Rebuilding a floodplain

Restoration work scheduled for next three months

Finn Rock: Dozers, excavators, and dump trucks will be busy in the coming months after breaking ground on the second and final phase of floodplain restoration work at the Finn Rock Reach. Work on the 27.8-acre conservation area owned by the McKenzie River Trust was launched during the summer of 2021. It is focused on reshaping the area to conditions similar to the aquatic habitat that existed along the McKenzie River before the construction of flood control projects like the Blue River and Cougar dams. Project details focus on creating conditions that will simulate a large flooding event, that spreads sediments across the site and lowers the floodplain back to historic elevations. While the work is underway, passersby can expect to see large equipment moving dirt, rocks, and trees around the property. New channels will also be dug in combination with the addition of “engineered large wood structures” that are designed to slow and spread water across the site. Besides promoting improved water quality, the large wood chunks are expected to provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife, including endangered salmon that use the area for both spawning sites and rearing juvenile fish.

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Summer roadwork underway

$9.5 million to fund Highway 126 paving projects

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A $5.5 million project will extend from Milepost 13 to 19.8 of the Clear Lake Cutoff.

A $4.5 million project will extend from Milepost 26-206 split near 204 and 26-206 split near Frissell Trail.

Rollover wrecks semi

Friday accident took out 200 feet of fencing

Oregon State Police Troopers were dispatched just before 7 a.m. on Friday when a semi ran off the road near Milepost 19 of the McKenzie Highway. According to OSP the vehicle drifted over the fog line onto the narrow roadside shoulder and hit the edge of the pavement, which pulled the truck onto a steep embankment. That overturned the Kenworth T800, causing it to strike an ODOT merge sign and approximately 200 ft. of adjacent property fencing - sustaining moderate damage to the passenger side. Police said the driver, Bo Wayne Panagiotopoulos, 38, from Kingman, AZ, was complaining of pain in his legs and was transported to the Riverbend Hospital for evaluation.

Controlled burn didn’t comply

Fire crews have quelled McKenzie Bridge wildfire

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Democratic senators and progressive groups have urged senators to return to work, saying the boycott is costing more than money. “Senate Minority Leader Tim Kopp,” R-Bend, said the Senate Republicans are not only collecting a taxpayer-funded paycheck despite not doing their jobs, but they are also doing so while blocking progress on the very policies that their constituents need to achieve economic stability — affordable housing, behavioral health supports, protection from wildfire and drought, school funding and more,” Michele Rutfins, executive director of Our Oregon, a progressive nonprofit that advocates for social justice, said in a statement to the Capital Chronicle. “This political gamesmanship is an insult to regular Oregonians everywhere who work for show up for work every single day and expect their elected senators to do the same.”

In an interview with the Capital Chronicle, Knopp said Republic senators continue to do other work, even as they skip floor sessions. “We’re having meetings,” Knopp, R-Keizer, said. “We are going to committees. We’re doing our constituent work. We’re being available to people.”

Under past walkouts when Republican lawmakers vanished entirely from the state Capitol, senators still show up in Salem. For example, Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Hillsboro, was absent from the floor last Wednesday but attended a Senate Rules Committee meeting later that day. On Tuesday, Knopp was absent from the floor but attended a Senate Rules Committee meeting.

Senators have said they are boycotting floor sessions because bills fail to comply with a state law that requires summaries of legislation to have an eighth-grade reading level. Republicans have also insisted that Democratic senators need to set aside bills they consider too partisan, including House Bill 2002, which expands abortion rights and access to transgender care, and House Bill 2005, which raises the minimum age to purchase most firearms from 18 to 21 years. “What we would say is in fact that we are doing our job because we are protecting the people of Oregon (from) the tyranny of the majority for people who don’t want to follow the law,” Knopp said. “And we’re saying you don’t have a choice because once our lawmakers say, The law doesn’t apply to me, I’ve got the votes, I can do what I want — That is dangerous.”

Meanwhile, Senate President Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, had little to say Tuesday — either about senators continuing to get paid or whether the two sides can reach an agreement before the session ends by June 25. “There’s a long time to go between now and the end of session,” Wagner told reporters after the floor session. “Like I said, conversations are ongoing, and I think everything’s on the table.”

