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## Wellness election unsettled

### Two board members resign after annual meeting

RAINBOW: When the voting was over on August 30th, three members had been elected to the board of directors of the McKenzie Valley Wellness nonprofit. With 80, 73, and 72 votes respectively, Val Rapp, Kelly Shaw, and Jane Wilson were the winners.

Several people who attended the annual meeting at the Upper McKenzie Community Center said they were pleased the process ran smoothly. But Shaw has confirmed she decided on September 1st to resign. So did Joshua Cloke - who was to appear in an upcoming runoff election against write-in candidate Steve Severin.

The results were verified by a five-member election committee but MVW president Val Rapp said it was discovered that one provisional ballot was not counted the night of the meeting. "That ballot has since been confirmed to be valid," she says.

The organization had planned to first do a recount of all the ballots. Then, the now-validated ballot will be added to the totals. If

that count shows Severin has a majority, he will win the fourth board seat and there wouldn't be a runoff election. With Cloke's resignation, the issue appears to be moot.

At the meeting, a motion to add a seventh seat to the board was approved. Rapp said MVW is interested in "candidates with some specific skills that we need, such as accounting, or fundraising and grant writing."

Another motion passed that night called for establishing a bylaws review committee. That group would be headed by one MVW director who would seek other members from the general public. Their recommendations would be presented to the board and later to the membership to be ratified.

Two ballot measures - dealing with how MVW is defined - were approved.

On the financial front, a review of the organization's accounts showed it has \$31,000 in a checking account, \$64,000 in a Merrill Lynch account, as well as \$210,000 in a money market account that's dedicated to rebuilding the clinic.

Rapp was asked to describe the relationship between McKenzie Wellness and the Orchid Clinic. At first, she said, a lease agreement was developed so that health care would continue to be offered in the same building the McKenzie Clinic had built in Blue River. That document, she said, limited the use of the building so that it "couldn't change over to doing a bistro or a gift shop."

Provisions of the \$1.8 million grant MVW received from the state call for a written agreement Rapp said. "It's very important to have clear lines between the organizations and we will have relationships with other entities too, like the school."



Gene Phillips presented the result of mail-in, online, and in-person voting at last Tuesday's McKenzie Valley Wellness annual meeting.

## Box Canyon area evacuated

### Campers & recreators given "Go Now" order

AUFERHEIDE DRIVE: Last Friday Forest Service Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) has been closed from Milepost 20 (just east of Kiahnie Campground) to Milepost 35 (south of the Roaring River Campground) due to the growth of the Cedar Creek Fire. The closure area includes the Box Canyon Campground, Box Canyon Staging Area/Horse Camp, and Skookum Creek Campground, as well as all the surrounding dispersed camping areas.

Under the Level 3 closure, people are told to not take time to gather things because of immediate and imminent danger.

On Tuesday, officials

reported most of the fire growth occurred on the northeastern edge through the Charlton Fire burn scar. Predicted weather patterns were expected to increase fire behavior. Spotting distances will be .2 miles. Fuels, such as down logs, are extremely dry and will have a probability of ignition of 90%.

Firefighters planned to be working from the northeastern edge of Waldo Lake to improve the 514 road system up to the Taylor Burn Guard Station. That work was planned to establish an anchor point and primary line to build off of as the fire continues to move northeast.

Crews on the northern portion of the fire continue to improve Forest Road (FR) 2417 and the Winchester trail system towards the Taylor Burn Guard Station as the primary line and FR 19 as a contingency line.

On the southern edge, the crew will continue to hold and improve FR 2421. A spike camp will be established on the southeastern edge of the fire to finish the line on Black Creek, which may take several days.

High temperatures are predicted to reach 98°F in lower elevations and 90°F in higher elevations. Wind speeds will reach 6-8 mph with gusts of up to 16 mph.

## A day for all to share

### Community commemorates rebuilding efforts



There was plenty of activity at the water slide.



A sharp eye and a gentle grip proved valuable assets for the egg toss.



A love of watermelons was a valuable motivator for these no-hands competitors.



The cornhole toss proved to be not as easy as one might think.

Labor Day this year was celebrated by gathering together. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire, hundreds of people did just that at the McKenzie Track & Field.

## 4<sup>th</sup> graders eligible for Every Kid Outdoors

### Back-to-school new class will be eligible to enroll

A federal program that provides up to a year of free access to National Forests, National Parks, and other public lands for fourth-grade students and their families.

As of September 1st, fourth graders, parents, and educators could visit the Every Kid Outdoors website at [www.everykidoutdoors.gov](http://www.everykidoutdoors.gov) and learn more about how to obtain free entry to all federal lands, for fourth graders and their accompanying family members.

Students can obtain passes individually by completing a brief online activity. Educators who work with fourth graders can visit the site to download an educational activity guide, after which they'll be able to obtain vouchers for their students. Once printed, students and their

families can also redeem the paper voucher for a durable, plastic pass at any Forest Service office where passes are sold. Passes and vouchers are valid for the entire school year, through August 31st.

"Every Kid Outdoors is designed to get kids and their families to explore the outdoors and explore the

incredible experiences that are available to them on public lands," said Krystal Fleegeer, recreation fee specialist for the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region. "These passes are intentionally designed to belong to the fourth graders and can only be used when they are present. We want **Every Kid Outdoors - P 5**



Students can get free "passports" to federal lands for themselves and their families under the outdoor program.

# Letters to the Editor

## Another local group "Bites the Dust"

The Knitting Club, which has existed in our community for over sixty-five (65) years, is disbanding. This is not something new as many other local groups have given up in the last few years.

After Covid and the Holiday Farm Fire, our membership dropped from around 25 to less than 10. We invited friends in the community to join us and even posted an invitation in the River Reflections seeking new members. We got No responses.

