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**What's up in Salem?**

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## 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 278-acre conservation area owned by the McKenzie River Trust was launched during the summer of 2021. It is focused on reshaping roughly 120 acres of floodplain forest to return 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.



Construction equipment had been gathering as work on the Finn Rock Landing project got underway last Friday.

## 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 reports 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 T680, 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

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: A prescribed burn to reduce fuels in a thinned stand escaped Tuesday afternoon and burned into 120 acres on National Forest land outside of the burn unit's perimeter. Declared a wildfire that night, the W-470 was located approximately two miles northeast of the McKenzie River Ranger Station and north of Highway 126 where USFS Roads 26-204 and 26-206 split near Frissell Trail.

At a community meeting on June 3rd, McKenzie River District assistant fire manager Dirk Rogers

explained that unexpected winds descended from the ridgetops around 3 p.m. Those 30 mph winds ig-

nited two spot fires that first pushed out to about 7 acres. As that "slop over" **Burn didn't comply - Page 9**



Helicopters based at the McKenzie Bridge Airstrip have been part of the resources used to combat the W-470 Fire.

## Outdoor burning banned

Increased fire risk causes early closure

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) decided that dry conditions and an escalating fire danger were required an early closure of the 2023 outdoor burning season. In normal years, outdoor burning would be allowed until June 15<sup>th</sup>. This year it ended on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. "Given the current conditions, the only way to mitigate fire risk without relying on weather changes is through our actions," said Travis Knudsen, the Public Affairs Manager for LRAPA. "That's why the Fire Defense Board and ODF (Oregon Dept. of Forestry) are closing

the season."

The fall open burning season is set to begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Any changes to that date due to fire risk will be announced by the Lane County Fire Defense Board.

To stay updated on the burning season status, visit [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org), or call the LRAPA daily open burning advisory line at 541-726-3976. Coastal residents may reach out at 541-997-1757.

For further information about the decision and fire danger, please contact Lane Fire Defense Board's Chief Chad Minter at 541-686-1573.

## Summer roadwork underway

\$9.5 million to fund Highway 126 paving projects



A \$5 million project covers the area from Milepost 21 to 26 of Hwy. 126.

LEABURG: Motorists this week have encountered an Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) project says will create a smoother ride for drivers and reduce the cost of maintenance on Highway 126.

Crews have been busy thisweek installing signs in the work zone along the corridor. Next week, workers will focus on bridge repair work at Mileposts 22.6, 22.3 and 24. Crews will grind off the existing asphalt, make repairs and install protective



A \$4.5 million project will extend from Milepost 13 to 19.8 of the Clear Lake Cutoff.

surfaces to preserve each bridge.

ODOT expects to start paving by the end of June. Paving activities include grinding and removing the top layer of the road surface and replacing it with a new layer of asphalt. Also scheduled are some guard-rail repairs and applying new striping once paving is completed.

During construction people can expect work to happen during the day with delays **Summer roadwork - Page 9**

# Letters to the Editor

## A failure of political leadership

The Oregon Senate has come to a standstill over the past several weeks. Most Republican Senators are boycotting floor sessions due to objections about both policy and process.

Media accounts have portrayed the missing Senators in a negative light, but voters should ask why the majority party has driven Republicans to such extreme measures. Democrats hold all the power, so only they can broker a compromise. They've been unwilling to do that.

One of the most basic rules of political leadership is to treat minority members with respect, because you won't always be in control. Democrats have been unwill-

ing to do that since they became the majority party in 2013. Their abuse of power has only grown, leading to repeated walkouts by Republicans.

Last November, voters passed Measure 113, which limits legislators to 10 "unexcused absences" during a session. The punishment for going past 10 is the loss of eligibility to run for a legislative seat in the next election. Most of the Republican Senators have already missed more than 10 days.

I respect that they are willing to pay the price, but it doesn't bode well for the institution.

Reaching a compromise is possible, but the majority caucus has to play the first card.

John A. Charle, President  
Cascade Policy Institute  
Portland, OR

## Paychecks, perks continue for absent senators amid walkout

### Senators continue to collect their pay and a \$157-a-day per diem



Senators prepare to meet in the Oregon Senate chamber on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The Republican-led walkout entered its 18th day on Tuesday. (Oregon Capital Chronicle)

By Ben Botkin

Oregon taxpayers have spent tens of thousands of dollars paying senators who are participating in the GOP-led Senate walkout.

