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April delivers a week of wild weather



Upper McKenzie Fire District volunteers got some on the job experience during their weekly training session last Thursday. Just before the class began, they were dispatched to the scene of a semi truck on fire near the east end of McKenzie River Drive. The crew helped quell the smoldering vehicle after the driver had gotten it under control using packed snow.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Over two inches of rain was recorded at the weather station at Cougar Dam last week, and residents of the far eastern sections of the McKenzie Valley report they encountered measurable snow on a daily basis. Besides being unusual, those con-

ditions were also challenging to some motorists.

Three motor vehicle accidents were reported on April 12th, all on the Clear Lake Cutoff. The first occurred around 10:30 a.m. when a caller reported a blue vehicle had gone off the roadway into some

trees near milepost 16. Around 4 p.m. another car had slipped off the roadway, going nose deep into a snowbank in the area near milepost 6. About 2 hours later, the driver of a black Nissan said he'd slid off the roadway near milepost 18 to avoid a head-on collision.

Making memories



Students from the Phoenix-Talent School District delivered a sculpture they created to the McKenzie School District campus on Monday.

FINN ROCK: "It was a super cool experience," was the way McKenzie High junior Anna Reidmann reacted after seeing the Manzanita sculpture and the student artists who delivered it. "That branch represents standing through the fire - just keeping on. We lost a lot and they had similar stuff going on."

Phoenix-Talent School District Superintendent Brent Barry said the idea developed from a realization that their area wasn't alone in being impacted by the wildfires of 2020. "We lost 2,400 homes and we're still recovering and rebuilding," he said. The original plan was to create some local artwork but it got "bigger and bigger and bigger," he said. After dropping off their artwork

at McKenzie they were traveling on for another gift giving to the Santiam Canyon School District, which had also been hit by fire.

"You'd be surprised at how slow rebuilding can take," noted McKenzie Schools Superintendent Lane Tompkins. That sort of recovery he feels could also provide an opportunity to, "make things better and correct some things that may have happened in the past."

The gift from the visiting students, Tompkins said, is sure to be long lasting. "As the kids come back - say for a homecoming game, they'll bring their kids up." The sculpture can provide a focal point to look back and "appreciate in a good way that you're not alone," he said.

Climate change and extreme rain events

Within 12 months of extreme wildfires, report warns of devastating Pacific Northwest debris flows

In the early morning hours of January 9, 2018, intense rainfall loosened debris and mud in the Santa Ynez mountains, in Santa Barbara County, that had been torched by the Thomas Fire just months before.

The resulting debris flow killed 23 people, injured another 167 and damaged at least 400 homes. UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain witnessed the aftermath in person.

"It gives you a sense of the physical forces involved," he said. "You see cars up in trees and boulders the size of trucks strewn about as if they were pebbles in someone's garden."

According to a new research paper co-authored by Swain, events like that one could begin occurring more frequently in the western U.S. because of climate



Debris flows are now on the list of dangers officials are on the lookout for in communities affected by wildfires.

change. In the coming years, hilly or mountainous regions within wildfire burn areas will face a higher risk for debris flows, mudslides and flash floods — all of

which are likelier to occur on fire-scorched hillsides without vegetation.

"Climate change increases risk of extreme rainfall following wild-

fire in the western United States," can be found here.

That's because climate change is projected to increase the conditions — higher temperatures, low humidity and precipitation extremes, both wet and dry — that lead to those disasters, according to the study, which was published in Science Advances.

"Climate change is increasing the number of extreme precipitation events that follow extreme wildfire conditions," Swain said. "This is going to increase the incidence of post-fire debris flows and flash floods."

Under what the authors describe as a "high-warming scenario" — in which greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase at a rapid rate — climate change is projected to increase the number of extreme rain events that occur

within 12 months after wildfires by at least one per year by mid-century.

By 2100, the frequency of such rain events is projected to double in California and increase seven-fold in the Pacific Northwest.

The scientists also project that more than 90% of extreme fire weather events in California, Colorado and the Pacific Northwest will be followed within five years by at least three extreme rainfall events, within the same geographic area.

Using climate models, the paper's authors analyzed the numbers of days each year when conditions would be projected to be in the 99.9th percentile for two measures: extreme weather conducive to wildfires and extreme precipitation. While there were only a

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Letters to the Editor

Where did all the money go?

As a member of McKenzie Valley Wellness, I must ask: “Where did all that money go?”

According to the 2019 McKenzie River Clinic Annual Report, during Fiscal Years, ‘13, ‘14, and ‘15, \$ 34,500 was withdrawn from the Clinic Endowment Fund (or an average of \$ 958 per month).

Over the subsequent three Fiscal Years, ‘16, ‘17, & ‘18, \$358,000 was withdrawn from the fund, (or an average of \$9,944 per month). That is more than ten times the withdrawal rate over the preceding thirty-six months.

The report also indicates at least \$80,000 was withdrawn in 2019.

In short, the Endowment Fund went from more than \$600,000 in July of 2015 to less than \$200,000 in April of 2019 - or more than \$400,000 in less than four years.

Where did all that money go?

