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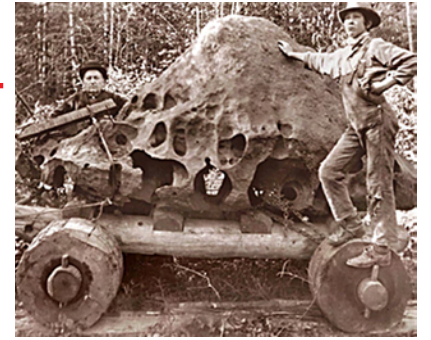
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Largest U.S. meteorite

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Portion of McKenzie River will close to salmon angling

Due to concerns about protecting wild Chinook salmon that are holding in the McKenzie River near Leaburg Dam and meeting broodstock needs for hatchery production, a portion of the McKenzie River will close to salmon angling effective July 15th.

The closure will be in effect from July 15th through December 31st in the mainstem McKenzie River from Leaburg Dam downstream approximately one mile - to the mouth of Trout Creek.

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife officials say angling is impacting a small run of wild Chinook this year because few hatchery Chinook are returning to the McKenzie River basin. The shortage of hatchery Chinook is attributed to the poor survival of juvenile fish that were released at a small size from the Leaburg Hatchery during the Holiday Farm Fire in



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The 2020 Holiday Farm fire that damaged the Leaburg Hatchery and forced the early release of Chinook salmon smolts.

2020. In addition, returning ocean conditions that further compromised survival. were subjected to poor

Rescue teams responded to Blue Pool again



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TAMOLITCH FALLS: A request for help over the Independence Day weekend drew a multi-agency response to the Blue Pool on the upper McKenzie River. The 911 call on July 2nd reported a subject who jumped off the main rock into the water had broken his legs. The subject was out of the water, on the shore.

The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in North Bend responded. Officials said ground crews worked tirelessly to get the injured individual to a suitable hoisting location, where the aircrew performed a litter pick-up of the patient along with a double lift of the assisting swimmer and paramedic. Other agencies involved in the challenging retrieval included the Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Linn County Search and Rescue, Sweet Home and Upper McKenzie Rural Fire districts, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lavender in the air at annual festival



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Welcome to the beautiful Bloom.



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At Alison Hennes' Ali's Art and Mixed Media booth people could see a creator at work.



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Jen Skiles' "Twisted Succulents" lived up to the billing,



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Repurposed Vintage Silverware was a highlight of Aunt Hattie's Collection.



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Some of the booths included Jen Skiles' Twisted Succulents, and Geof Horvath's Foxglove's Apiaries.



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Helping out at the Walter at checkout was Walter Wilson stand.



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Lane County locals came from Veneta to enjoy the Lavender Festival.



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Thoughtfully wrapped lavender bouquets, courtesy Gerry Aster.

Photos By Keri Best
WALTERVILLE: A local event with a unique aroma opened last Friday for a three-day run in Waltherville. From July
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Lavender in the air

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While the air was filled with the aroma of lavender, bees were humming in the field. The farm's specialty lavender products include fresh cut bouquets.

7th to 10th, the McKenzie River Lavender Bloom drew a steady flow of the namesake flower's fans who enthusiasts got to enjoy the intoxicating "herb of relaxation," essential scented soaps, oils, and sprays; while also exploring culinary treats, crafts, music, and more.

All were on the grounds of the McKenzie River Lavender Farm which was created, and nurtured, by a remarkable lady - Carol Tannenbaum. Born in Georgia, raised in Alabama and educated at Auburn and Duke with advanced degrees in chemistry, After graduating, she worked for the Edison Company from North Carolina to Southern California.

After her marriage to Charles "Chuck" Tannenbaum (a retired ophthalmologist), the couple set their focus on finding a place for fly fishing and "four seasons!" Their journeys led them first to the Siletz River and eventually to the McKenzie area in 1999.

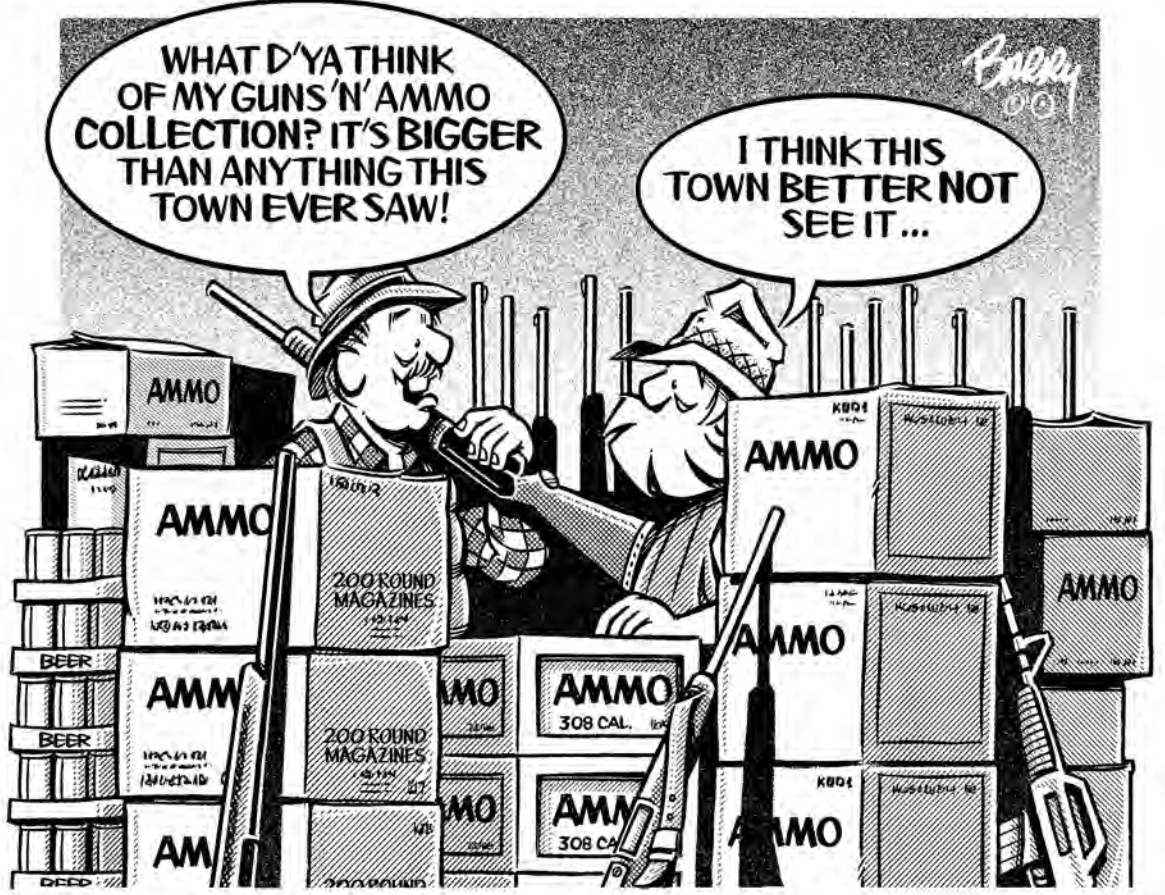
Here Chuck found a fly fishing paradise and Carol was able to take her background and love for gardening to new heights while exploring lavender.

