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“Rolls Royce Guru”

People heard him, heard the certainty in his voice, looked into those hypnotic eyes, and joined his movement on the spot.

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Gardeners honored

The OSU Extension Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association have recognized five Oregon gardeners

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Decommissioning moves forward

EWEB outlines plans to end Leaburg Hydro

EUGENE: It may be 20 years or more before any significant changes are made but area residents would like a better understanding of how the removal of the Leaburg Dam will impact them. That’s the message several speakers brought when they testified at the utility’s August 1st board meeting.

Jake Grisley of Leaburg Dam Road reminded the board that several hundred people live on the south side of the McKenzie in that area. If the Leaburg Dam and bridge are removed, he said, property owners along Leaburg Dam Road and Leashore Drive could be adversely impacted by road widening or potential condemnation of their properties. Other issues he cited included bedrock and the topography that would increase road construction costs and impact to the public water supply system for the Leashore Drive area, with existing water lines under that roadway and a treatment plant that might need to be replaced.

The existing intersection of Goodpasture Road and Highway 126 was another concern for Grisley, who said besides the one-lane restriction on the covered

bridge itself, other safety concerns included the need for a new left turn lane on the highway in an area restricted by a tall rock hillside.

Other speakers said they were concerned about challenges faced by already existing emergency evacuation plans for these areas. Should something happen to the Goodpasture Covered Bridge, people fleeing the area during an emergency would likely have to travel some 40 miles on back country logging roads if the Leaburg Dam bridge is removed, they said.

Nadine Scott, who lives on Leaburg Lake, referenced her background as an area realtor and past president of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce. She criticized EWEB for a plan to remove the “existing green energy” hydro project at a cost of \$221 million after already spending \$5.2 million to repair the roll gates in Leaburg Dam and another \$10 million for a new substation in Leaburg.

Scott felt the draining of the lake would have a serious impact on the McKenzie Valley’s tourism-dependent economy and stressed support for “preserving

what we have.”

Following public testimony Lisa Krentz, EWEB’s generation manager gave a review of the draft Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan (LDAP). The 55-page document, she said, was only in its early stages, calling it a “plan for a plan.”

The report itself notes that it does “not provide any details on the outcomes that those work plans will ultimately deliver. As such, the LDAP will not answer many of the specific questions that have arisen in response to the Board’s January 2023 decommissioning decision. Rather, it is intended to identify the important issues and provide a framework for how those issues will eventually be resolved in full detail.”

Some of the issues that are yet to be fleshed out include detailed construction plans, schedules, budgets, or risk assessments. Those items though, will take into account the “triple bottom line” approach EWEB used to come to its decision to close the project,

Krentz said the whole process is likely to continue “well through 2040.”

Finn Rock connecting again

Floodplain connectivity project is opening up



FINN ROCK: Work on Elk Creek in the Finn Rock Reach restoration area is showing results. Contractors working for the McKenzie River Trust have built log jams and transplanted willows as well as reintroducing spawning gravels to the area in anticipation of the creek being re-routed into its original channel.

Last Friday night, the restoration team removed the first of three sections of berm built to armor the area against the McKen-

zie River. As water began to move across the floodplain for the first time in decades, Mother Nature joined in with an equally dramatic sky filled with thunder and lightning as excavators worked to restore connections between land and water.

This initial work may have looked really messy, but once complete, The Trust says it should have incredible benefits for fish, wildlife, and water quality on the McKenzie River.

New fires were caught

Lightning strikes ignited nearby blazes



Rob Mutch

The Lookout Fire was spotted from the Carpenter fire tower.

The McKenzie River Ranger District in the Willamette National Forest had some fire activity from the lightning storm that went through last Friday.

The McBee fire started in the southern end of the

Three Sisters Wilderness and 4 smokejumpers arrived on the scene that evening. The fire was contained, controlled, and called out at .10 acres on Saturday afternoon and the smokejumpers returned to

base.

Also on Saturday, a Forest Service engine assisted Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District with a fire on Deerborn Island. It was contained, controlled, and called out. A power pole caught fire and was dropping embers into the surrounding vegetation.

Saturday afternoon, Carpenter Mountain Lookout called in a smoke report to Eugene Interagency Communications Center. The smoke was spotted inside the H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest. A Forest Service engine attempted to locate the fire in the evening but ran out of daylight before it was found. The engine is

Cobbler creativity

Center’s Ice Cream Social proved very popular

RAINBOW: The judge at this year’s Ice Cream Social at the Upper McKenzie Community Center was Steve Severin, who had a chance to sample a table full of entries before naming his favorite.

Over 100 people attended the event last Saturday and had the opportunity to see plans for future improvements for the historic structure while tasting some of the cobblers themselves. Other crowd pleasers were the shelves of books and other offerings at the temporary site of the O’Brien Memorial Library and hundreds of historic photos in a video program hosted by Margaret Beilharz.



Winner of the Cobbler Contest - Judy Roth with her Blueberry-Raspberry entry was awarded a blue ribbon by UMCC president John Carlile. The runner-up was Connie Richardson with her Blueberry-Rhubarb cobbler.

Impeachment, elected official pay, and ranked-choice voting

Lawmakers left big questions to voters

By Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle
Oregon lawmakers will ask voters to weigh in on big questions in 2024, including how voting will work, whether lawmakers should be able to impeach top officials and whether elected officials should receive raises.

Before the legislative session ended in late June, lawmakers voted to send three proposed laws to voters on their November 2024 ballots.

More referrals could be coming. A majority of Democratic lawmakers support an effort to change constitutional quorum requirements for the House and Senate to prevent future walkouts like the one that just stalled the Legislature for six weeks. While that effort didn't gain traction at the end of session, Rep. Khanh Pham, D-Portland, told the Capital Chronicle she would try again if necessary during the 2024 legislative session. Two-thirds of lawmakers must be present for either chamber of the Legislature to do business, unlike many states that require a simple majority.

Citizen groups are also working hard to put their own new laws on the ballot. Groups have so far filed 35 petitions to create new campaign finance laws, allow gun owners to carry concealed weapons without permits, expand the state House from 60 to 300 members, freeze property taxes for seniors and allow marijuana industry workers to unionize, among other proposals. Those citizen lawmakers have until next summer to gather tens of thousands of signatures from voters and make the ballot.

Here's a look at the big questions voters will see on their November 2024 ballots:

Should Oregon change the way it votes?

Voters in Benton County, as well as Maine, Alaska and other local jurisdictions around the country, already use ranked-choice voting. Instead of voting for a single candidate, voters rank every candidate on a ballot.

If a candidate wins a majority

of first-place votes, they win the election. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest number of first-place votes is eliminated and votes from the people who liked that candidate best are reallocated to their second-place pick. That continues until one candidate receives a majority.

Voters will decide in 2024 whether to implement ranked-choice voting statewide, in primary and general elections for statewide offices, Congress and president. Local governments could adopt the practice but wouldn't have to, and legislative races wouldn't be included.

House Speaker Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis, sponsored House Bill 2004, the proposal that would establish ranked choice voting if voters approve it. He said he hopes legislators will eventually be included.

