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Got some ideas for improving the U.S.A.?

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Keep them healthy

Gardeners hear it often enough: right plant, right place.

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Corps recommends draining Cougar's Lake

Salmon would pass through the bottom of the dam

Salmon and steelhead will be better treated according to changes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is recommending for the 500 trillion gallons of water stored in 13 dams and reservoirs it manages in the Willamette Basin. Flood control will remain a priority but endangered fish will move up a list of considerations that includes drinking water, irrigation, and recreation opportunities.

The agency's recently released 2,200-page draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) includes plans for producing less hydropower, retaining more water behind the Blue River Dam, and scaling back some operations at fish hatcheries that were built to mitigate the

impact of dams on native fish.

Public comment on the seven alternatives in the plan ended on February 23rd. Following reviews and responses to the agency's preferred alternative, a final decision should be announced by late summer 2024.

Cougar Dam - and the lake formed behind it - would be the site of the most changes under Alternative 5 (the one favored by the Corps). In the spring, the reservoir would undergo a "deep drawdown" to ensure fish have easier access to upstream spawning areas, rather than capturing and trucking salmon as they are today. In the fall, Cougar Reservoir would again be drained to let migrating juveniles a clear route to swim downstream on their way to the ocean.

The document includes ways of reducing the competition for spawning and rearing areas between wild and hatchery fish. Also in the plus column are contributions "to future economic prosperity by creating jobs during construction and social well-being by continuing to reduce flood risks for the community."

"The system of dams and reservoirs protecting the Willamette Basin has served us well for decades. Changes to the system for the benefit of endangered species will help rebalance those benefits," according to Erik Petersen, the Corps' Willamette Valley operations project manager. "It's incredibly complex, and I'm glad that we've had more time to build public understanding and gain substantive feedback from as many stakeholders as possible. That feedback is critical to shaping our decision-making process."

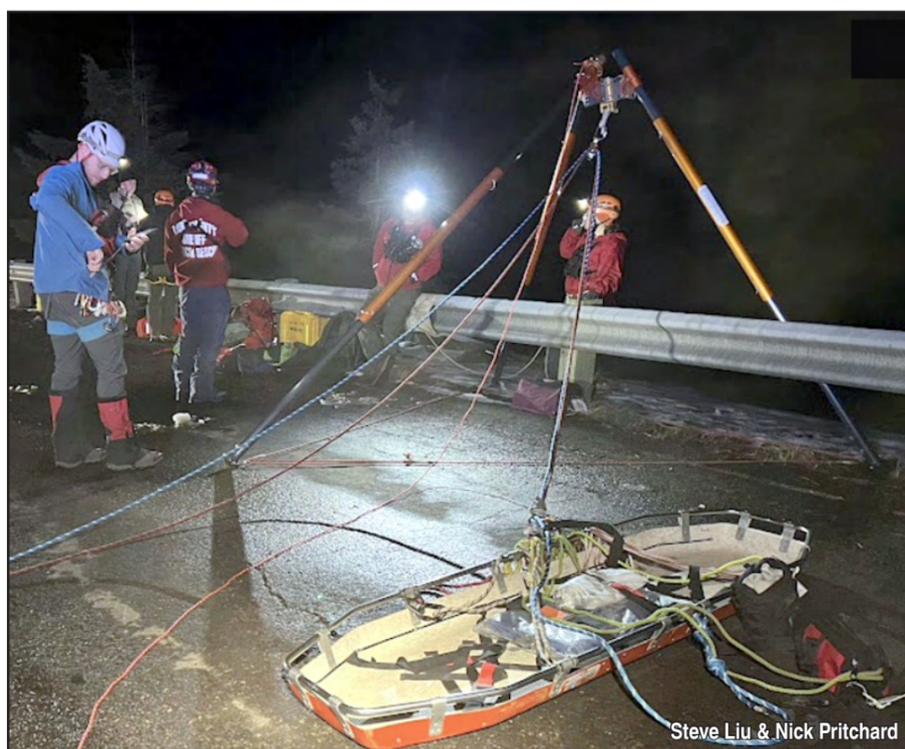
The measures included in the Preferred Corps recommends draining - Page 6



Endangered fish stocks have been carefully monitored at the truck transfer facility that opened at Cougar Dam in 2012.

Man killed in fall

Little known about deceased subject



Steve Liu & Nick Pritchard

COUGARRESERVOIR: A 22-year-old Salem man suffered fatal injuries on February 18th.

According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, a report was received at approximately 4:22 p.m. that a man had fallen off a cliff located on the east side of Aufderheide Drive (USFS Rd. 19), a short distance south of Terwilliger Hot Springs.

First responders arrived

on the scene and were able to see a man lying motionless on the ground at the bottom of a cliff, but due to the extreme terrain, the rescuers were not able to immediately reach him. Lane County Sheriff Search and Rescue, along with Eugene Mountain Rescue personnel had also been en route and discovered the subject was deceased. Their rescue plans turned into a recovery operation.

Team members rappelled approximately 300 feet down a steep cliff overlooking the reservoir to recover the subject. Using a tripod and rope system, the victim and team members were then raised back to the roadway.

Police said the preliminary investigation showed that the man's fall was likely accidental. The victim's name was not released at the request of his family.

Rural residents asked to update county's natural hazard plan

Survey aimed at minimizing disaster impacts

People who live outside the Eugene-Springfield area are being asked to take a short online survey to help update Lane County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Lane County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years and aims to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards around the region. I

Officials say updating this plan also makes Lane County and area cities eligible for federal grants and funding to help mitigate potential impacts from disasters like conducting fuel

reduction projects to reduce risks from wildfires.

"Lane County is a beautiful place. There aren't many counties where you can ski and surf on the same day, but alongside this natural beauty that we all appreciate is a high risk for natural disasters," said Lane County Emergency Manager Patence Winningham. "We regularly experience flooding, wildfire, and severe winter storms, and we are at high risk of significant seismic events - including the major Cascadia earthquake."

Residents can weigh in on the plan update by providing input on topics like:

Do you think Lane County should focus on fuel reduction?

Should culverts and bridges be updated to withstand flooding?

The survey is available online at: LaneCountyOR.gov/mitigation. Paper copies of the survey can be requested by calling 541-682-6967 or emailing PublicInformation@LaneCountyOR.gov.

Forest restoration

\$100,000 approved for cooperative training

By Rebecca Ciciretti
USDA Forest Service

The US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region has entered into an agreement for almost \$100,000 with Sustainable Northwest to enhance collaborative capacity for forest restoration during the 2023 calendar year.

The partnership aims to train Forest Service interdisciplinary teams on working with collaborative groups, provide technical assistance to collaboratives, and share best practices through peer-to-peer collaborative learning networks.

The funding for this agreement was made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The BIL authorized the Forest Service \$100 million nationally to support collaboration and collaborative-based activities, including planning and implementing projects associated with the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. The Forest Service allocated a portion of those funds to each Forest Service Region

as an initial investment to enhance collaborative work.

