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Sheriff's report

Ongoing report of harassment. A caller advised that a known person stated, "Watch your back" on Facebook.

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First woman governor

The first woman to serve as governor of Oregon — or any other state — was a remarkable woman named Caralyn B. Shelton.

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Central Cascade Wilderness Overnight Permits open for reservations



A portion of Central Cascade Wilderness Permits became available for reservation on Tuesday, April 4th.

The Deschutes and Willamette National Forests remind people that overnight permit reservations have begun to be accepted for the Central Cascades Wilderness Permit System. The permits are required for all overnight use within the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas from June 15th through October 15th. 40% of Central Cascades Wilderness Overnight Permit reservations became available for advanced reservation Tuesday on Recreation.gov. Officials said the remaining 60% of overnight

permits will become available through a rolling 7-day window on Recreation.gov once the permit season begins. Overnight trips can be up to 13 nights (14 days maximum) with groups no larger than 12 individuals. The processing fee for an overnight permit remains at \$6. Permit availability is based on the starting trailhead and start date. All reservations for Central Cascades Wilderness Permits need to be made through Recreation.gov either online, via the Recreation.gov app on Google

Android & Apple iOS devices, or by calling their call center at 1-877-444-6777 or TDD 877-833-6777. Search for "Central Cascades Wilderness." Overnight permits are not available at local Forest Service offices or outside of the reservation system. Day-use permits are required on 19 of 79 trails within those same three wilderness areas during the permit season. However, day-use permits do not have advanced reservations ahead of the season. Day-use permits will be opened for reservation in a 10-day and 2-day rolling window beginning on June 5th. Permits for the 10-day rolling window will be 40% of the permit quota while the 2-day rolling window will be 60% of the permit quota. This change was made to reduce the number of "no-shows" and increase the overall opportunity for people to get day-use permits, according to a Forest Service spokesman. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/5c9mzb2t. If people have specific questions, they can contact the wilderness permit administrator at sm.fs.ccwp@usda.gov.

Candidates fail to file

Local governments lack bodies on their boards

The Special District Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, will call for a bit of creativity for some voters. A number of the smaller units of government drew no interest from people willing to serve on them. Without a check box to mark, voters will have the option to write someone in or skip that portion of ballots that will be mailed to local residents on April 27th. Two McKenzie area water districts drew no candidates - the 51-year-old McKenzie Palisades district and the Dearborn district in Rainbow. The Palisades Water District had openings for one four-year term and one unexpired two-year term. Three four-year terms are on ballots for the Dearborn District. In the Shangi-La Water District, Todd Thomson filed for Position 4 and Ryan Jagels is on the ballot for Position 5. Both are unopposed for the four-year

seats. In the McKenzie School District candidates are facing off in all four openings on the board. Danna Brownell and Taya Brock both filed for Position 1. Sarah Mackenzie and Kail Harbick are candidates for Position 2, while Max Metcalf and Alyssa Brownlee filed for Position 3. Rounding out the ballot or seats on the school board are Jason Wickizer and Justin Barker. Positions 1, 3, and 5 are all four-year terms. Position 2 is a two-year unexpired post. Three uncontested seats are up for votes on the McKenzie Fire District Board. Lee Burwell Means and Derek Wing both filed for four-year openings, for Positions 2 and 4 respectively. But no one opted to run for Position 5, which is a two-year unexpired opening. There are three candidates on the Upper McKenzie Fire Districts ballots. Listed for Position 1 is Shane Kamrath. Steven Keable

appears for Position 4 and Jennifer Zirkle filed for Position 5. Position 1 is another unexpired two-year term and the other two are for four-year positions. Besides the local districts, voters will also be deciding the fate of the renewal of a five-year levy to fund Jail and Youth Services in Lane County. Details of the proposal include levying \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Supporters say passage would not increase the tax rate and is a renewal of a current local option tax that would maintain a minimum of 255 beds in the county jail. The deadline to register to vote is April 25th. Registration forms must be postmarked or submitted online no later than 11:59:59 to meet the deadline. In addition, people can update their voter registration through 8 p.m. on Election Day and receive a ballot.

\$120 million for student literacy

Tutors, teacher training, and a shift in methods

By Alex Baumhardt
Oregon Capital Chronicle
A \$120 million initiative to boost literacy would be one of the single largest investments of its type in Oregon history if it passes.

But during a public hearing for the proposal at the House Committee on Education on Monday, critics said it doesn't go far enough and risks wasting money without stricter spending rules.

At the end of the hearing, the committee unanimously approved the initiative, moving it to the budget-writing Joint Ways & Means Committee. It would be the seventh major initiative attempting to raise reading proficiency for Oregon youth by the state or federal government since the late 1990s.

The Early Literacy Success Initiative, House Bill 3198, is sponsored by Gov. Tina Kotek and a bipartisan group of lawmakers, including Democratic Reps. Jason Kropf of Bend and Ricki Ruiz of Gresham, and Republican Reps. Bobby Levy of Echo and Mark Owens of Crane.

The bill would create three new grant programs to help school districts pay for K-3 reading tutors, teacher training in reading instruction, new reading curricula and summer reading programs.

It would make Oregon part of a nationwide movement promoting the "science of



Julie Cleavem a reading specialist, works with students at Hallman Elementary School in Salem.

reading." The movement promotes reading instruction methods rooted in phonics to change persistently low student reading proficiency.

Since 1998, just over a third of Oregon fourth graders have shown proficiency in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress test, the nation's report card. Yet decades of research shows more than 90% of kids can learn to read if they are taught with methods rooted in research about how the brain learns to decode written language. This research is based on decades of evidence that shows most people need to be taught the 44 sounds in the English language and how to map those sounds to letters and letter combinations to decode words. In essence, that means learning to "sound it out" and to recognize sound and letter patterns in words.

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Up to 300,000 could lose health insurance

Oregon reviewing 1.5 million people on Medicaid

By Lynne Terry
Oregon Capital Chronicle
The Oregon Health Authority starts a months-long review of the state's 1.5 million Medicaid members this week to determine who still qualifies for the health insurance.

Normally, states review the financial eligibility of members annually, but during the pandemic, the federal government expanded benefits to states that kept members insured. Medicaid, known as the Oregon Health Plan in Oregon, provides free medical, behavioral health, and dental coverage. The extra federal benefits ended Friday, forcing all states to review the income of their Medicaid members.

In most states, Medicaid is limited to those who earn 138% of the federal poverty level, but Oregon recently obtained federal approval to raise the ceiling to 200% of the federal poverty level. That means a single person in Oregon can earn up to \$29,160 in

gross income, with up to \$60,000 allowed for a family of four.

Raising the ceiling will enable about 25,000 more people to stay on Medicaid, the health authority said in a statement. But it expects up to 300,000 people could lose their benefits because they earn too much.

