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Home Country

Nurse Sprint was in the corner, sharpenin' her needle and lookin' funny at my fanny.

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Stink bugs pose a threat

The amount of invasive brown marmorated stink bugs in 2022 tops anything seen in Oregon for at least five years

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Readying a response



Steve Liu

Volunteers from Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR) were busy honing their technical skills at the Blue Pool on the upper McKenzie River last Saturday. It's an area where team members are frequently called to work with medical personnel needing safe access to injured hikers and swimmers, as well as providing the technical skills needed to operate along the steep cliff faces. Formed in 1968, EMR has provided Lane County with trained volunteer rescuers for emergencies in mountainous areas, steep terrain, or backcountry sites that require mountaineering proficiency to work safely. Our search and rescue missions involve lost and/or injured climbers, skiers, hikers, hunters, or downed aircraft victims. For more information, turn to Page 2.

BLM reverses logging plan

Change will limit logging after fires

Environmentalists chalked up a win last month in the efforts to stop a Trump-era rule that allowed more logging on post-fire land without conducting detailed environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act.

In rules adopted in 2020, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) increased the maximum area for "categorical exclusions" from 250 to 3,000 acres. The change allowed the agency to move ahead on logging projects they said would involve minimal environmental impacts. Cascadia Wildlands, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Oregon Wild, Soda Mountain Wilderness Council, and Willamette Riverkeeper sued the agency in October of 2021, citing concerns associated with post-fire logging that

included impacts to soils, understory vegetation, fuel loads, and post-fire features like snags and burned logs.

Under the Trump rule, the maximum area for exclusions permitted logging of "dead or dying trees" from 250 acres to 3,000 acres—a 1,200% increase. The BLM could also double the maximum amount of permitted road construction from one-half to one mile of permanent road. The previous rule required such access roads to be temporary.

"The categorical exclusion defied the overwhelming scientific consensus that post-disturbance logging is a harmful ecological 'tax' on the environment," said Susan Jane Brown, Wildlands and Wildlife

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Cascadia Wildlands

Western white trillium emerges from the ashes after the 2020 Archie Creek Fire on the North Umpqua.

New Extension website helps solve pest and disease problems

Topics range from using less pesticides to preventive measures like planting in the right place

A new Oregon State University Extension Service website has been designed to provide a trove of science-based solutions for garden pests, weeds, and disease problems in one easy-to-navigate place.

The project was shepherded by Weston Miller, an OSU Extension community horticulturist who got the ball rolling six years ago when collaborators expressed interest and provided funds for what would become the Solve Pest and Weed Problems website.

"Our stakeholders – Metro, the East, and West Multnomah Soil and Water

Conservation Districts, and the city of Gresham – challenged OSU to create a user-friendly pest management resource for the public. Part of my job was to figure out the resources Extension has and pull them together in one place," Miller said.

Solve Pest and Weed Problems focuses specifically on the Pacific Northwest and prioritizes low-risk approaches. Based on feedback, Miller incorporated household pests, invasive plants, pesticide safety, and pollinators, as well as pests and diseases.

"We did extensive planning, including community



Weston Miller

Reed of heaven is invasive.

involvement, user testing, feedback from agencies, nonprofits, and many more," Miller said. "We were able to hire a professional to design the website and do graphic design. Gradually, we kept improving it and building on it."

The peer-reviewed content is presented in categories with the information presented below photos. Clicking on the photo takes you to another page that offers information about identification, look-alikes, and specific information on control. High-quality, color photos illustrate each subject.

After compiling Exten-

sion resources from sources like the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Handbooks, entries are written by Miller with help from Signe Danler, OSU Extension Master Gardener online horticulture instructor, and other OSU experts. The content is peer-reviewed by the OSU Department of Horticulture in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Miller edits the content and posts it on the website. More entries will be added in the future.

To provide more information, the website features links to other OSU

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Readying a response



Steve Liu

Eugene Mountain Rescue volunteers had their first chance to familiarize themselves an additional piece of equipment during last Saturday's training session. Recently purchased by Lane County, the new tripod functions as an aid when conducting a rescue at the edge of a vertical cliff face. By positioning a pulley a couple feet above the surface of the recovery area, rescuers can now avoid having to make a difficult 90-degree transition maneuver when a line is at ground level.

