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Take the time to be thankful for their sacrifices

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V. Star was a hit

Franklin Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Wendell Wilkie, and Shirley Temple.

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Memorial Day

Remembering all those who fought and sacrificed

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Body found on Hwy. 242

SISTERS: On May 21st, Deputies from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a report of a deceased male near the eastern snow gate of Hwy. 242. The corpse had been located by a mushroom hunter around noon.

Detectives and a Deputy Medical Examiner from the Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Of-

fice arrived on the scene to assist in the investigation. They found no evidence of foul play., according to Sergeant Jayson Janes of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

DCSO is still waiting for confirmation on the subject's identity. Family notifications will be made after his identity is confirmed, Janes said.



Snapping turtles are worse than their bite

ODFW asks public to report sightings

Snapping turtles, an invasive species in Oregon, are nesting this time of year and are more likely to be encountered on land which is an opportunity for the public to help out, wildlife officials say.

Snapping turtles can harm native turtle populations as well as amphibians, mammals, birds, and fish. Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) wildlife biologists are citing an uptick in reports. Recently, some people have captured some.

If a snapping turtle is sighted on land and it can be contained safely, ODFW suggests putting a large sturdy container - like a plastic storage tote - over the turtle and placing a heavy object on top to

prevent the turtle from escaping. They caution people to stay away from the snapping turtle's head - they have a long neck and a powerful bite.

The common snapping turtle, indigenous to the eastern United States but invasive in Oregon, can reach up to 18 inches in length. Its top shell is strongly serrated and varies from tan/brown to olive to almost black. Its tail has three rows of saw-tooth keels.

Sightings of snapping turtles can be reported at oregonturtles.org. Captured turtles can be delivered to an ODFW office when they are open (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) - call ahead to arrange a delivery.



ODFW

Capturing a snapping turtle should be done cautiously - keeping in mind how they got their name.

"Lifeless" geese aren't dead

Some had feared they could be bird flu victims

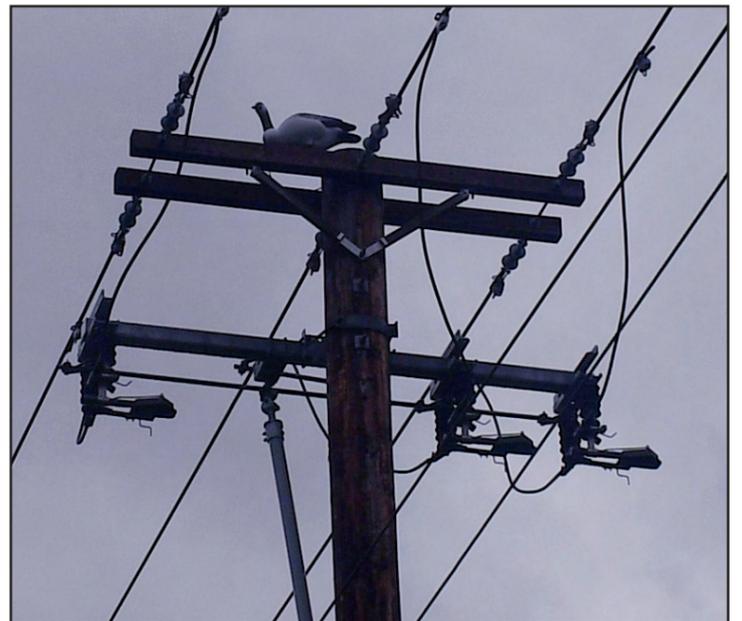
Recently, area residents have been wondering why what they thought were dead geese on utility lines weren't decomposing. Instead what they've observed is a Eugene Water & Electric Board program to discourage ospreys from building nests atop power poles that might cause fires or outages, as well as increase electrocution risks for the birds.

Birds remain committed to their sites year after year, which utility officials say can lead to very large nests that exceed the weight capacity of the pole and can create an unstable nest.

Those nests can also accumulate plastic debris, such as fishing lines, that present an entanglement hazard to the birds. In 2013, a baby osprey became tangled in a fishing line and was rescued by EWEB crews and Cascade Raptor Center staff after falling from its nest.

Because EWEB has approximately 3,200 poles within a quarter-mile of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers, the utility has been providing both alternatives and deterrents.