Health insurance - Page 11



Oregon's Medicaid insurance tries to keep people out of emergency rooms by focusing on primary and preventive care.

Guest Opinion

Oregon needs a better land-use strategy

By Randy Stapilus

This year marks a half-century since Oregon Gov. Tom McCall signed into law Senate Bill 100 requiring comprehensive planning, which warned “uncoordinated use of lands in this state threaten the orderly development, the environment of this state and the health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and welfare of the people of this state.”

Back then, the concern was about urban sprawl and haphazard development that would scar the state and disrupt traditional farm and timber economies, and make Oregon a less livable and manageable place. Addressing the Legislature, McCall blasted “sagebrush subdivisions, coastal condomania, and the ravenous rampages of suburbia.” In many ways that law (and others passed over the years) did its job and continues to do so.

Oregon is a big state, geographically the ninth-largest in the country, but the uses available for much of it are sharply limited. Time and circumstances have moved on, and legislators now would be well advised to pay attention to other problems as well in the state’s land-use picture. One, which was the subject of plenty of discussion during last year’s political campaigns, was the need for more

space for residential housing, of which there’s a dire lack. Another problem, and another lack, would have been counter-intuitive back in 1973: The lack of land available for industrial and manufacturing purposes. And if the goal of Oregon’s land-use planning is to address the full range of needs, use of land for industry and manufacturing is going to have to be addressed more effectively than it has been.

A new survey of Oregon communities, from the Oregon Business Council, the Oregon Economic Development Association and the League of Oregon Cities brings that into relief.

(A disclosure: My wife is the mayor of Carlton, which did participate in the survey but did not report any losses of economic opportunity due to lack of industry-ready property.)

The immediate trigger for it was concerns about making land available for the semiconductor industry, but the implications are far broader. The survey pulled responses from 66 Oregon communities ranging in size from Salem to Shaniko. (A few are not incorporated cities.) The survey said “57.5% indicated they have missed opportunities due to a lack of development ready industrial land.”

Those “missed opportunity” cities included Albany, Bend,

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

There are no McKenzie Varsity Sports competitions scheduled this week. The Eagles travel to Mapleton on April 11 to participate in the Mapleton 1 Meet.

Levi Lockart And Solomon Acevedo

Pace Eagles At Oakridge

McKenzie juniors Levi Lockart and Solomon Acevedo led their Eagle Track and Field team to a third place finish, Thursday, March 23, at the Oakridge 2A-D3 League meet. Lockart topped all competitors in the shot put, throwing a winning mark of 35-11.50 ft., and the Eagle placed third in the discus (89-00 ft.) and third in the javelin (103-00 ft). Acevedo earned crucial McKenzie points by placing second in the 200 meters with a personal record 25.44 seconds and by earning another second place and personal record time in the 400 meters, at 57.97 sec.

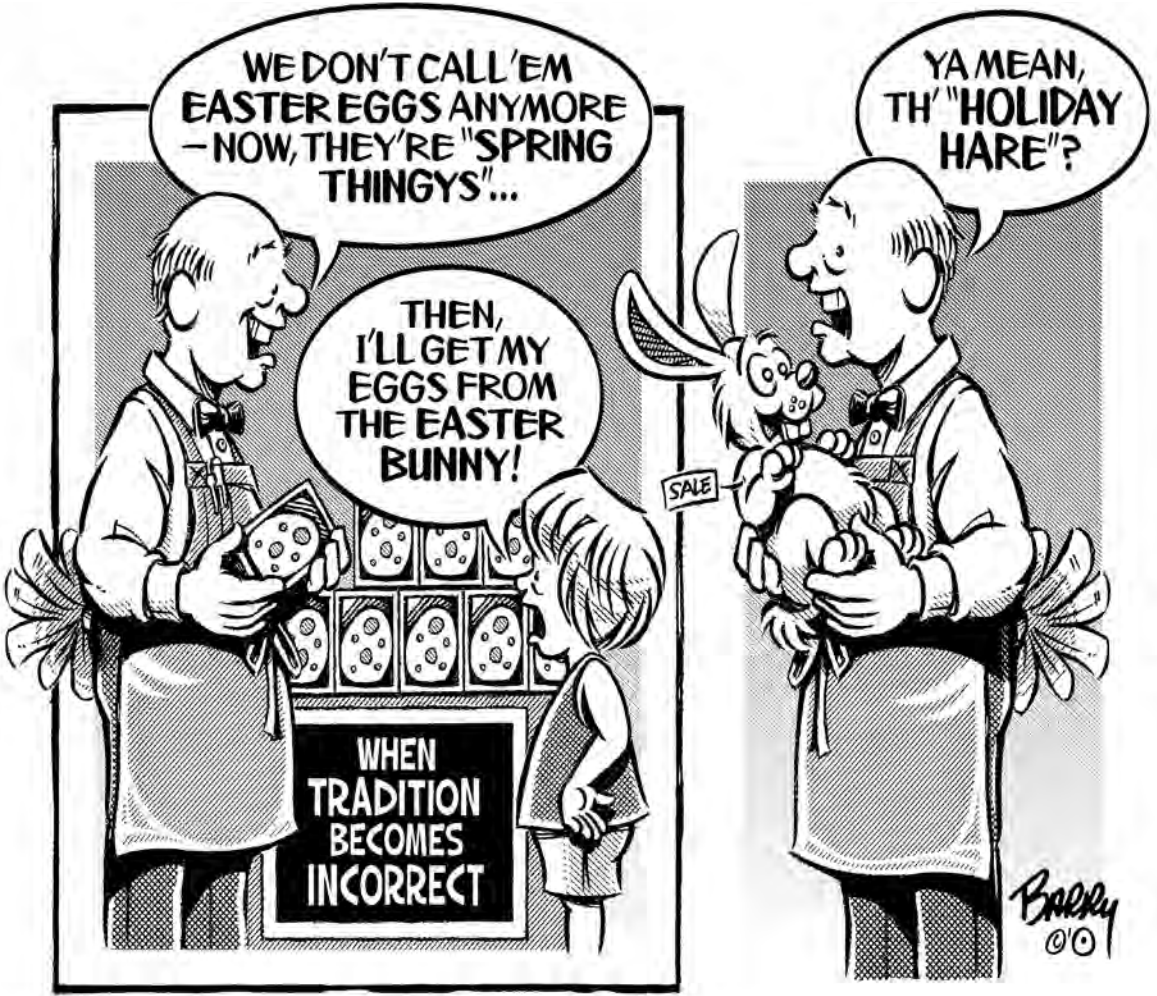
Acevedo also ran the third leg of the Eagle foursome that won the 4x100 m. relay race. McKenzie won that race timed at 52.28 sec.

Trent Peek Van Sickle ran the first leg of the Eagle 4x100 m relay, followed by Allen Acevedo, Solomon Acevedo, and anchored by Jovial Jordan.

