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## What could Leaburg Dam removal mean?

Impacts include recreation and area fisheries



Activities, like kayaking the lake on a summer's day, would be a thing of the past if the Eugene Water & Electric Board opts to remove the Leaburg Dam.

LEABURG: In its analysis of options for the future of the Leaburg hydroelectric project, the Eugene Water & Electric Board noted that the Leaburg Dam was built to divert water to a canal for power generation. "If there's no need to divert the water, the dam still does serve other purposes," staffers said.

Among those benefits is

the bridge on top of the dam that connects to the Leaburg Hatchery and homes across from Highway 126. The structure forms a barrier used to remove hatchery fish from traveling upstream to spawn and mix genetics with the wild stocks. At 70-plus years old, the dam is expensive to maintain, which complicates its the utility's cost-benefit

analysis for keeping it without maintaining water rights for power generation.

That's only one of the concerns of proponents for removing the dam.

According to Bob Spencer, president of the McKenzie Watershed Protective, the utility's options for restoring power generation are "the most expensive." He also

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## Can homes be saved?

Documentary offers ways to harden communities

RAINBOW: The audience at last Friday's screen of the documentary "Elemental" was the largest outside of Portland, according to its director. People saw archival footage from other parts of the U.S. that suffered destruction similar to the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. There were aerial views of burned lands around Vida. Other footage illustrated ways a home could be hardened to limit fire damage.

The segment from a fire lab included tests where entire houses were subjected to a simulated wildfire, complete with high-velocity winds and flying embers.

Speaking after the showing the film's director, Trip Jennings, had some sobering

words. "As you saw in the film defensible spaces work - sometimes. It does not work when winds are 40, 50, or 60 miles per hour. That was clear in Paradise - very few houses survived from a defensible space."

What works, he said, is taking a "house out" approach. With that in mind, a homeowner can



Trip Jennings, director of "Elemental."

start by modifying or retrofitting their home by enclosing eaves, covering vents, and installing triple pane windows.

"One of the things the research is most clear on what's most important is adding 5 feet around your house," Jennings said. Within that zone he recommended creating a barrier zone of non-combustible materials like river rock or cement walkways.

"I'm grateful to people who are thinking about fire in the off-season," he added. "They are thinking before a fire and well after a fire. I think this is our way out of this."

## Man killed in semi wreck

Driver and a passenger sustained injuries

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: A wreck on Hwy. 126 last Friday night took the life of a McKenzie Bridge man. According to the Oregon State Police (OSP) the 2-vehicle accident on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, occurred at approximately 6 p.m. Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the scene near milepost 50 of the McKenzie Hwy.

OSP's preliminary investigation showed an eastbound blue Nissan Versa, operated by Vanessa East, 45, of McKenzie Bridge, was stopped with its turn signals and brake lights activated while waiting to turn left into a residential driveway. An eastbound Freightliner semi with a trailer, operated by Joseph Garcia, 62, of Junction City, rear-ended the Nissan.

The front passenger in the Nissan, Shaney Howard, 52, of McKenzie Bridge, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced

deceased. East was transported with injuries to RiverBend hospital. An 11-year-old male passenger in the rear seat of the car was airlifted to the hospital. Garcia, the operator of the semi, was uninjured.

The accident caused that area of the highway to be closed for approximately 6 hours while the OSP Reconstruction Collision Unit investigated the evidence. A detour around the crash scene sent traffic along Taylor Road.

State Police were assisted by the Upper McKenzie and McKenzie Fire departments, the Lane County Sheriff's Office, the Coburg Police Department, and the Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

A GoFundMe account has been established to help support the local family. To make a contribution, go to: [tinyurl.com/mr494bdb](https://tinyurl.com/mr494bdb).

## Ruralite fetes Bottle Boys

Lane Electric picked them as "Member of the Year"



Pete Petty, left, and Monty Wilson have stayed busy sorting and sacking recyclables. They have helped fund community projects after the devastating Holiday Farm Fire.

In May, a plaque was presented at the Lane Electric Coop's annual meeting to the "Blue River Bottle Boys." They were being recognized as the coop's Member of the Year.

"The dedication of the members living in the McKenzie River Valley is so inspiring," Lane Electric General Manager Debi Wilson said. "What the Bottle Boys have accomplished, one dime at a time shows you that anything is possible."

This month, the Ruralite, a monthly magazine, featured the Bottle Boys with a front-page cover story. Plenty of people will see it as the magazine is distributed to the members of 47 consumer-owned electric utilities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and California.

The article notes that five senior citizens who dubbed themselves the Blue River Bottle Boys have collected and turned in recyclable bottles and cans totaling about \$50,000 to make a difference in their community.

Monty Wilson, Pete Petty, Matt Freedman, Steve Nundebo, and Walt Wilson are the

Bottle Boys, who adopted "A Dime at a Time" as their motto in October 2020.

The money they raised has gone to a wide range of organizations, including the O'Brien Memorial Library, McKenzie River Clinic, Vida McKenzie Community Center, Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District, and the Upper McKenzie Community Center, as well as the McKenzie School District's SMART Reading Program, the Boy Scouts, the McKenzie Community Track and Field, and the Walterville Grange.

The McKenzie Community Partnership agreed to be the sponsoring organization, collecting the money raised by the Bottle Boys' effort and writing checks to recipients.

"It makes you feel good giving money away to the community," Pete says. "It's the kind of thing everybody can help with. People who don't want to go through the hassle of returning bottles can donate them to us."

Bottle donations can be left at the Leaburg Store or Pack N Ship in Thurston. A contact for the Bottle Boys, Pete Petty, can be reached at [facebook.com/pete.petty.73](https://facebook.com/pete.petty.73).



