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CenturyLink and Spectrum are offering huge discounts this month, with a campaign targeting the "Baby Boomer" generation

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### Armed & Ready

Enraged buck injures hunter with knife. Man vows "It will never happen again!"

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## "Clear Lake Cutoff" becomes a reality

### Snowmelt closes Hwy. 126 link to Eastern Oregon

People planning on traveling up Hwy. 126 to access Sisters and parts of Eastern Oregon need to replan their route. The road is closed to allow for removal of rock from a landslide as well as filling in a massive hole that had blocked traffic east of Deer Creek over the weekend.

Although times and days may vary depending on the weather, repair work is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from April 3rd through 13th, or until rock removal is completed according to the Oregon Dept. of Transportation. Work may continue during the weekend of April 8th to 9th, ODOT also advises.

During work hours, expect to stop for flaggers during lane closures or to take a detour for full closures of this section of OR 18.

Before you travel anywhere in Oregon, remember to check TripCheck.com for

road and weather conditions, as well as work zones.

Remember to slow down **Snowmelt closes Hwy. - P 12**



An off duty Linn County Sheriff's Deputy was the first to report major damage to Hwy. 126 just east of Deer Creek on Monday morning.

## Passing wind strands Pacific Trail hikers

MCKENZIE PASS: An unexpected Spring thaw opened up a lot of territory to outdoor enthusiasts this week. Unfortunately some hikers who ventured up to a section of the Pacific Crest Trail had to be rescued.

At 12:01 p.m. on Friday, a youth group from San Jose used a satellite phone to contact the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. They reported seven members of their twelve person group were suffering from respiratory impairments and circulatory problems. Some were unable to walk.

A dispatcher familiar with the area then contacted visiting scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) who have been inventorying gas emissions at many of the almost 70 active volcanoes in the United States.

Joseph Todd, one of the USGS scientists told the

dispatcher that "we now know that the 'smoke' from volcanoes, once attributed by poets to be from Vulcan's forge, is actually volcanic

gas, and an important agent of global change."

Todd told police to be sure everyone on the **Trail hikers - Page 12**



First responders sent to the scene wore new protective gear, shown here in a training session.

## Slithering sea creatures slimed section of highway

DEERHORN: A truck full of eels overturned near Deerhorn Road last Thursday, dousing a sedan with slithering sea creatures in a scene straight out of nightmares. Shortly after, five other vehicles were doused with goo that sent creatures slithering across the road near the intersection with Hwy. 126..

According to Oregon State Police reports, the fish were technically not eels, but hagfish, which have a skull but no jaw or spine. When distressed, hagfish secrete slime, earning them the nickname "slime eels."

The 7,500 pounds of fish were in the back of a truck and intended for transport to Korea, where they are a delicacy. Why the vehicle was trying to turn onto Deerhorn Road had not been determined at the time of the report, due to translation difficulties during the interview,



Cleanup efforts were hampered by the unique nature of a spill when a tanker truck overturned this week near Deerhorn Road.

an OSP Trooper reported. Still to be determined is the legal status of the load. Last month the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to end the market hagfish fishery due to concerns about the sus-

tainability of the resource. The new rules also adopt restrictions on how long the non-commercial fishery will have to be restricted as part of an ongoing re- **Sea creatures - Page 12**

## "Mudcat" Mudger captured the "Monster"

WALTERVILLE: Rumors of a monster catfish living in the Walterville Pond have been told for generations by natives up and down the McKenzie Valley.

Although most simply enjoy telling their version of the story, many claim to have actually seen it, yet some never believed it ever existed.

Red Mudger of Deerhorn first told the story of the day he discovered the big fish. That was in 1912, only a year after the Eugene Water & Electric Board constructed the 70-acre storage lake.

The Mudger family comes from a long line of expert fisherman. Over the years, the secret bait remedies and special techniques and tools have been passed on and held sacred to the Mudgers.

One evening in March, Red said he was walking on the bank when he decided to cast his dinner line. It wasn't long before it tightened and

his pole was ripped into the water. He jumped in after it, knowing that pole was the only way to put food on the table for his family. Slightly frantic but determined to find what was on the other end of the line, Red found himself face to face with a catfish that "could eat him whole." Luckily, Red made it to shore safely.

After Red got back to dry land, he raced into town to warn the residents. The people decided that for everyone's safety, the catfish must be captured before the fish had some unsuspecting kid its supper menu.

So the search began, but no luck. Hours turned to days, days turned to months and soon, people began to question old Red and wondered if maybe he had too much whiskey that day.

Although it was years before anyone got back into the water, things eventually went back to normal, yet the legend was never forgotten. Carrying on the family

tradition, Kato "Mudcat" Mudger of Cedar Flat had spent every morning this March out on the levee in search for the monster catfish.

On Monday, Kato set out to the pond just before the sun rose on the last day of his yearly attempt.

Still slightly lethargic from having just rolled out of bed, he set up shop along the bank.

"Something just felt good about this particular morning," Kato recalls.

He got out his tackle box and began to prepare his hook as he thought about how many mornings were spent by family members out on this pond, searching for something that may actually not even exist. It was this very moment that Kato came to the realization that what he thought was always to be true, may just be folklore.

But, as he and those before him always have, Kato **"Mudcat Mudger" - Page 2**

# Letters to the Editor

## VMCC fundraising sprints toward the finish line

VMCC has been hard at work to ensure there are adequate funds to rebuild the Center's beloved meeting space, destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. Through individual donations, grants, in-kind services and fundraising events, VMCC's goal is within reach, and we want to thank everyone for their generous support over the past 2+ years. But, as difficult it is to lose those last 5 pounds in time for swimsuit season, VMCC struggles to raise a few more dollars before it opens its doors this summer.

Here is how you can help VMCC reach its goal and have lots of fun in the process. Mark your calendars:

1. Attend the 5/6/23 Henry Cooper Trio Blues and Swampytonk Concert at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church. All profits from this free-will-offering event go directly to VMCC's rebuild campaign. Doors open at 7:00p.m. and refreshments will be served.

