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## Celebrating wins

### Upper McKenzie launches "Firehouse Chili Cookoff"



MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Last Thursday varied from the Upper McKenzie RFPD's regularly scheduled drill night. Instead, they opted to celebrate the department's Wins since the night of the Holiday Farm Fire.

"On the night of 9/7/2020, almost all of the volunteers currently on our roster were either fighting or fleeing (or both) the Holiday Farm Fire," according to Upper McKenzie Fire Chief Rainbow Plews. During the "last two anniversaries, we have spent time focusing on the trauma, sorrow,

grief, fear, and horror that affected every part of our lives. We have supported each other, all at different places in our recovery journey."

This year the department decided to focus on growth, strength, resilience, camaraderie, positivity, wins, and looking at things through the lens of gratitude. "We chose to see our circumstances with the current fires not from a place of fear, loss, and bitterness but from the place of gratefulness and humility," Plews noted.

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The winners among the nine entries were (from left) Firefighter Mike LeTerneau, Second Place; Lieutenant/EMR Samantha Winningham, First Place; and Board Member Jennifer Zirkle Third Place.

## Elk season is now jailing season - for poachers

### Some misdemeanors are now felonies

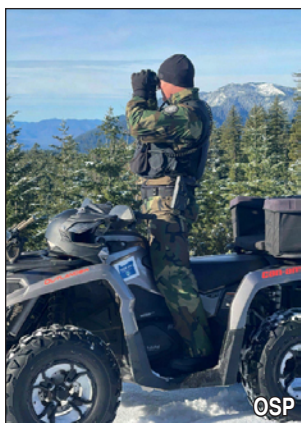
A poacher will pay \$75,000 in fines and serve jail time after killing numerous deer and elk near Pendleton in what officials called a wildlife crime spree.

Walker Erickson, 28, of Pendleton, pleaded guilty to 22 charges including illegally killing deer and elk, leaving game animals to waste, and trespassing. All charges accumulated in an 18-month timeframe, leading officials to declare the case a crime spree.

In the summer of 2020, OSP received a call to the Turn In Poachers (TIP) Line. OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers began gathering information and evidence, which led to a search warrant at Erickson's residence in Dec. 2021. Troopers seized six sets of deer ant-

lers, and three sets of elk antlers including those of a 7x7 trophy bull elk, a rifle, a bow, and meat. The investigation led Troopers to additional instances of poaching.

Sentencing included \$15,000 for the 7X7 bull



Oregon and Alaska work with their state police rather than having their own game wardens.

elk, \$15,000 for a 6X5 bull elk, and \$7,500 for a 4X4 mule deer buck. In addition, Erickson will serve 14 days in jail during elk hunting season for the next three years.

"Elk season is now jail season," said Jay Hall, Wildlife Anti-Poaching Resources Prosecutor. Hall, who is an Assistant Attorney General with the Oregon Department of Justice, prosecuted the case on behalf of the Umatilla County District Attorney's office. The Aug. 1 sentencing reflected Hall's recommended punishment to fit the crime.

This case also reflects the first significant application of new sentencing guidelines established by the Oregon Legislature in 2018. HB 3035 created stiffer **Jailing season - Page 10**

## Fun at the Walterville Fair

### Annual event was a celebration of area's recovery



Vendors showcased their wares at eighteen booths and people had opportunities to prizes for produce, quilting, and art of various mediums.



From left: Austin Loshbaugh, Faith Huff, Carmen Pierce, and Dulcy Pierce offered insights into the operations of the McKerive Rural Fire Protection District.

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## Old McKenzie Pass open again

### Wildfire closure ends on Highway 242

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Route 242, the Old McKenzie Highway reopened Tuesday morning following reductions in the Lookout Fire evacuation levels. The highway was closed due to fire activity from the lightning-caused fire.

"We want to remind you that the Lookout Fire remains active," according to Mindy McCart with the Oregon Dept. of Transportation's Salem office. "Watch for fire vehicles in the area and prepare for the possibility of closures if fire conditions change," she cautioned.

Drivers on the winding road also need to be on the lookout for cyclists and pedestrians, as this is a popular scenic route for many different road users. Vehicles longer than 35 feet are prohibited from using the

highway due to its sharp, narrow curves.

The roadway usually closes for the season the Thursday after Veterans Day, but that date can change with the weather. Tripcheck.com is always up to date with road closure information.



Viewpoints like this parking area at the Dee Wright Observatory, are again accessible to motorists.

### Ridin' the Rapids

By Ken Engelman

September. Growing up it was a festive month with plenty of cake to go around because we celebrated my Mom's birthday, and five days later, mine. That was many years ago and now far away as I moved around the country before settling in Oregon. Three years ago COVID and the Holiday Farm Fire impacted all of us. It was devastating to Louise, my wife, who was already being battered by the negative impacts of Alzheimer's. Her passing made me less likely to look forward to future arrivals of the ninth month of the year. That foreboding proved to be

accurate when rather than going to the Walterville Fair I spent that day, and part of the night, at an animal rescue hospital in Springfield. X-rays and blood tests confirmed fears that my best friend, Chance, was in critical shape. There was some hope when leaving the clinic that their new medications could help. They didn't. A night of petting helped him survive longer but it wasn't an existence he deserved to suffer. On Sunday morning we returned to the clinic and he was given a peaceful exit from the living. Sure, I regretted his passing but was glad to have an opportunity to end the pain. He's still with me as I look up when putting on my shoes to see if he'd also like to go outside. Those sorts of things will continue, as will my thanks for the many times my dog and I had together. Rest in peace, my friend. I hope to see you again.

### McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

**McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week**  
The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team hosts Siletz Valley on Tuesday, September 12, with first serve set for 6:00 p.m. The Eagle team travels to Triangle Lake on Thursday, September 14, for a match starting at 6:00 p.m. The McKenzie Cross Country teams travel to Oakland on Wednesday, September 13, to participate in the Acorn Gully Chase. The Boys' 3,000 meters Varsity race starts at 5:00 pm and the Girls 3,000 meters race will begin at 5:30 pm. The McKenzie Varsity 6-man Football team hosts Eddyville

Charter on Friday, September 15 and kickoff is slated for 7:00 pm. **McKenzie Volleyball Drops Non-League Opener to Yoncalla Split League Action With Mohawk/Mannahouse**  
The McKenzie Varsity Eagle Volleyball team opened its 2023 Fall campaign at home, hosting the Yoncalla Eagles representing the Skyline League, last Tuesday, September 5. McKenzie won a hard-fought opening set, 27-25, but the Skyline Eagles turned the tables in the second set, winning 28-26. Yoncalla settled its own opening nerves to win the third set 25-12 and the final set 25-9, taking the match 3-1. McKenzie traveled to Marcola on Saturday, September 9 for a three-way match with host Mohawk and Mannahouse Academy, Eugene. Mohawk, the defending Mt. West League Champion, defeated the Eagles 3-0 in the first match, but McKenzie rallied in their second match to defeat Mannahouse Acad., 3-0.



## Celebrating wins

this change. Lane Thompson, Oregon Student Loans Ombuds, said it is important to know who your servicer is. For many, their loans were transferred to another company during the pause. Thompson also noted some are paying loans for the first time and advised borrowers to use the federal government's website on loans. "Log in to studentaid.gov and figure out what payment options are available, how much they're expecting you to pay next month, and just really get some information," she explained. People have options for paying back their loans that could make them less burdensome, such as an income-driven repayment plan. The Biden administration recently unveiled the SAVE plan, a type of income-driven repayment plan that more than 61,000 Oregonians have already enrolled in. Thompson also said people should make sure their contact information is up to date.



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With that in mind, last Thursday night was an opportunity for people in the first responder family - fire, Forestry, EMS, and Law Enforcement to get together in an effort to move forward through this process. The result? A spread of cornbread and more was judged in an inaugural Annual Firehouse Chili

Cookoff Contest. "The competition was tough and the friendship was fast," Plews said. "Almost all of our volunteers were present. LCSO and ODF had folks in attendance as well as a couple of board members. There were nine chili contestants and everyone present voted on their favorite."

## How to navigate student loan payment restart - and potential scams

By Eric Tegethoff Oregon News Service  
The pause on student loan repayments is over, meaning people will have to start paying back their debts for the first time in three years, starting next month. A few tips can help people prepare for



More than four million people have signed up for the SAVE plan to make their loan repayments more manageable.

Scams are likely to pick up as the repayment pause ends. Ellen Klem, the Oregon Attorney General's office director of consumer outreach and education, has some advice on what to look out for. "If somebody tries to charge you upfront before they've done anything, that's really the first clue that something's a scam," she said. "Things like only scammers are ever going to offer you quick loan forgiveness." Klem suggested people should be skeptical if they get a call or message regarding paying back their loans. Instead of trusting someone calling out of the blue, she said people should instead go to the website or call the verified number of their loan servicer.

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Friday 9/15		Saturday 9/16		Sunday 9/17	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 91 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 82 Low: 49	McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 88 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Sunny 5% chance precip High: 81 Low: 50	McKenzie Valley Sunny 6% chance precip High: 85 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Sunny 10% chance precip High: 78 Low: 47

WEATHER REPORT							
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain Riverflow
9/5	76	47	0 309 cfs	9/5	70	46	0 2,170 cfs
9/6	79	47	0 313 cfs	9/6	75	44	0 2,110 cfs
9/7	82	54	0 318 cfs	9/7	79	48	0 3,100 cfs
8/8	82	48	0 NA	9/8	76	47	0 2,080 cfs
9/9	86	52	0 NA	9/9	82	50	0 1,910 cfs
9/10	82	54	0 NA	9/10	85	51	0 1,930 cfs
9/11	79	61	0 313 cfs	8/11	82	48	0 1,880 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Sept. 1: 11:22 p.m:** Warrant Service - 90300 block, Marcola Rd. A male that appeared to be high on drugs was observed swinging a flashlight around. Deputies contacted him and took him into custody on an unrelated arrest warrant.

**Sept. 2: 12:07 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 94300 blk, Old Marcola Rd. A black Durango pulling a stolen trailer showed up at the fire station. It left the area before deputies could arrive.

**7:13 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Easy Ln. A male in a dark colored Ford Explorer parked and cut down a tree from the right-of-way.

**Sept. 3: 6:28 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Paradise Campground. A deputy checked on an unoccupied motorhome.

**7:26 p.m:** Burglary - 38000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. A caller reported that a known suspect stole the caller's purse, jewelry, and medications.