"The Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest has a strong history of engaging with collaborative groups to meet shared goals," said Glenn Casamassa, Regional Forester

Forest restoration - Page 9



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Climate change, catastrophic wildfire, bark beetle infestation, invasive species, record droughts, and other stressors threaten the health of our forest and watersheds, and the people that rely on them.

Letters to the Editor

IRA funding is good news for conservation-minded

The time is now for farmers and ranchers to apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) working lands conservation programs.

Additional funding for programs—including the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)—has been made available from the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This means interested producers are more likely to receive funding to support new conservation efforts than in years past.

The USDA's working lands programs provide financial and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices on their operations. They have been historically underfunded and oversubscribed, with the number of eligible applications exceeding available funding. The additional funding—\$8.45 billion for EQIP and \$3.25 billion for CSP through 2026—will allow more producers to enroll and engage in practices

that protect water quality and improve soil health.

The application processes will remain largely the same for farmers and ranchers. However, to be eligible for IRA-funded contracts, producers must agree to implement practices designated by the USDA as Climate Smart Agriculture activities. These activities include many popular practices such as cover crops, conservation tillage, prescribed grazing, and nutrient management.

Producers interested in applying are encouraged to contact their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office as soon as possible. CSP and EQIP applications are accepted year-round, however, producers are encouraged to complete initial paperwork by their state's application deadline. For a list of these deadlines, visit nrcs.usda.gov/ranking-dates. To find your local office, visit nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center.

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Guest Opinion

'More Speech, Not Enforced Silence'

By David Hudson

At times, it is most tempting to censor speech or to call for the censorship of speech we don't like, but before engaging in those impulses, we should consider Justice Brandeis's time-honored message of "more speech, not enforced silence."

A natural human response to harmful speech is to punish, silence or censor the speaker. After all, who wants to hear speech we consider overtly offensive, heinously hateful or insensibly ignorant. But when the government acts as punisher, silencer or censor, the First Amendment acts as a strong bulwark against these censorial instincts.

A better response to speech we dislike is to counter that speech with positive speech, to show why the speaker is wrong and offer a different viewpoint. This principle is a time-honored one in First Amendment law called the counterspeech doctrine.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis most memorably captured the essence of the counterspeech doctrine in his concurring opinion in *Whitney v. California* (1927). He wrote:

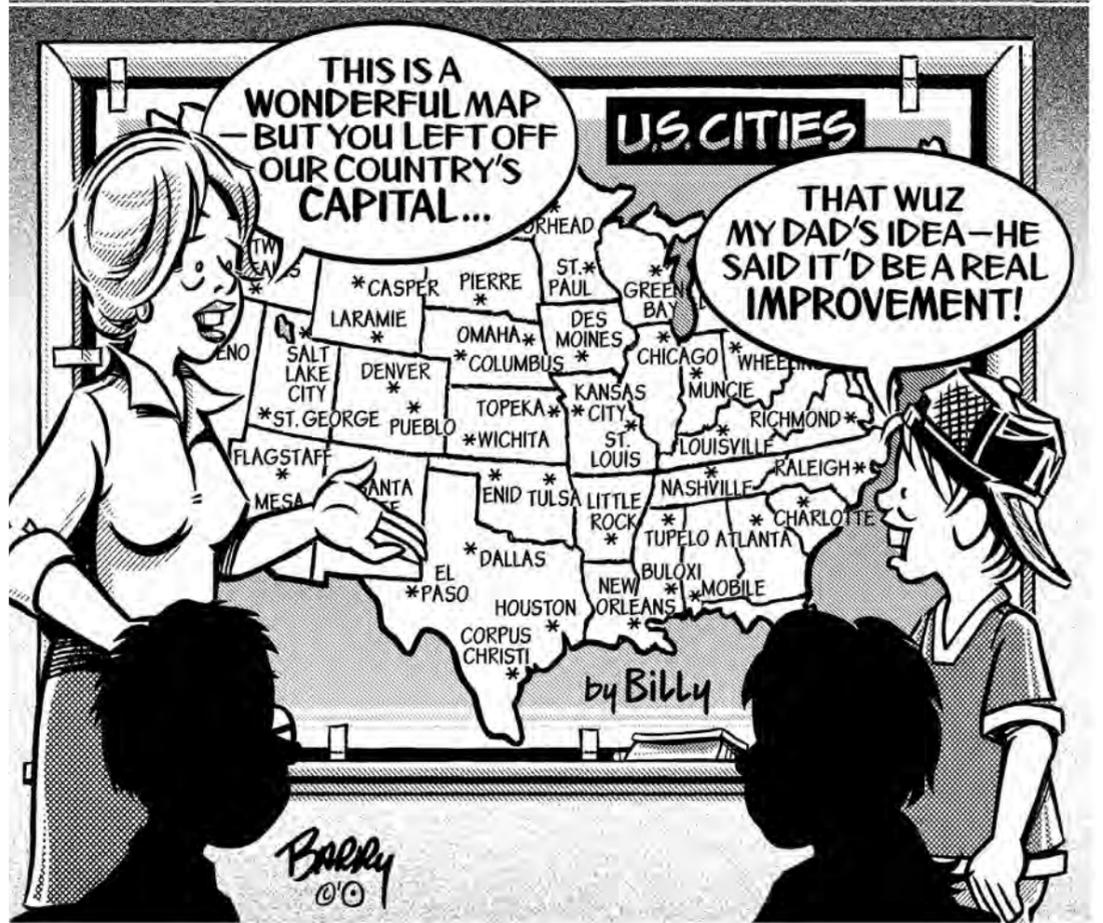
If there be time to expose through discussion the falsehood and fallacies, to avert the evil by the processes of education, the remedy to be applied is more speech, not enforced silence.

Time and again over the years, the U.S. Supreme Court and many lower courts have invoked the counterspeech doctrine as the preferred First Amendment remedy. For example, in *United States v. Alvarez* (2012), a case involving the federal prosecution of a man who lied about receiving military medals, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote that "the remedy for speech that is false is speech that is true."

Years earlier, Justice Thurgood Marshall invoked the counterspeech doctrine in *Linmark Associates, Inc. v. Township of Willingboro* (1977), invalidating a New Jersey municipal ordinance banning "for sale" signs in the midst of what city officials perceived to be white flight. Justice Marshall quoted Justice Brandeis's famous passage in *Whitney* and added that the city could not ban the signs but could engage in the "processes of education" to promote integrated housing.

At times, it is most tempting to censor speech or to call for the censorship of speech we don't like. But before engaging in those impulses, we should consider Justice Brandeis's time-honored message of "more speech, not enforced silence."

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

There are no McKenzie Varsity sports contests scheduled this pending week. Varsity track season officially, per OSAA regulations, opens February 27, for practices.

Mt. West and Big Sky Leagues Shut Out Of Baker Finals

No Varsity Girls or Boys teams representing the Mt. West League nor the Big Sky League qualified for the 2023 OSAA State Basketball Quarterfinals to be held at Baker City this season. The Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) sponsors eight Class 1A Basketball leagues in the state of Oregon. They are Mt. West, Big Sky, Old Oregon, High Desert, Casco, Mt. Valley, Valley 10, and Skyline.