And their salaries and per diem are just part of the cost of the stalled session.

Since May 3, most Republican senators and an Independent senator have boycotted Senate floor sessions, denying the upper chamber its two-thirds majority needed to conduct business. Senators face no financial consequences for failing to show up for floor sessions: They get paid their salary and an in-session per diem nevertheless, according to state law and Senate rules.

Their annual taxpayer-funded salary is about \$35,052, or \$2,921 a month, which they receive whether the Legislature is in session or not.

In session, senators also receive a daily per diem of \$157,

including on the weekends. That money is intended to cover costs such as meals, lodging, and other miscellaneous expenses. It's a flat rate and not based on reimbursements.

Each day, those costs add up.

Take Tuesday, the 18th day that the walkout has halted the Senate. The 10 senators with unexcused absences will be paid \$1,570 in per diems and about \$960 in salary for that day. That's \$2,530.

Since the boycott began, the total paid to boycotting senators for the days they didn't show up for floor sessions: more than \$47,000.

And that doesn't include the cost of legislative staff who are paid to help senators get their work done on the floor, which includes passing bills. Each member of the Senate also has an allowance of nearly \$87,000 for the legislative session for the costs of staff, newsletters, and supplies.



Democratic senators and progressive groups have urged senators to return to work, saying the boycott is costing more than money.

"Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp and 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 Ruffin, 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 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 Republican senators continue to do other work, even as they skip floor sessions.

"We're having meetings," Knopp, R-Bend, said. "We are going to committees. We're doing our constituent work. We're being available to people."

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

Senate Republicans 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 also have 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 on average 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.

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## WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE  
US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT  
EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
5/30	81	48	0	332 cfs	5/30	82	47	0	3,960 cfs
5/31	65	45	0	NA	5/31	70	41	0	3,860 cfs
6/1	77	43	0	377 cfs	6/1	69	40	0	3,820 cfs
6/2	77	43	0	377 cfs	6/2	72	40	0	3,690 cfs
6/3	79	45	0	377 cfs	6/3	77	41	0	3,600 cfs
6/4	79	51	0	377 cfs	6/4	80	47	0	3,550 cfs
6/5	90	50	0	372 cfs	6/5	86	45	0	3,430 cfs

**Friday 6/9**

McKenzie Valley  
Cloudy  
20% chance precip  
High: 79 Low: 46

Santiam Pass  
Cloudy  
15% chance precip  
High: 64 Low: 42

**Saturday 6/10**

McKenzie Valley  
Partly Cloudy  
5% chance precip  
High: 77 Low: 43

Santiam Pass  
Mostly Cloudy  
15% chance precip  
High: 64 Low: 42

**Sunday 6/11**

McKenzie Valley  
Mostly Sunny  
5% chance precip  
High: 79 Low: 49

Santiam Pass  
Partly Cloudy  
15% chance precip  
High: 70 Low: 42

# Sheriff's Report

**May 29: 7:40 a.m:** Theft—59200 N. Belknap Springs Rd. A Norco brand bicycle and other property including a backpack, luggage, two cycling kits and 2 credit cards were stolen.

**7:32 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.

**1:32 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**3:26 p.m:** Disabled Vehicle - Lat: 44.1445. Long: -122.0028.

**May 31: 4:03 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 88100 blk, Chita Lp.

**2:36 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:54 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**May 31: 2:54 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:03 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 88100 blk, Chita Lp. A female was heard outside yelling. Determined to be related to a medical call.

**2:36 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**June 2: 1:18 p.m:** Civil Service - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**7:22 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Goodpasture Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**7:32 p.m:** Theft - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Two bicycles were stolen from a campsite overnight.

**June 3: 2:20 a.m:** Vehicle in Ditch - 38100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**11:31 a.m:** Citizen Contact - McGowan Quarry.

**10:26 p.m:** Dead Animal - Marcola Rd. Milepost 9.9.

**June 4: 7:07 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:05 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 56500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:10 p.m:** Rescue Operation - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln. An elderly man fell from his kayak and swam to shore. he was stuck at the bottom of a large embankment. Deputies responded and assisted getting him up the embankment.

**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.

**1:28 p.m:** Assist, Information - WALTERVILLE area.

**2:07 p.m:** Water Rescue – McK. River.

**4:05 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91900 blk, Taylor Rd.

**3:50 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Hill Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**7:03 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 59200 blk, N Belknap Springs Rd.

