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On the whole, the “back of winter” is broken.

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## State funding gave a lifeline to clinic

### Building’s insurance fell short

BLUE RIVER: The Holiday Farm Fire raged through the heart of the McKenzie Valley in 2020. It left behind some sobering statistics: 173,000 acres burned, one fatality, 431 homes, and 24 structures lost, along with a \$103 million lawsuit seeking damages from two utilities. Destroyed as well was a 1970’s era medical clinic in Blue River.

McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW), a local non-profit, owned the building and had operated it as

the McKenzie River Clinic until 2019. That year MVW sold the medical practice - including the furniture, equipment, and supplies - to the Orchid Oakridge Clinic and signed a triple net lease for the building.

Orchid Health had grown out of a 2014 school project at the University of Oregon’s business school. It was the brainchild of students Orion Falvey and Oliver Alexander. After graduating, they **Lifeline to clinic - Page 2**

## McKenzie River Discovery Center gains \$3 million in lottery funds

### Plans call for 10,000 sq. ft. museum/education complex



During a September legislative backgrounder at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, public officials were updated on plans for the facility.



The majority of Blue River’s commercial and residential properties, including the McKenzie River Clinic, were consumed by the Holiday Farm Fire two years ago.

LEABURG: Dreams of a state-of-the-art interactive visitor center moved closer to reality during the Oregon legislature’s 2022 short session. Their approval of a \$3 million lottery fund package was earmarked for the development of the McKenzie River Discovery Center (MRDC).

“The board of directors sincerely thanks the legislature for this vote of confidence,” said Shirley Braunstein, treasurer of the MRDC. “We appreciate the nearly 50 letters of support from community leaders, business and

private interests whose voices strongly supported the legislative effort. We are another step closer to offering the complete stories about those elements that make the McKenzie so unique: its geology, hydrology, water, fish, fauna, flora, the boats, and guide cultures along with the region’s pre-histories.”

The MRDC site, at the curve around Leaburg Lake, covers 46-acres and includes buildings on the National Historic Registry. Built as the McKenzie River Hatchery by the Oregon Game

Commission, the structures were originally constructed in 1907 and decommissioned in 1953.

The cost of the overall project is \$18.5 million, of which \$2 million had already been secured. A capital campaign to solicit the rest of the funds from corporate and individual donors is being developed. According to the MRDC, the project is on track to be “shovel ready” by December of this year. A feasibility study predicts 50,000 visitors can contribute as much as \$7,000,000 to the area per year.

## Wet storm took out powerlines

Worries about fire weakened trees and sloughing hillsides became realities Saturday night when high winds and heavy rains hit the McKenzie Valley. In addition to knocking down power lines serving Lane Electric and the Eugene Water & Electric Board, trees also impacted highway travelers.

First responders answered a 911 call shortly after 8 p.m. on Saturday when a report came in that a 10-inch diameter tree was blocking the McKenzie Highway near milepost 31. The caller also said the tree had fallen on a vehicle whose two occupants were “out, talking and seemed to be okay.”

That night, McKenzie Fire & Rescue crews also responded to four other calls involving downed

trees, powerlines, or branches on lines.

EWEBofficialssaidtheirelectric crews were busy throughout the night as gusty winds knocked down tree limbs, causing scattered power outages across Eugene and into the McKenzie Valley. The primary outage, affecting just over 1,000 customers, occurred in north Eugene where a large limb fell onto an overhead line. Crews restored power within about 2 hours. Other minor outages occurred near Walterville, Coburg Rd., Royal Ave., Crest Dr., River Road and were repaired within several hours as crews patrolled lines, removed limbs, and fixed equipment throughout the night and into Sunday morning.

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## Electric truck hydropower?

### No dams, no reservoirs, no disturbance to fish passage

Mountain regions have a large potential for hydropower that cannot be harnessed effectively by conventional technologies, says the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. IIASA researcher Julian Hunt and an international team of researchers developed an innovative hydropower technology based on electric trucks that could provide a flexible and clean solution for electricity generation in mountainous regions.

In the transition towards a more sustainable future, hydropower will likely grow in importance as a renewable energy source. Despite its potential, innovation in hydropower technology has been slow in the last century. Conventional methods used today rely on

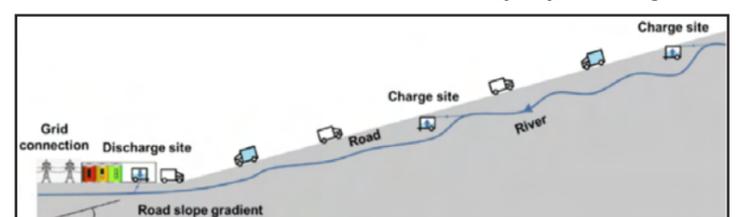
two connected reservoirs with different water levels where the potential energy of the water is converted into electricity.

In steep mountain regions, the potential for generating electricity from a small stream of water is high, however, the hydropower potential of these regions remains untapped as it requires storage reservoirs, which have environ-

mental and social impacts.

Hunt and an international team of researchers developed a new technology called Electric Truck Hydropower that could become a key method for electricity generation in steep mountainous regions. The results of the study have been published in the journal Energy.

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Empty trucks will move up the mountain to collect containers filled with water at the charge site. Trucks with full containers then go downhill generating electricity. At the base, water is unloaded at the discharge site.

# Letters to the Editor

## Irish team could train at McKenzie Track

If all goes as planned, the track in Blue River will be hosting the track team from Ireland this summer as they prepare for the World Track and Field Championships in Eugene this July. Conversations between Athletics Ireland and the McKenzie Community Track and Field have been ongoing and it is hoped an agreement will be forthcoming.