Over the years there had been many community activities in which to participate--The Lions Club, McKenzie Arts Forum, McKenzie Garden Club, Rainbow Gals, Bunco Club, Bridge Club, Bingo Night, Saturday Market and numerous Exercise/Yoga Groups. It seems like our community is no longer interested in participating in group activities.

The Knitting Club, that met every Tuesday in years past, donated various crocheted and knitted items to hospitals and care homes and made donations to local non-profits. It also served as a time for the ladies to socialize and become close friends.

A few of us plan to continue meeting at Takoda's for a No Host lunch on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. each week. We feel socializing with our

friends is important even if we are no longer a formal group.

If you'd like to join us ladies, please do. Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at Takoda's

Jane DeGroot  
McKenzie Bridge

## Don't be shy... apply!

Lane County Cultural Coalition grants are now available. LCCC offers Cultural Opportunity Grants, funded by Oregon Cultural Foundation, to support cultural programs and projects throughout Lane County. These grants target for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations and individuals planning projects to be started and completed in 2023. Emphasis is being focused on granting to organizations or individuals in rural Lane County, so don't be shy!

By going to LCCC's website (lanecountyculturalcoalition.net) you will find information about the types of eligible projects. Applications are submitted electronically, and you can download the application from the website.

To help you or your organization write a successful application, LCCC will be conducting in-person workshops. Stay tuned for workshop locations and times.

Gerry Aster, Vida  
Larry Brown, Leaburg

## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team travels to Crow on Tuesday, September 6, for a match starting at 6:00 pm. The Eagles host Mapleton on Thursday, September 8, and that match also is slated for a 6:00 pm start.

The McKenzie Varsity Six-man football team hosts Days Creek on Friday, September 9. Kickoff is set for 7:00 pm.

### Eagles Host Wolves In Home Opener

Recovery and rebuild! Folks in the McKenzie Valley well know and feel these efforts. Other Rural communities know too fully well also. Days Creek, a tight-knit Douglas County community not unlike our McKenzie River home, can share its own fire stories. So now the time has come to add to Recovery and Rebuild. Re-boot!

For the Eagles specifically, Re-boot takes on a literal meaning. McKenzie football returns to the iconic Wade Thomas Field this Friday night for Special District 2 North Division Six-Man Football game against Days Creek. For the

first time in decades, the Oregon Schools Activity Association has Returned six-man football to the smallest of its members. Fourteen schools, scattered across the State, will be kicking off with a starting line-up that could Ride to the game in Dodge Ram six-pack.

McKenzie's new 1A (6) Special District 2 North League members include Jewell out of Seaside, Siletz Valley, Mapleton, Triangle Lake, Crow, and Eddyville. The 1A (6) Special District 2 South League includes Glendale, Riddle, Days Creek, Powers, Gilchrist, Elkton and North Lake.

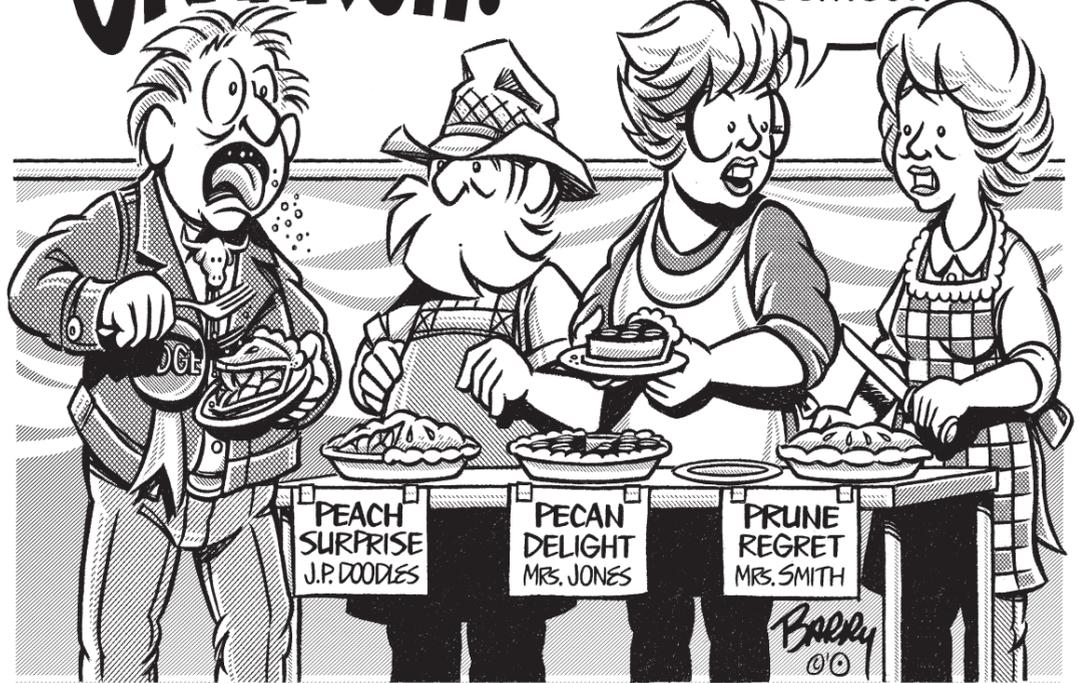
McKenzie High School's Recovery and Rebuild is in full progress. A lot has happened on the Eagle campus these last two seasons and now's a fine time to check out the progress. Wade Thomas Field is no exception. The new concession stand, bleachers, and scoreboard are still in construction phase and hopes are for completion and dedication later in the season. But don't let that hold you back because one thing for certain, the athletes proudly wearing their Eagle and Wolves pads and colors are Ready to Rumble.

It would be Really fine if our Remarkable and Resilient community would Return and support these athletes this Friday. See you there! Right-on!

Note: More in depth Eagle results and scores next week!

