy, spade-shaped foliage that is tinged purple, especially those leaves closest to the top of stems. Like all members of the mint family, stems are square. Flowers, which appear in spring, are lavender and look like tiny snap dragon blooms. Spreads by seed.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### BIRD ALARMS AROUND YOU

Early morning, just as daylight is peeping through the trees around our woodland home, the bird chorus begins...or actually the bird alarm clock. Frequently our feathered friends awaken me with their various cheerful calls and songs. In spring and summer they seem more vocal than at other times of the year...or maybe it's because I have my bedroom window open during this season.

At the house where I previously lived, a tufted titmouse acted as the alarm most mornings. I could hear him at daylight calling throughout the woodland. Then he'd peck at the window as though calling, "Wake up! Wake up!" Throughout the day he would flutter at the front windows of our A-frame house to make sure we knew he was around.

The birds seem more cheerful during spring and summer. They also flutter through the trees in the evening, too, as though saying, "Good night! Good night!"

Spring and Summer Recipes

It seems this time of year we enjoy fruit and berry recipes, probably because we can get these foods freshly picked at "pick your own" places, at garden stands and in the stores.

Berry Tarts

You can make fruit and berry

tarts with many different types of crusts. These include traditional pastry crust, as well as those made with wheat pastry flour, cookie crumbs (vanilla or chocolate) and graham cracker crumbs,

Arrange your fruit in the crust and then coat with a ORANGE/LEMON GLAZE. In a small saucepan, combine ¾ cup fresh orange juice, ¼ cup fresh lemon juice and ¾ cup honey.

Bring these ingredients to a boil over medium heat and stir constantly. Simmer until slightly thickened. Cool. Then pour desired amount over the fruit in your crust. You may not want the entire amount.

Some cooks like to cover the bottom of the crust with vanilla or chocolate pudding, then add the fruit of choice, and brush the fruit with the glaze. Amounts used depend on individual preference because the glaze is quite sweet.. You also can use a strawberry glaze over the fruit.

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

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# Community Notes

July 7 - 9

## Lavender Festival

McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday - Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop for fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk through the fields and cut your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender farm, located just east of Walterville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skincare essentials, u-cut lavender, a country bazaar of local artisans, food, music, and lavender refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

July 7

## First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30 am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

July 8

## Exploring Art with Ellen

Children will love drawing with Ellen. She is patient and calm and works students through the drawing process step by step. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed especially for your child, ages 6 - 10. \$90 for children of members, \$110 for children of non-members. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield

July 8

## Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

July 10

## McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health,

function, and use. Location varies, times are 5 to 6:30 p.m. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziewc.org

July 10

## Springfield School Board

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

July 10

## Lane Cty Parks Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (except during July & August). It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community.

July 11

## Board of Commissioners

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July 11

## Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30am - 2:00pm for assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

July 11

## McK. Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from 9:00am - 10:00am. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com

July 11

## Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp

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

July 12

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July 12

## Watershed Wednesday

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

July 13

## Vida McKenzie Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop.

July 14

## McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It's open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

July 14

## Blueberry Art Show

3rd annual Blueberry Festival Art Show will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 89849 Greenwood Dr. The Pacific Rim Art Guild art show includes a reception and award ceremony on Friday evening. The Blueberry Patch opened their field from June 10th to July 1st for artists to come and paint. Online registration for The Great Blueberry Paint Out, opened April 1st. at <http://www.pacrimartguild.com> with an artist prospectus online for more information. The cost is \$35 for Open Division and \$45 for Professional Division. Award winning artist Brent Burkett will be the Juror.

July 14

## Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m, starting at 500 Main St (Emerald Art Center in Springfield).

July 15

## Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

July 15

## Dime At A Time

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July 17

## 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 18

## Board of Commissioners

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July 18

## Family Story Time

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July 19

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July 19

## McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be live-streamed with viewing available at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC14\\_qR6FmaelclIz4UMCeQ/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIz4UMCeQ/videos).

