



### Sheriff's Report

Contractor working at a residence in the area found animal remains underneath the house

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## Fire danger leads to land closures

### On Sierra Pacific's former Seneca lands

Due to the increased risk of wildfires in the region, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed its Oregon forestlands to public access, last Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Officials said the decision to close the lands was based on several risk factors including increasing weather temperature, excess dry vegetation, low moisture levels, and long-range weather forecasts.

"Oregon's wet spring followed by the warm summer has led to an over-abundance of vegetation that has dried out and makes our forests more susceptible to wildfire," said Courtney Griesel, SPI spokesperson. "To help ensure public safety, support those men and women preparing for frontline emergency response, and to protect our forest resources, Sierra Pacific is closing its Oregon lands to public access and recreation."

Oregon's fire conditions have changed dramatically in recent years. While fire prevention is the first line of defense against large wildfires, it is also essential that suppression during fire season be a priority. As wildfire conditions appear to worsen, finding a solution will require year-round efforts, additional boots on the ground, more

efficient communication, and a fundamental review of which methods are appropriate and effective in each risk situation.

The forestlands closed are those acquired from Seneca in October 2021 and follow Seneca's past wildfire protection measure practices. The public's use of SPI roads and walk-in access to the company's privately-owned lands will be prohibited. Public roads that cross Sierra Pacific lands are not affected by this closure. Also remaining open for recreational access will be those SPI roads that are shared with federal landowners that are designated for public use. SPI has committed to regularly evaluating the situation and keeping interested parties updated on any changes. We anticipate the closure will remain in effect until moisture levels and long-range weather forecasts improve, likely in late fall 2022.

To learn more about the company's recreation access policies, please visit the website at: <http://spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess>. For inquiries associated with the closure, contact SPI Oregon at 541-689-1011.

## Invitation to area taking shape

Masons are installing a welcoming landmark



Steve Perkins, along with crew members Brent Relling and Jimmy Smith from Hap's Masonry of Eugene brought their own shade to the worksite as they labored through heat dome days while installing a new landmark. The double-sided McKenzie Welcome sign is going up across from the Hwy. 126/Millican Road junction.

WALTERVILLE: Masons have been busy recently laying blocks and mortar in a downriver filbert field. The design involves a double-sided 20 ft. wide by 15 ft. tall structure that was designed for highway traveler readability.

Property owner Joel Clements says he was happy to donate a spot on his family's 30 acres of filberts for the installation. The Clements

previously allowed the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce to place one of the community locator signs there as well.

"It just felt like the perfect spot for it," Joel said. "It's got great visibility and we're happy to be involved in promoting the community, especially after the last couple of years with the fire."

The Chamber agrees, noting

that "the gateway signs will have even greater significance as a way to help encourage and give hope to communities and residents as they rebuild following the devastating Holiday Farm Fire."

A similar sign will also be installed near the Hwy. 20/Hwy. 126 on the McKenzie Pass to welcome people as they enter the area from the east.

## Heat is affecting Oregon's fish

### ODF&W offers tips for hot weather angling

When in drought, fish and wildlife are stressed out. Officials are reminding the public that ongoing drought conditions can take a toll on Oregon's fish and wildlife.

While some parts of the state benefitted from a wet spring and

early summer, areas still remain in significant drought (including southeast Oregon and parts of southwest, central and northeast Oregon). The extreme temperatures and heat this week, officials say, will exacerbate drought con-

ditions.

During a drought, fish like Oregon's iconic salmon and steelhead face even more challenges, as low water can strand them and makes migrating to the ocean even more difficult for juveniles. Meanwhile, adult fish returning to their home rivers may struggle to survive in warm water temperatures and can fail to complete their life cycle to spawn the next generation of fish.

With food and water scarcer, birds and mammals as well can become weaker and they're young less likely to survive. Female mule deer may not get enough forage to feed their young, so fewer fawns survive.

Reptiles and amphibians also have limited habitat in ultra-dry conditions with species like the foothill yellow-legged frogs impacted. Drought will increase frog densities in remaining pools leading to more competition, poorer growth rates, and greater risks for

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## More areas reopening

### Access extended to 188,641 acres



The McKenzie River Ranger Station maintains Summer Hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The Willamette National Forest is restoring access to fire affected areas.

The Willamette National Forest has reopened its ranger stations and Supervisor's Office to in-person business from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For the past two years, services were

offered only online and via mail due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Forest has lifted and reduced fire closures, increasing access to more than 188,641 acres of Forest Service land previously in fire closure areas.

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Higher elevation sites, Like Clear Lake, are generally cooler than those on the valley floors. This is a great time of year for anglers to head to the hills.

# Ridin' the Rapids

By Ken Engelman

For some people, repetition works best - so here it is again: McKenzie River Reflections won't be mailed to subscribers beyond the August 18<sup>th</sup> edition. After 44 years, the costs of printing and mailing have increased too much to be sustainable - amounting to \$700 per week.

That's the bad news. The good news is that this newspaper will continue to be published. You can still read it if you send your email address to rivref2@gmail.com. If you don't, you're risking missing out on a lot.

It's really unfortunate that as people look around the U.S. they see daily newspapers that have owners who are actively destroying the sort of local journalism I want to preserve. Sending money to those often distant owners won't lead to more local reporting. Most likely, it will provide a vulture capital hedge fund with additional profits as it milks what's left before shutting another paper down.

Readers play an important role in supporting independent local news sites. Independent online news organizations have emerged

all over the country to fill gaps in local journalism left by the decline of newspapers, and to give voice to communities who were never well-served by legacy media in the first place.