As of 2020, EWEB had built 30 osprey nesting platforms through-



One of the goose decoys has been placed on top of a pole across from EWEB's Holden Creek substation.

out their service territory, some on existing power poles and some as standalone structures. During the most recent annual assessment, the utility found that 22 of the platforms were actively in use.

Another solution was to use decoys. Although "owl" decoys have been used to scare away smaller birds, they don't deter

Ospreys. Other regional utilities have found Canadian Geese decoys work best for preventing the nesting problem.

Currently, decoys have been placed on poles near the Walthville Shopping Center, the Holden Creek substation and the Goodpasture Covered Bridge.

Getting out & about again

Sunny days boosted local groups' outdoor gatherings

In a one-two act, people had opportunities to socialize and not have to cook last weekend.

Keeping the food coming at the Orchid Medical Clinic's Friday afternoon BBQ was Andy Aldrich, husband of clinic manager Missy Aldrich. His grillwork kept a steady flow of burgers and dogs

Pasta master for the McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals "Spaghetti Dump" the next day was Devon Thompson, Executive Director at McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group. Attendees brought a quart of their favorite tomato-based sauce to add to a community pot full of combined flavors.



Burgers were part of the BBQ's bill of fare, above, while blended sauces assured new flavors for spaghetti fans (below).



Mary Ellen Weaver

Letters to the Editor

Russian Devil threatens the World

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the attendant destruction, deaths, and war crimes against humanity have dramatically changed the status of our world, and it is a wake-up call for Europe to be ready to confront Russia.

We are faced with a Russian devil who launches missiles to indiscriminately kill civilians and destroy civilian property. Ukraine needs the capability to destroy Russian missile launching sites.

Europe remembers the murders, destruction, and subjugation of WWII, and history is now repeating itself in Ukraine. NATO countries have to vastly increase their militaries, both defensively and offensively, to thwart Russia. Tactical nuclear missile systems

should be deployed within NATO countries. The addition of Sweden and Finland to NATO will give it a strategic presence in the north.

Economic sanctions against Russia must be maintained for years to drive the Russian economy into a depression. This will hurt the civilian population, but it is necessary to deprive the Russian military of funding, and hopefully, significantly degrade it over time; and Russia must pay trillions of dollars in war reparations to rebuild Ukraine. The Russian devil and other Russian hierarchies should be considered pariahs of the world for years to come, and Russian embassies should be reduced to skeleton staffs.

P.S. Please contribute to Ukrainian relief agencies.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

Guest Opinion

New programs prioritize investment in rural communities

By Lindsay Mouw

With the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure law last November—a \$1.3 trillion investment in our nation’s infrastructure—major funding is now available to rural communities. These funds can be used to rebuild roads and bridges, invest in high-speed internet access and clean drinking water, and upgrade electric power infrastructure.

However, just because these funds are available does not necessarily mean they are accessible. Rural communities often find it difficult to navigate funding opportunities because they lack the capacity to research and apply. Grant applications require extensive research, documentation, and technical writing skills. Additionally, some require communities to provide matching funds, a barrier to already resource-constrained communities.

The Biden-Harris administration has made it a priority to address this by launching new initiatives, including the Rural Partners Network and the Communities LEAP, and proposing the Office for Rural Prosperity.

The Rural Partners Network, an effort led by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture, launched in April with the goal of transforming the way federal agencies partner with rural communities to create economic opportunity. Federal field staff will be located in rural communities to help them navigate and access federal resources.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the Communities Local Energy Action Program (LEAP), which will create a community-driven action plan focused on reducing local pollution, increasing energy resilience, and lowering utility costs and energy burdens for 22 low-income communities, including the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Additionally, Congresspersons from Iowa, Nebraska, and other states introduced a bipartisan bill to establish a permanent Office for Rural Prosperity. The Office would ensure federal dollars earmarked for rural communities are actually spent there and ease access to government services for rural Americans.

These three initiatives demonstrate that the federal government is serious about prioritizing rural America. Often overlooked or sidelined due to a variety of challenges, rural communities now have a more equitable opportunity to access federal programs and funding.

Lindsay Mouw, is a policy associate with the Center for Rural Affairs in Lyons, NE



Fire Season underway on BLM lands

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued special restrictions on all their public lands administered in Oregon and Washington beginning on May 27, until October 31.