Track board vice-president Michael Bergmann has been leading the effort to attract a team to use the McKenzie River location as a Team Camp venue prior to the start of the games at Hayward Field on July 16th. The Irish team seems to be an ideal fit for our track says Bergmann and he feels the community will rally to support having the team at our track.

Bergmann recently became the track group's Vice-president after serving as President of Portland Track.. Michael has committed himself to the development of track and field facilities in rural communities and thanks to his enormous number of contacts in the track and field world we are

the beneficiaries, according to track board president, Pete Petty.

Ever since the announcement of the Oregon22 World Championships that will be held in Eugene some time ago, the track group has been laying the groundwork and reaching out to Federations from around the world.

The team from Ireland consists of 25 members and the ideal arrangement would be being able to house them in the area during the week long practice period. This will involve additional support from others in the area and the track board plans to reach out for the help needed.

Community activist and Vida-Community Center Officer, Gerry Aster was very excited when hearing the news that the Irish may be coming. She sees it as an opportunity for our community to welcome our friends across the pond with our hospitality. It's hoped that her attitude will prevail among others and this will become an amazing opportunity for us to showcase our track and field facilities and the welcoming spirit of the McKenzie River folks.

McKenzie Community Track and Field



# Truck hydropower?

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Electric Truck Hydropower would use the existing road infrastructure to transport water down the mountain in containers, applying the regenerative brakes of the electric truck to turn the potential energy of the water into electricity and charge the truck's battery. The generated energy could then be sold to the grid or used by the truck itself to transport other goods. Electric Truck Hydropower could also generate electricity in combination with solar and wind resources or provide energy storage services to the grid.

"The ideal system configuration is in mountainous regions with steep roads, where the same electric trucks can be used to generate hydroelectric power from different locations. This increases the chances that water will be available," says Hunt.

The proposed technology is an innovative, clean source of electricity that is competitive with solar, wind, and conventional hydropower. Cost estimates show that the levelized cost of Electric Truck Hydropower is US\$30-100 per MWh, which is considerably cheaper than conventional hydropower at US\$50-200 per MWh.

The environmental impacts of Electric Truck Hydropower are also significantly smaller than that of conventional hydropower.

"This technology does not require dams, reservoirs, or tunnels, and it does not disrupt the natural flow of the river and fish passage. The system requires only roads, which already exist, charging and discharging stations similar to

small car parks, a battery facility connected to the grid, and the trucks," explains Hunt.

When looking at the global reach of this technology, the research team estimated that Electric Truck Hydropower could generate 1.2 PWh electricity per year, which is equivalent to about 4% of global energy consumption in 2019. The technology could harness the previously untapped potential for hydropower on steep

mountain ranges. The regions with the highest potential are the Himalayas and the Andes.

"It is an interesting electricity generation alternative due to its high flexibility. For example, if a country is in an energy crisis, it can buy several electric trucks to generate hydropower. Once the crisis is over, the trucks can be used to transport cargo," Hunt concludes.

# Lifeline to clinic

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turned their ideas into a pilot project for rural health care.

Their proposal generated \$5,000 in the Civil War Shark Tank business competition and through the Willamette Angel Conference. A crowd-funding site added \$6,000. More support came in the form of a \$70,000 grant/loan from Lane County. Another \$100,00 from three private investors got their clinic off the ground in Oakridge.

At that time Falvey and Alexander said they felt their operation could benefit other parts of the state after they identified up to 20 rural areas where more than two-thirds of rural residents' health care needs were not being met.

Orchid has since grown to operate three more clinics in Blue River, Fern Ridge, and Estacada from that small beginning in Oakridge. Since the Holiday Farm fire, Orchid has been providing services at a temporary site in Rainbow until a new clinic is built.

That rebuilding process came into question following the Holiday Farm Fire, when it was discovered Orchid had insurance covering the contents of the building - but not the physical structure - according to Tim Laue, a former McKenzie Wellness board member. That's when a "lifeline" came to the rescue in the form of Oregon House Bill 5006, which he helped secure.

As part of wildfire recovery efforts, the Oregon legislature approved HB 5006 and approp-

riated \$1,800,000 to cover the costs of replacing the McKenzie Valley Health Clinic, with Orchid Health continuing as a tenant. The grant, which was accepted by the MVW in October of 2021, requires a replacement structure be built by July of 2023.

Val Rapp, president of MVW, said McKenzie Valley Wellness, "got a fair insurance settlement for the loss of our building."

"I characterize the state funding as a very welcome grant that will enable us to build a 21st-century rural health clinic," Rapp says. "Orchid will be the primary tenant, and McKenzie Valley Wellness will also offer new services. If we hadn't gotten the state funding, we were about to launch a capital campaign aimed at the same goal. However, the state funding got us to our funding goal much faster than we could have without it."

Details of the rebuilding process and timelines for completion are likely to be on the agenda when McKenzie Wellness holds its annual meeting, which normally occurs on the first Tuesday in May. Rapp said the location and time of that meeting would be made public in early April.

# Powerlines

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Around 1,060 of Lane Electric's McKenzie Valley customers were also affected. LEC linemen spent the next two days replacing broken cross arms in an area extending

from the Ben & Kay Park in Vida to above McKenzie Bridge. Lines in that eastern portion of the Valley were re-energized at 3 p.m. on Monday.