I’ve been asking that same question for almost three years and have yet to get a satisfactory answer. The more than 250 members of McKenzie Valley Wellness deserve one too. Perhaps the Board President, Secretary, and Treasurer can provide one at the upcoming McKenzie Annual Members Meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the Upper McKenzie

Community Center.

Tim Laue, Member
McKenzie Valley Wellness

Time to vote

I’m writing this to announce that I plan to run for seat 2 of the McKenzie Valley Wellness Board of Directors as a write-in candidate. After working at the McKenzie River Clinic from 2017-2021, I would like to continue to serve the community by supporting programs that promote wellness and ensuring that funding is used responsibly in our community.

There have been many challenges for the organization since 2017. I feel that by working with other community organizations, McKenzie Valley Wellness can find positive ways to move forward and help the community build back.

The most important thing to do at this time is to fill out your ballot and ensure that it is in the mail well before the deadline. I would also encourage community members to show up to the annual meeting and provide feedback on what you would like to see from the organization in the future. This is a membership organization and your input is critical.

Dr. Tia Clok
DNP, APRN, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

Remember When???

My how times fly when you’re having fun!!!! Or, perhaps, you might say, “where in the heck has the time gone!?” So we’re going to talk ten years past and well, in light of all our more recent, collective life events that do indeed seem a speck in time in the way back.

One winter, athletics at McKenzie High School were heating up gymnasiums and headlining Sports pages around the State. The 2011-12 Eagle Varsity Girls Basketball team embraced the new season enthusiastically and you might say, sported a ‘grudge’ attitude. The Lady Eagles of 2010-11 finished their historic season with 20 wins and 6 losses overall, including a 12-3 Mt. West League season record.

McKenzie defeated Pacific in the 1st Round of the OSAA State 1A playoffs, but the Eagle’s season screeched to a halt, courtesy of Perrydale, in the 2nd Round game. The game was close throughout, but the Pirates prevailed, 36-31.

That year the McKenzie Girls team had the opportunity to travel to Baker City for the OSAA Championship Games, but were relegated to a supportive role for the Eagle Boys team, which was

blazing its own path through the State on the way to earning a Third place State trophy, at the time, the highest finish for a McKenzie team.

So, the Lady Eagles stewed and calculated all summer long, right up to the start to the 2011-12 season. First on the menu was the Mt. West League regular season schedule. Head Girls Coach Darin Harbick and Assistants Rick Harbick and Jerry Smith, kept their team focused on the grudge and the Eagles Girls swept the League with a perfect 14-0 record. That earned the Eagles a First Seed berth in the OSAA State 1A Girls Basketball playoffs, a First Round bye, and a home advantage in the Second Round game.

Who should arrive in Finn Rock for that Second Round match-up, with upset on their agenda? Those Pirates of Perrydale! This time, sporting their grudge and a yearlong memory, the Eagles turned the tables on the Pirates and sent them home with an impressive 52-23 defeat. That win launched McKenzie into the OSAA State Quarterfinals and over the Cascade Hump they traveled to Baker City, this time as the top ranked team in the State, sporting a mighty fine 25-1 overall record. The Eagle Quarterfinal opponent at Baker City was Elkton and Coach Harbick’s team clobbered the Elks 69-38. Advancing to the Championship Semi-Finals,

McKenzie would next toe-up to the always dangerous and well-coached Condon/Wheeler Blue Devils, 71-56 winners in their Quarterfinal game versus



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couple of days each year prior to climate change, the number is fast increasing.

The researchers projected that extreme conditions will increase across the entire area they studied, which stretches from the eastern Rockies to the Pacific Ocean, and from northern Mexico to southwest Canada.

“These would be changes across the board in the American West — even in the desert southwest where it’s dry, and the Pacific Northwest where it’s wet,” Swain said.

Events in recent years have offered ample evidence of the kinds of disasters that can be caused by extreme precipitation following wildfires: debris flows and runoff washed away major highways in Colorado and California and contributed to widespread flooding in British Columbia in 2021.

Although it’s uncertain what climate change will do to average annual precipitation totals in the American West, the new research adds to a growing body of evidence that extreme climate-related events — droughts, floods, wildfires, debris flows and mudslides — will increase in number and worsen in severity.

Based on the projections, Swain said, officials should consider additional actions to mitigate and respond to the threats. Some measures have already been implemented: Government agencies have built rock berms to block debris flows and sprayed seeds on hillsides burned by fire to encourage plant growth. But more can be done, Swain said, to build stronger barriers, monitor areas that are at risk and evacuate neighborhoods when necessary.

“If we know to anticipate a widespread increase in these events, we can prepare for them and anticipate where they will occur,” Swain said, noting that wildfires have to precede the extreme rainfall for debris flows, mudslides and landslides to occur.

The changes the authors described have proven in recent years not only to be dangerous to human life and damaging to habitats and landscapes, but also destructive to the economy. The supply chain disruptions that affected the vast majority of U.S. businesses in 2021 were due not just to the COVID-19 pandemic, but also to climate-related disasters. Interstate 1 along the California coast was shut down for over three months due to debris flows. And part of Interstate 70 — the only east-west highway in Colorado — was washed away and shut down for six months during 2020 and 2021 for repairs.