**Sept. 4: 6:53 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 89200 blk, old Mohawk Rd.

**1:18 p.m:** Water Rescue - 41400 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**6:14 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 40200 blk, Storment Ln.

**7:13 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 38900 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**8:22 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 36900 blk, Tree Farm Rd.

**Sept. 5: 7:08 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**12:46 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**12:59 p.m:** Explosion - 55600 blk, McK. river dr.

**1:53 p.m:** Water Rescue - McK. Hwy. Milepost 44.

**2:25 p.m:** Hit & Run - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

**2:36 p.m:** Tree Down - 41300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**3:47 p.m:** Burglary - 88800 blk, Gemstone Rd.

**4:50 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**Sept. 6: 12:03 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

**12:09 p.m:** Littering - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**1:41 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

**2:23 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 41800 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

**2:48 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Twin Firs Rd.

**3:07 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

**6:31 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

**9:29 p.m:** Recover Stolen Vehicle - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**Sept. 7: 11:30 a.m:** Theft - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**11:38 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 55400 blk, delta Rd.

**12:31 p.m:** Theft - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:34 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

**4:31 p.m:** Dog Barking - 91700 blk, Blue River reservoir Rd.

**5:43 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 43.

**5:58 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. **Continued On Page 9**

# State Police Report

**Sept. 6: 00:44:** Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 17. Vehicle #1, a blue PT Cruiser, was traveling eastbound. Driver #1 was negotiating a right hand sweeping curve when Vehicle #1 veered across the westbound lane and collided with a utility pole. Driver #1 was transported to the hospital by ambulance for treatment. Vehicle #1 was towed. Involved: 48-year-old male from Springfield.

**Sept. 11: 11:11:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 30. OSP Dispatch received a call regarding a single vehicle crash into the ditch. The complainant advised it was not blocking the roadway and the driver was uninjured. Upon arrival, a trooper spoke with the driver who stated he was traveling eastbound when he said he must have dozed off. He said when he came to, he was in the ditch. He advised he was traveling to Vida from Coos Bay. He was not injured and his vehicle was towed. Trooper provided the driver a courtesy ride to the Greyhound station in Eugene. Involved: Silver/aluminum Jeep Grand Cherokee, 19-year-old male from Boise, Idaho.

**Sept. 7: 7:10:** 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**9:07:** 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, General. Assist Medic, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 8: 8:54:** 90000 blk, Sunderman Rd. Mutual Aid, Disregarded En Route.

**Sept. 9: 10:53:** 89000 blk, Marcola Rd. Mutual Aid 10:53 Disregarded En Route.

**12:40:** 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. 12:40 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**14:09:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 23. MVA. 3 Patients Assessed, 3 Patients Transported.

**Sept. 10: 9:41:** 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:01:** 89000 blk, Greenwood Dr. Medical, General. No Patient, Disregard.

**Sept. 11: 0:00:** 7900 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.**

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Sept. 6: 08:15:** Medical - 51000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Sept. 9: 09:54:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**17:23:** Medical - 54000 blk, E. King Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Sept. 10: 09:38:** Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.**

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Sept. 5: 16:49:** 39000 block, Deerhorn Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**Sept. 6: 0:00:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 17. MVA. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

































**11:01:** McK. Hwy./Cedar Flat Rd. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**12:12:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:07:** 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.



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By Slim Randles

Fall is the polishing time. Why? Beats me. Well above my pay grade. know. For some reason, the spirit that guides us made our experiences in fall the peak of the year's efforts.

For animals, both wild and domestic, it is the rut, the breeding time. The bulls and bucks have never looked better. Their antlers and horns are hardened into weapons and sharpened against trees. Their bodies are lean and aggressive and they tend to lose all good sense.

I don't think for a minute that it is just a calendar coincidence that fall is when most festivals, fairs and exhibitions occur. Because by the time fall rolls around, we have jars of jelly ready for competition. The hunters have been practicing out at the range for weeks now and are ready to take the rifle or the bow into the woods to see how their skills measure up to those who they'd love to subdivide and put in the freezer.

The kids are all back in school now, where they can try out all the new crazy stunts on their friends that they learned from their uncles last summer. It is a holy, blessed time for that. Family tradition, you know.

The uncles have been polishing these stunts for decades now and have them down to a science. And the older folks may not be building cabins or climbing mountains after elk as much these days, but there is a lot to be said for just passing along stories to the youngsters. And it works out fairly well when we realize that 'most everyone who could challenge the truth of one of those stories has already graciously died on us.

Fall is just a wonderful time to be alive.

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## Quote of the Week

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas A. Edison



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# Portland woman ran American spy ring in Manila

By Finn J.D. John

Sometime in 1943, during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, a group of more than 40 officers of the Imperial Japanese Navy strolled into Club Tsubaki, an exclusive gentlemen's club in the heart of downtown Manila.

They were there for one last evening of fun while they were still in port. That very evening, they were scheduled to climb back into their submarines and set out on an extended cruise.

The private party had been arranged by one of the subs' commanders, who had struck up a friendship with the owner of Club Tsubaki, a gorgeous Italian-Filipina dancer named Dorothy Fuentes, a.k.a. Madame Tsubaki.