Prohibitions under the order include:

1. Discharging or using fireworks or pyrotechnic devices.
2. Discharging or using combustible or explosive composition or chemical devices, including but not limited to exploding targets.
3. Discharging or using tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition.
4. Discharging steel component (core or jacket) ammunition, except a person with a valid State hunting license actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of Game/Non-Game species in accordance with the current hunting seasons.
5. Releasing or causing to be released any sky lanterns, airborne paper lanterns, aerial luminaries and/or fire balloons.
6. Shooting at any metallic object, including but not limited to using metal targets for target shooting.

The BLM may issue permits to persons to specifically authorize them to engage in acts otherwise prohibited under the order:

1. Any federal, state, or local government employee acting in his or her official capacity.

2. Any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force during performance of an official duty.

An exemption does not necessarily absolve an individual or organization from liability or re-

sponsibility for any fire caused by an exempted activity.

Any person who violates this fire prevention order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for up to one year, or both. Such violation may also be subject to the fines provided for under the order.

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Friday 5/27		Saturday 5/28		Sunday 5/29	
McKenzie Valley AM Showers 50% chance precip High: 63 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Showers 50% chance precip High: 51 Low: 36	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 60 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 49 Low: 36	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 59 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 48 Low: 35

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
5/17	68	47	0	2,573 cfs	5/17	63	43	0	9,690 cfs
5/18	55	47	0.30	NA	5/18	68	45	0.31	8,260 cfs
5/19	67	41	2.52	2,070 cfs	5/19	61	43	0.05	8,090 cfs
5/20	59	40	0	2,055 cfs	5/20	59	41	0.10	7,780 cfs
5/21	68	37	0	2,013 cfs	5/21	63	41	0	6,031 cfs
5/22	72	43	0	1,234 cfs	5/22	72	39	0	5,796 cfs
5/23	71	55	0	1,234 cfs	5/23	74	50	0	4,770 cfs

Sheriff's Report

May 16: 1:08 a.m: Hit & Run - 39400 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

May 17: 9:06 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

10:44 a.m: Request Cover - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

10:44 a.m: Assist Oregon State Police - 91100 blk, McCauley St.

11:14 a.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

1:25 p.m: Disoriented Subject - Thurston Rd. & Billings Rd.

2:44 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:20 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:35 p.m: Vicious Animal - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.

6:12 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:56 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:44 p.m: Unattended Boat - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 18: 11:50 a.m: Custodial Interference - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:56 p.m: Animal Abuse - 37100 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A passerby reported that two horses looked as if they were malnourished. A

deputy responded and was able to confirm that the horses were being properly cared for.

5:03 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - hill Rd. & Marcola Rd. Deputies responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury crash.

7:43 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A caller reported that a neighbor threatened to hurt her when she asked him to turn down his music.

May 19: 12:51 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:08 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90300 blk, Hill Rd. Verbal dispute involving caller and caller's daughter. No injuries or crimes reported.

1:45 p.m: Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:09 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd. A caller reported that vehicles keep being abandoned at a nearby gravel stockpile.

2:00 p.m: Civil Service - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 20: 3:02 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

3:18 p.m: Citizen Contact - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

3:23 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

3:52 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & McK. River Dr.

4:00 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 50.

4:13 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 48.

4:53 p.m: Assist Public - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

5:12 p.m: Driving While Suspended - N. Bank Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:12 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 5. A deputy checked on a travel trailer in the area.

5:25 p.m: Theft - McGowan Education Center. A trail camera was discovered to have been stolen.

6:30 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 34.

7:10 p.m: Assist OSP - McK. Hwy. & McK. River Dr.

8:17 p.m: Assist Public - 54900 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:28 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Deerhorn Rd. Mp. 9. A caller saw what appeared to be someone trying to force entry into a residence via the screen door. The involved vehicle was described as a green Honda Civic with a blue hood.

May 21: 7:59 a.m: Sign Down (not stop sign) - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

12:27 p.m: Civil Service - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:35 p.m: Vehicle stop - Quartz Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

1:31 p.m: Citizen Contact - Bigelow Hot Springs.

2:27 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

3:58 p.m: Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:13 p.m: Mental Subject - 91600 blk, alma dr.

