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## Home Country

The evening was one of those that come back to you time after time, year after long year

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## Control sneaky root weevils

Rhododendrons say spring as loudly as football says fall. Both have fervent fans and enemies

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## Woman killed in Friday wreck

### Two vehicles involved near Milepost 31

VIDA: Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 126 last Friday.

According to OSP reports, the accident involved a passenger car hitting a building contractor's trailer at 7:40 p.m. on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Police said 37-year-old Juan Carbajal Rodrigues was driving a black Chevrolet and backing a flatbed trailer loaded with construction material into a driveway. While using the eastbound lane to back up, a construction worker was flagging traffic when an eastbound Acura TSX, operated by 40-year-old Shannon Randall of Leaburg, failed to stop and nearly struck the flagger.

The report said Randall tried to avoid the individual but collided into the back of the trailer. Randall sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased. The passenger in the Acura, a 17-year-old male from Leaburg, was transported with non-life-threatening injuries to a local hospital. Carbajal Rodrigues was not injured.

Highway 126 was closed for approximately 2 hours. OSP was assisted on the scene by McKenzie Fire & Rescue and ODOT.

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## Clinic replacement costs are mounting

### Wellness board mulling rebuilding plans

BLUE RIVER: A new clinic to replace the one lost to the Holiday Farm Fire might range in size from 2,050 to 2,827 square feet. Those sizes were among alternatives Katie Hall with Pivot Architecture of Eugene presented to the McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) board last Monday. Specific costs - as well as design details - are still in flux and no decision on the proposals was reached.

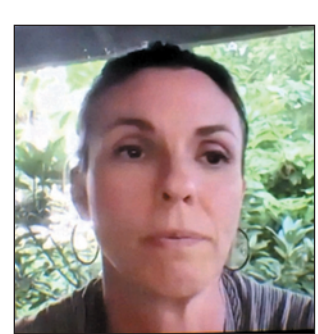
The size of the building had been reduced down from what was first envisioned as a 4,000 square foot replacement. Further scaling down will have impacts on planned operations that are most likely to change space allocations for the lobby, break room, office space, and shared open areas, Hall noted.

Details of the construction, she said, call for a wooden stick-built structure that wouldn't employ glulam beams or other more costly items. "The most efficient way we can cut costs is by cutting square feet," she said.

Money to pay for the rebuild is coming from a state fire relief grant and an insurance settlement. Of the \$1.8 million grant, \$100,000 has already been spent to transform and help equip a temporary clinic operating out of the former Rustic Quilt Shop in Rainbow. A \$210,000 settlement was received from insurance to replace the original building.

Citing high costs of construction was board member Jason Cloke. He said those rates are currently running around \$350 to 450 per square foot for residential structures. Commercial rates, he said, are averaging between \$600 to \$750 a square foot. No numbers were discussed related to the amount of money needed to replace basic furniture and fixtures, as well as medical equipment.

Sentiment on the board appeared to support a design that Hall called the "Long House." It featured a rectangular floor plan as opposed to the other "L" shaped options.



Katie Hall

Having enough space was a concern for Robin Roberts who questioned if the smaller floor plans would, "have enough space for our mission statement of educating the public?" Jane Wilson noted that she would, "like to see us build a clinic that will stand as long as the previous one did before the fire and served the community." Because

the clinic replacement - P 10

## County to join Holiday Farm Fire lawsuit

### "This is something we are required to do"

EUGENE: On Tuesday, the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved a measure that could help recover wildfire damages. Approved by the four commissioners at the meeting, the action authorizes the law firms of Baron & Budd, Tom D'Amore and Dixon Diab & Chambers and Initiative Litigation to represent the county in securing financial resources to respond to the losses and damages caused by the Holiday Farm Fire.

"It's important for the public to understand that we are really bound to do this simply because we accept FEMA (Federal Energy Management Agency) dollars for providing support services after the Holiday Farm Fire," said West Lane Commissioner Joe Berney. "Any agency that receives FEMA dollars by law must do everything in its ability to recover those dollars."

Also stressing that point was vice chair Laurie Trieger

of South Eugene. "This is us keeping the door open and keeping our options on the table while not taking any explicit action," Trieger said. "It really isn't us sort of out to wring dollars out of a stone. We have to keep our options open."

Before the vote, county counsel Steve Dingle had advised the board that timing was important because Tuesday's meeting was their last session to take action before a September 7<sup>th</sup> statute of limitations. In a memo, Dingle wrote that, "The Lane County Board of Commissioners has a both a fiduciary duty to their taxpayers to make certain that anyone responsible for causing the Holiday Farm Fire and the resulting damage is held accountable to Lane County taxpayers to fullest extent allowed by law. In addition Lane County has a separate legal obligation to use every means possible to hold all of

those individuals and or entities responsible for causing the Holiday Farm Fire and the ensuing damages responsible for their conduct."

East Lane Commissioner Heather Buch noted that "the issue is exceptionally emotional for the people that are upriver," she said. "It's not that we'll probably see anything immediately, most likely this will take years to process."

Buch also noted that "People will hear about this today and will wonder what it means. We are doing this - probably in conjunction with many other fire affected counties across the state - who also have the legal bounds in that we are utilizing federal and state dollars."

"In no way is Lane County trying to position itself against other public bodies or agencies," Berney said. "This is something we are required to do."

## Finn Rock Reach Restoration earns national award

McKenzie River Trust's Restoration Projects Manager, Christer LaBrecque, has received the Riparian Challenge Award on behalf of the Finn Rock Reach restoration projects team. The Riparian Challenge Award, from the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, encourages the conservation and sound management of riparian habitats in the western United States. Each year, the WDAFS recognizes

outstanding achievements in riparian management by bestowing "Excellence in Riparian Management" awards. This award showcases the incredible leadership of regional restoration practitioners working on the middle McKenzie River. The first phase of the project was completed in 2021. Project leadership includes the US Forest Service, McKenzie River Trust, and the McKenzie Watershed Council.



Christer LaBrecque monitoring water quality at Finn Rock Reach.

## How clean is your well water?

### Free nitrate screenings coming to Herrick Farms

WALTERVILLE: The Oregon State University Extension Service will hold a free well water nitrate screening at Herrick Farms this Friday. The testing is related to the wildfires of 2020 and the possibility many domestic wells and septic systems may have been damaged in different ways. Damage to water systems could compromise their ability to work properly in addition to testing for contaminants that may cause harm in the future.

Nitrate in groundwater can cause health issues. It is not naturally occurring so if nitrate appears it is possible that other contaminants have reached the groundwater.

Testing is recommended at least once a year, and regularly in homes with infants, pregnant women, and immune-compromised individuals.

To get a free nitrate test at the screening site, people should bring about 1/2 a cup



Previous water testings have been held around Oregon.

of unfiltered well water in a clean container. The test normally takes about 10 minutes if the clinic isn't busy. Various educational resources will be available related to nitrates, other contaminants, well water, and septic-related topics.