Back to the field events, Eagle Cody Moralas finished 7th in the shot put with a throw of 27-03.00 ft. and Jacob Peek 13th with a PR mark of 23-00.00 ft. Moralas also finished in a 6th place tie in the discus with a throw measured at 72-08 ft. Peek followed in 8th place with a throw of 63-10 ft. The discus event was won by Triangle Lake’s Dakota McConnell, who threw a personal record 91-11 ft. McConnell also won the javelin while establishing a second PR mark, measured at 135-01 ft. McKenzie’s Jordan also threw a PR 9th place mark of 79-00 ft. Moralas finished 11th at 66-01 ft. and Van Sickle and Peek tied for 13th place at 54-08 ft.

In the long jump, Van Sickle placed 5th with a personal record leap of 16-01.50 ft. Allen Acevedo jumped 14-02.00 ft for a personal record and 7th place finish and Jordan nailed down 9th place with a personal record 11-10.50 ft. Nathaniel Young of Monroe, who jumped his own PR distance of 19-05.00 ft, won the long jump. Mitch Dumford of Triangle Lake, who cleared the bar at 5-00.00 ft, won the high jump event.

In the running events, Allen Acevedo ran a third place, personal record time of 12.44 seconds in the 100-meter race. Van Sickle took home 4th place in 12.57



Coburg, Eugene, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Gresham, Happy Valley, Hermiston, Independence, Lebanon, McMinnville, Sherwood, Sisters, St. Helens, The Dalles, Tualatin and Wilsonville.

There is a subtlety here: It’s not just the raw amount of land, it’s also the evolution of infrastructure on the land. The communities said they had 9,746 acres of land zoned for industrial uses, but only

seconds and Jordan followed with a personal record 15.09 seconds 11th place finish. Monroe’s Young won the 100 m. in a PR 11.21 sec. Allen Acevedo followed his second place brother in the 200 m. with 5th place, PR time of 26.94 sec. McKenzie’s Devon Lawson followed in 10th place, timed in 31.94 sec., a personal record for the Eagle sophomore.

Oakridge’s Isaac Schroeder won the 200 m. in a PR time of 24.36 sec. Lawson followed teammate Solomon Acevedo in the 400 m. race with a PR time of 1:17.00 min., good for 7th place. Viggo Beck from Triangle Lake won the event, timed at 57.90 sec. Beck also won the 1500 m. race in a time 4:34.19 min. Eagle freshman Will Meister ran a PR time of 6:28.94 min. which was an 8th place time. Meister took home a 7th placed finish in the 3000 m. race in another PR time of 13:20.05 min. The 3000 m. was won by Monroe’s Eli Dilworth in his own PR time of 10:57.25 min. Monroe’s Young picked up another first place finish, running 2:11.02 min. in the 800 meters and the Triangle Lake foursome of Beck, Dumford, Yosiah Baker, and Porter Overvaugh won the 4x400 m. relay in a time of 4:01.28 min.

Eagle Girls Place Fourth At Oakridge

The McKenzie Girls Track and Field team placed fourth last Thursday, March 23, at the Oakridge 2A-D3 League meet.

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about a fifth of that is ready for development: Much of it lacks utility access or road or other transport access and some are designated as polluted brownfields.

That theoretically available acreage is not evenly distributed. The Port of Tillamook Bay alone accounted for 1,100 acres, and the cities of Albany, Bend, Happy Valley, Lebanon, Ontario and Redmond almost half of the rest. The numbers are small in many communities, like Gresham (70), Lincoln City (12) and Lake Oswego (just one), and none at all in some (King City, Durham, Ukiah).

If there’s some incentive to apply a gas pedal to changing elements of the landuse regime, there’s also pressure to brake.

Speaking at the statehouse earlier this year, Metro Council President Lynn Peterson, for one, said that her agency would be opposed to any drastic changes in land-use laws and to breaking any past promises to farmers and environmental interests. And, she said, “the biggest barrier ... to new industrial development in our region is not land supply, but whether the land is actually ready for development.”

That does suggest several ele-

ments need to be brought into play, including upgrades to infrastructure which many Oregon communities struggle with more broadly.

But absolute acreage matters too, especially when the amounts are small.

Metro has proven willing to be somewhat flexible. On Feb. 2, the Metro Council decided, for example, to okay a Tigard city urban growth boundary change to allow for new housing in the area, part of a larger effort to encourage more affordable housing.

A general strategic plan to open and prepare reasonable amounts of land for commercial and industrial uses could keep Oregon’s economy in balance. It would not try to dictate specific answers for each community, but might offer more flexibility for cities and other jurisdictions as they try to cope with the growth and development Oregon laws and plans already, even if loosely, do project for the coming decades.

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Friday 4/7		Saturday 4/8		Sunday 4/9	
					
McKenzie Valley Rain 70% chance precip High: 55 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Rain/Showers 80% chance precip High: 40 Low: 34	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 61 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Rain/Showers 70% chance precip High: 43 Low: 32	McKenzie Valley PM Showers 30% chance precip High: 66 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 52 Low: 34

WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/28	44	35	0.36	809 cfs	3/28	49	33	0.33	4,170 cfs
3/29	52	30	0	842 cfs	3/29	48	31	0.16	4,340 cfs
3/30	48	31	0.14	801 cfs	3/30	59	31	0.08	4,260 cfs
3/31	37	32	0.83	753 cfs	3/31	52	31	0.16	4,100 cfs
4/1	40	34	0.82	NA	4/1	50	36	0.84	4,980 cfs
4/2	37	32	0.78	NA	4/2	46	36	0.58	5,360 cfs
4/3	39	31	0.35	785 cfs	4/2	43	33	0.33	4,980 cfs

Sheriff's Report

March 25: 2:28 a.m: Prowler - 37200 block, Camp Creek Rd. An area resident reported that a dark colored vehicle pulled into a neighbor's driveway. The occupants of the vehicle got out of the vehicle briefly with flashlights before departing.

March 26: 3:35 p.m: Dispute - 38400 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Dispute between husband and wife reported. Parties separated themselves.

March 27: 9:04 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd. A caller reported that a Saturn vehicle with mismatched plates was being hidden near the Goodpasture Boat Ramp.

11:50 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.198138. Long: - 122.992909.

1:21 p.m: Assist Public - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd.

2:45 p.m: Illegal Dump - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:49 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Mp. 6.

7:46 p.m: Harassment - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. Ongoing report of harassment. A caller advised that a known person stated, "Watch your back" on Facebook.

March 28: 11:50 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.198138. Long: - 122.992909.

1:21 p.m: Assist Public - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd.

4:49 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Milepost 6.

8:16 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Cemetery & Fire Station Rd.

March 29: 1:20 a.m: Medical Info Call - 38400 blk, June Ln.