**10:26 p.m:** Dead Animal - Marcola Rd. Milepost 9.9.

**June 5: 10:24 a.m:** theft – Paradise Campground.

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

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

# State Police Report

**June 6: 01:37:** Crash, Non-Injury – Hwy. 126E, Milepost 18. A commercial vehicle was traveling westbound, drove off the right shoulder, and rolled on its side. The driver was not injured. The white Kenworth and silver/aluminum Great Dane trailer were towed. Involved: 31-year-old male from Brooklyn, NY.

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**May 30: 6:55:** 39000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**8:57:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:47:** 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Public Assist.

**May 31: 4:02:** 88000 blk, Chita Loop. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:40:** 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**11:26:** Camp Creek Rd./Milepost 1. Motor Vehicle Accident. Disregarded.

**16:54:** Ruben Leigh Rd. Mutual Aid. Provided Manpower For Wildland Fire.

**19:18:** 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:20:** 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 2: 6:54:** McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. MVA. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:30:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**11:48:** McK. Hwy./Cedar Flat Rd. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**12:37:** 89000 blk, Greenwood Dr. Legal Backyard Burn. Legal Backyard Burn Pile.

**13:58:** 89000 blk, Rippling Way. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal by Medic 16 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 3: 13:43:** East of 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Illegal Burn. Investigate, Homeowner Extinguished.

**June 4: 2:20:** 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Investigate, Vehicle Abandoned.

**10:41:** 37000 blk, Camp Creek

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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**June 2: 20:49:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury – 59000 block, McK. Hwy. Motorcycle down.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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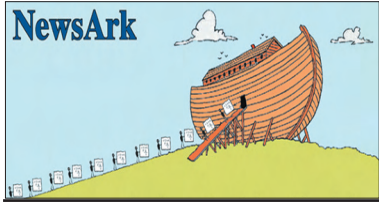
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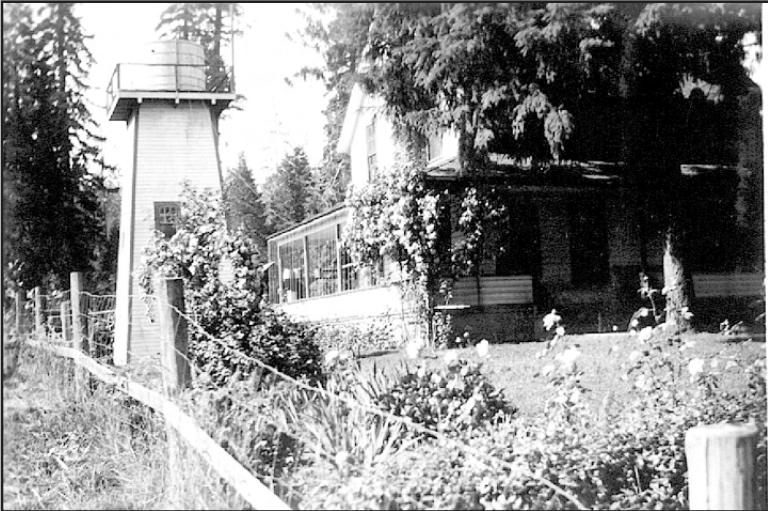


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# Our move to Oregon: (1935)

Continued From Last Week



The water tower next to the farm house

The mothers along the highway used to take turns providing a hot lunch for the school. When it was her turn, my mother made a huge vat of potato soup on the woodstove. Then the bus driver would heave it up into the bus and off we'd go, smelling potatoes and onions all the way to school. I don't remember, but I suppose the teachers would heat up the big vat of soup on the school's woodstove.

Once a year we'd have a Box Social at the school in the evening. Girls would pack a lunch in a shoe box and decorate the box, but not put their name on it. Boys would then try to guess which box was made by their favorite girl and bid on it. Then the girl and boy would squeeze into one of the desk/seats and eat together.

My friend Patty came from a family of nine children. Her father had a dairy at McKenzie Bridge, and delivered milk up and down the highway. Sometimes he'd pick me up to take me to their house overnight so I could play with Patty, or he'd bring her down to stay with me. When she stayed with me, if it was summertime, we liked to go out after dark and sneak around the cabins to see if we could listen to the tourists talking. Or we'd chase

each other through the long grass, or catch lightning bugs and put them into tiger lily blossoms to make lanterns (at least, we tried).