For hours, as Madame Tsubaki and her sultry staff danced and sang for the officers, the men had the time of their lives. The floor show was magnificent, the women were alluring, and the alcohol was flowing freely.

And, after a few more drinks, so were the details: The flotilla of subs was on its way to the Solomon Islands and would be leaving the next morning.

Finally, happily exhausted and still pretty drunk, the group of officers staggered off to their boats at 6:30 a.m., and Madame Tsubaki's dancers finally got to go to bed.

At about the same time, across the bay, a young man named Pacio was hurrying up into the hills, making for a rendezvous with a small band of American and Filipino Army guerillas. The guerillas, under the command of a firm-faced American corporal named John Boone, had a radio set.

The race was on to get the word out to Gen. Douglas MacArthur in time to arrange an ambush for the flotilla of submarines as they motored out of the harbor.

Pacio had a good head start — he'd had the info he needed much earlier in the evening. It had been handed to him at the back door of the kitchen by Madame Tsubaki herself.

If the officers had had any inkling who Madame Tsubaki really was, they would have been



Oregon Historical Society

Claire "High Pockets" Phillips accepts the congratulations of Gen. Mark Clark after receiving her Medal of Freedom from him in 1948.

horrified. By 1943 every Japanese officer in Manila knew about the shadowy underground figure known only as "High Pockets," a sort of Manila master spy running a secretive network of guerillas and couriers throughout Manila, funneling supplies to the guerillas and smuggling food to the starving prisoners of war in their internment camps.

High Pockets, in turn, was the nom de guerre of Claire Phillips, a gorgeous brunette Vaudeville girl from the faraway American town of Portland, Oregon ... a dancer of sultry dances, a singer of torchy cabaret songs, and a stage actress of unusual ability.

In the Philippines, in the early years of the Second World War, she was playing the role of a lifetime: Madame Tsubaki, an Italian nightclub owner.

("High Pockets," by the way, was a coy reference to Claire's habit of hiding secret messages in her brassiere.)

Claire Phillips WAS born in Wisconsin, but moved with her family to Portland very early; her maiden name was Snyder. As she grew up she turned out to be something of a hellion.

After her freshman year of high school at Franklin High, Claire ran away from home to join a circus. It took her mother, a pious

Christian Scientist, four months to track her down, but she did and dragged her back home; but then, apparently hoping to keep history from repeating itself, she helped the girl get a job with Mayor George L. Baker's wholesome and respectable stock theatre troupe, Baker's Players. This was in the early 1920s.

Claire took to the stage like a true natural. Soon she was traveling with Baker's troupe.

By the late 1930s, she was in Manila, singing torchy love songs in cabarets and having a great time. She had met and married a Filipino man named Manuel Fuentes. The match didn't take; they divorced soon after. But Claire got a daughter out of the deal, a little girl named Dian.

Just before the war broke out, she met the man she always considered the true love of her life — Sgt. John "Phil" Phillips of the 31st Infantry Regiment.

When the Japanese invaded, Phil was taken prisoner, and he subsequently died of malaria and malnutrition in Japanese custody.

After the invasion, from a hideout on a rocky outcropping, Claire witnessed part of the Bataan Death March, on which American and Filipino soldiers were forced to walk about 65 miles to their new prison camp. Along the way, soldiers who fell out of line for any reason (dropping from exhaustion, going for a drink of water from a nearby ditch, etc.) were ruthlessly bayoneted and left writhing and dying in the dust as the column trudged on. Claire watched all this in mounting horror.

Then Cpl. Boone — a friend of Phil's, from his old unit — approached her. He and some of the uncaptured soldiers, he said, were taking to the hills, Robin Hood style. If she could arrange to stay in Manila, and maybe help

keep the guerillas supplied ....

By this time Claire knew Phil had died, so it was now personal. Yes, she told him. Count on me.

And for about two years, he did.

Of course, it couldn't last forever. In May of 1944, one of her messengers was caught slipping food and supplies to POWs at one of the notorious prisoner camps. Under torture, the messenger gave her up ... and on May 23, the Japanese military police came to Club Tsubaki and roughly arrested her.

Claire was interrogated, tortured, waterboarded, and burned with cigars. She played her cards carefully, spilling stale information (naming people who she knew had already left the area or been arrested or killed) and acting as if she was betraying trusts in doing so. It also helped that the only thing they knew about at the time was her smuggling of food and supplies to POWs and other prisoners. Had they known she was passing on military intelligence as well, it probably would have gone even worse for her.

Tried in a military court, Claire was sentenced to be executed. This was subsequently commuted to a sentence of 12 years at hard labor.

Less than a year later, the American forces liberated her prison. They got to her just in time — she had wasted away to under 85 pounds (her healthy weight was about 140) and had to be fed intravenously at first because her digestive system had shut down.

After the war, Claire was hailed as a hero. Even before she was back in North America, her hometown newspaper was singing her praises. Soon afterward, Reader's Digest picked up the story and spread it nationwide.

She wrote a memoir of her war activities, *Manila Espionage*, and it was published in 1947. The following year, at Fort Lewis, Gen. Mark Clark presented her with the Medal of Freedom, America's highest award for a civilian.

"*Manila Mata Hari*," an article by Brian Libby published in the February 2011 issue of *Portland Monthly* magazine; *Manila Espionage*, a book by Claire Phillips and Myron Goldsmith published in 1947 by Binford & Mort.)