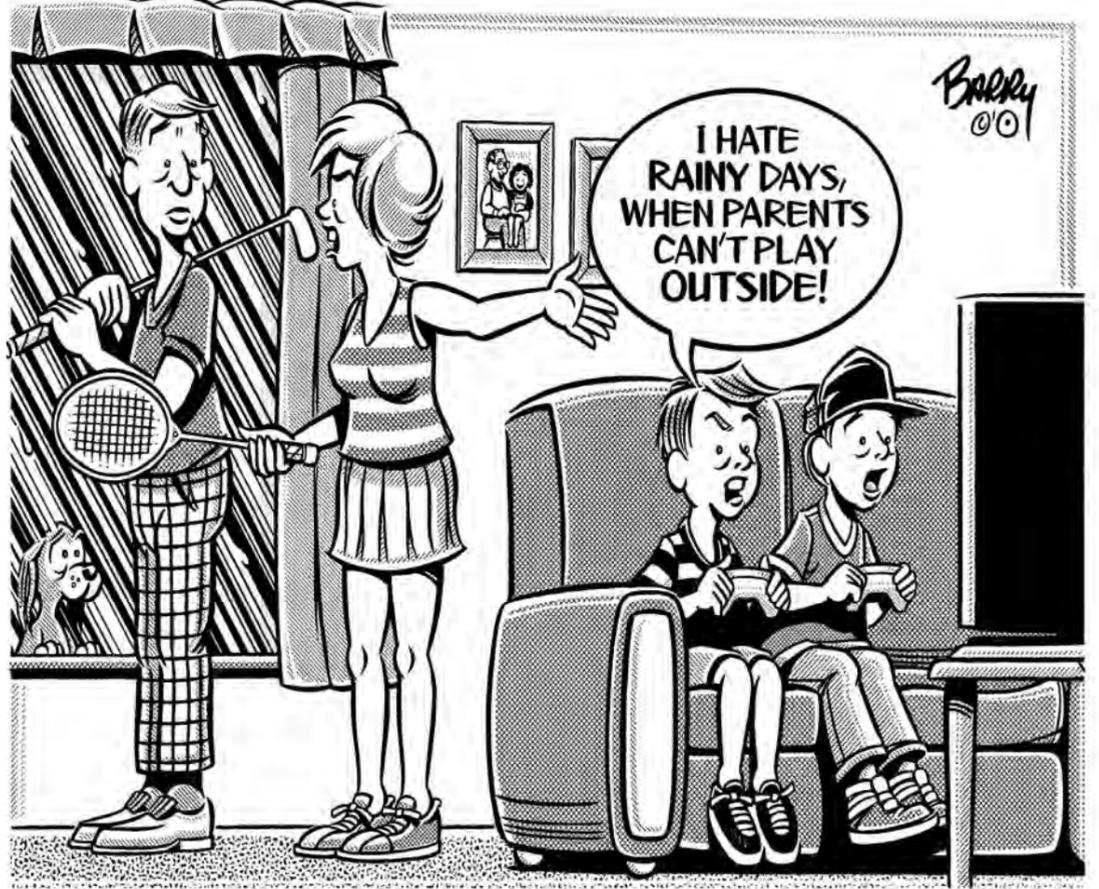
2. Ladies of all ages, purchase a \$25 ticket to attend the Sip and Shop event at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church on 5/20/23 from 11-2:00p.m. A lovely tea luncheon will be served, and a small number of hand-picked artisans will offer opportunities to purchase beautiful, last-minute Mother's Day gifts as well. Yes, it is the same day as Late Bloomer's

Garden Club Plant Sale, but we are certain you will have time to attend both! Make it a "perfect spring day." Contact Gerry Aster: 541-896-3001 or Tammy Pelton: 951-970-0176 for tickets.

3. Participate in a reprise of VMCC's Drive-Thru Bingo event on 6/17/23. Pick-up and pay for your bingo cards in Cedar Flat and drive east on the McKenzie Highway, stopping along the way to obtain your bingo numbers. Once you arrive at McKenzie Community Track in Blue River, you will be treated to a delicious BBQ lunch and children of all ages can listen to music and play lawn games while waiting to see if they are the Big Bingo Winner! We cannot guarantee you will win, but we do promise you a good time. Volunteers needed. Contact Tammy Pelton: 951-970-0176.

4. Join Joey McGee, acoustic guitarist/singer-songwriter, as he returns to McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church on 7/29/23 at 7:00p.m. for a concert you will not want to miss. Joey comes all the way from College Station, Texas to visit the McKenzie River Valley. All profits from this free will offering event will help put the finishing touches on VMCC's new building. This is a family-friendly concert and refreshments will be served.

For more information about these events and to learn about other ways to support VMCC, contact Gerry Aster (541-896-3001, gerryaster@gmail.com)



## "Mudcat" Mudger

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stayed to keep the tradition alive. The sun rose and the water grew warmer. A couple hours went by and Kato decided to throw one more cast before heading home empty handed. As he slowly wound the reel, winding in the line ever so gradually, he felt a tug. The tug turned to a pull and before he knew it, Kato was yanked right into the water.

"That's when I just knew this was it, the moment I and many before me have waited for," said Kato. "I had a harness on so I wasn't going anywhere and with that hook, neither was he."

Kato fought and fought and fought, determined to prove once and for all that his grandpa Red was not a delusional drunk. An hour went by and the game of tug of war was in full swing. By this time, Kato had been drug down the pond nearly to the dam and with a gate at the west end. It was then that he was spotted by a pair of deputies on foot patrol who came to assist. They called for backup and before they knew it, fourteen men were on the scene combatting the oversized fighter fish.

"I just couldn't believe it was actually happening," said Kato. "This was my moment of glory and I was determined to keep it, knowing my family's name would go down in history."

After battling all day and

through the night, the fish grew weaker and weaker. Due to old age and exhaustion, the men finally overcame the monster catfish and were able to pull him ashore with a crane.

"We all just stood there in disbelief," said Deputy Joseph Bellringer of the Lane County Sheriff's Office. "I've never seen such a thing, it was unbelievable."

Despite the effort to keep the catfish alive, it later died.

"I had heard of those stories where people find all sorts of things in the bellies of whales and stuff," said Kato. "So after it died, we cut him open to see what we could find and wouldn't you know it, we found a boot!"

The boot was a size 37 and there is only one man with a size 37 boot, Red Mudger.

The catfish weighed in at 736

lbs. Experts say the fish, a Mekong giant catfish, was around 170 years old and never been seen in this part of the world.

The catfish also broke the world record for heaviest fish and oldest fish ever caught - and in the process earned Kato his new nickname, "Mudcat."



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**WEATHER REPORT**

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/21	59	32	0	801 cfs	3/21	50	45	0.15	4,630 cfs
3/22	51	35	0.15	801 cfs	3/22	65	34	t	4,290 cfs
3/23	42	34	0.53	801 cfs	3/23	61	38	0.33	4,240 cfs
3/24	36	32	0.93	827 cfs	3/24	44	34	0.70	4,290 cfs
3/25	37	32	0.56	775 cfs	3/25	42	32	0.91	4,290 cfs
3/26	41	32	0.28	820 cfs	3/26	43	32	0.43	4,150 cfs
3/27	42	29	0.32	801 cfs	3/27	47	30	0.02	4,050 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**March 15: 8:14 p.m:** Reckless Endangering - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & worth Rd. A caller advised that a white Nissan Frontier pickup tried to run the caller off of the road.

**March 16: 3:33 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 37900 block, Maranatha Ln. A green Volkswagen Jetta drove past a no trespassing sign up the caller's driveway.

**March 17: 11:01 p.m:** Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A caller reported that two cell phones and a backpack were stolen while the complainant was using the hot springs.

**10:17 p.m:** Dispute - 88900 blk, Ross Ln. Verbal dispute between complainant and the father of the complainant's children.

**11:01 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 37500 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. A male with a green hooded, dark pants and backpack was seen

hanging around an area church.

**March 20: 11:01 a.m:** Burglary - 94000 blk, Marcola Rd. Mohawk Valley Fire Station #2 was burglarized. Stolen items included an air compressor, axes, pry bars, defibrillator, and chainsaw.

**March 21: 3:34 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**9:08 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Shenandoah Lp. & Worth Rd.

**10:52 a.m:** Safety Hazard - Olallie Campground.

**11:37 a.m:** Welfare Check - 57100 blk, N. bank Rd.

**4:10 p.m:** Found Property - 88600 blk, Ermi Bee Rd.

**7:44 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between spouses.

**March 22: 2:39 p.m:** Mental Subject - 91600 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

**March 23: 1:17 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

**March 24: 1:46 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, A St., Marcola. Verbal dispute between spouses.

**2:28 a.m:** Prowler - 37200 blk,

Camp Creek Rd.

**11:22 a.m:** Boat Check - 90400 blk, Mountain View Ln.

**11:30 a.m:** Assist Outside Agency - 91100 blk, McCauley St.

**2:37 p.m:** Civil Service - 39600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:14 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 91700 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.

**7:23 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - 49200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:32 p.m:** Assault - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**9:36 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**10:04 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Lat: 44.0848. Long: -122.34228.

**10:04 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Mohawk River Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**March 25: 1:46 a.m:** Dispute - 38100 blk, A St., Marcola.