After about the third grade, a new school was built at Blue River, and Patty and I went there. The McKenzie Bridge, Blue River and Vida school districts were consolidated at Blue River.

I played with tourist children in the summer. One family, who had three boys, came every summer from California and rented Green Gables. I think their last name was something like Vandervelden. The boys and I would spend hours together fishing or playing along the river. We even had an Indian teepee and dressed like Indians. I, of course, was the princess, with beads and feathers. We pitched the teepee beside a small creek on a flat bed of rocks, near the summer house down the road where John Webber was caretaker. I guess he watched out for us, but I wasn't aware of his presence.

My parents had to drive into Eugene (almost 50 miles) for almost every need. A meat truck, a vegetable/fruit truck, and a bakery truck came up the McKenzie Highway every week. However, for dental and doctor appointments, piano lessons, etc., they

made the long trip. I was about nine or ten years old when I had to have braces, and eight when I got glasses (that first view through the glasses amazed me — I could see every leaf on each tree!), so we made a lot of trips to town.

I joined the Girl Scouts with Patty (probably motivated by the uniform). Once the troop hiked up to the top of Lookout Mountain (which could be seen from our house, just across the river) and they talked to the ranger in the fire lookout station on top of the mountain. I didn't go on that hike, but when they got back I later asked Patty if she had talked to the Ranger. I had spent a lot of time that spring teaching myself Morse Code, and that summer I was often at the boat landing by the house, with my Dad's big 8-battery flashlight, signaling messages to the ranger.

He flashed back, but I could never read the messages. I had asked Patty to find out what he was trying to tell me. He told her he had never learned Morse Code!

During the winters at Rainbow the highway was closed at the pass over to Bend. The tourist season stopped after the hunting season. So, a few winters my parents and I drove to Southern California to visit my mother's two sisters and their families. They lived in Alhambra. When, in the fall of 1941, my parents

were aware that the United

States would probably sometime soon become involved in the war going on in Europe, they decided to close the resort totally that winter and move to California until spring. We moved to a rented bungalow near the Lockheed defense plant in Glendale. The houses had all been built hastily to house people coming in from all over the U.S. to work in the defense plant. The only way we could find our house from all the other identical houses was by the lily my mother planted by the front door. Dad was the first, and for awhile, the only locksmith at Lockheed. (He had been a locksmith for Diebold Safe & Lock Co. in Indianapolis before we moved to Oregon.) He had a motorized cart to ride around the huge airplane manufacturing complex. The war started (for the U.S.) on December

7, 1941. My mother and I, and a friend of my mother's (Anna Lee Woods) went back to Rainbow in the spring of 1942 to sell the resort. Of course, then I'm sure it was hard to get a reasonable price for it. The war and gas rationing would cut back the number of tourists. We moved to Alhambra late that summer and I had to learn how to sleep without the sound of the river flowing by my bedroom window. (Footnote: In 1945 my mother and I moved back to Eugene permanently - and I have lived the rest of my life there and in Portland,



With me in the photo on the porch are Nancy (my daughter-in-law) and Mark (my son) Trullinger of Portland



By Slim Randles

Watching the fly fishing going on down at Lewis Creek is a little like box seats at the Bolshoi ballet. You might not even know what those old guys are doing, but dang they seem to do it well.

Long, sinuous casts out from the bank to the Lunger Hole. The Lunger, often dreamed, never caught, but our community would be the poorer without him.

"Fly fishing," said Marvin Pincus, "is just another name for life."

"Or love," said our cowboy, Steve.

"Or frustration," said Dud, who was about to shinny up a tree to cut loose a tangle made by his back cast. He wouldn't have bothered, but that fly hanging down from that tall branch was tied by Marvin Pincus. And was therefore an objet 'd arte, which we learned is a French term meaning darned cute. But if left in that tree, it might cause death and suffering to a bird.

"It could be a metaphor," said Windy, making a little scud fly skitter across the surface.

"Metaphor?" Steve said.

Windy shrugged. "Heard that the other day. Means somethin' like that there, I think. Might be a metafive..."

"Don't think so, Windy."

"Thanks, Doc. Jest cogmitatin', you know, 'bout life and when to use a dry fly or when to drag one a-them streamies along and temptationize them fish."