Organizers say the Eugene Mountain Rescue's primary mission is to provide search and rescue personnel for situations requiring mountaineering skills on rock, glacier, snow and steep terrain in support of the Lane County Sheriff's Office. They're part of a larger network of volunteer groups in the county, state, and nationwide that provide search and rescue services. They're also called to assist mountain rescue organizations from other counties in Oregon, or in other states, if they need additional assistance.

Interested in joining EMR? Joining Eugene Mountain Rescue is a competitive process. Successful candidates have a combination of general backcountry knowledge and technical skills. It's expected they already know basic skills like navigating with a map and compass, wilderness survival, and tying climbing knots. The EMR training program focuses on technical skills related to rope rescue systems, backcountry medicine, and search and rescue operations.

Both the training and response missions occur in steep, rugged, snowy, and remote terrain regardless of the weather. Successful team members need to possess skills to take care of themselves in these environments as team member safety is our top priority.

Qualified candidates must have ALL of the following skills:

- * General backcountry knowledge: Able to navigate using map/compass and GPS, own proper clothing and equipment for travel, training, and survival in inclement weather in all seasons.
- * Good fitness levels: Capable of carrying heavy loads in backcountry situations, and adequate fitness level to participate in strenuous activity, sometimes for long periods of

time. Team members are expected to perform at the "arduous" level consistent with the U.S. Forest Service Wildland Firefighter Pack Test. This is a timed test of a 3-mile hike on level terrain under 45 minutes. Packs must be carried during the test and will weigh 45 pounds or one-third of your body weight, whichever is less.

* Climbing Knots: Capable of tying basic climbing knots- the Water Knot, Double Fisherman's, Prusik Knot, Figure 8 Follow Through, Alpine Butterfly, Munter Hitch, Bowline and Clove Hitch.

Qualified candidates are also required to have basic skills in at least one technical area below:

- * Rock climbing: Capable of climbing at least low 5th class rock.
- * Snow/glacier: Able to self-arrest, use crampons and ice axe properly, and be familiar with roped glacier travel.
- * Ice climbing: Capable of climbing WI2 or AI2. Familiar with use of ice protection methods, ice tools and crampons.
- * Rope rescue technician training: Certified Technical Rope Rescue Operations Level 1 (NFPA 1670)

The EMR is one of several volunteer teams that serve the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Search and Rescue program. LCSO holds recruitment meetings for Search and Rescue 101 each fall, typically in October. Candidates for EMR will be selected from the Search and Rescue 101 class held January through April each year. Once the SAR 101 is completed, all team members must complete 30 hours of training a year, pass an annual fitness test, and maintain First Aid/CPR certification to remain eligible for Search and Rescue missions.

For more information, go to: eugenemountainrescue.org.



New Extension website

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Extension resources, as well as to other university-level, science-based sources.

"We hope that people both public and private property managers find practical pest management and prevention," Miller said. "We want people to use it to make informed decisions for their gardens and public spaces."

To do that, users will find sections on using fewer pesticides, pesticide safety, organic pesticides, and preventive measures like planting in the right place for the size, water needs, expo-

sure, and soil for each plant. Using good selection criteria keeps plants healthy and a healthy plant can fend off pests and diseases, Miller said. The hope, he added, is that people will use fewer pesticides – or if they do, in a safe manner.

Weeds – from both sides of the Cascades and from throughout the state – get attention. Examples include cheatgrass in eastern and western Oregon; pampas grass on the coast; and the tree of heaven, a species of concern statewide. The

website includes guides about how to manage landscapes without pesticides or herbicides and 20 pages of pesticide safety guidance.

"We're putting together material that's not available in one place with such complete information," Miller said. "We are super grateful to our partnerships in the broader community who were looking to have a durable information service to meet a fairly defined need. I'm proud of what we've accomplished."

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Program Director at the Western Environmental Law Center. "While the Biden administration did not independently choose to correct these harmful and illegal policies, we are pleased our case has prompted this needed correction. Some things are too important to brush off."

A co-plaintiff Soda Mountain Wilderness Council's Dave Willis says he feels "There's no ecological justification for post-fire logging. It's like mugging a burn victim..." Willis added that "I expect BLM will still try, but it won't be as easy for them now. It will now be harder for BLM to hide the negative ecological impacts of its post-fire intentions."

Out on the ground, the BLM will be able to log in to post-fire landscapes, but will be required to conduct environmental reviews that look at possible impacts, and identify ways to mitigate them.

Last summer the BLM had already paused logging under the

2020 rules. According to the new agreement, the agency will remove the previous language while reverting to its old guidance on post-fire logging. Projects larger than 250 acres will again require a detailed environmental review before proceeding.