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<b>McKenzie Valley</b> PM Showers 50% chance precip High: 59 Low: 42	<b>Santiam Pass</b> Rain/Snow 60% chance precip High: 43 Low: 29	<b>McKenzie Valley</b> Rain 80% chance precip High: 49 Low: 37	<b>Santiam Pass</b> Snow Showers 70% chance precip High: 34 Low: 22	<b>McKenzie Valley</b> Sct Showers 30% chance precip High: 52 Low: 38	<b>Santiam Pass</b> AM Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 35 Low: 26

### WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/8	50	33	0	1,084 cfs	3/8	61	32	0	4,380 cfs
3/9	41	29	0	1,084 cfs	3/9	53	37	0.20	4,400 cfs
3/10	52	25	0	1,046 cfs	3/10	47	27	0.16	4,240 cfs
3/11	51	25	0	NA	3/11	55	30	0	4,070 cfs
3/12	68	29	0.58	1,036 cfs	3/12	66	32	0	3,930 cfs
3/13	43	39	0.58	1,152 cfs	3/13	60	40	0.67	4,150 cfs
3/14	52	46	0.65	1,162 cfs	3/14	48	42	0.06	4,340 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Feb. 27: 4:15 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - 35200 block, McK. Hwy. Dr. A caller reported that their girlfriend will be moving out and was making strange statements. Deputies made contact and determined no crime had occurred and the caller just wanted the incident documented.

**March 1: 1:12 a.m.:** Shots Fired - 44000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:34 a.m.:** Assist, Information - 47200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:00 a.m.:** Burglary -87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A caller reported that someone broke into his house and squatted there for a while when he was out of town.

**9:24 a.m.:** Explosion - Leaburg area.

**1:11 a.m.:** Explosion - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:30 p.m.:** Shots Fired - Cascade View staging area.

**6:40 p.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - Leaburg area.

**8:19 p.m.:** Threat, Harassment - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that a male in his 30's has been sending the caller threatening messages.

**March 2: 8:54 a.m.:** Illegal Camping - Crooked Creek staging area.

**9:08 a.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - Crooked Creek staging area. A caller reported finding a piece of heavy equipment running with no one around. A deputy made contact with the company that operates the equipment and determined no crime had occurred.

**4:03 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - Canal Ln. & McK. Hwy. Caller reported hearing very loud booms from 1900 to 0100. Did not believe they were fireworks.

**4:04 p.m.:** Burglary - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A caller reported that someone broke into his house and squatted there for a while when he was out of town. No property was determined to have been taken.

**7:12 p.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Caller reported a verbal dispute

with her father.

**March 3: 7:47 a.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - Marcola area.

**11:12 a.m.:** Traffic Hazard - Blue River Rd. & Blue River Dr.

**11:36 a.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

**2:56 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**4:04 p.m.:** Burglary - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Follow up on previously reported burglary.

**5:53 p.m.:** Panic Alarm - 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

**March 4: 12:03 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - Cascade View staging area.

**2:23 p.m.:** Blocked Driveway - 35900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**3:34 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**5:32 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**March 5: 9:27 a.m.:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 38800 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

**1:22 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**1:31 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**March 6: 6:55 a.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - 36900 blk, Camp Creek Rd. The driver of a white Hummer H3 reported being out of gas.

**12:07 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd. - A BMW 328 was parked near the intersection. Deputies patrolled the area.

**7:42 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. A

caller reported that a neighbor was speeding up and down the road while yelling and screaming. The vehicle was described as a silver Honda Accord missing the front bumper.

**March 7: 7:20 a.m.:** Civil Service - 38500 blk, Wendling Rd.

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**8:27 a.m.:** Illegal Dump - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 3.5.

**9:48 a.m.:** Civil Problem - Blue River area.

**12:54 p.m.:** Illegal Dump - McK. View Mp. 1.

**2:14 p.m.:** Vehicle In Ditch - Marcola Rd. & Paschelke Rd.

**3:11 p.m.:** Assist Outside Agency - Blue River area.

**3:24 p.m.:** Civil Problem - Blue River area.

**March 9: 1:20 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy. A FEMA associate was delivering letters and was threatened by a resident in the area. A follow up call advised there had been a misunderstanding and no crime had occurred.

**1:39 p.m.:** Civil Service - 39100 blk, Easton Ln.

**2:32 p.m.:** Welfare Check - 91800 blk, Marcola Rd.

**3:35 p.m.:** Criminal Mischief - 45600 blk, Goodpasture Rd. A caller advised that someone dug up the septic system of a property that the caller was selling. It was

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## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**March 7: 16:00:** 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**March 8: 6:44:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.a

**12:19:** 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Disregarded on scene.

**15:088:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient **Continued On Page 6**

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**March 3: 23:06:** Medical - 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

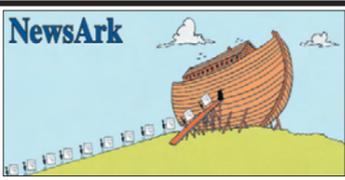
**March 5: 13:04:** Medical - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**March 6: 20:51:** Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 43. Single vehicle accident, now smoking.

**March 8: 06:36:** Medical - 91000 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**March 12: 21:06:** Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Mp. 31. 10-inch dia. tree fell on vehicle. Tree is across both lanes.

**March 14: 06:42:** Fire Alarm - 57000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke fire alarm.



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### '07 Fishing season off to a great start



In a pre-Opening Day tradition, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and the McKenzie River Guides joined together to stock the mainstem river with 7,000 fish. Last Wednesday a crew filled a proton pump boat with catchable trout at the Blue River Landing. ODFW's Jeff Ziller, above, directed the crew into the fish tank. Looking on, from left, were Leaburg Hatchery boss Cliff Anderson, McKenzie Guide Aaron Hildrich and ODFW Technician Seth Morgan. The stocking extended down to Leaburg Lake with traps at Silver Creek and Ben & Kay Deena Park to hold the tank with another 2,000 fish.