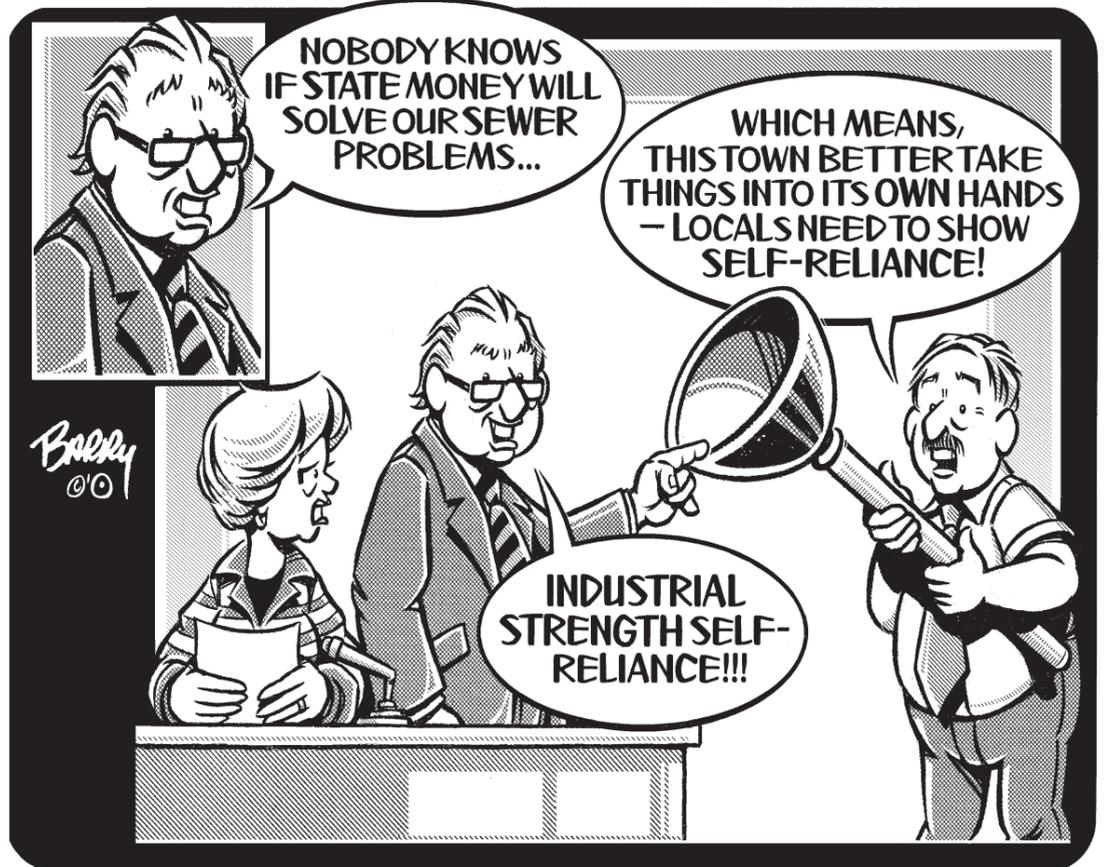
I've joined LION, a non-profit that has 200 members (both for-profit and non-profit) in 43 states, as well as the Institute for Non-profit News which represents a similar number of independent publishers. Some are general interest news sites doing all or most of what a traditional newspaper used to do for their communities. Others are covering niche topics within a local area and are complementing - more than competing with - the work that's being done by what's left of the local daily.

In other words, the changes in production are not something I'm looking at as the end of McKenzie River Reflections - but as new opportunities.

Only 150 copies of a much-abbreviated version of Reflections will be printed. They will not be mailed and will be available only at area news stands.

I'm asking all of my print edition subscribers to please give the digital version of the paper (which will still be full size) a chance. I think you'll like it.

So here it is once again: Please send your email address to rivref2@gmail.com.



## Keeping an eye on algae

### Utility launches new map for recreationists

EUGENE: A new interactive map on the Eugene Water & Electric Board's website shows the latest results of water testing in the McKenzie River watershed. Officials say it will allow swimmers, boaters and people to know if a body of water is safe to recreate in.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) are outbreaks of toxic cyanobacteria that thrive in warm water conditions during the hot summer months, as well as in waters with excess nutrient loads. They can be harmful to human health and to pets.

By providing early warnings of when cyanobacterial HABs are producing cyanotoxins, EWEB says it can help prevent potential recreational exposure to these cyanotoxins in area reservoirs and rivers.

"We collect hundreds of samples looking for cyanotoxins every summer, and we keep a watchful eye on the McKenzie," said Water Quality Specialist Brenda Casarez. "We're excited to share our testing results on our new interactive HABs map so we can help EWEB customers and visitors stay safe when exploring our beautiful McKenzie River."

The McKenzie is the sole source of drinking water for around 200,000 people in Eugene, and EWEB takes thousands of water quality samples each year to make sure our water is safe to drink. From May through October, EWEB routinely tests 10 locations throughout the McKenzie watershed to detect toxins generated from HABs. Since 2018, the Oregon Health Authority has required water utilities to monitor for toxic algae.

In the four years that EWEB specialists have sampled for cyanotoxins, they have never detected

toxins at concentrations of concern at the Hayden Bridge Water Treatment Plant intake site.

HABs can cause serious illness and even death if ingested in higher concentrations. They can also cause skin irritation and illnesses in pets when swimming in water with toxic algae.

In the warm summer months, officials say people should be aware of HABs and learn how to identify suspicious algae to stay safe. Parents and guardians of young children and dog owners should pay particular attention when swim-

ming in or near the Blue River Reservoir or downstream of Cougar Reservoir. At these sites, the reservoirs' impounded water can heat up and accumulate nutrients, creating ideal habitats for HABs to develop.

The Oregon Health Authority recommends, "Don't go into water that looks foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green, or brownish red. A good rule of thumb for you and your pet is: When in Doubt, Stay Out!"

## Letters to the Editor

### You can help

I live on Goodpasture Road, some of us on Greenwood Drive and along McKenzie Hwy, and would like to inform you of an ingenious opportunity to help the McKenzie River Valley community.

Since the Holiday Farm Fire, a small group of faithful volunteers has joined with "The Bottle Boys" to sort and redeem bottles and cans to help rebuild the Blue River Library, Blue River Medical Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center, all burned to the ground but valiantly attempting to rebuild. Contributions are made to other worthy local causes as appropriate.

Since this is an all-volunteer operation, 100% of the money earned goes to the designated projects - not a dime is wasted!

Here is how it works:

1. We collect plastic, glass and aluminum recyclable containers gathered throughout the community and store them at the Leaburg Store for sorting.

2. Our volunteers gather every Wednesday and Saturday morning at the Leaburg Store to sort the plastic, glass, and aluminum into separate containers for pick up and redemption.

3. Once the items are redeemed, "The Bottle Boys" receive funds (10 cents per container) and the designated projects are presented with checks directly.

How you can help:

1. Save your plastic, aluminum, and glass containers with the "Or-

gon Recycle" bar code and drop them off at the Leaburg Store, letting them know the donation is for "The Bottle Boys." Please don't crush the bottles and cans!