Taxpayers spend millions on the entire legislative session, regardless of whether bills pass or not. The total estimated cost of a long session is nearly $18 million. Each day, the legislative session costs taxpayers nearly $97,500 on average, which includes salaries for representatives, senators, and most support staff, according to legislative records.

And the Senate alone costs taxpayers nearly $37,000 a day during the session. That includes costs such as office staff, communications staffers, and other aides who assist legislators. Though it’s business as usual in the House and Republican senators say they’re working, the protest means that the session could end with millions spent and relatively few bills passed, including the budget. They include bills on housing and homelessness, food assistance, education, and mental health and addiction care that thousands of Oregonians need. Gov. Tina Kotek is likely to call a special session to pass the budget if lawmakers fail to adopt one.
May 29: 7:40 a.m: Theft – 59200 N. Belknaps Springs Rd. A Norco brand bicycle and other property including a backpack, luggage, two cycling kits and 2 credit cards were stolen.

1:32 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute – 39000 blk, Hendricks Parks Rd. Verbal dispute between family members. No injuries reported.

May 30: 12:38 p.m: Safety Hazard – McK. River Dr. & Caddis Ln. A Norco brand bicycle and other property including a backpack, luggage, two cycling kits and 2 credit cards were stolen from a campsite.

2:36 p.m: Citizen Contact – 38400 blk, McK. Hwy. A female was heard outside yelling. Determined to be related to a medical call.

June 1: 11:28 a.m: Reckless Driving – Goodpasture Rd. & McK. Hwy. 2 pitbull dogs with him.

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June 2: 2:20 a.m: Vehicle in Camp Creek Rd. 

11:31 a.m: Citizen Contact - McGowan Quarry. A man was seen walking with a gas can and case of beer. He also had a tan pitbull dog with him.

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June 3: 7:07 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:05 a.m: Criminal Mischief - 50000 blk, McK. Hwy.


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11:24 a.m: Theft - 45400 blk, McK. Hwy.

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1:27 p.m: Suspicious Subject – McK. Hwy. & Page Ln. A man was seen walking with a gas can and case of beer. He also had a tan pitbull dog with him.


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2:07 p.m: 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. Milepost 9.9. A Kenworth and silver/Great Dane trailer were towed. Involved: 31-year-old male from Brooklyn, NY.

July 2: 10:24 a.m: Assist, Traffic – 42800 blk, McK. Hwy. A man was seen walking with a gas can and case of beer. He also had a tan pitbull dog with him. Involved: 31-year-old male from Brooklyn, NY.

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Gardening is one of the more therapeutic things a person can do – emotionally, mentally and physically – but for some it seems out of reach.

Good design and practices can make gardening accessible for everyone.

“We all have challenges if we live long enough,” said Corinne Thomas-Kersting, a retired speech-language pathologist and nine-year Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener. “We have different challenges. Even when you’re young and healthy there are things to do to prevent future disabilities.”

Thomas-Kersting advocates “universal” garden design – planning the landscape so that anyone can access and enjoy it.

“It is my deeply held belief that we don’t need to label people as having a disability versus being ‘normal,’” she said. “Using universal design benefits us all.”

There are many ways to design a garden with accessibility in mind to be able to entertain a wide range of abilities. The goal is to make the garden enjoyable for guests and residents alike.

**Gardening Tips**

By Kym Pokorny

**Gardening can be accessible to all.**

“For me, I really love to touch things,” she said. “I’m gently touching things when I’m in another garden. Think about texture – smooth, fuzzy, lacy, sharp. Variety and diversity in the garden and mindfulness in how it’s designed opens up the opportunity for more people to enjoy it. And you enjoy it, as well.”

A new Extension publication, “Gardens for Everyone,” gives tips for creating accessible home and community gardens, including design, navigation, tools and equipment and plant selection.

In her own garden, Thomas-Kersting redid some steps into a ramp. Not only does it allow people in wheelchairs to traverse the path, but it makes it easier to move the wheelbarrow from one area of the garden to another.

And, she says, it looks better with a slopping, continuous path rather than steps.