4:19 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Mp. 14.

4:51 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Quartz Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

4:54 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

6:07 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

6:09 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Wendling Rd. & Martin Ln. A deputy patrolling the area made contact with the occupants of a vehicle.

9:21 p.m: Civil Service - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

9:37 p.m: Civil Service - 37500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

May 22: 12:11 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

2:40 a.m: Suspicious Condit-

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

May 16: 14:29: 40000 block, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No transport.

14:52: Leaburg Lake. Public Assist. 2 people returned to shore.

15:12: 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Mutual Aid Request. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 18: 10:26: McK. Hwy./Deerhorn Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/ Blocking.

13:39: 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

May 14: 17:15: Assist Police Dept. - 91000 block, Alma Dr. Female patient.

21:31: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

May 9: 15:00: Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

May 15: 17:13: Motor Vehicle Accident - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Scooter ran into parked car. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

May 16: 14:54: Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female patient.

May 18: 22:46: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

May 20: 19:27: Medical - McK. Hwy./Milepost 47. Female lying in the roadway over the white line. OSP & LCSO En Route.

State Police Report

May 19: 12:29: Criminal Mischief - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 9.9. Troopers responded to a Criminal Mischief complaint. CenturyLink employees advised subjects were damaging and attempting to steal phone lines. Damage was observed and tools to complete theft were on private property. Attempts were made to contact property owners. Investigation is pending further information.

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By Slim Randles

"Before we begin our regular commencement tonight," said combined elementary/high school principal Jim Albertson, "we have a special award to present. Will Windy Wilson please come up here on the stage with us?"

Windy looked up at the stage in the gymnasium and all he saw were black choir robes and smiles. He looked at his fellow spectators and all he saw were grins and people sitting down.

"Windy?" said Jim. Windy walked up to the stage and shook hands with the principal. "Put this on."

Windy draped a black robe around himself and put the mortarboard on his head.

Albertson pulled a piece of paper from his shirt pocket.

"Alphonse Wilson, it is the judgment of your community and friends that no one has ever worked harder for an honorary doctor's degree. Am I right on that?"

The young graduates clapped and hooted, and so did the audience. Windy looked at the floor and blushed right through his grey beard.

"We can't give you an honorary doctorate here because we don't have one. But your neighbors discovered that you only lacked one class to graduate from high school, and we can do something about that."

"Alphonse Wilson ... known to all as Windy ... this school ... these young graduates ... and all your friends and neighbors are proud to bestow upon you an honorary high school diploma."

Jim placed a ribbon with a medal hanging from it around Windy's neck and handed him a rolled-up certificate.

Not too many aging cowboy camp cooks and philosophers receive standing ovations, but then, there's nothing very ordinary about Windy Wilson and we all know that.

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Valsetz Star, edited by 9-year-old, won national fame

By Finn J.D. John

If you'd taken a nationwide poll in 1939, asking people from outside Oregon to name as many Oregon towns as they could, the top three would probably be Portland, Salem — and Valsetz.

Portland, because it's the biggest, of course. Salem, because it's the state capitol. And Valsetz, because of its newspaper, the Valsetz Star, and the Star's editor, 11-year-old Dorothy Anne Hobson.

The 9-year-old editor

Dorothy Anne was the daughter of Henry and Ruby Hobson, the cookhouse managers for the tiny company town of Valsetz, which was owned by the Cobbs & Mitchell Lumber Company. Her newspaper was hand-crafted on a card table on regular legal-size sheets of paper, and her printing press was a mimeograph machine in Cobbs & Mitchell's downtown Portland office.

From there, each month, it went out to a small but influential (and growing) list of subscribers — including Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Wendell Wilkie, and Shirley Temple. It was read on the air by countless radio announcers, all over the country. It was a sensation.

How the Star got its start

The paper was started in the summer of 1937 when Dorothy, then 9 years old, was having lunch in the Valsetz cookhouse with Herbert Templeton, one of the logging company's executives.

"There's going to be a newspaper in Valsetz," she told him firmly, and showed him the first edition, sketched out on a school tablet.