Now, with drought and climate conditions making more major wildfires and storms likely this year along I-70, Swain said it’s time to invest in infrastructure that would be more resilient to the new climate reality.

“The Colorado Department of Transportation rebuilt I-70 exactly how it was,” Swain said. “Based on what we’re seeing in the data and in reality, I have a feeling it’s going to get washed away again this summer. They spent \$100 million fixing it, they’re going to have to spend \$100 million again this year, and then they’re going to have to spend \$100 million the next time there’s a fire.”







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Friday 4/22		Saturday 4/23		Sunday 4/24	
					
McKenzie Valley Showers 70% chance precip High: 56 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 60% chance precip High: 40 Low: 29	McKenzie Valley AM Showers 40% chance precip High: 60 Low: 42	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 41 Low: 28	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 64 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 49 Low: 32

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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
4/12	35	32	0.79	937cfs	4/12 43 33 0.33 5,010 cfs
4/13	40	32	1.18	1,018 cfs	4/13 43 32 0.85 4,960 cfs
4/14	44	32	0.5	NA	4/14 50 35 0.40 5,090 cfs
4/15	43	32	0.38	NA	4/15 50 33 0.15 5,070 cfs
4/16	41	34	0.68	954 cfs	4/16 55 37 0.06 5,090 cfs
4/17	49	30	0	972 cfs	4/17 47 32 0.32 4,940 cfs
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Sheriff's Report

April 11: 2:50 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 35500 block, Camp Creek Rd. A caller reported receiving threats from someone involved in a recent business transaction with him.

3:25 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Milepost 26. A gray Subaru was reported to be speeding, tailgating and attempting dangerous lane changes. It was last observed eastbound near milepost 26 on McKenzie Hwy.

April 12: 8:31 a.m: Theft of Mail - 90100 blk, Sunderman Rd.

9:08 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 35500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

11:23 a.m: Location Stolen Vehicle - Lat: 44.06 Long: -122.23.

2:20 p.m: Assist Public - McK. Hwy. & Cupola Rd.

3:02 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 35000 blk, McK. View Dr. Caller reported seeing two coolers full of chemicals next to the river along with garbage and paperwork.

April 13: 11:27 a.m: Civil Service - 91100 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:14 p.m: Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:46 p.m: Vicious Animal - 90100 blk, Hill Rd. Caller reported that a neighbor's dog attacked and killed the caller's chickens. Call referred to Lane County Animal Services.

4:48 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 27.

5:39 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 90000 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:56 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 48.

6:49 p.m: Shots Fired - Hill Rd. & Marcola Rd.

8:24 p.m: Assist Fire Dept. - McK. Hwy. Milepost 34.

April 14: 11:28: a.m: Burglary - 95000 blk, Spring Valley Ln. A caller advised he discovered his front door had been broken and undisclosed property had been stolen from inside his residence.

12:00 p.m: Fraud - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:44 p.m: Theft - 38400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. A caller

and some neighbors observed a male stealing gas from someone in the neighborhood. The neighbors caught up with the male at which time he became cooperative and remained on scene until contacted by deputies and charged with theft and trespassing.

4:37 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy. A female became disorderly and refused to leave a local business. She departed prior to deputy arrival. The

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State Police Report

April 13: 19:25: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 45. Troopers were dispatched to a report of a disabled vehicle. Investigation revealed a black, 2004 Infiniti G35 was traveling eastbound when, according to the operator a rock was in the roadway. The Infiniti struck the rock as the operator attempted to

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

April 11: 0:00: 51000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:56: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 12: 7:57: 1000 blk, S. 79th Street Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 13: 9:34: 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

20:16: McK. Hwy. Milepost 34. Motor Vehicle Accident - Traffic Control/Non-Injury.

April 14: 11:52: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Odor Investigation.

April 15: 10:30: 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 16: 6:11: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

18:46: Goodpasture Rd. and McK. Hwy. Electrical Hazard. No Hazard, Returned.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 12: 10:35: Motor Vehicle Accident - Milepost 16, Clear Lake Cutoff. Dark blue vehicle off roadway into the trees.

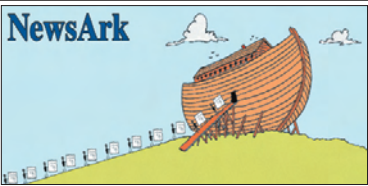
April 12: 15:52: MVA - Mp. 6, Clear Lake Cutoff. White sedan slipped off the roadway and went nose deep into a snow bank.

17:44: MVA - Mp. 18, Clear Lake Cutoff. Black Nissan Armada slid off roadway to avoid a crash.

April 13: 20:16: MVA - McK. Hwy./Mp. 34. Caller came upon an overturned vehicle.

April 15: 19:39: Medical - 56000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

April 18: 11:13: Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.



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Friday 8/3
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy - 10%
Santiam Pass Sunny - 10%
Saturday 8/4
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy - 10%
Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy - 10%
Sunday 8/5
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Santiam Pass Showers - 40%

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Tawdry love triangle ended with sensational murder trial



By Slim Randles

By Finn J.D. John
On June 20, 1907, a retired military man named Charles Reynolds was hurrying home as fast as he could — with a .38-caliber revolver in his pocket.

