

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Dion Finishes In Top Ten

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Home Country

Everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it's not a real work of art.

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Wine, friends ... and flowers

Harvest season celebration in Vida



Anticipation was in the air as the Honey Paddle's namesake began to flow.

VIDA: People turned out on Saturday to sample this year's harvest at a wine and honey-tasting event sponsored by the Vida McKenzie Community Center (VMCC). A local winemaker, McKenzie Crest Wines, and the Honey Paddle Farm offered people samplings of wine and honey, in addition to a bouquet bar where they could build their own mason jar flower arrangement.

For many folks, the event offered first views of the newly constructed Community Center building which offered views of the river from the patio as they snacked on picnic foods and sipped McKenzie Crest wines.

The "Wine, Friends, and Flowers" was well attended and marked the first rental of



Samples from bottles of boutique wines from McKenzie Crest were well received.

the community structure since the rebuild.

McKenzie Crest Wines offered a 20% discount for a VMCC donation, along with 2 bottles of wine and Honey Paddle donated a large fancy floral pumpkin for a raffle fundraiser. Both activities generated \$400 for the community center and Gerry Aster, the VMCC fundraiser, happily reported that she received commitments for eight new legacy pavers.

Owners of McKenzie Crest Wines and Honey Paddle Farm both said they were pleased to see the interest in the event, appreciated the community support, and are inspired to host similar events in the future.

They're back!

Salmon find Finn Rock Reach to their liking



Tim Giraudier- Beautiful Oregon

McKenzie River Trust
FINN ROCK: Chinook salmon making their way back up the McKenzie River have found more places to lay their eggs thanks to years of work restoring floodplains throughout the watershed.

This year, the McKenzie River Trust, U.S. Forest Service, EWEB, and the McKenzie Watershed Council finished their latest project at Finn Rock Reach, transforming the forest and helping it to become part of the river again.

"The goal is to give the

river as much space as we can," Project Manager John Trimble explained.

The McKenzie River once naturally flowed through multiple channels and wetlands across the entire valley. To make way for development, roads, and infrastructure, the river has been restricted in many areas to flow through a single channel. By forcing the river into a single channel, it has more energy and carves deeper into the earth's surface and the river can become like a firehose. The firehose effect causes

further erosion, transports sediments downstream, and leaves wetlands and once-flooded areas high and dry. This greatly reduces the amount of spawning gravel available and the habitat for young fish who need calmer water and places to hide.

In contrast, the restored floodplain at Finn Rock Reach is a messy, braided maze of logjams and water flowing at different speeds. It looks chaotic compared to an idealized esthetic of a flowing river, but by restoring the natural functions of

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Blue River rebuild dealt a blow

Planned community sewer system would pollute waterways

BLUE RIVER: Lane County reported this week that the site evaluation process for a community onsite wastewater system has been completed on the Blue River Park and the Old Mill property (Three Sisters) sites. It determined that the proposed 35,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) community wastewater system would pollute both the Blue River and McKenzie River at levels that are unacceptable to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The report, however, didn't completely eliminate the possibility of a community wastewater system in Blue River but calls for reevaluating the size of the system to

determine what can be installed without polluting adjacent streams.

"In order to move forward and supply the residents of Blue River the option to connect to a community system as soon as possible," according to a press release. "Lane County is proceeding with designing a 2,500-gallon-per-day onsite wastewater system for the Blue River Park, as well as one for the Old Mill property. Both will be permitted through Lane County. These smaller systems will be able to supply service to approximately eight homes each and will be expandable if it is determined a larger system can be installed."

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Corps could end hydro production

Power supplying 300,000 homes questioned

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Portland District is assessing whether it should continue to produce hydroelectric power at its Willamette Valley project dams.

In total, nine of those 13 federally-owned dams are capable of producing upwards of 500 megawatts of power - enough to power about 300,000 homes, the Corps said. However, in August 2019 (an average water year) the energy output was in the 184.4 MW range.

"Right now, a team of experts is diving deep into data and studies about the dams to provide initial information for a report to

Congress," the Corps said in a news release. "The report will inform future actions on whether the Portland District should proceed to a full "disposition" study. That study would assess, in detail, whether to remove hydropower at one or more dams and the effects that action would have on the system of dams."

The Water Resources Development Act of 2022 calls for assessments of whether - and how - discontinuing hydro-power production at one or more of the eight dams would affect the system. How the costs of discontinuing hydropower would

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Two fires 100% contained

Crews have suppressed Pothole and Horse Creek



2023LookoutFire

Fire managers reported this week that both the Horse Creek and Pothole Fires have been 100% contained. Crews on those fires will now focus on repairing roads and natural resources in both areas.