Ranked choice voting would first be used in the primary election in 2028 if voters approve it.

Should lawmakers be able to impeach statewide officials?

Lawmakers in 49 states and Congress have the ability to impeach elected officials. Oregon is the only outlier.

That would change if voters approve a constitutional amendment in House Joint Resolution 16, which passed the House and Senate unanimously in June. It would allow the state House to impeach a statewide official, such as the governor, treasurer or secretary of state, by a two-thirds vote.

The official would then face a trial in the state Senate, presided over by the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. A two-thirds vote by the Senate to convict could result in removing that official.

Lawmakers said the proposal isn't tied to any one incident or elected official, but the proposal didn't advance until after former Secretary of State Shemia Fagan resigned in May following revelations that she worked a \$10,000-per-month side job for a marijuana company that helped shape an audit her office conducted of the state agency that regulates the cannabis industry.



Should it be easier for elected officials to get raises?

Salaries for some Oregon elected officials are among the lowest in the country and haven't increased in years. Senate Joint Resolution 34, which passed with broad bipartisan support near the end of the session, would ask voters to amend the constitution to set up a new commission that could give public officials raises.

A commission existed from 1983 until 2017, but it rarely met and only had the authority to recommend salaries that the Legislature had to approve. If voters approve the proposed constitutional amendment, a new commission would be able to approve and set salaries, automatically appropriating the money needed to pay those wages from the state General Fund.

The commission would set salaries for the governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general; Bureau of Labor and Industries commissioner, legislators, Supreme Court justices, other state judges and district attorneys. Elected officials, state employees, lobbyists and family members would not be allowed to serve on the commission.

"This is critically important to allow the people of Oregon to decide compensation for elected officials versus elected officials determining that compensation for themselves, which is obviously an inherent conflict," said Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp, R-Bend, during a brief discussion about the bill on the Senate floor on June 21.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum's \$82,200 salary is the lowest for attorneys general in the nation. Gov. Tina Kotek's \$98,600 salary is lower than that of governors in every state but Maine, Colorado and Arizona. Treasurer

Tobias Read and Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade each make \$77,000, less than their counterparts everywhere but Wisconsin and Arizona.

Oregon lawmakers fall in the middle of the pack, with an annual salary of \$35,052, and a daily subsistence allowance of \$157

during the legislative session. Democratic lawmakers have tried in recent years to raise their pay, saying it's necessary to attract a more diverse group of legislative candidates, but those efforts never panned out.

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A sign on a desk in the House Chamber at the Oregon State Capitol on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.

Friday 8/11		Saturday 8/12		Sunday 8/13	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 88 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 87 Low: 52	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 90 Low: 57	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 89 Low: 55	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 94 Low: 59	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 91 Low: 57

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
8/1	88	53	0	372 cfs	8/1	86	49	0	2,030 cfs
8/2	87	58	0	367 cfs	8/2	91	51	0	2,020 cfs
8/3	87	54	0	362 cfs	8/3	80	51	0	2,020 cfs
8/4	88	60	0	362 cfs	8/4	91	61	0	2,020 cfs
8/5	82	57	0	372 cfs	8/5	91	57	0	2,030 cfs
8/6	83	60	0	372 cfs	8/6	88	62	0	2,020 cfs
8/7	84	60	0	372 cfs	8/7	88	59	0	2,000 cfs

Sheriff's Report

July 31: 9:31 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
9:57 p.m: Menacing - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.
Aug. 1: 11:31 a.m: Menacing - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.
7:06 p.m: Civil Service - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.
Aug. 2: 1:30 a.m: Prowler - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.
3:46 a.m: Dead Animal - Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.
10:48 a.m: Burglary - 91900 blk, Honeybee Ln.
12:14 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Aufderheide Dr. & USFS 19-12 Rd.
1:30 a.m: Prowler - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:33 p.m: Driving While Suspended - N. Gate Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:33 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
Aug. 3: 1:21 p.m: Drug Overdose - 89000 blk, Twin Firs Rd.
2:27 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.
3:58 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr.
4:26 p.m: Burglary - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.
7:44 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & Worth Rd.
Aug. 4: 2:23 a.m: Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:13 a.m: Warrant Service - 94000 blk, Marcola Rd.
6:07 a.m: Traffic Signal Malfunction - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
8:34 a.m: Harassment - 92200 blk, Carson St.
9:05 a.m: Reckless Driving - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
10:53 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - 93900 blk,

Marcola Rd.
11:30 a.m: Theft - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.
11:55 a.m: Assist Outside Agency - Blue River area.
12:37 p.m: Welfare Check - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:44 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 42900 blk, McK. Hwy.
7:55 p.m: Found Property - 42800 blk, Leaburg Dr.
Aug. 5: 2:23 a.m: Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:33 a.m: Burglary - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:46 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.
11:12 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 89400 blk, Hill Rd.
1:14 p.m: Recover Stolen Vehicle - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr.
3:22 p.m: Harassment - 42900 blk, McK. Hwy.
3:57 p.m: Safety Hazard. - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
4:30 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - Tamolitch Falls.
5:54 p.m: Dead Animal - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
7:45 p.m: Warrant Service - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.
Aug. 6: 4:21 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Blue River area.
2:03 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
2:39 p.m: Civil Service - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:15 p.m: Forest Fire - Lat: 44.22555555. Long: 122.020833.
4:31 p.m: Burglary - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
6:53 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.
7:28 p.m: Harassment - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.
10:12 p.m: Illegal Burn - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

July 31: 9:51: 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
Aug. 1: 12:58: 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
Aug. 2: 13:53: 91000 blk, Elk Creek Rd. Mutual Aid. Cancelled By Upper McK. Fire.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

August 2: 13:49: Medical - 91000 block, Elk Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
August 4: 01:05: Medical - Old McK. Hwy./Milepost 71. Transferred to Deschutes County.
17:35: Brush Fire - McK. Hwy./Horse Creek Rd. Lightning struck tree, on fire line down, transformer just blew.
August 5: 16:05: Medical - Blue Pool, Tamolitch Falls. Female with a leg injury.
16:41: Fire - 91000 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Neighbor's transformer is on fire, about to fall.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue was joined by family and friends to celebrate the swearing in of new employees, Faith Huff and Lane Palahniuk, last night - Aug. 3. Their positions are funded through a grant award from the 2023 Oregon Fire Service Capacity Grant. This grant funds 90% in year 1, 75% in year 2, and 50% in year 3. Special thanks to Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple for joining in with the celebration.

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By Slim Randles

“Hot? You boys think this here weather is hot? You jest don’t know, do you?”

“What do you mean, Windy?” said Doc.

“Wellsir, back in the old days, you know, when we was younger, there came upon us here in the valley a hot-em-up wave that tried to kill us. Your folks ever tell you ‘bout the wreck at the river with me and Old Man Jenkins?”

Didn’t look like anyone had.

“Pass that syrup over, will ya, Steve? Thanks. Well, the hot-em-up started off slow, you know they do that sometimes. Little stuff like burnin’ up your hands jest grabbin’ a brandin’ arn.”

“Well, sure,” Doc said, “if you’re dumb enough to grab a brandin’ iron, you’re going to get burnt.”