Letters to the Editor

To All Upper McKenzie Voters

Our fire department needs your help! This week, ballots for the November election will be arriving. One of the measures is a renewal of the levy for the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD).

Five years ago, the Fire District absorbed the responsibilities of EASE, the local volunteer medical response. A 5 year levy was passed to pay the addition expenses of medical responses. Now that levy needs to be renewed, and I ask you to vote YES! We want to

still have well equipped volunteers come to our emergency.

We have seen this department grow more professional and recruit more volunteers. This is partially because you chose to fund the district adequately five years ago. The need is greater now (24% more emergency responses this year than last) and the challenges of recovering from the Holiday Farm Fire continue. Please, vote yes on Measure 20-334 Local Option Levy for EMS and Fire Services.

Margaret Godfrey  
37 year resident

Guest Opinion

Newspapers: Forget the "paper", embrace the "news"

By Ken Paulson

There was a period in the late '60s when the Beach Boys, desperate for a hipper identity, reportedly considered shortening their name to "Beach."

Of course, the Backstreet Boys may perform into their '80s, but there's no question that a dated name can take a toll.

Take the newspaper. With an emphasis on "paper," it sounds very retro. And of course, it is. The first newspaper was published in this country in 1690. As early as the 18th century, American newspapers flourished with the same core elements we still see in the 20th century: ink on paper reporting events in the local community.

This week marks "National Newspaper Week," a few days set aside to celebrate one of the most successful consumer products of all time. What else has sold for pennies for much of three centuries, with a majority of the public making use of it?

What other industry has spent centuries challenging people in power and working daily to protect the people who are not?

What other business was top of mind for that first generation of Americans when they decided they needed protection from potential governmental abuse, ensuring freedom of the press with the ratification of the Bill of Rights?

The scope of newspaper reporting worldwide remains astonishing. Yes, broadcast and cable networks, magazines, large news websites, local television and radio all do some original reporting. But that coverage pales by comparison to what is generated by newspaper newsrooms.

The majority of news you see reported, cited or transformed into a meme began in a newspaper newsroom. Major newspapers like The New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and USA Today share coverage globally, but thousands of smaller papers do the same by sharing their news articles with the world via the As-

sociated Press.

Skeptical? I suggest that you pull out your phone or - for irony's sake - a piece of paper, and watch tonight's local TV newscast. Tune into a local radio station for its five minutes of news. Tally the total number of stories and see how many actually involve reporting by the station's newsroom. How many stories just sound like they were pulled from a newspaper? They may well have been. Then hop onto your Facebook or Twitter feed and see how many posts link to newspaper articles. If they link to other media, click to see where those outlets got their information.

Why are other media so dependent on newspapers? Because they always have been. Veteran broadcast journalists will tell you that newspapers have long acted as a tip sheet. Find an interesting local story in the paper and then try to tell the story in a more compelling way with video and audio. Even newsrooms that have faced staffing reductions typically still have twice the resources of their broadcast rivals.

So why all this chest-beating on behalf of newspapers? It's all about ensuring the survival of something that has served society so well for so long.

There's been a dramatic shift in this country in the 21st century. Advances in digital technology have dramatically expanded the ways news can be delivered, and younger generations prefer screens to paper. No surprise there. Technical progress is transformative.

What's of more concern, though, is a cultural shift. In a deeply polarized nation, many seem unable or unwilling to make a distinction between the biased pundits of cable TV and their neighbors who publish their local paper. Many can recite all the details of America's outrage of the moment, but

have no idea what their local city council did last week - and seemingly don't care.

Newspaper can survive - and have survived - most everything thrown at them over a span of centuries. Digital delivery can still serve our communities, long after print papers are gone. Newspapers cannot, however survive lack of interest in local news and events.

Have we come to the point where we no longer care about our local tax rate, schools, employment, hospitals and businesses? Surely we recognize that MSN-BC won't be at our school board meeting and that Fox News won't be monitoring our county commission. Do we understand that if we don't support newspapers now, there will be no one keeping an eye on any local government body?

The name "newspapers" may be clouding our vision. Once the "papers" are gone, we will still need the news.

Newspapers need our support and subscriptions. Their medium may be outdated, but their mission is not.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team travels to Marcola on Wednesday, October 5, for a Mt. West League match with Mohawk. First serve is scheduled for 6:00 pm.

The Eagle team travels to Triangle Lake on Saturday, October 8, for a match starting at Noon. The McKenzie Varsity Cross Country teams travel to Stayton on Thursday, October 6, to participate in the Stayton Regis Invitational. The meet will be held at the Stayton Middle School. The Varsity Girls 5K race starts at 5:15 pm and the Varsity Boys 5K race starts at 5:45 pm.

The Eagle CC teams travel to Philomath on Saturday, October 8, to participate in the Paul Mariman Invitational. The meet will be held at Philomath High School with the Girls Varsity 5K race slated for a 2:00 pm start and the Boys Varsity 5K race starting at 2:30 pm.

The McKenzie Varsity Football team travels to Triangle Lake on



Friday, October 7, and kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

**Rushing Eagles Ground Blue Jays McKenzie Notches First Win, 78-47**

McKenzie's Varsity Six-Man Football got it going last Friday night in Finn Rock. The Eagles unleashed their offensive ground game, running hard and then running harder more. The McKenzie rushing attack lit up the fire-hardened scoreboard with eleven touchdowns, four more than in this season's previous three games together. Jewell's offense flew to seven Blue Jay touchdowns as well, but at final horn, the Eagles had captured the night and their first win of the 2022 season, 78-42.