Herrick Farms' address is 88088 Millican Road in Waltherville. The screening

will be held from 1 to 5: p.m. on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information on well water and septic systems, free Rural Living Basics classes, and other nitrate screening events, visit the OSU Extension Service website wellwater. oregonstate.edu or call 541-713-5009



# Letters to the Editor

### New to Orchid

I came to my current role as manager at Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic after working 15 years in fast paced primary care where my job came first and family second. I am the mom of two fantastic, very involved and active boys and I chose to come to Orchid for the work/life balance and the commitment to employee happiness and fulfillment.

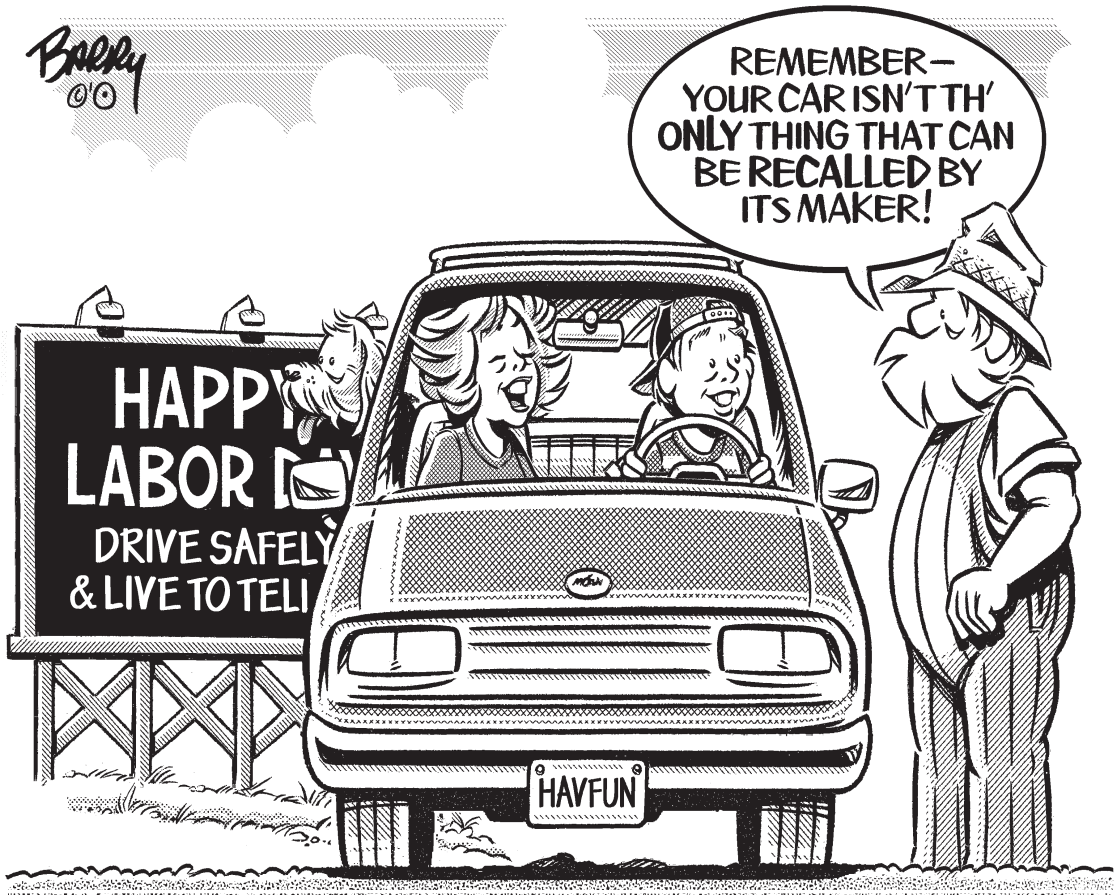
Working in rural healthcare has resurfaced my passion in healthcare and the McKenzie River community is truly Orchid's mission statement. We serve over 700 patients at the McKenzie River Clinic and this year we expanded our services to offer pediatric care, urgent care, and community health visits to patients' homes for the first time.

As the first federally recognized Rural Health Clinic in Or-

egon, McKenzie River Clinic was founded in 1977 and has been providing care for this community ever since, even after losing our clinic building to the fire of September 2020.

From day one, our collaborative relationship with McKenzie Valley Wellness has been key to ensuring that we are able to deliver health care that meets the needs of our patients and the community. Sustaining access to health care in rural communities like ours requires creativity and commitment and our partnership with McKenzie Valley Wellness is essential to continuing this clinic's legacy and ensuring we can provide care to the community years to come.

Missy Albrich  
McKenzie River Clinic  
Manager at Orchid Health



### McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team hosts Alsea, Tuesday, August 30. Match time is 6:00 pm in the New Gymnasium.

The Eagle Varsity Volleyball team travels to Siletz Valley on Thursday, September 1 for a 6:00 pm match. The McKenzie Varsity Football team also travels to Siletz Valley, Thursday, September 1; with kickoff set for 7:00 pm.

McKenzie Varsity Volleyball travels to Crow on Tuesday, September 6 with match time set for 6:00 pm.

### Spikes, Digs and Friday Night Lights

### Eagle Fall Athletics Return

Fall season is sneaking in, fully intent on reintroducing a whole new perspective to life in the McKenzie Valley. Maybe you hadn't noticed yet, no fault of your own. Summer hasn't decided to cool its heels yet, stubbornly hanging hot, dry days on River folks still. If you're just now getting around to working on your tan you've still got options, lobster red or the tanning salon downtown. The latter might be the

better deal in the long run.

A few trail hikes should still be considered and the high country huckleberries are coloring up. Both might fit in real nicely with a black bear spotting. Have you tried fishing for a cutthroat trout with a red huckleberry? And that woodshed, well, you've still got a bit of time! Garden activities aside, now's when one should be looking for your favorite athletic fan wear.

Full disclosure, not talking Beavers, Ducks this forum. Eagles, that's what I'm talking about. As in McKenzie Eagles. Gridiron and Friday night-lights. Polished hardwood, diggin' and spikin'. And loping over hill and dale with a breeze, hopefully, at your back. To put it more directly, the McKenzie Fall Sports campaign is in full swing and Eagle Coaches and athletes are actively working out the fundamentals and putting the first polish on, in anticipation of that first contest of the year.

McKenzie Varsity Volleyball takes the stage first, the Eagle ladies hosting the visiting Alsea Wolverines on Tuesday, August 30. That match will already be in the books by the time this article is published, but the opportunity to drive over to Siletz Valley the following Thursday, September 1, for the second match of the season will still be there for those so willing.

The Eagle ladies will be encouraged and directed by first year Head Coach Rachel Marks

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## Guest Opinion

### Hometown newspapers stand up to Big Tech

By Christopher P. Reen

America's Newspapers encourages all newspapers to reprint Chris Reen's editorial. Or, write your own editorial and send [dridings@newspapers.org](mailto:dridings@newspapers.org) a link. Thank you for your support of the JCPA!

The internet that Silicon Valley promised us was supposed to be a haven for new ideas, robust free speech and a free flow of information. Instead, the internet we got is dominated by a handful of Big Tech companies that wield unprecedented power over nearly every aspect of our lives.