**2:28 a.m:** prowler - 37200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**8:01 a.m:** Boat Check - 90400 blk, Mountain View Ln.

**10:30 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Shadows DSr.

**11:54 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.

**3:56 p.m:** Civil Service - 39600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:01 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

**5:57 p.m:** Tree Down - N. Bank Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**6:03 p.m:** Towed Vehicle - Old Marcola Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**6:40 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 91700 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.

**March 26: 11:45 a.m:** Menacing - 46500 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that a known suspect lifted his shirt to reveal that he had a pistol and stole the caller's stereo. Deputies contacted the suspect and determined the pistol to be a pellet pistol. He was cited in lieu of custody for menacing.

**1:34 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Terwilliger Hot Springs. An intoxicated male was observed lying in the road about 1.5 miles from the parking area. The caller reportedly helped him back to his vehicle, which would not start. He was last seen stumbling around near his vehicle.

**3:35 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**4:08 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**4:34 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - 88600 blk, Ermi Bee Rd.

**6:26 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**March 27: 9:04 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

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

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**March 20: 18:28:** McK. Hwy./ Milepost 9. Subject Down. False Alarm.

**March 21: 13:49:** 51000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**March 22: 2:35:** 36000 blk, Lisa Ct. Mutual Aid. Provided Manpower.

**14:00:** 7700 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:42:** 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General.

**March 23: 13:10:** McK. Hwy./ Mp. 20. Tree Down/Blocking. Tree Removed From Roadway.

**March 24: 19:03:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy.. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**20:28:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**20:30:** 88000 blk, Heather Dr. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed,

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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**March 21: 13:49:** Medical - 51013 McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**March 24: 13:55:** Medical - 57111 N. Bank Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**19:03:** Medical - McK. Hwy./ Milepost 45. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**21:59:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Appears to be approx. 4 miles south on Quartz Creek Rd. and 1 mile west. Unable to locate, nobody in area has seen anyone.

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

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# Riot at bar led to charges ... but not against rioters

By Finn J.D. John

IT WAS APRIL FOOLS' DAY of 1874 when saloonkeeper Walter Moffett, proprietor of the Webfoot Saloon and sworn antagonist of the ladies of the Women's Temperance Prayer League, escalated the conflict to the levels that would lead, within a week or two, to street riots.

The "Temperance Crusade" ladies had visited his saloon the day before, and for the first time, rather than leaving when he refused to let them in, they'd arranged themselves like a hymn-singing picket line outside of the place. It had not been good for business. Now here they were again, the very next day, ready to do it again.

This time, though, he was ready for them.

As soon as they arrived, Moffett and his employees sallied forth to meet the enemy, beating big Chinese gongs in their faces and tossing lighted strings of firecrackers under their feet.

It was a Rubicon crossed. Before this day, the only truly ungentlemanly behavior Moffett had engaged in had been a private conversation with two ladies whom he was ejecting from his bar, and some off-color Scripture readings the day before. Now, in front of the whole city, he and his thugs were not only being very disrespectful, they were putting the ladies in danger of a broken ankle or even immolation — much of the clothing of the day was highly flammable. The crowd of onlookers was shocked. Then it started murmuring ominously and moving closer. The police, sensing that something ugly was about to happen, hurried in and persuaded the ladies to break off the engagement.

The tone-deaf Moffett seems to have taken precisely the wrong lesson away from this episode. Spared from the consequences his tactics were about to bring down



This drawing, from Frank Leslie's Weekly, shows the Ohio ladies who were the Portland temperance workers' primary inspiration, singing and praying before a saloon in early 1874. This scene, drawn by S.B. Morton, is set in Logan, Ohio. (Image: Library of Congress)

on his head, he concluded that they were exactly the ticket to get the ladies to leave him alone.

In fairness, it probably seemed to be working, at least in the short term. The ladies gave him a whole week — the longest break from their attention that he had yet enjoyed — before returning on April 7. A force of 15 of them stationed themselves in front of the Webfoot and started singing and praying.

Word spread like an electric current through Portland and in minutes the crowd of onlookers was blocking the streets and sidewalks, effectively shutting down the bar. But Moffett, in a swift change of tactics, merely got out his police whistle and started blasting on it, summoning Portland Police Chief (and fellow saloon owner) James Lappeus to the scene.

Upon Lappeus's arrival, Moffett demanded that he disperse the praying women. They were, he asserted, "disturbing the peace" by attracting an unruly crowd of onlookers.

Obediently, Chief Lappeus

approached the ladies and asked them to leave. They declined. The chief told them that if they stuck around and a riot broke out, people could get hurt. They replied that that was up to God and to those people; they were just there to pray and sing.

So the chief arrested them.

Now remember, as the ladies themselves surely were well aware — Chief Lappeus was also Saloonkeeper Lappeus. In today's world, of course, this kind of conflict of interest would be outrageous — one saloon owner helping out another by arresting a dozen ladies whose perfectly legal activities he found inconvenient.

The ladies surely also knew Chief Lappeus's reputation. He was a little notorious — an old gold-field gambler and saloon swindler with a reputation for easy virtue, who would eventually lose his job over charges of bribery and corruption.

Even so, they were upright, law-abiding women. So off went the ladies in one of the most remarkable impromptu parades ever seen in a Portland street: the

police chief in the front, in the full dignity of office; fifteen corseted Victorian ladies in their finest attire gliding fabulously along behind; and a dangerously huge crowd of onlookers bringing up the rear.

Almost magically, husbands and sons and fellow temperance workers materialized at the police station, all eager to bail the ladies out. The ladies, who had started singing hymns again, refused to take or give a nickel. They were accordingly loaded into the jail, where they spent another two or three hours singing and praying. Meanwhile, court authorities, eager to get them out as fast as possible before the crowd got any uglier, frantically rounded up the requisite magistrate and officers of the court.

The ensuing hearing was very brief. Judge Denny dismissed the complaint almost immediately, ruling that standing on a public sidewalk singing hymns did not constitute "disturbing the peace."

The ladies visited the Webfoot saloon a week later, but stayed only for half an hour — just long enough to hold a prayer service undisturbed. Presumably, Moffett was not yet ready to join battle. But two days after that, on April 16, he was.

Moffett had tooled up for this showdown, getting bigger and louder gongs and hiring a couple of young boys to beat on them. He'd also acquired a hand organ, the kind organ grinders used to crank away on while a trained monkey danced.

When the temperance gang rolled up in front of the joint a little after 2 p.m., Moffett & Co. were ready for them ... and the fight was on. The boys whaled on the gongs. A local drunk hired for the event cranked furiously on the organ. Moffett's trusty police whistle shrilled away. Even

**Riot at bar - Page 10**



By Slim Randles

Back before the earth cooled completely, I was a reporter for the newspaper in Victorville, California. Victorville is a high desert town between L.A. and Las Vegas and is celebrated in folklore as "where the car broke down as I was trying to get to Barstow."

And every spring about this time, that ol' desert country tries to outdo itself in setting new records in how hard the wind blows. It's not always the same, of course. Sometimes there's a bunch of sand and dust in the wind and sometimes it's clear skies and there's just a mountain or two in the wind. But it blows.

If there was anything or anyone out in that desert that was unusual or off the beaten path, I covered it. You know, Iron Water Alice who soaked in iron water (of course) to increase her psychic potency, "Guv" Reeve who lived with a harem of well-wishing church ladies and ran for governor every four years, the beat goes on. Polite people who answered the phone at the paper referred unusual phone calls to "the color story reporter named Slim." Sounded better than weirdo writer, didn't it?