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Friday 11/18		Saturday 11/19		Sunday 11/20	
					
McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 50 Low: 28	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 36 Low: 16	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 50 Low: 33	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 0% chance precip High: 42 Low: 23	McKenzie Valley PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 51 Low: 38	Santiam Pass PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 42 Low: 126

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
11/8	44	34	0.02 755 cfs	11/8	48	35	0.02 5,110 cfs
11/9	46	30	0 NA	11/9	48	32	0.02 4,130 cfs
11/10	46	30	0	11/10	50	30	0 3,550 cfs
11/11	51	33	0.02 558 cfs	11/11	54	22	0 3,330 cfs
11/12	43	35	0 545 cfs	11/12	51	32	0.12 3,430 cfs
11/13	44	29	0 350 cfs	11/13	50	31	0 3,070 cfs
11/14	52	30	0 327 cfs	11/14	49	28	0 2,820 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Nov. 5: 10:38 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - Hileman Rd. & Marcola Rd. A male was observed placing a large trash bag under the bridge.

6:56 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd. A caller reported a resident was acting strangely and had armed himself with a rifle. No evidence of a crime.

7:25 p.m.: Burglary - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd. A caller reported items were stolen from their residence by a known suspect.

Nov. 6: 5:13 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Old McK. Hwy. Milepost 8.5 - 9. Deputies assisted ODOT with a couple of vehicles that slid off of the road.

Nov. 8: 5:49 p.m.: Injured Animal - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

6:58 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek

Rd. Verbal dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend. Parties were separated.

Nov. 9: 1:01 p.m.: Theft - 91900 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller advised that two Great Pyrenees puppies were stolen.

Nov. 10: 11:18 a.m.: Impound Vehicle - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

2:40 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Twin Firs Rd.

2:48 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

7:23 p.m.: Welfare Check - 89600 blk, Hill Rd.

Nov. 11: 1:14 p.m.: Suspicious Subject - 42800 blk, Leaburg Dr.

1:26 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

1:50 p.m.: Burglary - 53000 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:37 p.m.: Citizen Contact - 52900 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:17 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.

6:35 p.m.: Suspicious Subject - 42200 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

7:09 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

9:55 p.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

Nov. 12: 11:52 a.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury -

Deerhorn Rd. & Meadow Glen Dr.

12:04 p.m.: Unattended Boat - Lat: 44.11644. Long: -122.92195.

1:01 p.m.: Citizen Contact - 42900 blk, Leaburg Dr.

1:45 p.m.: Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd.

3:12 p.m.: Citizen Contact - Aufderheide Dr. & W. King Rd.

5:29 p.m.: Threat, Harassment - 37100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

8:09 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.

8:26 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.

10:38 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

Nov. 13: 8:19 a.m.: Theft - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd.

8:53 a.m.: Theft - 52900 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:25 a.m.: Tree Down - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

12:37 p.m.: Threat, Harassment - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.

4:01 p.m.: Assist, Follow Up - 56400 blk, North Bank Rd.

7:18 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop Rd.

5:28 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.

8:53 p.m.: Information - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.

Nov. 14: 9:51 a.m.: Assault - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:12 a.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

2:00 p.m.: Subpoena Service - 38200 blk, Boscage Ln.

2:30 p.m.: Assist, Follow Up - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:37 p.m.: Welfare Check - 9000 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Nov. 7: 16:20: 40000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.

Nov. 8: 3:47: McK. Hwy./ Milepost 29. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Refusal.

14:02: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:59: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:24: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

Nov. 9: 7:50: 89000 blk, Upper Johnson Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:48: 90000 blk, Angles Flight Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

16:07: 1000 blk, Billings Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:21: McK. Hwy./Mp. 34. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking, No Transport.

Nov. 10: 5:30: 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.

21: 27: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

Nov. 11: 9:12: 88000 blk, Ermi Bee Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:43: 88000 blk, Gemstone Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Nov. 12: 3:54: 87000 blk, Lupe Lane Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

11:47: Deerhorn Rd./Meadow Glen. MVA Non-Injury, Non-Blocking, No Transport

Nov. 13: 10:40: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:47: 37000 blk, Worth Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:59: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Checked House for Reports of CO, Nothing Found.

21:27: McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

23:52: 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded.

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

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Nov. 6: 11:33: Medical - 51000 block, Blue River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

16:32: Motor Vehicle Accident - Milepost 11, Clear Lake Cutoff. SUV with a camp trailer is across the westbound and eastbound lanes.

