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 north 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 homes under that roadway and a treatment plant that might need to be relocated.

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 Dume 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 $5.5 million to repair the roll gates in Leaburg Dam and another $10 million for a rehabilitation 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 Krenz, 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 decommissioning the dam.

Krenz 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 McKenzie 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 relatively 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

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 McBeth fire started in the southern end of the

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 cobbler creations 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-Rhubarb entry was awarded a blue ribbon by UMCC president John Carlile. The runner-up was Connie Richard- son 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 in some proposed laws to voters on their November 2024 ballots.

Voters will decide in 2024 whether to implement ranked-choice voting statewide, in primary and general elections for statewide offices, Congress and presidential. 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 allow voters if approved. 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 territories have the ability to impeach elected officials. Oregon is the only outlier.

That wouldn't 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 the cannabis industry.

Should it be easier for elected officials to get raises?

Salaries for some Oregon elected officials are 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 allow 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 de- cide compensation for elected of- ficials versus elected officials de- termining 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 Rosen- blum's $82,200 salary is the low- est for attorneys general in the na- tion. Gov. Tina Kotek's $98,600 salary is lower than that of gov- ernors 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 annu- al salary of $55,052, 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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Letters to The Editor

Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number.

Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.
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.
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 - Austinbridge 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
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.
5:13 a.m: WARRANT SERVICE - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek 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.
12:57 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.
8:33 a.m: Burglary - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:46 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90800 blk, La Lune Rd.
11:12 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 89400 blk, Hill Rd.
1:14: p.m: Recover Stolen Vehicle - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr.
3:32 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 - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
2:39 p.m: Civil Service - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Aug. 1: 12:58: 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
Aug. 4: 01:05: 89400 blk, Hill Hwy./Horse Creek Rd. Lightning struck tree, on fire line down, transformer just blew.
Aug. 5: 16:05: Medical - Blue Pool, Tamolitch Falls. Female with a leg injury.
16:41: Fire - 91000 blk, Deardorn Island Rd. Neighbor’s transformer is on fire, about to fall.
Aug. 6: 01:05: Blue Pool, Tamolitch Falls. Transformer just blew.
August 7: 01:05: Blue Pool, Tamolitch Falls. Transformer just blew.

McKenzie River Reflections

Explore a treasure trove of McKenzie River history - in the back issues of this newspaper. Go to: tinyurl.com/2rkpksen

McKenzie Fire & Rescue was joined by family and friends to celebrate the swearing in of new employees, Faith Hoff 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 Muriana Ruiz-Temple for joining in with the celebration.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

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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 discursing in that land of gurus. His name was Chandra Mohan Jain.

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And 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 small and relatively new to 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.

That, by 1966, was a combination of oratorical skills, philosophical insights, personal charisma, and finely tuned instincts for how far he could go in tackling 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 gun-system itself. People heard him, heard the certainty in his voice, looked into his 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.

Within the ashram of Pune, India, in 1977.

Rather than looking outward to some sort of external source, he prescribed code of conduct, one should look inward, deep inside, throwing offexpectations 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 to like, if you were a wealthy person seeking a personal philosophy or a path to spirituality that required 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 were a couple sort of external sources. It was not as blatant and offensive as Rand’s “makers versus takers” paradigm, but it would become eventually obvious later on: A sense that the wise sannyasin was a special kind of Indian that knew 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 the standing order in 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 discourage 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 beenbidden before. Only he doesn’t call it sin,” wrote John Eliphand, an ex-follower of guru, in an article for the Spiritual Counterparts Project, a Christian organization best known for crossing swords with the Transcendental Meditation movement in the 1970s. “The path to desirelessness is desire.”

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**Five Oregon gardeners recognized with statewide awards**

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 community.

Lynn Kunstman of Jackson County and Maustyn 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 Coalkey 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 at the OSU 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.

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 Beat 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 Oregon 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 County and Marilyn Berti of Yamhill County.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME**

In some parts of the county, 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 half-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 Poulsbo, New York consisted of six grades with 30-40 students. One teacher prepared lessons, taught with so many students of different ages and learning levels. A One-Room School Heritage One-room schools experience received their knowledge in the sustainable landscaping and gardening techniques and to develop a green workforce.