2. If you have a large number of containers, we will pick them up from you. Just contact us by texting Matt at 541-844-6924 or Walt at 541 521-5900 to arrange a time.

3. We also accept any donated items of value, such as vehicles, which will be sold to raise money for the cause.

4. If you prefer to contribute monetarily, go to mckenziecommunity.org/ and click the yellow Donate button to help general recovery projects in the Valley.

5. If you want to donate directly to Vida McKenzie Community Center rebuild, mail tax-deductible checks to VMCC, PO Box 163, Vida, Or 97488.

6. If you want to donate directly to Blue River Library rebuild, mail tax-deductible checks to: O'Brien Memorial Library, PO Box 291, Blue River, Or 97413

7. If you want to donate directly to Blue River Clinic, mail tax-deductible checks to McKenzie Wellness, PO Box 381, Blue River, Or 97413

8. Spread the word by sharing this information with your friends and neighbors and by posting this information on social media. We will continue this effort for at least a year, probably more.

Thanks for any help you can give!

Walter Wilson

## Areas reopening

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ical rehabilitation work and posting information for visitors about natural hazards, we now feel it is appropriate to re-open these areas," Acting Forest Supervisor Duane Bishop said.

The Knoll Fire and Deer Creek closure orders were rescinded on July 22, the Holiday Farm Fire closure order was reduced on July 29, the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fire closure order was reduced on Aug. 1, and the Middle Fork Complex (Gales) Fire closure order will be reduced later in August.

For areas that were impacted by wildfire and have since reopened, visitors should expect a changed

experience. This could include roads and trails blocked by fallen trees, hard-to-navigate stands of burned trees, eroded slopes that lack signage, and missing sections of trails. Play it safe by choosing activities that are within your comfort zone. As fire-impacted areas reopen, they may have unmarked hazards and may be more challenging in rescue situations.

Some trailheads, roads, and recreation sites remain closed due to the high concentration of risks and ongoing rehabilitation work that still exists. This includes a stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail that will remain closed for important trail rehabilitation work.

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| Date   | High | Low | Rain                                      | Releases | Date | High | Low | Rain | Riverflow |
| 7/26   | 104  | 60  | 0   | 309 cfs  | 7/26 | 98   | 57  | 0    | 2,570 cfs |
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| 7/31   | 100  | 72  | 0   | 826 cfs  | 7/31 | 96   | 68  | 0    | 2,870 cfs |
| 8/1  | 91   | 68  | 0   | 818 cfs  | 8/1  | 93   | 62  | 0    | 2,820 cfs |

# Sheriff's Report

**July 20: 1:51 a.m:** Suspicious Subject - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd. An area resident reported seeing someone with a flashlight near the gate to her property.

**9:29 a.m:** Disorderly subject - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy. A female reportedly threw a stick at a passing vehicle.

**10:33 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 92000 blk, Maple Ln. A contractor working at a residence in the area found animal remains underneath the house.

**July 22: 7:55 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that he

asked a guest on his property to leave and the guest threatened to beat the caller up.

**6:11 p.m:** Theft - 88800 blk, Twin Firs Rd. A caller reported that her gas was stolen from her vehicle.

**July 25: 1:45 p.m:** Stalking Order Service - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

**2:20 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that some of his property was damaged by a former tenant.

**3:57 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

**4:03 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Bellinger Landing. A truck and boat trailer were parked at the boat ramp for three days.

**5:06 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Milepost 14.

**5:29 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**July 26: 2:02 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 92100 blk, Saunders Rd. Caller reported ongoing harassment from a neighbor.

**3:24 p.m:** Stalking Order Service - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

**4:43 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Eagle Rock Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**7:12 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:22 p.m:** Animal Complaint - 40200 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**9:37 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**July 27: 3:31 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Bellinger Landing.

**5:21 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Camp Creek Rd. & Oak Point Rd.

**12:37 p.m:** Mental Subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**1:42 p.m:** Fraud - 35500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**2:26 p.m:** Burglary - 37200 blk, Conley Rd. A caller advised that a large number of \$2.00 bills were stolen from their residence.

**2:28 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd. Caller reported a dispute with his father. Deputies made contact and determined that no crime had occurred.

**2:29 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**3:06 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - McGowan

overlook.

**4:30 p.m:** Fraud - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

**4:39 p.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

**5:11 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 41800 blk, Madrone St. Caller reported a verbal dispute at a residence. Deputies responded and determined that no crime had occurred.

**6:27 p.m:** Child Abuse - 35500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:34 p.m:** Assault - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:50 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Oak Point Rd.

**9:16 p.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**July 28: 6:29 a.m:** Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

**2:37 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

**2:50 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - McK. Bridge Campground. A male in the area was pointing a stick at passing cars.

**3:25 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 46.

**4:41 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Marcola area.

**5:11 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 44.

**5:21 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 47.

**5:22 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 95200 blk, Marcola Rd.

**8:23 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 46.

**9:13 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Cedar Flat Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**9:43 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 20.

**10:32 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**July 29: 3:00 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, DUII - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**5:46 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**2:40 p.m:** Theft - 49800 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**July 25: 9:39:** 40132 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:41:** 87827 Fawn Way Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 26: 12:29:** 38300 Wendling Rd. Mutual Aid Request. Standby For Mohawk RFD.

**13:56:** McK. Hwy. Milepost 32. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**23:08:** 44531 McK. Hwy. Fall Injury. Patient Refusal.

**July 27: 7:26:** 46225 Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 28: 1:39:** 45656 N. Gate

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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**July 27: 15:18:** Fire - 57000 block, McK. Hwy. Battery exploded in garage bay, still smoking.

**16:32:** Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female patient.

**July 28: 12:56:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**21:02:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female patient.

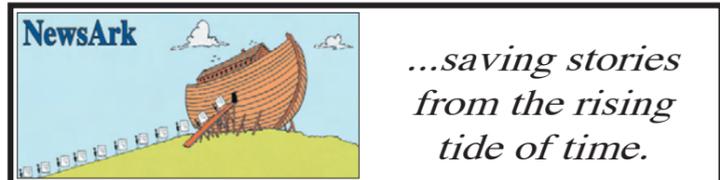
**July 29: 12:57:** Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**July 30: 14:14:** Medical - McK. Hwy./Milepost 44. Transient female lying near the roadway, trooper has been dispatched.