It's been a bit of a drought for the Mt. West League to send a team east over to Baker City. The last team extending their season over yonder was the Mohawk Girls of 2020, which earned the state's sixth-place trophy. As for the Boys, Baker City has not hosted an Mt. West team since the 2016 season, when Siletz Valley earned a spot. The Warriors went two and out that season at the State Tournament, but they earned a berth.

This season didn't shape up much better as the MWL saw just two of its teams qualify for the Second Round of the State Playoffs, and both entered that Round as the lowest (16th) seed of the Round. Those teams were

the Alsea Boys and Eddyville Charter Girls.

Ironically, Crane, the number one State seed in both the Boy's and Girl's rankings, easily sent the MWL reps packing for home. The Mustangs routed the Eddyville Eagles Girls 61-25, last Friday, February 4, at Crane. And the next day, routed the Alsea Wolverines 65-35, in the same gymnasium.

In First Round action earlier in the week, Eddyville Girls held off Umpqua Valley Christian, 64-59, to advance to the Second Round. Third-ranked North Douglas routed Triangle Lake 75-29, fourth-ranked Nixyaawii crushed Mohawk, 66-15, and seventh-ranked St. Paul rolled over Crow, 71-36.

In First Round action for the Boy's teams, Crane sunk Mapleton 64-9, the fourth-ranked Adrian Antelopes jumped over Triangle Lake, 67-25, and Mohawk put up a gallant effort, but came up with short, 38-34, to host Crosshill Christian. Alsea won its First Round effort versus Elkton in a close game at Alsea, 50-47.

Crane Boys And Girls Ranked One

Down in the Southeastern region of the State, a small Class

1A school is making a whole lot of noise in gymnasiums around. That's not new news to the locals or those paying attention, however. Once again, the Mustangs of Crane are racing full gallop towards a State Championship trophy(s).

This season, I doubt you're gonna be able to find anybody in the general Crane metropolitan area next week to ask about the weather or Steens Mountain directions. That's because the Mustang Boys and Girls teams have suffered just one loss apiece this season and both are currently ranked number one going into the State Quarterfinals up in Baker City. You can bet even money that the tiny Crane gym will teleport all its boots and spurs to Baker City and look out, the Mustangs are stampeding North.

The Crane Girls are 26-1 going in but hang onto your hats, over on the other side eight-team bracket, looms second-ranked Damascus Christian, no stranger to this chapter of the season either. The Eagles have posted an excellent 23-1 record of their own and relish an opportunity to share quality court time with Crane in the Championship Game. Of course, the rest of the Girl's field are all

Letters to the Editor

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READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
2/21	45	32	0.15	448 cfs	2/21	56	38	0.30	2,740 cfs
2/22	37	30	0.37	NA	2/22	41	32	0.61	2,880 cfs
2/23	31	21	0.03	477 cfs	2/23	41	29	0.10	2,820 cfs
2/24	42	21	0.03	367 cfs	2/24	42	26	0.01	2,560 cfs
2/25	46	21	0	313 cfs	2/25	50	23	0	2,530 cfs
2/26	36	30	0.53	337 cfs	2/26	50	28	0.20	2,670 cfs
2/27	37	30	0.38	377 cfs	2/27	40	32	0.25	2,660 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 16: 8:23 a.m: Burglary - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd. A caller reported that their house had been burglarized and some specific items taken. Investigation revealed that a family member lawfully retrieved the items and no crime had occurred.

9:38 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 38600 blk, Natures Garden St. A caller reported that they had been receiving prank phone calls.

Feb. 17: 4:09 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. An area resident called 911 and seemed to be suffering from mental health issues. No crime articulated and the caller asked to not be contacted.

Feb. 21: 10:18 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

10:39 a.m: Theft - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. A caller reported that someone stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle.

11:54 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute

- 49900 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between roommates.

1:04 p.m: Theft - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that their cell phone was stolen while the caller was at an area business.

1:58 p.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

2:30 p.m: Impound Vehicle - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

4:33 p.m: Harassment - 36700 blk, Keller Ln.

Feb. 22: 10:53 a.m: Civil Service - 95600 blk, Marcola Rd.

11:37 a.m: Suspicious Subject - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. A man was observed looking in a neighbor's windows. He was described as a white male adult in his 20's or 30's wearing all black.

1:51 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

1:57 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

4:05 p.m: Theft - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. Follow up on theft of a catalytic converter.

4:33 p.m: Harassment - 36700 blk, Keller Ln. A caller advised that their ex has been hacking the caller's phone.

4:58 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 56600 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:08 p.m: Theft of Mail - 44300 blk, McK. Hwy.

Feb. 23: 6:47 a.m: Alarm - 38900 blk, Wendling Rd.

12:49 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

2:29 p.m: Reckless Endangering - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy. A property owner reported that they received 2nd hand information that a known person had shot out the windows to their property.

4:11 p.m: Fraud - 8000 blk, Thurston Rd. A caller reported that an unknown suspect managed to steal money out of the caller's bank account.

4:58 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Cedar Flat Rd.

5:06 p.m: Civil Problem - 87900 blk, Dowdy Ln.

Feb. 24: 2:52 p.m: Harassment - 87900 blk, Dowdy Ln. A caller reported that their neighbor has been harassing them. Deputies investigated and determined the issue to be civil in nature.

5:50 p.m: Fraud - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr.

Feb. 25: 11:06 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - McGowan quarry.

4:53 p.m: Fraud - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr. A caller reported losing an undisclosed amount of money, mostly through gift cards.

5:17 p.m: Civil Service - 91000

blk, Leashore Dr.

Feb. 26: 4:55 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller reported that a suspect in a burglary was spotted at an area business.

6:31 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

Feb. 27: 1:53:23 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - Wendling Rd. & Honeybee Ln.

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

State Police Report

Feb. 26: 06:04: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 9.8. Dispatched to a single vehicle crash. A Honda sedan struck a patch of ice, went into the ditch, struck a mailbox, a highway sign, and a delineator. The Honda then rolled and came to rest in the ditch on its roof. No injuries were sustained. The Honda was towed. Involved: 23-year-old female from Albany.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Feb. 20: 11:43: 88234 Millican Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Medics Obtained Refusal.

20:30: 42870 McK. Hwy.

Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

Feb. 21: 9:18: 920 Billings Rd. Medical, General. Assist Metro Units on Scene.

11:42: 44962 McK. Hwy. Odor Investigation. Investigate, Nothing Found.

8:25: 42870 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 22: 4:54: Camp Creek Rd./Periwinkle Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

10:15: 49251 McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Broken Mailbox Reported, Assisted with Repairs.

12:26: 90630 Marcola Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

Feb. 23: 7:52: 37866 MJ Chase Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient
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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Feb. 26: 18:46: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 88000 block, Aufderheide Dr. A Dodge Caravan is off the side of the road.

Feb. 27: 21:22: MVA, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr./Cougar Dam Rd. Vehicle slid off the road into trees.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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By Slim Randles

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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?