Charles was an old U.S. Cavalry man in his 50s who had moved to Portland with his wife, Lulu, and his two grown children from a previous marriage. Charles had married Lulu in Colorado five years before, when she was just 25 years old. In Portland, the Reynoldses were part owners of a bathhouse on the corner of Second and Washington, and lived in a large house about 15 blocks away that Lulu managed as a boardinghouse.

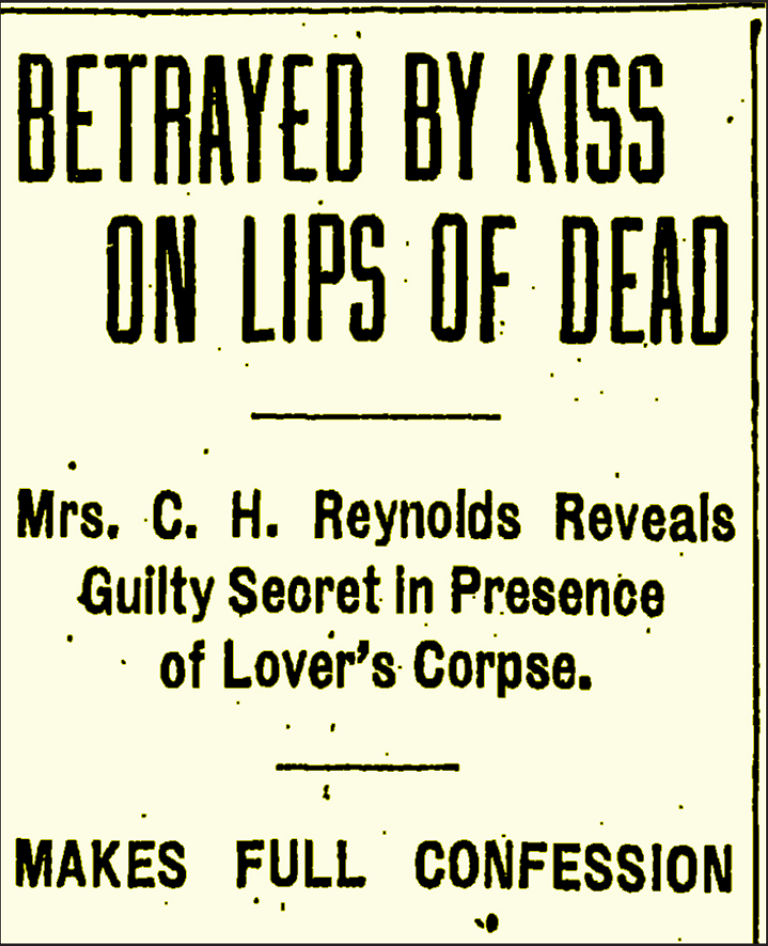
They'd moved to Portland from Milton-Freewater, where they'd owned and operated a hotel. Lulu, with a powerful interest in music and a dream to become a great songwriter someday, had met a music teacher and band leader there named George Herbert Hibbins — whose stage name was "Professor Herbert." Lulu and the "professor" had rather hit it off. And when the Reynoldses moved to Portland — they'd started writing letters to each other.

Sexting, 1907 style

At first, the letters were nothing out of the ordinary for a teacher and his pupil: friendly talk, song lyrics, suggestions for making a particular melody better. But by early 1907 they must have been getting a little racier, because when Charles found one it was necessary for Lulu to lie to him about whom it came from. She told him it was from an old admirer from Colorado who didn't know she was married and therefore unavailable, and that she had set him straight. And he seems to have accepted this — at the time.

But by spring, Professor Herbert's letters had gotten positively torrid, and Lulu's replies not much less so.

Meanwhile, Professor Herbert had been making plans. He had bought a small farm near San



Portland Morning Oregonian
The headline in the Portland Morning Oregonian on June 22, 1907, announcing the dramatic events that ensued after Lulu saw the lifeless body of her lover in the coroner's office.

Diego, which he proposed to make for his Lulu a honeymoon home. Now he planned to come to Portland so that, in person, he could convince her to elope to it with him. The two of them would divorce their respective spouses, move to San Diego and live a life of peace, harmony, music and marital bliss — or, at least, that's what he told Lulu when he arrived.

Lulu found a nice room for Professor Herbert to rent, in a nearby building with a discreet side entrance into which she could sneak to spend time with him while her husband was away working at the bathhouse, and she started regularly slipping away to see him. There he wooed her ardently and shamelessly. He bought her an engagement ring

worth well over \$100, kissed it and placed it on her finger.

Suspicion grows
Meanwhile, Charles was growing increasingly suspicious. Lulu had become cold and distant. And when he asked his two children — Rita, 19, and John, 16 — if they'd seen anything strange, John told of a strange man who was visiting regularly while Charles was away. He'd actually seen Lulu with her arms around that strange man's neck, kissing him.

Then, about two weeks into June, Lulu finally worked up the courage to ask for a divorce. Charles, greatly alarmed, launched a campaign to win her back. Nothing seemed to be working. Finally, he took her up to the Council Crest Amusement Park for a day of fun ... and interrogation.