12:13 p.m: Mental Subject - 37200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:20 p.m: Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

2:40 p.m: 39500 blk, McK. Hwy. Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:45 p.m: Illegal Dump - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:08 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Right spur off McGowan Creek Rd.

9:21 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle -

Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

March 30: 2:30 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:43 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Mp. 21.

8:08 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Boat Landing.

11:58 p.m: Dispute - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

March 31: 2:30 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:47 p.m: Civil Service - 38700 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:11 p.m: Subpoena Service - 44300 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:36 p.m: Civil Service - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:59 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

2:06 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Mp. 18.

5:28 p.m: Driving While Suspended - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dam Rd.

April 1: 1:01 p.m: Water Patrol - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

6:33 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:50 a.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:02 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Finn Rock Landing.

April 2: 12:21 a.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 40100 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:15 p.m: Assist, Follow Up -

57100 blk, N. Bank Rd.

5:31 p.m: Dispute - 55700 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:57 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:52 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

April 3: 12:48 a.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 45400 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:45 a.m: MVA, Unknown Injury - Lat: 44.1382. Long: - 122.2523.

12:22 p.m: Down Line - 89000 blk, Twin Firs Rd.

6:21 p.m: Harassment - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

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

State Police Report

March 31: 20:21: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 37. Single vehicle rollover crash. Upon arrival by Emergency Medical Services, a white Toyota pickup was crashed on its top. No driver was on the scene and current identity of the driver is unknown. Attempts to contact the registered owner were negative. Unit #1 was traveling eastbound and the driver failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway, collided with a ditch, rolled over, and came to an uncontrolled rest on its roof. Tow responded and removed the truck due to damage.

April 3: 12:51: Crash, Injury - Clear Lake Cutoff, Mp. 11. Troopers responded to a single vehicle crash. The driver was transported to Riverbend for evaluation and the vehicle was towed. Involved: Green Ford F-150, 46-year-old male.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 27: 13:21: 42000 block, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:37: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

March 30: 14:47: Fall Injury - Blue Pool, Tamolitch Falls. Young male fell from cliff on trail side of the pool, has head injury.

11:13: Medical - 59000 block, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Female, conscious, breathing.

March 31: 20:17: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy./Milepost 37. Pickup is upside in the bushes on the north side with some debris in the road.

April 1: 08:58: MVA, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy./Forest Service 2649 Rd. Single vehicle into the ditch.

22:15: Medical - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, breathing.

April 2: 12:47: MVA, Unknown Injury - Milepost 11, Clear Lake Cutoff. Crash blocking traffic. No other details.

15:50: MVA, Unknown Injury - Mp. 16 Clear Lake Cutoff. White pickup, driver was out of the vehicle.


April 3: 01:38: MVA, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr./Mp. 56. Automated voice repeating that the owner of this phone was in a severe car crash.

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



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America’s first woman governor, had crazy early life

By Finn J.D. John

If you ask most Oregonians who the first woman governor in state history was, they’ll have an immediate answer ... but they’ll be wrong.

Conventional wisdom holds that the first woman to take the gubernatorial purple in the Beaver State was Barbara Roberts, who was elected to the job in 1990. In fact, that’s almost true ... but, of course, “almost” doesn’t work very well as an answer to a true-or-false question.

The truth is, Barbara Roberts was the first elected woman governor in Oregon history. But the first woman to serve as governor of Oregon — or any other state, for that matter — was a remarkable woman named Caralyn B. Shelton.

It was because of Caralyn Shelton that Oregon, for one historic weekend in early 1909, became the first and only state in the nation with a female governor. This was especially ironic because it wasn’t until 1912 that women won the right to vote in Oregon.

Caralyn Shelton was born in 1876 to Willis and Mary Skiff, prominent members of the business community in the town of Union. Willis was the town’s Justice of the Peace. By all signs Caralyn’s early childhood was a happy one;



Library of Congress

Caralyn B. Shelton on the job in then-Senator George Chamberlain’s office in Washington, D.C., circa 1915.

but it was derailed by an unknown hand on the night of July 24, 1886, when Willis Skiff disappeared from a deserted railroad platform

more or less adopted by Judge John W. Shelton, an attorney, and president of the Union Railway, who had handled Willis Skiff’s estate after his death. Shelton and his wife, Mary, had been unable to have children, so having a “ready-made family” come and fill their empty nest worked out nicely for everyone involved — or so it seemed.

But Judge Shelton seems to have been a pretty serious rascal, to put it mildly, because a couple of years later, while Mary was on an extended visit to her family back home in California, he apparently got some friends to publish rumors about her engaging in lewd and promiscuous behavior. (This was, of course, back in the day when one needed a good reason to get a divorce.) The instant these reports were out, Shelton, citing these false published claims (which none of my sources were indelicate enough to get specific about), sued for and got a quick divorce from Mary ... and then turned around and married his young ward, Caralyn. The two of them actually eloped, if that’s an appropriate word, across the state line to Weiser, Idaho, to tie the knot.

Mary Shelton returned home to find herself divorced and penniless, and with all of Union County atwitter about whatever nasty and slutty things old man Shelton’s friends had claimed she did.

Well, the 1800s was a time when older men commonly married young women; but they were not usually that old, or that young.

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By Slim Randles

Windy Wilson dropped anchor at the philosophy counter just about the time we’d finished the hash browns with chile on the side. Red this time. Windy looked terrible.

“What’s wrong, Windy?”

“These here folks today ...” he said. And we gulped a bit when we hear a sentence begun that way. “Folks today...” he sounded resigned, “they don’t ever try to unnerstand folks who ain’t perzackly like them. And people who have a leetle handicap? Fergit it!”

Yep. Windy talks like that.

“What happened, Windy?”

“Wellsir, Doc, you know I been gittin’ a leetle hard a-hearin’ recently. Sometimes gotta ask somebody to say somethin’ twice ... you know?”

We all knew.

“It’s that ding-danged tea kettle,” Windy said. “You know ... got a whistler on it for when the water boils up? Cain’t hear it. I gotta be right in the ding-danged kitchen to hear it.”

“So you got some hearing aids?” Steve asked.

“Naw, cost too much. What I figgered to do was jest make that tea kettle louder. I saw one a them coach whistles in the store and I got that fer only \$3.59. Then I got me a little piece of tube thing and I glued ‘er all together. Hey, looks good, too. I figgered, that there steam would come out and actuarialize that coach whistle, and I know I could hear that.”

“Did it work, Windy?”

“Work? Well, I should smile it worked,” he said, proudly. “I was admirin’ that sound. I could hear it even out in the back yard. Yessir. ‘course my dog, Ramses, he wouldn’t come back in, but it’s a nice day. It’s them other folks.”