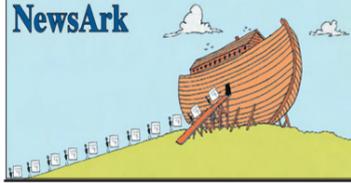
And one March, two young boys called in from Apple Valley, about five miles to the east, and reported that someone had stolen their tent. They had set the tent up in the back yard because they wanted to be tough outdoorsmen, of course, and this was a good way to start. The tent had a floor and walls 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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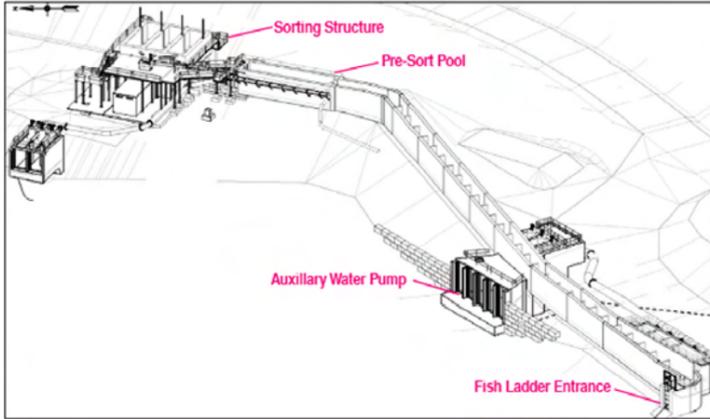
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Corps to trap & transport fish over Cougar Dam

From the March 12, 2009 edition of McKenzie River Reflections



Adult fish will be trapped so they can be trucked past Cougar Dam to continue migration routes the earth-filled structure has blocked since its construction in the 1960’s

BLUE RIVER: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a \$9.7 million contract to Natt McDougall Company of Tualatin to reestablish upstream fish passage at Cougar Dam. Fisheries biologists believe that reconnecting adult spring Chinook and bull trout to this high-quality habitat will substantially support the recovery of endangered fish populations in the Willamette River sub-basin.

The facility will include a fish ladder leading from the base of the dam up to a fish collection and sorting facility. From there, adult salmon and bull trout will be loaded onto trucks for transport to release locations above Cougar Dam. Construction is scheduled to be completed in about 14 months.

“The construction work below the dam will not require us to draw down the reservoir or affect recreation on the lake,” said George Miller, the Corps’ project manager. “We will monitor water quality at the construction site and take action if needed to ensure the project does not impact downstream on the McKenzie River.

Water from the reservoir will flow through the regulating outlets, so there will be no interruption in the river’s flow.”

Cougar Dam was built on the

South Fork McKenzie River in the 1960s. Original construction included both adult and juvenile fish passage facilities to help move fish past the dam. However, adult fish no longer migrated to its base due to downstream changes in river temperature resulting from the dam. The Corps abandoned the original adult and juvenile fish passage facilities because they were ineffective.

Cooling towers, completed in 2005, replicate pre-reservoir temperatures in the river below the dam to benefit fish and water quality. Today, salmon return to the area at the same time of the year that they did before the dam’s construction.

Officials say the adult collection facility will complete the Cougar component of the Willamette River Temperature Control project, which originally included temperature control at both Cougar and Blue River dams. In 2007, the Corps decided to defer work at Blue River and construct and operate a permanent facility at Cougar, which biologists believe provides greater benefits at less cost. The collection facility will also meet the terms and conditions of recent federally issued biological opinions that support the recovery of endangered fish.

Reservoir drawdown part of fish recovery

From the August 23, 2012 edition of McKenzie River Reflections

BLUE RIVER: Salmon are now checking in at a truck stop after making their way from the Pacific Ocean to the South Fork of the McKenzie River. In the past, they only got as far as the base of Cougar Dam, a 400-foot tall barrier

between them and the high-quality spawning habitat above it.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently completed the construction of a \$10.4 million permanent adult fish collection facility to help them out. It con-



A new fish collection facility at Cougar Dam is helping strengthen the return of native salmon to the upstream spawning grounds of their ancestors.

sists of a fish ladder leading from the base of the dam to a collection and sorting area. From there, adult salmon, bull trout, and other resident fish species are loaded onto trucks and transported above Cougar Reservoir to release sites.

Fisheries biologists believe that reconnecting fish to the upstream waters will substantially support the recovery of endangered fish populations. They estimate the habitat above the dam once supported more than 4,000 returning adult spring Chinook. This year close to 500 are expected to show up.

“We’re now putting fish up there that have gone through the system,” says Greg Taylor, a Corps fisheries biologist. Researchers are on the site daily monitoring the returns from May through October when spring Chinook enter the South Fork. They record the size, weight, and sex of the returnees as well as whether they are hatchery bred or from wild stocks. The latter is showing up in increasing numbers.

“Ultimately there is a downward trend of hatchery versus wild so they will come back,” notes Scott Clemans, a Corps Public Affairs specialist. Researchers take scale samples so, “We know who the parents were of every fish that comes back,” he said.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers built Cougar Dam in the 1960s. Original construction included both adult and juvenile fish passage facilities to help move fish past the dam. However, due to downstream changes in river temperature resulting from the dam, adult fish no longer migrated to its base.

The solution, completed in 2005, is a temperature control tower that draws water from differing depths within the reservoir, mixing it to a temperature that more closely replicates pre-reservoir downstream temperatures. By mimicking natural conditions, salmon now return to the area at the same time of the year they did before the dam was constructed.

Clemans refers to the new collection facility, in combination with the cooling tower, as two parts of a three-legged stool to support a complete fish lifecycle over long stretches of the South Fork McKenzie River. Part one draws the fish to the dam site. Part two gets them past it. Still missing

is a safe way for juvenile fish to make their way back downstream before heading out to sea.

They have two choices – going through the turbines or out the dam’s regulating outlet. On the Columbia River, tests have shown 95% of fish passing through the turbines survive. Taylor said it’s a different situation at Cougar, where a combination of a high-head dam and faster spinning turbines increases the mortality rate to 50%.

During December and January, the Corps will experiment with ways of creating the “third leg” solution by dramatically increasing the drawdown of the reservoir when juvenile fish are making their move. It’s worked before when tested at Fall Creek, where the lake was completely drained, resulting in a “run of the river” situation with the dam not holding anything back. “We’ve not made that decision yet,” Clemans said. “There are some environmental concerns because it will probably be scouring out a lot of sediment from the bottom of the reservoir. When we did that at Fall Creek downriver of the dam it looked like the chocolate river in Willie Wonka’s Chocolate Factory.”

Taylor said it’s likely the Corps won’t do the full drawdown this year. “We’d like to reduce the size of the reservoir to get fish closer to the intake.”

Typically, the juveniles tend to gather at a depth of about 30 feet. With a 400-foot dam that places them pretty far away.

“We’d like to see if we can get more fish at a lower elevation – it helps them find the outlet and improves their survival,” Taylor said. “Plus this is the first time we’ll be doing this at Cougar.”