This weekend, Carol

reminded about the first lavender she planted back in 2003. Her efforts and passion have turned into an experience to provide support to artisans, musicians, tourism, and cultivation. With her ongoing efforts, expansion of the event, and successful green thumb, Walterville has become a host to twelve McKenzie River Lavender Festivals.

As Carol has found ways to involve Lane County more each year, she has developed relationships based on her same passion for people within the community. The event included a seminar focused on butterflies, a quartette from Bushnell, and local musicians that added a relaxing atmosphere to complement the mediated essence of lavender.

Among Carol's passions are promoting lavender education, being active with the Oregon Lavender Association, and sharing the beauty of the McKenzie River area by chairing the Tourism Committee of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving as the organization's treasurer.



Firefighters respond to suspected fireworks-caused fire on Deerhorn Road



Downriver residents say they came close to having another big fire last Wednesday when it appeared someone tossed fireworks from their car near Milepost 4 of Deerhorn Road and started a brush fire. Fortunately, it was noticed by a passerby who alerted neighbors that included a volunteer officer of the department who was able to call it in. Luckily people living there had basic equipment and were able to attack the fire was a 20' x 20' fire until McKenzie Fire & Rescue arrived. 8 trucks and 18 personnel responded, with several others remaining on standby in Leaburg. (Crews on standby are available as backup resources or if additional emergency calls are received.)

McKenzie Fire Chief Bucich said he was thankful for those who worked together for the initial attack, adding that they were able to manage the incident until crews arrived. Once extinguished, the scene was turned over to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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WEATHER REPORT

Friday 7/14		Saturday 7/15		Sunday 7/16	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 92 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Sunny 5% chance precip High: 80 Low: 49	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 84 Low: 57	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 84 Low: 50	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 92 Low: 54	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 83 Low: 46

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
7/4	95	56	0	387 cfs	7/4	90	50	0	2,370 cfs
7/5	94	62	0	NA	7/5	97	53	0	2,340 cfs
7/6	89	57	0	NA	7/6	97	54	0	2,310 cfs
7/7	82	53	0	392 cfs	7/7	90	54	0	2,310 cfs
7/8	84	51	0	387 cfs	7/8	79	53	0	2,290 cfs
7/9	84	54	0	390 cfs	7/9	79	50	0	2,290 cfs
7/10	79	52	0	377 cfs	7/10	82	53	0	2,240 cfs

Sheriff's Report

July 2: 2:54 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - McK. River Dr. & Caddis Ln. Husband and wife dispute. The husband called advised there was a physical dispute with his wife. The husband reported the wife threw something of his in the bushes. When deputies investigated there was nothing physical and just verbal.

2:57 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 54700 blk, McK. River Dr. Witness to the above dispute who saw nothing physical, just verbal.

July 3: 12:03 a.m: Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Carson St.

12:52 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

9:21 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 14. Fire department reported they assisted a driver get a vehicle out of the ditch. The fire department then

reported the vehicle might be stolen but before deputies could be dispatched the vehicle drove away.

11:07 a.m: Alarm - 41500 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

12:55 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 91100 blk, Donna Rd. Caller advised a male tried to use a lot of different credit cards at the ATM and appeared to be unsuccessful and left. The caller was unable to see direction of travel.

3:29 p.m: Alarm - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:55 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 37300 blk, camp Creek Rd.

10:08 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

10:23 p.m: Assault - 88800 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Caller advised there was a fight between two brothers. Caller advised one brother was punched and then told not to call the police. When deputies responded the brother who threw the punch left the residence to an unknown location. Deputies

were unable to locate him after searching the area.

10:59 p.m: Assault - McK. Hwy. & Eagle Rock Dr. This was a report from another law enforcement agency regarding a possible assault involving a minor and their father. The minor was no longer in the state and was with their mother. A report was taken on this incident by the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

July 4: 12:52 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St. Caller advised a neighbor had a baseball bat and wanted the caller to leave the area. Caller believed alcohol was involved. Deputies determined there was no crime.

6:47 a.m: Shots Fired - 39400 blk, May Way.

11:01 a.m: Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

11:58 a.m: Shots Fired - McK. Hwy. Milepost 30.

12:01 p.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 36900 blk, Boiler Creek Rd. Caller advised smelling drugs and suspicious activity in their house. Deputies completed a welfare check and met with the caller's son who lives and takes care of caller. Deputies were able to determine everything at the house was OK.

6:40 p.m: Burglary - 33200 blk, McK. View Dr. Caller advised someone tried to steal his dirt bike
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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

June 26: 11:42: 40000 block, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident - Non-Injury, Non-Blocking, Refusal Signed.

23:08: 92000 blk, Marcola Rd. Mutual Aid. Provide District Coverage for MVFR.

June 27: 4:54: 88000 blk, Buck Point Way. Medical, General. 4: Patient Assessed Deceased.

11:31: 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:23: 88000 blk, Miller Ave Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:15: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained

22:21: McK. Hwy./River St Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

June 28: 9:32: 45000 blk, S. Gate Cr. Rd. Medical, General. Lift Assist.

21:38 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Lift Assist. Patient Refusal.

19:29: South Gate Creek Rd. Water Rescue. Occupants Out of Water/Boat Underwater.

21:09: Big Fall Creek Rd. Fire, Brush. Provide Mutual Aid.

June 29: 1:02: 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

8:43: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy.

MVA. Mistaken Phone Activation, No Accident Found.

June 30: 6:01: 88000 blk, Partridge Ln. Assist Police. Staged, Disregarded By LCSO.

8:42: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Welfare Check. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 2: 8:15: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Medical, Heart. Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:22: 88000 blk, Ermi Bee Rd. Fire, Miscellaneous. Fire Extinguished.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 7: 11:17: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Quartz Creek Rd. Semi vs. gray Acura MDX. Not blocking traffic, Non-injury.

July 8: 12:05: MVA - Milepost 11, Clear Lake Cutoff. Single vehicle, non-injury involving a gray Hyundai Sonata.

July 9: 02:44: Medical - 56000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Not Conscious, Breathing.

July 9: 14:45:14:45: MVA - USFS 2672 Rd. Single vehicle into the ditch, non-injury.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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Largest U.S. meteorite found on neighbor's land

By Finn J.D. John

It was getting toward the end of the summer of 1902, and West Linn resident Ellis Hughes was getting worried.

His neighbor, William Dale, had traveled back to Eastern Oregon to sell some land he owned there. With the proceeds, Dale and Hughes planned to buy a piece of property next to the Hughes farm.

The property belonged to the Oregon Iron and Steel Co., which wasn't really doing anything with it and which Hughes was pretty sure would be happy to sell ... unless, of course, they found out why he wanted to buy it.

Because earlier in the summer, while trespassing on it, Hughes had stumbled across the biggest meteorite that has ever been found on American soil, before or since, lying half-buried in a remote and thickly forested part of it.