Nov. 9: 23:21: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Mp. 34. Caller has hit a deer and wrecked. The vehicle is smoking, thinks it will start on fire.

Nov. 11: 17:18: Medical - 55000 blk, E. King Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

21:22: Medical - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Nov. 14: 12:04: Medical - 56000 blk, Hall Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.



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Oregon's friends in Imperial Japan

By Finn J.D. John

Part 2: Matsuoka in Japan

Yosuke Matsuoka left his Oregon home for the last time in 1902, when he was 22 years old; he'd lived in Oregon and, briefly, California, since age 13. His Oregon years had been happy ones, and he would remember them fondly for the rest of his life.

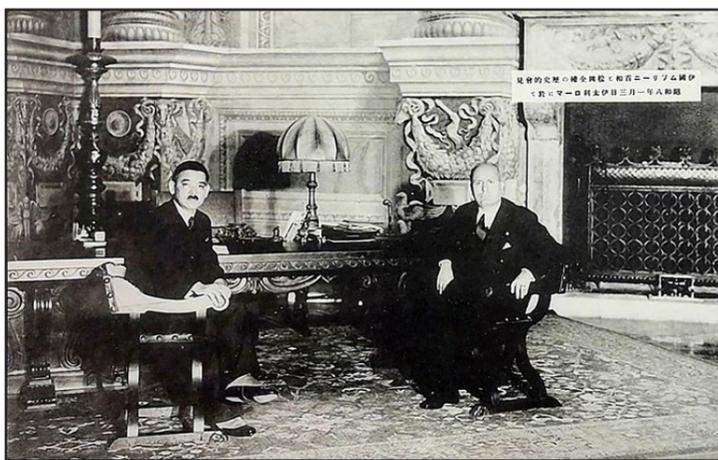
Oregon would remember him fondly, too (until Pearl Harbor Day, of course). Within 25 years of his graduation he would be probably the most famous University of Oregon alumnus in the world; within 50, its most notorious.

That, of course, was all far in the future. Just now, back in Japan, Matsuoka was not finding his hard-earned U of O degree very useful; no Japanese universities would recognize it. That effectively foreclosed future studies at Tokyo Imperial University. As the son of a merchant, he lacked any of the family connections that might be parlayed into a civil service career; nor did he have any law-school connections that could help him in Japan.

So he took the Foreign Service exam instead, and launched upon a career as a diplomat.

As a diplomat, Matsuoka was excellent. His natural "gift of gab" had been nurtured and shaped in the boisterous, outgoing style of frontier Oregon. He'd worked in a newspaper office in Oakland, Calif., for long enough to know how to get along well with reporters. He could be garrulous and gaffe-prone, but he was generous with his time, was obviously brilliant, and was very good at the political games that always come along with diplomacy. He quickly rose through the ranks. After the First World War, he was in the Japanese delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference.

For many years after that



Japan War Art

A postcard from Imperial Japan showing Yosuke Matsuoka meeting with Benito Mussolini in Rome in January 1933.

Matsuoka served as an executive in the South Manchurian Railway Company, a Japanese-owned railroad cutting through Chinese territory which Japan had seized from Tsarist Russia in the Russo-Japanese War.

Then in 1931 came the "Manchuria Incident." A cabal of Japanese army officers blew up some dynamite near a South Manchurian Railway Company line, blamed the Chinese for it, and used it as a pretext to invade and occupy Manchuria and set up the puppet state of Manchuko there. Faced with this fait accompli, and wanting of course to keep the conquered territory, the Japanese government backed the officers up. The League of Nations strongly objected, and Matsuoka, by now a widely internationally known diplomat, was assigned to the League to handle the fallout.

Matsuoka was bitterly opposed to the idea of Japan withdrawing from the League of Nations, and tried very hard to prevent it. But, ironically enough, it was he that had to lead the Japanese delegation in their dramatic walkout on Feb. 24, 1933.

On the way back to Japan,

Matsuoka worried about what his reception might be. After all, his diplomacy had failed — Japan had withdrawn from the League of Nations. As a businessman, he knew what that meant. Internationally, it was a bad look; it made Japan look like a rogue state and an unreliable foreign-investment partner.

But when he arrived back home, he was welcomed as a hero. The pageantry of the Japanese delegation's dramatic exit, heads held high in solemn dignity, had appealed to the populace. Matsuoka was, at that moment, the most popular man in Japan other than the actual Emperor.