“This here was the handle of the brandin’ arn, Doc, not the part in the fire.”

“Oh, I see. You were wearing gloves though, right?”

“Couldn’t stand to have them on. Too hot. And sweat? Never saw nothin’ like it.

Old Man Jenkins sweated so much his boots filled up with sweat and it cooked his toes to a perfect parboiled brown.”

“Did he eat them, Windy?”

“Naw. We had plenty of mountain oysters around, you know how it is, and he said he hadn’t had a shower in a while, so they probably wouldn’t taste that good anyway. So he kept them.”

“They didn’t fall off?”

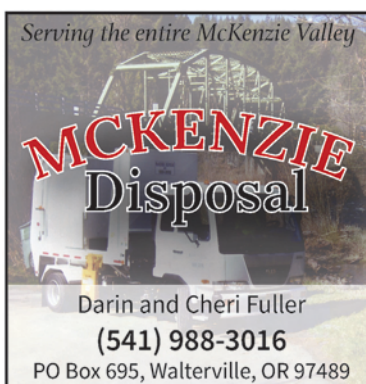
“They thought ‘bout fallin’ off. Thassa fact. But sometimes ol’ Mama Nature knows how to help an ol’ cowboy. Yessir, thass what saved Jenkins’ toes. Had a terrible freeze that night and jest froze them toes back in place.”

Nature, and Windy’s stories, sometimes defy history.

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When “The Rolls-Royce Guru” came to Oregon

By Finn J.D. John

Part One of Five: Inception

Once upon a time in India, a man lived. He would go on to become one of the most influential thinkers in new-age thought, but at this time — the early 1960s — he was merely a philosophy teacher, and one of thousands of gurus living and discoursing in that land of gurus. His name was Chandra Mohan Jain.

But even then, just a few years out of graduate school, Jain was different.

To call him charismatic would be a colossal understatement. By all accounts, this man could look into your eyes and speak to you for a half hour, and you would hurry home to sell all your earthly possessions to stay near him.

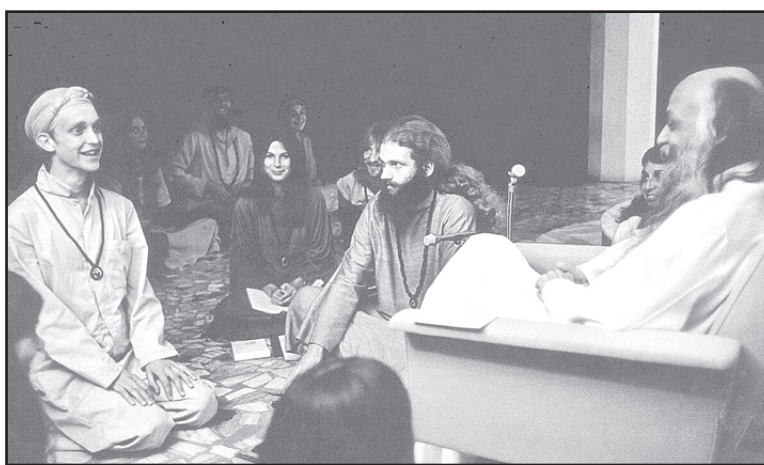
He was charismatic enough that, by 1966, he was drawing big enough crowds and making enough cash on the speaking circuit to quit his teaching job at the University of Jabalpur, seven years after taking it, to focus on his “side hustle” as an independent guru.

(It is actually possible that leaving the university wasn’t his choice, by the way. Academics will be quick to recognize the significance of the seven-year mark. Someone may have slipped Jain the word that he would be denied tenure if he stayed.)

In any case, once Jain focused his full attention on the guru industry, the world seemed to fall at his feet. The field was very crowded for would-be gurus in India; but Jain — now calling himself by his boyhood nickname of Rajneesh, meaning “moon” — rose quickly through its ranks to become one of the most successful and well known.

He did this with a combination of oratorical skills, philosophical insights, personal charisma, and finely tuned instincts for how far he could go in taking controversial positions without sparking a backlash. At his conferences, lectures, and meditation camps, he criticized some of India’s most revered institutions — Hinduism, Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa, traditional morality, the guru system itself. People heard him, heard the certainty in his voice, looked into those hypnotic eyes, and joined his movement on the spot.

As far as religion went, Rajneesh taught that every person was a religion unto him- or herself.



Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh with a group of young disciples at his ashram in Pune, India, in 1977. Wikimedia

Rather than looking outward to some sort of external dogma or prescribed code of conduct, one should look inward, deep inside, throwing off expectations and becoming consistent only with one’s own deep identity. There was, he said, a divine core inside each person, and where that core lies, there is God. Nothing outside matters; when you get right with “you-god” on a path to enlightenment, your relationship with the outside world and other people becomes far less important. Obligations? Optional. Guilt? Illegitimate. Compassion for others? Usually desirable, but not always.

It’s obviously very different in most ways, but the philosophy of Chandra Mohan Jain had a few things in common with that of philosopher-novelist Ayn Rand. And like Rand, there was a lot there to like, if you were a wealthy person seeking a personal philosophy or a path to spirituality that didn’t ask anything from you, require you to share your bounty, or make you feel guilty for being fortunate in life.

As with Rand, there was also a lot there to like if you were young and frustrated with the demands and constraints of society. Jain taught that the impulses and urges that most faith traditions expect young people to resist are simply part of life and should be indulged, not resisted, so as to reduce their forbidden-fruit appeal. The path to desirelessness was through indulgence, Jain taught.

And as with Rand, there was a core sense of elitism there. It was not as blatant and offensive as Rand’s “makers versus takers” paradigm, but it was there — and it would become especially obvious later on: A sense that the

wise sannyasin was a special kind of human, and that the laws and morals of the ignorant rubes of the outside world had no legitimate authority over him/her.

Slowly at first, and then more and more rapidly, young and/or wealthy Westerners started to discover this startlingly different guru. His message resonated with them even better than it had with the wealthy of India.

That was especially true after 1968, when, after moving to Mumbai, he started discoursing on sex and love. Sex, he said, was a divine force, a form of worship of the god within, a step on the ladder to enlightenment.

“The primal energy of sex has the reflection of God in it,” he said, in a discourse transcribed for publication later as *From Sex to Superconsciousness*. “It is obvious: it is the energy that creates new life. And that is the greatest, most mysterious force of all.”

That sounded well, and very academic; but as a practical matter it translated into urging people to ditch all their cultural and religious norms and taboos around sex.

“Rajneesh gives you the opportunity to sin like you’ve never sinned before. Only he doesn’t call it sin,” wrote John Ephland, an ex-follower of the guru, in an article for the *Spiritual Counterfeits Project*, a Christian organization best known for crossing swords with the Transcendental Meditation movement in the 1970s. “The path to desirelessness is desire.”

It was in Mumbai that the guru changed his name, taking the title Bhagwan (“Blessed One”) Shree (“Master”) Rajneesh. This would be a thing among Rajneeshes until the end — each newly added sannyasin was given a new Hindi name and new clothes colored in various shades of ocher or red.

