Area moves to ‘High’ Fire Precaution Level II

By Eric Tegelhoff, 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 to 67 projects across the country.

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 Lionhead, Beachie Creek, Holiday Farm, Riverside, South Obenchain and Ar- chie 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.

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. 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 trial. 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/5xthxfv
AARP projects

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AARP has been making a lot of investments in their downtown to have that vibrant livable space for folks of all ages,” Triplet 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 Health Center; 15 pop-up events in East Portland focused on disability and aging resilience.

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 on the overall 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 offensive to some of their hearers.” — Street v. New York, 1969

It was not until 1989 for the Supreme Court to declare in Texas v. Johnson that the act of burning the flag — though it did not rule on the overall flag desecration law in question. This touched off efforts in Congress to outlaw flag burning and flag desecration. The First Amendment have ever been made.

Desecration describes burning or desecrating 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 use the flag as an act of protest for the government.

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June 25: 8:42 a.m: Vicious Animal - 92000 blk, 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 patroling and it was determined there was no crime. The deputy provided a courtesy ride to the caller.

June 26: 10:29 a.m: Theft From Vehicle - Blue River area. Caller advised they saw their camp trailer was broken into and involved stole a generator. No suspect info at this time. 10:16 a.m: Motor Vehicle Theft - no injury - Marcela 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, Laksone Ln. 3:54 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 91500 blk, Horse Creek Rd. 10:37 p.m: Incomplete 911 call - Lat: 44.18783, Long: -122.93050.

June 27: 12:48 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37000 blk, Goats Rd. 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./Milp20. 2:01 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - McGowan overlook. 5:09 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 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. Deputy made contact with caller and it was determined there was no crime. Deputy had walked away.

June 28: 2:28 p.m: Assault - 38200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Caller advised that daughter assaulted him 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, Laksone Ln. 4:06 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 45600 blk, N. gate Creek Rd. 6:42 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcela Rd. & Nadeau Rd. 7:20 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 45600 blk, N. gate Creek Rd. 2:17 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd. 3:40 a.m: Alarm - 88100 blk, Chita Ln. 12:04 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcela 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 a.m: Subpoena Service - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd. 5:32 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcela Rd. & Shadows Dr. 5:53 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy.& Angels Flight Rd.

6:00 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd. 7:17 p.m: Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd. 7:47 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Auffiderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy. Deputy advised he was shot 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. 30: 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 Ln. 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.

6:22 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcela Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

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

10:13 p.m: Weapon Offense - Lat: 44.16692, 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 Mending.

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...saving stories from the rising tide of time.

MCKENZIE RIVER SIDELIGHTS
Reprinted from “McKenzie River Reflections and Recipes” McKenzie High Booster Club 1971

By Prince Helfrich
The McKenzie River was first discovered by Donald McKenzie in 1811. Trails from Eastern Oregon followed 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 by the early inhabi-
tants of the Willamette Valley.
As late as 1935, parties of East-
ern Oregon Indians came to the McKenzie in their light canoes, accompanied by extra horses and several mongrel dogs, who trotted beside the canoes up or down the river at the horses’ heels. They would stop at Halfway, the resort owned by B. B. and Ruth Helfrich, par-
tents of Prince Helfrich. They wanted to trade moccasins and gloves for deer hides, and were always delighted to recount the apple which the Helfrich family raised in plentiful supply.
As the stage came downriver, after exchanging stories of hunt-
ing success they would camp at a clearing just above Clover Point. On one occasion an old Indian was questioned as to how he hap-
pened to be lurking. His reply, “Me kick ‘em out!”
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, many of the mail was deliv-ered by horse stages. The stages not only carried the mail but also carried passengers and freight. These stage drivers were hardy and well suited to the run-
ings of the white water, came into the guiding of parties down the river. The stages had a number of oars. He began taking fishermen upriver. Prince Helfrich boated heavy leaders.

...1900’s, pregnant hinterland-
dwelling women had no access to a midwife. Such a person was known as the Blazing Stump. Mary Thomson was the midwife for this area for years.
Mrs. Frances O’Brien shared the following about the birth of their daughter: On arrival, the midwife might

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...the mother was having a very difficult delivery. 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 with her stiffened cramps, she would take her sweet time.

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 to the lower end of the bed for the mother to pull on as she labored.

Today, with super-highways and access to hospital emer-
pitals in minutes, and are home in a few days. We’ve “come a long way, baby...” and mothers.