And one March, two young boys called in from Apple Valley, about five miles to the east, and reported that someone had stolen their tent. They had set the tent up in the back yard because they wanted to be tough outdoorsmen, of course, and this was a good way to start. The tent had a floor and walls and a roof, of course, was pegged solidly to the desert, but when they went out the next morning, some s.o.b. had stolen it!

The sheriff's office wouldn't even take a report on it, but the Victor Valley Daily Press would, by golly. So the word went out to every windblown acre of the high desert, and the crime was solved. Yes, it seemed an 80-year-old man who had a little cement-block shack in Lucerne Valley, about 20 miles east of the launch pad back yard, found a full-grown tent in one of his elm trees about 10 feet off the ground.

One little rip, but some tape took care of that. Thank the Lord for freedom of the press. And spring zephyrs that make a reporter's job fun.

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Garrison Keillor

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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### Let soil temperature guide you



Tiffany Woods

Use a soil thermometer to help you know when to plant your vegetable garden. Photo by Tiffany Woods.

Weeks of cold temperatures and rain have unsettled the gardening season. You may be raring to get your garden – but hold. Sowing seeds or planting seedlings at the wrong time will bring nothing but heartache.

“One of the biggest mistakes people make is to plant too early,” said Weston Miller, a former horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. “They get excited when it’s sunny for a few days, put plants in the ground, and think they will grow. But the seeds either rot from damping off fungus or germinate very slowly. At the very least, they’ll be stressed for the rest of the season and never catch up.”

Right about now in the Willamette Valley is usually when you can get away with planting cool-season vegetables like peas, arugula, mustard, radish, and turnip in prepared planting beds. Also, carrots, beets, scallions, chives, parsley, and cutting greens that are easy to grow from seed; or plant already started transplants of kale, head lettuce, chard, leeks, and onions.

This year, however, paying attention to soil temperature is the best way to go. An inexpensive soil thermometer helps keep planting

time in perspective.

“Fifty degrees is a good benchmark for cool-season crops,” Weston said. “And the soil should be 60 degrees or more for warm-weather plants like tomatoes, peppers, and basil. In fact, for tomatoes it should ideally be 65 to 70.”

If you can’t resist the urge to plant warm-season vegetables before the soil warms sufficiently, Miller recommends using some sort of protection from the chill like a floating row cover, individual glass or plastic cloches or even milk jugs or soda bottles with the top cut-out and turned upside down over plants. For directions on building a large, greenhouse-type cloche with PVC pipe and plastic, check out the OSU Extension guide on “How to Build Your Own Raised Bed Cloche.”

“Gardening depends on the weather, which is unpredictable,” Miller said. “But it pays to wait.”

You’ll find more information about vegetable gardening, including schedules for planting 45 vegetables in all regions of Oregon, in the comprehensive Extension publication called “Growing Your Own.” You’ll also find information on how far apart to space plants and how much to

grow for a family of four.

Weston Miller’s top five tips for a successful vegetable garden Prepare the soil. Before planting, add a moderate amount of compost (¼- to 1-inch) and a balanced fertilizer (all three numbers on the bag are the same) according to package directions. Incorporate the materials into the top 8 to 12 inches with a digging fork or spade. Rake bed before planting seeds or transplants. For new garden beds: Remove sod or weeds to expose soil. Liberally add 4 to 6 inches of compost, agricultural lime, and a balanced fertilizer and incorporate into the top 8 to 12 inches with a digging fork or spade. Prepare a seed or transplant bed with a rake. Next fall, add 5 to 10 pounds per 100 square feet of lime to beds.

In addition to adding complete fertilizer to the soil, use a soluble fertilizer like fish emulsion for transplants, especially early in the season or if the plants are not thriving.

Use transplants when possible. Crops that do best when seeded directly into the garden include carrots, parsnips, beets, radishes, turnips, mustard, and arugula. Most other crops can and should be transplanted to make the gardening process easier, particularly for weed control. Grow your own transplants or look for high-quality starts (not root bound, stunted, or off-color) at the garden center for the best results.

Control weeds early in the growth cycle of your veggies. Plan to weed your veggie beds at least once per week for the first four weeks of the plant’s growth to get the edge on this ongoing challenge in the garden.

Monitor and control slugs and other insect pests, often. Keep an eye out for slugs. You can find them under debris and in the folds of plants and dispatch them by dropping them into soapy water. Look for aphids, imported cabbage butterfly larvae, and other critters on the underside of the leaves. Squash them!

doors and you will find yourself in Iris Vineyard’s tasting room. Enjoy a flight or just a glass of Willamette Valley wine in a non-fussy environment.

Then, if you haven’t dined or sipped enough, walk across the street to George and Violet’s. The proprietors serve traditional and innovative cocktails and their food menu changes almost daily, with special offerings on Sunday nights. What really makes this restaurant special are the owners, Andrew

and Katie. Last Thursday we were treated to a lovely chat with Katie, who explained the establishment’s mission: to serve only the freshest, local, and sustainably grown ingredients prepared in a thoughtful way.

Treat yourself to a delightful afternoon or evening. Visit one or all of these spots and hopefully you will be as impressed as we were.

Gerry Aster, Vida



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### SPRING’S WILD BOUNTY

With the coming of warmer weather we begin to look forward to the greens growing wild to add appeal to our meals. Many of these today are available in the supermarkets when you can’t find them in the wild around your home, as we did when I grew up on the farm.

When gathering your own greens, make sure you acquire them in areas where the water is pure and no spraying has been done. Washing greens in a vegetable wash should help as well.

WATERCRESS stem tips and leaves often are used for salads. This is a plant native to Eurasia and introduced into the United States. It’s found along streams and fresh, clear pools, as well as in some supermarkets.

This green is considered a delicacy in salads, sandwiches, and soups and is high in Vitamins A and C.

WILD DOCK GREENS are some my mom served in the spring. My father favored these over the dandelion greens she cooked, too. This wild plant is rich in Vitamins A and C and is served after being boiled in salted water. Often Mother served salt pork with the wild dock.

DANDELION GREENS are most common of the spring greens. The young tender leaves can be added to a tossed salad, combined

with other greens, served with a hot dressing or boiled with bacon or salt pork.

To make a WATERCRESS SALAD toss together 2 cups well-packed watercress and 1 sliced onion. Add oil and vinegar, salt and pepper to taste. You also can substitute your favorite salad dressing. Watercress also can be added to other green salads.

For a DANDELION SALAD, you can use 1-pound fresh dandelion leaves or a combination of dandelion with romaine, iceberg, or leaf lettuce. Usually this is in the quantity of half dandelion and half lettuce. Sometimes cucumbers are added to the dandelion salad.

Then toss an oil and vinegar dressing, using whatever amount is desirable to your taste. Or you can make a dressing with lemon juice, dash of sugar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Some cooks like to use yogurt for dressing.

DANDELION SALAD WITH EGGS - This version calls for 4 cups packed dandelion leaves, which have been washed thoroughly, 1/4 cup chopped green onions. Toss with French dressing or oil and vinegar as desired.

Garnish with sliced hard-boiled eggs and tomato wedges. Serve at once.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## HIDDEN GEM

Springfield is full of pleasant surprises – particularly in the Old Town section of Main Street. For example, last Thursday Rob and I spent a few hours exploring three “Gems,” all within a few steps of each other.

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# Community Notes

## April 1 Indigo Cafe

The Indigo Cafe's Grand Reopening will be Saturday, April 1st, from 11 a.m. to 6p.m. It will kick off their 7th season in Blue River. The cafe is again located on its old spot on River Street at the McKenzie River Mountain Resort.

## April 1 One 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.

## April 1 Saturday Market

The McKenzie River Open Market will host the Walterville Saturday Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 39841 McK. Hwy. featuring handcrafted items from local vendors. Call Tina Matula at 541-220-6137 for more information.