While Google and Facebook are amassing billions of dollars in advertising revenue, small, local and independent media companies, which produce content that fuels these platforms, have to fight for scraps. Big Tech does everything it can to ensure that its users never leave their platform for other sites — depriving small and local publishers of their chance to monetize their content. In my home state of Colorado, 59% of residents get their news from Facebook and 44% of residents use Google as their primary source of news.

As a result, small, local and independent publishers are shuttering their doors, and the companies that don't align with the ideologies of Silicon Valley's elite that make up these tech giants are punished and censored. Recent reporting shows that local newspapers in the U.S. are dying off at a rate of two per week, as 360 newspapers have shuttered since the end of 2019.

Big Tech's suffocation of local news is important because Americans trust their local news — 73% of U.S. adults surveyed by the Poynter Media Trust Sur-

vey said they have confidence in their local newspaper, compared to 55% for national network news stations. Moreover, local news helps bind our communities by reporting on events closest to us, our friends and our families. It can present diverse ideas and opinions often unexamined by mainstream corporate media.

Data from the News/Media Alliance shows that news publishers employ 9,560 Colorado reporters and newsroom staff. Big Tech's ad tech tax takes 50-70% of every ad dollar from news publishers while hiring zero reporters. Local papers could hire more reporters if Big Tech paid them for the quality journalism that fuels their platforms and profits.

Fortunately, several bipartisan solutions gaining momentum in Congress are designed to reign in the excesses of Big Tech. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) is among the most promising pieces of legislation.

The JCPA is designed to address Big Tech's unprecedented assault on the free press and free speech by allowing small, local and independent news publishers to band together to negotiate better terms with Big Tech (notably Google and Facebook) for using their content.

Most importantly, the JCPA prohibits viewpoint discrimination, meaning the Big Tech platforms cannot exclude publications with conservative editorial pages, like our Washington Examiner and others.

Due to antitrust laws, news pub-

lishers are forced to cut deals with Facebook and Google one-on-one. The bill removes legal obstacles to news organizations' ability to negotiate collectively and secure fair terms from gatekeeper platforms that regularly access news content without paying for its value.

Hundreds of small, local and independent news publishers from across the political spectrum support the JCPA. Recent polling by the News/Media Alliance found that 70 percent of Americans believe it is important for Congress to pass the JCPA and more than two-thirds (67%) of Republican respondents agree that elected officials who oppose the JCPA are allowing Big Tech to have all the negotiating power instead of arming local media with the tools to fight back.

The JCPA is a crucial first step to standing up to Big Tech's anti-competitive practices, and it is a bill that both Republicans and Democrats can get behind. Small and local publishers work hard to report the news and cover their communities, yet Big Tech gets to profit from their work. This is fundamentally unfair, and the JCPA will bring about a much-needed change.

Contact your member of Congress to support the JCPA and ensure Big Tech doesn't cancel local news.

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8/25	93	59	0	695 cfs					
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8/27	76	57	0	710 cfs					
8/28	84	50	0	478 cfs					
8/29	96	59	0	695 cfs					



# Sheriff's Report

**Aug. 22: 2:35 a.m:** Prowler - 87300 block, Cedar Flat Rd. A caller advised that an unknown male was possibly on her property. No further description provided.

**7:43 a.m:** Request Cover - 40900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:14 a.m:** Harassment - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Caller reported ongoing harassment from her estranged husband.

**2:06 p.m:** Alarm - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**10:58 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 90700 blk, Hill Rd. Caller reported a dispute with her teenage son. No injuries or crimes reported.

**Aug. 23: 4:05 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 87800 blk, Lupe Ln. Caller was propositioned for sex in exchange for money by a known suspect.

**6:07 p.m:** Menacing - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

**6:10 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

Dispute between contractor and people retrieving property from the location. No crime articulated.

**Aug.24: 7:39a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy. Dispute between roommates. Parties separated, no crime articulated.

**9:47 a.m:** Theft - 88600 blk, Ermi Bee Rd. A caller advised that their business account was hacked and an undisclosed amount of money was stolen.

**11:34 a.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**12:02 p.m:** Burglary - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy. An unknown person broke into the caller's house and defecated in the caller's shower.

**12:36 p.m:** Assist, Information - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:24 p.m:** Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:17 p.m:** Driving While Suspended - Finn Rock Landing.

**6:28 p.m:** Found Contraband - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

**7:07 p.m:** Warrant Service - Finn Rock Landing.

**8:18 p.m:** Shots Fired - 37000

blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**10:59 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39900 blk, Log Creek Rd.

**11:07 p.m:** Screaming - Camp Creek Rd. & Oakshire Dr.

**Aug. 25: 9:55 a.m:** Threat, Harassment - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**11:21 a.m:** Animal Abuse - 91100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**3:21 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. Milepost 33.

**3:36 p.m:** ATL Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

**3:53 p.m:** Assist, Information - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

**6:34 p.m:** Civil Service - 91500 blk, Dearborn Island Rd.

**7:17 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**7:19 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**Aug. 26: 12:46 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. Mp. 14.

**1:20 a.m:** Disabled Vehicle - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:44 a.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Marcola area.

**11:40 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:38 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 47700 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:24 a.m:** Traffic Hazard

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# State Police Report

**Aug. 25: 14:29:** Fish & Wildlife, Angling - McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam. Trooper observed an angler fighting a salmon, As it grew tired trooper could see it was coming in sideways, a clear indicator that the salmon was snagged. As the angler prepared to land the salmon trooper could see the white Malibu jig in the side of the salmon near the belly. The salmon was then landed and the angler offered it to a bystander. The bystander accepted the unlawfully landed salmon and began to leave. The trooper returned to his truck and began to drive back to the highway. As he crossed the dam the trooper could see the bystander leaving the parking area and head west on the highway. The trooper was able to overtake the vehicle and get it stopped. The salmon was

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# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**AUG. 22: 8:12:** 39000 block, Deerhorn Rd. Fire Alarm.

**NA:** McK. Hwy./Thompson Lane. Public Assist N/A. Car in ditch.

**13:42:** Milepost 13, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**15:09:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**16:04:** 44000 blk, Blk McK. Hwy. Smoke Scare. Unable To Locate.

**17:26:** McK. Hwy. Mp. 30 Illegal Burn. UTL.

**Aug. 23: 14:06:** 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No transport

**21:42:** 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Aug. 24: 10:25:** McK. Hwy./Page Lane MVA. Non-Injury,

Non-Blocking.

**15:41:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**1:10:** 7900 blk, South C Street Medical, General. Disregarded.

**Aug. 25: 10:43:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**11:09:** 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Deceased Subject. Transfer to LCSO.

**18:27:** 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:17:** 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**19:21:** Mp.38McK.Hwy.MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**Aug. 26: 7:38:** McK. Hwy. & Mp. 31. MVA. Patient Assessed/Deceased.