"That's pretty deep, Windy," said Dud, nodding his head.

"Don't think so," Windy said, "Last time I fell in 'twas 'bout three foot or so. I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner than drownin' worms."

"You can say that again!"

"Okay, Doc... I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner..."

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# Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



equipment are long enough so you can keep your back straight. Tools shouldn't be too heavy. Choose those made from aluminum, which is lighter than steel. Sometimes, lightweight children's tools will do the job.

There's much more you can do. Here are some tips to increase the ease of gardening:

Use a kneeler with handles that will help you get up. There are some versions that can be turned over and used as a seat.

\* Sit on a bucket or seat made for gardening.

\* Use major muscles and keep your back straight.

\* Start small. Biting off more than you can handle means more work and more chance of \* Keep pruners and other equipment sharp and clean. With pruners, 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 middle. Height should be between 24 to 36 inches. Kits are also available.

\* Move the garden to you by planting in containers or window boxes. Containers are easier to weed and water than gardens in the ground. They also take much less work to fill with soil than adding compost to in-ground gardens. Containers with wheels are easy to move around.

\* Make beds narrow enough so that you can get to the center when sitting or kneeling.

\* Put away tools, hoses, wheelbarrows and other equipment so there's no chance of tripping over them.

\* Use a light or expanding hose.

\* Make paths easy to navigate without having to show people where to go.

\* Design wider paths with places to turn around. This works for wheelbarrows as well as mobility devices.

\* Instead of steps use gradually sloping paths.

\* Keep tools and equipment close to the garden so you don't have to walk far. If possible, move or build 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.

"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 are 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 disabilities of everything from mobility limitations to medical challenges such as arthritis. Have benches and chairs sprinkled throughout the garden as places to rest. Keep water around to sip while you sit. Stretch or walk a bit before and after time in the garden.

Ergonomic tools are available in a variety of prices. Look for curved handles and indentations for fingers on smaller tools or modify yours by wrapping them with water pipe insulation, bicycle handles or tape used to wrap golf clubs. Check that handles on larger



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 universal garden. Being aware of Americans with Disabilities Act measurements for pathways, using raised beds and appropriate tools are good starting points, but Thomas-Kersting said there are many ways to invite anyone into the garden and protect the gardener from injury or future problems.

For instance, a garden can be designed for a person with a visual impairment with water features, fragrant plants, ornamental grasses that make a gentle sound as they blow in the wind and bright, contrasting colors.



# Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



## SWIMMING HOLE MEMORIES

As I sort through old photos and write about childhood memories for family scrapbooks, I've come across some taken at the swimming hole on our farm. This was located at the confluence of two brooks in our pasture. This pool was just deep enough for children to learn to swim with shallower places along the banks.

Many afternoons we four youngsters spent at 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 hired man 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 amidst 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 a 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 also may add 1/4-tablespoon mayonnaise and vary the amounts of vinegar and olive oil, if you desire Cover and let set in refrigerator several hours. Top with some croutons, if desired, before serving.

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

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# 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop for yourself or have food delivered to car. Questions call Robin 541-844-8838.

June 9

## 2nd Friday Art Walk

Friday 4 p.m. to 7:30pm Emerald Art Center in downtown 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 Tamolitch Pool where the river flows from an underground lava tube. The race offers runners a technically challenging course with only moderate elevation gains and the inspiration of some of Oregon's most breathtaking scenery. Saturday 7:00am - 6:00pm

June 10

## Thurston HS Graduation

1 p.m. at the athletic field, 333 58th St, Springfield

June 10

## McKenzie HS Graduation

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

June 10

## Living River Day

The Living River 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 place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

June 10

## Dime At A Time

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

June 11

## Farming for Vets

A coffee & chat for Veteran Farmers (and those exploring farming) will be held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics will include networking and resource sharing, along with a potluck. Bring a dish to share if you'd like, or just show up and get to know your neighboring Veteran Farmers. It will be held in Springfield (location provided with RSVP) Please RSVP online: [tinyurl.com/2d5vphjw](https://tinyurl.com/2d5vphjw) or contact Crystal directly via email [kelsoer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kelsoer@oregonstate.edu) Please let us know if you would like any help with accommodations or requests.

June 12

## 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 watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant. 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) [melanie@mckenziawc.org](mailto:melanie@mckenziawc.org)

June 12

## Lane Cty 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 park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the

community.