He took a sip of coffee. “Wellsir, first thing happens is Old Man Johnson next door, he calls the fire departmentals and tells ‘em my smoke alarm is goin’ off. Then Mrs. Garcia over the way, she calls the cops and says my burglar alarm is goin’ off. That ol’ brown dog of the Simpsons started barkin’ and runnin’ off toward Lewis Crick. Them kids at the playground thought recess was over and went back in to class.”

Windy shook his head. “First thing ya know, sireens and flashing lights up and down the street. Oh well ... two good things come of it, though.”

“Two things?”

“Yep. I can hear that kettle now, and I noticed I ain’t got no more gophers in the yard.”

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University
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7 benefits of raised bed gardening



By National Garden Bureau

There are worthwhile reasons to grow your own foods in a raised bed garden

No matter how often we resolve to eat healthfully, it can be a challenge. From waking early to shop at the farmers’ market to managing the grocery budget as droughts and supply chain issues cause food prices to soar, finding fresh, affordable produce seems exhausting.

Don’t give up. Instead, enjoy the pleasure and convenience of growing your own food and flowers in a raised bed garden. With a sunny space, a bit of effort, and a little creativity, healthy eating can be cost-effective, convenient, and delicious. Plus, designing a garden-to-table space in your backyard sparks an incredible feeling of satisfaction, especially when you create seed-to-fork meals for family and friends.

Why raised bed gardening?

Farmers grew crops in the ground for centuries, so why is gardening in a raised bed so appealing? Well, for many gardeners, growing space is limited, and it’s easy to pack lots of plants into a raised bed.

Whether you’d like to grow on a sunny acre with multiple raised beds or plan to plant tomatoes in a small space on a patio, raised beds are easy to build, adaptable, and can meet any budget. Plus, an elevated raised bed makes gardening accessible for individuals with mobility issues.

Raised bed gardens provide many benefits:

1. Aesthetic appeal

Many people want to grow veggies, fruit, or herbs, but homeowners’ associations and landlords sometimes frown on untidy gardens. By creating artistically designed raised bed

garden spaces, unruly vegetables are contained, edible flowers and pollinator plants add beauty, and the raised bed becomes an attractive focal point in the garden. Construct several beds, place them at equal intervals or in a potager-inspired design, add stone paths and an arbor, and suddenly you have a beautiful, raised bed garden worthy of a magazine photo shoot.

2. Superior soil

Raised beds offer soil control. Whether you battle clay soil, or you’ve experienced a soil-borne disease in your garden, these beds allow you to control the content and structure of the soil, ensuring a nutrient-rich environment for your plants. When filling your raised bed for the first time, you’ll begin with a pre-made soil mix or a combination of several ingredients to give your plants a healthy start. After harvest, simply refresh the soil with additional compost to keep the garden flourishing the following season.

3. Healthier harvests

With several raised beds in a kitchen garden, it’s easy to practice crop rotation. Rotating crops helps maintain soil health and thwarts pests that overwinter in the soil.

Additionally, as nutrients in the soil become depleted each season, replenishing soil in a raised bed

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is simple. Adding compost or specialized soil blends can provide micronutrients to existing soil to refresh beds and ensure healthy, productive plants.

4. Prolific produce

You don’t need acres of land to grow lots of nutritious food. By adding vertical supports for vining crops, a raised bed maximizes growing space. Peas growing on a trellis can be under-planted with lettuce. Add a border of radishes along the bed’s edge. With multiple raised beds, it’s simple to install a trellis that joins two beds, creating an arching tunnel for beans or cucumbers to grow over the walkway. You’ll increase your food production—and the ease of harvesting. Plus, adding vertical elements in raised beds is not only practical, but it also adds visual interest to your garden.

5. Water control

Raised beds allow the soil to drain well, avoiding the waterlogged challenges of many in-ground gardens. Irrigation is also less wasteful in the confined space of a raised bed. Properly installed drip irrigation systems can target the plants’ roots, ensuring healthy plants, as well as saving money on water bills. Raised bed irrigation kits help maintain soil moisture, reducing watering chores.

6. Pest protection

While backyard wildlife habitats make a terrific garden addition, no one appreciates furry and feathered friends eating carefully tended veggies intended for dinner. Raised beds protect

Raised bed - Page 9



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



GREEN FOR SPRING

During Spring with melting snow, and warmer weather, the color green comes to mind.

When we consider recipes this time of year, “Go Green” and “Fresh Green Recipes” come to mind. We begin thinking about the healthy foods we can enjoy this time of year (or any time of year) that are green, whether they’re fresh or frozen.

Green Leafy Vegetables

These are the ones generally known as “salad greens,” although we can use some of them steamed or tossed in a pan for a few minutes with olive oil and vinegar. Most are rich in Vitamins A, C, and K. They also may contain iron, minerals and fiber.

When selecting these greens, remember that the darkest ones generally are highest in nutrients.

But I Don’t Like Salads!

If someone in your family doesn’t like salads, try including greens in the diet through other recipes.

* Use endive as a sandwich wrap. Instead of flat or pita bread, spread your sandwich ingredients on a large piece of endive and roll it for a wrapped sandwich.

* Make cabbage rolls. Use the ingredients you would for stuffed green peppers. Roll this mixture in large, green cabbage leaves. Bake as you would the green peppers.

SPINACH SALAD

(You can substitute any type

of salad greens for the spinach or use a combination.) Mix together 1 pound spinach, torn into small pieces, 4-8 ounces (as you desire) of fresh sliced mushrooms, 6-8 slices crisp bacon crumbled, and cherry tomatoes halved. Serve with your favorite dressing.

(You can use smaller quantities and make an individual salad with these ingredients, too.)

BAKED ASPARAGUS

Fresh asparagus is a favorite green vegetable for many. Usually I cook it in a microwave steamer, and then serve with butter or low fat Italian dressing. However, you can bake it or serve with cream sauce.

Steam 1&1/2 pounds asparagus until slightly tender. Lay in buttered baking dish. Drizzle with 6 tablespoons virgin olive oil and sprinkle with 1/8 to 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, depending on how much cheese you like. Bake at 300 degrees for 6-10 minutes, until asparagus is tender.

(You also can use cheese other than Parmesan.)

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)


Quote of the Week

“If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There’s no use being a damn fool about it.”

W.C. Fields

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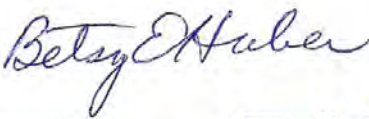
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WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be "Raised Right Here," and encourages Grange and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly-respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.



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Community Notes

April 7 & 8 Plant Sale

Food For Lane County will take pre-orders for a Spring Plant Sale at: [plant.sale.foodforlane-county.org/..](http://plant.sale.foodforlane-county.org/) Orders can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on either Friday, April 7, or Saturday, April 8. Over 37 different crops and multiple varieties of flowers, herbs, and veggies - all organically seeded and tended at the Youth Farm, as well as strawberries and blueberries, will be available.