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

### No-till gardening keeps soil & plants healthy



Tom Gentile

A garden fork can be used to loosen a thin layer of soil in no-till gardening.

While the practice of no-till gardening is not new, information has traditionally centered on agricultural field crops. Now, home gardeners are catching on.

“The concept of no-till has been around for a couple of decades, but research has been very focused on field crops like wheat and corn, things largely grown in the Midwest,” said Erica Chernoh, Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturist. “There’s not much on vegetable production or fruit. There’s a lot to learn, and research is ongoing.”

No-till gardening minimizes soil disruption, which compacts the soil and destroys the pathways that channel air and water through the soil, Chernoh said. Every time a tiller cuts through soil the structure is weakened, which can cause compaction and increase runoff. There’s also erosion and surface crusting that results from over-tilling, Chernoh said.

In addition to disturbing soil structure, tilling disrupts the microorganisms and other soil dwellers that live in the top couple of inches and are essential for soil and plant health, she said. Soil microbes, some of which have a symbiotic relationship with plants, cluster around roots and, as they feed on organic matter and each other, secrete nutrients that act as glue to bind soil particles into larger aggregates that keep soil pores open. Long strands of fungal hyphae can hold the aggregates together and earthworms and other large organisms also work to create pore space.

Weed seeds, some of which can remain dormant in the soil for several years, come to the surface under the blades of a tiller, then germinate and become a problem. A big part of no-till gardening is keeping the soil protected with a mulch layer, leaving the seeds in place, and suppressing any weeds that pop up.

No-till has its disadvantages, too, Chernoh said. Covering the soil makes it more difficult to direct seed into the bed, especially for home gardeners who don’t have large seed drills. Mulch also keeps the soil from warming up as quickly in spring as un-mulched beds. However, the benefits far outweigh those drawbacks, she said.

“Mechanical tillage does have its place, especially in the formation of new garden beds with high compaction and low organic matter,” she said. “In most cases, however, non-mechanical approaches to working with soil can help you accomplish your goals without the negative effects of tilling on your soil.”

Soil coverage is also an important concept in a no-till system. For home gardeners, this can be achieved by using cover crops or mulch. Mulching materials may include straw, compost, aged livestock manure, dried leaves or grass clippings. Mulch will protect the soil from rain and wind, which can cause erosion. In early spring, the mulch layer can be pulled back from the bed to allow sunlight to warm the soil.

One method of no-till gardening is often referred to as sheet mulching or lasagna gardening and features layers of organic materials to create a healthy growing medium. It’s a system in which organic materials, many of which would normally be sent to a landfill, are used to create a garden bed.

Cover crops are a big part of no-till farming but can be a challenge for home gardeners because many need to be tilled in or sprayed with an herbicide to terminate the crop, Chernoh said. If using a winter cover crop, gardeners should plant in early fall and mow in spring after flowering but before the plants set seeds and become weeds. You can transplant or direct seed into the fine cover crop mulch layer.

If using cover crops, be sure

to select one that can be killed by cold temperatures or mowing rather than tilling or herbicides. Cover crops like Austrian winter peas, crimson clover or fava beans are good options for home gardeners using no-till methods.

When cleaning up the garden at the end of summer, gardeners can cut off the tops of cover crops plants and leave the roots in the soil. There’s less disruption and the roots will decompose and provide food for the microorganisms. The clippings can be used as a mulch

“A lot of people create beds with the lasagna style,” Chernoh said. “You can even build one on top of the lawn. It’s a no-till way of making a nice garden bed rather than turning the soil to make a new seedbed every year.”

Here’s how to create a lasagna bed, also called sheet mulching:

- \* Start in fall so the bed has all winter to start decomposing.
- \* Cut the grass as low as possible. Or start a lasagna garden on top of an old planting bed.
- \* Loosen the soil with a digging fork to increase aeration. Even punching holes in the ground will work.
- \* Remove weeds.
- \* Build a raised bed frame or just mound up the layers of organic material into an unframed bed.
- \* Put a layer of cardboard overlapped an inch or two and water it.
- \* Cover with 2-inch layers of green organic material like grass clippings, fresh plant debris, fresh animal manure, and food scraps that provide nitrogen and brown materials like dry leaves, wood chips, straw, and shredded newspaper that are carbon sources. Repeat layers until the bed is about 18 inches.

\* Top off with a 2- to 6-inch brown layer; thicker if you want to plant right away.

\* Create beds only wide enough to reach into the middle and create paths lined with straw to walk on so the soil doesn’t get compacted.

\* Lasagna beds will shrink as materials decompose and may need refreshed layers each year.

\* Using transplants is easier in no-till gardening systems; the mulch layer is easier to transplant directly into rather than direct seeding, especially for small-seeded crops like lettuce and broccoli. To transplant, use a trowel or other tool to make holes large enough to plant into. If directly seeding into the bed, pull back the mulch layer and smooth over the surface layer with a rake before seeding.

For more information, see the Extension article “Three methods for no-turn cold composting.”



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO COOK

Let your children cook when they express a desire to stir ingredients in a mixing bowl. It’s worth the patience to have them “help” when they’re young. You may be rewarded with them doing much of the cooking for you when they’re older.