But all was not as peachy as it might have looked. With no personal family networks to support him, he had to seek support where he could find it; and the business elites that would ordinarily be with him were furious about Japan's withdrawing from the League. It may have been an important point of national honor, but it was going to cost them a lot of money; Japan was now almost an international pariah.

And yet the population of laborers and farm workers loved

him.

So Matsuoka took the path of William Jennings Bryan, whom he had once met in California, and stepped into the role of a populist politician. His idea was to build a fascist-style grassroots organization similar to the one Mussolini had developed in Italy.

After two years of barnstorming around the country giving populist speeches, though, he knew he was not going to be able to get enough traction to build the mass support he'd need to overcome the challenges of being a political outsider; so in 1935, when offered the presidency of the South Manchuria Railroad, he accepted and went back to Manchuria.

Then in 1940, Matsuoka's old acquaintance Fumimaro Konoe took over as prime minister. Seeking a foreign minister who knew diplomacy and would get along well with the army and navy ministers, Konoe tapped Matsuoka for the job.

Matsuoka was only foreign minister for a year. But, it was an extraordinarily action-packed year. From the start, his goal was to forge an official alliance with Nazi Germany. He was convinced that only as a partner with Germany could Japan negotiate on an equal footing with its greatest Pacific rival, the United States. And he hoped that the treaty could be spun as a failure for the Roosevelt administration, causing Roosevelt to lose the 1940 election. Matsuoka had given up on ever being able to do business with Roosevelt's people — they were too intransigently opposed to Japan's occupation of Manchuria, which he considered an indispensable "lifeline" of raw materials for the island empire. A new administration under Wendell Wilkie would be eager to break from the old regime, and perhaps with the right kind of diplomacy it could be brought around to Japan's way of thinking. Then the U.S. could broker a peace-with-honor deal for both China and Japan — both countries had been

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By Slim Randles

You get them flu shots ever' fall? I try not to, but Doc has this year nurse that's not only stouter'n a streetsweeper, but fleet of foot as well. This year's Windy, a-course. So, yeah, I prit-nearly allus get one a-them shots each fall.

But I been workin' on a way to either speed me up or slow her down. Ever seen on them summer Olympicals the relay race? You know, when one guy's runnin' and he sticks out a stick and the next guy takes it for a while? Thass what that there nurse looks like in hot pursuit 'cept it's a hypothermic needle and not a stick in her hand. Now you know ol' Doc makes fun a-me ever' dang time she catches up. A-course, she could stand to run off a few calories here and there, mostly there. Truth be told, wouldn't hurt me none, neither.

When Doc stops laughin' he usually says, "Windy, I don't think you're any faster'n you was last year."

"Nope," I admitted, "but I think she is."

Oh, I tried to talk Doc out of it. Honest. I told him I been particler good this last year and took my vitermins and minerales and drank my fruity juice and all that stuff. See, I figgered if he got impressed enough with my diet, I might could slip away from Vampira for one year.

But it seems like somethin' always happens to that there plan a-mine.

For example, Doc looked at me while Nurse Sprint was in the corner, sharpenin' her needle and lookin' funny at my fanny.

"So Windy," Doc said, "you been drinkin' your fruit juices."

"Yessir!" I replied.

"Let me guess ... was this juice mixed up with gin or vodka?"

"Well"

Doc nodded to the nurse. I didn't even make it as far as the restroom door.

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Stink bugs poses serious threat to crops



The amount of invasive brown marmorated stink bugs in 2022 tops anything that was seen in Oregon for at least five years and poses a serious threat to Oregon crops and garden plants, according to Oregon State University Extension Service's orchard crop specialist.

Nik Wiman, an associate professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences, said fruit and vegetable crops in the Willamette Valley have been affected.

"It's unusual for brown marmorated stink bugs to feed on fruit and vegetable crops," he said. "There have been a lot of damaging populations of BMSB in hazelnut orchards. Growers use preventative measures so we're surprised we've seen so many."

It's unclear why the population exploded this year, Wiman said. Like other insects, the population of the shield-shaped brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) varies from year to year depending

on climatic factors. The extremely wet spring most likely contributed to it, but the increase could also be attributed to a natural cycle.

Native to Asia, BMSB was introduced on the U.S. East Coast in the late 1990s – probably by ship – and has spread to almost every state in the country, including Oregon in 2004. The insect feeds on at least 170 plants, particularly vegetables, pears, apples, and hazelnuts, but also ornamentals. Its name describes the odor they emit when they're crushed.