"He tried to treat me kindly, and asked for one of his old-time kisses," Lulu later testified in court. "Then when Mr. Reynolds continued to question me I got angry and threatened to go home. Then he noticed the ring. He asked where I got it. I told him, because I was angry, that maybe he would know some day."

Subtlety was not, it seems, one of Lulu's strong points — a fact that became even more clear a day or two later, when Charles noticed a strange picture on Lulu's bureau — a picture that looked a lot like a certain music teacher he'd met

once or twice back in Milton-Freewater.

"Don't talk to him any more, sweetheart."

It all came to a head on a Wednesday afternoon, when Charles called Lulu on the telephone to ask her to come down to the bathhouse and she refused to come.

But then, as he was arguing with her, Charles heard over the telephone line the faint but distinctive sound of a man's voice in the background.

"Don't talk to him any more, sweetheart," the voice said.

Charles said not another word. Onto the hook went the telephone receiver, and out the door went Charles, his right hand wrapped tight around the butt of his .38.

The shooting

It takes some time for a fifty-something man to run 15 blocks up hill, so Professor Herbert certainly had plenty of time in which to stage a strategic retreat. But it doesn't seem to have occurred to him. He and Lulu continued their leisurely preparations for a stroll in the park, and just as they were about to step out, the master of the house arrived, gun in hand.

"I'm onto you," Charles shouted at Professor Herbert, and opened up on him. Three shots; three hits. Charles was good with a pistol.

Professor Herbert ran down the street to a drugstore, where he was put in a bed and tended to, but one of Charles' bullets had cut through his intestines. In 1907, that meant sepsis. By 1 a.m., he was dead.

Charles was utterly unrepentant when the police arrived and arrested him. Assuming a "dramatic attitude" and pointing to a photograph of himself in the uniform of an 1870s U.S. Cavalry scout, he'd declaimed, "Do you see that picture there? I was with General Custer for a long time as a scout, and do you think that now, when my home was in danger from a despoiler, I would show the white feather? I will stand by my home."

But, Lulu claimed, there'd been no danger and no despoiler, just an innocent musician collaborating with an equally innocent wife to write a piece of music — a wife whose good name he himself had despoiled by assuming, in his jealous rage, that she was an adultress. Professor Herbert, with his last dying breaths, concurred. And authorities were disposed to believe them.

Until, that is, Lulu was asked to come to the coroner's office to identify the body.

Kissing the corpse
"Unable to conceal the love she bore Herbert, she cast herself
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"Well that about tears it!" said Steve, twitching his walrus moustache. "How do they expect a guy to get by when they tell him what to do and to send money and re-up every dang thing in your billfold. It ain't right!"

We hadn't seen our favorite cowboy so worked up over something since the boss made him shoe the neighbor lady's mule. He still limps now and then when the weather turns cold.

Steve had been sipping coffee and slitting envelopes as he combined caffeine and mail. As usual.

"Are you going to ask him?" said Doc, turning to Herb.

"You're closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy."

Doc grinned. "Okay, Steve, what's the problem?"

"Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does.

"Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I'll bet if a guy got married, he'd need a license for that, too."

"You got that right," said Dud.

"Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too," Steve said. "Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters, so your buddies in Thailand know it's you. I'm tired of it. We need a simpler way to live."

"Okay, Steve," Doc said, "What do you suggest we do?"

Steve grinned. "Everybody get a horse. You don't need a license for the horse. You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking."

Doc smiled. "I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?"

"Well, Doc," Steve said. "I believe if I were you, I'd saddle up and leave now."

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maneuver around it. The vehicle came to rest facing eastbound on the shoulder, adjacent to the westbound lane. Involved: 21-year-old male driver.

20:20: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 34. Troopers were dispatched to a rollover crash. Investigation revealed a red 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling westbound and left its lane of travel for unknown reason. The Jeep struck a section of rock embankment located near the westbound shoulder. The Jeep then rotated as it crossed back over the shoulder into the westbound and eastbound lanes. The vehicle struck a portion of the metal guardrail, where it came to rest facing southbound on its top. Involved: 25-year-old male driver from CA.

McKenzie Artists' Guild 29th Annual Art Show



April 30 - May 1, 2022 - 10:00 to 4:00 each day

Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg. Art includes: Pottery, watercolor, acrylic, lavender products, soaps & lotions, jewelry, quilting, as well as quilting, and general crafts. There will be lots to choose from and remember Mothers' Day is May 8.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Kids dig gardening

When grubby little hands grip your pant leg as you head for the garden, put them in the soil and they may dig up a lifetime of learning and pleasure.

“One of the keys to getting kids interested in gardening is to get them engaged,” said Joy Jones, Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener coordinator in Tillamook County. “Let them explore what catches their attention, especially small children.”

Stimulating a child’s imagination can be as simple as filling a dishpan with dirt, passing them a hand lens and letting them delve into the world that lives underground, she said. If it’s gross, so much the better.

“They love that,” she said with a laugh.

When teaching kids about gardening, Jones watches them blossom.

“We started a summer day camp about 20 years ago when there were kids interested in gardening, but no one was interested in being a 4-H club leader,” said Jones, who is also the county 4-H youth program leader. “Some of those kids went on to careers in horticulture.”