**July 31: 16:54:** Motor Vehicle Accident - Clear Lake Cutoff, Milepost 9 - 11. 2 vehicles, no injuries.

The upper McK. Fire district board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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# Hell-raising rustler Hank Vaughan: The early years

By Finn J.D. John

Crime, they say, does not pay  
Yet it's pretty easy to look back through history and find examples of a certain kind of criminal for whom it did, handsomely, and for decades. With charisma, moxie and a seemingly endless supply of good luck, these characters sometimes even manage to cheat karma and die a natural death. And somehow, after these criminals are gone, people remember them with a kind of fascinated fondness, and say things like, "well, we'll never see another like that again."

The second half of the 19th century saw such a man in a larger-than-life Wild West character named Hank Vaughan.

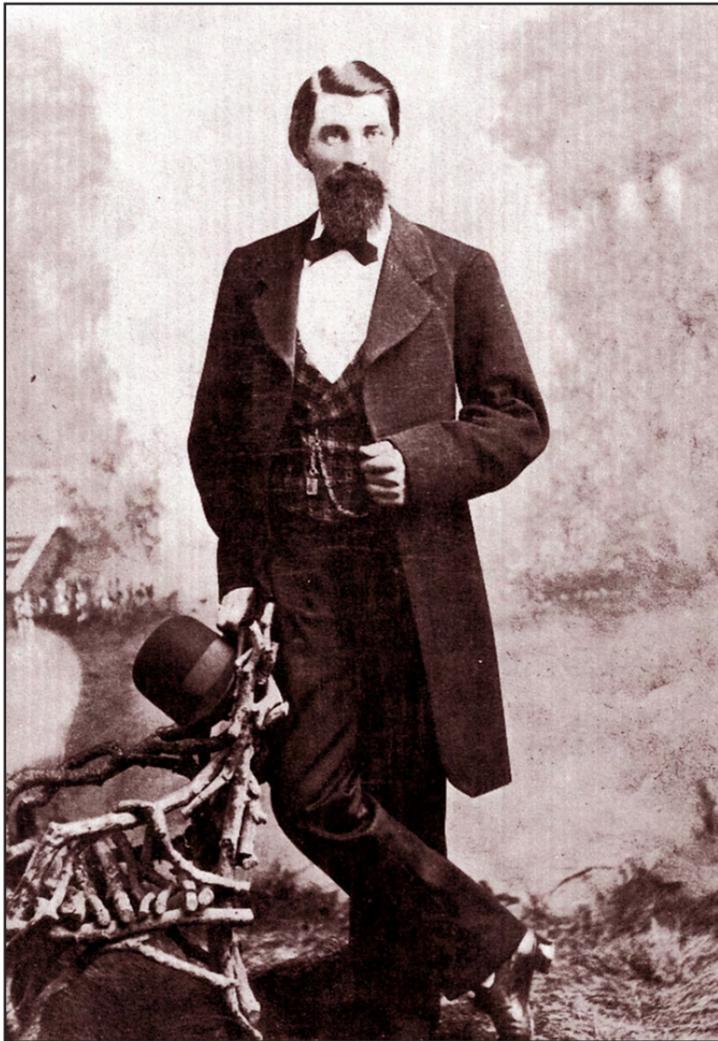
Hank Vaughan is remembered by folks who met him sober as a slender, wiry fellow with a sober look, a full set of whiskers and a Prince Albert-style coat, very affable and charming, but with gray-blue eyes that seemed to hold you. Most people liked him, even if they were a little afraid of him.

Others didn't like him much at all – especially the owners of the horses and cattle that would reliably vanish when he came around their herds. Hank was, for most of his life, a horse thief and a rustler –possibly the most successful rustler in the history of the Old West.

And then there were the folks who met Hank when he was drunk. Some of these didn't survive the experience. Hank Vaughan was in at least a dozen gunfights in his life. There are old saloon buildings in The Dalles, Pendleton and Athena that still have .45-caliber slugs embedded in their woodwork from his Colts, and gouges on their floors from his horses' hooves.

Historian Noah Brown, a former employee at The Umpqua House saloon in The Dalles, describes a typical scene from Vaughan's heyday – as quoted in Jon and Donna Skovlin's excellent biography of this "hell-raising horse trader":

"On (Vaughan) entering the saloon drinks were ordered for the house," he writes. "Needless to say a crowd ambled up to the mahogany and foot rail in the sampling of Old Crow until the room was full to overflowing. It was not a great while until nearly every individual was in the same



Sophia Riede/Reflections Publishing  
**Hank Vaughan in his Sunday best, posing for a portrait photo when he was roughly 30 years of age. Vaughan favored the Prince Albert-style coat because it hung down far enough to conceal his pistols.**

fix ... A shot fired from a six-shooter in a frolicsome way pierced a hole through a back-bar mirror. Tabs were kept on all drinks, damage to furniture, incidental expenses added and by the next evening those typical early-day Western trailblazers and pioneer characters ... paid ... the full lucre for their gentlemanly tete-a-tete of their own liking in the year of 1881."

In riotous barroom scenes like this, Vaughan was first among equals. He was a fun if dangerous friend, happy-go-lucky and fearless in any kind of fight. His skills as a horseman were legendary, and he could drive nails with a pistol from 20 yards away. But if you were a horse rancher or a cattle drover, he was the last guy you wanted to see.

An Oregon native son

Hank Vaughan was born in 1849 near Brownsville, in the Willamette Valley. He was one of

the very first babies born in the old Oregon territory – although some historians would later try to claim he was really from Missouri, motivated apparently by a desire to keep the Beaver State's reputation free of the stigma of having produced such a rascal.

Hank's family moved to Canyon City when he was about 12 or 13. By age 15 he was an active horse trader with a chip on his shoulder and a pistol on his hip – with which, that very year, he made his first attempt to kill somebody. A customer named William Headspot, to whom Hank had been foolish enough to sell a horse on credit, tried to buffalo the boy by jeering at him and claiming the horse he'd bought from him was stolen. (It probably wasn't, but it might have been.) Hank, incensed by the insult, pulled his Colt and used it to carve a bullet-shaped furrow across Headspot's scalp; half an inch lower, and Hank

would have been facing a murder rap.

He was arrested and charged, but he didn't really face much risk of being convicted because of Headspot's behavior. However, a few months later, free on bond, Hank saw the man who'd signed the arrest complaint walking into a saloon in which he was drinking. Out came the six-shooter again, and Hank shot and wounded the complainant.