### Awareness Week underscores backyard burning hazards



Oregon is observing Wildlife Awareness Week from May 6-12, with Gov. Ted Kulongoski calling on citizens to remain vigilant about the growing wildfire threat, particularly from open burning of yard waste.

"Wildfires pose a threat to our economy, our communities and our natural heritage," said the governor. "Each of us must do our part to prevent this danger to life and property. For instance, pruning trees and shrubs can help protect our homes, but careless burning of yard debris has caused many costly wildfires in the past."

He cited spring 2006 as an example. "Thanks to fair weather conditions and our weather-prone residents, but careless burning of yard debris has caused many costly wildfires in the past."

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### District to create "defensible space"



McKENZIE BRIDGE: People who've wondered how to improve fire safety around their homes will have a real life example soon. Crews from the McKenzie River Ranger District are going to create a "defensible space" around the Ranger Station and businesses beginning this week.

"Not only will this provide more defense for the Ranger Station in the event of a wildfire, it will also provide an area accessible for McKenzie River Valley community members to see as a functioning example of defensible space in the wild land urban interface (WUI)," says project manager Mel Lantz.

By thinning surrounding vegetation it is expected fire behavior would decrease to levels more controllable during suppression. "Tightener safety would increase due to the change in potential fire behavior," Lantz notes. "Spreading crown fire could be reduced to surface fire and crown fire would be less likely to initiate."

Initially, crews will only cut the fuels on the south side of the Ranger Station and not exceed six acres. "This will help to create a 'before and after' comparison with the remainder of the administrative site," Lantz said. "In addition to the benefit of defensible space, we would like to provide an end product that is aesthetically pleasing as it is functional."

In addition to creating a defensible space at the Ranger Station the project is expected to have a side benefit of encouraging other community members to appreciate and adopt similar landscape designs for their own home or business. "We hope to provide educational handouts to show before and after and describe the changes in fire behavior from the fuel reduction and look forward to comments from our community members," Lantz added.

"It's expected the work will be done in stages to fit in with other projects and the prescribed fire units the ranger district will conduct this spring. Cutting should be completed by the end of June and the cleanup - piling and chipping - will continue through the summer."

### 2-year term opens on fire board

WALTERVILLE: McKenzie Fire & Rescue will be filling one unexpired term of director position soon. The unexpired term for position #1 will run until July of 2009.

The seat is currently held by Daniel Lawrence, who was elected in 2001. He will be leaving the area to relocate closer to family (grandchildren) and work. There has not resigned yet and would like to see his replacement chosen before that happens so the board stays at full strength.

Applicants must live within the district boundaries, and be able to attend monthly (3rd Tuesday evening of the month) board of directors meeting.

For more information, contact Fire Chief Dale Laydon or Administrative Assistant Pat Cane. To receive an application for the director position call 746-6032 or stop at the administrative office, 38925 McKenzie Highway in Waltersville. The office is open Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications will be considered at the May 15 McKenzie Fire & Rescue Board meeting. Anyone interested is invited to attend board of directors meetings.

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# Oregon's Chautauquas: Summer camp for grown-ups

By Finn J.D. John

In the decades before the First World War, an organization called Chautauqua arose that was something like a summer camp for grown-ups.

People would take vacation time and travel to the Chautauqua center and stay there in tents, either brought from home or rented on site, for a week, or two weeks, or even longer. There, they'd take classes, attend lectures, listen to band concerts, play baseball, and generally try to make up for the previous year's intellectual deprivation.

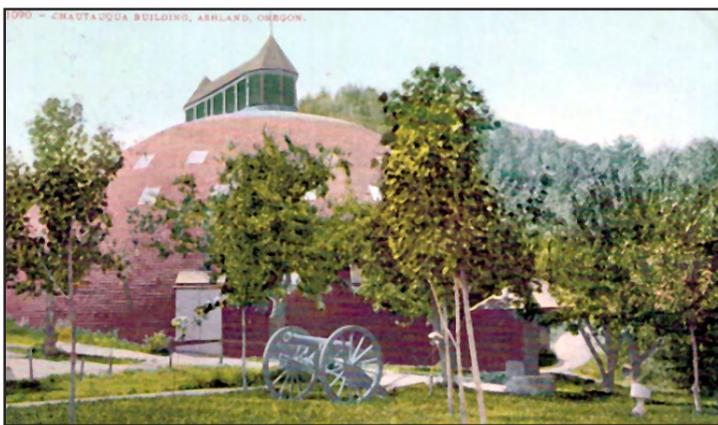
In Chautauqua's heyday there were a number of these centers across the country, and President Theodore Roosevelt famously declared them to be "the most American thing about America." And the biggest one west of the Rockies was in Gladstone, Oregon.

The Chautauqua movement had its start in New York state in the early 1870s, when Bishop John Vincent of the Methodist Church and Lewis Miller, an inventor and manufacturer from Ohio, launched it as a training program for Sunday School teachers. Their idea was that the Bible should be taught in the context of worldly cultural and scientific knowledge, rather than in isolation.

The outdoor-summer-school style was Miller's idea, and he had to sell it to Vincent, who associated that sort of thing with raucous, undignified tent revivals. But Miller convinced him at last, and the first of these new Sunday School training camps was held in 1874 on property the Methodist Church owned, on Chautauqua Lake in New York.

It was an immediate hit. The two organizers had planned for maybe 100 people, and 500 showed up for the one-week event. Realizing they were onto something, Vincent and Miller brought it back the next year substantially bigger. By 1879 it was attended by 1,000 people and lasted 43 days. By the end of the century it was two full months long and hosted many thousands.