Friday night at Wade Thomas Field was a foot race. Three Eagle backs rushed for 686 yards amassing 759 all-purpose yards. Junior Griffin Withalm led the ground assault with 265 yards gained on 15 carries and 5 touchdowns, plus one interception returned 65 yards for a sixth TD. Withalm averaged 17.7 yards per carry. Freshman teammate Allen Acevedo rushed 16 times gaining 232 yards, an average of 14.5 yards per carry and he added 3 touchdowns. Junior Solomon Acevedo ran the ball just 6 times, but the Junior Eagle back chewed up a lot of ground in the process, averaging 31.5 yards each time while totaling 189 yards and scoring 2 touchdowns. The Eagles were perfect on PATs, scoring 12 points (Griffin 3 pts., S. Acevedo 3 pts., and A. Acevedo 6 pts.).

Defensively, Withalm was all over the field as well, totaling 24 tackles (15 solo and 2 for loss). Allen Acevedo totaled 14 tackles (6 solo) and Solomon Acevedo finished his game with 12 total tackles (8 solo). Eagle sophomore Jamie LeClair added 7 total

tackles (1 solo), junior Levi Lockard tallied 6 total tackles (5 solo), sophomore Jovial Jordan earned 5 total tackles (2 solo) and senior Trent Peek added 4 assists. Solomon Acevedo recovered one Blue Jay fumble.

When asked about his team's effort last Friday night, McKenzie Head Coach Neil Barrett shared his thoughts. "Great team effort. (I'm) very proud of our team in winning their first high school game of their careers. Griffin Withalm continues to shine on both sides of the ball. Solomon and Allen Acevedo had breakout performances on offense. Levi Lockard played a huge game on both sides of the ball. Trent Peek continues to be a great leader. Jamie LeClair exhibits great amounts of toughness every night. We're excited about the rest of the season!"

That's good, because both sides of the Eagle's game will be tested this Friday when the team travels to Triangle Lake. The 5-0, second-ranked Lakers are perched at the top of the Special District 2 North standings and will definitely put McKenzie Head Coach Neil Barrett's team to the test. Breakout games aside, we'll see how well these Eagles study for the test!

Eagle Volleyball Battles Hard, But Drops Three

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team is working hard. Their game on court is showing the positive progress of that effort. The Eagles are improving. The team's first match win this season hasn't yet been booked, but it's getting closer. Trouble is the season is winding down and three of the four teams remaining on the schedule, Mohawk, Eddyville Charter, and Triangle Lake, are the top three Mt. West League teams in the current standings.







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WEATHER REPORT					
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	
9/27	85	51	0	695 cfs	
9/28	68	52	0.05	695 cfs	
9/29	61	55	0.11	688 cfs	
9/30	77	52	0	666 cfs	
10/1	81	52	0	885 cfs	
10/2	85	56	0	NA	
10/3	87	54	0	885 cfs	
READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE					
Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow	
9/27	88	49	0	2,320 cfs	
9/28	80	50	0	2,340 cfs	
9/29	68	53	0.24	2,370 cfs	
9/30	67	53	0.07	2,370 cfs	
10/1	73	48	0	2,500 cfs	
10/2	84	50	0	2,720 cfs	
10/3	85	49	0	2,700 cfs	



# Sheriff's Report

**Sept. 26: 5:00 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy. A female arrived at an area business and was harassing customers.

**Sept.27: 12:44 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 38000 blk, M.J. Chase Rd. A citizen requested a welfare check on a residence in the area. Deputies made contact and determined the involved was okay.

**1:17 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 89000 blk, Bridge St. Caller reported ongoing harassment from a known suspect.

**3:38 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - Thomson Ln. & McK. Hwy.

**3:44 p.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Millican Rd, & McK. Hwy.

**5:00 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:16 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Pond Rd, & Quartz Creek Rd.

**5:21 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 91000 blk, Leashore Dr.

**5:48 p.m:** Assist Fire Depart-

ment - Goodpasture Rd, & Leashore Dr.

**Sept. 28: 2:00 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 89000 blk, Bridge St.

**4:27 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 92200 blk, Alcorn St.

**6:33 p.m:** Disturbance Dispute - 51800 blk, Echo St.

**6:57 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 49200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:50 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 9900 blk, Greenwood Dr.

**Sept.29: 1:02 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 45900 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

**2:16 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Hill Rd, & Marcola Rd.

**2:31 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

**2:52 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

**3:08 p.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Leaburg Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**3:26 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 37500 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**4:04 p.m:** Warrant Service - Paschelke Rd, & Bunker Hill Rd.

**6:39 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Milepost 19.

**Sept.30: 12:09p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Old Mohawk Rd, &

Marcola Rd.

**12:18 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**5:20 p.m:** Fraud - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

**6:11 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

**Oct. 1: 12:37 a.m:** Disorderly Subject - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**9:34 a.m:** Injured Animal - 37100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**10:08 a.m:** Dead Animal - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**11:01 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 92100 blk, Yale Ln.

**2:04 p.m:** Illegal Dump - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Roseburg gate.

**Oct. 3: 11:41 a.m:** Theft - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

**12:36 p.m:** Theft - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

**12:58 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Drury Creek Rd. & Johnson Rd.

**3:08 p.m:** Theft - 58900 blk, Old McK. Hwy.

**3:13 p.m:** Found Property - Bigelow Hot Springs.

**3:42 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Deerhorn Rd. & Booth Kelly Rd.

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

# State Police Report

**Sept. 30: 11:18:** Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 21. Troopers responded to a single vehicle collision. The vehicle drifted off the westbound shoulder when the driverbecame distracted by wildlife running across the roadway. The vehicle drove off the pavement into a steep embankment, striking

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# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Sept. 26: 4:30:** McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd. Illegal burning. Fire extinguished.