**11:44:** McK. Hwy. & Mp. 31. Extrication.

**12:41:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No transport.

**16:46:** 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Mistaken Alarm. Disregarded on scene by LCSO.

**Aug. 27: 21:44:** McK. Hwy./**Continued On Page 9**

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Aug. 24: 18:54:** Medical - 56000 block, Delta Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Aug. 27: 21:43:** Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 36. 3 vehicles, 1 Blocking eastbound lane.

**Aug. 28: 01:22:** Forest Fire - 57000 blk, McK. Hwy./Across from Ranger Station. Approx. 20 ft into the woods, a few trees are on fire.

**Aug. 29: 15:37:** Medical - Approx.1.5 miles in from Carmen Smith trailhead. Female alert but lethargic.

The upper McK. Fire district board of directors will hold its

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# Iconic Hollywood movies filmed in Oregon, Part Three

By Finn J.D. John

In this third and final part of a 3-part series on iconic Hollywood films shot in Oregon, we'll talk about six films rather than five. Our survey ends, rather arbitrarily, with the end of the 1980s, at the dawning of the Gus Van Sant era of filmmaking in Oregon (and particularly in the Portland area).

But first:

11. The Apple Dumpling Gang (1975)

Walt Disney Productions. Starring Bill Bixby, Susan Clark, Don Knotts, Tim Conway. Oregon connection: Deschutes County.

This lightweight, feel-good Gold Rush Western comedy was Disney's most lucrative hit of the 1970s, and it was genuinely funny. Critics didn't quite know what to make of it — most of them clearly felt it was low-quality stuff, but I don't think there was a single child who saw this movie and didn't love it.

In this flick, a roving gambler wins a bunch of stuff in a card game, then discovers to his dismay that it comes with three orphan children. The kids subsequently find a huge gold nugget and suddenly everybody wants to adopt them. There's a gang of good bad guys — the Apple Dumpling Gang, a pair of serial bumblers played by Knotts and Conway — and a gang of bad bad guys — led by the one and only Slim Pickens. To foil the bad bad guys, the kids have to help the good bad guys steal their nugget from the bank where it's being held for safekeeping.

Several scenes in The Apple Dumpling Gang were shot in particularly picturesque parts of Deschutes County, near Bend.

12. The Shining (1977)



Universal Pictures

A movie poster for Animal House.

Warner Bros. Starring Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall, Danny Lloyd, Scatman Crothers. Oregon connection: Timberline Lodge.

The Shining is one of the great masterpieces of supernatural horror. Its initial reception was a little shaky, but history has been very kind to it and today it's a vital part of pop culture.

The most significant connection to Oregon in The Shining is Timberline Lodge, which stands in for The Overlook Hotel — although most of the interior shots of the movie were done on movie lots.

In this movie, writer Jack Torrance takes a job as winter caretaker at a magnificent haunted hotel called The Overlook, which is closed and snowed in every winter. Jack's son, Danny, has psychic abilities and starts having frightening visions. Jack gets crazier and crazier as Danny starts chanting "Redrum" and

channeling a spirit named Tony, and eventually, egged on by the ghost of the previous year's caretaker, Jack suffers a complete mental breakdown and sets out to murder his wife and son with a fire ax.

13. National Lampoon's Animal House (1978)

Universal Pictures. Starring John Belushi, Tim Matheson, John Vernon, Verna Bloom. Oregon connection: Eugene and Cottage Grove area.

This movie is to the University of Oregon what the exploding whale story is to the town of Florence: It's an open question whether the fame of having hosted such an iconic event outweighs the notoriety.

The UO wasn't the producers' first choice, but at every college that looked right, administrators took one look at the script, blanched, and ran for the door. But the UO's president, William Boyd, had been down this road once before. When he was a senior administrator at one of the California colleges, he

turned up his nose at an offer to host a movie, and thereby lost the chance to provide the backdrop for The Graduate, which went on to become a timeless classic. Apparently not wanting to make the same mistake twice, he green-lighted Animal House.

The movie was filmed on and around the UO campus. The scene with the dead horse was actually filmed on location in the real dean's office in Johnson Hall; the famous food fight scene was shot in the Erb Memorial Union "fishbowl"; the house itself was a ramshackle place on East 11th Street, and some of the interior scenes were shot in the Sigma Nu house next door to it. The homecoming parade was in downtown Cottage Grove.

14. The Goonies (1985)

Warner Bros. Starring Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen, Corey Feldman, Kerri Green, Martha Plimpton, Ke Huy Quan. Oregon connection: Set in Astoria and points south.

This movie, a Steven Spielberg story and one of the most successful productions of 1985, was a huge event for the city of Astoria; the storyline was set there, and it was filmed on location. In it, a gang of kids living in the "Goon Docks" neighborhood of Astoria sets out on an adventure following an old map claiming to lead to the lost treasure of "One-Eyed Willie the Pirate." They end up in an abandoned seaside restaurant where a family of criminals are hiding out. Trying to escape from the bad guys, they stumble onto a cavern that leads to One-Eyed Willie's hideout — but the criminals are hot on their trail ...

Except for the cavern scenes, almost the entire movie was shot in Astoria — a town that's rather well known for pirate-treasure



By Slim Randles

The evening was one of those that come back to you time after time, year after long year. It comes back and whispers of how good life can be when you're well fed, enjoying life, and a good friend shares the front porch with you on a summer's evening.

It was that way with Doc and Steve the other night. Doc thought he might have to do a scientific paper on the soporific effects of ice tea, fried chicken, and corn on the cob. As long as it didn't take any effort.

So when this huge meal had been bull-snaked down, the two grinning friends came out to the porch to watch the sun go down behind the trees along Lewis Creek. The air had that orange and russet glow, and the breeze, that little one that caresses the neck, came slowly down from the hills and made their shirt collars wiggle ever so slightly.

It was like taking a dry bath in paradise.

Doc sidled up to one of the porch posts and gently tested it to see if it could hold the extra weight he was carrying with that meal. It stood fine, so he leaned against it seriously and looked out on the evening's warmth.

Steve, who was enjoying having a fine meal that someone else cooked for a change, leaned against the post on the other side of the steps.

And then they just stood quietly, watching the day make beautiful skies as it ended.

The shadow on the ground foretold the presence of the circling bird. Doc and Steve paid no attention at first. Then a few minutes later, it was joined by two more circling birds over Doc's house.

"Buzzards," Steve mumbled. "Yep," said Doc. They circled some more. "I think one of us should move a little ..." said Doc. "Move?" "Well ... to let them know ... you know." Steve sighed, then glanced over at Doc. "Flip you for it."

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### Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Control sneaky root weevils with nematodes



Notching on rhododendrons most likely points to root weevils.

Rhododendrons say spring as loudly as football says fall. Both have fervent fans and enemies staring them down.

The teams that feed on rhododendrons – called black root weevils – are tiny compared to the helmeted players at each end of a football field, but the damage they do aggravates gardeners who can’t figure out a good defense.

Wouldn’t you know it, rhododendrons are a favored target of black vine root weevils.

However, there are several weevil pests, including strawberry root weevils. All are beetles with root-feeding larvae and leaf-eating adults.