Rajneesh continued getting more popular, and finding enough

space to host his meetings and meditations became a challenge in the city. So he started looking for a place with more room, and in 1974, some of his followers found a private 4-acre enclave in Koregaon Park in the port city of Pune, on which to build the Shree Rajneesh Ashram.

This worked out really well for Rajneesh, at least at first. Now that he had an actual campus, Rajneesh was able to really put on the kind of show that took his attractiveness to Westerners to the next level.

It was at Pune that Rajneesh’s movement really hit its stride, especially after 1975 when “therapy” groups were added to the meditation groups offered there. This was an attempt to court more Westerners, and it worked great. However, some of the therapies were ... unconventional. The most notorious one was Encounter Therapy Group, which met in a windowless room with padded walls in the basement of a building called the Krishna House. Participants screamed, thrashed around, and attacked one another during sessions. There were rumors around Pune that they even engaged in sex acts during Encounter sessions.

In 1979 the ashram announced that violence would no longer be used as a means of emotional catharsis in therapy groups — thereby confirming that it previously had been.

Also, locals in Pune by 1979 had come to consider the ashram a public menace. They called Rajneesh “the sex guru” and resented the thousands of young well-heeled Westerners that filled their town, offending the locals with disrespectful and promiscuous behavior and engaging in drug trafficking and prostitution to raise money for extended stays. Obviously not all the Western followers were lascivious party hounds and criminals, but some of them were, and the ashram was not showing itself to be very serious about policing them.

But no amount of bad press, it seemed, could slow Rajneeshism’s growth. The movement soon outgrew the Pune ashram. Four acres sounds like a lot, until you break it down: It’s a square of land 417 feet on each side. Many modern supermarkets are more than four acres inside.

Followers started looking for a new place, with room to grow. But by this time word had gotten around India about this renegade guru and the gang of obnoxious young Westerners who had flocked “Rolls Royce Guru” - Page 9

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Five Oregon gardeners recognized with statewide awards



Dennis Brown

By Kym Pokorny
The Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the nonprofit Oregon Master Gardener Association have recognized five Oregon gardeners with statewide awards that reflect their dedication and commitment to the practice.

Lynn Kunstman of Jackson County and Marilyn Berti of Washington County shared the 2023 Statewide Master Gardener of the Year award. Dennis Brown of Multnomah County was honored with the inaugural Growing and Belonging Award. The statewide Behind the Scenes awards went to both Deb Schmidt of Lane County and Linda Coakley of Yamhill County.

The honorees received their awards at the recent Joy of Gardening conference, an annual event sponsored by the Oregon Master Gardener Association, at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the OSU campus in Corvallis. There are nearly 2,800 Master Gardeners who work with Extension to share their knowledge of sustainable gardening practices across 27 Oregon counties and 103 educational gardens. In 2022, volunteers put in over 108,000 hours.

Kunstman's passion lies with native plants. Through presentations and one-on-one encounters, she's dedicated to introducing people to the benefits of natives in the garden. She propagates in the native plant nursery she operates at the OSU Extension office at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center in Central Point. Kunstman uses the plants for her educational classes, and they make their way into the community through the Spring Garden Fair plant sale.

On her weekly radio series on Jefferson Exchange, Kunstman fields gardening questions from her audience of up to 8,000 listeners. She contributes regularly to the Jackson County Master Gardener Association Garden Beet newsletter and teaches gardening classes at the Winter Dreams Summer Gardens Symposium and the OMGA Joy of Gardening conference.

Berti's service over the past 15 years has been focused on sharing sustainable gardening knowledge. From early on Berti has been a committed volunteer answering questions on the Master Gardener helpline and at community events. She gives education outreach programs at the Jenkins Estate Learning Garden and the in-person In the Garden Series. In her leadership roles, she has been an integral part in expanding OSU Master Gardener volunteers' reach and impact throughout Washington County and beyond.

Through careful listening to community needs, Brown has shown how the Metro Master Gardener program serves the community, significantly advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. He coordinated a network of volunteers and community service providers to renovate old vegetable beds at June Key Delta Community Center in North Portland. The center is operated by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a historically African American sorority dedicated to public service with an emphasis on programs that assist the African American community.

Brown led a group in securing a grant from the East Multnomah

Soil and Water Conservation District to remove the old garden bed structure and replace it with new raised beds. Over two days, sorority members, community volunteers and Master Gardener volunteers learned raised bed construction techniques and replaced the aging structures.

At the same time, Brown was teaching a six-week Seed to Supper series to veterans and houseless community members of the Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, which is a worker-led organization that empowers diverse day laborers and immigrants to improve their working conditions and protect civil rights. Brown combined the two projects, teaching the final Voz Seed to Supper class at the June Key Delta Community Center with class participants planting in the June Key Delta Community Center Garden. In 2020, Voz received a \$51,000 Partners in Conservation grant to improve worker knowledge in sustainable landscaping and gardening techniques and to develop a green workforce.

Schmidt supports the educational mission of the Master Gardener program through weekly shifts in the plant clinic, mentoring new trainees, working mobile plant clinic events, and teaching and organizing public workshops. She co-chairs the Compost Specialists, which is a partnership between the Extension Master Gardener Program and the city of Eugene.

She organizes an annual training for new compost specialists to provide updated research information on building and using compost to increase soil health and fertility. She helps plan and organize 12 public compost classes, two worm bin classes and multiple public activities in schools and community venues. She answered the call to help build community connections in the outer reaches of the county, setting up classes and volunteer support in Florence and Oakridge, greatly extending Master Gardener outreach.

Since 2014, Coakley has acted as chairperson for the Yamhill County Master Gardener Association greenhouse where the vegetable starts and annual flower seedlings for the plant sale are grown. In addition, for several years she was the chairperson of YCMGA's only fundraiser, the annual plant sale that generates more than \$20,000 a year. Both of these projects require subcommittees which she organizes and coordinates. She is a regular at clinic events and has served as secretary for the Oregon Master Gardener Association, as well as an alternate representative and historian. In addition, Schmidt has been a remarkable presence at the YCMGA greenhouse and has an active role in the plant sale.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME

In some parts of the country, school has already started and other schools are preparing to open. Youngsters are getting their school clothes and supplies ready. Memories surface of my school days, too.

For the first four years, I received my "larnin" in a one-room schoolhouse about a half a mile from home. For my siblings and me, those one-room school years were formative ones. Then our small school and world became part of a larger district, expanding our experiences and horizons.

The school I attended in Poughquag, New York consisted of six grades with 30-40 students. One teacher prepared lessons, taught and disciplined these students without aides, parent volunteers, or principal. The district superintendent visited occasionally.

Now that I have taught and done substitute teaching, I marvel at these teachers (Mrs. Reynolds for my first two years and Mrs. Burr for grades three and four). They worked with so many students of different ages and learning levels.

A One-Room School Heritage

The one-room school experience also constitutes part of my family heritage since my mother, grandmother, and Mother's cousins taught in these small buildings. My mother enjoyed her teaching days, although she didn't do any after we children were born.