**6:05:** McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd. Illegal burning. Fire extinguished.

**20:04:** 89000 block, Alexis Ave. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 27: 9:29:** 89000 blk, Greenwood Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:50:** 45000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**15:19:** McK. Hwy./Thompson Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**17:26:** McK. Hwy./Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**Sept. 28: 16:12:** Black Canyon Rd./Hill Rd. Equipment Fire. Assisted Mohawk Fire.

**16:23:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**20:31:** 88000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 29: 8:33:** 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**8:41:** McK. Hwy./Potter Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident - 2 Patients Assessed, 1 Transported

**Sept. 30: 11:15:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 17. MVA. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:14:** McK. Hwy./N. Bank Rd. MVA. Mutual Aid Provided.

**Oct. 1: 18:38:ß** 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Legal Backyard Burn. Investigated, Burning Allowed.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, October 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.

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Sept. 30: 18:05:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy./East of Taylor Rd. Semi versus small passenger vehicle.

**21:12:** MVA - McK. Hwy./Milepost 50. Extricating deceased subject.

**Oct. 1: 20:32:** Medical - 56000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Oct. 2: 13:18:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

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

Explore a treasure trove of McKenzie River history - in the back issues of this newspaper. Go to: [tinyurl.com/2rkpsen](https://tinyurl.com/2rkpsen)

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# Bloody manhunt for “King of Western Outlaws”

By Finn J.D. John

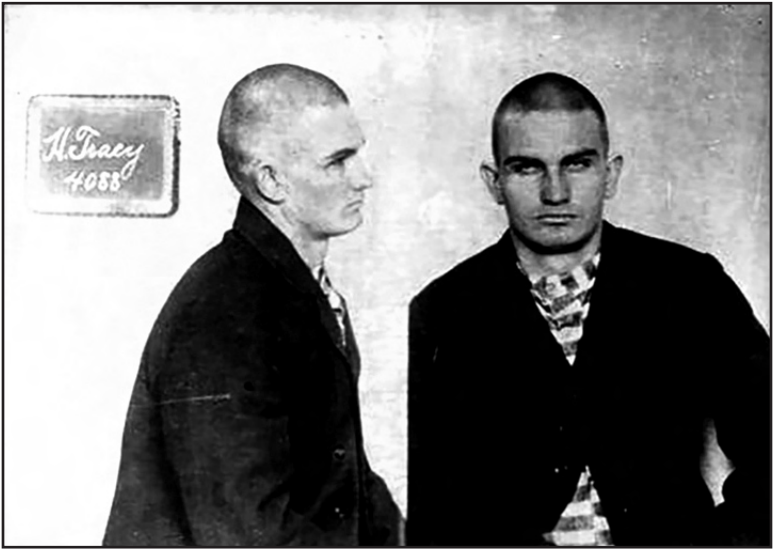
The “Golden Age of Outlaws” had a good run — almost 40 years. It kicked off just after the Civil War, when thousands of battle-hardened Confederate veterans with nothing to lose spread out across the Western frontier; and it ended in a field in eastern Washington on Aug. 5, 1902.

That was the date when the last Golden Age outlaw, Harry Tracy, went out in a blaze of gunfire following the bloodiest prison break in Oregon history, followed by a two-month-long, even bloodier manhunt.

Harry Tracy was the last of the breed of Wild West outlaws like Jesse James, Butch Cassidy, and Billy the Kid. He wasn’t technically an Oregonian. His real name was Harry Severns, and he was born in 1875 in Pittsville, Wisconsin, a child of a highly respected and successful family. He was bright, outgoing, and likable, and he gave no early signs to anyone that he might be headed for a life of crime and murder.

(There are some sources that claim otherwise, but they’re either spinning stories or quoting sources that are. During the two months’ time when Tracy’s name was in the national headlines, the public was hungry for stories about him and many idle rumors got quoted and embellished in newspapers, and quoted later in magazine stories. Some of these are still being represented as facts in pulpy retellings today – such as the false claim that a teen-age Tracy raped and murdered his Sunday School teacher.)

That changed, though, soon after he left the nest. He changed his name to Tracy and launched a career in robbery and theft that led



Oregon State Archives

Harry Tracy as he appeared in his prison booking photo in 1901.

him to a gunfight with a pursuing posse in Colorado, in which a member of the posse was shot and killed. He was arrested and imprisoned. Within a short time, he escaped, skipped town, and did it again.

By the time Tracy arrived in Portland, he was still only 23 years old, but he’d been in plenty of trouble. By the standards of his peers, he wasn’t a particularly successful robber, but he was remarkably good at breaking out of jail. He’d escaped from several jails and prisons in Colorado and Utah, and apparently picked Portland as a good place to get a fresh start.

Upon arrival, Tracy met and befriended a local thief named David Merrill. Shortly after that, Tracy actually married Merrill’s sister, Rose.

He may have planned on going straight in Portland – settling down, starting a family, thinking about the future. Certainly there was an unusually long period of

time, between when he arrived in Portland and when he started getting in trouble: three years. Tracy wasn’t a very skillful criminal, so it’s most likely that he actually wasn’t committing crimes during that time.

However, eventually Tracy got back into the business, and he and Merrill started pulling stick-up jobs around town. They went about it with a particular style and panache that quickly got them into the headlines as “The Mackintosh Bandits” and “The False Face Bandits.”

Portland police, trying to find the culprits, started “rounding up the usual suspects,” contacting various crooks and suspects that they knew to be at large in town. Tracy, a relative newcomer to Portland, was not on that list. But, unfortunately for him, David Merrill was, and when a detective dropped by for a surprise visit to check him out, he found clear proof that Merrill was one of the Bandits. He found him hiding

upstairs, and arrested him.

Then the cops lurked in the house and waited for Tracy to return.