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McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team hosts Alsea on Tuesday, September 19, with first serve set for 6:00 pm. The Eagle team travels to Eddyville on Thursday, September 21, for a double-header. The first match start time is 4:30 pm and the second match will start at 6:00 pm.

The McKenzie Varsity Cross Country teams travel to Lebanon on Friday, September 22, to participate in the Champs Invite, hosted by East Linn Christian, and held at the Cheadle Lake Park. The Girls Varsity 5,000 meter race starts at 4:30 pm and the Boys Varsity 5,000 meters race will begin at 5:15 pm. There is no McKenzie Varsity Football game this week.

Eagle Volleyball Drops A Match Each To Warriors And Lakers

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team dropped a pair of Mt. West League matches this past week. The Eagles slipped to a 1-3 MWL record and 1-4 overall.

The Siletz Valley Warriors rode into town on Tuesday, September 12, and defeated their Eagle hosts, 3-0. It ‘twernt’ easy however, as both teams, young and inexperienced alike, kept the three sets interesting and close throughout the match. Siletz Valley won the first set 25-23, the second set 25-22, and capped the evening with a win in the deciding set, 25-15.

On Thursday McKenzie traveled to Triangle Lake to mix it

up with the Lakers. Triangle Lake wasn’t in the mood evidently to make a long evening, easily downing McKenzie 25-13, 25-17, and 25-12.

Myra Dion Finishes In Top Ten At Oakland

Eagle sophomore Myra Dion finished seventh in the Acorn Gully Chase held at Oakland High School last Wednesday, September 13. Dion, one of two sophomores in the Girls Varsity 3,000 meters race, finished with a time of 15:16.1 minutes, right behind Marley Piscopo, the sophomore out of North Douglas, who finished in 15:04.1 min. The winning time came courtesy of Oakland junior Callie Sarnoski, who finished in 12:38.0 min.

McKenzie sophomore Will Meister finished his Boys Varsity 3,000 meters race in a time of 13:17.4 min. and that was a thirteenth place finish. Teammate, junior Devon Lawson ran the distance in 17:00.9 min., which placed him twenty-seventh. Reedsport junior Clayton Wilson took top honors in the race with a time of 10:10.8 min.

Eagle Six-Man Grid Iron Falls To Eddyville, 45-7

The McKenzie Varsity Six-Man Football team finally got a chance to see action this season, hosting Eddyville Charter last Friday night at Wade Thomas Field. The Eagles had to forfeit their first two scheduled contests due to insufficient player numbers, those forfeits going to Alsea on the September 1 and Crow/City First Christian Academy on September 8.

Eddyville Charter rolled into Finn Rock and a beautiful Fall day on the McKenzie and found the beautiful field and surroundings much to their liking. Enough so that the visiting Eagles throttled the host Eagles 45-7.\

The home Eagles have this week as a bye-week, and will welcome a few more athletes to the squad, which should help with depth.



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Bengtson said.

Besides flood control and hydro-power, officials cite water supply, irrigation, water quality, recreation, navigation, and fish and wildlife management as benefits derived from the dams.

The U.S. District Court of Oregon issued an interim injunction on September 1st, 2021, requiring the Corps to take actions to improve fish passage and water quality at several Willamette Valley Project dams for endangered salmon and steelhead.

In his ruling, Judge Marco Hernandez ordered deep draw-downs at Cougar Dam on the South Fork of the McKenzie River and at Fall Creek Dam on the Middle Fork Willamette to aid downstream migration of juvenile salmon and steelhead, along with a spring spill at Foster Dam on the South Santiam to aid juvenile downstream migration. Hernandez also directed the Corps to build temperature control outlets similar to the one at Cougar Reservoir at the Detroit and Big Cliff dams on the North Fork Santiam River.

The Corps’ Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes language calling for a reduction of spawning and rearing habitat competition caused by hatchery fish and the creation of nature-based structures that would help prevent bank erosion as well as increase ESA-listed fish passage survival at the Willamette system dams.

Currently, the Corps is working in coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement the measures, some dating back to the fall of 2021.

Of the nine dams that produce power, eight are operated by the Corps. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission operates the other one.

Plans for later this year call for the Corps to host public “listening” sessions, for the public to provide perspectives and opinions on the future of hydropower across the Corps’ Willamette Valley system of dams. The dates of the sessions

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floodplains, the watershed will become healthier, able to self-regulate with less human intervention, and will be more resilient to natural disasters and stressors of a changing climate.