One imagines him gnawing at his fingernails, waiting to hear back from Dale, hoping it would happen before the property owner got wise or someone else found the meteorite. He'd piled brush over it, but there was only so much you could do to hide a 16-ton hunk of extraterrestrial nickel-iron. Sooner or later someone would spot it, and his chance to grab it would be lost.

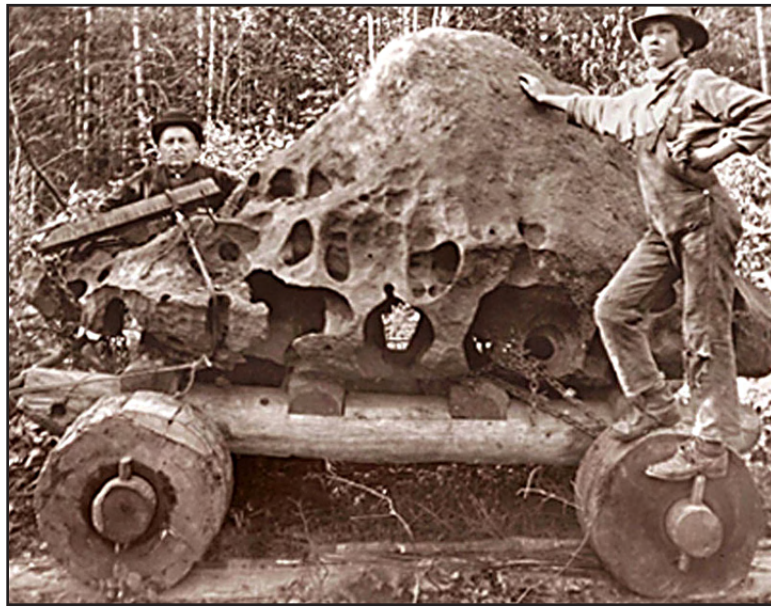
Finally, realizing that Dale was not coming back, Hughes decided on another solution:

Theft.

He would simply load the 31,000-pound meteorite onto a wagon in the middle of the night and drag it three-quarters of a mile onto his property, where he would "discover" it later.

And believe it or not, this hair-brained scheme probably would have worked, if Hughes had kept his mouth shut a little longer...

The meteorite, known today as the Willamette Meteorite, most likely didn't land where Hughes found it. A rock that big hitting anywhere around West Linn would have buried itself to bedrock in the deep Willamette Valley topsoil, never to be seen again. Scientists believe it came down somewhere in Montana or northern Idaho during the last ice age and embedded itself in a glacier. Then, at the end of the ice age, the glacier melted, calving off icebergs into the massive inland sea that was Glacial Lake Missoula — which, of course, torrentially drained, icebergs and



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Ellis Hughes and his stepson pose with the Willamette Meteorite in 1902. The meteorite has been loaded onto a crude wooden cart so that it could be hauled through the woods onto Hughes's property.

all, down the Columbia River during the Missoula Floods. The theory is that an iceberg containing the meteorite floated to what's now West Linn before melting and depositing its load gently on the ground there.

And there it sat for a million years or so.

Native Americans, when they found it, recognized it as special. They gave it a name, Tomonowos (translated as "Visitor from the Moon"), and dipped their arrowheads in the rainwater that collected in its pockets.

Hughes was out cutting firewood when he noticed it: an oddly-shaped boulder, oddly colored, likes rusty iron. Could it be, he wondered, a piece of iron ore?

He consulted his neighbor, William Dale, who came over with a rock hammer and tapped on the strange rock.

Instead of the expected rocky "chup," the hammer rang with a bell-like "ting" on impact. Dale and Hughes looked at each other. This wasn't iron ore, they realized; this was straight-up iron. And the only way iron appears naturally on the surface of the Earth in pure form ... is when it falls from the sky.

(To be precise, the meteorite is 91.65 percent iron, 7.88 percent nickel, 0.21 percent cobalt, and 0.09 percent phosphorous.)

So, that's how Ellis Hughes learned that there was a massive, priceless visitor from outer space parked on his neighbor's land.

The plan to steal the meteorite

kicked off with Hughes and his wife and stepson cutting a wagon road through the woods to the site, from their home.

Next, Hughes built a super heavy-duty wheeled platform to put the meteorite on, and a super heavy-duty capstan winch for his horse to drive. Using the winch, with the help of his wife and stepson (and the horse), he managed to roll the massive thing onto the platform; then, anchoring the winch to a big tree in the general direction of home, he started using it to slowly drag the loaded wagon through the woods.

Progress was excruciatingly slow. For days on end the horse walked in circles around the capstan, winding a cable around a spindle and dragging the platform inch by inch along the road. The best day's progress was 150 feet. Later in the summer, unseasonably heavy rains turned the wagon road into a mud bog, and progress slowed to just a few feet per day; finally they had to stop and put down planks for the cart to run on.

But finally, three months after they started, the Hughes family had their stolen meteorite safe and sound on their own land.

This was the point at which a wiser man would have spent the winter carefully and painstakingly repairing the damage to the neighboring land, filling in the crater out of which the meteor had been dug, and maybe even planting some small trees and shrubs in the wagon path. A year's wait, with some careful cultivation, would have gone a long way toward

making the casual observer think nothing had happened there.

But, of course, that's not what Ellis Hughes did.

Instead, he built a gazebo over the meteorite and started charging people 25 cents a head — worth about \$9 in modern money — to see it.

The meteorite was a big sensation, and for a few weeks it was the talk of the town. It was, as Hughes rightly asserted, the biggest meteorite ever found in the U.S., and at the time the third biggest in the world.

Very soon, though, rumors started to circulate that Hughes had not found the meteorite on his own land. When these rumors reached the ears of the Oregon Iron and Steel Co. people, they apparently went into the woods to look for evidence — and found it.

They started off by offering to buy it from Hughes for \$50, basically reimbursing him for the expense of dragging it out of the woods. But Hughes said no, so the company sued him, demanding its return.

In court, Hughes argued that the meteorite was not real estate, belonging to the land — it was personal property, belonging to the Native Americans. Presumably he was working with the Indians at this point, and probably had made some sort of deal with them, because two tribal leaders from the Clackamas Indians testified on his behalf. The meteorite, they told the judge, was theirs, a holy object belonging to the Clackamas people.

It was a surprisingly plausible argument, and in a modern court of law it would probably be a no-brainer; after all, if the president of Oregon Iron and Steel left his briefcase behind after a visit to a Clackamas village, they wouldn't be allowed to keep it based on a claim to have found it on their land.

But, not in 1903. The court promptly awarded the disputed meteorite to Oregon Iron and Steel, and when Hughes and the tribe appealed to the state supreme court, the decision was affirmed.

The victorious company, possibly feeling some pressure from the tribe, announced that the meteorite would remain in Oregon forever, and prominently featured the big space rock at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. But when, after **Largest U.S. meteorite - Page 10**



By Slim Randles

Doc smiled and felt really good inside when he heard the familiar bird song.

"Hey there, Wheezer," he said, "happy nesting!"

For some reason, this mourning dove with the speech impediment comes around to Doc's back yard every spring, and Doc thinks that's just all right. If ol' Wheezer didn't have that distinctive voice, Doc would never know if this bird favored his yard or was just another bird looking for a home. Let's face it, Wheezer looks just like every other dove in town.