In those times, the 1930s, many school districts wouldn't hire married teachers and definitely not those with children. Husbands were supposed to support their wives. Thus the jobs weren't taken away from single women. Also, "society" considered that mothers should be at home raising their children.

So Mother had to resign from one school after she and my dad married. Fortunately, the

neighboring district needed a teacher and didn't have that bias. I wonder though, if an unmarried teacher had applied, whether Mother would have received the position.

Mother's Early Schools

I have pictures of my mother's schools, also two of my grandmother and her students standing in front of her school.

Since Mother married and remained in the community of her first school, some of her students still visited when she was in her 80's. It seemed that those who gave the 19-year old teacher the most problems her first year of teaching thought the most of her in later years. Tony visited frequently, and they laughed over some of the escapades these boys tried to get away with.

Bag Lunches

We had no hot lunch program in the one-room school so brought our own every day. As my sister and I grew older, ours was the job of making sandwiches and packing lunches for our brothers and us every evening.

Mother often made homemade cookies and cake for lunches. No packaged snacks were available or affordable.

QUICK SPICE CAKE - Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon cloves. (I prefer to leave out the cloves.)

Add 3 tablespoons melted shortening, 1 teaspoon vinegar, 1 teaspoon lemon, 1 cup cold water. Add 1/2 cup raisins, if you like.

Mix well and bake in 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan at 350 degrees F. for 35 to 40 minutes. Ice and cut into pieces for lunch box snacks or serve with lemon sauce.

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Community Notes

August 10 Story Time

Story Time is back, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Library's Children's Room, 42888 McKenzie Hwy, Children of all ages and their parents are invited for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD's and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

August 10

Vida McKenzie Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 WALTERVILLE LOOP.

August 11 Introductory Camp

Camp White Branch is holding an Introductory Camp that is structured for children who haven't been to camp before and provides the security of having one of their parents along for the experience. It will be held from Fri, Aug 11th, 10 a.m. to Sun 13th 3 p.m. This weekend provides the opportunity to acquaint children with the facility so they will be prepared for future years of fun at Camp White Branch. Ages: Entering 2nd or 3rd grade accompanied by a parent. Register at: campwhitebranch.org/camps

August 11

McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It's open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

August 11

Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m., starting at 500 Main St (Emerald Art Center in Springfield).

August 12 Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. 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.

August 13

Vida McKenzie Center

Come take a look, from 2 to 4 p.m. 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida. Everyone is invited to see the progress that has been made with the rebuild, and to learn about the many special features of this new building - the first commercial space to be restored in the McKenzie Valley following the Holiday Farm Fire. Come see the new structure. Learn about the new amenities and programs. Listen to the new baby grand piano (aka "Pat's Piano") played by Kimberly Reeves Parker. Free refreshments. Friendly people. Questions? Gerry Aster: 541-896-3001.

August 14

Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is 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. Location varies. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziewc.org

August 14

Parks Advisory Committee

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in 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

August 15

Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

August 6

Board of Commissioners

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

August 16

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be livestreamed with viewing available at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIzi4-UMCeQ/videos.

August 17

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Library's Children's Room, 42888 McKenzie Hwy, Children of all ages and their parents are invited for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD's and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

August 17

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.

August 17

McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

August 18

Dive In Movies

Friday's movie, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. will be Super Mario Bros. at Splash, 6100 Thurston Rd. in Springfield.

Join a special evening swim and movie event. Watch a movie on Splash!'s outdoor sun deck and come and go as you please from the pool to the movie. Regular drop-in admission to Splash! includes the cost of the movies. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., movies start at 9 p.m. Concessions are available. Registration is not needed; just come on by! \$3-10 drop-in admission to the pool. 541.736.4544

August 19

Poker River Run FUNdraiser

For the Rebuilding Project of the Vida McKenzie Community Center, destroyed in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. \$120 includes * 10-mile Finn Rock to Helfrich whitewater rafting trip at 25% off regular price * Poker Run entry fee and packet * Picnic at Lloyd Knox Park * Round-trip transportation from Leaburg, Oregon * Guide gratuity. Twelve person maximum. Must call ahead to reserve your seat. After meeting at 9 am, people will go to the Leaburg Store to pick up packets, sign their release form and draw

first cards. Then they'll go to Finn Rock for a second card and to start a river adventure. There will be more riverside stops for cards three and four. The rafting trip will finish at Helfrich Landing where people can see the progress being made on the rebuild of the Community Center. Next, drive to Lloyd Knox Park to draw the final card and to enjoy a picnic. After lunch, people will be returned to Their cars in Leaburg. Call 541-726-5039 or email info@mckenziecrafting.com to claim seats.

August 22 - September 26 Return of "Write your Life"

Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week memoir workshop will begin at 6pm on Tuesday, August 22nd and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free, and will meet in the library's Annex Room.

If you participated in the first workshop, you can pick up where you left off. If you are new, you can start fresh! All are welcome.

"This workshop isn't about correct grammar or spelling, or putting commas in the right places, or about getting published. It's about examining one's life and writing about it," Duane said. "What is important is finding your own voice."

Duane is a local resident and former staff writer for the Los Angeles Times and co-founder of InsideOUT Writers, a program for detainees in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall system.

He is the author of "Postcard From Deerhorn", a NextDoor series of essays about life on the McKenzie River.

To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library. We're right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

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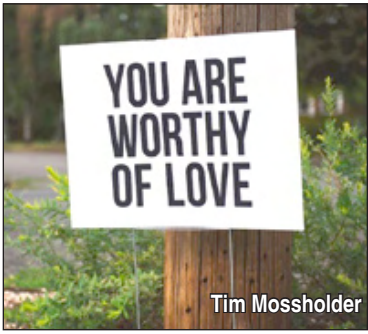
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

False Prophets



Tim Mossholder

Of all the relationship advice columns, I like and respect yours most because you never encourage using manipulation or “tricks” in relationships.

I recently turned 30 and am considered an attractive woman. My life has never been easy, but I put it all behind me and tried to make the best out of my assets. I moved to the States, put myself through college, graduated with honors, and work hard to support myself.

The only problem is I have no love in my life. The men I date act like I am the best thing to happen to them, in the beginning, that is. Inevitably, it turns out they do not want a serious relationship, leaving me with a broken heart and crushed hopes. If I am really that wonderful, why is this happening to me?

I have dated men of various ages, professions, and physical

appearances. The only thing they have in common is a dread of settling down with one person forever.

I live in New York, perhaps the most “commitment-phobic” city in the world. Whenever I travel to other states, people say, “You’re such a beautiful girl. Not married yet?” It’s flattering, but I cringe to hear that question. It makes me feel like the biggest loser.

I’ve tried almost everything. Recently, I read in one of the relationship books that the best way to attract the right partner is to make a list of all the qualities we would like them to possess and meditate upon it. Inevitably, the right mate will be drawn to us. Call me skeptical, but this sounds like ordering custom furniture, not meeting a mate.

Can such lists really work? Please help me. I am too young to live without love for the rest of my life.

Eldora

Eldora, oh, if it was only that simple. Make a list of what you want—a man, money, or a trim waist—and meditate. If that worked, we’d all be married, we’d all be rich, and we’d all be thin. If that book worked, it would be the hottest-selling book ever.