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Community Notes

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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 Waterlane Loop.

August 11
Introductory Camp
Camp White Branch is holding an Introductory Camp Camp that is structured for children who haven’t been to camp before and 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 Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It’s open every 2nd 4th Friday.

August 11
Play Art Box
The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m, starting at 500 Main Sr (Emerald Art Center in Springfield). A group that is structured for children who haven’t been to camp before and provides the opportunity to acquaint children with the facility so they will be prepared for future years of fun at Camp White Branch.

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 Williamette 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 Thornson 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 kitchen. 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 Astor: 541-896-3001.

August 14
Watershed Council
The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie watershed, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies. Contact: Melanie Gianprosco: (458-201-8180) 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. 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 needs and programs, 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 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

August 16
Board of Commissioners
Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioners 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
McK 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 streamed with viewing available at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIzi4UmCdYdces.

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Food for give away is 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, 48061 McKenzie Hwy.

August 17
McK Chamber
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy.

August 19
Divie In Movies
Friday’s movie, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. will be Super Mario Bros., 6100 Thorton Rd. in Springfield. Join a special evening swim and photo op with costumes on Splash’s outdoor sun deck and come go see your favorite from the pool to the movie. Regular drop-in admission to Splash! is $5. Regular drop-in to the movie is $2. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., movies start at 9 p.m. Concessions are available. Registration is not needed; just come on by! S3-10 drop-in admission to the pool.

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 River Run to Whitewater rafting at 25% off regular price * Poker Run entry fee and packet * Picnic at Lloyd Knox Park *. Round-trip transportation from Leaburg, Oregon * Guide gratitude. 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, line up 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 river side stops for cards three and four. The rafting trip will finish at Helrich Landing where people can see the progress being made on the rebuild of the Community Center. Next, drive to Lloyd Knox Park for the final card and to enjoy a picnic. After lunch, people will be returned to their cars in eaburg. Call 541-869-3817 or email info@mckenzierafing.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 right at the beginning. “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 full-time 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 written observations about life on the McKenzie River.

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

Click here and stay in touch with event specific online McKenzie Community Events Calendar.

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By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

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Walterville Shopping Center. N/C-sub Div., 5:00-6:00 PM at the McKenzie Valley, 6:00-7:00 PM and Sunday 1:00-3:00 PM. For more information, call Sara at 541-869-3989.

Funeral Home
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Hurtful Words
Eldora. Eldora, oh, it was only that simple. Make a list of what you want - a man, money, your trim waist - and meditate. If that worked, we’d all be married. We’d all be thin. If that book worked, it would be the hottest-selling book ever.

Quilters/Needle Crafters
The Leaburg Sew & So’s are meeting most Friday afternoons at the McKenzie Fire and Rescue Training Center. Please call Sara at 541-869-3989 for more information. SB=JAB-2/27-3/20/14.

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My Mother How to Give Birth and Her Head is her full-length debut in Africa’s largest refugee camp. 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. She wrote the poetry for the Peabody Award–winning visual album Lemonade and the Disney movie “The Lion King.” Her book, My Mother How to Give Birth and Her Blue Body, was awarded the inaugural Brunel International African Poetry Prize.

Videography
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Step-Dad spits liquor back into glass. I can write the poem and make it disappear.

Sunday, August 10, 2023
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Billions fail to improve region’s wild fish stocks

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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Drought & Recreation

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife offer some advice

Impacts on fishing, hunting

As much of Oregon continues to experience years of on-going drought, hunters, anglers and wild-
life viewers can expect the continu-
ance of warm, dry conditions to impact their activities. This page includes tips to help you continue to enjoy the outdoors during drought condi-
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“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 increase 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.

### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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12:08 a.m.: Leaburg Dr., Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Patient Refusal.


### McKenzie River Reflections

**Billions fail to improve**

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**Bonneville Dam, BPA**

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