The sources aren’t completely clear on this, but it appears most likely that the reason Tracy wasn’t at the house was that he was actually in the act of robbing a nearby butcher shop at the time. Coming home with the loot, Tracy saw a strange, well-dressed man waiting for him, and decided he didn’t like the lay. He turned to run, trading pistol shots with the detective as he fled. A streetcar was passing by and he jumped, grabbed onto it, and rode it safely away.

But the streetcar’s driver wasn’t having any of that, and after he realized what was going on he stopped the streetcar and actually disabled it, so that if Tracy tried to hijack it at gunpoint it wouldn’t do him any good.

Tracy jumped off and started to flee again. But by an odd coincidence, the car had stopped right outside the front door of the butcher shop that he had just robbed. The butcher’s son was ready with a shotgun full of bird shot, which he Tracy have at relatively close range.

Wounded, Tracy managed to run a short distance, but was quickly surrounded and arrested.

And that is how Harry Tracy came to be a resident in the Oregon State Penitentiary. He and David Merrill both “checked in” in late 1901.

According to the book by the pseudonymous Prisoner No. 6435, both Tracy and Merrill were a lot of trouble as prison inmates. The glib, friendly Tracy was able to talk his way out of a lot of trouble; but Merrill was always a problem, and the warden took to keeping an “Oregon Boot” shackle on him for extended periods of time. He wore the boot so often in his short time in the pen that it actually disfigured his ankle.

Then came the morning of June 9, 1902. That was the day Tracy had planned for their breakout.

He had gotten someone to sneak some money in for him, and he’d used it to bribe someone — nobody knows who, to this day — to hide a pair of .30-30 **King of Western Outlaws - Page 8**



By Slim Randles

Steve, the cowboy on the board of directors of the Mule Barn truck stop’s philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, swears on his coffee it happened.

“Tourist guy got off the train the other day when I was down there picking up a friend,” Steve said. “He asked me if I was a real cowboy, and I allowed I probably was, because I wasn’t smart enough to get a real job. So he asked if I minded if he asked me some questions.”

Steve sipped his coffee. “I said, ‘Shoot’ and the guy says he wondered why we wore these big ol’ hats with the wide brims. So I explained to him they give us shade in summer and keep the rain and snow off our faces, and told him we could give the horse a drink by putting water in them.

“Then he thanked me and asked why we wore chaps. So I explained how they protected our legs from cactus and thorns, you know.

“He asked about wild rags like this one,” he said, touching the blue silk scarf around his neck. “I told him it filtered dust and we could tie our hats down with it in a high wind.”

“Sounds reasonable,” Doc said, “but I thought everybody knew that. Television and Westerns and all that.”

“Well, yeah,” Steve said. “Me, too. But I think this guy was from a city somewhere and didn’t watch TV or eat anything that ever had a pulse. Looked kinda puny. But he was real friendly.

“So then he asked me about saddle horns. Wanted to know if they honk. This guy was really green, you know? He wanted to know about ropes and spurs, all kinds of questions like that. I did my best to answer him, too. Finally he says, ‘Tell me why you cowboys always wear tennis shoes.’

“So I told him we didn’t want anyone thinking we were truck drivers.”

Even the truck drivers laughed at that one. Then they threw cracker packets at Steve.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Pick, dry and store seeds for next year



As the garden winds down and you pick the season’s last vegetables let some plants go to seed and harvest them for planting next year.

“Saving seed can be really fun and is a great way to learn about plants,” said Weston Miller, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. “If you choose the right varieties, you can keep them going year after year without buying them again.

The key to saving seeds is selecting open-pollinated or heirloom plants, which produce offspring with the same traits. Hybrids are bred from two different varieties for characteristics like disease resistance or higher yield and won’t come “true to type.” Check seed packets or catalog information so that you know which you are buying.

The easiest crops for saving seeds are annual plants that self-

pollinate like lettuce, beans, peas, peppers, eggplants, and tomatoes.

Collect seeds from the healthiest plants and allow them to dry. Harvest lettuce seed when the seed coat turns hard and dark in color. Peas and beans are ready for harvest when the pod dries on the plant. Pepper seeds are ready when the fruit is fully mature and starts to wrinkle.

Tomatoes are a smidgen more complicated. Allow the fruit to fully ripen and scoop the seeds along with the gel that surrounds them and place them in a jar of water. Allow this mixture to ferment for up to five days until the seeds sink to the bottom. Then dry the seeds on a paper towel.

Seeds from annual herbs like cilantro (coriander), arugula, and calendula are also easy to save. However, these crops are pollinated by insects and require separation from other varieties of

the same crop. Reduce the chance of cross-pollination by planting them as far away as possible from each other, Miller said.

Many broccoli family crops (broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage, collards, kale, and mustard greens) are all part of the same species and are pollinated by insects. Though it is relatively easy to save seeds from these biennial crops, they tend to cross-pollinate easily and you might end up with new (and sometimes tasty) traits.

It is more difficult to save seeds from other crops, particularly in a garden setting. For example, beets and Swiss chard are wind pollinated and cross with each other. These plants require at least 3,200 feet of isolation to prevent cross-pollination. Similarly, corn is pollinated by wind, making it difficult to isolate without special screening.

Carrots are insect pollinated and cross with Queen Anne’s lace, a common weed. Summer and winter squash flowers are also insect pollinated and require isolation to maintain true varieties. The fruit grown from cross-pollinated squash seeds are often bitter and nasty tasting, according to Miller.