April 7 First Friday

Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach the first Friday of every month from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the Finn Rock boat landing. Sites vary between the boat landing and other nearby conservation sites. Pre-registration at mckenzieriver.org/volunteer is required

April 8 Easter Egg Hunt

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

April 8 Living River Day

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

April 8 Community Hunt

The McKenzie Valley Young

Life will host a community Easter Egg Hunt on the morning of Saturday, April 8th, at the McKenzie Community Track, 51326 Blue River Drive. It will start promptly at 11 a.m. There will be a special area for 0-4, and a timed release for the other age groups. Field games like sack races, three-legged races, and egg-in-spoon races are also planned. The Easter Egg Hunt and Field Games will be free. Young Life will have Tents setup with Coffee and Hot Chocolate served by teens that participate in Young Life and will be accepting donations towards the costs of going to camp. To help contact Spencer Wallace @ (405) 595-7011

McKenzie Community Track, 51326 Blue River Drive

April 8 MEGGA Hunt

Springfield's biggest annual egg hunt event at Lively Park fwill include an inclusive egg-travaganza perfect for the whole family. Five options are available, with fun and games for all ages and abilities. Bring friends and family along for a morning of inclusive fun from 9 a.m. - noon at Lively Park, 6100 Thurston Rd. There is no admission fee for children under two years old or individuals not participating in egg hunts. Other prices are \$6 in-district, \$8 out-of-district. Day of admission: \$8.

April 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.

April 9 Easter Breakfast

Starting at 10 a.m., the McKenzie Bridge Chriatian Church will be serving up a breakfast for anyone who wants to come and celebrate Easter. There will be plenty of pancakes, bacon, eggs, and other breakfast goodies for everyone to enjoy - whether you're a member of the congregation or just looking for a fun Easter activity. After breakfast, a special Easter church service will start at 11 a.m. at 56340 McK. Hwy.

April 10 Parks Committee

The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

(except during July & August) in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy, Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community.

April 10 Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.m. at various locations to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziewc.org

April 11 Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every second Tuesday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m. . Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair at Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com to get on the meeting email list.

April 11 Family Story Time

The Camp Creek Church plans some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship. The Story Times are from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd.

April 11 Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy, every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

April 12 Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9 am

-11:30 am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment. To volunteer: www.tfaforms.co. Green Island, is at 31799-31601 Green Island Road in Eugene.

April 13 VMCC Board

The Vida McKenzie Community Center Board of Directors meets from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the building's second floor conference room at 380 Q St, Springfield. VMCC members and visitors are invited to attend.

April 14 McK Food Pantry

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April 14 Artist Reception

Experience the diverse talent of the community at free reception events as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk. This month's artist's reception at the Island Park Art Gallery, 215 W C Street in Springfield will feature artist Robert O'Connor, with complimentary refreshments, live music, and a shuttle service to and from the Emerald Art Center. No registration is required.

April 15 Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. Walks are scheduled on the second Saturdays, March through December, afrom 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 16 Grange Open House

April is recognized as Grange Month, and the Walterville Grange is inviting people to an Open House on April 16th from 2 to 4 p.m at 39259 Camp Creek Road. April 16th is also Grange Friendship Day and an opportunity to share information about

the Grange, who they are and what they do in the local community. Refreshments and a free raffle for homemade pies will be available. In addition there will be information tables hosted by the Mobile Plant Clinic, EWEB, the Discovery Center, McKenzie Valley Communications, and Cancer Awareness. For more information go to: tinyurl.com/awfwku and the Grange Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/48264r9j>. Dues will be half-price for people who join the Grange in April.

April 17 McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

April 19 Upper McK Fire Board

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

April 22 Wooden Boat Festival

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

April 30 LTD Survey

Lane Transit District passengers are being asked to participate in an online survey that will assist the District in evaluating customer satisfaction with fixed or neighborhood bus service as well as to identify opportunities for improvements throughout the District. The survey is available Monday, March 27, through Sunday, April 30, 2023.

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

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell



Worth Waiting For

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grady

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

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

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

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

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

Tamara

Another Chapter

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

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

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

Grace

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

One woman I know raised

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

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

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

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

We all know that the manner in which people behave toward one another can tell us a lot about their private lives. In this amusing poem by David Allan Evans, Poet Laureate of South Dakota, we learn something about a marriage by being shown a couple as they take on an ordinary household task.

Neighbors

By David Allan Evans

They live alone

together,

she with her wide hind and bird face, he with his hung belly and crewcut.

They never talk but keep busy.

Today they are washing windows (each window together) she on the inside, he on the outside. He squirts Windex at her face, she squirts Windex at his face.

Now they are waving to each other with rags,

not smiling.

David Allan Evans has been the poet laureate of South Dakota since 2002, Evans has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Bush Artist Program, and the South Dakota Arts Council. Evans is a two-time Fulbright Scholar in China, and his work has been translated into Chinese by Zhang Ziqing. In 2009, Evans was awarded the South Dakota Governor’s Award for Distinction in Creative Achievement.

Ski Report

April 4, 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 35 degrees at the base with WSW winds averaging 17 mph. An inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 121 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 25 degrees at the base and 16 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. An inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 142 inches. A cold day with moist air was underway, with light snow showers expected. All 122 trails were open, along with 10 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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6. "Raiders of the Lost ____"

9. Opposite of flows

13. Flesh of fish

14. Grazing area

15. Soft palate hanger

16. Boatload

17. Wood-shaping tool

18. Old episode

19. *Alice of "Color Purple" fame

21. *Fruit and color

23. Long reef dweller

24. Sound of pain

25. Math class total

28. Excessively abundant

30. *"Royal" color

35. Arrival times, acr.

37. *Color quality

39. Shininess

40. White House "sub"

41. Spritelike

43. Cupid's counterpart

44. Serengeti grazer

46. *Feeling blue

47. Hokkaido native

48. *Color wheel inventor

50. Walk with a hitch

52. "Malcolm X" (1992) movie director

53. Stare open-mouthed

55. Napoleon of "Animal Farm," e.g.

57. *Between blue and violet

60. *____phobia, intense fear of colors

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63. Opposite of cathode

64. North American country

66. Run ____ of the law

68. Geography class book

69. Local area network

70. It's firma

71. Has divine power

72. Banned insecticide, acr.

73. German surrealist Max

DOWN

1. "General Hospital" network

2. Crop of a bird

3. Zeus' sister and wife

4. Two under par on a golf hole

5. Meat-cooking contraption

6. Winglike

7. *Predominant color of Mars

8. Type of membranophone

9. Like never-losing Steven

10. Town

11. *Primary color

12. ____ Juan, Puerto Rico

15. 7th planet from the sun

20. Chosen few

22. Nicki Minaj's genre

24. Not womenfolk

25. *Number of colors in a rainbow

26. Of service

27. Colorful parrot

29. *The LumiÈre brothers' colorful creation

31. "Cheers" actress Perlman

32. Jeopardy

33. Sergio of Spaghetti Westerns fame

34. Follow as a consequence

36. Email folder

38. Cone-shaped quarters

42. Naiad or maenad

45. Motherless calves

49. Old horse

51. Long John Silver, e.g.

54. Modified "will"

56. Bottom-ranking employee

57. Opposite of "out of"

58. Hall of Fame Steelers' coach

59. June 6, 1944

60. "____ Buy Me Love"

61. Between dawn and noon

62. Yours and mine

63. Expression of pleasure

65. Melancholy

67. Latissimus dorsi, for short

Like to bike?

