



JP Doodles

More than time is changing

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Home Country

"That the worse stuff in this old life is the junk ya can't see?"

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Country Kitchen

Cookbooks and written recipes, instructions were kept in the cook's head

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\$40 million Outdoor Act includes Aufderheide

The US Forest Service on Monday announced the investment of up to \$40 million to fund Great American Outdoors Act. Projects in the act aim to address deferred maintenance as well as improving transportation and recreation infrastructure on national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region this year.

The money is intended to improve access to recreation on public lands, support small businesses, and enhance investments on National Forests by leveraging National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Funds provided by Congress. In all, 29 projects in Washington and Oregon will be funded this year using some of the \$285 million made possible by the newly created National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund.

The Willamette National Forest has invested \$3 million in the Aufderheide Scenic Byway in recent years as part of a four-phase project. The route is soon to be designated as one of only 18 state Scenic Bikeways in Oregon.

The Byway provides access to dozens of recreation sites and hundreds of miles of trails, while at the same time, it sees heavy timber harvest traffic (80+ million board feet). The route's average daily traffic count is 350 vehicles.

Under Phase 2, improvements will include subgrade repairs and

resurfacing along approximately 20 miles of road. The to-do list also includes six culvert replacements at Delta Campground to provide fish passage.

Up on the Pass, a Historic Restoration project will be funded at the Santiam Lodge. Crews there will replace the roof and windows to secure the structure and protect restoration efforts from the elements while retaining the site's historic character. The Friends of Santiam Pass Ski Lodge, has already invested in restoration to revive this Civilian Conservation Corps-built lodge. Officials say Great American Outdoors Act funds will be matched by donors.

Other projects in Oregon and Washington include deferred maintenance on 40 failing trail bridges across ten units in the Region and more than 1,500 miles of forest trails.

Other funds are earmarked to address access at visitor centers, historic buildings, and other recreation facilities. Upgrades or replacements of outdated water and waste management systems will also be funded, along with projects to improve fish passage and habitat for threatened/endangered salmon and steelhead, as well as other aquatic species.

Forest Service to address travel safety risks

Damaged and dead trees identified on 550 miles of roads

The Holiday Farm, Beachie Creek, and Lionshead Fire burned more than 176,000 acres on the Willamette National Forest in 2020. Since then standing dead and injured trees have been identified along about 411 miles of open roads across three of the Forest's ranger districts, as well as about 139 miles of closed roads. Forest spokesmen say the fire-killed or injured trees pose a danger and the areas remain closed, "Until safety concerns are addressed and the danger trees are abated."

To reduce the risk, the Willamette Forest is proposing to fell dead and injured trees within the fire-burned areas, which. "Would also provide employees safer access during both fire recovery and future fire suppression efforts."

The sections of roads have varying levels of fire-killed or injured trees depending on how severely the fire burned in the area. There are portions where there are no danger trees, others with scattered individuals or small groups of danger trees, and more where all trees within striking distance of the road



In 2020, large wildfires burned more than 176,000 acres of Forest Service lands during the Holiday Farm, Beachie Creek, and Lionshead Fires.

were killed by the wildfire. Plans call for danger trees which may strike the road to be felled where they're found and trees which do not threaten the roads would be left standing.

Danger trees are defined as, "Any tree, or portion of a tree, that could cause injury or death to people or property because of damage or defect." To determine which trees need to be removed, Forest Service specialists will consult the Region 6 Danger Tree

Policy Guidelines. Danger trees, regardless of their size, which are within one-tree height of the road would be felled. Trees which lean away from and would not strike the road when they fall would be left standing. Additional trees within 1.5 tree heights from the road may be felled in areas of high use or where people stop, such as intersections, dispersed camping areas, viewpoints, parking areas, and pull outs.

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Hazardous tree meeting



Social distancing was in effect when the McKenzie Locals helping Locals group sponsored an open panel discussion with contractors and agencies involved with hazardous tree removal. Despite the masks, several people were able to make face to face connections.

FINN ROCK: People had a chance to ask questions about how and why trees are being cut down and removed after the Holiday Farm Fire. On hand to respond to their queries last Thursday at McKenzie Schools were Joel Zeni, project manager with Suulutaaq, Inc, Anna Henson, the

Oregon Dept. of Transportation's North Operations Chief for the Statewide Debris Management Team, and Yosef Yip, ODOT's Public Information Officer.

Topics ranged from what to do with a danger tree standing right on the border with a neighbor's parcel to dealing with absetee

owners who aren't likely to every clean up debris.

Some of the questions fielded from the floor couldn't be answered on the spot but several people made arrangements for officials to meet them on-site.

Open Houses for bike master plan

Online Open House meetings to air Lane County Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) will run through March 22nd.

This sessions will focus on Lane County's rural roads and paved paths outside of the Eugene-Springfield urban area. As an amendment to the Lane County Transportation System Plan, the BMP will go before the Lane County Board of Commissioners for adoption with recommendations.

A live session with the planners is scheduled for March 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. Go to: <https://lane-countybmp.com> to join the live conversation.

Planners are asking riders to help them understand their experiences using the project's online interactive mapping tool.

Officials say the county is devel-

oping its first ever Bicycle Master Plan with the idea of creating a viable regional transportation option throughout Lane County for people of all ages and abilities.

Key issues will include safety and comfort as well as connectivity of regional bicycling between rural communities and the urban area.

Also up for consideration are economic development opportunities for bicycle tourism related businesses and the public health benefits from expanded active transportation.

To learn more about the planning process visit: Lane County Bicycle Master Plan ([lanecountybmp.com](https://lane-countybmp.com)) or contact the BMP Project Manager, Becky Taylor, at Becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov, 541-255-5761.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

Harrisburg. Home of the Eagles and host of a gathering of the same.

Harrisburg was the 2000-01 pre-season Trico League favorite, long coached by Russ Mason and had forged a 5-1 Trico League record. The upstart Eagles of McKenzie, coached by rookie Head Coach Mike Wiley, were the other half of the gathering, and they traveled up the Willamette Valley carrying an identical 5-1 League record. One team would gain an important early season advantage, the other, earn an education.