Most weevils emerge from the soil from late May through the end of June, according to Robin Rosetta, an entomologist with Oregon State University Extension Service. The C-shaped larvae are legless, white with tan heads and up to a ½-inch long.

During the day, the reddish-brown to black beetles hide themselves under the moist mulch or debris around the base of plants. At night, the hungry adults climb up and start chewing on the leaves of rhododendrons and other woody ornamentals, leaving noticeable notches along the margins.

Though they can’t fly and move slowly, adult root weevils walk easily through a landscape, finding new victims as they go. All adult beetles are females, which lay eggs in clusters in or on the soil from June to September. After hatching, the larvae immediately wriggle through the soil to begin feeding on roots. They spend winter months in the soil and continue to develop in the spring as the soil warms. The larvae pupate and then emerge as adults in late spring and start the cycle again.

One way to check for root weevils is to examine woody plants for fresh notches on leaf edges, evidence of adult feeding damage, especially in tender new leaves. The notching usually begins at the base of the plant and moves upward during the summer, according to Rosetta

“The current year’s damage can be distinguished from previous years by looking at the new growth,” she said. “Last season’s growth often has brown edges along the notching.”

Although the notched leaves adult root weevils create are most visible, it is the root-feeding larvae that do most of the damage, often girdling plants at the base of the trunk, which can lead to death.

Root weevil pests can be controlled in two ways. One is by applying a chemical insecticide, some approved by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI), to the leaves when adults are feeding in late May through June. For more information on chemical control in home gardens reach out to your local OSU Extension

Master Gardener help desk at your local county Extension office. For more information on root weevils in general refer to the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Handbook, The Pacific Northwest Nursery IPM and The American Rhododendron Society website.

The least toxic method to control weevils is to treat them in the larval stage, using beneficial nematodes, Rosetta said. There are two optimal timings, one in the late spring to early summer targeting late-stage larvae, pupae, and adult weevils prior to emergence. For spring control, soil temperatures need to around 55 degrees or above. Some springs, like the last one, are too cold for effective control.

A more reliable time is at the end of summer, August through early October, when soil temperatures are warm and the nematodes target young weevil larvae. With continuing warm temperatures and some moisture to keep the soil sufficiently wet, this fall should have optimal conditions for controlling the weevils. Pulling back mulch and leaf debris from around the plants may help the nematodes get to the roots where the larvae are feeding.

“This special strain of nematode, or microscopic worm, attacks only soil insect larvae,” she said. “These nematodes are non-toxic to plants and other animals and are very effective against root weevil larvae.”

The nematodes, which can be purchased at garden centers and via the internet, are added to water, then applied according to package instructions. Timing is of utmost importance – apply when the soil temperature is above 55 degrees and the soil is moist.

“Releasing them on a cloudy day or early in the morning or evening is useful as they are sensitive to ultraviolet (UV) light from the sun,” Rosetta noted.

The nematodes do not usually last through the winter.

“But the good news is that if you do a thorough job of control, you probably won’t have your weevil pests back, at least for a few years,” she said. The one advantage we have with root weevils is that they do not fly as adults. We can clean up an area and then diligently guard our borders for intruders.”



### Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



APPLE SEASON’S HERE

Some of the early apples from this year’s crop have begun to appear in stores and at produce stands. Not many yet, but enough to let us know apple season is around the corner. There’s a nip in the air at night. Not so cool that there’s frost, but a definite coolness to know fall is on it’s way, too. Also, a few of the trees already are beginning to change the color of their leaves.

Apple time meant hours in the orchard when I was growing up. Although Father was a dairy farmer, he also operated an orchard and grew apples to sell. One of my tasks was going to the orchard after school and on weekends to pick apples for our use and to send to market.

Apples - A Versatile Fruit

Apples are so very versatile. We eat them out of hand, prepare many recipes with them and even use them for crafts such as dried apple head dolls. This fruit has been grown for ages and used in dishes throughout the world. Nowadays, with modern refrigeration and preservation methods, they’re generally available year round. But the best are those freshly picked.

Days ago, apples were cut into slices and dried for winter use. Some cooks still dry them in ovens designed particularly for preserving foods this way.

Homemade applesauce was and still is a favorite way of preparing apples for many families. This also can be canned and/or frozen. My family likes this dish every fall.

Old Apple Trees

If you hike along country roads and even through woodlands, you’re likely to find old apple trees growing and even producing fruit. These designate the locations of former farms and homesteads where settlers had one or two or more apple trees, along with peach and pear and cherry, to provide fruit for their diets.

Chunky Apple Cake is a recipe one I acquired from a friend many years ago. I like it because it’s filled with apples, so is moist and delicious.

Cream together 1/4 cup shortening, 1/3-cup sugar (you can add more if the apples are tart and you like it sweeter); add 1 beaten egg. Then stir in 3 cups peeled and diced apples, 1/4 cup chopped nuts and 1-teaspoon vanilla.

Sift together 1-cup flour, 1/2-teaspoon baking powder, 1/2-teaspoon baking soda, 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Combine with creamed ingredients.

Bake in 8-inch pan at 350 degrees F. for 45 minutes, or until tests done. Serve warm or cool with whipped cream or ice cream. It’s also good plain.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH woodland home.)

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# Community Notes

## September 3 Blue River Park

Phase 1 of the Blue River Park Timber display will begin on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the work, the log display will be removed from US Forest Service property on NF-19 (Aufderheide Dr) & Hwy. 126 (McKenzie Hwy). The log will be moved to the Blue River Park.

## September 5 McKenzie Get Together

The pubic is invited invited to a free event at the McKenzie Community Track and Field from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, September 5th. Activities will include a kids zone with a bouncy house and water slide, live music, free food and drinks, as well as games like an egg toss, 3-legged race, watermelon eating, and fly fishingg and corn hole contests. Plus there will be a beer garden for adults hosted by Hop Valley Brewery. From 6:30 to 7:30, a processional commemorating the Holiday Farm Fire will leve the track and travel to McKenzie Fire & Rescue’s Leaburg Station.

## September 5 Dime At A Time

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

there as well.

## September 5 Springfield School Board

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

## September 7 School starts

Wed,nesday September 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of school for McKenzie Schools. Other noteworthy dates include: Sept. 9 - School in session, Sept. 15 - First early release day, Spt. 20 - Health screening day, Sept. 21 - School picture day, Oct. 5 - “WE are McKenzie” night - Open house, free dinner at 6 p.m.