As you can imagine, this "summer-camp self-improvement and educational refreshment" model appealed strongly to



A postcard image of the Ashland Chautauqua building in Lithia Park as it appeared circa 1908.

the very sorts of hard-working builders that were most likely to have gone west on a wagon train 20 years earlier. But those Western homesteaders and community builders couldn't travel all the way across the country to New York to partake. So, they started forming their own organizations based on the Chautauqua model, establishing them like nonprofit repertory theatres.

So the Chautauqua model became a movement and that movement became one of the defining features of pre-First World War American frontier society. It spread rapidly across the country, and soon the Midwest and Far West were dotted with the distinctive beehive-shaped auditoriums that Chautauquas favored.

In Oregon, the first one was launched in 1885 in Canby, but it didn't have the backing it needed to succeed, and it was gone a year later.

But in 1890, Bishop Vincent came to Oregon to lecture on the Chautauqua movement, and his listeners were very receptive. Within three years, several more Chautauquas had been founded, including one in Gearhardt, one in Ashland, and one in Gladstone.

These last two were to prove the most enduring and influential. Both of them were still in operation three decades later.

Gladstone in particular was the biggest Chautauqua west of the Rockies. It was an Oregon city power couple, Charles and Eva Dye, who provided the backbone of the enterprise.

Charles was a successful lawyer,

and Eva a writer and poet. Both were graduates of Oberlin College back East, and, as historian Donald B. Epstein puts it, both represented "a type of individual not often associated with Far West frontier society — the person who wanted both the freedom from older Eastern and European political forms, but who still craved the cultural satisfactions of the older societies."

Epstein was wrong about one thing, though: Far West frontier society was crammed to bursting with that type of individual, at least in Oregon. Mary Dodge of the "Sagebrush Symphony" in Burns leaps to mind, as well as Angus Bowmer of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival — who, by the way, launched the Festival in the ruins of the Ashland Chautauqua's beehive auditorium -- leap to mind.

In any event, after establishing themselves in Oregon City society, Charles and Eva wanted to do something along the lines of "a pure philanthropy," as Eva put it, in their community. Bishop Vincent's visit came at a perfect time. Judge Harvey Cross had bought 640 acres of land north of Oregon City and was platting what would become the city of Gladstone on it; Eva talked him into donating 78 acres of it as a campus on which to launch a Chautauqua for northwest Oregon.

Local businesses, mostly in Oregon City, staked the new undertaking with \$5 purchases of stock in the new nonprofit Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, and the first meeting

was held on the Gladstone grounds in 1893.

It was a huge smash hit. A big part of the reason for that was its location, just south of Portland, close by the inter-urban railroad lines that were rapidly connecting the entire Willamette Valley. It was a half-day trip for almost everyone from Eugene to Vancouver and not much more than that for most of the rest of the state.

But a bigger part of the reason for its success was Eva Dye, who threw herself into booking speakers and organizing construction projects there. Down south, in Ashland, G.F. Billings filled a similar role, with similar results.

The Chautauqua grew fast. By 1895 the Gladstone site had its own "beehive," a huge one that could hold 5,000 people. Ashland already had one by then, a smaller one at first — but over the years it would be rebuilt and enlarged three times.

In addition to the Sunday School teacher training, the Chautauquas offered lectures on English and American history, chorus singing, poetry readings, band concerts, baseball games, and lectures from leaders of important Oregon subcultures such as Rabbis and Catholic archbishops, Indian leaders, and leaders of Portland's Black community. The 1895 season at Gladstone included a geology lecture by Thomas Condon of the University of Oregon; an art lecture by John Ivey, a retired University of Southern California art professor living in San Francisco; and a lecture on what would later become the Panama Canal by Willamette University president Willis Hawley. The following year, a crowd of 6,000 gathered to hear a speech by William Jennings Bryan.

(Sources: "Gladstone Chautauqua: Education and Entertainment, 1893-1928," an article by Donald B. Epstein published in the Winter 1979 issue of Oregon Historical Quarterly; "Chautauqua in Oregon," an article by Joe Peterson published Oct. 26, 2021, in The Oregon Encyclopedia; "The Most American Thing," an article by Bruce Watson published March 20, 2020, in The Attic, www.theattic.space)



By Slim Randles

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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### Old-fashioned sweet peas fill the garden with fragrance

Sweet peas are a classic flower in English gardens since they were introduced in the 17th century from southern Italy and have transplanted well to all parts of the world, including climate-friendly Oregon.

The first sweet peas had relatively small flowers but possessed a powerful and attractive fragrance. Sweet pea flowers naturally self-pollinate while still in bud, and it would seem that their color and perfume are there to please the gardener more than the bee. Shorter bush or dwarf varieties, including ‘Supersnoop’

types, make a colorful hedge in a flowerbed, along a walkway or in planters. Taller climbing varieties, such as ‘Old Spice Mix’ or ‘Royal Family’ can be trained to cover fences and trellises.

Both types make wonderful cut flowers with sweet, old-fashioned fragrance and a variety of colors. Be aware, though, that the peas are inedible and even toxic if ingested in quantity.

Sweet peas grow best when planted during the early spring in western Oregon and a little later in the higher elevation areas east of the Cascades. Sweet peas are susceptible to powdery mildew, a fungal disease that can infect crowded plants or those growing in damp shady places. They may also

suffer from pea enation, a mosaic virus that can develop in the heat of summer. Some varieties are powdery mildew resistant.

The best way to avoid these diseases is to plant sweet peas in a well-drained, sunny location with good air circulation before mid-March and to protect the seedlings from frost.