Stretching, resting and using the correct tools top the list of approaches to avoid injuries and mitigate disability from mobility limitations to medical challenges such as arthritis. Have benches and chairs sprinkled throughout the garden as places to rest. Keep water around so you can get to the center when sitting or kneeling.

Put away tools, hoses, planters or whatever comes to mind to be able to reach into the garden. Keep tools and equipment close to the garden so you don’t have to walk far. If possible, move your garden sheds adjacent to the garden.

Garden with lower maintenance plants that don’t need as much water, pruning, staking and deadheading. Look for plants that are disease and pest resistant.

**Equipment for Everyone**

Let’s talk steaks. Steaks that are tender, juicy, and full of flavor. Perfectly aged, hand-trimmed, light and easy to prepare.

There’s much more you can do. Here are some tips to increase the ease of gardening and make it accessible for everyone.

* Use a kneeler with handles that will help you get up. There are some you can turn over and use as a seat.
* Sit on a bucket or seat made for someone with a disability.
* Use major muscles and keep your back straight.
* Start small. Biting off more than you can chew can be overwhelming. Work and more chance of * Keep pruners and other equipment sharp. Use a sheath to protect yourself from accidentally sitting or kneeling on them.
* Build raised beds or tables out of wood, concrete blocks or thick pavers. Make them 3–4 feet wide so you can easily reach into the garden. The middle height should be between 24 to 36 inches. Kits are also available.

Many afternoons we four young ones spent by the swimming hole after chores were done and we weren’t needed in the hay field. This also was a refreshing place after a day helping Father and the man hired with the haying.

Mother often joined us between gardening and canning tasks. When we were small, she brought us to the swimming hole so we could learn to swim. She hadn’t learned until she was in high school and attended a church summer camp on a lake.

Cousin Ina and the Elves

Mother’s Cousin Ina lived and worked in New York City, several hours away and often visited us on weekends. She enjoyed the swimming hole, too.

One summer Cousin Ina asked Father to hang a hammock between two trees on either side of the smaller brook. Here she relaxed and read and let us children swing over the brook, too. Recently I found a photo of Cousin Ina and us sitting in the hammock with our feet dangling in the water.

Cousin Ina told us about the little elves she heard chatting mid the water bubbling over the rocks. At that early age in our lives, she convinced us there must be elves living near the book.

That’s where the ideas for several of my stories about Dubbins, the little elf originated. (Dubbins Rescues Grandfather Trout appears in the anthology Tales of Adventure & Discovery and delights children during my visits at schools, libraries, and summer camps.)

Here’s a salad dish, almost a meal in itself, you can tote along in a cooler or eat in the back yard.

**PIZZA SALAD** – a favorite of my daughter’s.

In a large bowl, combine 1 pound cooked and drained elbow or spiral macaroni, 3 medium seeded and diced tomatoes, 1 pound cheddar cheese cut into cubes, 2 green onions sliced, and 3 ounces sliced pepperoni.

In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup olive oil, 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/4 cup red wine vinegar, salt and pepper to taste and pour over pasta mixture. You may also add 1/4-tablespoon mayonnaise and vary the amounts of vinegar and oil to suit your taste.

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**Country Kitchen**

By Mary Emma Allen

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**McKenzie River Reflections**

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**McKenzie Valley Pump**

Complete Well Pump Systems

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An Invitation to Worship

Living Water Family Fellowship
525 NE 9th Ave, Springfield, OR 97478
455-1234
Donations are accepted

McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church
2500 NW 1st St., Springfield, OR 97477
541-796-6666

Volunteers welcome

Community Notes

June 9 McKenzie Food Pantry
Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 2nd & 4th Friday, at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop for yourself or have food delivered. Questions? Call Robin 541-844-8838.

June 9 2nd Friday Art Walk
Friday 5 p.m. - 7:30pm
Emerald Art Center
Springfield, 500 Main St.

June 10 McKenzie River Trail Run
The McKenzie River Trail Run is 31 miles on one of the prettiest trails in America. It traces a route along the beautiful McKenzie River, with two spectacular waterfalls, a lake so pristine it is called Clear Lake, lava flows, old growth forest, numerous log bridges, and the aquamarine-colored Tumolich Pool where the river flows from a 10,000-foot mountain. The race offers runners a technically challenging course with only moderate elevation gain. And a 5K and 10K are available.