McKenzie took home the latter. The Eagles of Finn Rock loved to get up the court, running and gunning. Harrisburg Coach Mason, slyly, slowed the game down, reported back then by Register Guard Sports reporter Chris Hansen as "grinding, yet methodical." Harrisburg claimed an 8-7 first quarter advantage and at halftime, Mason's team, still led 16-13.

McKenzie addressed their hosts' strategy in the locker-room at halftime and the Finn Rock boys stepped back on court intent and with a mission. "Step it up, make it our game." Faster game, long range shooting (3 point type), and get out of the slow lane, that was Coach Wiley's plan.

The McKenzie Eagles outscored Harrisburg 12-8 in the third quarter, and finally clung to a slim lead 25-24. Harrisburg responded with fervor, defending their home court with long range shooting accuracy of their own, including a altitude-busting, perfect three-point arching shot that touched nothing but net with 1:00 minute left in regulation. The shot, thrown up by local hero Josiah O'Hare, tied the game at 35-all and after the last minute of regulation time expired with no further scoring, forced an overtime game.

Inspired by a loud and boisterous home crowd, Harrisburg outscored McKenzie 16-9 in the extra quarter, took care of the advantage and handed the Finn Rock Eagles the education.

McKenzie senior David Fenley finished leading all scorers with 27 points scored and Ryan Spiro chipped in 8 points. The win set the favorites ahead of the Trico crowd at 6-1 in League play and McKenzie dropped into a second place tie with Monroe and Oakridge, all at 5-2. Three days later, McKenzie vented their frustration on the visiting Crow Cougars, winning easily, 65-34.

Senior Jared Woods led his Eagle teammates with 20 points and Fenley added 17. Fellow senior Casey Cline added 9 points. Out of the frying pan and into the fire the Eagles went. Next game

up had Wiley's Eagles travel back up the Willamette Valley to tangle with the Monroe Dragons, both teams still locked up in a second place tie in.

Six of the seven players to see action for the Dragons scored in double figures in that game and that was enough to easily dismiss the Eagles, 87-71.

Again, Fenley led his teammates with 23 points, Kyle Richardson dropped in 14, Jared Woods added 13 pts. and Casey Cline finished with 9 pts. But the damage had been done and McKenzie was in danger of dropping out of the Trico League race. Once again, it was time to hit the practice court for a round of listen and learn. But not with much time for lessons.

Tied with Oakridge and as always it seemed, on the road, McKenzie responded to their Coaches, led by none other than David Fenley. Fenley continued to chew and spit out opposing Trico League defenses, this time scoring 24 points. Oakridge's Uni Prenevost, hero of the first meeting between the old rivals, with that improbable 4 point come-from-behind-desperation-win-the-game shot, this time, matched Fenley with 24 points of his own. However, Woods who scored 16 pts helped Fenley, freshman Devin Banks with 11 pts. and Kyle Richardson who added 9 pts. The Eagles won the contest 75-56.

Coach Wiley would respond, "They were missing their big guys so we kind of pounded them in the post...I was also really pleased with our transition game tonight."

McKenzie would beat Central Linn next at home in the friendly confines of the Finn Rock gym, outscoring the Cobras, 69-50. Fenley led all scorers with 22 points. Jared Woods scored 14 points, hauled in 8 rebounds and had 5 steals and Kyle Richardson also had a fine balanced game with 10 pts, 9 rebounds and 6 steals.

Mapleton fell to the Eagles down on the Siuslaw, 69-55. In that game, Fenley finished with 16 pts. Casey Cline scored 15 pts. as did Kyle Richardson, and Banks added 8 pts. With the win, McKenzie had crawled back into sole possession of second place in the Trico League standings, 9-3, with Harrisburg at 10-2. Lowell beat Harrisburg 54-37 for the Eagles second loss. The Lowell Red Devils had suddenly become the hot team. And wouldn't you know it, Wiley's Eagles landed in downtown Lowell for their next game.

Back then the term "easy peasy" probably hadn't even been coined yet. McKenzie had a devil of a time for three quarters of the game, and started the fourth quarter down, 49-28. But the dogfight wasn't in the books yet. The Eagles would outscore their hot opponents 25-11 in the final quarter, and although McKenzie would lose 60-53, they did take away one consolation, the tie-breaking advantage between the two teams.

Since the Eagles defeated Lowell earlier in the season by



more than 7 points, in the event of a season-ending tie, McKenzie would hold the upper advantage. Woods finished with a game-high 18 points, Casey Cline and Fenley each scored 10 pts. and Ryan Spiro added 8.

Now the Eagles had one game left on the regular season schedule, Trico League leading Harrisburg, sitting smugly at 11-2. The Eagles were tied in second with Monroe at 9-4. But the Finn Rock boys had been listening to their Coaching staff. And believing. Plus, the second gathering of Eagles was in Finn Rock.

The gymnasium, game day, was packed and buzzing. Win or lose, Harrisburg would be headed to the 2A State Championships held at Pendleton as League Champs, but McKenzie still would have to punch their ticket through the Trico League playoff format. It was time for those Finn Rock boys to stand up and bring it! Bring it they did!

Opening up with a fast and furious first quarter, McKenzie ran to a 14-9 lead. Halftime, the home Eagles were still on top, 22-16. Hotdogs and popcorn sold at a record clip during the halftime break and nobody wanted to be out of their seats for the finale.

Harrisburg opened with a small run in the third outscoring McKenzie 13-12, but was still behind 34-29 starting the final quarter. On the other side of the scorer's table, McKenzie could smell the revenge win in the air and decisively outscored their visitors 21-12 in the fourth. McKenzie put an exclamation point on the victory by sinking 11-11 free-throws and won the contest going away, 55-41.

The win clinched second place for Wiley's team. Fenley led all scorers with 23 points, Woods finished with 14 pts. and Casey Cline added 8. Winning makes believers and the Eagle team and the River Valley were fast becoming believers. The time had arrived to test that believing. Time

for the Trico League playoffs and a run for a berth in the 2001 State playoffs at Pendleton. Time for new lessons to commence on the

practice court in Finn Rock!
Time for a Mark Twain style dogfight!

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The project outline says felled trees would be used for a variety of purposes. Some would stay on-site to reduce the risk of sedimentation run off and provide wildlife habitat, some may be used for restoration projects as fish and wildlife habitat logs, while others would be sold to local mills to become wood products, or be offered through permits for firewood to the local community.