## September 10 Walterville Fair

The Walterville Grange will be hosting the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Walterville Community Fair. This year’s theme is ‘Let’s Eat, Have Fun and Celebrate at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Walterville Community Fair.’ Events will include a 5K Waddle walk/run starting at 8 a.m. Signup is online with Eclectic or people can register the morning of the race. Fair entries of baking, canning, produce, arts & crafts, photography, antiques, flowers, and sewing and handicrafts will be accepted from 7:30 to 9:30

a.m. with judging starting at 9:30 (so don’t be late!). The Boy Scouts will perform the flag raising at 10 a.m. with the parade starting at 11. The famous Walterville Grange barbecue chicken dinner will start to be served at 11:30, with a full dinner including 1/2 barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, beans, pasta salad, and a dessert of strawberry shortcake prepared by Billy Pruitt. The full meal is just \$12 (you can’t beat that for a full dinner). There will also be hot dogs for \$3. Music is planned from noon to 1 p.m. with Jerry Zybach playing Delta Blues and Country music. To top the afternoon off there will be a raffle drawing at 3 p.m., so buy your tickets early. There will be lots of local vendors throughout the day and the Bottle Boys will be there if you have any bottles you want to donate to the McKenzie River cause. Anyone who would like to sell their wares can rent a table, call 541-915-2163. The Grange would appreciate any extra help, so if you would like to help, call 541-521-4760 and leave a message - calls will be returned. You can also call this number if you have any questions.

## September 11 Live Concert

The McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church will ho!+≠st Joey McGee on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Joey McGee plays soul, country, folk, gospel, rock & blues in his own style. The 3 hour concert will be held at the church, 88393 Walterville Loop. For more information call 541-896-3001 or 626-437-0539.

# Advice for planning ahead

**August was National National Make-a-Will Month, highlighting how important it is for everyone to make sure their affairs are in order when they pass on**

By Eric Tegethof  
Oregon News Service

Conversations about death are difficult, but experts emphasized if people do not have a plan for their estate, it can make life more difficult for their relatives and friends.

Wendy Miki Glaus, elder law and estate planning attorney in Bend, explained the value of planning.

“A will would show your intent as far as how you want your assets to be distributed,” Miki Glaus pointed out. “I think it gives people, like, a road map.”

About two-thirds of people don’t have a legal will in place. Miki Glaus said most people in Oregon prefer to create a trust in order to avoid having their estate tied up in court and assets frozen in probate.

She also advised people to consider documents such as advance health care directives, which designates a person to make health decisions for you if you are incapacitated.

Sam Young, senior director of legacy and planned giving for Compassion & Choices, said there is a misconception wills are only necessary for rich people. He contended everyone needs a plan.

“Part of the problem is just what I call the psychological dynamics of doing this and planning,” Young observed. “It’s just getting started. Another myth out there is that this is complicated or hard or this is going to be expensive or that you need an attorney.”

There are inexpensive ways to get started without hiring an attorney. The website FreeWill.com will help you list your assets and final wishes, with a 20-minute survey. The document can then be printed, signed and notarized.

*The following suggestions were sent by a subscriber:*

This could make a difference in many lives if people just took the time and understood how much heartache this could save their family members. (Speaking from experience)

Spreading this information for those of you that don’t have your affairs in order. Make sure all bank accounts have direct beneficiaries. The beneficiary need only go to the bank with your death certificate and an ID of their own.

- TOD = Transfer On Death deed if you own a home. Completing this document and filing it with your county saves your heirs THOUSANDS. This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID and your death certificate to the county building and the deed is signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.

- Living Will: Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions

- Durable Power of Attorney: Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if one is no longer competent to do so.

- Power of Attorney for Healthcare: This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for their person.

- Last Will and Testament: Designates to whom personal belongings will go too.

- Funeral Planning Declaration: allows one to say exactly one’s wishes as far as disposition of the body and the services.

- If the above documents are done, you can AVOID probate. If

all the above is not done, you have to open an estate account at the bank. All money that doesn’t have direct beneficiaries goes into this account. You have to have an attorney to open the estate account. The attorney also has to publicize your passing in the newspaper or post publication at the county courthouse, to allow anyone to make a claim on your property. - It’s a complete PAIN.

- Make a list of all banks and account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how and when these things are paid. Make sure heirs knows where life insurance policies are located.

- Make 100% sure SOMEONE knows your Apple ID, bank ID account logins and passwords!

- Make sure you have titles for all vehicles, campers, etc!

- MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!! - Talk with those closest to you and make all your wishes KNOWN. Talk to those whom you’ve designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate.

- Do this to explain why your decisions were made and to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Hope this helps! Hope this lights a spark to encourage all your friends and family to take care of these things to make it easier for those we all leave behind!

My hope is that the above list at least helps you start an important conversation with your loved ones.

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# Iconic Hollywood movies

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legends, it must be said — and at other spots along the northern Oregon Coast. The scene in which the Fratelli gang breaks out of jail is filmed in the old Clatsop County Jail, which — 25 years after the movie was made — became the Oregon Film Museum.

15. Stand By Me (1986)  
Columbia Pictures. Starring Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman, Jerry O’Connell, Kiefer Sutherland and Andy Lindberg.

The reviewers all call this movie a “coming-of-age story,” and they’re mostly right. The idea is, the narrator is remembering an adventure he and some friends embarked on back in 1959 — a quest to find the body of another kid who’d been hit and killed by a railroad train.

The movie is set in the quasi-fictional town of Castle Rock, Oregon — in real life there is, of course, a Castle Rock in Washington, but none in Oregon. In the movie, the town of Brownsville stood in for Castle Rock; the junkyard scene was near Veneta; and the railroad tracks along which the boys journeyed was the old Oregon Pacific and Eastern railroad line out of Cottage Grove. (By the way, when this movie was



Columbia Pictures

This instantly recognizable image of downtown Brownsville as seen from the end of the Calapooya River bridge appears early in Stand By Me.

shot, the “Blue Goose” excursion steam train was still running on those tracks on weekends. Today the track has been taken up, and the railway right-of-way is known as the Row River Trail.)

17. Drugstore Cowboy (1989)  
Avenue Pictures. Starring Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch, James Le Gros, Heather Graham.

The movie follows two couples who steal prescription drugs from pharmacies (this was long before prescription-drug abuse was a mainstream issue). Their leader, Dillon’s character, is highly

superstitious, and eventually his luck runs out.

Drugstore Cowboy more or less marked the beginning of the Gus Van Sant era of filmmaking in Portland. It would be followed up with several more from Van Sant and would inspire a generation of filmmakers in Oregon (and in particular, Portland), who would power a surge of high-quality movies over the following dozen or so years — as well as a few more pedestrian ones.

Van Sant’s success wasn’t so much the start of Oregon top-shelf independent filmmaking as its coming to national attention. This resulted in a flurry of attention from mainstream filmmakers in the 1990s and early 2000s, and although cheaper locations like Vancouver, B.C., and Atlanta, Georgia, have captured much of that market, the Beaver State remains one of the country’s hottest hot spots for independent filmmaking today.