I was a news reporter when my daughter was a teen, so my schedule often was erratic as I covered stories throughout the area. She frequently called me after school and discussed the supper menu. It was great to come home and find the meal ready. Since then she has become a very good cook and enjoys trying new recipes.

What fun when a family cooks together and shares the meal preparation tasks. Each may develop their specialty and add it to the menu.

#### Desire for Simpler Meals

I find, as I grow older, I have less desire to cook complicated and time consuming recipes. Perhaps it’s because I like eating simpler foods. Do our tastes change from one stage of life to another? I think back to some of the foods we prepared on the farm when I was growing up. And I recall how my mother-in-law talked more about the foods of her youth as she advanced in years.

This also is a way we can carry on the family food heritage by

preparing some of these recipes for our family and copying them down in cookbooks. Write down, too, your cooking errors and successes for future family reading.

PRETZEL SALAD is a dish my daughter makes that I enjoy. Although it’s called a salad, you actually can use it as a dessert. You make it in layers.

1st layer - Mix together 2 cups crushed unsalted pretzels, 4 tablespoons sugar, 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine. Spread in a 9 x 13-inch pan at 400 degrees F. for 6 minutes. Cool.

2nd layer Mix together 8 oz. cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, and 8 oz. whipped topping. Spread over cooled crust. (You can use lower fat cream cheese and lite whipped topping, and you can cut back the sugar somewhat if you’d like it less sweet.)

3rd layer - Dissolve 6 oz. package strawberry gelatin in 2 cups boiling water. Stir in 10-oz. package frozen strawberries. Chill until almost congealed. Spread on top of cheese mixture. Continue chilling until set. Cut into squares.

This Pretzel Crust makes a nice base for other desserts or jelled salads.

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# Community Notes

## September 14 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.

## September 14 VMCC Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Waterville. All are welcome.

## September 15 Leaburg Food Pantry

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

## September 16 Dime At A Time

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

## September 18 McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

## September 19 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.

## September 19 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.

## September 19 Write Your Life

The 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 6 pm on Tuesday, August 22nd, and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free and will meet in the library's Annex Room.

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.

## September 20

### 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\\_qR6FmaelcIzi4UMCeQ/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelcIzi4UMCeQ/videos).

## September 20

### Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will meet at 7p.m. at 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

## September 21

### 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](mailto:info@mckenziechamber.com)

## September 22

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## September 23

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## September 26

### Board of Commissioners

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## September 27

### Lane Electric Coop

Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Rd, Eugene.

Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and

followed up on accordingly.

If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting>

## September 27

### Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

## September 28

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## September 30

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## October 3

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## October 3

### EWEB board meeting

Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at <https://tinyurl.com/EWEB-Board-Meeting-08-01-23>.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, EWEB's Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000.

## October 21

### Learn CPR & defibrillator use

A CPR and Defibrillator Use class will be held on October 21 at McKenzie Fire & Rescue in Leaburg. The class starts at 9:00a.m., will likely require 4-5 hours, and will cost \$30 (includes Heart Association certificate.) There are 9 spaces left. Interested? Call Clayton at McKenzie Fire & Rescue: 541-896-3311.

Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar.](#)

# Moving up in preparedness

## Oregon Department of Emergency Management appoints permanent deputy director

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management has announced that Patence Winningham of McKenzie Bridge has been appointed ODEM's permanent Deputy Director. She has served as Lane County Emergency Manager since 2019 after having worked with the City of Eugene as an emergency management specialist for over a decade. Her first day will be Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

"Patence is a capable and experienced leader, communicator, problem-solver and collaborator who has earned the respect of other emergency managers statewide," according to Mathew Garrett, the ODEM's Interim Director. "She is a tireless activist for disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation and other initiatives to reduce risk in the community. She has extensive experience in disaster preparedness, having faced numerous activations throughout her career, including several devastat-



In 2021, Patence Winningham was named Manager of the Year by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, noting that "since joining Lane County in 2018, Patence has led the response team to three federally declared disasters (snow storm, flood, and wildfire) and numerous smaller incidents, supported the COVID emergency response, and aided the groundwork for continuously enhancing Lane County's response efforts."

ing wildfires in the region."

Garrett went on to note that "as a McKenzie River native, Patence has a keen understanding of the challenges our rural communities face regarding emergency pre-

paredness. Her passion for serving her community, connecting with individuals and community partners, and her focus on finding creative solutions will increase Oregon's readiness and resiliency when it comes to being prepared for emergency situations."

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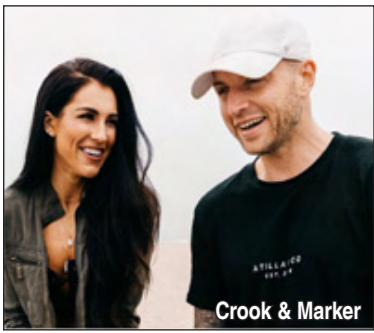
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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## Game-Set-Match



I don't know whether to call it jealousy or insecurity. My husband and I have been married almost 30 years. Last year at my husband's surprise birthday party, one of my friends asked who a certain woman in the room was.

When I asked why, she said, "She and your husband have been making eye contact all night, and he seems to be paying her a lot of attention." From there on, I started watching the behavior between them.

My husband participates in a sport with this woman's husband, and at times we are all together. Each time I noticed more and more eye contact between them. Just to be sure I was not imagining things, I asked my sister. She thought with the looks they gave each other, something might be going on.