If trees are removed through a timber sale, harvest operations would include the use of ground-based and skyline logging systems. Some of the funds generated from timber sales would be used for watershed restoration and reforestation projects.

Generally, danger trees within Riparian Reserves, Late Successional Reserves, known large concentrations of noxious weeds, known culture resource sites, and trees felled beyond one tree height of the road would be left in place on site. Danger trees

may still be removed from areas if they can't be safely felled away from the road, be a danger to the road or disrupt flow through a drainage structure

Public comments on the proposed action have a March 22nd deadline to be considered in the final design of the project.

Comments may be submitted through the project website or by email, mail, or facsimile.

Project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59519>. Select the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right-hand side of the webpage. Email with 2020 Fires Roadside Danger Tree Reduction Project in the subject to the project lead at elspeth.gustavson@usda.gov. Mailed or faxed to Willamette National Forest Supervisors Office, Attn: 2020 Fires Roadside Danger Tree Project, 3106 Pierce Parkway Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477; Fax 541-825-3110.

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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/2	67	39	0	320 cfs	3/2	65	36	0	4,660 cfs
3/3	70	37	0	320 cfs	3/3	65	34	0	4,520 cfs
3/4	68	37	0	320 cfs	3/4	60	34	0	4,360 cfs
3/5	56	43	0	320 cfs	3/5	58	34	0	4,260 cfs
3/6	54	42	0	320 cfs	3/6	47	37	1.05	4,380 cfs
3/7	55	41	0	320 cfs	3/7	53	38	0.08	4,200 cfs
3/8	58	40	0	330 cfs	3/8	53	34	0	4,030 cfs

Friday 3/12		Saturday 3/13		Sunday 3/14	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 60 Low: 33	Santiam Pass Sunny 10% chance precip High: 47 Low: 25	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 63 Low: 39	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 52 Low: 29	McKenzie Valley Rain 60% chance precip High: 51 Low: 35	Santiam Pass Snow 60% chance precip High: 36 Low: 22

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 26: 11:19 a.m: Theft - 37000 block, Goats Rd. - Report of ongoing theft from location, undisclosed property/money stolen.

8:23 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 88900 blk, Ross Ln. - Domestic dispute, verbal only no crime. Units cleared advised.

Feb. 27: 2:50 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd. - Caller reported receiving harassing messages or calls. Deputy contacted the and cleared advised.

Feb. 28: 2:07 a.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. Milepost 15. Green Jeep got stuck in a ditch. Caller advised driver appeared intoxicated. Last seen westbound.

March 1: 3:39 p.m: Found Property - 89800 blk, Greenwood Dr.

2:54 p.m: Civil Service - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

5:11 p.m: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:45 p.m: Criminal Mistreat-

ment - 39500 blk, Wendling Rd. Caller reported locating a possible runaway juvenile. Deputies responded and a report was taken.

March 2: 12:26 p.m: Assist, Information - Leaburg Dam Rd. & McK. Hwy.

2:05 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Vida area.

4:17 p.m: Foot Patrol - Milepost 5, Goodpasture Rd.

5:52 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd. Report of criminal mischief to the busses at the Mohawk School. The juvenile suspect has been identified.

9:19 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:45 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.

9:49 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

March 3: 12:07 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr, Milepost 55. A beige 4-door Jeep was reported found on it s side six miles from the Hwy. Fire crews responded and found the Jeep to be unoccupied.

2:56 a.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. Mp. 6.

10:32 a.m: Assist, Information - Marcola Area.

10:52 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. LCSO and OSP responded to a dispute between roommates. No injuries were reported and parties agreed to separate.

11:16 a.m: Traffic Complaint - 92200 blk, Carson St.

12:42 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. & Twin Firs Rd.

1:32 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy. Complainant reported that another vehicle's window shattered while waiting in line at a work zone. Received no other reports or contact from any involved parties.

March 4: 6:42 a.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

10:36 a.m: Welfare Check - 55500 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:08 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

1:45 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd. Caller reported a black GMC SUV following too closely.

3:13 p.m: Industrial Accident - McK. Hwy. Mp. 41. Logging accident, a logger was reportedly struck in the head and rendered unconscious. He was transported from the area via Lifeflight.

5:51 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Caller reported a neighbor was being aggressive and trespassing on her property. All involved were contacted by police.

10:43 p.m: Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

March 5: 10:22 a.m: Assist, Information - Marcola Area.

7:10 p.m: Assist Motorist - Marcola Rd, Mp. 2.

10:16 p.m: ATL DD - 36600 blk, McGowan Creek Rd.

March 6: 5:21 a.m: Medical Info Call - 88600 blk, Heritage Ln.

6:21 a.m: Reckless Driving - Hill Rd. & Marcola Rd.

10:22 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

12:16 p.m: Dog At Large - 91400 blk, Donna Rd.

2:16 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Maple Ln. An unlicensed silver Honda was reported as being parked at the location.

3:16 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of

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State Police Report

March 4: 12:43: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 38. A two-vehicle non-injury accident occurred when two vehicles were traveling east in a one-lane construction zone. Unit #2 stopped for traffic & Unit #1 collided into the rear of Unit #2. Driver #1 stated he was distracted. Driver #1 was cited for Driving While Suspended. Involved: Toyota Prius, gray Chevy Equinox, 16-year-old male, 24-year-old male.

March 8: 17:14: Fish & Wildlife, Angling - While checking anglers

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 1: 4:10: 40188 York Ln. Structure Fire. Fire extinguished.

19:19: 88056 Heather Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

March 2: 22:16: 87850 Lupe Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Feb. 28: 17:16: Fire Alarm - 91000 block, Mill Creek Rd. Inside smoke detector.

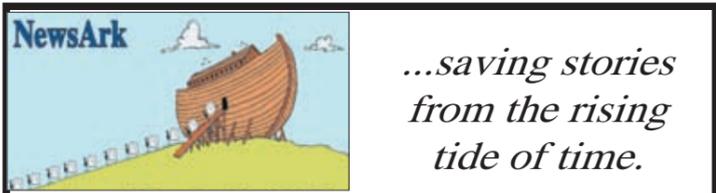
March 3: 00:01: Motor Vehicle Accident - Aufderheide Dr./Milepost 55. Beige Jeep off the road, flipped on its side against an incline.