“Each project is unique,” Taylor notes. Fall Creek, for instance, is a non-power project and is much smaller than Cougar Dam.

Although at one time there was talk of adding a temperature control tower to the Blue River Dam that is no longer in the offing. Money allocated for that work was reassigned to building the adult fish collection facility at Cougar Dam instead. “The historic returns here were much higher,” Taylor notes. The reason? Studies showed that Blue River had a natural barrier – a waterfall (now underwater) that blocked most upstream fish passage.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Host houseplants in best sites to keep them healthy



Gardeners hear it often enough: right plant, right place.

It's a fundamental rule of gardening, said Heather Stoven, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service, and one that applies to houseplants just as much as outdoor ones.

"Make sure you buy for location," she said. "That will help solve many problems that can come down the road."

Plants can go downhill in a hurry when placed in unsuitable sites. Environmental stress sets a plant up for aggravation from pests and diseases. Distress will show up in burned or yellowed foliage and dropped leaves, and often death. Keep plants healthy with appropriate light exposure, watering schedule, and temperature, and insects and pathogens are less likely to attack.

Figuring out what is what when it comes to lighting can give a person fits. Usually, you can rely on directional clues. A window facing south receives the most intense sun, west and east exposures rank in the middle and a north-facing

window is considered low light.

Be cautious not to put plants too close to or touch a window, where temperature variations and cold drafts can damage leaves. Heating vents and fireplaces should be avoided, too.

In winter, Stoven recommends plants be watered lightly only when the potting mix is dry. Check by sticking your finger into the soil up to the second knuckle. Or pick the pot up; if it's light, the plant needs water. Be sure to use containers with drain holes in the bottom, otherwise, water will settle at the bottom and cause root rot. Over-watering kills more plants than under-watering, she noted.

"There's very little to do once a plant gets root rot," Stoven said. "Unless it's a well-beloved plant, it could be better to put up the white flag."

Plants can do without fertilizer from November through March when the plant isn't actively growing, she said. In other times of the year, feed in moderation with a slow-release fertilizer in granules, tablets, or stakes, which

will last two or three months, or a liquid version every other week or according to directions.

If you notice burning on the tips of leaves or a white crust on top of the potting soil, you're most likely fertilizing too much.

Indoor plants can get pests and diseases just like any other plant, Stoven said. The dreaded three are aphids, mealy bugs, and mites. Aphids are most familiar with their tiny, light green bodies and usually congregate on the undersides of leaves. Mealybugs are distinguished by the white wax covering their body and egg sacs that give them a cottony appearance. Mites, of course, will be quite small and are often hard to see with the naked eye, but speckles left from their feeding can give the plant a bronzed or yellow look. In the worst-case scenario, you'll see webbing on leaves.

If pests invade, snipping off infested stems and leaves can help control the spread of insects. Then wash the plants off with a spray of water. Be sure to spray the undersides of the leaves as well. Stoven doesn't recommend using most chemicals for indoor plants but said horticultural oils or soaps are a good option if you follow the directions. You can also target pests directly with a wipe of alcohol on a cotton swab and then rinse with water.

But prevention is always the soundest policy.

"The best thing to do to manage any pest," she said, "is not to bring them into your home in the first place. Check plants carefully when you buy them. And, if you take them outside during the growing season when you bring them back in, check again."

Stoven suggests these houseplants for use in different lighting situations:

- * Low light: pothos*, snake plant, lucky bamboo
- * Low to medium light: peace lily*, dracaena*
- * Medium light: weeping fig or ficus, African violet, Boston fern, dumb cane*
- * Bright, indirect light: antihyrium*, spider plant, palm
- * Bright light: schefflera, rubber tree, succulents, cacti

If you have kids or pets, pass on these poisonous plants or keep out of reach.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



COLUMN WRITING HERITAGE

As I browse through some of Grandfather Burton B. Coon's newspaper columns, I'm struck by similarities. He wrote for local newspapers in Red Hook and Rhinebeck, NY, from around 1900 to 1941. His contained family and local history and "homespun" philosophy written from his Trails End Farm. He also included poetry he composed from the late 1800's until his death.

My niece and I are collecting his writings so current and future family members can gain insight into his life, I had dreams of becoming a children's writer (which I have done); however, my published writing began with newspaper columns. I'd taken a correspondence course in newspaper writing, when an editor/publisher in my hometown was looking for a writer of a cooking column.

Although I was living halfway across the country at that time, I applied and began my "Country Kitchen" column, which I've written for various publications for more than 50 years. I try to be informative about foods and dining customs around the country and the world. However, I add my thoughts ("homespun philosophy," as one reader called it), along with tidbits of family life. I try to be uplifting or at least offer a positive solution to a problem. Life isn't always "joy and roses," but if you look hard enough, you can find a

bright spot in your day, something to be thankful for.

Papa Coon's Legacy

Papa Coon, as we children called him, wrote about life on their farm, family history, town affairs and his thoughts about the country's political situations. It's interesting now to get a glimpse of my mom's childhood, and later when she visited after her marriage and brought us four children.

Apparently his columns were very popular with the paper's subscribers. Some were collected and printed into booklets at the time of our country's bicentennial, in 1975. Another historian collected most of his columns from two area newspapers. She planned to issue them in book form but passed away before she could do this. However she gave me a copy of her draft. Papa Coon enjoyed writing, as I do. I hope I can pass along to my readers the pleasure he gave his.

FRIED APPLE SLICES - For a treat, my mother sometimes made these. Cut 4 large, cored, tart, firm apples into slices. Heat 3 tablespoons butter or other type of shortening in a skillet. Put in the apple slices, 1/4-cup brown sugar, 1/8-teaspoon cinnamon and cover. Simmer over medium heat until the syrup begins to thicken, about 8-10 minutes. You can serve with the excess syrup poured over the slices.

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If these two teams make it through their respective brackets to the Championship game this year, the scoreboard keeper might better have some bandaids handy at the bench to doctor their fingertips and the Baker hosts may want to fire up the air conditioner. However the Tournament rolls out for the sixteen teams entered, sixteen congratulations are always in order. And let's just put it out there, if you're looking for a fun, hoops-filled week over in sunny Baker City, where the hospitality is second to none, you might want to give it some serious thought. You're looking at a 6-hour drive, give or take an hour depending on the snow, straight through the Oregon heartland. It's a good trip, worth the drive and conversation, back and forth. Who knows, you might hazard catching a glimpse of an old Sasquatch along the trail. He's been known to show up unannounced on occasion!

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Community Notes

March 6

Springfield School Board

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

March 9

VMCC Board Meeting

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 9th, at 380 Q Street in Springfield in the building's second floor conference room. Members and visitors are invited to attend.

March 10

McKenzie Food Pantry

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

March 15

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

March 15

Upper McK Fire Board

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

March 20

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

May 16

EWEB Meeting

The Eugene Water & Electric Board will hold an upriver meeting on May 16th at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center.

The board is considering topics of high interest to the river community, as well as a meeting for-

mat that would be most valuable to attendees (short versus detailed presentations, table information, written questions prior to meeting, focus topics, etc.). At-Large Commissioner Mindy Schlossberg can be contacted at Mindy.Schlossberg@eweb.org.