To ensure success, prepare a 10-inch-deep trench, filled in halfway with well-rotted manure or compost. Top off the trench with soil mixed with a small amount of super phosphate or bone meal, a well-balanced fertilizer such as 15-15-15 or other organic fertilizer.

Plant the seeds 3/4 to 1-inch deep, spaced 2 inches apart. Germination may be quicker and more uniform if the seeds are soaked for 24 hours just before sowing. Slugs can be a problem, so be prepared to set traps or bail as seedlings poke through the soil.

Seedlings should be thinned to 5 or 6 inches apart. When the seedlings are about 4 inches tall, pinch off the tip of the stem above the topmost leaves to help create a bushier plant with several flowering branches. As the plant grows, mulch around the base to keep the ground cool.

Water when needed and remove the spent flowers before they set pods. By removing the spent flowers, sweet peas should blossom all summer with long-lasting, sweet-smelling bouquets.



## Sheriff's Report

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later determined that the person purchasing the property dug it up for repair.

**8:21 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Millican Rd.

**8:53 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Millican Rd.

**9:29 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:58 p.m:** Reckless Driving - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that a person known to them has been stalking and harassing the caller. The caller reported that the suspect did donuts and burnouts on the caller's property.

**10:30 p.m:** Assist, Information - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**March 10: 8:56 a.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**1:10 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**1:49 p.m:** Towed Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**2:38 p.m:** Citizen Contact -

91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**6:09 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:56 p.m:** Reckless Endangering - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**March 11: 3:11 p.m:** Hit & Run - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**5:21 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**10:44 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 7.5.

**11:24 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**March 12: 3:29 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 91000 blk, Leasgore Dr.

**5:13 p.m:** Assist Public - East Fork Rd. & Wapiti Rd. &

Aufderheide Dr.

**6:10 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**8:46 p.m:** Tree Down - Carson St. & Marcola Rd.

**8:54 p.m:** Alarm - 41900 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

**8:58 p.m:** Tree Down - Deerhorn Rd. Mp. 4.

**9:04 p.m:** Tree Down - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop Rd.

**9:14 p.m:** Down Line - 91000 blk, Leasgore Dr.

**March 13: 6:10 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**11:53 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**11:55 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

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## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### THOUGHTS OF SPRING & GARDENING

As dark earth peeps through the snow mounds and Mr. Sun shines brighter and longer, we realize spring is approaching. We may get some more snow showers and nights below freezing, but on the whole, the “back of winter” is broken.

The birds' songs sound cheerier. The sun feels warmer. We dig through closets to find spring jackets. Seed catalogs arrive in the mail.

I remember these catalogs from childhood and the excitement they brought as we paged through them.

#### Garden Design

Some people plant their gardens in a rather hit and miss fashion. Others mark straight rows, as Father did, while a few design gardens as they do their homes, with intricate paths, stone figures, bird baths, benches and patches of fruit, vegetables and florals.

You may want to attract hummingbirds and helpful insects or find ways to keep rodents out.

I've always enjoyed visiting gardens, like those at colonial homes, where much planning went into the layout or landscaping of the gardens. There may be benches where you can stop and ponder or take a rest midst the weeding. Perhaps there's a fountain with its musical flow of water.

Many structures lend themselves as planters and interesting design. I recently saw a picture of petunias blooming in the sagging seat of an old wooden chair. It

already was worn and weathered, so couldn't come to harm in the garden, providing a resting place for flowers, birds and bees.

Perhaps someone in your family makes ornamental iron structures (or you can purchase them) to add decoration. Many old gardening, planting, and harvesting tools provide eye appeal to the garden design.

For instance, an old plow (the type pulled behind a horse and held upright by human hands) often serves as a place for vines to climb.

What foods come to mind as we begin our garden preparations? To me it's green salads, crisp bread, and light fruit flavored desserts.

**HOT ROLLS** - Scald 1-1/2 cups milk but don't boil; add 1/2-cup margarine or shortening and cool. Dissolve 2 cakes yeast in small amount of warm water. Add 2 beaten eggs, 5 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons salt. Stir in 6 cups flour that has been sifted 3 times, making a soft dough. Do not knead.

Let rise until doubled in bulk. Roll out. Spread with melted butter. Then cut rolls with circular cookie cutter (my aunt often used a drinking glass). Fold in half. Put into muffin tins coated with butter spray. Let rise until doubled. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

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(Mary Emma Allen writer from her New Hampshire home, where the snow still obscures the garden. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)



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# Upriver Board Meeting

## April 19, 2022

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presentations begin at 6p.m.  
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there will be an informational open house  
before & after presentations  
all are welcome to attend!



## In Memory

Cathryn Marie Leinbach Russell



Cathryn Marie Leinbach Russell passed away peacefully at her home in Eugene, Oregon on March 8, 2022. She was 72 years old. Cathy was born in Portland, Oregon on November 23, 1949. She was a resident of Eugene since 1958 where she attended Edison Elementary and Roosevelt Jr. High. She graduated from South Eugene High School in 1968 but spent her Junior year at the Argenta Friends School in Argenta, British Columbia. She loved the remote, natural beauty of the area and always spoke fondly of her time there. While she was in Argenta, she learned to play guitar. She had loved to sing since she was a small child and sang in the school choir at South Eugene High.

Not long after graduation, Cathy heard from a friend that Don Savoie's Coburg Inn was looking for a table singer – a "Wandering Troubadour". She was shy and somewhat nervous when she first began but she eventually settled into the job and began learning more songs. She would go on to develop a repertoire of over 1500 songs, taking requests from diners and becoming more and more difficult to 'stump'. She would sing everything from 'old standards' to popular songs of the day, from country-western to folk to classical to Broadway show tunes. She sang at the Coburg Inn for

13 years.