July 19

## Upper McK Fire Board

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

July 20

## McKenzie Chamber

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

July 20

## Leaburg Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

July 22

## Dime At A Time

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July 22

## Living River Day

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July 24

## Spfld School Board

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July 25

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July 25

## Family Story Time

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July 26

## Board of Commissioners

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July 27

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July 28

## McK River Food Pantry

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

July 29

## Living River Day

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

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## Detour



Pablo Merchan Montes

I've been looking for so long to find someone to secretly talk to, to gain some insight, validation, or hope. My situation is the result of the choices I made, but I just need someone to hear me.

I have been married for eight years. During the short time we dated, I knew he wasn't the true person I thought I'd spend my life with. The day I was going to tell him I didn't want to see him anymore was the day I learned I was pregnant. It was not intentional. While switching birth control pills, and continually being on them, I didn't use a backup method.

I was not raised to have a child out of wedlock, so I did what I thought was right. He wanted to marry me. I thought it was the right thing to do despite our start, but not surprisingly, we had

problems.

The first three or four years were horrible, with small pockets of being so-so. He treated my daughter from a previous marriage with disdain, which hurts a child who tries to be loving. He's controlling and has broken our vows. I know he had an affair because I found evidence and confronted him. He doesn't respect me enough, to be honest.

A few years ago, after failed attempts at counseling, I left him. When people found out, he acted like he was the victim. I was furious because he knew the reasons, but led others to believe I abandoned him. I returned, but I am emotionally drained, hardened, angry, and bitter.

I tried to make it work. Now, after all the headaches and heartache, I can barely tolerate spending time with him. When he says a line he used to give me while stepping out on me, I flip my lid. It's like a trigger.

Now he says he doesn't want to lose his family. He wants me to say I love him, but I can't because I don't. Should I lie and say it anyway, just to make him feel better? I've built up this façade, so people don't know how miserable I am.

I'm a professional, driven person and this has minimized me

to nothing. I've lost my motivation for things I enjoy because I see no hope for the future. How can you build on feelings that were not there in the first place?

Peggy

Peggy, going back was a mistake. It doesn't matter what other people think, especially when what they think makes you live a lie, because then there is no truth anywhere. They don't see the truth, you aren't living the truth, so it lies all around.

Some people say love is a decision, but you tried that and blatantly failed. Love is not a decision, and you knew he wasn't the right one in the first place. Without love, the relationship has been a disaster on both sides. All you had in common was sex and the child the two of you created.

People think an impostor can stand in the stead of love, but it can't. That is trying to trick yourself out of the real thing. Once you have been around false love for a while, you begin thinking about what it would be like to have the real thing.

At what point would some people tell our children that false, made-up, worked-on feelings can replace love? Forget Shakespeare and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Children can't be allowed to see this poetry because it will touch their hearts. You don't want children to grow up thinking there is real emotion if you are going to teach the false.

So where are you now, Peggy? You are right back where you

were in the beginning. It is time to tell this man you have taken the long way around to return to what you always knew was the right decision.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

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

### A Word on Statistics

By Wisława Szymborska

Out of every hundred people

those who always know better: fifty-two.

Unsure of every step: almost all the rest.

Ready to help, if it doesn't take long: forty-nine.

Always good, because they cannot be otherwise: four—well, maybe five.

Able to admire without envy: eighteen.

Led to error by youth (which passes): sixty, plus or minus.

Those not to be messed with: forty and four.

Living in constant fear of someone or something: seventy-seven.

Capable of happiness: twenty-some-odd at most.

Harmless alone, turning savage in crowds: more than half, for sure.

Cruel when forced by circumstances: it's better not to know, not even approximately.

Wise in hindsight: not many more than wise in foresight.

Getting nothing out of life except things: thirty (though I would like to be wrong).

Doubled over in pain and without a flashlight in the dark: eighty-three, sooner or later.

Those who are just: quite a few at thirty-five.

But if it takes effort to understand: three.

Worthy of empathy: ninety-nine.

Mortal: one hundred out of one hundred—a figure that has never varied yet.