The McKenzie’s LITTLE LADY
The 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 at seasonal rates. The McKenzie was one of the fin-
est trout streams in the world, due to the cool water and abundance of food. In the early 1900’s there was no limit on the number of fish one could save.

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Summer has arrived and so have the weeds in 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 biterns to, 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 roots are still short. Sifting 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 are safe.

“These herbicides can be very useful to homeowners,” Peachey said. “They can 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.

Nipplewort (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, thought 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 (Kicksia 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 (with its own tubers), but is much smaller. Like bindweed, it spreads by roots and seeds.

Shiny geranium (Geranium robertianum), which doesn’t give off a bad odor and has shiny waxy leaves that isn’t as deep cut as herb Robert. Both have dark pink flowers similar to the ones of the geraniums, but much smaller. Herb Robert flowers are three to four times the size of shiny geranium. Spreads by seed.

Web uniformed (Cardamine olerogesperma) is a tiny weed that forms a roseate. 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 have two to pods that can release thousands of seeds that “pop” many feet away.

Purplish horehound (Lambium 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 snapdragon blooms. Spreads by seed.
July 7 – 9  
Lavender Festival  
McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop for fragrances, clothing, and gifts while walking on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk past lavender fields and pick your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender Farm, located just east of Walterville, on Hwy. 126, specializes in lavender, a wonderful source of natural beauty, arts, food, and lavender fresheners. 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 on Quart Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through December 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 Watershed. Information on conservation 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 learn to love drawing with Ellen. She is patient and calm and works students through the drawing process from start to finish. Designated especially for your child, ages 6 - 10, 9:30 am for children of non-members. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center in Springfield.

July 9  
The Dime At A Time  
The McKenzie Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. for those 3rd grade and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

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 City Parks Committee  
The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (except during July & August). The advisory committee helps the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for Township parks, and assists in 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 10  
Board of Commissioners  
Lane County Board of Commissioners meets 1st Tuesday of each month in Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

July 11  
Tina Dental Van  
The Tina Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchard McKenzie School on Tuesday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Tina dental van will be open to children 6 and older and no cost. No need to schedule in advance. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed especially for your child, ages 6 - 10, 9:00 for children of members, $11.00 for children of non-members. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield.

July 12  
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 water availability.

July 12  
Mck River Fire Pantry  
The board of directors of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 51187 Blue River Rd, Dr. The meeting will be live-streamed with viewing available at www.mckrfp.org UC14_q6F8meIzAI4UMCQ/videos.

July 12  
Family Story Time  
From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 3759 Upper Creek Rd. Some summer programs are held at the programs every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

July 13  
Vida McKenzie Board  
The Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 88393 Waltersville Loop.

July 13  
Mck Food Pantry  
The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 5633 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with 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 Art Festival show will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 89849 Greenwood Dr. The Pacific Rim Art Guild show includes a reception and award ceremony on Friday evening. The McKenzie Art Guild opened their field from June 10th to July 10th for artists to come and paint.  The Blueberry Art Festival is free and open to the public, with an artist prospectus online for more information. The cost is $35 for Open Division and $45 for Professional Division. Award Wrap-up event will be held on July 10th.

July 14  
McKenzie Fire Pantry  
The McKenzie Fire Pantry is the place to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette rivers meet. The McKenzie Fire Pantry is a function of the McKenzie River Watershed. Join the McKenzie Fire Pantry.

July 15  
Mck Church, Community Center  
The McKenzie River Church of Community Center meets every Tuesday during the month of June 8:30am - 2:00pm for assessment, intranet photos, regarding long-term planning, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointment cleanings.

July 15  
McKenzie Bridge Church  
As a result of the Church’s initiative for professional division. Sunday School services are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

July 16  
Mck McKenzie School Board  
The McKenzie School Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m in the Administration Building of the Blue River Church, 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene, Dr. The meeting will be live-streamed with viewing available at www.mckrfp.org UC14_q6F8meIzAI4UMCQ/videos.

July 17  
Family Story Time  
The McKenzie 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 17  
Fire & Rescue  
McKenzie 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  
The Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

July 18  
Family Story Time  
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July 19  
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 19  
Board of Commissioners  
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July 20  
Mck McKenzie Bridge  
The McKenzie River Church of Community Center meets every third Thursday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Board of Directors meeting. A link for a new meeting. Contact info@mckrfp.org.