Projects vary, but a favorite is starting a miniature salad garden in a cedar box they build themselves. The kids plant fast-growing greens and perhaps onions and short carrot varieties, which are ready to harvest just in time to enter in the August county fair.

Dish gardens are popular, too. Jones said to think of a theme and go for it. One year she used blue bowls with seashells, whitewashed sand and succulents to make an ocean-themed mini-landscape. This year they’ll make a forest with dinosaurs.

“The kids have things they’ve

made that they’re proud of and can take care of and share with other people,” she said. “And it’s not overwhelming.”

The benefits of teaching children to garden are well documented. If they learn to grow their own fruits and vegetables, they’re far more likely to eat them. And it gets them outside away from their phones.

“I read recently that working in the soil releases a feel-good hormone,” Jones said. “Getting kids out working in the soil, unplugged for a while, feeling and looking and being curious is really important.”

Jones’ tips for gardening with kids:

Start small. Don’t give children too many choices or they’ll get overwhelmed. Do a vegetable container or small garden plot.



Allocate it just for them. Opt for fast-growing plants. Kids tend to have a short attention span, so have them plant carrots, onions, radishes and lettuce, which germinate and grow quickly. Slow-growers like corn, peppers or tomatoes will frustrate them.

Don’t be free labor. Teach kids how to garden and they’ll be empowered to do it themselves.

Get scientific. Soak a couple of different kinds of seeds overnight. Place between napkins and let them start to germinate. Have kids draw pictures of what they see.

Plan for success. Plant vegetables or other plants in the right conditions and water correctly so they stay healthy and kids aren’t disappointed. For containers, use a drip pan to catch water so soil doesn’t dry out as quickly. Don’t plant too many seeds in a pot or there won’t be enough room for plants to grow.

Don’t be in a rush. If kids want to look at worms, let them look at worms.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



A FAMILY OF SCHOOLTEACHERS

Being a schoolteacher forms part of my heritage since my mother, grandmother, great grandmothers, Mother’s cousins, my sister and my niece, as well as myself have been teachers. As I’ve researched our family tree, I find that teaching was an opportunity open to both men and women throughout history.

Also, the one-room school played a role in many of our lives, whether we attended as students or were teachers. My sister and I attended one for the first four grades until our district “centralized” with a larger district and we were bused 15 miles away.

My One-Room School

The school I attended in New York State had six grades with about 30 students total. One teacher prepared lessons, taught and disciplined these students without aides, parent volunteers, or principal. The district superintendent visited occasionally.

Now that I have taught and done substitute teaching, I marvel at these teachers who worked, all on their own, with so many students of different ages and learning levels.

Mother and Grandmother Teaching

My mother enjoyed teaching, although she didn’t do any after we children were born. In those days, some school districts wouldn’t hire married teachers and definitely not those with children. Mother was required to resign from one school after she and my dad married. Fortunately the neighboring district needed a teacher and didn’t mind her being married.

I have pictures of my mother’s

schools and students, also two of my grandmother and students standing in front of her school. Mother enjoyed taking photos with her Brownie camera, so snapped shots of the children working and playing.

Some of her students still visited her when she was in her 80s. It seemed that those who gave the 19-year old teacher the most problems in her first year of teaching thought the most of her and visited her in her home frequently. They laughed over some of the escapades these boys tried to get away with.

School Lunches

There was no hot lunch in the one-room school. We brought our own everyday. As my sister and I grew older, we had the job of making sandwiches and packing lunches for our brothers and us. Mother often had homemade cookies and cake for our desserts.

Never Fail Chocolate Cake was a delicious snack cake, also one for lunch boxes. Mother often made it.

Place into a mixing bowl in the following order: 1 egg, 1/2 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup vegetable shortening, 1 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup sour milk or buttermilk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup hot water.

Do not stir until the last ingredient has been added. Then beat together well. Bake at 350 degrees F. in layer pans or 9-inch square pan until tests done. Ice with favorite frosting or top with whipped cream.

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Community Notes

April 23 Wooden Boat Show

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show will return on April 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge (between mile post 35 and 36). There will be no exhibitors’ fee and no admission charge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. “Drifters” should plan to launch from Finn Rock on Quartz Creek at 9 a.m. Drivers should arrive between 9 and 10 to have their boats moved to the riverside parking area. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages.. This year’s event is a team effort between Randy Dersham’s Eddyline Entertainment and the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

April 29 Play Festival

The Walterville Grange Play Festival is back. The Grange will be hosting three plays performed by Goshen, Irving and Walterville Granges on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after. The plays will be held at the Walterville Community Center located at 39259 Camp Creek Road. Donations are always gratefully accepted. There will also be a collection of canned food donations for the upriver foodbank

April 30 Annual Art Show

The McKenzie Artists’ Guild’s 29th Annual Art Show will be held from April 30th to May 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Local

artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. in Leaburg. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

April 30 Plant Sale

The Lane County Master Gardener Association will hold its annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lane Event Center, 796 West 13th Ave. in Eugene. Annuals, perennials, berries, trees, shrubs, will be on sale along with \$2 starts for tomatoes and other vegetables.

May 4 Blue River Park

The Blue River Park Board’s meeting time will change beginning in March and for all future meetings. The regular board meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:15pm instead of at 7 p.m.