It was at the Coburg Inn that she met her husband of 20 years, Leon Bazalgette Russell of Nimrod, Oregon who was 30 years her senior. It was that "May-December" romance that took her away from entertaining. Leon and Cathy lived on the McKenzie River at "River Hill House" but they also maintained the house that she owned in Eugene. Cathy loved cats but also Leon's dogs and so their Eugene home was their "Cat House", while Leon's home was the "Dog House".

The couple also loved to travel and their excursions ranged from fine dining and lodging in Europe to camping on the Oregon Coast in their VW camper. When he met Cathy, Leon abhorred camping but Cathy's extraordinary cooking skills – even over a campfire – convinced him of the pleasures of camping out doors. Their first camping trip, they ate lobster, baked potatoes, and asparagus all prepared over the open flames of their campfire.

Leon suffered a stroke in 1998 and passed away in 2002. Cathy cared for him at home following his stroke and was by his side when he died. She never remarried. She remained at her "Cat House" until her passing but maintained a home on the McKenzie River until 2018. Cathy's mother, Esther Vashti Evans Leinbach passed away in 2006 and her father, Albert Douglas Leinbach, passed in 2010. She is survived by her brother, Kevin Leinbach of McKenzie Bridge. She had no children.

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. A memorial will be scheduled in the early Spring. Please check musgroves.com for updated information on the date, time, and location. You are invited to sign the guestbook online. Cathy suggested that donations be made in her name to Oregon Public Broadcasting or the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

## Community Notes

March 17

### Leaburg Food Pantry

The Leaburg Food Pantry is open from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

March 21

### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

March 21

### Spfd School Board Meeting

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

March 25

### McKenzie Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the new gym located on the McKenzie School campus.

April 2

### A Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m.

to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

April 4 - Springfield

### School Board Meeting

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

April 9

### Spring Craft Faire

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Vida McKenzie Community Center will be hosting a Spring Craft Faire at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. The Center is seeking artisans and other individuals who create art or fashion hand-made crafts of all sorts. Interested? Please contact Tammy Pelton at 951-970-0176.

April 16

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Walterville Grange will hold its 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, starting at 10 a.m. at 39259 Camp Creek Road. There will be three age groups: 4 and under, 5 to 6, and 7 years old and older. Children should bring their own baskets. More information at 541-896-0106.

April 20

### McKenzie School Board

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

April 23

### Wooden Boat Show

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show will return on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 30

### Art Show

The McKenzie Artists' Guild's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show will be held from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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**18:15:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:08:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:20:** 88000 blk, Ermi Bee Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**March 10: 18:49:** 43000

blk, Deerhorn Road Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**March 12: 19:31:** 87000 blk, Collins Ln Medical, Heart Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**20:56:** Deerhorn Rd./Milepost 4. Down Lines. Tree and powerlines down.

**21:03:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 29. Down Lines. Tree and powerlines down.

**21:05:** Goodpasture Rd./Leashore Dr Electrical Hazard. Tree branch burning across powerlines.

**21:06:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 31. Motor Vehicle Accident. Tree on top of car, Non-Injury.

**23:52:** 40000 blk, Tonga Ln. Fire Alarm. False Alarm.

**March 13: 15:37:** 87000 blk, Dowdy Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**17:05:** 37000 blk, Maranatha Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**17:10:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

### Nothing personal

She still calls my husband when I am not at home. She seems to want nothing from him, but she is calling, calling, calling. They have little to talk about. He never confides in her, and he never calls her. She calls three times a month just to ask how his life is going.

This is getting on my nerves. I have nothing against this lady, and if she wants to be a family friend, that is fine with me. When I discussed these calls with my husband, he didn't seem eager to change the situation. It seems to me he is simply indifferent.

On the one hand, I know my husband is a trustworthy and independent person who can handle situations on his own. I do not want to accuse him of anything. Why should he be held accountable for this lady's strange behavior? He considers her a friend, and she is wise enough not to make any dubious suggestions.

On the other hand, the longer this lasts the more I hate it. I have watched this woman calling our home for two years. Will I have to watch her calling my husband to the end of our lives?

Lindsay

Lindsay, be honest about your

feelings. It might be interesting to observe this woman at close range, but you don't want her as a friend, so don't act as if you do.

At worst, she is just a phone salesman trying to make a sale. When salesmen call me, I usually speak to them politely. Tamara views these calls as an intrusion. On a good day, she hangs up on them. I won't tell you what she says on a bad day. It's just the difference in our natures.

Your husband's good nature is what you love. Why make an issue of something which is not an issue for him. One of the hardest things to feign is genuine indifference.

Love your husband, be with your husband, trust your husband. He doesn't need to pay for her improper behavior. When her eye falls on someone else, the calls will end. Until then, all he has to communicate is how much he loves his wife.

Wayne

### Fast Forward

My boyfriend and I are in love with each other and have been together two months. The problem is that after we said we loved each other, it's like he stopped being romantic anymore.

On our one month anniversary,

I made him a special dinner. I got him a present and everything, and he didn't even bring me flowers, a card, or anything. He hardly ever phones unless I call him first. It seems like I am putting almost all the effort into the relationship. Is this normal? What should I do?

Polly

Polly, we can picture the scene. The candles were lit and the dining room table glowed romantically. You were wearing your best dress, the one that shows off your slim waist. On the hall table sat a beautifully wrapped package, a carefully selected gift for him. In your mind, it was your first wedding anniversary.