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- \*James Cameron’s 1997 Oscar-winner
- Steal
- “Killers of the Flower Moon” tribal members
- All’s opposite
- \*2021 “royal” Emmy winner
- “One Fish Two Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Fish...”
- More eccentric
- Assistant
- Expels
- Before, old-fashioned
- Consummate professional, in music
- Mid-body narrowing, pl.
- Feather glue
- Library offerings
- Cry like a baby
- \*\*The \_\_\_\_\_, 1972 mafia Oscar winner
- Jeopardy, not the game
- Type of molding
- This location
- Full of blood vessels
- Christian of haute-couture
- Suite cleaner
- Mountain goat terrain
- D.C. bigwig
- Middle of March

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- Brewer’s perennials
- Perching place
- Italian money
- Type of local tax
- Travesty
- Not silently
- Loch \_\_\_\_\_
- \*2012 Emmy-winning espionage thriller
- Fairy tale opener
- Half of binary code, pl.
- Yellow #5, e.g.
- Bits of wisdom
- Fathered
- Bird of prey’s weapon
- Female sib
- \_\_\_\_’s razor
- Waterwheel
- Horace’s poem
- Danson and Kennedy
- Lymph “containers”
- Lacking vigor
- Roman counterpart of Greek Demeter
- \*Ben Affleck’s 2012 Golden Globe best drama winner
- Wow
- 2000-2003 White House Emmy winner, with The
- Port city in Japan
- Get it wrong
- BOGO offer
- Total amount
- Isthmus, pl.
- Railroad car undercarriage
- Theater, to Socrates
- Samuel Adams, e.g.
- Operatic solo
- Hermes and Apollo
- Cabbage amount
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- \*Best Director Oscar-winner Warren Beatty’s 1981 film
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- Leaburg Dam Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
8:49 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.  
9:14 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.  
Aug. 27: 12:30 a.m: Welfare Check - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.  
12:46 a.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. Mp. 14.  
12:52 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Lat: 44.070325. Long: -122.915769. Incomplete 911 call near the 36000blk of Camp Creek Rd. Open line with what sounded like two males disputing. Deputies checked the area and were unable to locate a dispute.  
1:20 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.  
5:03 a.m: Suspicious Subject - 88400 blk, Partridge Ln.  
9:36 a.m: Criminal Mistreatment - Easy Ln. & Camp Creek Rd.  
9:49 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 55700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
10:09 a.m: Hate Crime - 55700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
11:58 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.  
12:40 p.m: Citizen Contact - 38900 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.  
3:23 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & McK. River Dr.  
3:57 p.m: Subpoena Service - 47700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
4:04 p.m: Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

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6:27 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.  
6:50 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.  
7:19 p.m: Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.  
9:48 p.m: ATL Drunk Driver - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.  
10:05 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Bowen Dr. & Camp Creek Rd.  
Aug. 29: 2:10 p.m: Illegal Shooting - Easy Ln. & Camp Creek Rd. - a vehicle had its windows shot out.  
12:33 a.m: Drug Overdose - 43700 blk, McK. Hwy.

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State Police Report

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recovered and returned to the dam. The trooper contacted the angler who had snagged the salmon and recognized him from previous contacts. The angler lied and told the trooper he had not caught any salmon. He was violation cited for the take/possession of foul hooked fish (snagged) and no written record of transfer. The angler's pole and salmon were seized and entered as evidence at the Springfield Patrol Office. Involved: 20-year-old male from Eugene.

Aug. 27: 21:45: Hit & Run - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 36. Dispatched to a hit & run. A Honda sedan struck a guardrail and a curve sign. It left the scene and parked at Mp. 35. The occupants then left the vehicle. Follow up is being conducted to locate the driver. Involved: gray Honda Accord.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.ricksteber.com)

September 1 - Philip Foster, a successful merchant in Bangor, Maine, came to Oregon by ship in 1843, bringing with him supplies to establish a general merchandise store. He selected a 640-acre donation land claim near Eagle Creek, east of Oregon City. As Oregon Trail pioneers began arriving, coming down the long grade off Mount Hood on the Barlow Toll Road, the first business they encountered was Philip Foster's farm and store. Here the pioneers were able to enjoy a home-cooked meal or purchase fresh vegetables from Foster's garden, meat from his cattle company and hay he had harvested on his meadow. Today Foster's Farm is a national historic site and open to the public.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Mp. 31. MVA. No patient, car found by OSP.  
Aug. 28: 5:14: 39000 blk, Easton Lane Medical, General. Disregarded.  
11:40: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 19th, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Walterville Grange's used clothing drop-off



People with clothing to donate can go to the Walterville Grange parking lot at 39259 Camp Creek Road.

A wood framed shed, accessible 24-hours a day, has been placed on the grounds of the Walterville Grange. The structure was provided by St. Pauly Textile, Inc. of Farmington, NY. Pauly Textile currently partners with over 1,300 organizations, collecting clothing donations in what they call "a uniquely clean and community-friendly way."

By hosting the shed, the Grange will receive funding for all the

clothing donated to the shed while also benefitting from some added community exposure.

Pauly Textile says they collect over 200,000 pounds of clothing per day and in 2021 shipped over 80 million garments, which clothed an estimated 9.8 million people.

In the last 10 years they were able to send over \$12.5 million dollars to the organizations that host the clothing sheds.

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NEWS STAND EDITION

Quick action quells North Bank Fire



Upper McKenzie volunteers Shawn DuFault, Luke Callahan, and Jess Boykin were among the 19 firefighters who helped stop a blaze from spreading on North Bank Road in McKenzie Bridge.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: A reported house fire around 6:30 last Sunday afternoon was luckily limited to about 1/10 acre of vegetation between 2 residences. "No structures were involved, but damage to a cedar fence between the houses was noted," according to Dirk Rogers, Assistant Chief of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District. Besides forest vegetation, some piled branches and stacked logs cut to firewood length caught fire. The Upper McKenzie RFPD and the Oregon Department of Forestry were the initial responders. Mutual aid came from McKenzie Fire & Rescue, the US Forest Service, and Lane Electric for a total of 19 personnel. In the middle of the brush fire, two general fire alarms and one smoke alarm were reported at the McKenzie Schools campus. McKenzie Fire crews that had been released from the North Bank fire investigated and traced the problem to a burned-out fan motor before any serious damage occurred. Later that night, an 8 p.m report of reckless burning at the Paradise Campground was actually a campfire in a fire ring. At this time, there are no fire restrictions inside developed recreation sites.

Activists hang banner across Highway 126

Old growth fight isn't over near McKenzie Bridge



Protesters hung a 30-foot banner across the McKenzie Highway just east of Olallie Creek Road last week in opposition to a timber sale they say will involve the harvests of almost 2,000 acres with 100 to 150 year old trees.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Last Tuesday, Flat Country timber sale opponents took to the trees to hang a 30 foot wide banner across Highway 126, east of the town of McKenzie Bridge. Organizers of the protest, including the Cascadia Forest Defenders (CFD), are calling on the Willamette National Forest and the Biden Administration to cancel the proposed sale, saying it would have significant impacts on the climate, drinking water, and community safety. In a letter last year the McKenzie River Ranger District said the project was designed to "provide a sustainable supply of timber products, increase vegetative habitat complexity and hardwood composition along streams, actively manage stands to improve stand conditions (in terms of density, diversity, and structure), and sustainably manage the network of roads on 4,438 acres in the Willamette National Forest." Details of the sale include commercial thinning, shelterwood with reserves, fuels reduction treatments, meadow enhancement, and early seral creation through gaps, according to officials. The work would also entail building temporary roads, road maintenance, and road decommissioning off Highway 126, east of the town of McKenzie Bridge. "The Flat Country old growth timber sale is a travesty for our climate," Banner - Page 2

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Governor declares  
fire emergency

Rural economies get assist in CHIPS Act

In a proclamation on Saturday governor Kate Brown declared Oregon was in a critical fire danger situation. “Much of the state continues to experience high temperatures, wind, storms with dry lightning, and persistent drought. We have experienced wildfires this season that resulted in evacuations, threatened critical infrastructure, homes and other structures. Our neighboring states of Washington, California, Nevada, and Idaho, continue to experience similar fires and weather,” Brown noted.