## OVER AT TH' FAIR...

# GRAARGH!



# Hunting season open on Willamette National Forest

Archery season has opened for deer and elk hunting in western Oregon. This season, hunters using the Willamette National Forest need to familiarize themselves with the many fire closures in place and use extreme caution and follow all fire restrictions while in the field. The Willamette National Forest currently has a campfire ban in effect in most areas due to high fire danger and several fire closures are in effect for public and firefighter safety.

Here are a few things to keep in mind if you are planning to hunt on public lands:

- Know before you go if there are fire restrictions in effect.
- Do not idle, drive or park on dry grass as vehicle exhaust and undercarriage could potentially ignite the grass or brush.
- Do not flick a cigarette out a vehicle window because it can start a wildfire. Extinguish smoking materials in the vehicle ashtray.
- Check any chain you may be using on a trailer. Dragging metal on the roadbed can cause sparks

that could ignite dry vegetation causing a wildfire.

If hunters are traveling through recently burned areas, it is important to always remain alert and aware of your surroundings and practice the "Four Steps for Safety" to improve your awareness of natural hazards: Look Up, Look Down, Look Around, Look Below. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a wildfire may be unstable, especially in high winds, and watch out for uneven or unstable ground full of holes from burned root systems. Check the weather forecast and assess the weather conditions before travel.

Let someone know your planned route, destination, and expected return time.

Hunters are responsible for knowing what areas are open and closed to hunting and what restrictions are in place. Please check the status of the area you plan to hunt before you head to the woods. All hunting is managed and regulated by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Please hunt safely and be sure of your target. Remember, you are sharing the woods with other people working and recreating in close proximity.

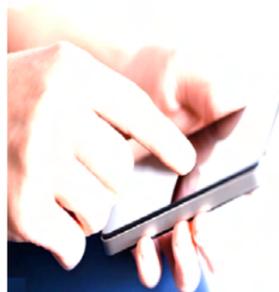
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# Letters to the Editor



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## WEATHER REPORT

Friday 9/9		Saturday 9/10		Sunday 9/11	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 0% chance precip High: 97 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 76 Low: 50	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 96 Low: 55	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 85 Low: 54	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 0% chance precip High: 86 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 79 Low: 49

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain Riverflow
8/30	98	60	0 350 cfs	8/30	87	54	0 2,410 cfs
8/31	92	59	0 551 cfs	8/31	85	56	0 2,370 cfs
9/1	97	59	0 NA	9/1	91	50	0 2,620 cfs
9/2	91	56	0 702 cfs	9/2	90	52	0 3,410 cfs
9/3	80	58	0 695 cfs	9/3	87	57	0 3,430 cfs
9/4	88	50	0 702 cfs	9/4	78	49	0 3,460 cfs
9/5	85	53	0 702 cfs	9/5	88	55	0 3,410 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Aug. 31: 7:01 a.m:** Dead Animal - 89000 block, Marcola Rd.

**11:56 a.m:** Assist, Information - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd.

**12:30 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 39300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**Sept. 1: 1:22 p.m:** vehicle stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

**1:23 p.m:** Dog at Large - 90800 Angels Flight Rd.

**2:31 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Blue River Dam.

**3:39 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Old McK. Hwy. & McK. Hwy. Caller reported being in a verbal argument with a friend. Parties separated and dispute resolved.

**4:42 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 92000 blk, Maple Ln. LCSO received 2nd hand info about a dispute at a residence in the area. Deputies responded to the area and determined no crime had occurred.

**5:30 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Milepost 1.5.

**7:06 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**Sept. 2: 4:15 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**4:53 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop.

**5:14 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

**5:51 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:51 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - McK. View Dr. & Hill Rd.

**Sept. 3: 2:01 a.m:** Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - Camp Creek Rd. & Oakpoint Rd.

**2:48 a.m:** Medical Info Call - Lat: 44.159567. Long: - 122.303302.

**12:00 p.m:** Assault - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Caller reported being assaulted by a known suspect at a party. Caller reported having bruises and broken nails.

**1:35 p.m:** Water Rescue - 88400 blk, Partridge Ln.

**5:15 p.m:** Water Rescue - Charley Ln. & MJ Chase Rd.

**6:14 p.m:** Suspicious Ve-

hicle - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

**6:46 p.m:** Towed Vehicle - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**7:48 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Mp. Camp Creek Rd.

**Sept. 4: 1:02 a.m:** Drug Overdose - 52700 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller and her boyfriend believed that perhaps they had been drugged. Reported symptoms included incoherency and slurred words. Deputies responded at the request of on-scene fire personnel. People on the property were only semi-cooperative with deputies. Both patients were transported by medics to an area hospital.

**10:31 a.m:** Suspicious Subject - 37000 blk, Edgehill Rd.

**3:56 p.m:** Theft - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd. Unknown suspect damaged and stole some undisclosed equipment from the location.

**5:26 p.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Blue River Reservior Rd.

**6:07 p.m:** Water Rescue - 90600 blk, Lure Ln.

**9:40 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**10:52 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 37100 blk, Tree Farm Rd.

**11:15 p.m:** Fight - 41300 blk, McK. Hwy.

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# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Aug. 29: 0:28:** 43000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:46:** 90000 blk, Leashore Dr. Brush fire. Tree branch on power line secured scene.

**Aug. 30: 0:37:** 89000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Aug. 31: 11:23:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lift Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**12:29:** 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. Single Vehicle off the road.

**14:43:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Vehicle Fire. Solar battery smoking on dash.

**Sept. 1: 17:48:** McK. Hwy./Deerhorn Rd. Smoke scare. Unable To Locate.

**19:02:** 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Illegal Burn. Extinguished.

**21:36:** 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient assessed, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 2: 9:12:** 38000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. Cardiac Arrest. Confirmed Deceased.