"It was at once apparent that the editor was able," Templeton wrote later. "Valsetz surely offered a good and fertile field. Why shouldn't Valsetz have a paper? A deal was promptly consummated whereby our Portland office, splendidly equipped with a sixty-dollar mimeograph machine, would print the Valsetz Star. Dorothy Anne chose to dignify us with the title of Publishers."

"Hemlock, Fir, Kindness and Republicans"

Although The Star didn't adhere to AP style, its editor was



University of Washington

The Valsetz dining-hall crew around 1937. Dorothy Anne Hobson is in the center of the group; her parents, Henry and Ruby, are the two people at the left side in the front row.

a stickler for deadlines. The Star was published faithfully every month — with the exception of a couple months very early in its run ("We didn't have a June issue of 'The Star.' Nellie and I played too much. We hope nobody wants their money back.").

Right from the start, the paper made a big deal about its political affiliation. "We believe in hemlock, fir, kindness and Republicans," Dorothy wrote.

But she was always careful to add that Democrats were also nice people. She adored President Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor; she just wished they were Republicans, that's all.

"The Republicans are nice and sensible, but the Democrats are lots of fun," she wrote in 1939. "We don't know what to think."

Precociousness in print

The tone of the Valsetz Star, right from the start, is of a sort of hilarious precociousness — the kind of thing you would expect from a really intelligent 11-year-old.

"Everyone contributed toward the entertainment," she wrote in July 1938, describing a company event. "This is the first time we have used the word 'contributed,' but we will be using bigger words from now on because Mother bought the 'Book of Knowledge' set for us from Mrs. Shea of

Portland, and she gave us a big dictionary with the set. We will pay for it later."

For a pre-teen, though, she had a wicked wit, which her parents always seemed to get the worst of — especially her mother, Ruby.

"Mr. Frank Trower, in San Francisco, said there is a new book out about the logging woods called 'Holy Old Mackinaw,' but was not a book for ladies to read," she wrote in April 1939. "Mother sent for it right away."

"Daddy is trying to find a place for his vacation this summer where his stomach won't get any bigger," she remarked in the "Local News" column for March 1940.

And then there was September 1939, when an attempt by the corset industry to reconquer American fashion met with mixed success in the Hobson home.

"Mother has some new corsets for a waist like a wasp," Dorothy noted, "but when she laces them real tight she faints."

The Star on life in Valsetz

The Star was most known for adorable observations on life in a small backwoods town.

"Things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving day:" she wrote, in the November 1937 paper. "That our living room leaks in one corner instead of all over. That the new truck road didn't slide into the pond. That they have snow in Seattle instead of here."

"Valsetz is small but very exciting," she wrote in the July 1939 issue. "One couple got married, one couple got divorced, three men got in a fight, two babies were born, and two men got in jail. Greta Garbo can milk a cow. ... Weather Forecast: Too hot for words."

As time went by, though, the tone of the Valsetz Star underwent a subtle change. As its prose got more professional, it grew less carefree ... its editor was growing up.

The Star and politics

The 1940 election brought with it a torrent of hate mail. The U.S. is a large country, and if only one-tenth of one percent of Americans think it's OK to verbally abuse an 11-year-old girl for backing the "wrong" presidential candidate, that's still a lot of people.

In response to them, she penned what has to be, even today, the gold standard for responses to anonymous trolls:

"A few people have written us dreadful letters for supporting Wendell Wilkie (for president), but they did not sign their names," she wrote. "Please don't be ashamed of your name. We are not ashamed of ours."

The Star goes dark

Anonymous sarcasm and other crude, abusive feedback was easily sloughed off. But other, subtler malevolent spirits seem to have been more successful at stealing young Dorothy Anne's dreams. Probably the most poignant issue of The Valsetz Star came in February 1941, when this celebrated, nationally famous 12-year-old author wrote the following, in her monthly "Special Editor's Note" column:

"After reading several letters written to us, we've decided not to be a lawyer. One man wrote, 'Women are failures as lawyers. They lack nerve and are too soft.' And even one woman wrote from Chicago, 'Women talk too much, honey. Try something else.'"