*Well-known in her native Poland, Wisława Szymborska received international recognition when she won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1996. In awarding the prize, the Academy praised her "poetry that with ironic precision allows the historical and biological context to come to light in fragments of human reality." Collections of her poems that have been translated into English include People on a Bridge (1990), View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems (1995), Miracle Fair (2001), and Monologue of a Dog (2005). Szymborska lived most of her life in Krakow; she studied Polish literature and society at Jagiellonian University and worked as an editor and columnist. A selection of her reviews was published in English under the title Nonrequired Reading: Prose Pieces (2002). She received the Polish PEN Club prize, the Goethe Prize, and the Herder Prize.*

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- 8. 9 a.m. prayer
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- 10. \*Petri dish gel
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- 20. Swelling of human organs
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- 26. Piano key material
- 27. Pancho of Mexican Revolution fame
- 29. \*Basic unit of life
- 31. Fermented honey libation
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- 33. Theater, to Socrates
- 34. Deed hearings
- 36. "Wanted!" option
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- 42. Stable room
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- 49. Major news network, acr.
- 51. Cargo carrier
- 54. Agenda entries
- 56. Round openings
- 57. Fill to satisfaction
- 58. Ox, pl.
- 59. What Pinocchio did
- 60. Popular walking shoe brand
- 61. \*Basic unit of heredity
- 62. South American tubers
- 63. Web location
- 64. Paradise garden
- 67. Like Willie Winkie

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- 6. Banned insecticide
- 9. Doorframe part
- 13. \*Group of #3 Down
- 14. Top seed number
- 15. \*Blood \_\_\_\_\_, diabetic's concern
- 16. \*Food poisoning-causing bacterium
- 17. Galley tool
- 18. Sushi restaurant staple
- 19. \*Giant sequoia, e.g.
- 21. \*Measure of energy
- 23. Auction call
- 24. Animal coat

- 25. Tolstoy's first name, in Russian
- 28. \*Plural of cecum
- 30. \*Fastest growing woody plant
- 35. Footnote acronym
- 37. Mosquito net, e.g.
- 39. Attention-seeking
- 40. Skier's aid
- 41. Certain saxes
- 43. Sheltered, nautically speaking
- 44. Wive's mother, e.g.
- 46. "\_\_\_\_\_ we forget"
- 47. Christian of haute-couture
- 48. Based on two
- 50. Colorado's neighbor
- 52. European Nuclear Society

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

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**Events from Jul 6th**

Submit Event

**Thu Jun 15th 1:00pm - Sat Dec 16th 1:00pm**

**STORY TIME**

Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

**Find Your Voice!**

**Mon Jun 19th 1:00pm - Wed Aug 30th 3:00pm**

**Summer Reading Program**

It's time to get your kiddos signed up for SUMMER READING 2023. Stop by during our open hours and pick up a reading/activity

**Wed Jun 21st 7:00pm - Mon Jul 10th 8:00pm**

**Upper McKenzie Fire District Board**

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479

**Fri Jul 7th 9:30am - 12:00pm**

**Volunteer: First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach**

Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach the first Friday of every month from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing ...

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**Fri Jul 7th 10:00am - Sun 9th 5:00pm**

**McKenzie River Lavender Festival**

McKenzie River Lavender is open for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop

**Sat Jul 8th 8:00am - 4:00pm**

**Living River Exploration Day**

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-

**Sat Jul 8th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**A Dime At A Time**

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10 noon. Donations can be dropped

**Sat Jul 8th 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

**Exploring Art with Ellen**

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**Mon Jul 10th 5:00pm - 6:30pm**

**McKenzie Watershed Council**

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in

**Lane County Parks**

**Mon Jul 10th 7:00pm**

**Springfield School Board Meeting**

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# Sheriff's Report

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Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Rose St.  
**12:24 a.m:** Loud Noise - Thurston Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
**12:01 p.m:** Criminal Trespass - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller advised that there has been an issue with trespassers on his property and would like a call from a deputy. One of the East Lane deputies was notified.  
**1:21 p.m:** Theft - Hwy. 126, McKenzie Bridge. Caller advised while camping on 6/21/23 someone stole multiple items from their campsite.  
**3:38 p.m:** Unattended Boat - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**5:41 p.m:** Theft - Paradise Campground. Caller advised they went for a swim and returned to find that their property had been stolen. Caller believed they found a vehicle later with some of their property in it. When deputies arrived they were unable to locate the vehicle.  
**6:49 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.  
**6:50 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.  
**7:50 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Paradise Campground.  
**8:01 p.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.  
**9:37 p.m:** Dead Animal - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**11:41 p.m:** Loud Noise - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd.