**14:22:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke Scare. UTL.

**16:19:** 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**17:49:** McKenzie View Dr./Hill Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded by Mohawk Valley Rural Fire.

**20:27:** 400 blk, S. 79th St. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 3: 2:44:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 43. Mutual Aid. Disregarded by Upper McK. Fire.

**12:05:** McK. Hwy./Angels Flight Rd. Smoke Scare. UTL.

**13:34:** McK. Hwy./ Mp. 15. Water Rescue. One Person Rescued.

**17:13:** 1300 blk, McK. River. Water Rescue. Five people assisted to shore.

**18:36:** McK. Hwy./Hendricks Park Rd. MVA. Blocking/Non-Injury.

**18:43:** Deerhorn Rd./Little

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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Aug. 31: 16:50:** Motor Vehicle Accident - Old McK. Hwy./Milepost 63. 2 vehicles involved, no injuries reported. Vehicle hit a wood post after going off the road.

**Sept. 2: 21:59:** Illegal Burn - 91450 block, Marbrook Ln. 4 to 5 ft. across, attended by 2 to 3 adults & 3 to 4 children.

**22:03:** Brush Fire - E. King Rd./Horse Creek Rd. Approx 2 miles southwest of location. Caller is seeing at least one large tree and surrounding area on fire.

**Sept. 3: 02:40:** Medical - McK. Hwy./Mp. 43. Gender unknown, not conscious, not breathing.

**Sept. 4: 00:55:** Medical - McK. Hwy./Mp. 43. Age unknown, gender unknown, conscious, breathing.

**08:27:** Public Assist - 55325 E. King Rd. Resident has been using an excavator to move large boulders. Caller is concerned about possible fire hazard.

**21:10:** Smoke Check - McK. Hwy./Mp. 52. 2 miles east of the Ranger Station.

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

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# From White House to whorehouse: The McLoughlin House's unlikely journey



By Slim Randles

By Finn J.D. John  
To the average Oregon City resident, there wasn't much to celebrate in the vacant, dilapidated old house by the foot of Willamette Falls.

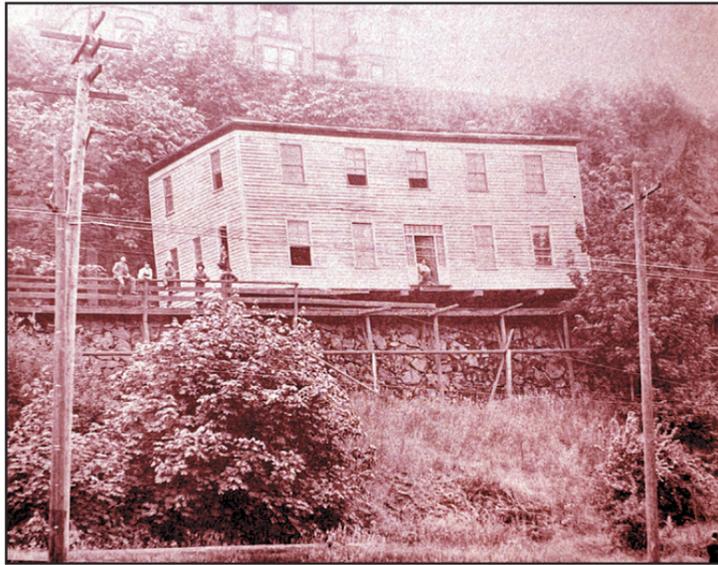
The house had, until a few years before, been known as the Phoenix Hotel, and it had been a very flagrant bordello. Conveniently located right in the heart of what was then Oregon City's industrial core, it had been a handy place for workers in the woolen mills, paper manufactories, sawmills, and other operations that took advantage of the plentiful waterpower of the falls. No doubt it did an especially brisk business every payday.

It can't have been brisk enough, though, because in 1906 the owners offered to sell the building and land to the city of Oregon City. There was a brief flurry of interest, and mayor E.G. Caufield got very excited about it.

But when the proposal was put to a referendum, the voters quashed the deal, and the old brothel was instead sold to the Hawley Pulp and Paper Co., which wanted the land to expand some of its adjacent facilities.

When that happened, the new mayor, W.E. Carll, dropped by to talk to Mr. Hawley. He was hoping to arrange some kind of deal to save the house. Hawley was willing to help; he said he'd gladly donate the building to the city if they could move it off the property. Carll agreed to see what he could do.

Now, this may seem like an awful lot of trouble for people to be going through to save an old whorehouse from the wrecking ball. The thing was, though, that the Phoenix Hotel had been no



Oregon Historical Quarterly  
The McLoughlin House near the bottom of Singer Hill in 1909, during the moving process.

ordinary whorehouse. It had been built in 1846, before Oregon was a state or even officially an American territory, by the "Father of Oregon" himself: Dr. John McLoughlin, the head of the Hudson's Bay Company's Northwest operations

McLoughlin had been posted as Chief Factor for the company in Fort Vancouver in 1825 when the Oregon territory was under joint occupancy and it wasn't clear whether it would end up being part of Canada or the U.S. Later in the 1820s, McLoughlin had staked a land claim at Willamette Falls and platted Oregon City.

As the Oregon Trail opened up, it started becoming obvious that the huge influx of American settlers was messing up the U.S.-Britain joint occupancy treaty, pushing the territory toward full U.S. control by sheer numbers. McLoughlin, of course, was on

the British side of things; but when, in the mid-1840s, American emigrants started staggering into Fort Vancouver sick and exhausted and starving from the rigors of the Oregon Trail, he took them in and gave them shelter and supplies on credit. This made him increasingly unpopular with his bosses back east, who would have preferred a more hard-nosed attitude toward the emigrants.

So, to get rid of him, they "promoted" McLoughlin to another post east of the Rocky Mountains.