Oregon's hazelnut industry, valued at \$132 million in 2020, is one of the state's crops hardest hit by the invasive bug, according to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The state's problem echoes the situation in Turkey – the world's leader in hazelnut production – as well as Italy and the country of Georgia, said Wiman, who researches alternative practices for controlling BMSB, including biological control,

habitat manipulation, trap crops, and barriers.

One promising biological approach is the samurai wasp (*Trissolcus japonicus*), an insect native to areas of Asia where it keeps the indigenous BMSB population under control. Scientists have discovered the wasp in the United States and Oregon, where it was initially distributed across the state by Wiman and a team of scientists at OSU and elsewhere. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is now leading the effort.

The parasitic wasp hunts for the egg masses of the stink bug and lays an egg inside each egg in the mass. The wasp develops inside the egg, effectively killing the stink bug, and then chews its way out. OSU Extension has a short publication on the wasp and its effect on the stink bug.

In addition to agricultural crops, the stink bug shows up in homes in autumn when they are looking for a warm, dry place for winter.

"We've done an analysis of reports we get from people," Wiman said. "We've looked at the timing and by far and away we get the most BMSB reports in the fall. Adults are at their peak and are trying to get into houses. Warm fall weather gives more opportunity to get into buildings. They can be very annoying when they are coming into homes, and they may fly around inside your house all winter. Then they come out in spring."

Wiman advises homeowners to seal all cracks where the stink bug can enter and vacuum up inside infestations. On outdoor buildings, washing them off with a strong shot of water will keep some at bay. If they come back, spray them again.

Farmers and homeowners can serve a key role in samurai wasp research by collecting possible brown marmorated stink bug egg masses and reporting them.



FASCINATING OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

As I sort through my grandmothers and mother's keepsakes, I find many cards, especially Christmas cards they kept from family and friends. The intricate art is lovely. I'm fascinated and pleased that Mother and Grandma decided to save them. (Some of these cards are also for Birthdays Valentine's Day and Easter.)

Occasionally some are unused. I send these to family members who are interested in our ancestral history. I have discovered a couple of books that give the history of old cards and their artists. So I try to learn more about these fascinating cards.

Some Christmas cards have religious pictures and verses. Others portray Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, as he was called in earlier days and by other cultures. Still more cards show pictures of homes, feasting, candles and good will.

The old paper used for the cards often is delicate or satiny. Actual bows may be attached. The designs are carefully drawn with color added.

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You can cover with maple syrup, if desired.)

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Allen Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH woodland home where she's researching family history and recipes. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com.

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BLM reverses logging plan

Change will limit logging after fires

Environmentalists chalked up a win last month in the efforts to stop a Trumpera rule that allowed more logging on post-fire land without conducting detailed environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act.

In rules adopted in 2020 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) increased the maximum

area for exclusions permitted logging of "dead or dying trees" from 250 acres to 3,000 acres—a 1,200% increase. The BLM could also double the maximum amount of permitted road construction from one-half to one mile of permanent road. The previous rule required such access roads be temporary.

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Community Notes

November 17

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.

November 19

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.

November 19

Ben & Kay Replanting

On Saturday, November 19th, the Pure Water Partners and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will conduct a volunteer planting of native trees and shrubs at the Ben and Kay Dorris Park. A goal of the ongoing fire recovery effort is to place over 1000 plants in the ground. Volunteers can choose between 2 shifts - one between 9 a.m. and noon, and the other is from 1 to 4 p.m. Tools and lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Contact Daniel at daniel@uwsacd.org for a link to the registration site.

November 21

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

November 28 Springfield School Board

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

December 3 Christmas Bazaar

On December 4th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Annual Christmas Bazaar to benefit Vida McKenzie Community Center will be held at the Walterville Grange, 39259 Camp Creek Road. There will be Handmade Crafts, Food, Raffle Prizes and Free Kids Activities. As a special treat, the Children's Choir from Walterville School will entertain guests at 10 a.m. Santa, too, is expected to arrive at 10:30 a.m.

December 10

Library Grand Opening

McKenzie Fire Station Community Room and Leaburg Library The Leaburg Library will celebrate the Grand Opening of the "Angler's Roost" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th. The

December 13 Holiday Dinner

The Walterville Grange will host an Open House and Holiday Dinner at 6 p.m. on December 13th. On the menu will be turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes

and gravy, rolls, coffee and juice as well as side dishes and desserts people are encouraged to bring. Visiting and viewing displays will start at 6 p.m, followed by dinner at 6:30 and a program at 7:30. The Grange is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville.