The wound doesn't seem to have been very serious, but now Hank's situation was. It was one thing to reply to an insult with gunfire; the Canyon City miners and cowboys didn't approve of that, but they understood, and most of them figured Headspot had had it coming. But to retaliate in semi-cold blood against a man for doing his duty as a citizen was entirely different. Had Hank's aim been better, he almost certainly would have been lynched that day.

As it was, he spent four months in jail, at the end of which he copped a plea: A one-dollar fine and an agreement to join the First Oregon Volunteer Infantry.

That lasted just a few months. Six weeks after Hank mustered in, the Army spat him out. He left with a dishonorable discharge, but it saved him from the state pen and left him free to get back to the business that was already clearly his forte: Horse theft.

The shootout with the sheriff

It was just three months after Hank left the Army that he and a friend, Dick Bunton, traveled to the foothills of the Blue Mountains, stole a few good horses from a ranch there, and headed for Idaho Territory with them.

But Umatilla County Sheriff Frank Maddock and Deputy Jackson Hart were hot on their trail. The two lawmen got the drop on them one night while they were camping by Swayze Creek near the Burnt River, close by the Idaho border. And when the two lawmen slipped up to the sleeping boys and yelled for them to throw up their hands, they both woke up shooting.

The gunfight was short, but very eventful. Hart was killed on the spot. So was Dick Bunton. Maddock was wounded badly, a bullet actually passing through

**Hell-raising rustler - Page 8**

## Quote of the Week

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin



By Slim Randles

"You know it used to be even hotter than it is right now, don't you?" Windy looked up from his lunch. Oh boy, professorial mood. We're gonna get it. "I used to pack mules, a-course. Well, I packed 'em 'til the accident, anyway."

"Accident, Windy?" Dang it, Dud, you've done it now.

"Nobody can say I don't love them little mules, but that accident took all the packin' enthusiasts right outa me.

"Over in Death Valley it was. Summer. Hotter'n ... well, you know. I was takin' the pack mules out each day with the lunches all packed on 'em fer these dudes. Kinda fun.

"Jest why these here folks want to go a pick-a-nickin' on a hot day I couldn't say. To each his own said the old maid as she kissed the cow, I guess. Mules is the best manmade varmint in history, ya know? But even mules got theirselves a limit on hotness.

"Them mules. My mules ... oh I was so very happy with them mules. But what's done is water under the road and chickens swimmin' upstream, ain't it?"

"Well, that day we had a party that was partial to popcorn. Loved the stuff. I put two big cans on each mule in bag loads. One on each side.

"And we wasn't but maybe ... oh, like 20 minutes on the trail when the accident happened. (sob) I still can't rememorate it today without goin' all gooshy inside, either.

"What happened was somethin' we never figgered on. Nossir! Why, the heat was just a-hottened down on them pack mules and their packs got all hot, and them cans of popcorn got all hot and then the popcorn went to poppin'!

"Pardner, you never seen such a goldarn wreck in your life! Them mules heard that popcorn a-poppin' and figgered somebody was shootin' at 'em. Yessir. And they went to buckin' around out there, and when they did, the lids come off all 16 cans of popcorn and it looked like the Fourth of July, with big ol' fountains of that popcorn cas-cradin' down 'round them mules.

"And when the popcorn hit the ground, the mules looked at it, thought it was snow and froze to death! A terrible tragedy, and I ain't packed popcorn since that day."

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## Oregon's fish

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disease transmission, and lower survival of tadpoles.

No one can control the weather, but everyone spending time outdoors can take steps to reduce the unintended impacts of recreation on fish, wildlife, and their habitats during drought.

Habitat can be negatively impacted by careless users off-trail. Bikers and hikers are encouraged to stay on trails and limit leaving trails to only when necessary. ATV/UTV users should avoid driving on or through streambeds (wet or dry) as it permanently damages the habitat. Remember to keep your dogs on leash and on trail to limit disturbance to wildlife sheltering nearby.

Summer is a peak time for outdoor recreation in Oregon and spending time on and around water is a common pastime. Be considerate when swimming, boating, paddling, and fishing as human presence is more stressful for fish during drought. Consider fishing in the mornings and evenings when the weather is cooler. Try to reel in and release fish quickly to avoid exhausting them before letting them go. Try swimming in larger water bodies where fish and other critters aren't congregating for refuge. More fishing tips.

Remember that you are sharing the outdoors with the wildlife that call it home and they are more sensitive to visitors in their 'home'

when in drought conditions. Try to camp away from waterholes, rivers, and streams as your presence may scare wildlife away from a needed drinking source. Try limiting your noise levels to avoid scaring wildlife away from the important habitat they need during drought.

Summer in Oregon is a great time of year to spend outside but consider recreating in alternative places where recreation has less of an impact on fish, wildlife, and habitat during drought. Try fishing for warmwater species that are less sensitive to the heat of summer or for trout in the high mountain lakes where water temperatures remain cooler.



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**Gardening Tips**

By Kym Pokorny



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**Eco-friendly lawns require forethought**



To support pollinators, people have turned to creating eco-friendly spaces around their homes, including replacing their grass lawns with flowering plants.

That's no easy task, according to Carolyn Breece, Oregon State University Extension Service faculty research assistant in the OSU Honey Bee Lab. Since 2016, Breece has researched the best flowering lawn substitute. It turns out transitioning from an all-grass lawn to a flowering lawn is challenging.

"The first year it was beautiful," Breece said. "After the end of the first year, things didn't look so well in terms of pollinator plant diversity. I think if you're going to put the effort into pollinator habitat, you'd be better off spending the effort on growing pollinator plants at the edges of lawn or eliminating lawn altogether."

Over a series of trials, Breece used a variety of seed mixtures, including a control of perennial ryegrass, the best and most common grass west of the Cascades, Fleur de Lawn eco-mix, a bee meadow mixture, and several mixtures composed of different flower species (such as yarrow, alyssum, baby blue eyes, chamomile) with varying percentages of clover. The bee meadow mix consisted of perennial sunflower (Helianthus), black-eyed Susan, blanket flower (Gaillardia), California poppy, tickweed (Coreopsis), lupine, borage and phacelia.

"The whole idea was to plant a flowering lawn that provided pollen or nectar," Breece said.

"You see English daisies in lawns and they're really cute, but they don't provide much for the bees. We tried to find flowering plants that would bloom at short height so they can be mowed and have the look of the great American lawn but still have resources for pollinators. It hard to find plants that flower that short that would also fit into a lawn."