But he was back and flirting with a good-looking lady dove up on the branches of the locust tree. Doc always wondered whether doves mate for life, and this was the same Mrs. Wheez he sees every year, or if Wheezer had to court a new lassie each spring.

"I'll have to look it up," Doc said, knowing that he wouldn't.

But he did go over to the concrete block wall and clean out the crud from the hollow in the top block by the gate. Doc had put dirt in it years ago, and each spring, the Wheezer family hauled in twigs and grass and made a place to raise their family.

And each spring, as Mrs. W. sat on her eggs, it would take Doc a few days before she would tolerate him coming and going through the gate. This was the dove family he was close to. They let him get right up to maybe a foot from the ugly little baby birds each spring, and he was careful never to move quickly or make a noise. That was his contribution, you see, to the putting together of the "Doves in the Concrete Block" family.

Wonder how long doves live? Doc thought. Wonder how long old Wheezer will last? I'll have to look it up.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Coffee grounds can improve soil and kill slugs



The most consumed drink in the world has more benefits than just keeping us awake. Spent coffee grounds can be used as a soil amendment and compost ingredient, while liquid coffee acts as an effective slug killer.

According to various sources, between 400 billion to 1 trillion cups of coffee are consumed around the world every year. No matter the number, that's a lot of coffee, which means a lot of spent coffee grounds. Using coffee grounds in the garden keeps them out of the waste stream and gives gardeners another option for caring for plants and dealing with slugs.

Linda Brewer, Oregon State University Extension Service soil scientist, said coffee grounds can be worked into the soil or added to a compost pile but should be done with some restraint.

"The big message is that generally, people are too enthusiastic," Brewer said. "You really need to take the recommended dosages to heart. I've visited a site where a raised bed was ruined by too many coffee grounds. Like most kitchen waste, it is a fine amendment for the garden, but like anything else, coffee grounds can be overdone."

Contrary to popular belief, it's a myth that coffee grounds are acidic and will lower the pH of the soil. After brewing, the grounds are close to pH neutral, between 6.5 and 6.8. Research shows that whatever change coffee grounds bring to the soil is short-lived, Brewer said. So, don't depend on them to keep a lower soil pH. Some plants like rhododendrons, azaleas, blueberries, gardenias, and blue-flowering hydrangeas require a lower soil pH to thrive and coffee grounds won't do that.

For more information about pH, see Extension publications "Acidifying Soil in Landscapes and Gardens East of the Cascades" and "Acidifying Soil for Blueberries and Ornamental Plants in Yard and Garden: West of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington."

Although coffee grounds provide some nitrogen (1% to 2%) and micronutrients, they aren't a major source of plant nutrition, Brewer said. As coffee grounds break down, nitrogen is tied up by soil microorganisms using it to grow and reproduce. To adjust, add a nitrogen fertilizer or other source of nitrogen like

composted animal manure, alfalfa meal, or grass clippings when the uncomposted coffee grounds are incorporated.

Even though coffee grounds provide minor amounts of potassium, phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium and very minor amounts of iron, copper, manganese and zinc, these nutrients aren't supplied in sufficient quantity to satisfy plant needs. Coffee grounds are best at improving soil. As the coffee grounds feed the soil microbes, microbial glues are released that promote good soil structure and improve drainage.

When using coffee grounds as a soil amendment, Brewer recommends working in a half inch to a depth of 4 inches. If used as a mulch on top of the soil, a layer of leaves or bark mulch helps keep the grounds from drying out and repelling water.

When using grounds in the compost bin or pile, layer 3-

parts leaves to 1-part fresh grass clippings to 1-part coffee grounds by volume. Coffee filters can be thrown in, too. Turn once a week and monitor for moisture and the compost will be ready in three to six months. The composition of the compost pile should not exceed 20% coffee grounds by volume, or it can be toxic to plants.

Excess coffee grounds, if applied to the soil before composting, have multiple effects on the soil system. In addition to microorganisms tying up nitrogen temporarily, the caffeine residues in the spent coffee grounds can suppress germination and slow the growth of some plants.

If you get coffee grounds from coffee shops, you can store them tightly covered until ready for use. Mold may grow on the grounds, but these can be composted, where the mold will contribute to decomposition.

Perhaps more exciting than the positive effect of coffee grounds as a compost and soil amendment, is its potential as a slug killer, Brewer said. Research shows that using a 1% to 2% solution mixed with water as a soil drench caused 100% of slugs to leave the treated soil and subsequently die of caffeine poisoning. A 2% solution of caffeine applied to the growing medium of orchids killed 95% of orchid snails and gave better control than a liquid metaldehyde product – the common slug bait.

To make a 1% to 2% soil drench add 1-part water to 2-parts strong brewed coffee. For example, use 1 cup of water to 2 cups of coffee. To reduce slug feeding on foliage, add 9-parts water to 1-part brewed coffee and apply as a spray.

"A sensible approach would be to apply diluted coffee to a sample of leaves and wait for a few hot and sunny days to watch for leaf burn or other damage," Brewer said. "If there's no damage, go ahead with spraying."



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

As I click on FaceBook pages of various Allen family members I see numerous pictures of strawberry picking and eating. Strawberries in summer are a family tradition going back to my husband and his brothers growing up on a NH farm. They had a large strawberry patch and picked as many as 100 quarts of these berries in a day, I was informed when I jointed the family

They ate them mashed and stirred into a glass of milk for a refreshing snack when coming in from the hay field. Mom made strawberry biscuit shortcake for many supper meals during berry season. If there were enough berries, she made strawberry jam.

When they grew up and had gardens of their own, the boys raised strawberries. One of the eight boys had his own commercial "pick your own" strawberry fields. Nowadays, the "boys", their children and grandchildren still go on outings to strawberry fields where they pick multi quarts of strawberries each summer.

Strawberry Festivals

Strawberry festivals provided memorable events in my childhood. The ladies of the local Methodist Church conducted the one in our town, although anyone could attend. For a small fee, you enjoyed strawberry delights - shortcake, pie and homemade ice cream. No other food was served, so it was mainly a dessert social time, something we looked forward to during strawberry season each year.

At first it was held at Jack and Nellie's large farmhouse with spacious lawn, back and front porches. There were continual sittings. Church ladies continued to make biscuits, churn ice cream as people arrived. The pies had been made beforehand.

Eventually the event became so large that it was moved to the town hall with kitchen and large indoor space for serving. At any of these, adults visited and children played games in the yard. As we girls grew older, we helped wait on tables.

During this season, you may want to serve these tasty treats in home for family and guests.

Berry Shortcake

We often purchase the frozen buttermilk biscuits and bake only what we need for the particular meal. While warm, we spoon mashed berries and fruit over the biscuit and top with whipped topping or a spoonful of vanilla ice cream.

I've found that by using the frozen biscuits, there isn't any waste. I suppose I could bake my usual recipe of biscuits and freeze the leftover ones for future use.

Berry Tarts

You can make fruit and berry tarts with many different types of crusts. These include traditional pastry crust, as well as those made with wheat pastry flour, cookie crumbs (vanilla or chocolate) and graham cracker crumbs.