This was checkmate for McLoughlin. If he accepted the promotion, he'd have to abandon his land claim at Willamette Falls, which was already very valuable and only getting more so. But the only way to decline the promotion was to retire from HBC. Which, as they had expected, was the option he took. He settled down at the

falls and applied for American citizenship, which he received in 1851.

But by now most of the Oregon City residents were Protestants, and McLoughlin was Catholic. This would be no big deal today, and the Hudson's Bay Company employees were also very broad-minded about such things – half of them being French voyageurs, after all – but plenty of the American emigrants were not.

To make things worse, there had been an unfortunate incident eight years earlier when McLoughlin had publicly attacked and thrashed Fort Vancouver's Anglican chaplain, Herbert Beaver, in the courtyard at the fort. Beaver had referred to McLoughlin's wife, Marguerite, as "a female of notoriously loose character" and as McLoughlin's "kept mistress" (their marriage ceremony had not been an Anglican one) in an official report, which had passed through McLoughlin's hands on its way east. But however deserved this public drubbing may or may not have been, it didn't do much for McLoughlin's reputation among Protestants.

So McLoughlin, although he was the most prominent citizen of Oregon City, had plenty of enemies there, and some of them got busy challenging his land claims.

Some of those challenges were successful, but enough was left for McLoughlin to finish his life in comfort – and to build the biggest, nicest house in the state for his wife and family.

The house was a great big Colonial-style two-story residence with numerous rooms upstairs for guests. These guest rooms, of course, would be super useful decades later, when the place became the Phoenix Hotel.

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It's the music of the Western mountains, and this is the only time we get to hear it. It has a hollow sound, as though a flute were a foot thick and 12-feet long, and it is the lonely call of the bull elk.

It starts in early September and by October becomes more of a war chant. When winter shuts down the breeding season, the bulls go quiet once again, and pal up with other bulls to face winter together.

But now, the call is there. Veteran elk hunters call it "the locate call." It isn't meant to be intimidating to other elk, either. The spirit ghost of the mountains dictates the bull sends this high, hollow note out to the world.

If I may be permitted to translate, the locate call is just a reminder, not a threat.

"Anybody oooooo-ut there?"

That was Pete, sitting on top of a ridge near the Continental Divide. From the bottom of the canyon to the west, maybe four miles away, we hear an answer.

"This is She-r-r-r-r-m. Remember me from last winter? Goin' girlin'-n-n-n-n soon, Pete?"

"Thought I mi-i-i-ight, Sherm. Luck to you."

"And you-u-u-u-u too-o-o-o-!"

In a month, they'll be gathering cows and Pete will threaten to dismember ol' Sherm with a single antler, but that's during the rut, and that has more grunting sounds in it.

If you should go out there and try to call one in close enough for a picture, or at least a conversation, they would like me to remind you they are both 12 feet tall, weight more than a ton each, and could whip a freight train. And they're good-looking guys, too. Pass the word.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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### Maggots help break down compost pile



Most people shudder when they see maggots in their bin composter or compost pile. They may be startling in their appearance and movement, but they won't hurt you or the compost. In fact, they play a role in breaking down plant and animal tissues.

Often, these maggots are the larval life stage of compost-dwelling soldier flies, according to Linda Brewer, Oregon State University Extension Service soil scientist. This European insect (*Hermetia illucens*) is found everywhere in North America. They are especially common where flies access wet, rotting food sources or garbage.

Young soldier fly larvae are a gray-white color, segmented, about 1 inch in length, and very active. As they mature, the larvae turn a dark brown color, are torpedo-shaped and flattened, with tough-looking skin. The head is small and narrower than the body. The body features only hairs and spines – no legs. The rear of the body is blunt and houses breathing pores or spiracles.

When the larvae pupate, or if they die before transitioning to the adult stage, the chitin – a

component in their leathery skin – will decompose and contribute nitrogen and glucose to the compost. Decomposer bacteria benefit from both nutrients, Brewer said.

Adult soldier flies are black and about 5/8-inch long. Their smoky black wings are held over the back when at rest and the first abdominal segment has clear areas. Adults feed and lay eggs on food waste and other moist types of organic matter.

Adult soldier flies emerge, mate, and die within two days. The dark-colored adults are often mistaken for black wasps, but they don't bite or carry disease, Brewer said.

Soldier fly larvae are voracious consumers of high nitrogen materials such as kitchen food scraps and manures, as they decay. They break down organic material in manure or compost piles. These materials are further decomposed by smaller members of the decomposer community. The adult flies can inoculate the compost with beneficial decomposer bacteria and fungi from other sources.

Soldier flies rarely invade houses, unless a compost pile is close to the structure, Brewer said.

They are almost exclusively found in compost bins, or juicy sheet mulches and manure piles. In the southeastern United States, they are used to reduce the volume of hog manure.

In addition to reducing manure volume, soldier fly larvae also reduce moisture and stabilize plant nutrients from the manure in their own bodies.

Soldier fly females lay eggs on the surface of exposed nitrogen-rich material. Incorporating sufficient leaves, dry grass, shredded paper and other organic "brown" material in the pile to cover any nitrogen food sources is a sure way to avoid attracting the egg-laying females. Kitchen waste incorporated into any home compost pile should be well-buried in the pile and covered with two to four inches of dry, absorbent materials, according to Brewer.

If your food-rich compost has many soldier fly larvae, you can reduce their numbers by turning the compost and layering in dry materials. The presence of soldier fly larvae indicates that the compost is very moist. Water has a tremendous capacity to absorb heat without changing its temperature. The additional dry materials and turning will encourage the compost pile to heat up. Soldier fly larvae cannot tolerate temperatures above 113 degrees Fahrenheit – easy enough to achieve in a well-balanced compost pile.

You can further discourage these flies by covering any holes in the compost bin with a window screen glued down with exterior household or other waterproof caulk to exclude adult flies looking for good sites to lay their eggs.