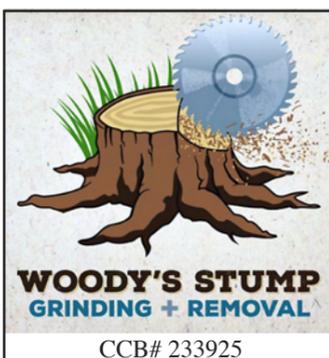
"Then," she continued, "from a very smart young man in New York who signed his name with a great dash: 'Women? Huh, they make me sick. Law! That's a laugh. They better look after a man's stomach instead of his lawsuits.' We've gotten quite discouraged over all this, and although we can't see anything very interesting about stomachs we think maybe we had better just keep house."

At the end of that year, Dorothy folded up her newspaper and threw herself into extracurricular activities at her new junior high school in Salem.

So far as I've been able to learn, she never published anything again.

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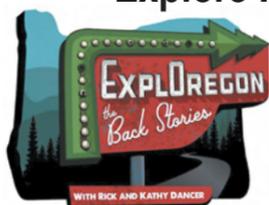
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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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of permaculture, learn to do a site analysis, study methods and principles and get into climate-specific strategies.

“I’ve seen exponential growth in permaculture in recent years because it directly addresses many of the issues that are on people’s minds, such as climate change, food security and the alleviation of poverty,” Millison said. “It offers solutions to these issues, and this course gives people a way to make a positive impact.”

Permaculture is a system of designing sustainable landscapes, Millison said, and encompasses social and cultural as well as ecological ethics.

“When I first got interested in permaculture back in the ‘90s, I was looking for a way people could live on the planet and provide for themselves in a harmonious way with nature,” he said. “That’s what permaculture is about. My elevator definition is that it’s a sustainable land system.”

In the home garden, he suggests:

Evaluate the site. Note the exposure of sun and shade; where soil is dry or wet; areas that are windy or where frost remains longer than other parts of the garden.

Plan the garden according to the site, keeping in mind that highest-maintenance plants go closest to human activity.

Create a diverse habitat with plants for humans and other living things. Plant vegetables, herbs and fruit. Put in native hedgerows and plants with nectar, seeds and berries. Add water features.

Compost woody debris and food scraps on site. Create fertile cycles by building the soil with compost, which in turn will produce healthy food.

The MOOC is a joint effort of Open Oregon State, OSU Professional and Continuing Education, Oregon State Ecampus and OSU Extension and Experiment Station Communications.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



IDEAS FOR USING LEFTOVERS

Often it seems we’re in a “throw away” society where we don’t utilize leftovers. If you don’t have to watch your food budget, then the idea of shopping wisely and cooking to get the most out of your food dollars isn’t a concern.

However, I grew up with the philosophy of utilizing the leftovers not consumed in a current meal.

Making Spreads and Soups

* Save meat juice and gravy to use as soup stock. They add flavor to many meat dishes.

* Scrape the last cooked meat from the bones (beef, chicken, pork) to make meat spreads for sandwiches. Chop it finely or grind it, then mix with mayonnaise, salad dressing, perhaps some relish, for sandwich fillings and salads.

Leftover Onions, Potatoes, Vegetables

* If you don’t use an entire onion, chop it up, put it into a freezer bag and freeze. Add other leftover chopped onion to it. Then use these onions in various dishes when cooking. Do the same with leftover green and red pepper.

* When I don’t use a whole onion, I wrap it in plastic wrap and place in the vegetable drawer. Then I slice as needed in cooking and for salads and sandwiches.

* Leftover baked potatoes can be sliced, spread with garlic butter, browned under the broiler and served as hors d’oeuvres. Or

serve them at your next meal as the potato dish. They also can be sliced and browned in the frying pan.

* Use leftover mashed potatoes in a variety of ways - potato patties, shepherd’s pie, mixed with egg and baked in the oven.

* Save leftover vegetables and place them in a container in the freezer. A friend (mother of four children) said she kept adding to this until she had enough vegetables to make a vegetable soup or add to a meat soup.

Condiments

* Don’t throw out pickle liquid. You can use this to add flavor to salads, gravies, soups, dressings, meat and vegetable dishes.

* Is there some ketchup left in the bottle? Add some vinegar and oil to it, shake well, and use as a salad dressing.

These are just a few tips. However, they might help you stretch your food, prevent waste, and help your budget.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)



Encouraging sustainability and efficiency

As you walk from car to doorway, ripe blueberries wait to be plucked, the fragrance of basil reminds you of the pesto planned for dinner, a small slug meets its end before snacking on the lettuce seedlings. Without knowing it, you’re practicing permaculture.