## April 1 Living River Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Living River Exploration Day and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature this year, join in the fun on the second Saturdays, March through December.

## April 3 Springfield School Board

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

## April 4 Board of Commissioners

The Lane County Board of Commissioners will meet in Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave. in Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

## April 4 Public Safety Levy

Lane County Sheriff Cliff Harold will discuss Measure 20-340,

which would continue funding for a levy previously passed in 2013 - and renewed in 2017 for the Lane County Sheriff's Office. The levy will provide funding for 52 percent of jail operations and would continue the current tax rate of \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the median Lane County homeowner, that amounts to an average of \$9.80 per month for five years. There are currently 367 beds in the Lane County Jail, which also provides services for people with mental health and substance abuse issues. Levy funding provides 8 of 16 youth detention beds and 8 of 15 youth treatment beds. The meeting will be held at the Walterville Community Center located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 4th. For more information, go to: PublicSafetyLevy.org.

## March 29 Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Green Island 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. At Green Island, 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene.

## April 5 Produce Plus

FOOD for Lane County, Produce Plus, & Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic will bring high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need, free of charge, on Wednesday, April 5th from 1 to 3 p.m. All McKenzie River Community members who sign up can be served, as long as they are under the income guidelines. The pickup location is the Orchid Health - McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow. Call (541) 822-3341 for any questions and/or to sign up.

## April 5 BR Water Board

The Blue River Water District Board will meet 6 p.m. Via Zoom. Go to blueriverpark.com for more information.

## April 5 BR Park Board

The Blue River Water District

Board will meet 7:15 p.m. Via Zoom. Gotoblueriverwaterdistrict.com for more information.

## April 8 Easter Egg Hunt

The Walterville Grange will host their 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m., at the Walterville Community Center. There will be special sections for age groups 4 and under, 5 and 6, and 7 and up. There will be lots of eggs to find and some special eggs with special prizes in them. Be sure to bring your own baskets to put your eggs in. It will be held at 39259 Camp Creek Road, in Walterville. Don't be late, the eggs will be found fast, and they always start on time. For more information call 541-563-0106.

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## April 16 EWEB Updates

Representatives from EWEB will have a table from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Walterville Grange Open House on April 16. Stop by with your questions about energy efficiency programs, billing assistance, septic grants, Leaburg Dam, and the Pure Water Partners at 39259 Camp Creek Rd.

## April 17

### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

## April 19

### Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in

## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of McKenzie Fire & Rescue, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, will be held at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The second required notice of the Budget Committee Meeting is posted at www.mckenziefire.com. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 20, 2023 at District Headquarters, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon, 97489, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

1st notice published in McKenzie River Reflections, March 28, 2023.

2nd notice published at www.mckenziefire.com on March 28, 2023.

McKenzie Bridge.

## April 22 Wooden Boat Festival

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages..

## April 30 LTD Survey

Lane Transit District passengers are being asked to participate in an online survey that will assist the District in evaluating customer satisfaction with fixed or neighborhood bus service as well as to identify opportunities for improvements throughout the

District. The survey is available Monday, March 27, through Sunday, April 30, 2023.

The three- to five-minute-long survey is confidential. The survey will be available online at LTD.org beginning March 27, and paper copies will be available at the LTD Customer Service Center in Eugene Station at 1080 Willamette Street. Participants who complete the survey will be eligible to win one of two \$100 gift certificates from Fred Meyer.

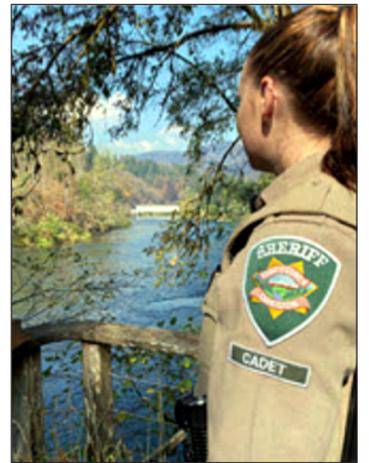
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# Sheriff seeking cadets

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Additional information may be found at: [http://www.LaneCountyOr.gov/Sheriff\\_Cadet\\_Program](http://www.LaneCountyOr.gov/Sheriff_Cadet_Program) or by contacting Sgt. Alex Speldrich at [alex.speldrich@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:alex.speldrich@lanecountyor.gov).

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell



Jane Sundried

## Worth Waiting For

I am a 31-year-old virgin male. At times, I feel sexually frustrated because I've never been intimate with a woman. The only experience I ever had was a nice French kiss in high school.

I'm overweight and don't see myself as worthy of a relationship as I am. But after years of neglect and ignoring myself, I am now making changes to my health, which will improve my self-image.

I am not attracted to men. If I see a woman on the street I find attractive, I see someone who might be a good person, a good friend, and a good soul. With all that, I have the normal fantasies a guy has when he sees a woman.

I live in a small town with no social life but come alive when I am in a bigger city. I also find women look at me and smile, and it's an ego boost. I am

considering going to an escort just to experience what I should have experienced 15 years ago.

There's a woman I talk to by e-mail who knows I'm a virgin. She mentioned she didn't see anything wrong in that and said I need to gain something I might have lost, and that's confidence. She's hinted about us, but hints can be read wrong.

I don't know if I'm asking for answers or advice, but I believe in the phrase "good things come to those who wait."

Grady

Grady, we are all on different schedules. On the unknown calendar of your life, there is much to come. You will always remember your first sexual experience, so there is no reason to link it to money.

For a woman, not having a sexual past means you don't come with unhealthy or sordid sexual baggage. Men feel embarrassed if they don't have locker room stories to tell, but there is nothing in it for a woman to be a "good-time girl."

Not to be stereotypical or old-fashioned, but women want love and strong emotional ties. They want a relationship with a future. Only then comes the desire for

intimacy. Love is what will make you attractive to a woman.

You already know your goal. Get yourself physically fit and pursue what attracts you with passion. If you've been fishing in too small a pool, it may be time to move to the lake. Many of the happiest people are those who once felt life had passed them by.

Tamara

## Another Chapter

I'm going through a difficult time. I'm in my early 40s, and my 21-year-old son just graduated from college with honors. He is a wonderful man and my only child.

It was difficult when my husband and I took him to college four years ago. The school is quite far away, and I missed him more than words could ever express. My husband was very supportive, and eventually, I came out of my funk.

Now I am back in the same place. My husband is a loving, caring man, but my son is far away. Eventually, I will get over this, but for now, I am overwhelmingly sad.

Grace

Grace, you sound like a woman with a lot of love to give, and we live in a world where so many people need nurturing. You did such a wonderful job with your son he no longer needs you as he did when he was a child.

One woman I know raised

three children of her own, and in addition, raised over 20 foster children. Each Christmas, a dozen or more of her foster children come from all over the country with their families to share the holiday with her.

Perhaps giving to others will ease your sense of loss, or perhaps you will be drawn to something else. But in this world, we can never think that we have walked the last mile.