December 13 Reforestation

Oregon State University Extension Services will host a discussion on Reforestation after the Fire to discuss considerations for planting trees after a property has experienced a fire. Topics will include reforestation practices, vegetation management, dealing with overhead dead wood, and creating planting plans. The Oregon Department of Forestry will be available to answer questions about forest practice laws and regulations, as well as other, partner organizations that provide resources for after fire recovery.

The event, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m, is free, but registration is required. It will be held at McKenzie Fire and Rescue, 42870 McKenzie Highway in Leaburg. Please register for the event to receive meeting information. This is a hybrid event and you can attend in-person or online. Register here: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/reforestation-after-fire-lane-county>



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The McKenzie River Community School's Middle School Student of the month is 7th grader Lillia Meister. Lillia goes above and beyond her role as a student. She works hard not only in the classroom, but as one of the leaders of her 7th grade guide group. She always includes everyone, is patient, and gives everyone a chance to voice their ideas and opinions.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

At Rope's End



Blake Carpenter

My husband has a mild case of Tourette Syndrome, which causes involuntary movements and unwelcome outcries. We've been married six years, and I'm not sure I can take it anymore.

His symptoms include anger, immaturity, and not linking action with consequence. He lashes out at me, then blames me for making him do it. Our daily life revolves around him acting worse than a child. The only peace is when I hide everything I feel and need.

When his Tourette's isn't acting up, he is a different person. Unfortunately, making him take his medication is like pulling teeth, and counseling is out of the question in his book. I don't believe in divorce, but this is killing me from the inside out.

To make matters worse, we have two kids. As a side note, he has never gotten physical with them, but he has with me three times.

Pauline

Pauline, you have been left holding

up your husband's end of the marriage as well as your own. It isn't fair. You are not his physician, pharmacist, case worker, and motivational coach. You are his wife and partner.

Perhaps in the beginning you took up the slack in the relationship too quickly and that encouraged him to do less. Perhaps you minimized what life together would be like. Like Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind" you said, "I'll think about that tomorrow."

Tomorrow is at hand, marriage includes two people, and it takes both to succeed. It's time for a talk, a thoughtful, calm expression of your feelings. Let your husband know the seriousness of the situation. He must understand how important it is for him to make the effort to manage his Tourette's.

The choice is his. For the sake of his marriage he can accept help and make the effort. Or like Rhett Butler, he may say, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." Either way you will have your answer.

Tamara

Eyes Wide Open

I worked with a gentleman for 10 years. During this entire time, we were just good friends. After my divorce I learned the feelings between us were more than friendship. He was still married, but unhappy and wanting to get out.

In the beginning, the space between us was good for the simple fact I needed space after a divorce. He promised we would be together

after his son graduated. Then it was one excuse after another. I was understanding at first, but now it is becoming more than I can bear.

I love this man with all my heart. He's a good friend, good lover, wonderful with my children, and my soul mate. He loves me the same, but he can't seem to get his stuff together to move out.

I don't want to move on with my life without him, but on the other hand, I'm tired of getting hurt, being the good person, and taking it all in stride. What should I do to get him to open his eyes and see what he's missing?

Deedee

Deedee, it's an uneasy and precarious position you are in. Uneasy because you've experienced the feelings divorce causes, and you are enough involved in another woman's marriage to cause divorce. It is precarious because you can't know the truth of his feelings for you.

He may have been a "gentleman" for the 10 years you were friends, but after your divorce he became a man who cheats on his wife and makes empty promises to another woman. You want him to open his eyes and see what he's missing. Why not open yours and see what you are missing.

He's not missing anything. He has a wife at home and a mistress on the side. You don't want to move on without him, but he's given you no choice. That is your only choice and what you must do.

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Tennessee Hill's South emerges in her poem as a character, a personage that haunts and possesses her with beauty and a certain disquiet. Her poem, "Crater Heart", moves from fragmentary image to simile to metaphor in a seemingly disjointed fashion, that in the end, becomes a composition of arresting beauty: "I have stuffed the South's nightlights/ in my mouth." Perhaps this is how she wants us to read her poem of elegant strangeness.

Crater Heart

By Tennessee Hill

Such strangeness these days.

Morning rising over my head like the quilt sewn of old t-shirts or saltwater waves licking our sun-bleached dock.