“Adding large wood back into the system helps to slow water down, gives fish a place to hide, and also provides some complexity so that sediment can drop out of the system. Wood structures made from logs interact with the river to create deep pools, little sandbars, and ultimately really nice spawning habitats for Spring Chinook salmon, and other fish species,” Trimble said.

Part of a long-term vision for restoring the Middle McKenzie River, Finn Rock Reach is one of many completed and planned projects. Working collaboratively across the basin, partners have already restored more than 400 acres between Finn Rock and the headwaters of the McKenzie River.

Kate Meyer, a Fisheries Biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, has been working in the McKenzie watershed for 19 years and on the Finn Rock project since 2019.

“Adding over 400 acres of high-quality slow water habitat for juvenile fish is a significant uplift. We expect to see improved growth, survival, and abundance of salmon, trout, and lamprey in the McKenzie,” says Meyer.

Beyond benefiting fish and wildlife, restoration work offers broad community benefits.

“These large-scale restoration projects help build resiliency for downstream infrastructure,” said EWEB’s Water Resources Supervisor Susan Fricke. “These projects make it cleaner for everybody to be swimming, recreating, and fishing – doing all the things they love to do in the McKenzie – and it also decreases costs at the treatment plant for Hayden Bridge for the water we all drink.”

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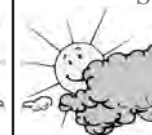



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McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 78 Low: 47	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 62 Low: 36	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 74 Low: 48	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 61 Low: 39	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 78 Low: 49	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 67 Low: 42

WEATHER REPORT									
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
9/12	79	55	0	309 cfs	9/12	78	50	0	1,910 cfs
9/13	84	51	0	309 cfs	9/13	82	49	0	1,880 cfs
9/14	93	55	0	313 cfs	9/14	84	49	0	1,880 cfs
9/15	95	58	0	309 cfs	9/15	88	49	0	1,880 cfs
9/16	88	55	0	309 cfs	9/16	92	49	0	1,860 cfs
9/17	85	51	0	313 cfs	9/17	84	48	0	1,860 cfs
9/18	77	54	0	304 cfs	9/18	80	50	0	1,860 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Sept. 7: 12:31: p.m: Theft - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that their purse was stolen out of their vehicle while at an area business.

6:43 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. A caller advised being in a verbal dispute while trying to retrieve property from a former residence.

7:21: p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 57900 blk, Drury Ln. A caller returned home to find an adult bicycle at her shed.

Sept. 8: 11 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 55400 blk, Delta Rd. An area resident advised that a blue sedan with white writing on the side came up the driveway and the occupants said they were a subcontractor. There were no license plates on the vehicle.

Sept. 8: 11:14 a.m: Suspicious

Conditions - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd. – a caller reported being drugged by a former roommate.

Sept. 10: 1:25 a.m: Welfare Check - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

12:01 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

Sept. 11: 7:01 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39500 blk, Wendling Rd.

4:12 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Milepost 2.

7:00 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Flowerdale Dr. A deputy checked on two vehicles parked near the location.

Sept. 12: 1:42 p.m: Harassment - McK. Bridge area.

4:34 p.m: Towed Vehicle - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:37 p.m: Extortion - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that an unknown person is attempting to blackmail them.

8:58 p.m: Location of Stolen Property - 88600 blk, McK. Acres Dr.

9:48 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

Sept. 13: 10:41 a.m: Traffic Hazard - County Line, Marcola Rd.

11:21 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 40900 blk, Deerhorn Rd. A passerby reported seeing a 12-foot U-Haul truck with someone living in it. Caller thought it might be stolen.

11:31 a.m: Harassment - McK. Bridge area.

4:07 p.m: Extortion - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:25 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd. & Swearingen Rd.

6:14 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39400 blk, May Way.

7:00 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Flowerdale Dr.

Sept. 14: 12:15 a.m: alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

9:03 a.m: dead animal - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

9:43 a.m: Dead Animal - 33600 blk, McK. View Dr.

3:02 p.m: Assist, information - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

4:58 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd. An area resident reported being in a verbal dispute with a neighbor over the sale of a tractor.

Sept. 15: 11:26 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Cartwright Creek Rd.

12:36 p.m: Location of Stolen Property - 88600 blk, McK. Acres

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State Police Report

Sept. 13: 15:54: Crash, Hit & Run – Hwy. 126E, Milepost 17. Reporting party, who is the driver of a brown Subaru, stated while stopping for a school bus with its flashers on, a white Ford Bronco rear-ended their Subaru. The driver of the Subaru pulled off the roadway into a driveway. The Bronco left the scene, heading west towards Springfield. The driver of the Subaru advised she was leaving the area and wanting to meet with a trooper. The Subaru sustained damage to the rear door hatch and bumper. The driver and passenger gave a detailed description of the white Bronco. Driver of the Subaru advised of neck pain and requested EMS. EMRS cleared the driver. Trooper checked the area of crash and found debris on the roadway. Pictures were taken of the original crash scene. Both driver and passenger were wearing their seatbelts. No airbags

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Unable To Locate.