Soldier fly larvae can thrive in worm bins, as well, where they may out-compete the worms for food sources.

In a worm bin, bury food scraps deeply in the worm bedding and cover well. Soldier flies may eat what is on the surface, but they won't eat the worms or their eggs.

Birds love high-protein soldier fly larvae, Brewer said. Larvae can be removed from the compost pile and fed to the chickens or just tossed on the ground where birds can find them.

education program manager for the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region. "Our hope is this program will help inspire the next generation to care for public lands and to continue to steward these special places for the benefit of future generations."

For more information about Every Kid Outdoors, visit [www.everykidoutdoors.gov](http://www.everykidoutdoors.gov)



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### Pumpkins in History

The use of pumpkins for food apparently dates back to the natives of the Americas. They grew pumpkins and squash and developed many ways of preparing them. The natives also taught the early settlers these ways with food.

It's believed natives in Central America originally grew pumpkins. Then those of North America adopted them for food. Their various methods of preparation included baking, boiling, making pumpkin into a soup, drying it, and grinding this food into a meal they used for making breads.

For winter use and preservation, the natives cut the pumpkins into rings and strips. Then they hung them to dry.

#### Jack-o-Lanterns

Before long in our culture, children will be carving and painting faces on pumpkins to display for Halloween. They remind me of my childhood. One year my sister carved a large pumpkin to place over her head as her costume.

As I browsed through photos I'd taken over the years, I discovered many with pumpkins and autumn leaves, stonewalls along the roadside and across the fields, as well as children with their jack-o-lanterns. From these, I created a colorful poetry scrapbook album,

with the theme Autumn in New England.

#### Many Pumpkin Recipes

You'll discover many ways to use pumpkins-from desserts to casseroles to breads and soups. One recipe for Pumpkin Soup calls for it cooked in the rind. I talked with a lady who said she did this and found the soup delicious.

According to an Early Pumpkin Pie Recipe, you cut a slice from the top of the pumpkin, scoop out the seeds, and fill with cavity with milk, sugar, and spices. Then you baked it until the pumpkin was cooked and center mixture thickened.

**Pumpkin Souffle** - Combine 1 cup canned or thick cooked, mashed pumpkin with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar and stir well. Beat 3 egg whites until stiff, then add 1/8-teaspoon salt and fold it into the pumpkin mixture.

Grease a 1-quart baking dish or mold and fill about 2/3 full with the pumpkin. Set in a pan of hot water.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for about 40 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

*(Mary Emma Allen enjoys autumn in New England with its colorful foliage and pumpkin decorations. E-mail: [me.allen@juno.com](mailto:me.allen@juno.com))*

# Every Kid Outdoors

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people to get out there and explore these places as a family."

The federal program is designed for fourth-grade students because research shows children ages 9 to 11 are beginning to learn about the world around them, are open to new ideas, and are likely to form lasting connections to nature and our history when introduced to public lands and historic sites.

"Public lands serve an important

role. They're living classrooms, and portals to lifelong learning about the natural and cultural history of forests, grasslands, and other treasured places," said Thea Garrett, interim conservation

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# Community Notes

## September 9

### McK River Food Pantry

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

## September 10

### Dime At A Time

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

## September 15

### 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.

## September 5

### Springfield School Board

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

## September 10

### Walterville Fair

The Walterville Grange will be hosting the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Walterville Community Fair. This year's theme is 'Let's Eat, Have Fun and Celebrate at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Walterville Community Fair.' Events will include a 5K Waddle walk/run starting at 8 a.m. Signup is online with Eclectic or people can register the morning of the race. Fair entries of baking, canning, produce, arts & crafts, photography, antiques, flowers, and sewing and handicrafts will be accepted from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. with judging starting at 9:30 (so don't be late!). The Boy Scouts will perform the flag raising at 10 a.m. with the parade starting at 11. The famous Walterville Grange barbecue chicken dinner will start to be served at 11:30, with a full dinner including 1/2 barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, beans, pasta salad, and a dessert of strawberry shortcake prepared by Billy Pruitt. The full meal is just \$12 (you can't beat that for a full dinner). There will also be hot dogs for \$3. Music is planned from noon to 1 p.m. with Jerry Zybach playing Delta Blues and Country music. To top the afternoon off there will be a raffle drawing at 3 p.m., so buy your tickets early. There will be lots of local vendors

throughout the day and the Bottle Boys will be there if you have any bottles you want to donate to the McKenzie River cause. Anyone who would like to sell their wares can rent a table, call 541-915-2163. The Grange would appreciate any extra help, so if you would like to help, call 541-521-4760 and leave a message - calls will be returned. You can also call this number if you have any questions.

## September 11

### Live Concert

The McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church will host Joey McGee on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Joey McGee plays soul, country, folk, gospel, rock & blues in his own style. The 3 hour concert will be held at the church, 88393 Walterville Loop. For more information call 541-896-3001 or 626-437-0539.

## September 19

### 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.

## September 19

### Springfield School Board

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

## September 21

### Upper McK Fire Board

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

# Youth Exchange available for foreign study

High School students can apply now for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program to study abroad in Germany. ASSE is one of four established international exchange organizations that administer a program, which is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the German Bundestag (Parliament). ASSE has 50 scholarships avail-

able to American youth from the western and northwestern regions of the USA. ASSE is responsible for promoting the CBYX program, recruiting applicants, and selecting finalists. Students are encouraged to learn more and apply at [www.UsaGermanyScholarship.org](http://www.UsaGermanyScholarship.org). The deadline to apply is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

# ODF seeks public input on forest practices

Public comment is now being accepted on proposed rule changes to Forest Practices Act from the Private Forest Accord.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has opened the public comment period on proposed rule changes to the Forest Practices Act after receiving approval from the Board of Forestry at a special meeting August 24<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Senate Bills 1501 and 1502 directed the ODF to make changes to Forest Practices Act administrative rules to give the timber industry more long-term regulatory certainty - while also providing more environmental protections sought by conservation groups.