June 18

## Father's Day Breakfast

The Walterville Grange will host the annual Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 18. Bring dad to the Walterville Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m., where Grangers 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 Walterville. There will also be a collection for canned food items for the upriver food bank. Donations 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. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

June 13

## Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30am - 2:00pm 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. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

June 13

## McK. Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from

9:00am - 10:00am. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: [Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com](mailto:Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com)

June 13

## Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

July 7 - 9

## Lavender Festival

McKenzie River Lavender is 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 photographs, paint, shop for 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 Walterville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skincare essentials, 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](#).



Susan Kerrick



Susan Evelyn 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 children born to her parents Nick and Susan Hanten.

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 companionship.

Sue was a marvel. She supported Mike in his career as a forester and his love of the outdoors. She was a guiding and loving role model and wonderful mother to their seven children. Imagine getting seven children ready to ski nearly every weekend 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 family farm and relatives at the lake in Wisconsin every other summer. She took great care of her family and was always the safe 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. Sue's kind and compassionate personality was felt by all who knew her, but when it came to cribbage, 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 privilege of knowing her. Sue is survived by her husband, Michael Kerrick and her seven children Mike, Kathy, Steve, Sara, Art, Michelle, and Greg along with 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. The family will be forever grateful to her husband, hospice and her remarkable caregivers that supported Sue and allowed her to remain at home.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Benedict's Retreat Center, 56630 North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge, OR.

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Steve Severin of McKenzie Bridge was seriously injured in an auto accident on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Ever since moving back to the River he has donated countless hours helping countless people throughout the area. Now we can do the same for him and his wife Kathy during his recovery.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## A Pickup Line



Miguel Gonzalez

I just started a wonderful new job. The atmosphere is laid back, and the people alone make the place fantastic. The best of them all is my boss. She is 29, a month my elder, 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 has such a sweet and gentle spirit. The problem is she's not only my boss. She's married.

At weekly meetings, 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 had to know 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 coyishly, 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 said 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 done, but that I love her in a way that makes me want to do the best for her.

I want to be there for her, but now she's very cold to me. I say hello in the hallway and she walks by me quicker. Her actions appear scripted. It sears my soul every day to think I hurt or scared her in any way. Will things return to normal so we can be close friends in spite of all this?

Reynold

Reynold, you will never be close friends because friends are not what you want from her. She gave you no opening for your remarks. You created a problem for her with a subordinate, a problem with no easy solution except to keep you at arm's length.

You created a permanent difficulty in your new job, one which can influence your chances for raises and promotion. The only solution is to keep your eyes and your thoughts to yourself and do your job.

You are looking at this strictly from your own point of view. Where did you get the idea you can tell any married woman you are romantically and sexually attracted to her? That would mean, when you marry, any man is free to hit on your wife.

When crossing the street, it is best to look both ways. If you think only of your own objective, the opposite curb, you are likely to get run over.

Wayne & Tamara

### Failed Strategy

In April, I cheated on my husband and let him find out. I swore to him it was over and wouldn't happen again, but I've been stringing along the guy I cheated with, telling him I love him and keeping him in the background just in case things didn't get better with my husband.

Well, my husband found out and now wants a divorce. I don't. I can't see myself without him. I am scared this time I will lose him for good.

Angel

Angel, your letter reminds us of Aesop's fable about the dog carrying a chunk of meat in his mouth. When he looked into the water, he saw another dog with a larger piece of meat. In grabbing for it, the dog lost both pieces, the real and the imaginary.

Your backup plan was your undoing. It proved to your husband why second chances are often unwarranted. Do you understand the moral of the story? Greediness

can cause us to lose everything.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

### Ballad of the Moon Moon

By Federico García Lorca

Translated by Sarah Arvio

For Conchita García Lorca

Moon came to the forge in her petticoat of nard  
The boy looks and looks the boy looks at the Moon  
In the turbulent air  
Moon lifts up her arms showing — pure and sexy — her beaten-tin breasts  
Run Moon run Moon Moon  
If the gypsies came white rings and white necklaces they would beat from your heart

Boy will you let me dance — when the gypsies come they'll find you on the anvil with your little eyes shut  
Run Moon run Moon Moon  
I hear the horses' hoofs  
Leave me boy! Don't walk on my lane of white starch

The horseman came beating the drum of the plains  
The boy at the forge has his little eyes shut