Store seeds in tightly-sealed glass containers in a cool and dark location. Make sure that you label seeds with the type of seed and the date. A small packet of silica desiccant or powdered milk in the jar can help to remove moisture and keep the seeds dry. The refrigerator or freezer is also a good place for storing seeds that you collect and also seeds that you buy. Put small seeds in envelopes and label them. Place the envelopes in sealable freezer bags.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



APPLE SEASON’S HERE

Apples hanging on the trees, apples in a store, apples cooking on the stove or baking in a pie bring us sights and scents of fall. Apple picking field trips in the schools, family outings to local pick-your-own orchards, apple dishes, such as pies, apple crisp, applesauce, apple cake, muffins and more fill kitchens with enticing aromas ...all bring us autumn delights.

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

The views from the orchard were spectacular since it was near the top of the “Big Hill” on our farm. From there we could view the Hudson River Valley in the distance and, on clear days, the Catskill Mountains west of the river.

Apples - A Versatile Fruit

Apples are so very versatile. We eat them, prepare many recipes with them and even use them for crafts such as dried apple head dolls. This fruit has been grown for ages and used in dishes throughout the world. Nowadays, with modern refrigeration and preservation methods, they’re

generally available year round.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen writes from her woodland NH home)

State Police Report

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a culvert and overturning. The vehicle sustained heavy damage to the front, both sides, bottom, and top. The driver was transported to Riverbend Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Involved: white Kia Sorento, 67-year-old female from Post Falls, ID.

**18:09:** Crash, Fatal – Hwy. 126E, Mp. 50. Unit #1 (commercial vehicle) was traveling eastbound, rear ended Unit #2 (passenger car), which was stopped in the

eastbound lane with their brake lights and turn signal on. Unit #2 was waiting for oncoming traffic to pass before it intended to turn into a residential driveway. The driver of Unit #1 was not injured. The driver of Unit #2 was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The rear passenger in Unit #2 was life-flighted to the hospital. The front passenger of Unit #2 was pronounced deceased at the scene. Involved: white Freightliner, blue Nissan Versa, 45-year-old female from McKenzie Bridge, 62-year-old male from Junction City. Deceased: 52-year-old male from McKenzie Bridge.

Quote of the Week

“A gentleman is a man who can play the accordion. But doesn’t.”  
Tom Waits

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## Community Notes

### October 8 Dime At A Time

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

### October 14 McK River Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday @ McKenzie High School (New Gym )

### October 16 Save Leaburg Lake

People who want to show their support for preserving Leaburg Lake and the Dam that created it are invited to show up on Sunday, October 16th, at 3 p.m. Options include creating a flotilla of boats, kayaks and paddleboards for a float on the lake or joining in on a march across the dam. Chips and soft drinks will be provided.

### October 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.

### October 19 Upper McK Fire Board

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

### October 20 Leaburg Food Pantry

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

### October 28 McK River Food Pantry

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### November 14 Springfield School Board

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

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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The next two matches, however, are versus Mapleton, who like the Eagles, are still searching for their first victory this season. And that double-header will be down on the Siuslaw. But, opportunity is there for McKenzie Head Coach Rachele Mark's Eagle team to grab.

Last week, Tuesday, September 27, the Eagles traveled to Siletz for a three-way match with Alsea and host Siletz Valley. McKenzie opened the afternoon with the Alsea Wolverines and lost the match 0-3, with set scores of 15-25, 16-25, and 22-25.

The second match with the Warriors of Siletz Valley, however, went the distance with five sets. The Eagles didn't go home easy! McKenzie won the first set 27-25. Siletz took the second set 25-16, but the Eagles regrouped to win the third set 25-15. Teetering on the verge of a home match loss, the Warriors put up a hard fight, but McKenzie was all about making

their host prove it. The fourth set went to Siletz Valley 26-24, and that set up the final, deciding set. Siletz would hang on to win the match with the Eagles giving it a good go, losing 15-13.

The Crow Cougars rolled into Finn Rock the following Thursday, September 29. Crow took the first set in a good opener, 25-20 and followed with a hard fought set win, 25-21. McKenzie re-grouped to win the third set, 25-19, but the Cougars closed out the evening with a 25-12 set and match win. No Eagle stats were available at press time.

**Eagle Runners Meister and Lawson Compete At SC High School Invitational**  
McKenzie Varsity Cross Country runners, freshman Will Meister and sophomore Devon Lawson, traveled to Adair Village last Thursday, September 29 and participated in the SC High School Invitational meet held on the campus of Santiam Christian High School. Meister ran the 5,000-meter course in 24:40.7 minutes, placing 35th and teammate Lawson finished 41st with a time of 36:36.09 minutes.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

An Unintended Snub

My husband and I recently divorced. We have three beautiful children, the oldest 11. When I decided it was time for me to move on, I packed my bags and was ready to leave, when to my horror, my eldest decided to stay with his father.

His father is a man who was never there, never changed diapers, and never took them to school, practice, appointments, or parties. He was the invisible father. The only good thing he did for us provided financially.

I am so angry with my son that I don't want to communicate with him anymore. I feel betrayed. I provided everything but the money, and this is the payback I get. I actually allowed him to stay because I knew it wouldn't last. For my husband to do some parental work was not within the realm of possibility. Or so I thought.

I love my son and don't want to lose him, but I can't stand to hear about his life without me. I know my behavior is wrong, but it is simply too painful to face up to my son picking my ex over me.

Kirstin

Kirstin, lawyers say you should never ask a witness a question if you don't already know the

answer. Otherwise, you are apt to get surprised.

You weren't being magnanimous by giving your son a choice. It made you look good. You wanted to show your husband the children preferred you. The best rule to follow is never to make an offer you don't mean, and never bluff. Being caught bluffing puts you in the weakest position in any relationship.

The only person to kick is yourself because if you kick your son, you will be kicking him right out of your life.