ODF will hold in-person and virtual informational sessions in mid-September. Two meetings will be held in western Oregon, one in eastern Oregon, and one virtually.

Formal public hearings for public comment will be held the last week of September - with verbal comments accepted at any of the virtual public meetings.

Meetings via Zoom have been scheduled for: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m., and Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m.

Written comments can be sent to: [sb1501.rulemaking@oregon.gov](mailto:sb1501.rulemaking@oregon.gov) until 11:55 p.m. on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

After reviewing comments and making any changes, ODF will send the recommended final rule package to the Board of Forestry to consider at a special meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

"Before and during the rule phase in we will have outreach and training to help explain, implement, and highlight compliance assistance along with enforcement of the new rules," according to Josh Barnard, Division Chief, of the Oregon Dept. of Forestry's Forest Resources Division.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

### What Doesn't Work

Recently Ted, a nice coworker, joined my group. We work together on all projects and share ideas and communication with our manager on a daily basis.

Ted started carpooling with the boss. At that point, he changed. What were joint projects, did Ted make his own? When I tried to contact our boss to do the same, it was obvious he prefers Ted. The two of them talk at home and go to church together.

I have been in my group for over two years and work hard to be creative. Now I find any time I do something, Ted quickly takes over. He always beats me to the punch. I am not trying to be petty, but it is getting ridiculous. The job I have been striving for is finally open. There is a trickled rumor the boss has nominated Ted.

Let me review the facts. I have been here longer, worked harder, and am overdue for promotion, a thought shared by coworkers. I mentioned this to a higher-level boss, who in turn looked at me as a troublemaker.

Direct contact with Ted would be dynamite because of his attitude, but this isn't right. The more waves I make, the more I look bad, so I am hoping to get some advice on possible strategies.

Donald

Donald, certain situations are hopeless. You don't want to hear this, but this is one of them. In many situations, the social game outweighs merit. You can list all the facts you want, but it won't change the main fact. Your manager prefers this new employee to you.

There can be a wide range of reasons for this. Your manager may feel you are far too valuable where you are, or you may simply lack the bootlicking skills to succeed in this particular workplace.

The new employee is not the enemy. Look at him in broader terms. He might be the wrench thrown at your life to stimulate a reaction, a reexamination of where you want to go. The writer James Michener once said, "The job of an apple tree is to bear apples. The job of a storyteller is to tell stories." What is your real job in life?

The only strategy to consider is where your life is going. This includes determining if you choose to remain with this company, if you should pursue more education, or if you are even in the right field.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell*,

*What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple, and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

In Heather Cahoon's poem, "Shelter," she manages, with simplicity and the use of deftly selected detail, to capture the mood of childhood delights that, in the manner of such things, always seem on the edge of danger. One is transported to the invention of children who seem to find a certain pleasure in the complex combination of being lost and being hidden at the same time.

### Shelter

By Heather Cahoon

We wove hip-high field grass into tunnels

knitting the tops of bunched handfuls the drooping heads tied together.

My seven siblings and I sheltered ourselves

inside these labyrinths in a galaxy of grasses.

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**September 8** - Elijah Bristow was born in the mountain country of Virginia. He was a skilled woodsman and expert hunter who distinguished himself as a sharpshooter in the War of 1812. He crossed the plains to California in 1845 and the following year ventured north to Oregon looking for land to farm. He explored the upper Willamette Valley, and upon reaching a series of low, rolling hills he stopped. Struck by the beauty of the landscape and the rich soil he exclaimed, "What a pleasant hill. This is my claim." Bristow donated land for the first school and the first church in Lane County and the settlement became

known as Pleasant Hill. Bristow remained on his claim until his death in 1872.

## 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 (below Leaburg Dam) - 2,000.

### Fish Counts

**August 31, Willamette Falls**  
Spring Chinook - 37,346  
Summer Steelhead - 5,747

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Deerhorn Rd. MVA. Non Injury/ Non-Blocking.

**22:05:** 88000 blk, Gemstone Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**Sept. 4: 1:00:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 43. Mutual Aid. Cancelled by Upper McK.

**18:04:** 90000 blk, Lure Lane Water Rescue. Self rescue to shore.

**21:47:** 46707 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Sept. 5: 4:27:** 35000 blk, Camp Cr. Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

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# Unlikely journey

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The John McLoughlin House as it appears today.

John McLaughlin died in 1857. Marguerite followed three years later, and after that, for a time other family members lived in the house. But by 1867 they had all died or moved out, and the house was sold and began its transformation from White House to warehouse.

By 1908, when Hawley Pulp and Paper bought the house, John McLoughlin was universally recognized in Oregon City as one of the most important figures in state history. But he was not as universally loved. Plenty of people in Oregon City wanted nothing to do with him, or with his old house.

Luckily for all of us, Eva Emery Dye was not one of them.

Eva Dye was a famous author and the main power behind the Gladstone Chautauqua. Her most successful book had been a biography of McLoughlin, and when she learned what was planned for his house, she turned her considerable organizational skills into a bid to save it.

At first, things looked like they'd be smooth sailing. The state Legislature passed a bill allocating funds to preserve the house. But then Governor George Chamberlain vetoed it, putting everything back to Square One.

So the Oregon City Council stepped up, offering to donate the building and provide a spot to which to move it if private donors would cover the transportation and restoration costs. The spot they picked was in the city park at the top of Singer Hill.

Dye and her allies thought that sounded just fine, and promptly formed the McLoughlin Memorial Association — one of the first historic preservation organizations in state history, if not the first — to raise the necessary money.