**July 2: 12:03 a.m:** Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Carson St.  
**2:54 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - McK. River Dr. & Caddis Ln.  
**2:47 p.m:** Dead Animal - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**2:57 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 54700 blk, McK. River Dr.  
**3:07 p.m:** Water Rescue - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**3:54 p.m:** Dog Bite - 55400 blk, Delta Rd.  
**6:48 p.m:** Theft of Mail - McK. Hwy. Mp. 43.  
**7:00 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 90800 blk, Sunderman Rd.  
**July 3: 12:03 a.m:** Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Carson St.  
**12:52 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.  
**9:21 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Mp. 14.  
**11:07 a.m:** Alarm - 41500 blk, Deerhorn Rd.  
**12:55 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.  
**3:29 p.m:** Alarm - 51500 blk,

McK. Hwy.  
**7:55 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 37300 blk, camp creek Rd.  
**10:08 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.  
**10:23 p.m:** Assault - 88800 blk, Twin Firs Rd.  
**10:59 p.m:** Assault - McK. Hwy. & Eagle Rock Dr.

### Deputies recover partial human remains

The Lane County Sheriff's Office has recovered partial human remains that have been identified as belonging to Shane Sprenger from Blue River. This is still an active investigation and the Sheriff's Office is requesting anyone with any information to please contact the Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150.

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

## Fishing Report

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

**Trout Stocking Schedule:** Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 1,000, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 2,500, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

### Fish Counts

**June 22, Willamette Falls**  
 Spring Chinook - 18,636  
 Summer Steelhead - 740



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

**July 6** - European colonists brought the first honeybees to North America in 1622. It was more than 200 years later that the first honeybees crossed the Rocky Mountains and finally reached Oregon. John Davenport is credited with successfully importing the first hive of honeybees. He brought his bees over the Oregon Trail and arrived in the Willamette Valley in the early 1850s where he turned the bees loose on his farm in Marion County. Within a few years other hives were brought from California and were sold for the staggering sum of \$125 per hive.

### Quote of the Week

"The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you're the pilot."

Michael Altschuler

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Background on the 2020 Labor Day fires in Oregon

In September and October 2020, more than one million acres of forest burned in western Oregon wildfires - specifically the Lionshead, Beachie Creek, Holiday Farm, Riverside, South Obenchain and Archie Creek fires. Nine lives were lost. Over 6,000 homes, businesses, and structures were destroyed. Fifty thousand people were evacuated from their homes, half a million people were

on evacuation watch, and millions were impacted by air quality hazardous to human health for ten days. For Oregon's forest sector, the economic impact of the fires is estimated to be a loss of \$5.9 billion.

The communities and landowners impacted by these fires remain in crisis, struggling to recover and meet basic needs. Through this program, Sustainable Northwest and partners are rebuilding these landscapes for the health of forests, drinking water, wildlife, and the social and economic anchors that support rural communities.

Partners include Glide Revitalization; Santiam Long-Term Recovery Group; Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District; American Forests; Eugene Water and Electric Board; Bonneville Environmental Foundation; Oregon Dept. of Forestry; Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District; Pure Water Partners; and McKenzie Soil and Water Conservation District.

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# Forest Patrol assessments are back in effect

## Extension of landowner offset has ended

Forest Patrol Assessments are charged to public and private landowners to help fund wildfire suppression efforts by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The associated costs due to required increases in staffing and resources were deferred in the 2021–23 biennium by a one-time offset of \$15 million for both public and private landowners. ODF's 2023–25 budget, as approved by the state legislature, does not include the offset.