Through the olive groves in bronze and in dreams here the gypsies come their heads riding high their eyelids hanging low

How the night heron sings how it sings in the tree  
Moon crosses the sky with a boy by the hand

At the forge the gypsies cry and then scream  
The wind watches watches the wind watches the Moon

*Federico García Lorca was born near Granada in Fuente Vaqueros, Spain, to a prosperous farm owner and a pianist, prominent 20th-century Spanish poet and dramatist Federico García Lorca studied law at the University of Granada before relocating to Madrid in 1919 to focus on his writing. In Madrid he joined a group of avant-garde artists that included Salvador Dalí and Luis Buñuel. The group, collectively known as the "Generation of '27," introduced Lorca to Surrealism, a movement that would greatly influence his writing. With the publication of his poetry collection Romancero Gitano, or Gypsy Ballads (1928), Lorca received significant critical and popular attention, and the following year traveled to New York City, where he found a connection between Spanish deep songs and the African American spirituals he heard in Harlem. When he returned to Spain he co-founded La Barraca, a traveling theater company that performed both Spanish classics and Lorca's original plays, including the well-known Blood Wedding (1933), in small town squares. Despite the threat of a growing fascist movement in his country, Lorca refused to hide his leftist political views, or his homosexuality, while continuing his ascent as a writer.*

*In August 1936, at the onset of the Spanish Civil War, Lorca was arrested at his country home in Granada by Francisco Franco's soldiers. He was executed by a firing squad a few days later.*

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- 63. Ruffle on a blouse
- 64. Determine the sum
- 66. Feline sound
- 68. Bronze, e.g.
- 69. Chasing game
- 70. "All joking \_\_\_\_"
- 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. Aid and \_\_\_\_
  - 4. Like gelled hair
  - 5. Relating to pelvis
  - 6. a.k.a. Xi'an
  - 7. Credit card rate, acr.
  - 8. Putin's country house, e.g.
  - 9. Samoan money
  - 10. Deed hearing
  - 11. Egghead
  - 12. Up to the present time
  - 15. a.k.a. melon tree
  - 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. Glittery stone
  - 36. Like certain Ranger
  - 38. Seaside bird
  - 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. \*Mr. Pritchett in "Modern Family"
  - 65. \*Mr. Conner in "Roseanne"
  - 67. Skin cyst

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

[tinyurl.com/yeye92hx](http://tinyurl.com/yeye92hx)

Events from Jun 8th



Sat Jun 3rd - Fri 16th  
**Watterville Canal Outage**

The outage is scheduled for annual maintenance at the power plant and the fish screens. EWEB may take the unit offline on the 2nd to ...



Fri Jun 9th 11:00am - 1:00pm  
**McKenzie River Food Pantry**

Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need.



Fri Jun 9th 4:00pm - Thu 29th 7:30pm  
**2nd Friday Art Walk**

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield



Sat Jun 10th 10:00am  
**Thurston High School Graduation**



Sat Jun 10th 7:00am - 6:00pm  
**McKenzie River Trail Run**

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Sat Jun 10th 8:00am - 4:00pm  
**Living River Exploration Day**

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Sat Jun 10th 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**A Dime At A Time**



Sat Jun 10th 11:00am  
**McKenzie High School Graduation**

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Sun Jun 11th 11:00am - 1:00pm  
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- 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
- DOWN**
- 30. Pompous windbag
  - 35. Not written
  - 37. Scotch ingredient
  - 39. Complain
  - 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
  - 53. In a little while, old-fashioned
  - 55. Old age, old-fashioned
  - 57. \*Mr. White "Breaking Bad"
  - 60. \*Mr. Stark "Game of Thrones"

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OR-ED-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the McKenzie School District #68 will be held on June 21, 2023 at 5:15 pm at 51187 Blue River Drive, Finn Rock, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the McKenzie School Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is provided below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 51187 Blue River Drive between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (M-Tu), or online at [www.mckenzieisd.org](http://www.mckenzieisd.org). This budget is for an annual period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Wendy Whitson Telephone: 541-822-3338 Email: [wendy.whitson@mckenzieisd.org](mailto:wendy.whitson@mckenzieisd.org)