This appears to have been the point at which Oregon City's

anti-McLoughlin forces realized it was really going to happen. It's not entirely clear why they cared so deeply about the old house; most likely it was a coalition of residents who considered any former warehouse to be irredeemably tainted with sin, along with others who hated Catholics enough to oppose memorializing McLoughlin.

Whatever their motives, they immediately got busy mounting a fierce resistance to anything short of demolition. First, they got an injunction barring the building from being moved. The Association appealed to the local court, the judge threw it out, and work went on.

While the house was being moved, the opposition apparently bided its time. It probably looked to them like the problem was going to take care of itself when the house reached the bottom of Singer Hill. Singer Hill, as you may know, is not really a hill per se, but rather a narrow roadbed cut into the side of the great rocky bluff running through the middle of downtown Oregon City, towering hundreds of feet over the river. It's the same bluff that Oregon City's famous municipal elevator serves, a block and a half away to the south. Looking back

and forth from the tiny, narrow roadway to the great ramshackle house, most onlookers must have thought there was no way this would work.

But it did. Old photographs show the process. The building was winched up the hill, inch by inch, using cables powered by a capstan wheel turned by a single horse. The house was considerably wider than the road up the hill, and at one point it was sticking so far out over the edge of the cliff that it nearly toppled off to tumble down the hill. The workers had to run down to the river for sand and gravel to dump on the floors of the inboard side of the house, to keep the center of gravity over land instead of air.

When the house was finally at the top — at a cost of \$600! — another injunction was served, seeking to prevent it from being set on the foundation they'd built for it in the park. This was quickly dismissed, and the house was placed there. Then a guard had to be put on it, as anonymous arson threats came in from frustrated anti-McLoughlinites.

But eventually, the drama subsided, and on Sept. 5, 1909, the house was officially dedicated in a memorial service for McLoughlin.

Today the John McLoughlin House is something of a municipal treasure for Oregon City, and regularly attracts visitors from all over the country. If you should go and see it, which you absolutely should, take a little detour over onto Singer's Hill afterward and try to visualize that enormous

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# Sheriff's Report

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**11:37 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Caller reported they have psychic abilities and could hear a baby asking for someone to call 911. Mental health issues believed to be involved.

**Sept. 5: 3:03 a.m.:** Prowler - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

**6:10 p.m.:** Unattended Boat - 36500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:53 p.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

**7:20 p.m.:** Lost property - Tamolitch Falls.

**7:21 p.m.:** Assault - 92500 blk, Martin Ln.

**8:10 p.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, B St.

**8:21 p.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

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

# U.S. 20 to close between Mp 54 and 57

Road repairs set for September 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>



The work includes building a retaining wall, moving and rebuilding 1,000 feet of the road, and repairing damage caused by landslides.

HWY. 20: A total closure of U.S. Route 20 - from Milepost 54 to 57 - is scheduled for September 9th to 22nd. The \$4.96 million Oregon Dept. of Transportation project is designed to make the area safer by building a retaining wall, realigning part of the road, and repairing damage from a landslide.

ODOT investigated a portion of U.S. 20 east of Sweet Home and along the South Santiam River to decide the best solution to mitigate the slide movement. The recommended repair for the Double Gate and Upper Sunken Grade slide areas is to regrade and/or realign the road and build a retaining wall. Inspectors are also conducting further tests at milepost 53.7, but there is no construction planned at this time

due to lack of funding.

A retaining wall will be installed to slow the movement of the landslide. The wall will be located along the inside of a horizontal curve in the roadway and will need a minor roadway realignment slightly toward the uphill side. Officials say the wall will isolate the roadway from the landslide mass to prevent further movement of the roadway. As part of that work, crews will reconstruct 1,000 feet of roadway to establish the new alignment and grade.

Several horizontal drains were installed from Milepost 55.4 - 55.6 during 2019 to help water flow. The current project will regrade and reconstruct the roadway in sections that have seen significant settling.

# Despite scare, youth-led crime down sharply

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

Crime rates among young people have dropped dramatically in recent decades - despite media coverage pointing toward a supposed "crime wave" led by youth.

That's the finding in a recent report from The Sentencing Project, which shows the share of overall arrests of people younger than 18 was cut in half between 2000 and 2019.

Deena Corso is the juvenile services division director for Multnomah County.

"The trend very much for juvenile crime nationally - and then it's mirrored here locally - has been sharp, sharp decreases in juvenile crime," said Corso. "And any efforts to have the pendulum swing back the other way would be not only detrimental to young people but also [contradictory] to public safety."

Corso said in Multnomah County, the number of criminal referrals for young people has decreased from about 2,200 in 2011 to 500 in 2021.

In 2019, Multnomah County completed the Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program, which emphasizes expanding diversion programs, decreasing probation conditions, and increasing incentives that promote positive behaviors.

Richard Mendel authored The Sentencing Project report.

He said people should be skeptical of pushes for more punitive measures, especially when the data doesn't back up the need for it. He said locking kids up can have a detrimental effect that lasts long past youth.

"You take them away from school. You take them away from activities of rites of passage of adolescence," said Mendel. "And you surround them instead with incarceration with other troubled kids. And it's a negative dynamic that halts their natural progression to age out of these behaviors."

In 2019, Oregon lawmakers updated Measure 11, a voter-passed initiative from 1994 that led kids as young as 15 to be charged in adult courts. The updates roll back some of the tough-on-crime positions for young people.

Corso said we understand more about young people's brains now than we did when the measure passed.

"I am a firm believer in keeping kids in the kids' system," said Corso. "Meeting youth where they're at developmentally, the incredible capacity that young people have for change and habilitation or rehabilitation."

The Sentence Project report suggests states follow Oregon and not process youths in adult court. It also urges emphasizing diversion programs and hiring more counselors instead of police officers in schools.



Despite moving away from detention, arrest referrals for young people have decreased since 2011.

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