LCC Board

Five seats on the Lane Community College Board of Education are up for election in the May 16th Special Election. The winners of each seat, with the exception of Zone 1, will serve four year terms beginning July 1, 2023.

Of the five, two At Large positions up for election:

Position 6, currently held by Rosie Pryor, and Position 7, currently held by Lisa Fragala.

Pryor announced in December she did not intend to run for reelection. The board will have a minimum of three new members when the new terms begin in July.

The Lane Community College District serves a 5,000 square-mile area stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascade Mountains. The district includes most of Lane County, as well as the Monroe School District in Benton County, the Harrisburg Union High School District in Linn County and a small area in northern Douglas County. The total district population includes about 390,000 people.

Seven elected, non-paid people comprise the LCC Board of Education and have primary authority for establishing policies governing the operation of the college and adopting the college's annual budget. Their charge is to oversee the development of programs and services which they believe will best serve the needs of the people of the LCC District.

LCOG Board

Lane Council of Governments Budget Committee Accepting Applications

Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) is seeking volunteers to serve on the LCOG Budget Committee. The representative(s) selected will serve a three-year appointment. It is anticipated

that three meetings will be held annually. Applications may be obtained from LCOG, 859 Willamette Street, Suite 500, Eugene, OR 97401; from our website at <https://forms.office.com/g/i7y-G2etptU>, or by calling 541-682-4006. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2023.

LCC Scholarships

The application process for the 2023-24 Lane Community College Foundation scholarships is now open! Students are invited to apply for scholarships with the opportunity to receive a share of over \$1 million in funds.

Scholarships are open to all majors, all backgrounds, and typically range from \$1,500 to \$9,000. The application process is simple and straightforward with just one easy online application to apply for all available scholarships. Interested students are encouraged to apply today to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer these scholarships to our students," said Wendy Jett, Executive Director of the Lane Community College Foundation. "We believe that education should be accessible to everyone, and these scholarships are one way that we can help make that happen."

Applications must be submitted by March 2, 2023. Students are advised to apply early and not wait until the deadline as there may not be sufficient time to respond to every inquiry at that time. Those seeking additional assistance with scholarship questions are encouraged to email the Scholarship Coordinator at scholarships@lanecf-foundation.org. Current Lane students should use their Lane issued email and include their student L Number.



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

February 23 - What has become known as the Gold Beach Massacre, took place on February 22, 1856. The deadly campaign was led by Enos, a Plains Indian who had come to Oregon as a guide with Captain John C. Fremont in 1843. Enos joined the Rogue River Indians and was one of the instigators of the Rogue River Indian War. During the Gold Beach Massacre one of the first to die was Ben Wright, the Indian Agent. After that killing, Enos and his Rogue companions attacked Gold Beach and killed 25 other settlers. The survivors were besieged for 35 days before finally being rescued by a detachment of military men from Fort Humboldt, California.

Corps recommends draining

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Alternative would be implemented over a 30-year period. Last updated in 1980, the prior EIS went through years of lawsuits and court orders before it was put into practice.

While the drawdown of Cougar Reservoir was rated as the best option for fish migration, it will have "major adverse effects to reservoir recreation at this location," the EIS says. The Corps defines that season as extending from April 15th through September 15th.

During the drawdown at Cougar, reservoirs behind the region's other dams would release water to keep flows nearer to normal levels in the Willamette River. That could cause the pool behind Blue River Dam and other sites to be filled sooner and last longer, benefitting the boat-based recreation season.

Questioning some of the details in the Corps' plans was the McKenzie River Guides Association. One concern was the proposal to lower water levels by another 120 feet. That, the guides said, would drop the lake to less than the 1,450 feet level that had been "established by the USACE as the minimum pool level to prevent high turbidity levels and high rates of sediment transport downstream of Cougar Dam. That fear was bolstered by prior downstream muddying of the McKenzie Rivet that occurred in 2002-2004 during the construction of the Cougar Dam water temperature control tower.

The guides group was also concerned about the overall impacts on the region's long-

established recreational economy. The Oregon Chapter of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers echoed some of those concerns.

"The PEIS timelines for completion of the projects and the beginning of fish passage seem to be quite long considering the urgency of the issues (20 or more years, in some cases)," according to Stephen Maher, the group's president. He went on to note that, "If current trends continue, the fish that these projects are intended to help may well be gone. Furthermore, funding for the projects will be linked to the timelines. In other words, longer timelines will likely lead to delayed funding."

Impacts won't be limited to the McKenzie River region, the Corps notes. "This is a qualitative assessment considering the full-time jobs created/lost by the changes in water levels resulting from the measures under each alternative, making conditions more/less conducive to water-based recreation and the regional (sub-basin) output," the report says. It goes on to say that "the regional output is equal to the sum of employee compensation, plus proprietor income, plus other property type income, and plus indirect business taxes. This analysis was predicated on the potential effects of localized jobs associated with dollars gained or lost as a function of water level fluctuation at a particular project's county. The higher the impact the greater the projected number of jobs lost and reduction in regional output."

The Corps' analysis doesn't reflect the transfer of recreational activity from one area to another but states that "a medium impact means there would be greater than one job lost in any basin and a reduction in regional output less than \$150,000 in multiple basins."

Ski Report

February 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 19 degrees at the base with West winds averaging 24 mph. 4 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 62 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 13 degrees at the base and 7 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. 7 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 92 inches. The forecast called for temperatures in the teens with wind chill values as low as -8 degrees. 121 of 122 trails were open, along with 9 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Vicious Cycle



Danie Franco

My mother and I are in yet another silent period. Again, it is her choice. She is 70 and I am 48.

Mother and I were reminiscing, and the conversation to that point was pleasant. When I was a child, we had a caretaker with a distinctive cry for my brothers. I mimicked her cry, and mom and I both laughed. Suddenly, the tide turned as if I stabbed my mom with a knife.

It all has to do with mom's mother. She died when mom was nine, and after this my mom's life was tough, going from home to home, and never fitting in. Her father did not handle the death well. Mom felt he blamed her for the death of his wife. When I was born, my mom named me after her mother.

My relationship with mom was not much better. I was a behavior

problem, tall and overweight. At nine I was sent to live with my father, and at 11, sent to boarding school. The birth name mom gave me was a name other students made fun of. I wanted to die.

One wonderful friend suggested if it was so bad, why not get rid of the name? So, with much protesting from my family, I created a new identity for myself with a nickname. I cannot tell you what it was like not to be teased anymore! As a graduation present, my father allowed me to go to court and make it my legal name.

Thankfully, 12 years ago I found a great therapist who helped me look to the future, but my mom never warmed up to me. I am a fly she would like to swat and can't. Add to this all my brothers' wives are thin college graduates, and you get the picture.

When I said my birth name in the voice of my old caretaker, it brought all this back to my mom. She said, "When you changed your name, it was like you killed all of what I had of my mother, and I had to lose her a second time."