New faces at McKenzie Fire



Junior Volunteers Trevor Schmidt, left, and Lane Palahniuk are joining the ranks of the McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District.

It’s been several years since McKenzie Fire & Rescue has had Junior Volunteers on the roster. That changed when Lane Palahniuk and Trevor Schmidt joined our team in 2021. As a Junior Volunteer, their response and participation during alarms is limited.

Once they celebrate their 18th birthdays, which will be soon, Lane and Trevor will be able to complete the training to obtain their Firefighter certifications.

Both will graduate soon from Thurston High School.

Being a Junior Volunteer takes time and dedication, in addition to earning their High School diploma. Lane and Trevor are excited and eager to help their communities. “We appreciate the energy they bring to the District and are fortunate to have them on our team,” says Fire Chief Darren Buchich.

McKenzie Students of the Month



The McKenzie River Community School Student of this month, April, is a 10th grade student, Josh Kimble.

Josh has come a long way as a student and school citizen. His personal growth has been amazing.

He’s working hard and doing very well. He is the most enthusiastic student in his science class. He is capable of doing great things and will as he moves forward.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Method Of Operation

I am having a problem in paradise. First of all, I am 22, he is 31. We have known each other for a little over a month.

At first, he was more affectionate than I was. He felt a little upset I wasn't moving as fast as he was affectionately. Not that he was trying to be sexual, he just wanted cuddling, hugging, and kissing.

For some reason he thought we were "two different people." He was unsure whether we should even talk anymore. I didn't see that! We had a long debate, and everything was good after that.

Last Thursday he came to my birthday party, and everyone thought he was very attentive. I sat on his lap, we held hands and hugged a lot. He brought me a bottle of merlot wine, burned a CD with my favorite songs on it, and gave me a card.

In the past he told me I am special, and it would be a loss if I wasn't in his life. After the party I emailed him a thank you. I called Saturday afternoon to see if he wanted to go dancing and left a message on his answering machine. He didn't call back, so I assumed he was busy. No big deal.

Next day I called again. He said he had plans all day. I asked if he wanted to do something later, but he said he was starting a new job on Monday. I've called or emailed four times since.

Maybe I'm being paranoid, but I've gotten no return call, no email, no nothing. My friends and I can't figure out what's going on in his head. I'm trying to think of the best way humanly possible to handle this situation delicately. I don't want to lose him, and I sure don't want to give up easily.

Elise
Elise, you want a delicate solution. I can give you the solution, but it lacks delicacy.

In your mind your boyfriend wasn't trying to be sexual, but cuddling, hugging, and kissing are the prelude to something more. He didn't get what he wanted. Then he withdrew, perhaps as a way of moving you along. Along the way he decided he was done with you.
Bill Clinton gave Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" to Hillary while they were courting. He also gave the same book to Monica Lewinsky. Who knows how many other women received the same treatment. It was just his method of operation.
A bottle of merlot, a CD, and a

note may well be just part of your ex-boyfriend's modus operandi. He does it by rote. It doesn't mean anything. What has meaning is the way he is treating you.
Pursuing him makes you vulnerable, and opens the possibility he might try to use you for his own ends. He's a player. Don't play unless you want to be hurt.

Wayne

No Shortcut

My daughter is the single mother of two children. I know this sounds harsh, but it has gotten to the point where her father and I are estranged from her. Basically we want a "divorce" from her and would like visitation with our grandchildren. Is this possible?

Betty

Betty, focus on your daughter, not on your grandchildren. Your relationship to those kids is through her. If someone tried to circumvent you to get to your children, imagine how you would react.

If there is a way to help your daughter, or even placate her, that is more likely to be productive than legal remedies. Getting between a mother bear and her cubs can raise the amount of discord to a level beyond what you can now imagine.

There's one major problem with giving grandparents legal access to their grandchildren. People who inflicted verbal, physical, and sexual abuse on their children are

then given access to inflict trauma on yet another generation.
Wayne & Tamara

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

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Eric Pankey, in his poem, "In Such a Way That", participates in one of the rituals practiced by poets the world over — the marking of the changing seasons. The transitions from winter to spring, from rainy season to dry season, from monsoon to autumn and from harmattan to spring, are announced with poems rich with intimations of beginnings and endings. This poem borrows, with subtlety, from the biblical canticles and psalms associated with the vespers, invoking gratitude and confession in a space where contradictions and "double assignments" (entanglements and lodgings, shelters and staging grounds) abound. In the end, there is some comfort, for Pankey, in the changing seasons and in these remembered prayers.

In Such a Way That

By Eric Pankey

Winter ends with a miscellany's logic: a leaden horizon,

A narrow but unbridgeable distance.

Stolen moments are exchanged for isolated hours,
Elaborate entanglements, a lodging.