March 4: 14:56: Medical - 51000 blk, Dexter St. Patient is unconscious, unknown if breathing, in logging area somewhere near Blue River.

March 6: 08:49: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

March 7: 10:16: Vehicle In Water - McK. Hwy./McK. River Dr. Single vehicle is in the creek up to the rear bumper.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Trooper Post Reviewed

State Police Super Pledges To Study Transfer

Improving patrol efficiency, according to State Police Superintendent Regional Melton, was one major reason the Department is considering the transfer of the Trooper Post from the McKenzie Valley. Melton had a department wide review of manager levels throughout Oregon conducted in the state.

Fire Destroys Nimrod Home

Community Drive Under Way To Assist Family



State Fire Marshal's office investigators were on the scene Wednesday, sitting through the remains of a house at 49411 McKenzie Highway. Possible cause for the 12,000 sq ft was an electrical extension cord.

Electric Coops May Merge

Proposal Would Combine Lane & Blakely Lane

Consolidation could be on spring ballot as voters prepare for the McKenzie Valley. Lane Electric Coop and Blakely Lane Electric Coops have agreed to conduct a detailed evaluation of the benefits of combining the operations of the two customer owned utilities.

F&W Bans Wild Fish Catch

1992 Regulations Include Barbless Hooks

Anglers will be able to take home fish over 18 inches next year, as long as the fish don't have all their fins. Fishing regulations adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission last week have strongly limited the taking of hatchery raised fish while protecting native stock.

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By Slim Randles

Doc had just finished bringing us up to date on the world's fight against the covid-19 virus when ol' Windy Wilson raised his eyes.

"Now don't ya find, Doc," he said, "that the worse stuff in this old life is the junk ya can't see?"

Doc looked puzzled, so Windy continued. "Aw, you know. It's them mitrascopic stuff that are really dangerous to us."

Doc nodded.

"Now you jest take in there a braymer bull? He can stomp a guy inta furry, pink Jell-o. And then dance on them bullfighters whilst they're a-tryin' to git yer carcass outa the reenur. But see this here now. That there bull is purty dang big. Big enough to ride, right? So that means he's big enough so's you kin get outa his way if he comes a-stompin'."

Windy, our favorite camp cook, cowboy, philosopher, and interpreter of the English language, sipped on his coffee and looked at us each in turn. "Now, can you see them coronary vibration bugs? No way! Too dang small. They'll sneak up on a guy, get married and have pups and then kill ya deader'n a hammer!"

"Thass why, at the conjugal finish a-my thinkin', I'm puttin' them bugs in secondary place on my list of all-time tiny mean stuff."

"Only second place?" said Herb, "What's worse'n dying, Windy?"

"Cactus hairs," he said. "A-course. Ya know, them miterscopic stickers that you can't see when your eyes is nekkid. But ya know they's there, doncha? Oh yes, Aunt Sarah, I'll say ya do!"

Windy nodded, agreeing with himself. No one else did, but that isn't really necessary with Windy.

"Only way ya kin tell ya got 'em is when ya brush up agin' somethin', like a shirt cuff or somethin'. Hurts like the Civilian War, it does, but ya can't see it."

He leaned forward and whispered. "It's flambastically insidulouss!"

"And you kin tell 'em I said so."

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Oregonians played prominent role in most horrific murder

By Finn J.D. John

Oregon divorcee Agnes Anne "Annie" LeRoi arrived in Phoenix in the first few months of 1931 with her best friend and roommate, schoolteacher Hedvig "Sammy" Samuelson. They were climate refugees: Sammy had tuberculosis, and at the time the only cure for "consumption" was a dry climate and rest.

Back then, many patients with TB waited until they were so far gone that the climate couldn't save them; essentially, they moved to Arizona to die. Sammy wasn't one of them; her case was mild. But, although she didn't know it, she, too, was moving to Arizona to die. She had less than nine months to live. So did Annie.

Neither one of them would die of tuberculosis, though.

When the first world war broke out, Dr. William Craig Judd was in his early 30s — a fresh-faced young physician, the scion of a prominent Salem family and a recent graduate of the Willamette University College of Medicine. When the U.S. joined the fighting a few years later, naturally he wasted little time rallying to the colors. Commissioned a first lieutenant, he soon was in France, patching up doughboys on the front lines.

Doctors in the Great War didn't face off with the enemy over No Man's Land or swarm "over the top" in bayonet charges, but nobody in the trenches was safe from the number-one killer of the war: artillery shells. And in 1918, a German shell flew through the air with young Lt. Judd's name on it.

The wounds the shell inflicted were very painful, so Lt. Judd found relief from his suffering the way many Great War soldiers did: from morphine. But unlike the other soldiers, nobody forced him to stop taking the stuff after his wounds healed. As a licensed physician, Dr. Judd was fully empowered to prescribe himself anything he pleased ... and so it was that Dr. William Judd mustered out of the Army with the monkey of morphine addiction clinging tightly to his back.

His career, naturally, did not



Agnes Anne LeRoi and Hedvig Samuelson.

murderpedia.org

prosper. He drifted from position to position, dropping lower on the physicians' pecking order with each move. But on his way down the medical hierarchy, he took a position at the Indiana State Hospital; and there he met a vivacious 17-year-old blonde hospital orderly named Winnie Ruth McKinnell, the daughter of a local Methodist minister. Despite being more than twice her age, he fell hard for her, and she for him. Soon they were married; and, when Dr. William found it necessary to move on from Indiana, she accompanied him.

The couple ended up in Mexico, where Dr. William found a job as a company doctor at a copper mine. It was a hard life, and not at all what the new Mrs. Judd had been expecting. Winnie — who went by her middle name, Ruth — was vivacious and outgoing, but she was very slender (less than 120 pounds soaking wet) and not very robust. She suffered two miscarriages in Mexico, which devastated her; she very much wanted a baby.