And as part of an effort to aid this growing movement, a free new course at Oregon State University this spring may help you learn more.

“Part of permaculture is placing elements for efficient management as you move through the garden,” said Andrew Millison, a permaculture instructor in the department of horticulture at OSU. “It’s the most efficient garden system.”

High-maintenance plants are placed closest to human activity. Lower-care plants go farther away because you don’t need to deal

with them as much.

“If a gardener pays attention to something, it grows well,” Millison said. “If it’s in your face, you’ll pick a slug off, you’ll pluck a tomato, you’ll fix a trellis after the wind blows it down. So you place things that need high attention where they’ll get it.”

Millison, a longtime proponent, practitioner, designer and builder of permaculture systems, will teach a free, online course, Intro to Permaculture Design, from May 2–30. The massive open online course, or MOOC, is intended for anyone, anywhere, who wants to take a course from OSU. Registration continues through May 1. About 10,000 people are expected to take the class.

Students will spend two to four hours a week creating their own permaculture design by importing a Google map of their site and using a simple drag-and-draft tool. Through videos, graphics, interactive technology and readings, they’ll get an overview

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Community Notes

May 28

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

May 28

Church Yard Sale

The McKenzie Bridge Christian Church will hold its annual fundraiser to keep its Youth Program free, and generate money for various youth camp. People can donate items they no longer want or need and bring them to the Church. Call (541) 822-6061 before delivering items. The sale will start at 10 a.m. People should not come early unless to donate.

May 30

Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

June 13

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 - 6:30 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

June 13

Springfield School Board

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

June 15

Upper McK Firer Board

The will meet at 7p.m. at the fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

June 15

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

June 16

McK River Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food

Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. Tues: 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm, every 2nd & 4th Tuesday.

June 18

McKenzie River Trail Run

McKenzie River Trail Run's 35th year, Oregon's oldest continuous ultra trail race. As a result of local fires and smoke inversions the MRTR will take place in June rather than its usual post Labor Day weekend. The MRTR converted to a nonprofit 4 years ago and takes great pride in making post race donations to other local nonprofits and local worthy causes. We would like to thank all the past and present local volunteers who help make this annual event possible.

June 20

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

July 16

Spring Flea Market

Spring is the time of year when most of us are motivated to clean our homes, garages and storage sheds to whip our homes into shape. But what to do with all that "stuff" you no longer want or need? Vida McKenzie Community Center has a solution!

On Saturday, July 16th, there will be a Flea Market at McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church where you can become a "vendor" by purchasing a "space" to sell your new or used goods to the general public. Best of all, you keep all profits.

The highway location in Walterville is great for attracting buyers and VMCC will provide publicity, tables and a yummy snack bar to keep shoppers happy while they browse.

Interested? Contact Tammy Pelton regarding table fees. Reserve your space now! Call 951-970-0176 for more information.

Sheriff's Report

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ions - 35400 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A caller reported a male had been banging on the caller's door. Deputies made contact with a male who stated he was in the area looking for his stolen vehicle.

9:07 a.m: Dog At Large - 40200 blk, Storment Ln.

12:29 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

1:16 p.m: Reckless Driving - 51700 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:37 p.m: Location of Stolen Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

5:45 p.m: Mental Subject - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

May 23: 7:48 a.m: Request Cover - McK. Hwy. & Greenwood Dr.

12:48 p.m: Citizen Contact - 88600 blk, Whitsell Ln.

1:49 p.m: Fraud - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd. A Caller reported losing an undisclosed amount of money to a gift card scam.

5:23 p.m: Towed Vehicle - 36900 blk, Boiler Creek Rd.

6:38 p.m: Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Only.
May 19: 6:54: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

18:03: 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded.

May 20: 17:05: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 21: 0:50: 90000 blk, Leashore Dr. Public Assist. Assisted Homeowner.

May 22: 20:13: 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.



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Leaburg Hydroelectric Project Strategic Evaluation:
Leaburg Lake Listening Sessions

Saturday, May 28th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lloyd Knox Park covered area

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We will also be at Lloyd Knox Park on the following dates:

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- Tuesday, 7/12, 4 - 8 p.m.
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Narrow Escape

Six months ago I met a certain man through my father. After our introduction we talked, and he told me if I could meet him somewhere, he wanted to tell me something important. I didn't show up because I was afraid.