One's suitable room fulfills a double assignment
As a stage and shelter. The heady pollen of stargazer lilies

Covers the bureaus, the desktop, and end tables.
Beyond the window, the sacred mountain

Is depleted of snow. On a frequency
At the far end of the dial, one can hear

Vespers, and recall the little Latin one learned long ago,
Knowing even then it would come in handy

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 21 - John Ainsworth was born in Ohio, and at age thirteen, was left an orphan. He went to live with an uncle who put the boy to work in his store. Although Ainsworth had little formal education he was an avid reader and a quick learner. He worked

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on a Mississippi steamboat for a time and was soon advanced to the position of captain. When gold was discovered in California, Ainsworth came west and worked for a year in the gold fields before coming to Portland. For the next three decades, until his death in 1893, Ainsworth owned businesses, steamboats and transportation companies, as well as the Ainsworth National Bank. He was one of the most influential, and richest, men in Oregon.

Fishing Report

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

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: Leaburg Lake – 1,800.

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Summer Steelhead – 252





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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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with the Eagle Boys, coached by Head Coach Mike Wiley. And the McKenzie boys were diligently working on their own winning streak, in fact, also running the MWL table, 14-0, and qualifying for the 2012 OSAA State playoffs as the top seed out of the MWL.

Following a first round bye, the Eagles hosted North Clackamas Christian in the OSAA State Second Round in the always-tough Eagle gymnasium back then and promptly punched their own ticket to the Quarterfinal Round in Baker City with a 61-36 thrashing of NCC.

Ranked number two in the State entering the State Championship Quarterfinals (Country Christian was number one ranked), McKenzie’s first draw in the Championship Rounds was seventh ranked Rogue Valley Adventist. Same old story as Coach Wiley’s team ran their unblemished overall record to 27-0 by easily outscoring the Rogue boys 66-42. Sherman, the Eagles Semi-Final opponent didn’t fare much better, losing to the red-hot Eagles 63-46. Thus, the stage was set.

Two McKenzie teams, both earning a berth in the State Championship game. Could it be that....? But, alas, it was not meant to be for the Eagle Boys

this season. At tip off time, the team facing them was the tall and talented Horizon Christian team from up on the Columbia. The Big Sky League Champion Hawks had been playing some inspired ball of their own. Needless to say, Horizon Christian was respectful of the undefeated Eagles but shall we say, enthusiastically embraced the challenge and at the end of the knockdown drag-out, in the Final State Game played on the vaunted Baker City court, McKenzie fell for the first time of the season, losing 46-58.

The Eagle Boys overall record would lock in at 29-1 for the 2011-12 season. Senior Eagles Jordan Wiley and Kendell Reese were selected for the U.S. Bank/ Les Schwab Tires All-Tournament First Team. Wiley was a unanimous pick. Reese was chosen as the ODS McKenzie Championship Player of the Game. Wiley would earn the honor of Class 1A Oregon State Basketball Player of the Year for 2012 and move on for a very successful four-year basketball career at Western Oregon University.

Finally, the Winter season at McKenzie also saw success with the Eagle wrestling team. McKenzie’s Brody Ballester earned a fourth place finish at the District Championships. All in all, not a bad way to spend a Winter in the McKenzie River Valley, watching historic Eagle basketball and wrestling and renewing friendships and rivalries across the State. And as Coach Wiley used to share with his teams, spend a weeklong vacation in sunny (mostly, and cold) Baker City. And hats off to those Baker City folks, they sure know how to throw a party!!!

Love triangle

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A drawing of the Reynolds family in court during Charles Reynolds’ murder trial. Reynolds sits flanked by his 16-year-old son John and his 19-year-old daughter Etta; their stepmother Lulu, heavily veiled and very weepy, sits some distance away.

upon his lifeless body and kissed his cold lips passionately,” the Oregonian’s reporter recounted with breathless avidity. “Realizing then that she had laid bare the secret of the tragedy, she made a complete confession before a Coroner’s jury, denying the ante-mortem statement of Herbert, who had lied with his last breath to shield her name.”

The ensuing murder trial held Portland enraptured. Lulu’s love letters (rather zesty ones by 1907 standards; she called him “dearie” a lot) were published in the newspaper for all to see.

Charles’ defense was distinctly sketchy — a variant on the same “stand your ground” legal concept that has come under fire in cases like the George Zimmerman trial.

But when it was time for the jury to decide, it took them just 30 minutes to find Charles innocent on all charges.

(Sources: Chandler, J.D. *Murder and Mayhem in Portland, Oregon. Charleston: The History Press, 2013; Portland Morning Oregonian, June 20 to Sept. 19, 1907*)

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Sheriff’s Report

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8:36 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

April 15: 11:28 a.m: Found Contraband - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:06 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

8:42 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 3300 blk, Harvest Ln.

April 16: 11:22 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 92000 blk, Maple Ln. Caller reported a vehicle was idling in the area.

April 17: 10:15 a.m: Theft - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that there was extensive damage done to the rebuilt foundation, septic system and trees on his property recently.

12:45 p.m: Alarm - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

2:36 a.m: Assault - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller reported he was in a physical dispute at an area business. Minor injuries were reported.

April 18: 6:21 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:22 a.m: Medical Info Call - 43100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

9:58 a.m: Fraud - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Caller reported an online job scam resulted in the loss of an undisclosed amount of money.

10:08 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Cascade View staging area.

12:55 p.m: Vicious Animal - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd. Caller reported that a neighbor’s dog keeps killing the caller’s chickens.

4:33 p.m: Assault - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

6:28 p.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

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