Then, Ruth caught tuberculosis. Dr. William sent her to convalesce at a facility in California, and she seemed to get better; but when she rejoined him in Mexico, it flared up again. She tried several more times, but by this time Dr. William had lost his copper-mine job and was basically blowing around Mexico from village to village. She couldn't survive

the lifestyle, so she returned to the States in 1930, and settled down in Phoenix, taking a job as a governess in wealthy plutocrat Leigh Ford's family home.

A wealthy lumberman named "Happy Jack" Halloran lived next door to the Fords, with his wife and several children. Happy Jack, a notorious philanderer, soon noticed the pretty blonde governess and moved in on her. The legendary Happy Jack charm worked as advertised; a few weeks or months later the two of them were embroiled in a secret affair.

A few more months went by, and she left the Fords' employ — possibly they found out about her nocturnal rendezvous with their neighbor — and took a job as a medical secretary at the Grunow Clinic. The job paid fairly well — well enough to pay for a small place of her own and send a little extra off to help out Dr. William, who had checked himself into a drug-rehab facility in California.

At the clinic, Ruth quickly made friends. Soon she was spending a lot of time with two of her clinic co-workers — a 32-year-old X-ray technician and a 24-year-old orderly, who had just moved to town earlier that year and taken jobs at the clinic.

Their names were Annie LeRoi and Sammy Samuelson.

Ruth's friendship with Annie and Sammy started out strong, but there was a problem in their relationship right from the start, and that problem's name was Happy Jack Halloran — Ruth Judd's playboy "side piece."

Whether Ruth introduced the girls to him, or whether they met him in some other way, he was far too much of a hound to not make a move on them. And none of the girls was overmuch pleased at the prospect of sharing him.

The tensions came to a head on Oct. 16 of 1931. That night, Ruth had been invited to come play bridge with Annie and Sammy, but she'd turned them down; she had a date with Happy Jack. But, by 9 p.m. it was clear that Happy Jack was standing her up. So Ruth hopped on the trolley and headed for Annie and Sammy's place to see if they were still up for some bridge.

When she arrived, she found her two friends loaded for bear. According to Ruth's later recollections, they were angry because she'd widened Happy Jack's extramarital dating pool by introducing him to a dishy co-worker earlier in the day — a pretty, single co-worker who they happened to know (or believe) had syphilis. Annie and Sammy called Ruth a slut and threatened to tell Dr. William that his wife was sleeping around with the town wolfhound. She hit back by calling her hosts "perverts" — they were extremely close and lived together like sisters, which had been more than enough to start whispers of lesbianism making the rounds on the local rumor mill.

Furious, Ruth stood up to go. She took her drink cup to drop it off in the kitchen sink. When she got there — well, something happened. Something involving a kitchen knife, a Colt .25 automatic, and possibly another, larger-caliber pistol.

Whatever it was, it resulted in Sammy getting stabbed once and shot three times, in the shoulder, chest, and head; Annie shot at least once, in the head; and Ruth shot in the left hand. Ruth found herself alone, wounded, in the kitchen, with her two ex-friends dead on the floor.

Ruth made her way back to her house. Her plan was to call her husband, Dr. William, in California; but when she arrived at her apartment, she found Happy Jack waiting for her. Jack didn't believe her at first, but when she brought him back to the scene and showed him the aftermath, he quickly took charge. He assured her that he would take care of everything, and helped her clean up the mess. Then he sent her home

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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No room for vegetables? Pot up your plants

Many vegetables grow well in containers located on a patio, porch, balcony or windowsill, so don't let lack of yard space keep you from gardening this spring and summer.

Limited garden space precludes being able to grow some of the larger vegetables, according to Brooke Edmunds, Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturist. For instance, growing corn on a balcony may not be practical. But a wide variety of crops can be planted, including lettuce, herbs, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, carrots, beans, squash, radishes, strawberries, kale, chard and spinach.

There are some dwarf and miniature varieties, such as Thumbelina carrots or other baby vegetables that work particularly well in small confines. Vine crops can be put in hanging baskets or grown in oak barrels or large pots and trained vertically on trellises, stakes or railings.

The amount of sunlight available will affect your choice of crops, Edmunds said. Root and leaf crops (beets, turnips, lettuce, cabbage, mustard greens) can tolerate light shade. But vegetables grown for their fruits, including tomatoes, green beans and peppers must have from six to eight hours of direct sunlight each day. The more sun the better.

Almost any type of container can be used, from bushel baskets, metal drums, and gallon cans to plastic tubs, wooden boxes and well-rinsed cut-off bleach jugs. Ten-inch pots are good for green onions, parsley and herbs. For plants with larger root systems, such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant, five-gallon containers are best.

No matter what container type is used, adequate drainage is a must, Edmunds cautions. Drill drain holes along the side about 1/2 inch from the bottom and make sure the soil drains well. It also helps to elevate the pot with bricks or boards, off the surface of your patio or pot saucer.

As in bigger gardens, container grown vegetables can be grown from seed, or they can be planted as transplants.

Good soil really helps. Use a packaged potting soil or

composted soil available at local garden centers. These purchased potting soils make for excellent container gardening because they are lightweight, sterile and drain well. Do not buy topsoil; it can be heavy and drain poorly. Same thing with planting mix.

Plant vegetable seeds according to the instructions on the seed package, Edmunds said. After planting, gently water the soil, taking care not to wash out the seeds.

Vegetables grown in containers need regular fertilization. A soluble, all-purpose fertilizer that can be mixed in water is the easiest type to use with container plants. Fertilize every three to four days with a solution that is half the strength of the recommended

mixing ratio.

Dry fertilizers sprinkled on top of the soil offer a second-best alternative. If you use them, fertilize every three weeks. Organic materials including compost, animal manures, blood meal or rock phosphate and greensand can be used for fertilizer as well.

Religious regular watering is also essential, Edmunds said. The soil in containers can dry out quickly, especially on a concrete patio in full sun. Daily watering is not unusual, but don't let the soil become soggy or have water standing on top of it. Water when the soil feels dry and until it runs out the drain holes. After spring and early summer crops are harvested, the containers can be replanted with late summer and fall vegetables.