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

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Community Notes

July 13

Safety Study

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host a community open house to share an update on the Highway 126 East Safety Study. It's a drop-in open house starting at 6 p.m. so residents can talk with ODOT staff in person, ask questions about the project, and hear updates. It will be held in McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center.

July 13

Vida McKenzie Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop.

July 14

McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It's open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

July 14

Blueberry Art Show

3rd annual Blueberry Festival Art Show will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 89849 Greenwood Dr. The Pacific Rim Art Guild art show includes a reception and award ceremony on Friday evening. The Blueberry Patch opened their field from June 10th to July 1st for artists to come and paint. Online registration for The Great Blueberry Paint Out, opened April 1st. at <http://www.pacrimartguild.com> with an artist prospectus online for more information. The cost is \$35 for Open Division and \$45 for Professional Division. Award winning artist Brent Burkett will be the Juror.

July 14

Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m., starting at 500 Main St (Emerald Art Center in Springfield).

July 15

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.

July 15

Story Time Changes

Beginning on July 15th, Story Time will be held in the Leaburg Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am. There will be

wonderful stories and rhymes, crafts, interesting themes, and plenty of time to check out a few perfect books. There is no cost. Families welcome! Come join us!

July 15

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.

July 17

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 18

Board of Commissioners

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July 18

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 19

Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

July 19

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July 19

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District Board of Directors will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be livestreamed with viewing available

at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelcIzi4UMCeQ/videos.

July 19

Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will meet at 7p.m. at 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

July 20

McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

July 20

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.

July 22

Dime At A Time

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July 22

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.

July 24

Spfld School Board

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

July 25

Board of Commissioners

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July 25

Family Story Time

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July 26

Board of Commissioners

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July 27

Watershed Wednesday

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July 28

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. 2nd & 4th 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.

July 29

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.

July 29

Benefit Concert

The Joey McGee Benefit Concert for the Vida McKenzie Community Center's rebuild will be held at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop, starting at 7 p.m. Performing will be Joey McGee, visiting singer/songwriter/guitarist from Texas. This is a family-friendly event. Refreshments will be served.

July 31

Summer Camp

The McKenzie River Community School Summer Camp will be held from Monday, July 31st through Thursday, Aug 3rd for incoming 1st-4th grade. The camp will be on the school campus.

August 1

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.

August 1

Coffee With Locals

Meet at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd. Come have a cup of coffee with the locals at 10 a.m. (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in the fire recovery process, and share your successes

and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

August 2

Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com

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Blue River Park Board

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August 2

Board of Commissioners

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Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar](#).

Business Beat



Dr. Erin Byrne has joined the staff of the East Lane Veterinary Hospital in Leaburg. A Michigan native, she moved to Oregon prior to starting high school.

Her love of animals led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from Oregon State University, which she received in 2016. During her undergraduate education, she worked at the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU as well as a research ranch. Both experiences expanded her interest in the veterinary field. I attended Oregon State University, resulting in her 2020 graduation from the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

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I'm at my wit's end. My wife of 20 years is leaving me. She said she is sick of me always talking to her. She says she doesn't care about money or anything else as long as she can get away from me. I pleaded with her to stay and she stayed one night in the spare room, but she refused to talk further.

The next day I returned home from work to an empty house with no idea where anybody was. I was so upset my wife was not home preparing a meal for our teenagers, I went to the restaurant where she works. I am ashamed to say I created more than one scene in more than one place. I am now barred from the restaurant.

I'm struggling on my own at home, trying for the first time in my life to cook and look after my children, who expect everything to be as their mother did it. I think

my daughter understands, but my son is naïve. He thinks we can wave a magic wand and make everything right again. How I wish he was right. I even thought about suicide.

Glenn

Glenn, in old Hollywood movies, there was a scene where a girl would fly into hysterics and the male lead would slap her to bring her to her senses. That's where you are now. You are in the "I can't believe this is happening" nightmare.

Everything seems unreal, and you don't know what to do next. But you have an ally. Your ally is time. When Mavis Hetherington did the largest study of divorce in the United States, she reported, "Things will probably get worse over the course of this first year, then improve radically."

Life is so precious you can't consider hurting yourself because that is the most crippling thing you could do to your children. Beyond that, the greatest harm you could do to yourself is not to let your life unfold.

Move through this with fresh eyes. Your life is not falling apart. It is changing. With change comes the possibility of finding the joy and satisfaction and love which were not present in your marriage.

The way you feel today is not the way you will feel tomorrow, next week, or next month. Take care of your children. This can be the beginning of the life you were meant to live.

Tamara

Parting Shots

My husband and I have agreed to divorce, and both of us are still in the family home. He is a retired government attorney. I am a real estate agent.

Like all real estate agents, my income is very hit or miss. We have his pension and our property investment coming in on a monthly basis. I don't trust my husband to be upfront about all our assets. He incorporated with partners, and he's always kept our real estate investments and business very much to himself.

I am sure you have heard all this before, but I would like not to be in the poor house when this is over. Just fair would be the best.

Charlotte

Charlotte, when you deal with other people, it's best to act in accordance with who they are. If you are dealing with a kind person who always thinks of others, you act one way. If you are dealing with someone selfish and secretive, you act another. It doesn't matter that you once shared a bed.

In the olden days, a man-of-war would fire a shot across the bow of another ship as a signal to stop, so they could have a chat. There is no reason your divorce should be acrimonious, but you need

a lawyer to represent your best interests. He can fire a shot across your husband's bow, so the two of them can stop for a chat.

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*, *The Friendship Solution*, and *Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

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

The Applicant

By Sylvia Plath

First, are you our sort of a person? Do you wear A glass eye, false teeth or a crutch, A brace or a hook, Rubber breasts or a rubber crotch,

Stitches to show something's missing? No, no? Then How can we give you a thing? Stop crying. Open your hand. Empty? Empty. Here is a hand

To fill it and willing To bring teacups and roll away headaches And do whatever you tell it. Will you marry it? It is guaranteed

To thumb shut your eyes at the end And dissolve of sorrow. We make new stock from the salt. I notice you are stark naked. How about this suit—

Black and stiff, but not a bad fit. Will you marry it? It is waterproof, shatterproof, proof Against fire and bombs through the roof. Believe me, they'll bury you in it.

Now your head, excuse me, is empty. I have the ticket for that. Come here, sweetie, out of the closet. Well, what do you think of that? Naked as paper to start

But in twenty-five years she'll be silver, In fifty, gold. A living doll, everywhere you look. It can sew, it can cook, It can talk, talk, talk.

It works, there is nothing wrong with it. You have a hole, it's a poultice. You have an eye, it's an image. My boy, it's your last resort. Will you marry it, marry it, marry it.