The name change happened 30 years ago. Part of me wants to tell mom off. Part of me wants to comfort her. I am sick of trying to bend myself into something

she can deal with, yet I fear doing more damage to our relationship.

Sylvia
Sylvia, you do see the pattern, don't you? At nine, your mom loses her mother. Then she names you after her dead mother.

When your mom sent you away at nine, she accomplished two things. She deliberately punished you in the way she had been punished by life, and she got revenge on her own mother for dying, the event she felt estranged her from her father.

Some people say the family is the best of institutions, and they are right. But the family can also be the worst of institutions. It can be the home for incest, beatings, insult, and ridicule.

As John Douglas, the famous profiler of violent criminals, said, "In all my years of research and dealing with violent offenders, I've never yet come across one who came from what I would consider a good background and functional, supportive family unit."

The biological link we value with our parents only goes so far. It can be destroyed by the lack of the important elements of caring, love, and protection. You are an adult now. Weigh in your mind what position in life your mother holds.

As you make strides to move forward emotionally, you must decide how much distance to place between you and your parent. Your mother may call you selfish,

but trying to make you replace a dead relative, and holding a hurt from over half a century ago, is selfishness raised to the level of cruelty.

Wayne & Tamara

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

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The Almost Love Poem of Eloise and Kofi

By Brian Gyamfi

When Eloise tells Kofi she wants a divorce, he sits naked on the kitchen floor skinning an ox tongue to prepare Eloise's favorite dish. Blood trickles down his fingers onto the floor. This is not in my head, in my head the bruised organ is in the hands of Eloise and she almost loves Kofi. What a strange word, almost. I look at the rain clouds and they almost seem to stagger. When did I last have a drink?

My stomach feels heavy and a urinous smell stays where Kofi sits naked. So what if Eloise wants a divorce? She is made of stubbornness. Kofi is not thinking about the ox as he marinates its tongue in a basin of tomato juice. Eloise stands there, insisting on a divorce as the blood mixes into the tomato juice. A pause. Kofi has a chance to recover his patience and pull it over himself. They have many times pressed their bodies together and peeled them apart—elation. Love is a wretched, wretched thing. Eloise wishes Kofi would put down the tongue and say something.

Brian Gyamfi is a Ghanaian American writer from Arlington, Texas. Much of his work explores collective identity, the convergence of Western religion and African spirituality, and the impact of the ecosystem on traditional norms, politics, and religion in pre- and post-colonial African history. He was named a Benjamin Gilman Scholar in 2018 and a McNair Scholar in 2019. In 2020 Gyamfi received the University of Texas at Austin's Student Writing Flag Award, and in 2022 he was awarded the Hopwood Graduate Poetry Award, the Michael R. Gutterman Award, and the Helen S. and John Wagner Prize, and he was a finalist for the Oxford Poetry Prize and the Poetry International Prize. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from UT Austin and is currently a Rackham Merit Scholar at the University of Michigan, where he teaches academic composition and creative writing.

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EPA's new soot standards lag behind current science



Highways are considered hot spots for soot pollution,

By Eric Tegethoff
 Oregon News Service
 Clean-air advocates say a new air-quality standard from the federal government does not go far enough to protect the public.
 For the first time in a decade, the Environmental Protection Agency has proposed updating the standard for soot, fine particulate matter linked to asthma, heart disease and even early death. The proposal brings the annual standard down from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to a level between nine and 10. The daily level remains the same at 35 micrograms.
 Mary Peveto, executive director of Neighbors for Clean Air in Portland, said she's glad the EPA is looking at the issue but agencies such as the World Health Organization already have gone further than the new standard.
 "So I still think that EPA is lagging behind in the most current science as it considers its new levels," Peveto contended.
 Opponents to updating the standard in the manufacturing industry

said they are already leading the way to improve air quality and do not need more rules from the EPA. The agency is holding public hearings on the changes this week and accepting public comment until March 28.
 According to the EPA analysis, adopting its standard could save up to 20,000 lives per year. It finds another 4,200 lives could be saved if the standard were eight micrograms per cubic meter.
 Patrick Drupp, director of climate policy for the Sierra Club, said soot pollution is a big issue across the country.
 "Over 63 million Americans live with unhealthy particle pollution spikes, and 20 million live with dangerous levels of particle pollution year-round," Drupp reported. "It's not a small amount of people who are impacted by this."
 Peveto noted communities of color and low-income communities are more heavily impacted by soot than other communities.
 "Those are also the communities that we tend to situate closer to the freeways and the heavy industrial areas where this type of pollution, this type of soot is really generated in high quantities."

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McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 20th 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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Forest restoration

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Federal, local, and private partners are working to increase the rate of restoration in the face of these mounting challenges.

for the Pacific Northwest Region.

Casamassa said that in the Pacific Northwest, he's seen how the dialogue between the Forest Service and collaborative stakeholder groups develops trust and a mutually shared vision on the management of prioritized landscapes.

"When collaboratives represent diverse perspectives from interested and engaged community members and partners, the result is more informed decisions and better management outcomes," said Casamassa.

Sustainable Northwest has worked for over 25 years to unite diverse stakeholders in identifying common goals and outcomes for the management of public forestlands. One way this is accomplished is through the Pacific Northwest Collaborative Network, which provides an opportunity for shared learning, joint problem-solving, and information on new natural resource management technologies.

"The PNW Collaborative Network provides a platform for collaborative partners and agency staff, who are working in otherwise isolated geographies, to come together and elevate critical information about the priorities, gaps, and needs to move projects forward and achieve shared desired outcomes," said Polly Wheeler, Forest Program Director

at Sustainable Northwest.

The Forest Service's participation in the network has resulted in opportunities for improved communication and coordination with stakeholders in the design, planning, and implementation of forest management and restoration projects on National Forest System lands.

"Through the training, technical assistance, and sharing of best practices implemented under this agreement, the Pacific Northwest Region will continue its history of robust engagement with collaborative partners in land management decisions," said Heather Zissler, deputy director for the Pacific Northwest Region's Office of Communication and Community Engagement.

Wheeler said this new agreement will allow Sustainable Northwest to continue to provide significant support to collaborative partners and the Forest Service and will build upon the opportunities for collaboration and improved forest management envisioned in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The partnership between the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region and Sustainable Northwest continues a long history of working together to contribute to the sustainable management of forestlands in the Region for present and future generations.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

March 2 - Joseph Lane was a decorated war hero and a legislator from Indiana when President Polk appointed him the Governor of Oregon Territory. He arrived at Oregon City on March 2, 1849

and served as Governor until 1850. He enjoyed a long career in politics; was elected as Oregon's first state senator and ran for vice-president on the Democratic ticket in 1860. But after the Civil War, Lane's pro-slavery stance and strong Southern sympathy, ruined his political ambitions. He moved to the Umpqua Valley and died in 1881. Lane County is named in his honor.

In Memory

Carrol Ann "Chuckie" Aanestad



It is difficult to capture in words the essence of a life so grand as that of wife, sister, friend, and teacher Chuckie Aanestad, who left us suddenly on February 4, 2023, at home in Leaburg, Oregon, with her devoted husband Duane by her side.