For more information on container gardening and other gardening basics, view OSU Extension's publication Growing Your Own.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



FASCINATING RHYMING RECIPES

As my daughter researches family recipes for a cookbook collection, she's discovered "rhyming recipes." The first one appears in my aunt's notebook where Auntie copied recipes from family and friends. One for corn bread has rhyming instructions. Auntie didn't notate who it was from. But as daughter Beth read it to me, it seemed vaguely familiar. Then I recalled my mom reciting it as she made corn bread

Further research reveals that in the days before many cookbooks and written recipes, instructions were kept in the cook's head and passed from generation to generation. Eventually they found their way into printed cookbooks and family notebooks like Auntie's.

Old Measurements

However, many times the instructions were not very detailed. Also, cooks knew what was meant by a salt spoon, dessert spoon, a gill, a tumbler, a large coffee cup, a small coffee cup or tea cup, a wine glass full or half full. Then you might measure butter the size of a hazelnut or English walnut (slightly larger).

Some of Auntie's recipes called for a handful or a pinch. When I was learning to cook, we measured vanilla and other extracts by the

cap full, not a measuring spoon. You might measure by a heaping spoonful or a scant one.

Using Measuring Utensils
Mother didn't acquire measuring; cups or spoons until my sister and I were 8 and 10 years old. We were in 4-H club and a friend's mother was giving us cooking lessons.

"Mom," we exclaimed, "Mrs. Thompson has measuring cups and spoons! Can you get us some?" So Mother did.

Old Names & Ingredients

Ingredients also had old names. Pearl ash was leached from wood ashes and used for leavening before baking soda and baking powder.

Sugar often was sweeter in "olden" days, so when you make those old recipes today, you usually want to use less sugar than called for.

Flours varied in density, depending on how and where they were milled. So instead of giving an exact amount for the liquid needed, the recipe might say, "just enough buttermilk (or milk) for the flour." Wheat flour lost some of its sweetness as it became more finely processed over the years.

Studying Old Recipes & Foodways

Studying old recipes and food ways becomes fascinating as **Country Kitchen On Page 7**

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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March 3: 13:32: 41895 Holden Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 4: 15:02: 90213-BLK Aufderheide Rd Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 5: 19:55: 38847 Deerhorn Rd Fire Alarm. False Alarm, Cancelled En Route.

March 6: 5:16: 88636 Heritage Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

9:41: 48517 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:58: McK. Hwy. Milepost 19. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; March 15th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.. For notary and other business services, please call ahead to schedule an appointment and observe public guidelines by wearing, at minimum, a mask.

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Community Notes

Relief Center closed

The Rainbow Relief Center at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow closed on March 19th but the site will soon house space for a temporary library.

Weekly food distribution organized by the McKenzie River Food Pantry is held every Tuesday in Blue River. The McKenzie Bible Fellowship will continue to run its monthly food pantry on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, and there are discussions about offering a weekly pantry.

People donating non-food items are encouraged to send them to St. Vincent de Paul's. For more information please contact Madison Kleiner at 541-514-6309.

Scholarships are available

In honor of their late son, Joe McCall, Jerry and Meredith McCall are proud to offer \$5,000 dollars in scholarship monies, to be divided among multiple applicants graduating from McKenzie River Community School. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of their community involvement, academic achievement and a strong desire to further their education at a 4-year university, community college or trade school. These scholarships are designed to financially help a student, who might not otherwise be able to fund their higher education.

Required documentation includes an unofficial transcript (3.0 GPA required), a brief description about the applicant, their character, background and interests. Also, explain why they would be a great candidate for this scholarship. In addition, attach the names of two references, including address and telephone numbers, along with

an additional sheet listing extra-curricular activities, honors and awards received.

Applications are due to the high school office by April 30th.

Art Development

The Lane Arts Council is hosting a Professional Development Program for artists and creatives of all disciplines through a series of Zoom workshops paired with group discussions. The cost for the full series is \$65 and the cost for a single workshop and discussion is \$25. Register through Lane Arts Council, 541-485-2278 or www.lanearts.org.

A workshops is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th, 4:30-6p.m. Discussion on Tuesday, April 13th, 4:30-6p.m.

A Developing your Digital Presence Workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 27th, 4:30-6p.m. Discussion: Tuesday May 11th, 4:30-6p.m

Gerry Aster

McK Arts & Culture Collective

Rebuilding Help

The Northwest Rebuild Project is still accepting applications for assistance for everyone effected by the wildfires. The project is a 100% volunteer group of designers, drafters, architects, and engineers from all over the northwest that helps people rebuild their homes after natural disasters free of charge.

NW Rebuild first provides a list of resources useful to the homeowner throughout the rebuilding process. Then, for qualified residential applicants, they provide pro bono design and drafting services. Qualifying small businesses can access low cost design and drafting services for commercial buildings needing to be rebuilt.

Applications for assistance is available at www.nwrebuild.org.

Open House

The Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a second Open House meeting on Monday, March 13th, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, next to Leaburg Lake.

Easter Egg Hunt

The McKenzie Bridge Christian Church will host a free Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 4th. Eggs will be hidden in multiple grassy and wooded areas for age groups and to create space for social distancing. Please invite your friends and family, wear a mask and social distance.

Debris dump over

Strube Flats, below Cougar Reservoir, is no longer accepting organic yard debris from McKenzie

River residents for disposal. This service was temporary in nature and was set up to benefit community cleanup efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire.

"Free organic debris disposal was a service to the community that was a small cost to residents and partners with a big benefit to those affected by the fire," said McKenzie River District Ranger Darren Cross. "We are starting the process of chipping the debris and staging additional danger trees from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) phase two cleanup of Highway 126."

The Strube Flats area has multiple piles and large log decks. Large log volumes are anticipated to arrive and depart daily with a lot of

heavy equipment traffic. People are asked to avoid the 1900-410 Road and the Strube Flats area.

State Police Report

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along the bank of the McKenzie River, located an angler who had just caught & killed a wild cutthroat trout. The angler was cited for Take/Possession of non-adipose fin clipped trout. The trout was logged into evidence at the Springfield patrol office (in game freezer). Angler: 21-year-old male from Eugene.