Since then not a moment goes by that I don't think of him. I have seen him a few times, but he acts like he doesn't notice me. I am frustrated because I am falling in love with him. I asked advice from a friend, but she said if he was interested in me, he could have told me a long time ago.

Whenever I see this man, I feel I am being torn apart. I don't think I can live without him. My instinct is telling me we will be together some day.

Carmen

Carmen, there is a big difference between instinct and second thoughts. Your instincts told you to beware, this man's invitation sounds fishy. Acting from instinct, you didn't show up.

Personal security expert Gavin de Becker tells people intuition is always right in two ways. It is always in response to something and always has your best interest

at heart. "Unlike worry," de Becker says, "intuition will not waste your time."

Acting from instinct, you didn't meet him. Now you are having second thoughts. You say you don't think you can live without him, but what you really can't live without is love. One of the hardest things for people to learn is not to let their need for love override an obvious bad choice.

Wayne & Tamara

Flash Point

I answered an online personal ad posted by a man in my city. I liked his ad, and his photograph was interesting. After several attempts to meet, we decided to give up. To be honest, I think our interest in each other fizzled at the same time.

Although we didn't discuss personal information, we did exchange information about where we worked. I noticed from his email address that we both worked in the same industry. Since I work in a huge place, I didn't think much about divulging the name of my company.

In one email, he mentioned he had friends at my workplace, and they said good things about

me. One of the people he talked to was my supervisor. I honestly wasn't trying to send this man a parting shot, but I did tell him, in a nice way, I didn't like him asking colleagues about me.

He fired back a venomous two page email. I was shocked. Not wanting to leave things in an uproar, I responded in a gentle, conciliatory way. His response was shorter, but even more vicious. He called me paranoid and neurotic, and warned me against contacting him again.

I know I'll never divulge my workplace again, but I wonder if I was wrong to tell him how I felt? What is the protocol for a situation like this?

Marcia

Marcia, have you seen the famous Peter Steiner cartoon about the Internet? A dog sits on a chair at a desk, one paw on a computer keyboard. He looks down at a dog on the floor and says, "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

There is only one rule for a woman to follow online: don't do anything which compromises your safety. As far as you could reasonably expect, you did nothing wrong. If anyone at work mentions this man, laugh it off. You have nothing to be ashamed of.

Once he flamed you, you should have left him alone. The wisest strategy for dealing with

angry, irrational people is to end contact completely. There is no established protocol for dealing with a situation like this. It's like going to a football game. You will rub elbows with all kinds of people, from philanthropists to criminals. Evaluate each person on their own merits.

Wayne & Tamara

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

There is a stretch of childhood that can be filled with such vivid images, yet it is often hard to determine whether what is being recalled is memory of our experience, or a memory of what we have been told. Jessica Abughattas' poem, "Watching My Mother", ends with such optimism and confidence, even though the details of what she remembers are a stylized and beautiful version of disquiet. In this elegant poem, she enacts the strange magic of how we often organize memory in a manner that allows us to survive.

Watching My Mother

By Jessica Abughattas

Beside the Ford Thunderbird, a suitcase splayed open. She collects her clothes from the driveway. The yellow jumper collapses into a million threads of saffron. She keeps dropping them. They wither and dissolve, petal by petal into pavement. Her hands are rivers. Her eyes, mascara bats. Her hair is crying. I am five and perfect.

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

May 26 - Donald McTavish was a flamboyant fur trader who came to Oregon in 1814 aboard the heavily armed British merchant ship, Isaac Todd. Before leaving England, a young barmaid, Jane Barnes, caught McTavish's eye and he brought her on the voyage. She became the first white woman to set foot on Oregon soil. McTavish assumed his duties as Chief Factor of the North West Company and set about reorganizing the Department of the Columbia. But on May 22, 1814 McTavish, and four of his men were drowned when their boat capsized in the treacherous Columbia River. Jane Barnes was returned to England.

Fishing Report

McKenzie River: All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: Leaburg Lake - 1,400, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 5,173, and Blue River - 600.

Fish Counts
May 19, Willamette Falls
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