Wayne

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

## American Life in Poetry

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

### Philomela's tongue says

By Melissa Studdard  
you could mistake grief for a diamond  
the way it shines when cut into,  
like fish  
eyes in a boat's drain. The eyes fly  
into death seeing everything: the  
cloud  
of alcohol in Sagittarius B2, the  
ten  
billion-trillion-trillion carat  
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in Centaurus, the soul swimming

## Ski Report

March 28, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area is closed on Mon. & Tues; open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. to Sat; and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The temperature Tuesday morning was 32 degrees at the base with East winds averaging 29 mph. Four inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 103 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 25 degrees at the base and 16 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. 15 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 130 inches. Despite the calendar, it was a full-on winter conditions Tuesday morning with another 3 to 5 inches of snow predicted. All 122 trails were open, along with 11 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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## Lazy Days plans Spring groundbreaking

The Lazy Days project was organized to rebuild the property that was the site of a mobile home park before the Holiday Farm Fire. Plans call for providing housing for people who were displaced by the wildfire. The development team, which includes BDA archi-

tects, KPFF engineering and Meili Construction, reports it is continuing to push forward to get to a spring groundbreaking. The site design has been completed and a big milestone was hit by submitting the site development permit to Lane County and DEQ Permit for the community septic system for review.

The current site design includes spaces for 20 modular homes and 10 spaces for RVs - as well as a community building and playground. The project team and Lane County are wrapping the federal environmental review. Once the environmental review is complete, site grading and stump removal will begin. In addition, a community event/celebration this Spring, according to Ela Kubok, Communications Director for Homes For Good.

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- 68. Geography class book
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- 71. Has divine power
- 72. Banned insecticide, acr.
- 73. German surrealist Max

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- 1. "General Hospital" network
  - 2. Crop of a bird
  - 3. Zeus' sister and wife
  - 4. Two under par on a golf hole
  - 5. Meat-cooking contraption
  - 6. Winglike
  - 7. \*Predominant color of Mars
  - 8. Type of membranophone
  - 9. Like never-losing Steven
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  - 11. \*Primary color
  - 12. \_\_\_ Juan, Puerto Rico
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  - 22. Nicki Minaj's genre
  - 24. Not womenfolk
  - 25. \*Number of colors in a rainbow
  - 26. Of service
  - 27. Colorful parrot
  - 29. \*The LumiÈre brothers' colorful creation
  - 31. "Cheers" actress Perlman
  - 32. Jeopardy
  - 33. Sergio of Spaghetti Westerns fame
  - 34. Follow as a consequence
  - 36. Email folder
  - 38. Cone-shaped quarters
  - 42. Naiad or maenad
  - 45. Motherless calves
  - 49. Old horse
  - 51. Long John Silver, e.g.
  - 54. Modified "will"
  - 56. Bottom-ranking employee
  - 57. Opposite of "out of"
  - 58. Hall of Fame Steelers' coach
  - 59. June 6, 1944
  - 60. "\_\_\_\_ Buy Me Love"
  - 61. Between dawn and noon
  - 62. Yours and mine
  - 63. Expression of pleasure
  - 65. Melancholy
  - 67. Latissimus dorsi, for short

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  - 15. Soft palate hanger
  - 16. Boatload
  - 17. Wood-shaping tool
  - 18. Old episode
  - 19. \*Alice of "Color Purple" fame
  - 21. \*Fruit and color
  - 23. Long reef dweller
  - 24. Sound of pain
  - 25. Math class total
  - 28. Excessively abundant
  - 30. \*"Royal" color
- ACROSS**
- 35. Arrival times, acr.
  - 37. \*Color quality
  - 39. Shininess
  - 40. White House "sub"
  - 41. Spritelike
  - 43. Cupid's counterpart
  - 44. Serengeti grazer
  - 46. \*Feeling blue
  - 47. Hokkaido native
  - 48. \*Color wheel inventor
  - 50. Walk with a hitch
  - 52. "Malcolm X" (1992) movie director
  - 53. Stare open-mouthed
  - 55. Napoleon of "Animal Farm," e.g.
  - 57. \*Between blue and violet
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**Conrad tours the River**



With the Bottle Boys in Leaburg.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Oregon State Representative Charlie Conrad visited all three McKenzie River Valley community centers. He also stopped by Leaburg Store to learn more about The Bottle Boys recycling program and visited the Discovery Center at the Historic Fish Hatchery in Leaburg to hear about their exciting vision for interactive exhibits.

At each stop, community representatives outlined their mission, and described current projects and needs. The overarching themes were rebuilding, rejuvenation and, of course, recycling.

Proponents of the Walterville Community Center discussed plans to replace some of the siding and windows of their historic building.

Similarly, at Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow, plans were discussed to to completely renovate its kitchen and bathrooms plus renderings of the future O'Brien Library were shared.

A trip to Vida McKenzie Community Center's construction site enabled Rep. Conrad to see significant progress with the rebuilding of this community resource following the Holiday Farm Fire.

Throughout the tour, Rep. Conrad listened closely and asked thoughtful questions. Moreover, he suggested referrals to key agencies and programs which may help these community organizations overcome obstacles to progress with their projects.

Gerry Aster, Vida



At the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

**A Moment in Oregon History**

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

Rocky Mountains, served as a guide for Oregon Trail pioneers. During the Cayuse War Palmer served as the general of volunteer forces and as a peace emissary. He was appointed the Oregon Superintendent of Indian Affairs and negotiated treaties with most of the major Indian tribes of the region. But in 1857 he was removed from office because of his determined stance of refusing to allow the settlers to encroach on reservation lands, and his insistence that the federal government live up to its treaty promises. In 1870 he ran for governor on the republican ticket but lost the election. He died in 1881.

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Art entries for the Habitat Conservation Stamp must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat.

Waterfowl Stamp Contest entries must feature the Trumpeter Swan in its natural habitat setting.

All entries for the Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest must feature the Gray Partridge in its natural habitat setting.

Entries will be accepted between up to 5 p.m. on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr., SE, Salem, OR 97302.

Entries can be mailed, or hand delivered. Artists should review the final page on contest rules for packaging tips.

A panel will judge artwork



'23 Habitat Conservation: Western Gray Squirrel by Chris Goins.



'23 Upland Game Bird: Mountain Quail by Marissa Gibson.



'23 Waterfowl: Greater Scaup by Frank Dolphens.

based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species and general appeal.

Collector's stamps, art prints and other promotional materials are produced from first-place artwork. Proceeds from product sales are used for habitat improvement, research surveys and conservation projects.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit ODFW's stamp art competition webpage for more information on the contests and to view entries from previous years.

For more information on contest rules and to order stamps and art prints, visit: [tinyurl.com/9pr254rt](http://tinyurl.com/9pr254rt).

## Flood insurance for rain/snow melt



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As Oregon heads into spring, heavy rainfall and snow melt are expected to follow, which may lead to flooding in many areas. The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation urges homeowners and businesses to consider protecting their properties with comprehensive flood insurance, which offers many benefits during natural disasters.

Flood insurance provides peace of mind to property owners that they are protected from the financial devastation that often accompanies natural disasters. Floods can cause extensive damage to homes and businesses, including structural damage, loss of personal property, and even displacement from their home. With flood insurance, property owners can focus on recovering and rebuilding without the added stress of financial burden.

Most homeowners, renters, and business policies do not cover flood damage. However, you can buy flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and some private insurers.

"Many people assume that their homeowner's insurance policy will cover damages from a flood, but that is typically not the case,"

said Andrew Stolfi, Oregon's insurance commissioner and director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. "Flood insurance is a separate policy that provides coverage for damages caused by flooding, and it is important for homeowners and businesses to evaluate whether to have this coverage to protect their investment."

Flood insurance policies can be tailored to meet the specific needs of each customer, providing options for building coverage, contents coverage, and replacement cost coverage. In addition, excess flood coverage is available for those who need additional protection above and beyond the standard policy limits.

DFR encourages property owners to consider flood insurance as a crucial part of their disaster preparedness plan.

"Don't wait until it's too late to protect your property from flooding, or any kind of disaster," Stolfi said. "With a flood insurance policy, you can have solace knowing you are prepared."