The Labor Day wildfires of 2020 demonstrated the state's vulnerability to catastrophic wildfires. In response, the 2021 Legislature passed Senate Bill 762 adding wildfire response capacity and preparedness programs to benefit Oregonians.

Senate Bill 762 directed the Oregon Department of Forestry to create new programs and increase capacity for adequate protection of public and private forestland and rangeland. The cost for increased capacity is shared between public and private landowners through Forest Patrol Assessments. Private landowner rates are provided to county tax assessors July 1 for inclusion in property tax rolls.

Landowners pay a per-acre assessment to help fund wildfire suppression. To alleviate the initial financial increase to forest patrol assessments, SB 762, passed by the 2021 Legislature, included a one-time offset in the amount of \$15 million. This offset was intended to mitigate a sharp increase from previous landowner rates to the new rates that were created by expansion of wildfire capacity in SB 762.

An extension of the landowner offset was considered during the 2023 legislative session. However, the extension ultimately did

not make it into ODF's budget. As a result, the fiscal-year 2024 Forest Patrol Assessments will be provided to county assessors for inclusion in county property tax rolls. Those assessments include the increased costs for fire protection required by law, but without the one-time financial assistance for landowners provided in the 2021–23 biennium.

In response, Senator Steiner sent a letter to Republican legislative leadership stating her commitment to seeking solutions to this cost burden for the 2024 legislative session. In it, Senator Steiner writes:

"After consulting with partners and interests closely involved with these issues, we have committed to convening a workgroup to propose revisions in the assessment and harvest tax structure to better address the cost of grazing and forest fire protection in ways that consider proportionate contributions from various stakeholders."

This legislative workgroup convened by Senator Steiner, in coordination with the Governor's Office, will work to bring potential landowner rate relief and concepts to restructure wildfire funding to the 2024 Legislature. If landowner offsets are again funded by the 2024 Legislature, it will be applied to fiscal year 2025 Forest Patrol Assessments, reducing the per-acre charge in the second year of the biennium.

An updated funding structure is necessary to address the increasing severity of Oregon's wildfires. ODF protects approximately 16.2 million acres of public and private forestland and rangeland, and hotter and dryer climate conditions require ever-increasing demands on wildfire firefighting resources.

# Residency requirement for Aid-in-Dying Law repealed

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

Legislation that eliminates the residency requirement for Oregon's aid-in-dying law is awaiting the governor's signature.

House Bill 2279 repeals the requirement that people utilizing the state's Death with Dignity Act must be Oregon residents.

Callie Riley is the Northwest regional advocacy manager for Compassion & Choices. She said their research hasn't found any other medical care that's available to in-state residents, but not people from out of state.

"It really just says that your ZIP code of residence is not a barrier to accessing this law," said Riley, "but every other safeguard is left intact."

The bill's passage comes after a case last year brought by Compassion & Choices in Multnomah County, that argued the residency requirement violated the equal-treatment provision of the U.S. Constitution.

The county settled in that case but was the only county bound to follow it at the time.

The case was brought on behalf of Dr. Nick Gideonse, associate professor of family medicine with Oregon Health & Science Univer-



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**A bill to repeal Oregon's residency requirement for its aid-in-dying law received bipartisan support.**

sity, who said the law can be hard to access.

"One of those barriers was the residency requirement, which struck me personally with a couple of cases," said Gideonse, "patients of mine who were Washington based, which is not unusual for a Portland physician. But then once they pursued anything around Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, I was unable to continue to provide care in that area."

Riley said people at the end of their lives have come to Oregon to access the Death with Dignity Act.

"There are people who have traveled to Oregon to utilize the

law and have had to go through that onerous process of establishing residency," said Riley. "But in practice we don't anticipate that it will be a large number of people or that we will see, as the opposition has been saying for decades, widespread death tourism or what have you."

Oregon became the second state to remove the residency requirement for its aid-in-dying law.

Vermont was the first to do so last month. Seven other states, including California and Washington, have residency requirements as part of their laws.

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