Authors of relationship books say you can plan and plot this out

because that is what people want to hear. But it is not within their power to make happen. No one has a crystal ball to tell you when the exceptional moments of your life will occur. Love comes when it comes, not when you decide it should come.

Love is a word that is often misused. It can gain undesired intimacy. There is something to be said for waiting because those who are not serious are not likely to be patient. As you have already painfully discovered, you cannot turn a man who is not serious into one who is, no matter how much he says he likes or loves you.

It doesn’t take long to realize a shoe doesn’t fit, and almost all men give indicators they are, or are not, of a mindset for a wife. The sooner you learn a man is not of your mindset, the less likely you are to be hurt. If a man says he isn’t looking for marriage, shake his hand, say goodnight, and tell him he is not what you are looking for.

The one thing we can tell you is to live the kind of life which is in you, that you deserve, that you have a passion for. Because that is the only thing that is under your control.

Put yourself in the way of love and marriage. That means not being involved with anyone who does not want marriage, acknowledging in your heart you want to be married, and not being afraid to say it. The man who truly loves you will want to make you his own.

The best thing you can do is be out there living a good life.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men*, *The Friendship Solution*, and *Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

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

Backwards

By Warsan Shire

The poem can start with him walking backwards into a room. He takes off his jacket and sits down for the rest of his life; that’s how we bring Dad back. I can make the blood run back up my nose, ants rushing into a hole. We grow into smaller bodies, my breasts disappear, your cheeks soften, teeth sink back into gums.

I can make us loved, just say the word.

Give them stumps for hands if even once they touched us without consent,

I can write the poem and make it disappear.

Step-Dad spits liquor back into glass,

Mum’s body rolls back up the stairs, the bone pops back into place,

maybe she keeps the baby.

Maybe we’re okay kid?

I’ll rewrite this whole life and this time there’ll be so much love, you won’t be able to see beyond it.

You won’t be able to see beyond it,

I’ll rewrite this whole life and this time there’ll be so much love.

Maybe we’re okay kid,

maybe she keeps the baby.

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The poem can start with him walking backwards into a room.

Warsan Shire is a Somali British writer and poet born in Nairobi and raised in London. She has written two chapbooks, *Teaching My Mother How to Give Birth* and *Her Blue Body*. She was awarded the inaugural Brunel International African Poetry Prize and served as the first Young Poet Laureate of London. She is the youngest member of the Royal Society of Literature and is included in the Penguin Modern Poets series. Shire wrote the poetry for the Peabody Award-winning visual album *Lemonade* and the Disney film *Black Is King* in collaboration with Beyoncé Knowles-Carter. She also wrote the short film *Brave Girl Rising*, highlighting the voices and faces of Somali girls in Africa’s largest refugee camp. Shire lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children. *Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in Her Head* is her full-length debut poetry collection.

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- 46. Have supper
- 47. Condoleezza of politics
- 48. Pleasantly warm
- 50. Type of mine passage
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- 53. Famous Allen Ginsberg poem
- 55. Band booking
- 57. *Hello in Normandy region
- 61. *Hello in Haifa
- 64. Letter-shaped girder
- 65. Female reproductive cells
- 67. Did like a lunatic
- 69. L in AWOL
- 70. Nada
- 71. Greet the day
- 72. "Musical" constellation
- 73. Precedes whiz
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- 1. Stars and Stripes country
- 2. *Unspoken greeting in France
- 3. Ned Stark's youngest daughter
- 4. Prevents one from seeing
- 5. Have as logical consequence
- 6. Mosque prayer leader
- 7. *Japanese greeting move
- 8. To crack, as in case
- 9. Out of shape
- 10. Kindred
- 11. *Hello in Spain or in Mexico
- 12. Overwhelm like bees
- 15. Hymns of praise
- 20. Borders on
- 22. Cholera
- 24. Shadow-utilizing timepiece
- 25. *Hi, in France
- 26. Prefix with type
- 27. Places in the heart
- 29. Praise
- 31. Kind of hug
- 32. In accordance with law
- 33. In the cooler
- 34. Like surrendered land
- 36. 1/60th of min, pl.
- 38. *Shakeable appendage
- 42. Horse greeting?
- 45. Don't try this here? (2 words)
- 49. *Greetings to ____
- 51. "Toddlers & ____," reality TV
- 54. Amiss
- 56. Sunlight's interference
- 57. Hillary's hubby
- 58. Do as directed
- 59. Getting warm
- 60. Cup of joe
- 61. White ____ in retail
- 62. "Metamorphoses" poet
- 63. ____ Verde National Park
- 66. Contend
- 68. Cub's home

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- 6. Common stomach disorder, acr.
- 9. Thai currency
- 13. Femme fatale
- 14. Cow greeting?
- 15. High-quality black tea
- 16. Heretofore (2 words)
- 17. Used for making holes
- 18. Old and feeble
- 19. *Precedes or follows alaikumun a greeting
- 21. *Robin Williams' "Good Morn-

- ing, ____"
- 23. Family memb.
- 24. Blood fluids
- 25. R&R spot
- 28. Standout
- 30. All together (2 words)
- 35. Crafts' companion
- 37. Hyperbolic tangent
- 39. River in Paris
- 40. Traditions typically passed on by word of mouth
- 41. Home of Darfur
- 43. Opposite of base
- 44. Carthage's ancient neighbor

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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

Click here or go to: tinyurl.com/yeye92hx

STORY TIME

Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

Tue Aug 8th 1:30pm - Thu Sep 28th 2:30pm

O'Brien Memorial Library - Story Time

Enter the world of imagination or learning at Story Time at the O'Brien Memorial Library. Come visit us on the 1st and 3rd

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Vaccine Clinic

SAVE THE DATE for McKenzie summer camps! August 7th-10th for incoming 5th-8th grade. The camp will be on campus. Check back

Wed Aug 9th - Thu 10th

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Fri Aug 11th 4:00pm - Thu 31st 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Sat Aug 12th 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River 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-

FOOD pantry

Fri Aug 11th 11:00am - 1:00pm

McKenzie River Food Pantry

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Community BBQ

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Saturday, August 12th 11AM - 3PM

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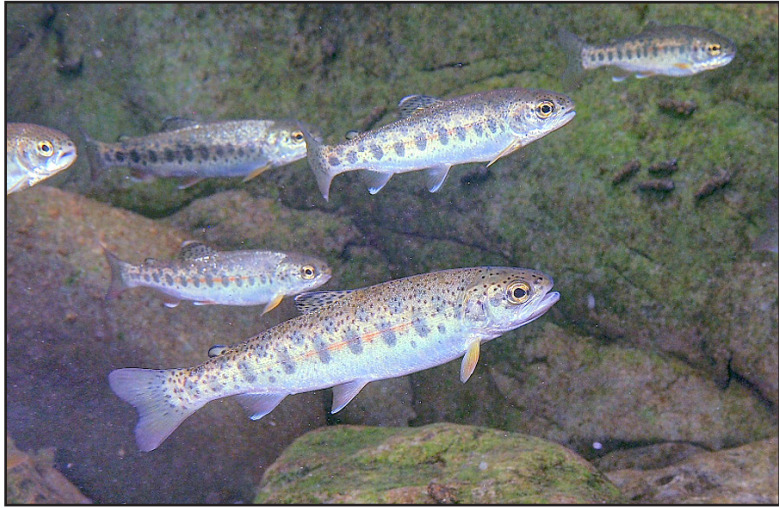
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Billions fail to improve region's wild fish stocks

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Juvenile steelhead trout in a natural stream environment. (Photo by John McMillan)

By Steve Lundeberg, OSU

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“Also, farming, logging, mining and irrigation caused landscape changes and habitat degradation, which compounded the problems for the fish,” said Jaeger, who collaborated on the paper with Mark Scheuerell, a biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Washington.