In the end, the biggest hurdle, was getting the plants to grow in the presence of grass, which is extremely competitive.

"The two primary plants most successful in combination with turf grass are clover and common yarrow," said Alec Kowalewski, Oregon State University Extension Service turf specialist. "Both do very well. Yarrow is very drought-tolerant and clover is a nitrogen-fixer, which means it provides nitrogen to the other plants eliminating the need for fertilizer."

Yarrow looks beautiful in a lawn, Breece added, but doesn't flower well at short heights. Clover, though, is a workhorse, so much so that it tends to shade out other plants. Eventually, a lawn could end up a simple mixture of clover and perennial ryegrass, which allows the look of a traditional lawn with the benefit of clover providing food for pollinators and nitrogen for the other plants.

But even clover tends to die out if it doesn't get minimal irrigation. A lawn – whether a traditional mat of green or one to make pollinators happy – takes maintenance, Kowalewski said.

"People ask me all the time how to have a perfect, emerald green lawn without any maintenance," Kowalewski said. "It's not going to happen. Even pollinator and eco-lawns need to be watered, mowed and fertilized, just not as much as traditional turf."

Tom Cook, retired turf specialist for OSU Extension, developed the Fleur de lawn mixture in the mid-1980s when he was looking for alternatives to traditional turf. His work concentrated on maintenance rather than pollinators but many of the parameters were the same. Cook also showed that clover is the most resilient of grass substitutes.

"My goal was to find a mowable ground cover that looked somewhat like grass lawns but required less input than regular lawns," he wrote. "Specifically, I wanted a lawn that required mowing, less irrigation, less fertilizer, and was competitive with common weeds that invade under-fertilized, drought-stressed grass lawns."

Cook came up with a mixture of perennial and Kentucky ryegrass, yarrow, clovers and English daisy that is sold today as Fleur de lawn. Once installed, owners either love it or hate it, he said. Usually those who hate it are those who don't maintain it.

"Most landscape contractors I have talked to like them," he wrote. "As one fellow told me, he makes money installing them and a couple of years later makes money replacing them with conventional grass lawns. The point is that low-input lawns are not intended to replace grass lawns. They are intended to provide an alternative for people who don't want or can't maintain a conventional lawn."



*Country Kitchen*

By Mary Emma Allen



**A Heritage of Bake Sales**

Due to Covid, traditional American bake sales came to a halt, but slowly they are returning. These have long been a method of raising funds for an organization or a cause. Nowadays, with the emphasis on healthy eating, many cooks will offer whole grain foods, lower calorie and lower sodium ones along with the old-fashioned type that "Grandma used to make."

**Bake Sales a Tradition**

Most of us recall bake sales from childhood as well as in our adult years. Perhaps we've been involved in furnishing baked goods, helping organize and sell, or simply purchasing the homemade goodies.

Cookbooks also have been written with recipes from baked sales or with suggestions for recipes to make that sell well. (I've always found that Brownies and Chocolate Chip Cookies are high on the list of popular bake sale goodies.)

**Bake Sales of Memory**

I recall the ladies of the local church in our small town conducting bake sales at the Town Hall on Election Day, at the church's annual Rummage Sale or turkey dinner. Although in those days, homemakers provided their families with more homemade goodies than "store bought" ones, it was still a treat when Mother purchased something at the bake sale she didn't ordinarily make.

Also, at these bake sales, you often could purchase one or two cookies, a piece of cake or pie, to eat with coffee, tea or lemonade while waiting to vote or afterward while chatting with people you met. This was a good way to keep children occupied who may have accompanied you to voting or the rummage sale. One of the treats I enjoyed was Aunt Nellie's Poppy Seed Cake.

At craft fairs and quilt shows you'll often find a refreshment area where members have furnished food you can purchase to take home or eat while you chat with friends. When the PTA at the local school holds events, there may be a food table.

HERMITS - an old-fashioned recipe, perhaps used for bake sales in past years. Try some for your next bake sale. These can be cut into bars and sold individually.

Cover 2 cups raisins with cold water and simmer 15 minutes; drain and let cool. Cream 1 & 1/2 cups sugar with 1/2 cup margarine. Stir in 2 eggs, one at a time.

Sift together 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon cloves, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg; add to creamed mixture.

Stir in raisins and 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.

Pour into greased and floured 13 x 9-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

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# Community Notes

August 6

## 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.

August 8

## Springfield School Board

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

August 9

## Lake Listening Session

The Eugene Water & Electric Board is seeking feedback on upcoming decisions affecting the Leaburg hydro project. Stop by from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Lloyd Knox Park.

August 10

## Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 5 p.m. More info @ /www.blueriverpark.com.

August 10

## Blue River Water Board

The will meet at 7p.m. More info @ www.blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

August 12

## McK River Food Pantry

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Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. Tues: 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday @ McKenzie High School (New Gym)

August 15

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

August 17

## Upper McK Fire Board

The board will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

August 18

## Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

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# Eagles celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup>



Members of McKenzie High School's Class of 1972, most with their spouses, gathered on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> graduation year at Carl and Kara Juza's home near Finn Rock.

Standing (from left) are Dallas Scofield, Chuck Tuttle, Robin Alexander, Linda Alexander, Dana Burwell, Kara Juza, Carl Juza, Karama Billick and Fred Meier. Kneeling (from left) are Kelly Fenley, Johnny Garkow, Kellie Garkow, Jo Tuttle, Joye McClure, Holly Fenley, Lannie McClure, Cindy Meier and Jim Billick.

To be included next time in a Class of '72 reunion, please email Kelly Fenley at fenleyfive@gmail.com.

# Section of PCT closed

The Pacific Crest Trail is closed from the northern intersection of Trail 3440 north of Pamela Lake (mile ~2027) on the Willamette National Forest to near Triangle Lake north of Olallie Lake (~mile 2048.7) on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Damage from the Lionshead Fire was extensive and has not been fully assessed. Roads and trails in this area are still closed to the public.

The Forest Service has said that hope to open areas in "late August or early September". We are hopeful that all of the PCT will reopen this year. We will update this page as soon as there is information to share.