Then—you absorbing moment, you harvest queen—the sky is surprised by evening's orchard.

I have stuffed the South's nightlights in my mouth. Gala of fireflies.

How clumsy I feel in front of God.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

November 17 - Sea otter were numerous along the Pacific Coast, from California to the Aleutian Islands. The animals averaged between four to six feet in length and the soft, thick fur was highly prized. A single skin could bring as much as \$2,000 on the London market and was even more valuable in China. It was recorded that, in 1798, nearly 12,000 sea otter skins were taken from the North Pacific Coast. The native people were so skilled at killing sea otters that the animals were nearly hunted to extinction. By 1835 the annual sea otter take had dwindled to less than one hundred skins. The few remaining animals were placed under governmental protection and killing a sea otter became a federal crime.

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- 1. Not many (2 words)
 - 2. Japanese soup
 - 3. Architectural drawing
 - 4. Sudan, in French
 - 5. Rides the wave
 - 6. Ear bone, a.k.a. anvil
 - 7. Jezebel's idol
 - 8. *Griswold family's pastime
 - 9. Epic poem
 - 10. Waterproof canvas
 - 11. Part of B.Y.O.
 - 13. Synagogue scrolls
 - 14. Like a Druid
 - 19. Master of ceremonies
 - 22. Engagement symbol
 - 23. Prepare carrots, sometimes
 - 24. R2-D2, e.g.
 - 25. Accustom
 - 26. Bruce Willis' ex
 - 27. Use the blunt pencil tip
 - 28. Autumn laborer
 - 29. Lots and lots
 - 32. Regale with a tale, e.g.
 - 33. *Human from North Pole comes to NYC
 - 36. *Bill Murray movie, inspired by Charles Dickens
 - 38. Water-covered sandbank
 - 40. Corncob
 - 41. Orthopedic device
 - 44. In the buff
 - 46. Driest, as in humor
 - 48. Vacuum, pl.
 - 49. Be theatrical
 - 50. Katy Perry's 2013 hit
 - 51. Yorkshire river
 - 52. Trivial lies
 - 53. Drug smuggler
 - 54. Pi times square of radius
 - 55. Show of agreement, pl.
 - 56. Game official, for short

Oregon's friends in

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bogged down in a shooting-war stalemate in Manchuria for half a decade — and everyone could settle down again.

The problem was, Matsuoka thought he understood America, when in fact what he understood was the rough-and-tumble waterfront districts and lumber camps of 1890s Portland. He thought of Americans as a bluff, straightforward bunch who despised weakness but respected guts and strength. He also thought of them as not being too hung up on things like anti-smuggling laws. The sheer audacity of the Blum-Dunbar gang's opium operations had commanded respect in Portland. Matsuoka naturally thought Americans would respond positively to similar kinds of audacity played out on the international stage in Manchuria. (He also seems not to have understood that the Japanese army's atrocities in Manchuria were the real problem there.)

But America in 1940 was completely unlike waterfront Portland in 1893. In fact, throughout the late '30s Oregon raconteur Stewart Holbrook made a good living pumping old retired waterfront gangsters for stories of those crazy old days and publishing them in the Morning Oregonian for modern readers to shake their heads over in amazement at how much different their world had become. Matsuoka was a living anachronism, and his confidence in his understanding of the country he spent his teenage years in was about to bite him, and his country, really hard.

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Yosuke Matsuoka in 1933, during his service as Japan's chief diplomat at the League of Nations in Geneva.

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HOLIDAY MOVIES

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concert units 5. *Kevin to Buzz in "Home Alone" 8. Emphatic no 12. Phyllo, alt. sp. 13. Chicken of the sea? 14. a.k.a. papaya 15. Biblical firstborn 16. Aquarium show star 17. Type of squash 18. *Like George Bailey's life 20. Struggle for air 21. Aggregate 22. Gangster's gun 23. *Mount Crumpit's misanthrope 26. They refuse to believe 30. * ___ Howard, directed a movie about #23 Across | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31. High regard 34. Like dental exam 35. Bullying, e.g. 37. Popular deciduous tree 38. Kaa of "The Jungle Book" 39. Cleopatra's necklace 40. *Like characters in Will Ferrell's famous Christmas movie 42. Use a Singer 43. Continuing forever 45. Wonder Woman's ability to fly, e.g. 47. Galley propeller 48. Type of consonant 50. Corner chess piece 52. *Nicolas Cage's character gets a glimpse of a different life (2 words) 56. Like famous Moulin |
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