Don't be too hard on yourself, either. An 11-year-old boy looks to his dad, not his mother, to show him how to make his way in the world as a man. Your son is focused on this man as his father, not on his failings as your husband.

Wayne & Tamara

Sweet Memories

I dated my boyfriend for nine years, and we broke up a year ago. We have very little contact, which has been for the best. Contact brings up too many memories.

Things are going great compared to the way they were when we first broke up. As expected, then I was sad and depressed. Anyway, I decided to go back to college and I'm getting good grades. My life

is back on track, and I'm not bitter and angry like I was.

There is a male friend I would consider dating in the future. The problem is I still care about my ex. No, I'm not in love with him and don't want to get back together. I know things are over. Is it normal to still care for someone you spent all those years with?

I asked a friend what she thought, and she said, "Feelings don't just end." To give you a little more insight into the relationship, I am now 26, and we dated since high school.

Penny

Penny, you were with your boyfriend for more than a third of your life. Why wouldn't that hold some kind of power over you?

The first, and last, of everything is memorable. Most people clearly recall the first time they voted, the first time they drove a car, the first time they flew. It is things in the middle, which tend to get blurred.

Chances are your boyfriend was your first serious love, your first intimate love. He doesn't hold a position in your life because he was the best or right one for you, but because he was first.

Having a way to look at him will give you a way to move on. As long as you don't cling to an idealized memory of him, the right one can replace him in your life.

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.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Victoria Chang has an uncanny capacity to contain, in the compact machine of a well-honed poem, so much emotion and meaning. She explores such a core element of what connects us as human beings—the capacity to remember and to forget. "Homecoming" proposes, convincingly, that our earliest memories are likely owned by our mothers, and their deaths end an elemental story inside of us.

Homecoming

By Victoria Chang

The birds come back but they don't tell us stories. Their wings remember nothing, are never knowledge. We don't remember our birth, when a mother dies, it's gone.

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Fishing Report

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

Fish Counts

September 29, Willamette Falls  
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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

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Estate of Carla Jean Smith  
Notice to Interested Persons

Lane County Circuit Court Case Number: 22PB07608

Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane, has appointed Anna Delara, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carla Jean Smith, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative at 2173 NE Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97232, within four months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative.

Dated and first published September 29, 2022.

Anna Delara, Personal Representative, c/o Oregon Elder Law, 2173 NE Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97232.

Attorney for the Personal Representative, Julie Meyer Rowett, Oregon Elder Law, 2173 NE Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97232.

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# King of Western Outlaws

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Winchester rifles in a pattern box in the prison foundry. He had also bribed a soon-to-be-released inmate named Harry Wright to, after he was out, get a rope ladder and toss it over the prison wall for them. Wright had been released on schedule, and had done his bit. They had the ladder. All was in readiness.

So on that morning, Tracy and Merrill reported to work in the prison foundry, went straight to the designated boxes, opened them up, reached inside, and came out shooting.

The two guards in the room were shot dead before they knew what was happening, and the two men ran to the door.

Outside, they shot the guards out of the two watchtowers closest to their ladder, shot a fellow inmate who tried to stop them, and used a fifth guard, who they had taken at gunpoint, as a human shield while they retreated out of rifle range. Then Tracy coldly murdered the “shield” and they ran.

What followed was a two-month manhunt covering most of northwest Oregon and much of western Washington, as Tracy and Merrill tried to make it to Hole-in-the-Wall Pass, Wyoming, headquarters of the Wild Bunch gang — not knowing Butch Cassidy & Co. had fled to Argentina the previous year.

Posses were on their track almost immediately, of course, and bloodhounds were brought in from Walla Walla; but Tracy



Postcard

The Oregon State Prison yard as it appeared circa 1905 — just a few years after Tracy and Merrill made their bloody break for freedom.

circled around and mixed his scent with that of the posse, and the dogs lost his trail.

The governor offered a reward, then doubled it. As the weeks went by the reward was raised until it was \$8,000, alive or dead. That’s \$280,000 in modern currency — an enormous bounty. This inspired dozens of ad-hoc packs of citizens grab a shotgun and a flask of whiskey, posse up, and join the hunt.

The result was a chaotic landscape of heavily-armed drunks looking hopefully over every backyard fence for signs of Tracy and Merrill.

(Sources: *Sensational Escapes from the Oregon State Penitentiary*, a book by Prisoner No. 6435 published in 1922 by Oregon State Penitentiary; *Thirteen Years in the Oregon Penitentiary*, a

book by Joseph “Bunco” Kelley published in 1907, no publisher listed; “The Last American Desperado,” an article by David J. Krajicek published in the *New York Daily News* on June 17, 2007; *Wildmen, Wobblies and Whistle Punks*, a book by Stewart Holbrook published in 1992 by Oregon State University Press; conversation with Jim Gardner (member of Severns family), August 2011)

Finn J.D. John teaches at Oregon State University and writes about odd tidbits of Oregon history. His book, *Heroes and Rascals of Old Oregon*, was recently published by Ouragan House Publishers. To contact him or suggest a topic: finn@offbeatoregon.com or 541-357-2222.

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## RAIN names new venture catalyst

The Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) has announced the appointment of the new East Lane New Venture Catalyst. In her new position, Melissa Prestinario will focus on Oakridge, Lowell, and McKenzie region.

Melissa is an entrepreneur as well as a marketing & event specialist. She founded her first company, Seat-Slicker, in 2012 and brought it to the national market in 2017.

According to RAIN, she is a mentor to fellow entrepreneurs, bringing a passion for others who take a chance and build their dreams. She is a natural connector and problem solver and a hu-



Melissa Prestinario

manitarian who has committed to the service of others both locally and abroad. Melissa holds a BA in Creative Writing and MA in Classic Literature.