For more information on flood insurance and other natural disaster preparedness, check out DFR's website at [tinyurl.com/4yfsbk7f](http://tinyurl.com/4yfsbk7f)

# Wondering about your refund?

## Use the Where's My Refund Tool

The Oregon Department of Revenue has begun issuing refunds due to taxpayers who have filed their 2022 tax returns. Through March 3, the department had received and processed 681,099 returns and had issued 495,606 refunds.

The agency began processing returns January 23 in the order they were received. However, each year, the department waits until after February 15 to issue personal income tax refunds as part of its tax fraud prevention efforts. The delay allows for confirmation that the amounts claimed on tax returns match what employers report on Forms W-2 and 1099.

Now that the agency has begun issuing refunds, taxpayers can check Where's My Refund on Revenue Online to see the status of their refund. To check the status of their refund, taxpayers will need their:

- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN);
- Filing status; and
- The exact refund amount shown on:
  - Line 46 of their Form OR-40, or
  - Line 71 of their Form OR-40-N, or
  - Line 70 of their Form OR-40-P

The Department of Revenue recommends that taxpayers wait one week after they have electronically filed their return to use the Where's My Refund tool.

Where's My Refund will tell taxpayers whether their refund has been issued electronically, a check has been mailed, their refund has been adjusted, there are questions about their return, or their return is being manually processed.

E-filing and requesting direct deposit is the fastest way for a taxpayer to get their refund. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund 34 days sooner than taxpayers who mail their paper returns and request paper refund checks.

All Oregon resident taxpayers preparing their own returns in 2023 can file electronically at no cost using one of Oregon's free file options.

Taxpayers can check the status of their federal tax refunds on the IRS website.

Six common reasons refunds take longer and what to do about it

- Filing a paper return. Paper returns take longer to process and, as a result, it takes longer to issue related refunds. File electronically instead.
- Filing electronically and requesting to receive a refund via a

check takes longer. Request direct deposit instead.

- Filing more than once. Sending a paper return through the mail after e-filing will delay a refund. Taxpayers should file just once.

- Filing during peak filing periods. Refunds are also issued slower during peak filing periods, like the last few weeks before the April 18 deadline. Filing well ahead of the deadline will help taxpayers get their refunds sooner.

- Refunds can also be delayed when errors are identified on returns. Taxpayers who receive a letter requesting additional information are urged to respond promptly through Revenue Online to speed the processing of their return.

- Taxpayers who check Where's My Refund one week after they file and receive a message saying their return is being manually processed should watch their mailbox for correspondence from the department. If it has been 12 weeks or more since they filed their return and they haven't received a letter from the department, taxpayers should call 503-378-4988 or 800-356-4222 to speak with a customer service representative. Online access is at: [tinyurl.com/ss9z94z9](http://tinyurl.com/ss9z94z9).

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# Riot at bar

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before the ladies had started their devotionals, the streets of Portland were ringing with an unbelievable racket that brought spectators sprinting to the scene from blocks around.

“This hideous clamor continued for an hour, the Crusaders meanwhile calmly saying prayers and singing songs which not even those closest to them could hear,” historian Malcolm H. Clark writes. “Fritz (the organist) grew arm-weary. The two boys, despite the encouraging shouts of their commander, were perceptibly weakening. Moffett’s face had acquired a purplish cast.”

The bartender, J.F. Good, ducked out the door and found a street hydrant with a hose attached to it, used to fill the sprinkler wagons that kept the dust down on the dirt street during dry weather. Picking the hose up, he opened the hydrant and blasted water onto the front of the saloon; it ran down the front of the building and soaked the temperance workers with dirty water. Dripping wet in clothes that were probably ruined, they sang on.

By late afternoon the gong boys had given out completely, so Good grabbed one of the gongs and the erstwhile organist seized the other. According to the Portland Daily Bulletin, one of them soon thereafter lost his gong; beating it as hard as he could inches from the face of one of the ladies, a Mrs. Stitzel, he was surprised when she acknowledged his presence for the first and only time — by suddenly snatching the gong from him and “retain(ing) possession of it.” According to Frances Fuller Victor, Moffett actually tried to recover this gong



Portland Police Chief (and saloon owner) James Lappeus as he appeared around the time of the Temperance Wars. (Image: Leland John)

robber-style — he pulled out a pocket pistol, pointed it at her head, and demanded that she give it back. But Stitzel silently called his bluff, and the gun went back in his pocket, and the gong stayed out of service.

The gongbeater involved in this little bit of pistol-waving was probably Mr. Good, because around 5 p.m. we know he was no longer operating a gong. We know this because that’s the point

at which he — after several trips into the saloon for yet another quick bracer, and now quite drunk — started swearing bitterly and profanely at the line of singing, praying ladies.

It was too much. You never know what’s going to set a crowd off. In this instance, this display of drunken churlishness was enough for bystander William Grooms — who, by the way, had been Portland’s city marshal back in

1853.

Grooms now approached the sloppy, obscenity-sputtering Mr. Good, hauled off and flattened him with a powerful punch square in the middle of the face.

The crowd exploded. Fists and elbows flew. Uninvited guests surged into the Webfoot Saloon, and Moffett and his little band backed away as best they could and sought refuge behind the bar. Glass broke and chairs flew. Moffett got his pistol back out of his pocket, and several others did likewise. How this whole affair managed to not end with anybody getting maimed or killed is a mystery, but the police must have been keeping a close eye on the situation, because they were on the scene within seconds. They didn’t shut it down and they didn’t ask the ladies to leave; they simply restored order and withdrew.

Moffett was down a gong and the crank organ had fallen victim to the mob as well. With a few tin cans and the one remaining gong, he and his crew carried on until 6 p.m., when the ladies quietly withdrew. On every possible level, they had won the day.

Pressing their advantage, the ladies were back the next day at 10 a.m., and word spread quickly; within minutes, the streets and sidewalks were jammed with spectators ready for the show. But inside the Webfoot Saloon, all was quiet. Instead of engaging the enemy, Moffett hustled down the road to the police station and

swore out a complaint against the ladies for disorderly conduct, based on the riot that had broken out the previous day.

Chief Lappeus, never one to neglect to do a fellow saloonkeeper a solid, sallied forth once again to enforce it; and soon the procession of the previous week was repeated.

This time the charges against the ladies would actually stick; but things wouldn’t turn out quite the way Moffett and Lappeus envisioned. We’ll talk about that in the fourth and final installment of this story, next week.

(Sources: *The Women’s War with Whisky; or, Crusading in Portland*, a book by Frances Fuller Victor, published in 1874 by Himes the Printer of Portland; “The War on the Webfoot Saloon,” an article by Malcolm Clark Jr. published in the March 1957 issue of *Oregon Historical Quarterly*; OHS Archive document folders MSS 1535 and 550; archives of *The New Northwest and Portland Daily Bulletin*, March–July 1874.)

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## Child care returns

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a safe place for families to begin their early childhood education and enhance their social wellbeing.

This new center will offer young students safe spaces that allow children to learn, both through education and socially. New staff members will be at the open house to meet parents and community members.

“We have been counting down the days till the Little Eagle childcare opens. Finding quality child care upriver can be a huge challenge. Thankfully, this center will give our daughter a chance to play and learn with peers while getting better prepared for school,” said Angie Smith, parent of a 3-year-old entering this program.

Over the last year, the district ran a fundraising campaign to make the center a reality. So far,

local donors have raised \$420,000 to fund the center. “As the new childcare center Director for the McKenzie School District, I am thrilled for this opportunity and am impressed by the commu-

nity and donor support to make this happen,” said Director of the Childcare Center, Jessica Marie. “As childcare is essential for working families, I think this will be a fantastic resource for the growth of this community.”