He loped up the steps not even sure what day it was. Why should he? You've only been dating four weeks. He opened the door and what did he see? A march down the aisle, babies, a mortgage, and the end of life as he knows it.

Slow down. You aren't there yet. This amount of celebration isn't appropriate. Just because you want it, doesn't mean it's time or that he is the one.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *The Friendship Solution, Making Friends and Dropping Frenemies*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

It is remarkable how our U.S. Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, in so few words, summarizes something of the cycle of our mortality with such clarity and grace. With our first cry after birth, she says, we enter "ancestor road"—a place of creation and destruction—life, in other words—but what we carry loosely through this life are our memories. Most comforting for me is the last line that affirms our purpose in life, "to make more".

### Memory Sack

By Joy Harjo

That first cry opens the earth door. We join the ancestor road. With our pack of memories Slung slack on our backs We venture into the circle Of destruction, Which is the circle Of creation And make more-

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## Ski Report

March 15, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that an inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the base to 56 inches. Temperatures were 31 degrees mid-mountain and 37 at the base with WSW winds averaging 23 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 28 degrees at the base and 24 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. Three inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 68 inches at mid-mountain. On Tuesday morning, the prior day's rain had changed to snowfall with moderate winds. Visibility was limited with the storm in progress. 11 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 105 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.



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By Rick Steber  
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March 17 - Connecticut born John Huntington caught the California gold rush fever and joined a company of 43 young men who purchased a ship on the East coast, loaded it with mining machinery and sailed around Cape Horn. They arrived in San Francisco in 1850. Huntington went directly to the gold fields but soon became discouraged and moved north to Oregon. He took a land claim in the Yoncalla country, became a farmer, worked as a schoolteacher and attorney, and was elected as a state legislator. In 1863 President Lincoln appointed Huntington as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon, a position he held until his death in 1869.

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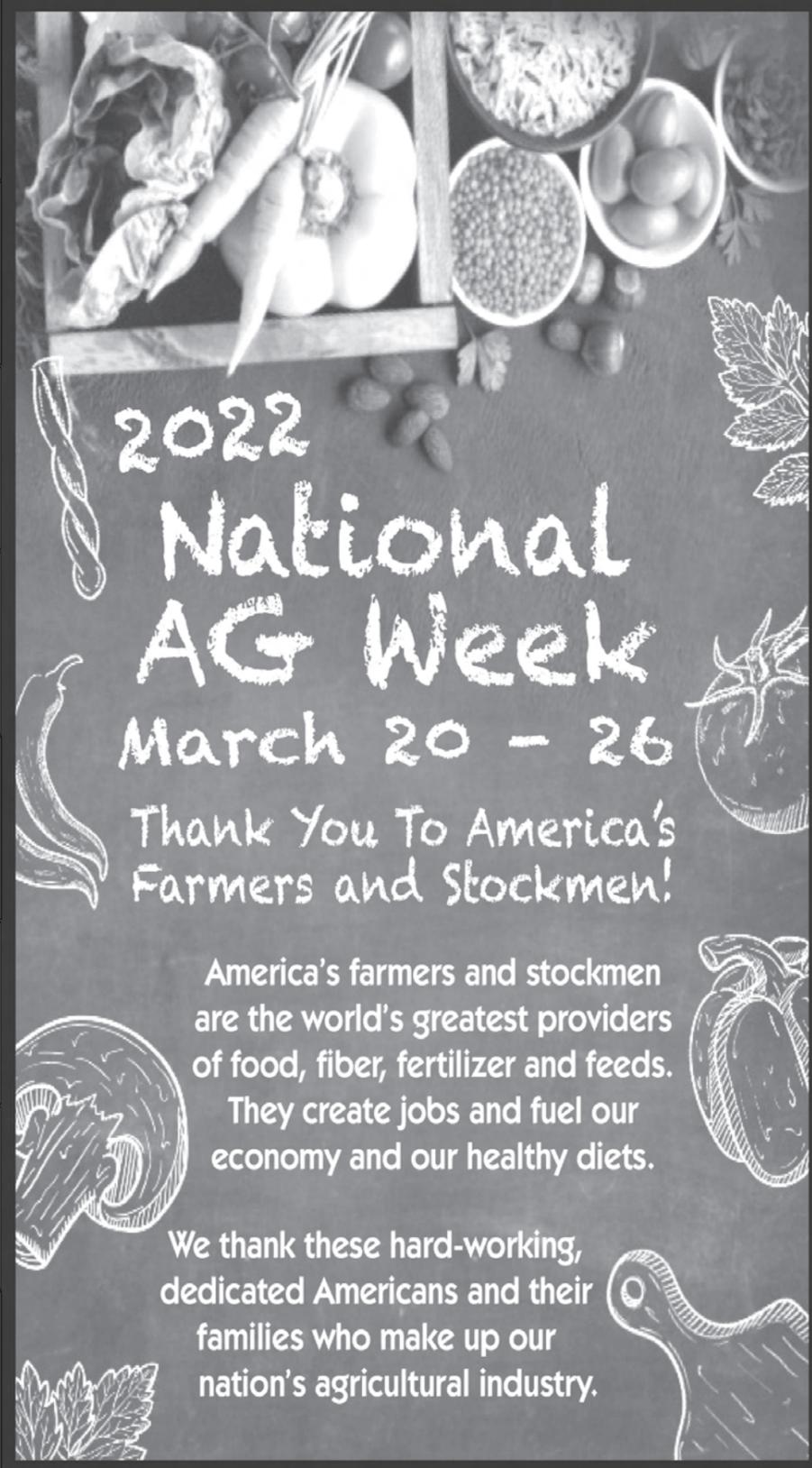
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