An estimated 16 million salmon and steelhead once returned from the Pacific to the portions of the basin above Bonneville Dam, but by the 1970s there were fewer than 1 million fish, prompting the federal government to intervene.

The Northwest Power Act of 1980 required fish and wildlife goals to be considered in addition to power generation and other objectives. The act created the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to set up conservation programs financed by Bonneville Power Administration revenues.

The cost and scale of restoration efforts grew considerably in the 1990s, Jaeger said, following the listing of 12 Columbia River runs of salmon and steelhead as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

The public's tab for conservation spending now exceeds \$9 billion in inflation-adjusted 2020 U.S. dollars, the researchers said, which does not take into account all monies that have been spent by local governments and non-gov-

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“Rolls-Royce Guru”

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to his banner. They could not find anyplace in India that was willing to have them as neighbors, and so things kept on as they had been, crowded into their little four-acre campus.

Moreover, there were some legal troubles on the horizon too. The Indian government, in 1974, officially revoked Rajneesh's tax-exempt status. The entire time the Pune ashram had been growing by leaps, they had been fighting with the government over this tax bill, and it was increasingly evident that they probably would lose.

Plus, the guru's health was failing him. He had developed diabetes and back troubles, and his allergies were worsening. He needed to move someplace dry anyway. Why not just skip the country entirely, keep the tax money, and never return? He just needed to find a place with wide open spaces and a tradition of leaving one's neighbors alone.

Someplace like ... central Oregon.

(Sources: “Rajneeshpuram,” an episode of Oregon Experience produced by Eric Cain and Nadine Jelsing and aired Nov. 19, 2012, by Oregon Public Broadcasting; “Beyond the Ranch: Rajneesh Revisited,” a three-part series by Cory Frye published July 8, 2018, in the Corvallis Gazette-Times; the Portland Oregonian's 20-part series on Rajneeshpuram, published June 30 through July 19, 1985, and 5-part series by reporter Les Zaitz published April 14, 2011)

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The Osho International Ashram in Pune, India, as it appears today.

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Drought & recreation

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife offer some advice

Impacts on fishing, hunting and viewing
As much of Oregon continues to experience years of on-going drought, hunters, anglers and wildlife viewers can expect the continued warm, dry conditions to impact their activities. This page includes tips to help you continue to enjoy the outdoors during drought conditions.

Fishing during drought
Drought leads to low, warm water conditions that are detrimental to native fish, but that hit cold water species like trout, salmon and steelhead particularly hard. As the water warms, the fish's metabolism increases rapidly, burning precious energy stores. Additionally, fish become more stressed and vulnerable to disease

What you can do
Anglers should feel free to fish during a drought but there are a few things to consider:

- * Follow these 5 tips for fishing when water temperatures are high. Warm water can take a toll on fish and these tips can help you catch more fish and land them with less stress to the fish.

- * Avoid steelhead while trout fishing. Steelhead and rainbow trout often occupy the same waters. But some steelhead populations, primarily summer steelhead, are hurting not just because of drought but also several years of poor ocean conditions. In some place, steelhead fishing might be closed due to poor returns, while trout fishing remains open. In these cases, try to avoid hooking steelhead when fishing for trout.

- * Know before you go. This includes the latest information on water levels and temperatures, changes to the stocking schedule and emergency in-season regulation updates. This information can be easy to find in the weekly Recreation Report, which reports on *

- Be flexible. Anglers who are able and willing to explore new locations and to fish for different species such as bass and other warm-water fish, should continue to find lots of opportunities.

ODFW actions to protect fish
To help protect fish, ODFW will be monitoring conditions throughout the summer and fall, and may adjust the stocking schedule or adopt emergency fishing regulations when needed. Here are examples of some of the actions the agency may take:

- * Adjust the stocking schedule. Already this year some districts

have adjusted their stocking schedules to get more fish in the water during the cooler summer months. As the season progresses, look for other changes to the stocking schedule based on changing water conditions. The weekly Recreation Report is the best place to find the latest stocking updates.

- * Adopt hoot owl regulations. This means closing fishing in an area during the hottest parts of the day – usually by mid-afternoon – when water temperatures are the highest.

- * Close fishing to protect native fish populations. Even catch-and-release fishing adds additional stress on fish.

- * Lift bag and harvest method limits to salvage stocked fish in waterbodies that are likely to go dry or a least get too low and warm to support fish.

Anglers can find the latest regulation changes in the Regulation Updates sections of the weekly Recreation Report. Select the zone where you plan to fish, and then click on the white button that says "Regulation Updates."

Hunting in drought and wildfire season

Severe drought in the early summer can lead to severe wildfires risk in the early hunting seasons.

Actions you can take
* Learn more about the impact of wildfire on fish and wildlife, and what you can do to help.

- * Know before you go. During wildfire season many landowners adopt special restrictions or even close public access to reduce the threat of fire. Areas may also be closed in and around active fire areas. Confirming that your hunt area is still open to hunter access should be the first step in planning your hunting trip. Here are some resources to help you find current fire closures and restrictions.

- * Take care near watering areas, especially in you're hunting from a blind. As seasonal water sources dry up early, animals will start to congregate near those water sources that remain. Federal land agencies suggest setting up at least 300 feet from the water.

- * Be careful when using a motor vehicle. Hot mufflers and exhaust systems on cars, trucks, and ATVs can be an ignition source for wildfires. Even if the landowner is allowing motor vehicle use, don't drive on roads with vegetation on the road surface and don't park on dry vegetation.

ODFW actions to protect wild-

life
* Access closures. During fire season some lands may be closed to public access or motor vehicle use may be restricted to reduce the fire risks. ODFW can only close access on ODFW wildlife areas and other property it owns. Otherwise, access is controlled by the landowner, usually a private company or federal government agency.

- * Hunting restrictions. These are appropriate when conditions pose a threat to animals on a populations level, as opposed to small scale impacts that threaten a small, local group of animals.

- * For example, recent surveys show many deer in eastern Oregon aren't finding enough food immediately following recent wildfires, and this may impact the health of young and adult animals, leading to lower survival rates. If this causes a decline in the deer population or the deer move out of the area, then future hunting opportunity will be reduced until the population recovers.

- * Tag refunds. In the past, ODFW has issued tag refunds to hunters who weren't able to access hunt areas when closures due to active fires or safety issues in newly burned areas resulted in nearly complete loss of access.