Invasive Plant Removal



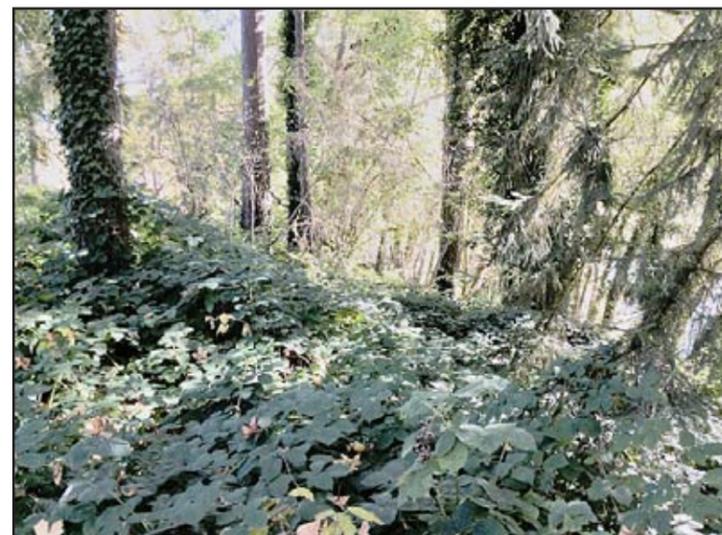
Now is a great time to start clearing Himalayan blackberry and English ivy re-sprouts.

English ivy and Himalayan blackberry are two non-native species that can quickly overwhelm native habitats and negatively impact wildlife and water quality. While the intensity of the Holiday Farm Fire completely burned blackberry and ivy stands throughout the fire perimeter, most of those root-structures likely survived and will begin resprouting this spring. Now is an ideal time to manually remove blackberry and ivy regrowth. A little extra work now will go a long way toward controlling these noxious weeds on your property.

To stay ahead English ivy re-establishment, dig up new sprouts, being careful to remove all the roots and any extended vines underneath the soil. Additionally, ivy will only set seed when it grows vertically, so girdling vines growing up trees or fences is highly

recommended. Be careful when disposing of ivy as cut vines can readily re-sprout. Either remove them off-site to a commercial yard waste facility or carefully compost them on-site where they can dry out without contacting the soil. Similar, digging out blackberry roots, or "crowns" can also

help control the re-establishment of the dense, thorny thickets. Care should be taken to remove the entire crown, as partial root systems can easily re-sprout. Visit www.purewaterpartners.org to learn how the Pure Water Partners can help with invasive management on your property.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Torn

I'm writing to get your opinion on a problem brought about by my ex-fiancée, a woman I truly loved many years ago.

We had been dating about five years, and I asked her to marry me four months before the bitter end. At that time I was in the military and she was a junior in college. I was scheduled for additional training the following year, after which I planned on tying the knot. She tearfully accepted my proposal.

Her parents brought her to visit me during her spring break that year, after which she informed me she was pregnant by some other guy, was so sorry, et cetera. That was, of course, the end of us. I still have bad dreams about it more than 50 years later.

She ended up marrying the father, then divorced him five years later. She's been married, off and on, in the years since and is currently single.

I married a nice, pretty girl a couple of years after the breakup and have been married to her 50 years. She's been a great wife in every respect but one—she's not a great lover. She always treated sex as a wifely duty and never liked to cuddle much.

I, on the other hand, love physical touch and miss it when I don't get it. Every time I try to initiate it, she stands there frozen, hoping I'll go away. Or she pushes me away altogether. It's gotten so bad I hardly ever try anymore.

Other girlfriends I had before I was married were always warm and loving, including my ex-

fiancée, so I don't think I have chronic BO or anything.

Now for my problem. My ex-fiancée has begun tweaking me on social media. She requested that I follow her (twice) and I denied both requests. Now she is liking some of my posts, and last week I responded by liking one of hers.

Then, against my better judgment, I posted a link on her page to a Matt Monro song called *And We Were Lovers*, which reminisces about an old lost love. She came back with "you were and always will be my one true love." Of course, that made my heart go pitter-patter, but I resisted the urge to immediately respond in kind.

I have given no response at all yet, and don't know if I ever will. She was the love of my life before the cheat, but I don't think she is the same person I fell in love with early on. I really miss her tender touch, but I can't get over the fact she swore to love me forever but failed to add, just not exclusively.

I think I know your answer to this, but should I respond and reestablish communication with her, as I long to do, or should I block her and go no-contact?

Either way, we will never be getting together again, even if that were possible, because she lives far away, and I won't do anything to jeopardize the marriage to my faithful spouse.

Besides, her cheating forever smashed any hope of reconciliation. I just think it would be fun to find out what she has been doing in her life all these years.

Tom

A Tom, leaning over the edge,

leaning over the edge, leaning over the edge. How long before you lose your balance?

She reappeared in your life of her own accord and for her own reasons. You turned her down twice, but she didn't accept your No. She persisted until she got her foot in the door. What dire straits must she be in?

Her persistence caused you to double-think yourself. You imagine it would be "fun" to reconnect, but the real fun will begin when she entangles you in what she is trying to solve by contacting you.

For 50 years, you mislabeled her. You thought of her as your one true love, but you weren't her one true love. You didn't know who she was then, and you don't know who she is now.

Without knowing it, she is preying on your decades without physical affection.

Your wife is exactly who you married. Marriage does not change people into what the other person wants. At any point, you could have said, "I can't live like this," but you did not.

You are so starved for affection, you think a woman who showed you what she showed at least one other man, is your one true love. But what she has done by coming into your life again is to heat up your hunger.

If you intend to stay with your wife, communication with this woman must cease. All it does is spotlight what your marriage has always lacked. If you satisfy this hunger, then you have a marriage to end, and that includes 50 years of attachments, memories, and family connections.

Is it worth it?

Wayne & Tamara write: Directanswers@WayneAndTamara.com

American Life in Poetry

Li-Young Lee is an important American poet of Chinese parentage who lives in Chicago. Much of his poetry is marked by unabashed tenderness, and this poem is a good example of that.

Editor's Note: This column (486) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

I Ask My Mother to Sing

She begins, and my grandmother joins her.

Mother and daughter sing like young girls.

If my father were alive, he would play his accordion and sway like a boat.

I've never been in Peking, or the Summer Palace, nor stood on the great Stone Boat to watch the rain begin on Kuen Ming Lake, the picnickers running away in the grass.