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BILL BURWELL



William “Bill” David Burwell, age 73, of Rainbow, Oregon, passed away Friday, February 17th, 2023 due to complications from cancer and Alzheimer’s disease. Born in 1949 to David and Gale Burwell, Bill grew up learning to float Oregon’s rivers, explore Wilderness trails, and work in the woods. Throughout his life he had a strong sense of the surrounding land and forests, and an interest in indigenous ways of life.

In 1967 Bill graduated from Thurston High School with a football scholarship to the University of Oregon where he played for one year. In 1972 he married his High School sweetheart Karen Mikkelsen, and they raised their two sons, Tyee and Lakota on a large farm near the Mohawk River. During this time Bill worked in the woods as a timber faller and high climber, and started a restoration forestry business, Oregon Woods. After being injured on the job he returned to the University of Oregon in 1986 to study education, teaching at Yolanda Elementary school. Bill and Karen divorced

in 1994.

Through the Mikkelsen’s Bill met the Kesey family of the Springfield Creamery. Over the years he enjoyed being part of the cultural change inspired by Ken’s ideas, and spent family time with Carolyn Garcia and her three daughters. Bill also contributed significant energy and time to the Oregon Country Fair “Arch(eology) Park” to share his knowledge of local history.

Between 2000 and 2012, Bill returned to Leaburg to care for his mother, and his second wife Denise Nakagawa during their terminal illnesses. In 2013 Bill moved upriver to Rainbow near McKenzie Bridge where, along with Margaret Beilharz, he was active in preserving and presenting local history. Their shared interests also took them on explorations of the local rivers and ridgetops, and travels to central Oregon and to Mexico. During this time he was able to live close to his son Tyee, daughter-in-law Julea, and their children Keirin and Fischer.

Family surviving him are his two sons, his daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; siblings Lee Means and Dana Burwell, their children, cousins, and many friends. Bill was known for his warm heart and big smile, and he is missed by those who knew him.

A celebration of Bill’s life is planned for May 28th at 2 pm near Leaburg Lake at EWEB’s Lloyd Knox Park #4. Please come with any photos or stories of Bill you would like to share.

Memorial contributions can be made to the McKenzie Education Foundation ([www.mckedfound.org](http://www.mckedfound.org)) and/or the Alzheimer’s Foundation.



# McKenzie River Reflections



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Serving the McKenzie River Valley ... And Subscriber Erin Canady of McKenzie Bridge

### Riot at bar

Ladies of the Women's Temperance Prayer League, escalated the conflict to the levels that would lead, within a week or two, to street riots.

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### Country Kitchen

With the coming of warmer weather we begin to look forward to the greens growing wild to add appeal to our meals.

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## "Week-of-the-boats" is coming

"Spawning Grounds: It Started with this River" to cap events

LEABURG: Brad Dimock, Colorado River guide, river dory historian, dory builder, teacher, and owner-operator of Fretwater Boatworks in Flagstaff, will be a featured presenter from 5 to 7 p.m. at the McKenzie River Discovery Center's Hatchery building, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. His talk will tie into the evening's theme, "Spawning Grounds: It Started with this River" and will be a show-and-tell of the links between the McKenzie, Rogue, and Colorado dories, some of the histories, and "gen-

erally enamor the audience with tales of connections, exploits and good humor," according to organizers.

In addition to Dimock, Spawning Grounds will feature the donation from Bob Hirt of the last known drift boat built by Woodie Hindman. Steve Mealey, one of the earliest proponents of the Discovery Center, will accept the gift on behalf of the MRDC, and he will set the stage for Spawning Grounds.

Dr. Gordon Grant, research

geologist and hydrologist for the USFS and courtesy OSU professor, will speak to the landscape-hydrology and suitability of the drift boat to this environment.

The program will be capped with a progress report of Discovery by Executive Director Shirley Braunstein and Board President, Gene Jones. According to Roger Fletcher, evening program coordinator, seating is limited. RSVPs are therefore requested by text (503.559.0204) or email (riverstouch@msn.com).

This program is the capstone event for the week-of-the-boats, which includes the a drift boat building workshop April 17 – 21, taught by Jayson Hayes of Hayes Custom Boats, followed on Saturday by the popular Wooden Boat Festival from 10-4 at Eagle Rock Lodge. Fletcher notes that the boat building class is full, and that Randy Dersham of the Oregon Boat Project is coordinating the boat festival.

The MRDC is at the site of the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery, next to Leaburg Lake.

## Court rules for Manslaughter in Leaburg killing case

A Leaburg man who killed his 71-year-old roommate in July has been sentenced to 15 years in jail. The Lane County Sheriff's Office had arrested Nickolas Trevor Jessee, 37, on July 8<sup>th</sup>, after a day-long search.

According to reports, deputies received a call from a neighbor shortly after 10 p.m. on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The witness reported seeing a dispute involving two males at a residence in the 44000 block of the McKenzie Highway. When police arrived on the scene they found Gary Stuart Coulter on the ground outside with severe injuries. He was transported by to the hospital by paramedics but died a short time later.

Investigators identified 37-year-old Nickolas Trevor Jessee as a person of interest in the assault turned homicide. They believed he had fled the area before they arrived at the property, but believed he could still be in the area.

Jessee was charged with second-degree murder when he was first arrested. In February he pleaded



Nickolas Jessee

guilty to new charges of first-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault. According to court documents, Jessee has been convicted of several crimes in the past including sexual abuse, assault, DUII and burglary.

Jessee was sentenced on March 17<sup>th</sup> to 15 years of in jail and is not eligible for any reduction in his sentence as well as not being eligible for an early release. The court also ruled he will be subject to three years of probation after that prison time is up.



Stories about river running will be part of presentations scheduled for April at the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

## Child care returns

New center aids families affected by fire

.BLUE RIVER: The McKenzie School District opened its McKenzie Little Eagles Child Care Center last Thursday. The new offering fills the child care gap left by the devastating Holiday Farm Fire.

Previously, there wasn't a licensed child care facility within the school district boundary, making it hard for families to return to work after COVID. Families returning to the McKenzie Valley as rebuilding continues have faced similar challenges. Organizers say it's hoped the center will help attract new families to the area.

The new childcare center is a

part of the McKenzie School District's ongoing efforts to serve the community and provide a valuable service to families who need it.

"Our community was devastated by the 2020 fires, and our families have been struggling to get back on their feet," said Lane Tompkins, McKenzie Schools Superintendent. "We recognize the need for reliable and affordable child care in our community, and we see this as a way to build back and attract new Eagles."

The Little Eagles Child Care Center will help grow the economy by adding jobs and providing

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The Little Eagles Child Care Center is adjacent to the new gymnasium on the McKenzie School District campus.

## Residents weigh in on rebuild options



BLUE RIVER: More than two dozen people had a chance in March to record their feelings on good and bad aspects of plans that will help determine how Blue River rebuilds after the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. During a meeting in the McKenzie High School gym, maps and comment forms for Lane County's Blue River Drive design concept project allowed people to focus on four different sections of the road.

Transportation planner Becky Taylor told the group to address issues like what the best and worst outcomes might be? Whether there were any unresolvable contro-versies a new design might involve? And other issues like flooding,

speeding vehicles or other safety concerns.

So far, results have shown support for a design that would support business recovery in the downtown area, including ways for travelers to exit Hwy. 126 and enter Blue River. Another traffic related option that gained support involves the area between the Blue River bridge and the school. There, people said they's support safe sidewalks or bike/pedestrian paths.

Engineers plan to prepare an overall plan with three alternatives for people to comment on in the Spring before moving forward. After that, a "community preferred alternative," would be reviewed by the county's Transportation Advisory Committee before being forwarded to the Board of Commissioners by August.