Drought and wildlife viewing
Since wildlife watchers will face many of the same challenges as hunter and anglers, many of the same things apply including:

- * Exercise care near water. As small ponds and other water sources disappear, animals will start to concentrate at remaining watering holes. While this may increase the number and diversity of animals in one area – great for wildlife watching – your presence near this essential resource may place even more stress on the animals. Use binoculars or a spotting scope to observe wildlife from a distance to minimize disturbance.

- * Know before you go. During wildfire season – often severe after summer drought -- many landowners adopt special restrictions or even close public access to reduce the threat of fire. Areas may also be closed in and around active fire areas. Here are some resources to help you find current fire closures and restrictions.

- * Leave the dog at home – even if it's on a leash. Many animals will already be stressed and just the presence of a dog can put them on high alert.

In Memory

Kenward F. "Skip" Cosper



Kenward F. "Skip" Cosper of McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, died in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 26, 2023, and is survived by his wife, Katheryn Townsend Cosper and his two children, Darcy Buck and Elora Cosper. Skip was born February 6, 1939 in Plentywood, Montana to Ransom and Norma Johnson Cosper.

His family moved to Oaksdale, Washington in 1943, where his father ultimately became Superintendent of Schools and the family, as a whole, took up subsistence farming. Cosper graduated salutatorian from Oaksdale High School in 1957. He attended the University of Washington and graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 1961 with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio – Television. He was named Sigma Delta Chi Outstanding Make Graduate in Journalism. A distinguished military graduate, Cosper was commissioned in the Army in June 1961, became an Airborne Ranger, served as Com-

munications Officer for 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry at Fort Devens, Massachusetts and later for 3rd Battalion, 30th Infantry, attaining the rank of Captain of Infantry. He was awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge and Army Medal of Commendation.

He married Nancy Furman in Beverly Hills, California on August 29, 1965, and after a one day honeymoon, began training as a motion picture Assistant Director at Paramount Studios in Hollywood. Although he and his family moved to the McKenzie area in 1970, he continued working in the motion picture business and was the First Assistant Director on such feature films as "Days of Heaven", "Glory", "Courage Under Fire", "Gettysburg" and "The Thin Red Line."

Between films, Cosper, with the help of his friends, built his own home, a geodesic dome. He was divorced in 1980, and became a part-time parent to his two children. He married the love of his life, Kathy Oliver Townsend, on September 13, 2014.

His interests included old time music, dramatic films, western and military history, modern literature and fly fishing for trout, steelhead and salmon.

A Celebration of Life in the form of an old-time music jam will be held at the Upper McKenzie Community Center on Friday, September 8, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Those in the community who knew him are welcome. PLEASE RSVP TO KATHY COSPER at skipnkathy@gmail.com BY AUGUST 20, 2023. This is a dry event. The family respectfully asks that attendees do not bring alcohol.

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.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam – 5,166, and Leaburg Lake – 1,000.

Fish Counts

August 2, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook – 23,103
Summer Steelhead – 936

Quote of the Week

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'"
Audrey Hepburn

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

August 10 - James De Moss and his wife Elizabeth came west over the Oregon Trail in 1862 and settled near the town of Cove in Northeastern Oregon. Here they raised five children, teaching them to sing and play a variety of musical instruments. The family began playing and entertaining at mining camps and cow towns in Eastern Oregon. They traveled by wagon and camped out under the stars at night. For thirty years the talented De Moss family performed on stage, and as their fame grew they traveled to Canada and throughout Europe. In 1883 the family retired to a sprawling wheat ranch at De Moss Springs in Sherman County.

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New fires

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responding back out today to attempt to locate the fire that was reported in the steep ground and thick vegetation. The fire was also reported by the local Search and Rescue group this morning. The photo below is the smoke that was seen. Firefighters are trying to get to it today.

The Pacific Northwest Region has prepositioned two – Type 2 Hand Crews at McKenzie River Ranger District to assist with any new fires that may start within the Willamette NF and within the region.

On Tuesday, USFS officials reported 66 personnel and 2 helicopters were assigned to the Lookout Fire, which had grown to 3 acres. The area it's burning in includes 60-degree slopes along with a thick stand of trees and old growth in the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest.

Tuesday's dry and warm weather could be followed by another upper trough on Wednesday - and possible showers or thunderstorms.

Sheriff's Report

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10:13 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Hendricks Park Rd. & McK. Hwy.

Aug. 7: 12:47 a.m: Welfare Check - 37400 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

5:17 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

12:34 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

2:03 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

6:08 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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12:08: 42792 Leaburg Dr. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

Aug. 3: 13:17: 89000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. 13:17 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported

Aug. 4: 15:44: Gap Rd./Priceboro Rd. Mutual Aid. Mutual Aid. Provided: Wildfire.

Aug. 5: 10:04: McK. Hwy./ Milepost 23 Smoke Scare. UTL/Smoke from fire in area.

13:07: Leaburg Dam Rd./McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed/ Refusal Obtained.

16:43: 91000 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Mutual Aid. Cancelled Prior To Arrival.

19:45: 37000 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

Aug. 6: 13:08: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:37: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:10: 88000 blk, Ross Ln. Illegal Burn. UTL.

22:11: Hendricks Park Rd. Public Assist. Assistance, Other.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 21st 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.



Billions fail to improve

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Bonneville Dam, BPA

environmental agencies.

"The actual impact of all of these efforts has always been poorly understood," Jaeger said. "Lots of people have long been concerned about a lack of evidence of salmon and steelhead recovery. One of the issues is that most studies evaluating restoration efforts have examined individual projects for specific species, life stages or geographic areas, which limits the ability to make broad inferences at the basin level."

Thus, Jaeger notes, a key question has persisted, and its answer is critical for sound policy and legal decisions: Is there any evidence of

an overall boost in wild fish abundance that can be linked to the totality of the recovery efforts?

Based on a half-century of fish return data at Bonneville Dam, the single entry point to the basin above the dam, the evidence does not support a yes answer.

"We found no evidence in the data that the restoration spending is associated with a net increase in wild fish abundance," Jaeger said.

He said the Northwest Power and Conservation Council set a goal of increasing total salmon and steelhead abundance in the basin to 5 million fish by 2025,

but annual adult returns at Bonneville Dam averaged less than 1.5 million in the 2010s.

And while hatchery production has helped with overall numbers of adult fish, Jaeger added, it has also adversely affected wild stocks through a range of mechanisms including genetics, disease, competition for habitat and food, and predation on wild fish by hatchery fish.

"The role of hatcheries in recovery plans is controversial for many reasons, but results do indicate that hatchery production combined with restoration spending is associated with increases in returning adult fish," Jaeger said. "However, we found that adult returns attributable to spending and hatchery releases combined do not exceed what we can attribute to hatcheries alone. We looked at ocean conditions and other environmental variables, hatchery releases, survival rates for hatchery released fish, and conservation spending, and we saw no indication of a positive net effect for wild fish."

Even expenditures on "durable" habitat improvements designed to cumulatively benefit naturally spawning wild salmon and steelhead over many years did not lead to evidence of a return on these investments, he added.

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