June 10 McKenzie HS Graduation
1 p.m. at the athletic field, 333 5th St, Springfield.

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11:00am 51187 Blue River Dr. in the Old Gym. The event will feature the Springville District Scholarship and a guest speech by Jesse Callaway.

June 10 Living River Day
The Living River Day and Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 100 years of tree-planting and the McKenzie Rivers meet.

June 10 McKenzie Watershed Council
The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable千万别在health, function, and use. The maps vary, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council. Options are from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 pm. Contact: Melanie Giangreco - (458-201-8159) melanie@giangreco.org.

June 12 Lane City Parks Committee
The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (except during July & August). It advises the Board of County Commissioners on parks needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial, operational, development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and projects, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community.

June 16 Father’s Day Breakfast
The Irvine Grange will host the annual Father’s Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 18. Bring the Irvine Grangers to the Irvine Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m., where Grangers will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham and/or sausage, fresh fruit, and coffee and orange juice. It is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Wal- terville. There will also be a collection for canned food items for the upper valley food bank. Dona- tions will gratefully be accepted. Funds are also being collected for new windows and siding for the east side of the community center. For more information call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

June 12 Springfield School Board
7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

June 13 Board of Commissioners
Lane County Board of Commissioners meets 2nd Monday of each month at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday’s meetings are on an as needed basis.

June 13 Tiny Dental Van
Provided by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program will be at the Orchid School, 36250 Crandell Rd., every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm for assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

June 16 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. 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month at 402 W 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioners meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday’s meetings are on an as needed basis.

June 13 McKenzie River Lavender
Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday - Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photos, purchase fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk through the fields and cut your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender farm, located just east of Wal- terville, offers a Lavender Laby- rinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skin care essentials, a u-cut lavender, a country bazaar of local artisans, food, music, and lavender refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

Stay in touch with events online with the McKenzie Community Events Calendar.

In Memory

Susan Kerrick

Susan Kerrick passed peacefully with her husband and two of her seven children present on May 28th at the age of 90. Born on December 9, 1932, in White Lake South Dakota, Sue was the eleventh of twelve chil- dren born to parents Nick and Susan Haugen. Sue was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. She was a devoted Catholic, and lived by her faith. She had a smile and embrace for everyone. Sue cherished her husband, Mike, and together they enjoyed 68 years of love and companion- ship.

Sue was a marvel. She supported Mike in his career as a forester and his love of the out- doors. She was a guiding and loving role model and wonderful mother to their seven children. Imagine getting seven children ready to ski nearly every week- end in the winter and organizing the gear, coolers and food for a backpacking or camping trip every weekend in the summer. We also made road trips from the west coast to South Dakota and Minnesota to visit the fam- ily farm and see the land Sue grew up in Wisconsin every other sum- mer. She took great care of her family and loved the peace and place to go in every storm.

In addition to being a stay-at-home mom, Sue later found fulfillment as a professional in health care, where she was able to use her kind personality to make a difference in the lives of others. Sue was known for her gentle demeanor, beautiful smile, and wonderful sense of humor that brightened up the room. Her kind and compassionate personal- ity was felt by all who knew her, but when it came to criticism, she left no prisoners.

Although Sue’s passing is a great loss, her legacy will continue to inspire and touch the lives of all who had the privi- lege of knowing her. Sue is survived by her loving husband, Mike Kerrick and her seven children, Kathy, Steve, Kara, Michelle, Sherry, Greg and along with 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. The family will be forever grateful to her husband, hospice and her remarkable caregivers that sup- ported Sue and allowed her to remain at home.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Benedict’s Retreat Center, 16109 Highway 10, McKenzie Bridge, OR.
I just started a wonderful new job. The atmosphere is laid back, and the people alone make the place a pleasure to work for. I feel as if all my goals are in reach. She is 29, a month older, and very comely in appearance.

At first, I was merely attracted to her, but as time went on, I fell hard. I couldn’t put my finger on it, but she had a certain sweetness and gentle spirit. The problem is she’s not only my boss. She’s married. An oddly married. I didn’t want them to end. I’d lose focus during the conversation. I’d stare at her when she was talking. She is such a delightful and special person. I couldn’t help it. I wished I could be with her all day.