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# Community Center gets a boost

## Comfort Flow ups their donation to \$33,000



Jesse Elliot

Work on the Vida McKenzie Community Center has taken on a solid presence that to the recent completion of the new structure’s concrete foundation.

VIDA: The Board of Directors of Vida McKenzie Community Center (VMCC) announced this week that Comfort Flow Heating has increased its in-kind donation of equipment and supplies from \$10,000 to over \$33,000. “This

donation, combined with similar in-kind contributions from other sub-contractors and generous donations from local residents and grant funders, helps move VMCC closer to completing a successful rebuilding campaign,” according

to VMCC vice president Gerry Aster.

Aster said people can continue to follow “the exciting advances in the rebuilding effort by going to [www.vidacommunitycenter.com](http://www.vidacommunitycenter.com).”

# Dam removal

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criticizes EWEB for attempting to maintain their “Green Label” for renewable hydro energy by continuing to operate the Leaburg Dam and Waltherville Canal.

The utility has noted that the cost of returning the project to service will “likely substantially exceed the expected returns from power generation.” In a report to the utility’s commissioners, the utility staff noted that “in order to recover the cost of investing to return to service for the remainder of the license period, market power prices would need to increase from the current forecast value of about \$40 per MWh to at least \$105 per MWh for low-cost repair scenarios and up to \$180 per MWh for high-cost repair scenarios.”

Spencer, who is also a river guide, is critical of both EWEB’s Leaburg and the Waltherville hydro projects. He says the utility is “diverting 75% of the river over a 17-mile distance causing water temperature changes, damaging fish habitat, and spawning beds. Water remaining in the river below the diversions is super-heated in the Summer. Salmon, Steelhead, and Native Trout cannot survive in water over 70 degrees.”

He also gives low marks for impacts on recreation related to diverting water. “River navigation with the current minimum flow of 1,000 cfs in the dewatered portions of the canals is, at times, difficult to impossible. A reliable and verifiable measurement of stream flow is required. It is our recommendation that a minimum of 1,900 cfs remain in the river in

all dewatered sections of the river. “EWEB, though, has identified some positive aspects of returning the hydro project to service. The return to service option, staffers have noted, has favorable aspects from a local community/social impact “because it preserves a locally owned, low-carbon electric generation facility, and prolongs neighbors’ ability to access water from the canal for irrigation.”

Also on the recreational front, Spencer says the land exposed by lowering Leaburg Lake will open up public access to the largest area on the entire McKenzie River. “Access to the McKenzie River is extremely limited by private land and rough terrain.

We envision connecting the Leaburg Fish Hatchery, EWEB Park, and the Discovery Center into one continuous park with a new covered bridge connecting all three. Fishing from the banks, rafting, kayaking, and paddleboarding will all benefit from additional access,” he says.

Staff recommendations to either decommission or relicense the project are expected by the fourth quarter of 2022. That review is expected to include a detailed analysis of the social, environmental, and financial impacts of the decision, including an evaluation of relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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## GREEK MYTHOLOGY

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- 1. Food-contaminating bacteria
- 6. \*Meliae are nymphs of the \_\_\_\_ tree in Greek mythology
- 9. Chris Hemsworth’s superhero role
- 13. Come by without warning (2 words)
- 14. Type of patrol
- 15. You are
- 16. “That is,” Latin
- 17. \*Half man, half goat
- 18. German surrealist Max
- 19. \*One-eyed giants
- 21. \*One part human, part divine
- 23. Eastward compass bearing
- 24. Gauche or Droite, in Paris
- 25. Bar bill
- 28. Convenience
- 30. “Stop right there!”
- 35. 15th of March
- 37. Loot
- 39. State indirectly
- 40. \*Collected by the mythological ferryman at the River Styx
- 41. \*Winged symbol of Zeus
- 43. Copied
- 44. Give or take
- 46. Indian Lilac tree
- 47. Close by
- 48. Inexperienced newcomer
- 50. Beaks
- 52. Genetic info carrier, acr.
- 53. Swamp stuff
- 55. Bo Peep’s follower
- 57. \*She opened an infamous box
- 61. \*Poseidon’s spear
- 65. Distant
- 66. Bit of sun
- 68. Tea variety
- 69. Font embellishment
- 70. Econ. indicator
- 71. Make improvements or corrections
- 72. Email folder
- 73. Hurry

### DOWN

- 1. “Beowulf,” e.g.
- 2. Buffalo Bill’s last name
- 3. Petroleum exporters’ org.
- 4. Type of cotton thread
- 5. Chant
- 6. Pharaohs’ vipers
- 7. Reggae’s cousin
- 8. Indic vernacular
- 9. Actress Spelling
- 10. Like undecided jury
- 11. Approximately (2 words)
- 12. Retired, shortened
- 15. Saudi’s southern neighbor
- 20. Peas, in Middle English
- 22. Adam’s biblical partner
- 24. Chemical agent in a reaction
- 25. \*Cronus or Oceanus
- 26. Hacienda brick
- 27. Under
- 29. \*One of Zeus’ disguises
- 31. Arabian Peninsula country
- 32. Stimulant
- 33. Gather
- 34. \*Hercules’ Lernaean foe
- 36. Lump in yarn
- 38. High school club
- 42. Hot coal
- 45. Alert (2 words)
- 49. Ever, to a poet
- 51. Used a credit card
- 54. Frustration, in a comic book
- 56. Swelling
- 57. School hallway permit
- 58. Sheltered, nautically
- 59. Female Norse deity
- 60. “I dare you!” (2 words)
- 61. Use a Smith Corona
- 62. Squeezed or \_\_\_\_ out
- 63. Faux pas
- 64. Koppel and Turner
- 67. “Wheel of Fortune” request (2 words)

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