Rural residents are requested to take a brief survey and enter to win a free E-bike or a \$100 grocery gift card. A survey is available at: lanecounty.org/roads.

The survey is designed to collect information from rural households "about their walking/biking/rolling needs on specific County roads that are identified as priority corridors in the Lane County Bicycle Master Plan (LC BMP)," according to senior planner Becky Taylor. She says the survey responses will help Lane County further prioritize projects in the LC BMP that are most needed to enable transportation options for transportation disadvantaged populations.

The surveys are part of a larger

rural transportation equity effort known as Community Powered Bicycle Projects. Paper copies of the survey are also being translated and distributed through community organizations throughout rural Lane County.

Taylor said "Lane County wants to learn more from rural residents through a community survey, which is now live. Responses will help Lane County make better decisions about where to focus limited resources to make the biggest difference."

When people complete the survey, they are entered to win an e-bike or a \$100 grocery gift card.

Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/bdfhnpyf.

A Moment
in Oregon
History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 6 - The Mount Hood Loop Highway began as the Barlow Toll Road, but after the turn of the twentieth century and completion of the Columbia Gorge Highway the road around the southern flank of Mount Hood fell into disrepair.

In 1912 Portland businessman and automobile enthusiast Henry Wemme purchased the road for \$5,400. Upon his death, the road was donated to the state of Oregon. In 1919 construction began on a loop from Portland to the upper Hood River Valley. The first traffic on the new road came the summer of 1925 but the road was only used seasonally until snow removal started in 1967, allowing for year-round travel.

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Raised bed

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crops from becoming snacks for wildlife. By reinforcing the bottom of the bed with a wire barrier, voles and gophers can’t access your tasty root crops, while a row cover over the bed helps keep cabbage worms at bay. Easy-to-install mini-hoops protect your crops.

7. Season extension
After cold, gray winter days, gardeners can’t wait to get outside and start planting. In the spring, these beds’ soil tends to warm more quickly than the ground, allowing earlier planting of spring crops. Plus, with the addition of simple low tunnels, harvests can continue well into late fall. Additionally, reclaimed windows work well to create a cold frame for winter growing, using a raised bed as a base.

From saving a bit of backache to controlling the composition of your soil, raised beds provide many benefits in the garden.

Types of raised beds
Take a look at Pinterest, and you’ll find all kinds of raised beds. While there is a wide variety of styles and materials used to create these beds—bricks, fallen logs, straw bales, and even concrete blocks—the most common style of a raised bed is easily built from lumber. If you’re eager to start growing right away, you’ll find dozens of ready-to-install raised beds available, from metal, including long-lasting cedar or composite raised beds. Elevated raised beds provide easy, comfortable access to grow your favorite veggies, herbs, or flowers.

Before you begin
Proper planning will save you time and money when creating your new garden. First, consider what types of plants you want to grow. Are you looking to grow a few tomato plants each summer,

or do you intend to feed a family of five with fresh produce from the garden? Or maybe you prefer to grow gorgeous flowers for garden-to-vase bouquets. Based on your goals, you can determine how many beds you’ll need.

Beginner tip: If you’re a new gardener, start small so that you enjoy the process without becoming overwhelmed. You can always add more raised beds next season.

Three tips for raised bed site selection
Sun — Most vegetables, fruits, and flowers prefer full sun, at least 6-8 hours. Some crops, like lettuce and Swiss chard, tolerate less sun, but for good production of fruiting crops, the sun is important.

Water — A nearby water source is critical. Choose a level site near the garden hose or rain barrel for ease of watering.

Proximity — Consider the proximity of your new garden to the kitchen. A garden closer to the home adds convenience when cooking meals. It’s easier to harvest beans, snip fresh herbs, or pull an errant weed when the garden is nearby. You’ll also spot any potential problems, like pests or droopy plants, before they become big issues in your garden.

Raised bed site preparation
Once you’ve selected your site, remove the sod and any weeds. Lay a thick blanket of cardboard on the grass, which will kill it and serve as a weed barrier.

Filling your raised bed
Remember math class? To find the volume of your new raised bed, multiply length x width x height. If you’ve created a 4-foot wide, 8-foot long, 8-inch high bed, you’ll need 21.44 cubic feet of soil. 4’ (width) x 8’ (length) x .67’ (height).

Once you determine the volume, pre-packaged soil provides the

perfect start for your plants. Just open the bags, fill the bed, and you’re ready to plant!
Or perhaps you want to create your own soil mix. The classic raised bed mix contains one-third blended compost, one-third peat moss (although coconut coir can be used as a more sustainable alternative), and one-third vermiculite, which provides excellent drainage and aeration.
After you’ve filled the bed, water the soil well to allow it to settle.

Lasagna gardening
If you begin your raised bed journey well before the spring gardening season, lasagna gardening makes a low-cost option for filling your beds. Also known as sheet composting, lasagna gardening uses natural ingredients found in your garden and kitchen to create nutrient-rich soil, ideal for heavy feeders like tomatoes and pepper.

In the fall, begin by placing layers of cardboard in the bottom of the raised bed, which helps smother weeds. Next, place a four-inch layer of cut-up branches and twigs, broken into one-inch pieces, onto the cardboard. These will provide good drainage. Add an eight-inch layer of fallen leaves or straw on top of the branches, then water well to help the layers settle.

Next, add a two-inch layer of compost or well-rotted manure, followed by four inches of grass clippings or green yard waste, mixed with kitchen compost—such as vegetable scraps and coffee grounds. Continue alternating brown and green layers until the bed is nearly full, then water well. The layers will begin decomposing throughout winter, providing rich, organic material for your veggies, herbs, and flowers.

In spring, you’ll notice the layers have settled as they decompose. Add soil on top of the lasagna garden to fill the bed, and you’re ready to start planting.