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES		FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION	
	Actual Amount Last Year 2022-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2023-2023	2022-2022	2023-2023
Beginning Fund Balance	\$585,165	\$335,810	\$2,667,343	\$2,865,668
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	1,692,399	1,769,239	1,849,921	1,954,018
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	1,144,784	146,491	2,164,465	1,132,122
Other Revenue from Local Sources	205,365	347,600	387,939	595,598
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	3,408,155	6,562,106	318,026	890,248
Revenue from State Sources	746,244	775,390	150,852	672,910
Revenue from Federal Sources	122,000	395,000	0	804,904
Interfund Transfers	981,078	1,842,626	122,000	145,000
All Other Budget Resources			0	100,000
Total Resources	\$8,786,190	\$12,174,262	\$5,945,214	\$9,100,968

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$2,338,064	\$3,078,711	\$3,382,909
FTE	27.76	27.82	31.05
2000 Support Services	2,270,152	4,418,990	3,480,243
FTE	31.25	32.11	18.21
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	204,076	380,385	447,698
FTE	1.5	1.5	1.69
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	510,922	3,656,276	739,514
FTE			
5000 Other Uses			
5100 Debt Service*			
5200 Interfund Transfers*	122,000	395,000	804,904
6000 Contingency		145,000	145,000
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance		100,000	100,000
Total Requirements	\$5,945,214	\$12,174,262	\$9,100,968
Total FTE	60.51	61.43	60.95

\* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING \*\*

McKenzie budget is built upon the assumptions of a state budget appropriation \$13 billion. Grant funds HMOs, cover funding with decreased enrollment. Increased funding of the High School Success & Student Investment Accounts. Reduction of FTE in support services due to ESSER II grant and Sept. 30, 2023. The continuation of Federal Aid for COVID-19, ESSER III, seismic grant, grandstand rebuild from wildfire loss, and new roof and siding on the newer gym projects are complete. Opening of the childcare center increased instruction FTE in grant funded programs.

PROPERTY TAX RATES			
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.6915 per \$1,000)	4.6915/1000	Rate or Amount Imposed 4.6915/1000	Rate or Amount Approved 4.6915/1000
Local Option Levy		\$0	\$0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds		\$0	\$0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
Total		

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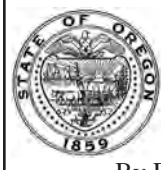
# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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**14:16:** 13000 blk, McKenzie River. Water Rescue. Assist Eugene/Springfield Fire.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.



## A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**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.

## 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 this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 7,439, Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

### Fish Counts

May 31, Willamette Falls  
Spring Chinook - 11,644  
Steelhead - 2,039

# Summer roadwork

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up to 20 minutes during a work schedule of Mondays - Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The construction zone will be controlled by a combination of flaggers, automated flagging devices and pilot cars. The work is weather dependent and the schedule may change. Construction is estimated to be completed this year.

Tripcheck.com will have the most current information on traffic impacts.

Looking ahead, more road improvements are planned further upriver as well. That work - from Milepoint 13 to 19.8 of the Clear Lake Cutoff- is scheduled for 2024. ODOT says its McKenzie

maintenance crew has had to apply patches more frequently to hold this section the road together. The repair and preservation work there calls for removing the existing pavement and repaving it. Crews will also add new permanent striping to the entire project area and adjust or replace guardrails where needed.

"Doing the work now before the road gets worse is more cost-effective," according to ODOT. "This section will need less frequent repairs by our maintenance crews. By preserving the road now, more costly repairs are not needed in the future." Design work on the \$4,441,600 should happen during 2022-2024, with construction scheduled for next summer.

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# Burn didn't comply

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continued, a decision was made to declare the incident a wildfire, which opened up the ability to call for more firefighting resources.

The good news, though, according to Rogers, was that the fire "burned up the sub-ridge and fell on its face about 9:30 or 10, dropping down on itself."

In addition, although there was some rollout of burning material that rolled down some sections of the surrounding steep slopes, the fires they started burned uphill and into already-burnt zones.

A type 3 firefighting crew took over management of the blaze on Thursday which at one point grew to cover 120 acres. During

the firefighting process handlines were dug around the majority of the fire area, which were bolstered by the natural barrier of Powers Creek which helped contain the blaze on its western edge. Two helicopters were also used for fire drops after the winds had died down.

Monday was the final day for the Central Oregon Type 3 Team's response to the W-470 Fire. Management of the incident was transitioned back to the McKenzie River Ranger District Tuesday morning. At that point, it covered 80 acres and was 90% contained. Firefighting costs totaled \$610,691.

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