There's no walkable detour. Northbounders will need to get off the PCT at the Pamela Lake

Trail in the Mt Jefferson Wilderness and arrange a 150+ mile ride. For easier logistics, you may want to get off earlier at Santiam Pass. Due to the risk of Covid-19 transmission this will be difficult. Hitchhiking and carpooling are not recommended. Getting around the closure will likely mean going through Redmond to the east or Stayton to the west. From Sisters, Oregon, Cascade East Transit runs to Redmond, and from there the Central Oregon Breeze runs to Government Camp, passing the PCT near Frog Lake. These are high-speed highways with little to no shoulder, so again, walking is not recommended. Some people may look to rejoin the PCT at Timothy Lake, (Joe Graham Trailhead on NF-42).

*Pacific Crest Trail Association*

# Vote coming on gun safety

## Measure will be on November ballots

By Julia Shumway  
Oregonians will have the chance to decide in November whether the state should ban large ammunition magazines and require licenses for all gun owners, the Secretary of State's Office confirmed.

Backers of Initiative Petition 17 submitted more than 160,000 signatures from Oregon voters who supported the proposed law earlier this month. State election officials on Monday confirmed that the proposal will appear on ballots in November.

The news follows a June survey from the nonpartisan Oregon Values and Beliefs Center that found that almost 60% of Oregonians would favor stronger federal gun regulations and 56% supported

stronger state gun laws.

Backers of the initiative told the Capital Chronicle earlier this month that they saw a surge in support after mass shootings at a New York grocery store and a Texas elementary school in May.

If the measure passes, everyone who buys a gun would have to complete a background check, no matter how long it takes. State and federal gun laws require criminal background checks, but a loophole in federal law allows gun dealers to sell firearms without a completed background check if it takes longer than three days to complete.

It would also require anyone trying to buy a gun to pass a firearm safety training course and

obtain a permit. Current gun owners would have to obtain permits if they tried to buy guns after the law took effect.

And it would prohibit the sale of ammunition magazines that contain more than 10 rounds. People who already own those magazines could use them on their property, while hunting or at shooting ranges, and that restriction wouldn't apply to police or military.

The gun measure will join three proposed constitutional amendments. One, pushed by voters, aims to stop Republican legislators from blocking legislative action by making absentee lawmakers ineligible for re-election if they have 10 or more unexcused absences.

Legislators referred the other two, which would declare health care a right under the state Constitution and remove language allowing slavery as punishment for a crime. Legislative committees meeting later this summer will draft statements for voters explaining all four measures.

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## Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

### A Bride's Worst Nightmare

I need some serious advice. My boyfriend Jack and I met our senior year in college. After graduation we continued our relationship even though we live an hour apart.

Last Christmas Jack surprised me with an engagement ring. Jack's family and I are very close. In fact, I am the godmother of his sister's first child. Every weekend we have all been working together to get things ready for our wedding. Jack and I talk about how lucky we are to have each other.

Last week I received a phone call around 10 in the morning. Jack told me he was feeling scared and didn't think he could see himself with me three years from now. Later that night Jack called back to say he was sorry, he couldn't go through with the wedding.

As you can imagine, I freaked out. When I asked him why, he responded with, "I don't know." The next day we took off work and met at a hotel to talk. The first few hours we sat at a table and talked about all the positive things in our relationship. I kept waiting to hear something bad, but nothing was ever said.

As the night progressed, we

wound up in bed and he held me tighter than ever before. Over and over, he told me how much he loved me. After we made love, he wouldn't let go of me. He kept telling me how beautiful I am, and how much he loved me. Next morning, I woke to him putting his clothes on. He told me he loved me once again, but he needed to be by himself.

After a few days without hearing from him, I got an email from Jack saying all the wedding plans needed to be canceled. I was so confused and upset. Many angry phone conversations took place after that email.

He doesn't want to see me or work on our relationship. He wants to be phone friends, and I am sick over this. I don't understand what happened. His family is upset but naturally they have to stand behind their son.

I lost my best friend, a family, and the love of my life. What do I do at this point? Do you think he just got scared and will come back around? How do I deal with this?

Ann

Ann, people act as if there is a single thing called "wedding day jitters." Everyone nervous about

getting married is lumped into one category.

Actually, there are two groups of people. The first group feels the excitement of something they have never done before, something which is a major permanent change in life. It is like the butterflies actors feel before a performance. The last thing they want to do is cancel the event.

The second group of people doubts marriage is a good idea for them. Many of them know they are making a mistake, but they lack the strength to stop things. Jack knew how much turmoil this would cause, yet he still put on the brakes. If this crash had come later, after you married, the consequences would have been much worse.

The way to handle this is by facing it directly. Don't apologize or act embarrassed. Contact the people you need to contact. Make your phone calls, write your letters, cancel reservations, and take things back. Facing things and making a clean break helps you move forward.

You had a picture of yourself as a bride, living somewhere else, doing other things. Now you have a new future to build. You have a right to feel angry and hurt, but in time, like many events in life, this will fade to insignificance. This event doesn't define you.

Avoiding a disaster doesn't have a negative impact on your life. It

has a positive impact on your life.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of **Age Difference Relationships**, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

There is, in English poetry, a long tradition of gardening poems. Such poems find rich associations between the deliberate act of design, the organizing of nature, and the art of poetry. While Jeremy Rock's, "Tender" does not slavishly echo the poetry of gardening of the seventeenth century, (the hay-day of this tradition), one senses in his contemporary take, a recognition of the impulse of humans to see in gardening, something of the quest and delight in beauty that we find in poetry. At the end of the poem, Rock's description of caring for tender plants that he renders as dreamers allows him to celebrate the deeply humanizing power of the imagination, the power, in other words, of poetry.

Tender

By Jeremy Rock

"Soft dirt makes for light work."

—Gisa Cecani

Not yet Spring, sunlight barely reaches

past the slider, so I array houseplants

like regents parading before the rabble

and lead with the blades. Just a few snips before they're done, cleaned of the veins and petals that looked ready to come off. It must always

be pruning season, looking at these hands. Sometimes I sit in the sun with them and drink dayglow slow with ice water. In red clay I keep the cuttings, sisters

and daughters mudded for new roots, and these wan stems finally learn to breathe. If not for the starving of idyllic hamlets, where

would the flowers grow? At night I bring them in so they can imagine what they're missing.