Chuckie was born on September 19, 1951, in Eugene, Oregon, to Dale and Janet Scofield, the first of four children. She spent her childhood in South Dakota and northern Montana, moving often with her father's job.

The quintessential Renaissance Woman, Chuckie was creative beyond words. She easily filled every room and space with her enthusiasm, humor, lively conversation, and engaging news of her many projects and experiences. In the words of her sister, Connie, "Chuckie's life was a beautiful patchwork sampler quilt," varied and colorful, created and shared with imagination and love. Chuckie's appetite for adventure enriched her life and marriage, as well as the lives of everyone who crossed any one of her countless paths. She loved people, was humble to a fault, and while sometimes candidly honest, she had a special way of welcoming people into her life and finding the good in others.

After graduating from Oregon College of Education, Chuckie arrived in Riverton, Wyoming, in January of 1975, to teach middle school art for District #25. Soon after, on a cross-country ski adventure into Brooks Lake, she met Duane, and they began their forever love affair together. After their marriage in 1979, in Nimrod, Oregon, Duane and Chuckie bought a home at the base of Casper Mountain, Wyoming.

In 1980, they moved back to Riverton where Chuckie began a job with The Ranger drawing ads. She was subsequently hired back into the Riverton school district as an elementary art teacher at Jefferson Elementary School where she helped develop the district art curriculum. Admitted that children's art be visible in the community, Chuckie was instrumental in the Placemat Contest and the Annual Art Fairs for District #25. Throughout her teaching career that spanned many years, Chuckie was, as in everything, flexible and diverse. With her degree in English, she also later taught reading, lan-

guage arts, computers, as well as sponsoring the school newspaper and yearbook classes at Riverton Middle School. Knowing that the best ideas are borrowed and shared freely, Chuckie collaborated at every opportunity with other teachers in student productions. After taking a stab at retirement, Chuckie was hired back at Jackson Elementary School to teach kindergarten and first grade art.

Chuckie was a main fixture for many summers at Sweetwater Garden Center where many in the community sought out her expertise with their questions on plants and how to make their own gardens thrive. With her giving spirit, Chuckie lent her artistic eye, time, and talent to Central Wyoming College volunteering to CWC theatre program as well as creating poster art for upcoming events. She was an active member of Arts in Action, the Riverton Garden Club, and several book clubs. She was very proud to be asked to draw historical locations and artifacts for geological reference for a class she took at Central Wyoming College.

Throughout their marriage, Duane and Chuckie were always planning or participating in outdoor adventures together in both Wyoming and Oregon. Cross-country skiing, kayaking, wilderness canoe camping, Colorado River whitewater rafting, golfing, and spending time with friends were constants. At the top of her list, though, Chuckie truly loved her weekly date nights with Duane that lasted throughout their lives together.

Family meant everything to Chuckie, and so in 2014, she and Duane began a new chapter of their lives and moved back to Leaburg, Oregon, to be nearer her mother and extended family. They bought a home overlooking the McKenzie River. It didn't take long before Chuckie's days were filled with new friends, creating picture-perfect gardens, sharing plants with those up and down the River, volunteering for the Leaburg Library, and presenting as an OSU Master Gardener and for local garden clubs. She also worked many McKenzie Track meets with her husband, Duane.

In Leaburg, Chuckie was a member of the Upriver Garden Club, Late Bloomers Garden Club, OSU Master Gardeners, and the Hardy Plant Society, and still somehow found time to be a mentor and teacher to any who asked. Time and knowledge are among the most valuable gifts anyone has to give, and Chuckie shared hers generously, humbly, and graciously. When faced with a new offer, Chuckie had already said yes before you could finish the question.

Chuckie loved antiques and collected them throughout her life. She was always on the lookout for the original Fiesta Ware, and up to recently was still adding "a piece of this and that" to coordinate with her eclectic col-

lection of colors. She delighted in browsing antique stores wherever she would travel.

A voracious reader, Chuckie continuously devoured non-fiction and fiction alike, and was a member of a McKenzie River book club. She took great delight in children's literature which she enjoyed reading to both students and adults. Her lifelong dream to illustrate a children's book was in the works. Thanks to her natural talent as a pen & ink and watercolor artist—two mediums she loved—Chuckie had been invited to collaborate with author Vicki Spandel on a new children's book titled World of Water, World of Sky. Each was thrilled for the honor of working with the other, and what a team they would have made.

Chuckie was a free and adventurous spirit. Top-down convertible sisters road trips added to her sense of fun and adventure. Her love of travel took her across the US as well as to England, India, Nepal, France, Ireland, and Japan, documenting her experiences along the way in detailed journals through both words and her trademark pen & ink drawings. Her traveling partners will miss the easy-going, game-for-anything style that made Chuckie a delightful and fun-loving travel-buddy, no matter the destination.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Duane, of 43 years, best friend and sister, Connie (Cliff) of Finn Rock, Oregon, brothers Dallas (Tammy) of Lebanon, Oregon, and Wade of Nimrod, Oregon, step-daughter Dr. Amy (Jeff) Short, eight grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews.

Chuckie also leaves behind the legacies of her legendary gardens, the originally-designed quilts made with love for family and friends, her weekly Oregon mountain hikes with sister Connie, mountain horse packing with her brothers Dallas and Wade, and untold adventures with Duane camping, canoeing, and traveling to favorite spots throughout Wyoming's mountains and along the Oregon's coast, all documented in her signature photo books and journals to keep the memories alive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her step-daughter Karena Finch.

All of those privileged to know her will deeply miss her dedication to family and friends, her students, her countless contributions to her communities, and Chuckie's incredibly adventurous, creative, inquisitive, and giving spirit.

Donations can be made to the Leaburg Library, 42888 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR 97489, the Vida McKenzie Community Center, 90377 Thomson Lane, Vida, OR 97488, or the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners Program, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene, OR 97402.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Aanestad residence in Leaburg, Oregon, and in Riverton, Wyoming, later this spring and summer.

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In addition to the volunteers, Fire Chief Darren Bucich also recognized Board members, Budget Committee members, and the Booster Association for their continued commitment and dedication to the community and fire district.

Awards handed out for the 2022 year include Service Awards for 30 years, Rookie of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Officer of the Year, and the Chief's Awards.

Chief Bucich pointed out that, "we have amazing volunteers who keep the Fire District operating successfully and without them, we wouldn't exist. We are thankful for their continued service, and for the ongoing support of their families, our Board and Budget Committee, and the Booster Association."



The 30-Year Award Recipient was Will Hansen.



The 2022 Rookie of the Year award was presented to Lane Palahniuk.



Clayton Canfield, Carmen Johnson, and Austin Loshbaugh were also sworn in during the banquet. Clayton was promoted to Lieutenant and was sworn in as an Officer, while Carmen and Austin were sworn in as Firefighters.



The 2022 Officer of the Year award was presented to Bart Thompson.



The 2022 Chief's Award was given to Gerry Aster in recognition for her fundraising efforts for the rebuild of the Vida Community Center.

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