On some occasions, I thought she knew about this. It was killing me inside. She’d walk by me in a sundress, and I’d look her over. I would notice her looking down at me coilyly, then she’d get a call from her husband and be all happy to hear from him. I cut my eyes back to my computer, upset.

I thought I had to tell her, so one Friday, I did. She told me everything I needed to hear. She told she was happily married. I said I wouldn’t hurt her in her career. She told me to get over it. I told her it was bad, but that I love her in a way that makes me want to do the best for her.

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ACROSS
1. Necklace lock
6. Blue
9. *Mr.* Micelli in “Who’s the Boss”
13. “The Tortoise and the Hare,” e.g.
14. Beer acronym
15. Check recipient
16. Angler’s basket
17. Circle part
18. “Orange” warning
19. *Mr.* Keaton in “Family Ties”
21. *Mr.* Cunningham in “Happy Days”
23. Dad’s offspring
24. “Jack and the Beanstalk” instrument
25. General Post Office
28. Plural of cecum
30. Pomposo windbag
35. Not written
36. Like certain Ranger
37. Scotch ingredient
38. Seaside bird
40. Spanish surrealist Joan
41. Formed #17 Across
43. Press back arrow key
44. Not odds
46. “Musical” constellation
47. Backgammon predecessor
48. Louisiana music genre
50. Aware of
52. Jeans brand
54. Speak like Cicero
56. ___ Buchanan of “The Great Gatsby”
60. Old that
62. Popular symbol of extinction
63. Ruffle on a blouse
64. Determine the sum
65. Feline sound
66. Bronze e.g.
69. Chasing game
70. *Wii* game
71. Big Bang’s original matter
72. Compass bearing
73. Type of stocking

DOWN
1. Olden-day aerosol can propellant, acr.
2. Lawrence, for short
3. Ail and ___
4. Like gelled hair
5. Relating to pelvis
6. a.k.a. X’an
7. Credit card rate, acr.
8. Patsy’s country house, e.g.
9. Samaon money
10. Deed hearing
11. Egghead
12. Up to the present time
15. a.k.a. melon tree
16. Orga swelling
17. Circle part
18. “Orange” warning
19. *Mr.* White “Breaking Bad”
20. Organ swelling
22. What organza and forgiveness have in common
24. Calm and peaceful
25. “Mr. Addams” “The Addams Family”
26. Outhouse
27. Propelled like Argo
29. *Mr.* Winslow in “Family Matters”
31. Give the cold shoulder
32. Twofold
33. *Mr.* Johnson in “Black-ish”
34. Gliglgy stone
36. Like certain Ranger
38. Seaside bird
39. Complain
42. Old hat
45. Scatterbrained, in U.K.
49. Top seed
51. Nickname for dad (2 words)
54. Speak like Cicero
56. ___ Buchanan of “The Great Gatsby”
57. China’s Great one
58. Often goes with “willing”
59. Rumpelstiltskin’s weaver
60. Upper hand
61. Not top-shelf
62. Popular symbol of extinction
63. Like certain Ranger
65. “Mr. Connor in “Roseanne”
67. Skin cyst

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**Summer roadwork**

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By preserving the road now, more repairs by our maintenance crews. The good news, though, according to Rogers, was that the fire "burned up the sub-ridge and fell on its face at 9:30 or 10, dropping down on itself."

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The incident was declared to be a wildfire on May 31, Willamette Falls - 1,000. Spring Chinook – 11,644.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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June 8 - David Thompson, of the North West Fur Company, named the Blue Mountains of Northeastern Oregon in 1811 for their distinct blueness when viewed from a distance. This range of uplift mountains is one of the most prominent features in Eastern Oregon with several peaks of more than 9,000 feet.

Oregon Trail pioneers faced relatively few major changes in elevation until they reached the Blue Mountains. Here the trail climbed steeply, and in the heavy timber narrowed to only allow for the passage of wagons in single-file. Once the pioneers had fought their way over this range and dropped to the Columbia Plateau the only obstacle remaining before the Willamette Valley was the Cascade Range.

**RIVER REPORT**

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