Late one evening, I confronted my husband. He replied, "Don't

be ridiculous." He said he loves me and goes to participate in the sport and that is all. He was furious. I told him I loved him too, but I also said my first warning was to him, the next will be to her, and thereafter to her husband. He said if something is going on, it is all on her side.

At the next sporting event, this woman avoided me like the plague. It was like she was scared to death of me. Obviously, someone told her something. When I asked my husband if he had, he said no.

Now, even though I did nothing wrong, I am very uncomfortable around this woman. I have three decades invested in this marriage and love this man dearly. Still, it is hard to get past this and be friends with this woman again.

Helene Helene, you didn't smell perfume on your husband's shirt or see lipstick on his collar. All you found was a woman publicly flirting with your husband. Possibly she flirts to make herself feel good, with no real desire behind it. But when the word got out, she stopped.

You did three things. You let your circle of friends know you are an observant woman who defends her territory. You let your husband know you will confront this issue head-on. And if anything

was going to happen, you dumped water on the embers.

Mission accomplished. Now the key is to drop this. If the situation has stopped, let it go. If you let it go, your husband may even take it as a compliment. You have let him know how much you desire him.

With the other woman, you don't need to be her enemy and you don't need to be her friend. Talk to her as you would to any other slight acquaintance. Hold your head up high as a confident married woman who will allow no one to sneak around behind her back.

Wayne & Tamara

### Her Proposal

I am a 21-year-old female in a committed relationship with a man I love and want to marry. We plan to live together when I go to graduate school. My dad says he can't imagine me finding a sweeter, better man who loves me so much.

Now I'm worried about the whole living together thing because studies say that living together leads to divorce, and I don't want to lose him! His dad is concerned he will be tied down, and we will have kids. I don't see that happening anytime soon! I feel ready to marry now, and I don't want to lose him.

Daryl

Daryl, even if you believe the research on living together is valid, you need to realize that marriage does not prevent divorce, abuse, infidelity, or unhappiness. If you

are afraid moving in together will stop a wedding, then don't live with him. But if you want to marry him because you think you will lose him, then he isn't yours to have.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men 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.

### Sheltered Garden

By H.D.

I have had enough.  
I gasp for breath.

Every way ends, every road,  
every foot-path leads at last  
to the hill-crest—  
then you retrace your steps,  
or find the same slope on the  
other side,  
precipitate.

I have had enough—  
border-pinks, clove-pinks, wax-  
lilies,  
herbs, sweet-cress.

O for some sharp swish of a  
branch—  
there is no scent of resin  
in this place,

no taste of bark, of coarse  
weeds,  
aromatic, astringent—  
only border on border of scented  
pinks.

Have you seen fruit under  
cover

that wanted light—  
pears wadded in cloth,  
protected from the frost,  
melons, almost ripe,  
smothered in straw?

Why not let the pears cling  
to the empty branch?  
All your coaxing will only  
make

a bitter fruit—  
let them cling, ripen of  
themselves,  
test their own worth,  
nipped, shrivelled by the frost,  
to fall at last but fair  
with a russet coat.

Or the melon—  
let it bleach yellow  
in the winter light,  
even tart to the taste—  
it is better to taste of frost—  
the exquisite frost—  
than of wadding and of dead  
grass.

For this beauty,  
beauty without strength,  
chokes out life.

I want wind to break,  
scatter these pink-stalks,  
snap off their spiced heads,  
fling them about with dead  
leaves—

spread the paths with twigs,  
limbs broken off,  
trail great pine branches,  
hurled from some far wood  
right across the melon-patch,  
break pear and quince—  
leave half-trees, torn, twisted  
but showing the fight was  
valiant.

O to blot out this garden  
to forget, to find a new beauty  
in some terrible  
wind-tortured place.

*Hilda Doolittle was born in 1886 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Upper Darby. Writing under the pen name H.D., her work as a writer spanned five decades of the 20th century (1911-1961), and incorporates work in a variety of genres. She is known primarily as a poet, but she also wrote novels, memoirs, and essays and did a number of translations from the Greek. Her work is consistently unique and original, both reflecting and contributing to the avant-garde milieu that dominated the arts in London and Paris until the end of World War II. Immersed for decades in the intellectual crosscurrents of modernism, psychoanalysis, syncretist mythologies, and feminism.*

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- 50. Rub the wrong way
- 52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no \_\_\_\_"
- 53. \*A type of whale or the color of many dolphins
- 55. Overnight lodging
- 57. \*Inspiration for a certain pineapple dweller
- 60. \*Inspiration for Marvel's Doc Ock
- 64. South American juice flavor
- 65. Bearded antelope
- 67. All thumbs
- 68. Pineda of Journey
- 69. Stomach pain-causing acronym
- 70. Hundred, in Italian
- 71. Hammer part
- 72. Not stood
- 73. Bar, legally