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## 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: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 5,166, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

### Fish Counts

July 28, Willamette Falls

Spring Chinook - 36,990

Summer Steelhead - 5,714



## A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
([www.ricksteber.com](http://www.ricksteber.com))

**August 4** - In 1833 a Japanese junk was blown off course during a storm and wrecked on the North Pacific coast. Of the crew of seventeen, only three members were able to swim to shore. Here they were set upon by the natives and held as slaves. News of the wreck eventually reached Dr. John McLoughlin of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was able to rescue the Japanese men and bring them to Fort Vancouver where the attended school and began learning to speak the English language. Dr. McLoughlin sent the men to England, where they remained for several years before sailing on to China. Historians are unsure if any of the men were ever able to return to their homeland.

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## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Cr. Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**14:38:** 44221 McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**22:32:** Camp Creek Rd. / Marcola Rd. MVA. Unable To Locate.

**July 29: 16:52:** 42119 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**July 30: 5:45:** Camp Creek/ Stephens Rd. MVA. Old accident, No Patient.

**14:14:** McK. Hwy. Mp. 44. Subject Down. Disregarded.

**17:48:** 41953 Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Pt. Refusal, No Transport.

**19:09:** 38847 Deerhorn Rd. Alarm Activation, Mistaken Alarm/Disregarded.

**July 31: 12:34:** 8902 McK. Hwy. Vehicle Fire. Disregarded.

**13:54:** 44214 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**16:31:** 41953 Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**16:54:** McK. Hwy. / Mp. 9. MVA. Disregarded, Mistaken Dispatch.

**17:07:** 8651 Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:00:** 41854 Madrone St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

## Sheriff's Report

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that their mountain bike had been stolen.

**4:15 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**4:45 p.m:** Arrest - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:17 p.m:** Blocked Driveway - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**7:00 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Marcola area.

**July 30: 3:00 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident DUII - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**10:21 a.m:** Disoriented Subject - Old Mohawk Rd. & Hill Rd.

**4:20 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Cedar Flat Rd. & E. Cedar Flat Rd. A blue backpack and jacket were found in the area. They possibly belong to a female that had been previously in the area.

**5:46 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident Unknown Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**6:39 p.m:** Welfare Check - 38300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:21 p.m:** Alarm - 38800 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**July 31: 7:50 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 36300 blk, McGowan Creek Rd.

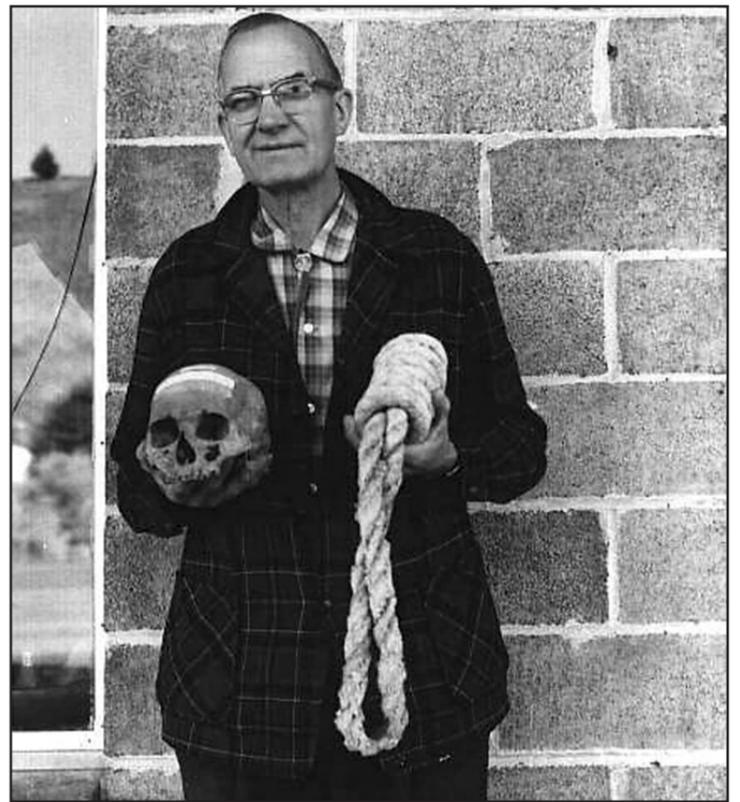
**8:06 p.m:** Vehicle In Water - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:57 p.m:** Gunshot Wound - McGowan Creek.

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

## Hell-raising rustler

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Ben Maxwell/Salem Public Library

Howard A. Black, the curator of the Grant County Museum in Canyon City, shows the skull of murderer Berry Way, hanged for murder near Canyon City in 1864 – the same year hot-tempered 15-year-old Hank Vaughan shot two people in Canyon City. Had Hank's aim been better, this would likely have been his fate as well.

his skull and breaking his jaw and wrecking his inner ear, and knocked unconscious. Hank had been hit in the thigh and scalp.

Dragged back to the notoriously stand trial, Hank was nearly lynched by an angry crowd, and had it not been for the intervention of future U.S. Rep. John Hailey – who stood between the crowd and the jail with a cocked Colt in each fist until they gave up and dispersed – that would have been the end for Hank.

The sentence: Life in prison

The trial was fast and the outcome not much in doubt. The Dalles Weekly Mountaineer reported its outcome on June 16, 1865:

“Henry Vaughan, the boy thief and murderer, arrived at The Dalles yesterday in custody of an officer on his way to the penitentiary, where he is to pass the remainder of his life. This fellow is a youth ... yet he is steeped in crime, and regarded as one of the worst villains that ever cursed the country. It is to be hoped that he is not permitted to escape, as in the event of his return to this county he is sure to be hung.”

And so to prison Hank went. He was under a life sentence, but he would only serve five years. Some historians have claimed that prison turned him from a wild boy into a hard-eyed monster, which is a fairly common pattern

in such cases. However, the Hank Vaughan that emerged from prison seems to have been less dangerous rather than more. He certainly was more successful in his rustling endeavors after he got out. And while he certainly had his enemies and got in his share of gunfights and scrapes with the law, the post-prison Hank Vaughan seemed to have developed an ability to fit into and even dominate frontier social life. He'd never face a lynch mob again – because he'd learned how to get what he wanted from society without getting identified as a deadly threat.

Prison seems to have given Hank the discipline and social skills he'd need to survive and thrive in the 1870s and 1880s on the Oregon frontier. We'll talk about how that went next week.

(Sources: Skovlin, Jon and Donna. *Hank Vaughan: Hell-Raising Horse Trader of the Bunchgrass Territory. Cove, Ore.: Reflections, 1996*; Gulick, Bill. *Outlaws of the Pacific Northwest. Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton, 2000*)

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