Planting your garden
Decide what you or your family likes to eat and create your garden plan. Many garden centers sell vegetable plant starts, but some plants—like beans, peas, and radishes—grow easily (and inexpensively) from seed. Plus, it’s incredibly satisfying to harvest food that you’ve grown and nurtured from seed. If you want to grow unique veggies or All-America Selection varieties, starting plants from seeds is both a cost-saving and fun alternative to purchasing transplants. There’s nothing nicer than nurturing seedlings indoors during chilly winter days!
To increase the beauty and productivity of your garden, add flowers. A border of nasturtium or marigolds attracts beneficial insects, increasing pollination and eliminating many pests in the garden. Plus, many flowers are edible, making a beautiful addition to salads and other dishes. Flowers can be a pretty and practical addition in your vegetable garden. Or maybe you want to dedicate your raised beds to growing a productive cut-flower garden so that you can fill your vases with homegrown bouquets all season long.

Whatever your preference, raised beds make growing your favorite food, herbs, and flowers a great experience.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Woodpecker that likes burned forest



By Steve Lundeberg, OSU

A species of woodpecker once thought to limit itself to recently burned areas can breed successfully in the unburned parts of fire-prone landscapes too, according to a study by Oregon State University scientists that holds key implications for improved conservation and forest management

efforts.

The research led by doctoral student Mark Kerstens and Jim Rivers, a faculty member in the OSU College of Forestry, sheds new light on the black-backed woodpecker, which lives throughout northern North America.

Because woodpecker populations are sensitive to large-scale

forest disturbances, they serve as an indicator for guiding management decisions, the researchers note. Woodpeckers exert strong influence on the surrounding ecological community by creating nesting sites that benefit a range of vertebrates and other organisms.

The black-backed woodpecker has become a species of conservation concern because of habitat loss resulting from postfire management of burned areas as wildfires have grown in size and intensity in recent decades, the scientists say.

The bird’s range covers much of Canada and also parts of Alaska and upper portions of the contiguous United States, including the Pacific Northwest, and the woodpecker’s black and gray coloring makes for ideal camouflage in an environment of charred trees.

Rivers and Kerstens studied black-backed woodpeckers in a 165,000-hectare area in southern Oregon’s Klamath Basin in stands characterized as lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and mixed pine.

“It had long been thought that black-backed woodpeckers only nested in conifer forests that had recently experienced high-sever-

ity fire,” said Rivers, an assistant professor of wildlife ecology. “Although burned areas provide important habitat for this species, recent studies noted them occupying large areas of unburned forest in the western part of their range during breeding season, prompting the question of whether the green areas can support viable nesting populations.”

For three breeding seasons, 2018, 2019 and 2021, the scientists collected data to evaluate whether important population metrics differed between woodpeckers nesting in green and burned forests.

“We kept track of 91 nests, 34 in green forest and 57 in burned forest,” Kerstens said. “We found that neither daily nest survival rate nor reproductive output – the number of fledglings per successful nest – differed between green and burned forest nests; we also found that nestling body condition was a bit better in green forest.”

In addition, the scientists monitored survival of recently fledged birds with VHF radio telemetry tags and determined that the survival rate of birds in green forest was similar to those in burned forest, with most mortalities happening within four weeks of fledging.

“Although densities of nesting pairs in green forest were lower than those in burned forest, our research shows that certain types of green forest, particularly mature lodgepole pine, can support viable populations of the black-backed woodpecker in the western portion of the bird’s range,” Rivers said. “These findings have conservation implications because green areas are more stable in the resources they provide, they occupy much of the forested landscape in the region, and they are often adjacent to areas subjected to high-severity fire.”

That means, the researchers say, that practices that help build “pyrodiversity” – landscape-level time and space variability in fire effects – will likely provide the greatest conservation benefit for the black-backed woodpecker. Also beneficial will be management that provides for habitat elements the species needs, such as medium- to large-diameter trees, and connectivity between green and burned forest.

The study was published in Ornithological Applications.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Eagle senior Hailey Prater had the highest Eagle finish on the day, logging a third place finish in the javelin, throwing the spear 69-06 ft. Teammate senior Taylor Wickizer threw the javelin 35-04 ft. for a ninth place finish. Matilyn Richardson of Monroe won the javelin event, with a 85-00 ft. throw.

Wickizer set a personal record in the discus event throwing the platter 38-10 ft. good for twelfth place. Prater also finished eighth in the discus with a 47-09 ft. throw and eighth in the shot put with a 19-09.00 ft. toss. Wickizer tossed a personal record seventh place shot put mark measured at 20-08.50 ft. Eagle teammate Beckah Short tied for ninth in the shot put with a personal record 18-09.00 ft. mark. The shot put was won by Monroe’s Audrey Young, who set her own PR at 25-11.00 ft. Braylee Ketch of Oakridge won the discus event with a good throw of 72-08

ft.

Other field event winners were Mikayla Smith of Monroe in the high jump with a personal record clearance of 4-00.00 ft. and Kiele Riggs of Triangle Lake, who won the long jump at 14-05.00 ft.

In the running events, McKenzie’s Short placed sixth in the 100 meters with a time of 15.28 sec. Short was the lone Eagle to place in the running events. Richardson of Monroe won the 100 m. in 13.00 sec., a PR for her and the versatile senior won her third event of the day in the 400 m. with a top time of 1:04.41 min. Triangle Lake’s Samara Baker won the 200 m. in a PR time of 26.87 sec. Mikayla Smith of Monroe won her second event of the meet, running the 800 m. in a personal record time of 2:54.15 min. Smith’s teammate Ella Hinton also finished as a dual winner, taking both the 1500 m. in 5:52.44 min. and the 3000 m. in 12:47.59 min. Triangle Lake won both the relay races. The 4x100 m. relay Laker foursome of Madeline Brewster, Samara Baker, Kiele Riggs, and Ella Mather finished the distance in 54.47 sec. In the 4x400 m. relay, Triangle Lake featured Keira Alvarez-Wilson, Ella Mather, Autumn Thelander, and Isabel Brewster in a winning time of 5:27.38 min.

First woman governor

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Senator George Chamberlain at the Capitol during or shortly after his reelection campaign in 1914.

divorcing his wife? Well, yeah, of course, he had. Had that been the real reason he wanted to divorce Mary? We don’t know, and neither did all the neighbors, but that wasn’t (and isn’t) stopping any of us from speculating about it.

(Sources: *The Central Railroad of Oregon*, a book by Richard R. Roth published in 2015 by Heritage Quest Press; “*The Governor who Couldn’t Vote: Why History Forgot Oregon’s First Female Head of State*,” an article and news report published Feb. 27, 2019, by Oregon Public Broadcasting; “*Heritage: Oregon’s first woman governor lasted a weekend*,” an article by Kaylyn F. Mabey published on Feb. 12, 2015 in the *Salem Statesman Journal*; and a series of articles written by Dr. Kimberly Jensen and posted in April and May 2014 on Kimberly Jensen’s Blog.)

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