**DOWN**

- 1. R&R destinations
- 2. Angie Thomas' "The \_\_\_\_ U Give"
- 3. Seaward
- 4. \*Cetology object of study
- 5. Thin layer
- 6. \*Like green sea turtle and loggerhead sea turtle
- 7. Grass "carpet"
- 8. Newsstand, e.g.
- 9. Fungal spore sacs
- 10. \*Edible bivalve
- 11. S.O.S.
- 12. Pilot's estimate, acr.
- 15. Netanyahu's country
- 20. Abomination
- 22. 9 to 5, e.g.
- 24. Bone burial spot
- 25. Muslim woman's headscarf
- 26. Cause for food recall
- 27. a.k.a. Lucifer
- 29. Between stop and roll
- 31. \*Coral polyps' structure
- 32. Raise one's rank
- 33. Potassium nitrate
- 34. Student's request for ChatGPT?
- 36. \*#19 Across' earless cousin
- 38. Hostile to
- 42. Opposite of ecabatic
- 45. Smoke, sometimes
- 49. Energy unit
- 51. Attract
- 54. Front of cuirass
- 56. Religiously unaffiliated, pl.
- 57. Confident answer
- 58. Glazier's unit
- 59. Baker's baker
- 60. Give a boot
- 61. Closely confined
- 62. Plotting
- 63. "\_\_\_\_! In the Name of Love"
- 64. Year off in school
- 66. Gianni's league

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- 6. Pose a question
- 9. Be sore
- 13. Ottoman title
- 14. Ornamental pond-dweller
- 15. Florida Key, e.g.
- 16. Mr. T and friends
- 17. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- 18. Milan's La \_\_\_\_
- 19. \*Walrus' cousin (2 words)
- 21. \*Crustacean "on the barbie"
- 23. Finish line
- 24. Creole vegetable

- 25. He had
- 28. Gives a helping hand
- 30. Tranquil
- 35. Frosts, as in cake
- 37. Bear, in Latin
- 39. All the words in a language
- 40. "By \_\_\_\_\_, I think she's got it!"
- 41. Silver to Lone Ranger
- 43. Chows down
- 44. Mark Twain to Samuel Langhorne Clemens
- 46. Toupee spot
- 47. Pestilence pest
- 48. Singer Eilish

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

Click here or go to: [tinyurl.com/yeye92hx](https://tinyurl.com/yeye92hx)


The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week

**Thu Sep 14th 11:00am - Sat Feb 17th 2024 12:00pm**

**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


...from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian



**Thu Sep 14th 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

**Vida McKenzie Community Center Board Meeting**


The board of directors will meet at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Waterville. All are welcome.



**Sat Sep 16th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**A Dime At A Time**


Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10-noon. Donations can be dropped



**Mon Sep 18th 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**McKenzie Fire District Board**

McKenzie Fire District Board meeting. 541-896-3311.



**Tue Sep 19th**

**Lane County Board of Commissioners**


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**Tue Sep 19th 10:00am - 11:00am**

**Family Story Time**

Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!


Write something



**Tue Sep 19th 6:00pm - Tue Oct 24th 8:00pm**

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**Wed Sep 20th**

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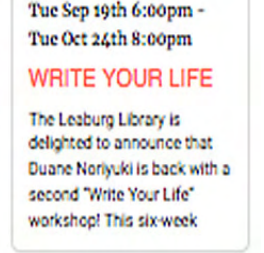
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**Wed Sep 20th 5:00pm - Fri 29th 5:00pm**

**McKenzie School District board meeting**


Due to the wildfire, our school board meeting has been postponed. We are hoping to reschedule for Wednesday, August 23, at 5:30 pm. ...




**Wed Sep 20th 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**McKenzie School District Board of Directors**


Meeting will be livestreamed viewing available at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC14\\_qR6Fm8elclzi4UMDCEQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6Fm8elclzi4UMDCEQ/videos) Submit Public





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# Jailing season

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penalties and allowed prosecutors to elevate poaching crimes from a misdemeanor to a felony.

“All of this conduct, if it had occurred only a year before the legislature created these felony level poaching crimes, he would be facing only misdemeanor sentencing,” Hall said.

The \$75,000 in fines is a full accounting of all of the game animals Erickson poached, including six deer, one 4x4 mule deer buck, and one 4x5 white-tailed buck. Walker has also poached eight Rocky Mountain elk including three trophies: one 4x4; one 5x6 and a very large 7x7 bull that would be the top trophy in any hunter’s collection, according to Hall.

In addition to fines and jail time, Erickson forfeited the rifle and bow he used to commit the crimes, and all trophies and game parts. That includes a freezer full of meat that the court ordered forfeited and directed OSP F&W Division to provide to the Blue Mountain Wildlife Center, for their raptor rehabilitation program.

Poaching impacts wildlife populations across the state and deprives Oregonians of enjoying the state’s natural resources, according to Bernadette Graham-Hudson, ODFW Wildlife Division Manager.

“Poachers deprive all of us of experiencing Oregon’s natural resources,” Graham-Hudson said, “Poaching impacts wildlife that people seek out, whether for hunting, photography or just to see in the wild.”

Protect Oregon’s Wildlife- Turn In Poachers campaign coordinator Yvonne Shaw agrees.

“Poaching poses a direct threat to Oregon’s precious fish and wildlife populations,” Shaw said, “In 2022 alone, nearly 5,000 animals were poached in Oregon – that we know of. We need all Oregonians to be our eyes and ears in the fields, forests, waterways, and beaches of Oregon.”

For more information on how to recognize and report poaching, and how poaching impacts Oregonian’s natural resources, visit the website at <https://www.ProtectOregonsWildlife.com>.



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