Officials say the extended climate forecast in Oregon calls for continued warm and dry conditions, resulting in imminent threat of fire over a broad area of the State. The Oregon Department of Forestry is heavily engaged in initial and extended wildfire attack and Incident Management Teams are currently deployed in Oregon.

New and existing fire threats elevate the need to prepare for access to state resources including firefighting aircraft. This threat is not likely to recede in the near future. “It is critically important that state resources like the National Guard be prepared to expedite requested resources and respond effectively to these dangerous and dynamic conditions, if requested,” Brown added. “Therefore, I hereby declare a statewide state

of emergency due to the imminent and ongoing threat of wildfire.

Under the order all state agencies are directed to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for any and all activities as requested by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal and coordinated by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to respond to or mitigate the effects of the wildfire emergency, as described in the state’s Emergency Operations Plan. The Oregon National Guard will deploy and redeploy firefighting resources as needed throughout the remainder of the fire season based upon threat and resource shortfalls.

The proclamation is limited to the use of state resources and personnel for fire management required by the emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact if needed, and to allow state agencies to suspend provisions of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay mitigating the effects of the wildfire emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Department of Emergency Management.

McKenzie Eagles  
Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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and Assistant Coach Nicole Marks. For those folks who’ve been around for a bit, those two ladies might sound familiar. Both coaches are McKenzie grads and volleyball alumni.

Back out where the dandelions have been clipped down low, the Eagle football team has been working out the kinks as well. The grandstands won’t be in place until later, maybe even following the season end, (Texas is a big State and evidently it still takes a long time to ship out across), but that hasn’t put a damper on the enthusiasm spilling out on the Eagle gridiron. McKenzie embarks on the first OSAA fully sanctioned six-man season since the sixties. The previous couple of seasons were experimental, so to speak, and OSAA didn’t furnish opportunity for a State Championship playoff format. The two Special Districts, representing the State’s six-man teams put together an unofficial playoff and it worked just fine, nonetheless. This season the six-man game will be for the record.

McKenzie Football will also be under the direction of a new Head Coach. Neil Barrett, MHS District Asst. Principal might just ring the bell in the coaching memory banks.

Barrett served the McKenzie District in the capacities of eight-man football Head Coach, Head Baseball Coach, Athletic Director and Assistant Basketball Coach in years past. Assisting his first year as a football coach (to the Eagles and six-man, but not conventional football) is Josh Henley, McKenzie District PE/Health teacher and Head Basketball Coach.

Back to those folks traveling west to Siletz Valley next Thursday, here’s a two-fer bonus package you might not be able to pass up. The Eagle Varsity Football team will be flying around just outside the Warrior gymnasium as they also open up their 2022 campaign at Siletz Valley (7:00 pm salt-air kickoff).

With the fall season, we also see the emergence of the harriers. These slim and fleet-footed beings can be seen, if you’re quick enough, usually rounding the next bend or topping the far hill. In the upper McKenzie Valley, these beings gather under the tutelage of long time McKenzie Head Cross Country Coach Corey Culp. Culp has a couple of weeks yet to fine tune these runners for their first meet of the new Fall season which will commence down in Oakland on September 14. Cross Country and golf always come up with all the cool names for their meets and this one in Oakland, is no exception, aptly named for the prevalent Oregon White oak trees in Douglas County. The Acorn Gully Chase.

Now who wouldn’t be proud to sponsor a race with a name like that? The Oakland Oakers did it right!!

Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

A program approved by Congress aims to give rural communities in Oregon and elsewhere a boost when applying for federal dollars.

The CHIPS Act, passed last month, boosts semiconductor manufacturing in the U.S.

It also includes a \$1 billion pilot program to help distressed communities apply for economic development funds. It’s coming at an especially critical time as legislation like the infrastructure package passed in Congress directs billions of dollars to states.

Jim McCauley is legislative director for the League Of Oregon Cities.

“The biggest challenge that many of the small cities in Oregon - or some of the other rural communities across the country - face is really a question of resources,” said McCauley. “And those resources come down to whether or not they have staff in house that can write grants or that can manage projects.”

McCauley said communities also struggle with matching grants, but notes that Oregon aims to help with this.

The pilot program in the CHIPS



Projects like expanding broadband in rural areas will be available to communities under the infrastructure package passed last year.

Act is based on legislation known as the RECOMPETE ACT, written by Rep. Derek Kilmer - D-Gig Harbor - from Washington state.

Matt Hildreth - executive director of Ruralorganizing.org - said big cities typically are first in line for federal grants, but he believes this program could change that.

“It targets funds specifically to small towns and rural communities, and communities across the country that are economically distressed,” said Hildreth, “and ensures that they have a shot at getting access to those federal funds as well.”

He noted that the vast majority of communities classified as ‘economically distressed’ are rural.

Hildreth also noted that each place has different development needs, from more broadband to help transitioning between industries. He said under this pilot, communities will guide the investments.

“It allows local leaders to have the flexibility they need to invest in the challenges that they see in their specific community,” said Hildreth. “It’s not a one-size-fits-all approach. It is a locally-led approach.”

# Clinic replacement

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the clinic, the O’Brien Library and the Blue River Fire Station are all to be rebuilt, Wilson wondered if one contractor got all three jobs could there be associated cost savings.

Cloke said he wasn’t sure what the maximum amount was that the insurance policy would allow but he thought it might be around \$400,000 as oppose to a little over \$200,000 that was awarded. “The question is, do we need a third party to come in and assess the value of what that structure was and its replacement cost?”

Orion Falvey, co-founder of

Orchid Health, which provides local health care services, said he felt the insurance carrier should be responsible for ensuring there was sufficient coverage. In addition to pursuing additional payments from insurance, he suggested Orchid could work in partnership with McKenzie Valley Wellness to get additional payments. Referring to grant opportunities, Falvey said, “There’s still a lot of funding out there to capture.”

Cloke wondered whether the Oregon Dept. of Justice investigation into the transfer of assets or liabilities between the

McKenzie Wellness and Orchid Health might influence potential sources of grant funding.

MVW president Val Rapp said the June billings for attorney fees and bookkeeping had been around \$51,500. In June those costs averaged another \$14,000.

Wilson, though, said board member should remember that, “Investigation doesn’t imply wrongdoing. It’s like having your taxes reviewed,” she suggested. “As long as we operate under that mind-set we can go ahead and do business as usual.”

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