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Events from Jul 13th

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Mon Jun 19th 1:00pm - Wed Aug 30th 3:00pm

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Thu Jul 13th 11:00am - Sat Dec 16th 12:00pm

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Thu Jul 13th 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Vida McKenzie Board meeting

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

HIGHWAY 126 EAST SAFETY STUDY UPDATE

IN PERSON ON JULY 13

Thu Jul 13th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Hwy 126 Safety Study

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is hosting a community open house to share an update on the Highway 126 East Safety

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Fri Jul 14th 11:00am - 1:00pm

McKenzie River Food Pantry

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
 (www.ricksteber.com)

July 13 - Peter Skeen Ogden was a fur trader and one of the most influential men in the Oregon Country. He was born in Canada, joined the North West Fur Company and was transferred to the Columbia District in 1818. He led countless trading and trapping expeditions, visiting and exploring the Snake River country, Central Oregon, Utah, Nevada and Northern California. He succeeded Dr. John McLoughlin as Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver in 1845 and used his influence to secure the release of the 53 women and children held captive after the Whitman Massacre. Ogden died in 1854 and is buried at Oregon City.

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Sheriff's Report

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but was stopped by friends of the caller at the location. A little bit later the caller advised the suspect came back on the property and attempted to strike the caller. Deputies were able to arrive and detain the suspect.

6:46 p.m: ATL Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

19:07 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 43700 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller advised suspicious Honda with two males in the area and the vehicle had a "Spectrum Contractor" sticker on the side of the vehicle. The vehicle left the area shortly after.

July 5: 12:08 p.m: Theft - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller advised lumber was stolen from build site. No suspect information.

12:54 p.m: Civil Service - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

1:40 p.m: Civil Service - 91100 blk, Marcola Rd.

July 5: 12:08 p.m: Theft - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:54 p.m: Civil Service - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

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4:25 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90100 blk, Marcola Rd. Caller advised they were involved in a verbal dispute with a male who lives on the property. Caller advised no weapons or alcohol were involved. Caller advised deputies the other male had left the property.

11:09 p.m: Theft of Mail - 90500 blk, Hill Rd.

July 6: 2:23 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:33 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 87200 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

9:03 p.m: Dog Bite - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

July 7: 1:57:13 p.m: Welfare Check - 91900 blk, Taylor Rd.

3:18:30 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Parsons Creek Rd. & Pioch Ln.

2:27:39 p.m: Vicious Dog - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.

July 8: 12:38 a.m: Strangulation - 37200 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

2:48 a.m: Drug Overdose - 56600 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:34 p.m: Vicious Animal - 54400 blk, McK. River Dr.

1:13 p.m: Harassment - 92200 blk, Carson St.

3:06 p.m: Citizen Contact - Cascade View staging area.

8:17 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:52 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

July 9: 11:30 a.m: Vicious Dog - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:48 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.

4:08 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Bridge St. & Holden Creek Ln.

7:09 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd

10:21 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 37400 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

11:36 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd

July 10: 4:26 p.m: Speeding Motorcycle - Horse Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

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

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 - 5,499, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

Fish Counts
July 6, Willamette Falls
 Spring Chinook - 22,245
 Summer Steelhead - 874

Oregon to sue woodstove sales

Nine other states demanding greater regulation

By Alex Baumhard
 Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon's attorney general plans to join nine attorneys general in suing the federal Environmental Protection Agency for failing to ensure newly manufactured wood-burning stoves and fireplaces don't contaminate the air and harm public health.

Ellen Rosenblum and the attorneys general from Alaska, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, and Washington notified the agency on June 29 of their intent to sue, giving it 60 days' notice to take action or negotiate to avoid a lawsuit.

They allege the agency has failed to adequately update its emissions standards for residential wood-burning stoves and fireplaces to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act. Though the agency began regulating wood heaters for emissions in 1988, a recent report from the agency's Office of Inspector General found that current standards and the certification process, last updated in 2015, are flawed.

"The current program does not provide reasonable assurance that wood heaters are properly tested and certified before reaching consumers," the attorneys general wrote.

An agency spokesperson Melissa Sullivan declined to comment Wednesday in an email.

"Because this is potential litigation, EPA has no further information to add," she wrote.

The attorneys general have asked that the agency revise its performance standards for newly manufactured wood heaters and to revise the testing and certification



A state study in 2009 found that nearly 600,000 Oregon homes used wood-burning devices and 40% of them were not certified. (Getty Images)

process for them.

In 2009, Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality found that more than 590,000 homes in Oregon had a wood-burning device. More than half of them were wood stoves or wood fireplaces, and about 40% of those were uncertified. Its survey found statewide that about 17% of wood-burning devices were used as a main source of heat and 37% were used as a secondary source of heat.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates there are more than 6 million old and inefficient wood-burning stoves in the U.S. today. Wood smoke contains a number of harmful air pollutants, including carbon monoxide and fine particulate matter that can lead to asthma, cancer, and dementia, according to the agency's analysis.

A 2021 analysis of 250 certified wood heaters on the market by the nonprofit Northeast States for Co-

ordinated Air Use Management and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation found that manufacturers had either incomplete or no reports showing they had tested their products to ensure they met EPA standards. None was in compliance with regulatory requirements, the analysis found. It concluded that the agency's certification program did not ensure that wood heaters sold in recent years were any cleaner than those sold prior to 1988, the first year that emissions standards were established for wood-burning stoves. The attorneys general said that wood-burning stoves are most often used in communities already disproportionately impacted by pollution.

"Many of these devices will be installed in communities that are overburdened by environmental harms and other inequities, further exacerbating environmental justice issues," they wrote.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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15:04: 40510 Blk. McK. Hwy. Water Rescue. Assisted To Shore.

July 3: 14:22: McK. Hwy. Milepost 11. MVA. Non-Blocking, Non-Injury.

19:14: Rockrose Ln./Woodfern Ln. Grass Fire. Mutual Aid

Provided
21:43: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Lift Assist. Lifting Assistance Provided.

22:25: 41006 Deerhorn Rd. Odor Investigation. Investigate, UTL.

July 4: 12:04: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Investigate, Confirmed Deceased.

12:55: 800 blk, S. 79th C. St. Unregulated Equipment. Informed

About Current Level/Home Owner Complied.

16:22: 700 blk, S. A St Medical, General. Cancelled On Scene.

20:18: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Assisted Patient to Private Vehicle.

July 5: 19:51: 90402 Marcola Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded by Mohawk Command.

July 5: 20:25: 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Fire, Brush. Extinguished.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 17th 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.

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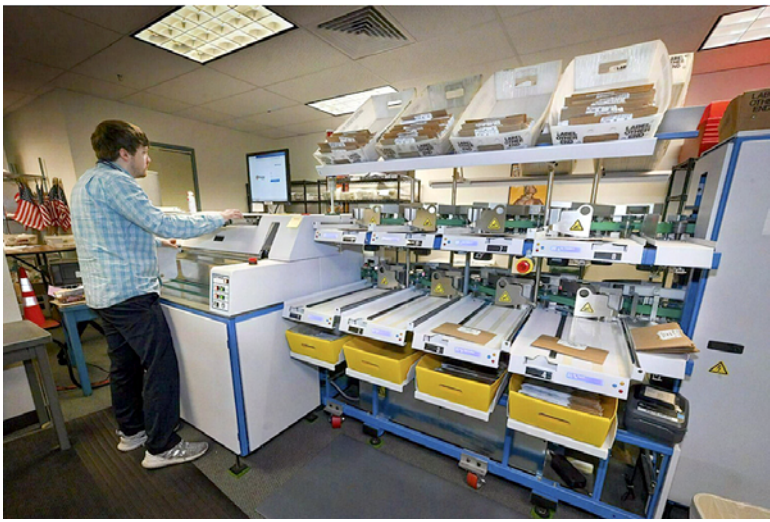
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Federal judge tosses Oregon lawsuit over mail voting, tabulation machines



Ryan Patraw processed ballots at the Marion County Clerk's Office in Salem on Monday, May 16. Each ballot goes through several steps before it is scanned to have the vote tabulated.. (Ron Cooper/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

By Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle
A federal judge has tossed a lawsuit intended to end mail voting and electronic voting tabulation in Oregon, saying "generalized grievances" about the state's elections aren't enough to give a group of unsuccessful Republican candidates and other election deniers standing to sue.
U.S. Magistrate Judge Stacie F. Beckerman dismissed the suit late last month. Plaintiffs, led by former school superintendent and 2022 Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Thielman, are appealing her ruling.