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Mck Church  
The McKenzie Fire Pantry is the place to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette rivers meet. The McKenzie Fire Pantry is a function of the McKenzie River Watershed. Join the McKenzie Fire Pantry.

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July 21  
Living River Day  
I’ve been looking for so long to find someone to 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 I was twenty. 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, so I gave up 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 disgust, 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 heartache, I can barely tolerate spending time with him. When he says a line he used to give me when we were 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, just to make him happy? 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 they think they make you live a lie, because then there is no truth anywhere. They don’t care, 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 on a boil. Why? It means to go. Love means to help the child to grow up to thinking there is real emotion if you are going to teach the falsehood.

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 Network—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 Wisslawa 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 admit 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 something or someone:

seventy-seven.

Capable of happiness:

twenty-two-some-odd at most.

Harassment alone,

turning swarms in crowds:

more than half, for sure.

Cruel

when forced by circumstances:

it’s better not to know,

not even approximately.

Wisely in hindsight:

not many more

than wise in foresight.

Getting nothing out of life except:

things

(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, Wisslawa Szymborska received international recognition when she won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1996. In awarding her prize, the Nobel Prize Committee praised her poetry “that with ironic precision allows the historical and biological context to come to light as fragments of human reality.” Collectors of her poems that have been translated into English include People on a Bridge (1996), View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems (1995), Miracle Faust (2001), and Monologues of a Dog (2005). Szymborska lived most of her life in Krakow; she studied Polish literature and received a fellowship from the University of Vienna, and worked as an editor and columnist. A selection of her reviews was published in English under the title Required Reading: Prose Pieces (2002). She received the Polish PEN Club prize, the Goethe Prize, and the Herder Prize.
ACROSS
1. *Lactuca sativa* dish
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 oecum"
30. "Fastest growing woody plant"
35. Footnote acronym
37. Mosquito net, e.g.
39. Attention-seeking
40. *Petit dish gel*
41. The Wise Men
42. French appetizer
43. Sacheherazade’s listener
44. Skier’s aid
45. Certain saxes
46. "_____, we forget"
47. Christian of haute-couture
48. Based on two
49. Sake
50. Major news network, acr.
52. Colorado’s neighbor
54. Cargo carrier
55. Official language of Laos
57. *Relating to trunk, neck and head*
60. Lamb’s momma
62. South American tubers
63. *Basic unit of heredity*
64. Paradise garden
67. Like Willy Winkie

DOWN
1. Design detail
2. Big name in gasoline stations
3. "Genus Panthera" member
4. Improvise
5. Godlike
6. Point of entry
7. *Genetic information carrier, acr.*
8. 9 a.m. prayer
9. Saturn’s daughter, Roman goddess
10. "Petit dish gel"
11. The Wise Men
12. French appetizer
15. Scheherazade’s listener
20. Swelling of human organs
21. Priestly garb
24. Book cover prototype
25. "Fatty acids"
26. Piano key material
27. Ranch of Mexican Revolution fame
28. "Basic unit of life"
31. Fermented honey libation
32. Misrepresent
33. Theater to Socrates
34. Deed hearings
36. "Wanted!" option
38. "Parasite’s ride"
40. "Mediterranean Diet"
41. Certain saxes
42. Stately
43. *Basic unit of life*
45. *Fastest growing woody plant*
46. "Wanted!" option
47. "Parasite’s ride"
48. Base
51. Agenda entries
52. Colorado’s neighbor
53. "Basic unit of heredity"
56. Round openings
57. Filled 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 Willy Winkie

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**McKenzie Watershed Council**

The Board of Commissioners meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the 2nd. For information, email mccluskey@kcl.org.

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6. Banned insecticide
9. Doorframe part
13. "Group of #3 Down"
60. Lamb’s momma
65. *Relating to trunk, neck and head*
66. Lamb’s momma
68. *Wise Men*
69. Itty-bitty
71. Fill with spirits
72. *Giant sequoia*, e.g.
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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**Sheriff’s Report**

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**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
- Leaburg Lake - 1,000

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

**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 Altshuler

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**Forest landowners**

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- Connecting landowners to contractors as needed to implement reforestation efforts.
- Landowners can learn more, see if they qualify, and apply at labordayfires.org.
- 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 Umpqua, 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.

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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 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 working group 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 working group 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 drier climate conditions require ever-increasing demands on wildfire firefighting resources.

Residency requirement for Aid-in-Dying Law repealed

By Eric Teghetto
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 University, 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.

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

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