But I love to hear it sung; how the waterlilies fill with rain until they overturn, spilling water into water, then rock back, and fill with more.

Both women have begun to cry. But neither stops her song.

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Sheriff's Report

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family members near the location harassing and threatening each other.

4:09 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

5:33 p.m: Foot Patrol - McGowan Quarry.

10:54 p.m: Person Stop - McGowan Quarry.

March 7: 10:19 a.m: Vehicle In Water - McK. Hwy. & McK. River Dr. An unoccupied black sedan was found off the north side of the roadway and partially submerged in water. Deputies and towing personnel responded.

12:01 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 55700 blk, McK. River Dr.

7:15 p.m: Citizen Contact - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

March 8: 3:45 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 46500 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:11 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 87700 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A blue ford was reported as being left at the location.

5:29 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88100 blk, Tiki Ln. The occupants of a red Kia and gray Subaru were reported as going door to door claiming to be employees from a local utility company. Deputies were unable to locate the involved subjects.

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

Ski Report

March 9, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that no new snow fell overnight, leaving the base at 97 inches. Temperatures were 22 degrees mid-mountain and 31 at the base with gusty SSW winds averaging 25 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported tempera-

Country Kitchen

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we learn about the changes in ingredients and the way food is cooked.

After cooking for years on gas and electric stoves, depending on the part of the country where we've lived, I marvel how we made delicious foods on wood burning cook stoves and regulated the ovens to produce cakes, bread and other baked goods

CORN PUDDING is an older recipe but still tasty today. Although the name implies pudding, it's basically a main meal dish.

Mix together corn finely cut from 3 ears, 3 beaten eggs, 2 cups milk, 2 teaspoons sugar 1 1/2 tablespoons butter, salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a baking dish, which you place in a pan of hot water in the oven. Bake at 375 for 30 to 45 minutes, or until knife comes clean when stuck into the pudding. You also can try adding some diced cooked ham or crisp crumbled bacon to the dish.

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Personal

The Leaburg Sew & So's will meet again on Monday afternoons when the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Center re-opens for community activities. Call Sara at 541-896-3059 for more information.

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Prominent role

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“Happy Jack” Halloran, the Phoenix swinger over whom the murders were apparently committed.

to bed and called in a marker from a physician friend, who came over and dismembered the corpses so that they would fit into a heavy steamer trunk — probably the one that Annie and Sammy had used to ship their clothes when they moved to Phoenix. The plan was to take the trunk out into the desert and leave it there, far away from anything, hopefully never to be found.

The next day, Ruth was scheduled for a shift at work, and she didn't want to draw attention to herself by not showing up. When she got home, she found that Jack had changed his mind about taking the trunk out and dumping it in the desert. Instead, he wanted her to check it as baggage on the train, ship it to Los Angeles, and dump it in the ocean. If anybody asked questions, she'd have a great reason for going — her brother and her husband both lived there.

But the trunk turned out to be too heavy to ship. By the time Ruth learned this, Happy Jack had left the house; so Ruth had to repack the corpses into smaller luggage. She did this, managing to fit Sammy in one and most of Annie in another. Annie's lower torso went into a smaller suitcase by itself.

And then Ruth was off to the train station.

But by this time, the bodies had been dead for a good 48 hours. Even in late autumn, Phoenix isn't always cool enough to keep decomposition at bay that long. The trunks apparently smelled OK when they went on board, but by the time they arrived in L.A. they had a distinctive smell about them that drew the attention of the baggage crew. One of the trunks was also oozing something liquescent and awful from one corner.

So when Ruth arrived with her brother to pick them up, the baggage handlers refused to release them unless they were opened for inspection. Ruth told them she didn't have the key, and would go get it, and they hurried away. The baggage handlers

few overseas.

In Phoenix, civic boosters quickly closed ranks. In the battle for reputation and growth, small on-the-make cities in the American West could not afford the kind of reputation for lawlessness, cronyism, and anarchy that this story painted their town with. This is probably why almost everyone in Phoenix seemed absolutely determined to see her as a stone-hearted femme fatale of the Bridgid O'Shaughnessy type.

In court, the prosecution's claim was that she'd snuck into the house and shot both the other women in bed, then chopped them up to fit in the trunks, gone in to work a shift, come home, shot herself in the hand so she could claim self-defense, and headed for Los Angeles.

As a story, this narrative barely held together, and it shouldn't have lasted a minute in court under competent cross-examination. The mattresses on which the victims had been supposedly shot — which would be soaked with blood if the story were true — had vanished, allegedly hauled away and disposed of by the 120-pound tubercular defendant, either on foot or in an unmentioned accomplice's car (she did not, of course, have one of her own). Also, the cops had allowed the house where the murders took place to be thrown open for visitors to tour for ten cents a head, so there was no untainted evidence there at all. And, as soon became clear, the bodies had been dismembered by someone with surgical tools and surgical skills — neither of which Ruth had.

But the jury bought it. Her trial was short and one-sided. They sentenced her to hang.

At the last minute, she was judged insane and remanded to the state asylum, where she remained for many years. Finally, in 1971, her sentence was commuted; she moved to California and lived out the remainder of her life there, finally dying in 1998 at the age of 93.

“Happy Jack” Halloran, although he did manage to stay out of prison, didn't get off completely unscathed. His days as a V.I.P. in Phoenix were over; his business backers pulled out, forcing him to sell his lumber yard for whatever he could get; and he sort of slunk out of town and disappeared from

the historical record shortly afterward. He died in Tucson in 1939, in his early 50s.

As for Dr. William Judd, he seems to have never given up on his wife. She was still married to him when, in October 1945, he died at the age of 62.

(Sources: *Portland Oregon Journal archives, October 1931; The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd, a book by Jana Bommersbach published in 1992 by Simon & Schuster; murderpedia.org*)

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

March 11 - Jason Lee was a missionary who came west in 1834 and established a Methodist mission near later-day Salem. But the business of converting the native inhabitants to Christianity was a dismal failure and Lee turned his attention to helping form a Provisional Government and founding what would become Willamette University. After his wife died, Lee departed Oregon, but after his death on March 12, 1845 his body was returned to Oregon where it was interred at Lee Memorial Cemetery in Salem.

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