"Plaintiffs allege that Oregon's computerized vote tabulation and mail-in voting systems violate their constitutional rights, including violations of the Due Process Clause, the Equal Protection Clause, and their fundamental right to vote," Beckerman wrote. "Plaintiffs allege that 'organized criminals' are manipulating Oregon's elections, and they base

their claims on a documentary about voting irregularities in other states and reports of voting irregularities in Oregon."

In a 44-page complaint filed last October and in oral arguments last month, Thielman and others claimed that Oregon voters have been disenfranchised, though they provided no evidence. The bulk of the complaint relied on "2,000 Mules," a 2022 film from right-wing commentator Dinesh D'Souza, that purported to show that people in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin delivered multiple ballots to drop boxes.

Election experts have debunked the film's claims. It also didn't include Oregon, though the lawsuit claimed fraud was prevalent in Eugene, Portland, Jackson County and Marion County based on unexplained analyses from two prominent election deniers.

The lawsuit sought injunctions blocking Oregon from using mail voting, which has been the standard for more than two decades,

and to prevent ballots from being counted by machines.

Beckerman's nine-page opinion didn't get into the merits of the complaint but whether Thielman and other plaintiffs had legal standing.

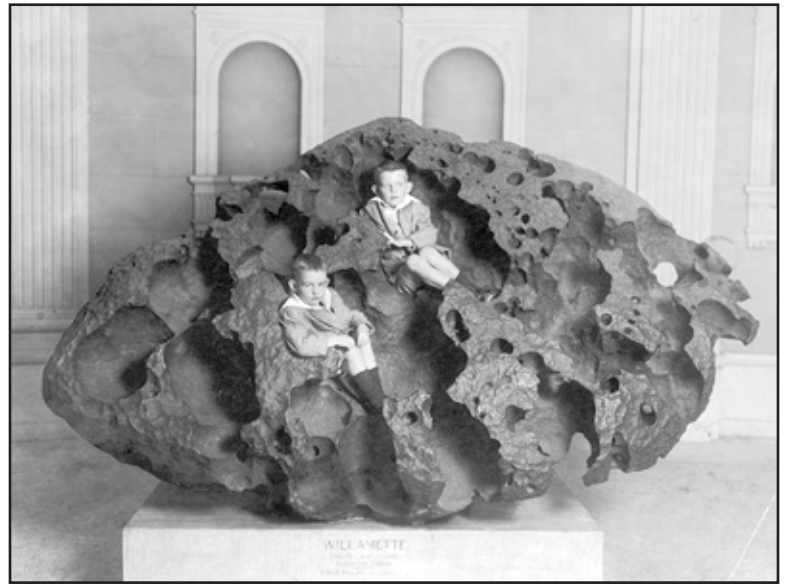
Thielman was joined by state Sen. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, and several unsuccessful Republican candidates: Ben Edtl lost to Democratic Senate President Rob Wagner of Lake Oswego, Sandra Nelson lost to Democratic Rep. Ken Helm and Diane Rich and Pam Lewis lost local elections in Coos County, Rich for county clerk and Lewis for a county commission spot. Another plaintiff, Chuck Wiese, is a former meteorologist who denies the existence of climate change.

"Plaintiffs' alleged injury - their lack of confidence in Oregon's election system - is not particularized to the plaintiffs in this litigation," Beckerman wrote. "Rather, plaintiffs allege that their lack of confidence in Oregon's election system is shared 'by all of Oregon's citizens' and is 'a statewide issue.' As such, plaintiffs have not alleged a particularized injury sufficient to establish standing."

The case is among several attempts by election deniers in Oregon and elsewhere to discredit elections. A federal judge in February dismissed another case, *Gunter v. Fagan*, that combined three lawsuits filed by election deniers against county clerks in Washington and Wasco counties and then-Secretary of State Shemia Fagan. The lead plaintiff in that case, Jennifer Gunter, has filed an appeal and aims to prevent the state from using machines to count votes.

Largest U.S. meteorite

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AMNH
Two small boys clown around in the holes of the 16-ton Willamette Meteorite, where it sits on display in the American Museum of Natural History in New York in 1911.

the Exposition ended, wealthy philanthropist Sarah Dodge offered to buy it for the American Museum of Natural History in New York City for \$20,600, they apparently changed their mind and took the money.

The Willamette Meteorite has remained on display in the museum ever since. There are two replicas of it - one at the United Methodist Church in West Linn, near where it was found, and the other outside the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History in Eugene - but Oregonians who want to see the real thing will have to travel to New York to do it.

In 1990, local Indian tribes sued for the return of the meteorite; but ten years later they came to an agreement with the museum that lets them come and visit the meteorite and hold private ceremonies around it. The agreement also stipulates that if the museum ever takes it off permanent display, the tribes will get it back.

Everyone seems to have been happy with this compromise, and when, in 2007, a bill got introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives demanding its return, the tribes released a statement saying they were happy

with the existing arrangement and did not support the bill. So, as Willamette Week put it in an editorial that year, "neither the bill nor the 16-ton meteorite went anywhere."

(Sources: "Meteorites from the Pacific Northwest," an article by George E. Mustoe published in the March 1999 issue of *Oregon Geology*; *Images of America: West Linn*, a book by Cordelia Backer Seigneur published in 2009 by Arcadia Publishing; "Oregon Meteorites," an information hub page maintained by Portland State University's Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory, meteorites.pdx.edu)

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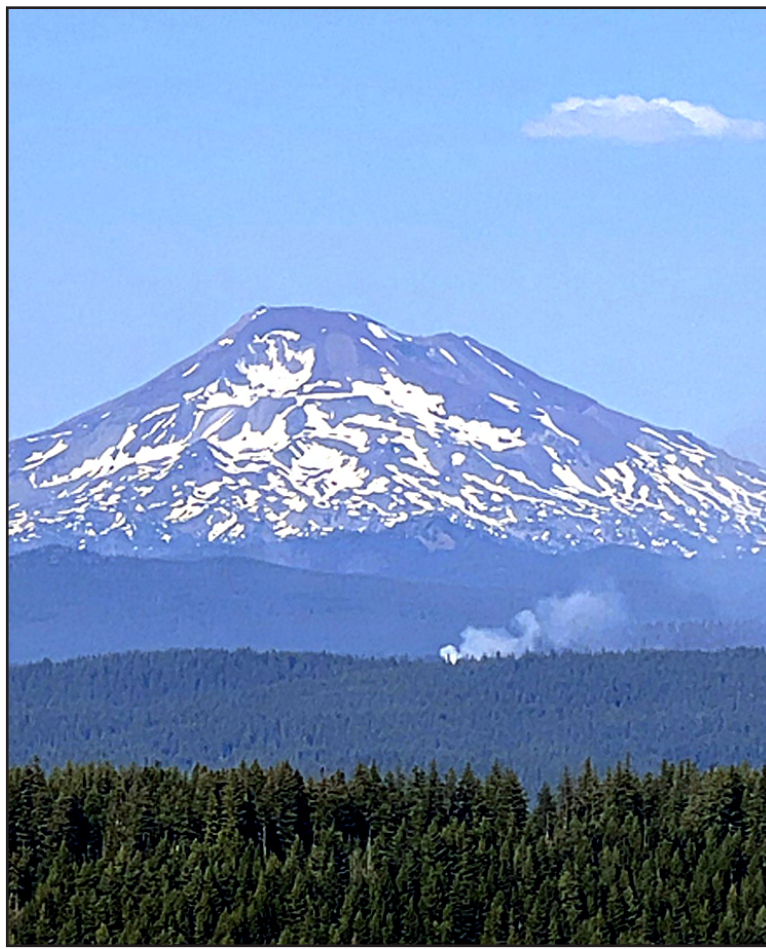
Three Sisters Wilderness lightning fire now out

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: On July 5th, a lightning-caused fire was reported in the Three Sisters Wilderness near Mink Lake Basin north of Park Trail #3530. Named the Moonlight Fire it involved approximately 2 acres. Initially, 10 smokejumpers were on the scene working to suppress the creeping and smoldering fire. A medium-sized type 2 helicopter was sent in later that day, working out of the McKenzie Bridge Airport.

On July 7th the McKenzie Fire 20-person hand crew, as well as 4 additional Helitack personnel, hiked in to help support Moonlight Fire located in the Three Sisters Wilderness near Mink Lake Basin north of Park Trail #3530. They continued to support the incident using full suppression tactics to put the fire out. There wasn't a threat to structures or nearby communities but people were advised to stay out of the area.

Officials said the fire was managed by McKenzie River Ranger District using full suppression tactics to put the fire out. There wasn't a threat to structures or nearby communities but people were advised to stay out of the area.

The fire danger level in the Willamette National Forest has risen to "high" and the Industrial Fire Prevention Level is at II. There are currently no public use restrictions in place for fire, but Forest Service officials are urging everyone to exercise caution while recreating in the woods, especially if they have a campfire. A campfire should be contained in a pre-ex-



Smoke observed from the Moonlight Fire alerted officials.

isting or robust fire ring with a shovel and water in reach. The campfire should also be kept small and at least five feet away from any flammable material, including overhanging tree limbs.

Crews were able to complete the mop-up and fire suppression repair Monday morning. The fire is now officially called out. All personnel and equipment have been released from the fire.

Additionally, fire crews put out 7 small fires in the Willamette National Forest over the weekend. All fires are now out.

Many of those fires were abandoned campfires. People are reminded to extinguish campfires, drown them with water, stir, drown, and continue until cold to touch. "Smothering" a fire with dirt is not sufficient to put the fire "dead out."

ODF and OSU to begin updating wildfire hazard map

The Oregon Department of Forestry will soon begin work with Oregon State University to update the wildfire hazard map based on direction provided in Senate Bill 80, passed by the 2023 Oregon Legislature. This is in addition to the work ODF and OSU have been doing to incorporate feedback provided by landowners and local governments following last year's initial map rollout.

Senate Bill 80 advances Oregon's wildfire programs established by the 2021 Legislature's Senate Bill 762. Senate Natural Resources Committee Chair Jeff Golden (D-Rogue Valley), guided SB 80 towards passage. "The revisions this bill makes," said Golden, "address the plain fact that we'll meet the massive wildfire challenge ahead only through a rock-solid collaboration between state and federal agencies, local officials, community leaders and affected property owners. We'll succeed if Oregonians see this as their program, not the government's. SB 80 takes big strides in that direction. The bill wouldn't have been possible without the careful work of the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council—19 citizens from different backgrounds, professions and locations—who are charged with guiding us over time towards a more effective wildfire program. We're lucky to have their service."

After passage of SB 762 in 2021, ODF worked with a rule-making advisory committee on administrative rules to govern the map. Those rules, passed by the Board of Forestry, along with scientific expertise on modeling wildfire occurrence and behavior from OSU, led to the mapping of wildfire "risk" at a property tax lot level for 1.8 million parcels in Oregon. However, lack of clarity about the map's purpose and limited time for outreach and education about what it would mean for property owners resulted in concern about and opposition to the map. ODF plans to engage communities throughout the upcoming revision process to better inform Oregonians on the process, science, and purpose of the updated hazard map.

While the updated map is still

required to use climate, weather, topography, and vegetation in assessing wildfire potential, SB 80 brings a few significant changes to the map:

- Clarifies the purpose of the map as being a tool to:
 - o Inform Oregon residents and property owners about their wildfire exposure by providing transparent and science-based information.
 - o Assist in prioritizing fire adaptation and mitigation resources for the most vulnerable locations.
 - o Identify where defensible space standards and home hardening codes will apply.
- Changes from five "risk" classes to three "hazard" classes.
- Requires eight meetings with county and local officials to review local draft maps.
- Limits the hazard class notification requirements to those in high hazard zones that are also inside wildland-urban interface boundaries. Updated notifications will be reviewed by the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council for recommendations on tone, clarity of language and presentation of information.
- Changes the appeal process: Properties in a high hazard class may be appealed as a contested case hearing described in Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 183.

ODF and OSU are still working on the process and timeline for revising the map. However, the following activities are planned:

- Complete a draft revision of the map that includes both previously voiced concerns and changes from SB 80.
- Attend eight county meetings across the state as described in SB 80 to share community-level revised maps with county representatives, gather local feedback, and provide clear information on how wildfire hazard is assessed.
- Convene a rulemaking advisory committee to amend the existing administrative rules to conform with the new law and incorporate lessons learned during county meetings.
- Schedule and attend community meetings across the state—with a focus on the highest hazard areas—to discuss how wildfire hazard was determined, what it means for property owners, share updated community-level draft maps, and get public input.
- Draft property owner notifications and solicit input from the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council.
- Publish a draft map online.
- Send notifications to property owners in high hazard zones inside the wildland-urban interface boundary, including instructions on how to appeal the designation.
- Publish the final map online, including the results of successful appeals.

"ODF appreciates direction from the Legislature and the time to get the map right. We're eager to engage communities and discuss the increasing hazard of wildfire across Oregon," said State Forester Cal Mukumoto. "Having the time to solicit and incorporate community input is critical to Oregonians understanding the environmental hazard of wildfire."

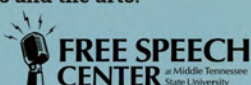
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