Sept. 13: 0:35: 900 blk, 63rd St. Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.

13:57: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. False Alarm. False Smoke Alarm Trigger, Disregard.

15:58: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:47: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:39: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

Sept. 14: 13:10: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Ring Cut Off Finger.

17:59: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Assist Police. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

20:56: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

21:26: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Public Assist. Wet Down Area Around EWEB pole at EWEB Request.

Sept. 15: 11:13: 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. 11:13 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:45: McK. Hwy./Mp. 34. MVA. Non-Injury, Blocking. Assist LCSO with Traffic Control.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Sept. 11: 11:08: 47000 block, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

12:21: 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

Sept. 12: 14:05: Camp Creek Rd./Milepost 2. Smoke Scare.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Sept. 13: 15:55: Medical – 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Female patient.

Sept. 15: 17:44: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. /Milepost 34. Vehicle rolled over.

Sept. 16: 17:28: Check Smoke – 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller is seeing heavy plume smoke on the hill, is size of 2 trees.

Sept. 17: 09:57: Medical – 54000 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:11: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury – 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

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By Slim Randles

We all read about Pastor Jeff’s latest tribulation in the local paper, the Valley Weekly Miracle. Maybe tribulation is too strong a word, because, after all, when someone leaves your church a huge legacy, isn’t it time for rejoicing? Shouldn’t we all be walking around the walls of Jericho tooting on ram’s horns and beating the drums in jubilation?

It seems one of Pastor Jeff’s former church members - a kinda strange former church member - went off to the city some years ago and became a fairly well-known painter of pictures. When this eccentric artist went to that great studio in the sky recently, leaving no family, his will left everything to Pastor Jeff’s congregation. There was a little money, which was welcomed, naturally, but the main item was paintings. More than a thousand of them. They are now the property of Pastor Jeff’s church. They have filled the basement with them and they’re threatening to crowd the pie-cooling counter in the ladies’ kitchen area, which just can’t happen.

They must be sold, of course, but there is one catch: none of them are named, and everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it’s not a real work of art. These paintings are from the school of abstract expressionism, which means there’s a lot of bright paint on them, and if you can look at one and figure out what it’s supposed to be, the artist failed.

A painting-naming committee was formed, naturally, and the last we heard, had about a dozen paintings named, based loosely on what some wild curve or blob on the canvas brought to someone’s mind.

Of course, down at the Mule Barn truck stop’s philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, we came up with a solution in about three cups’ time.

The trick, we decided, is to blend nonsensical words together, because anyone who would buy one of these paintings has an obvious contempt for reality in the first place. So we came up with a formula. Make a list and name a painting an amalgamation/dynamism/cataclysm/rudiment/despotism/heraldry/approximation, of sin/pulchritude/embellishment/innocence/hitchhiking/world order/fishing season/spaghetti feeds/lassitude/ennui/cyclamates.

You simply pick one from one column, one from the other column, slap ‘em together and there you go. With seven in the first column and 11 in the second column, the naming committee can instantly name at least 77 paintings. And this was just during three cups of Mavis’s best. A hard-working church committee could name a thousand paintings during one of Pastor Jeff’s sermons and be back in business in time for the benediction.

I’m putting my dubs down on Despotism of Pulchritude. Hope I don’t get outbid.

Portland woman ran American spy ring in Manila

By Finn J.D. John
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The accolades kept coming. She appeared on an episode of NBC’s This Is Your Life, with the legendary Ralph Edwards. Afterward, she was presented with a home in Beaverton and a new Packard automobile. She threw herself into the lecture circuit, giving speaking engagements and appearances around the country talking about her time as an American spy behind enemy lines.

She even had a Hollywood movie made about her, starring Anne Dvorak, in 1951. It was called I Was an American Spy.

But behind all the activity, all was not well with her. Always a restless spirit, she’d been deeply traumatized by the cruelty she’d witnessed and the torture she’d experienced. Post-traumatic stress disorder was not yet a known thing, but oh yes, she certainly had it. Nightmares woke her up screaming in the early morning hours; she beat them down with a bottle, drinking enough alcohol to ensure deep enough sleep to not be disturbed by her inner demons. Soon she was a certifiable alcoholic as well as a workaholic, and predictably, her health began to deteriorate.

Then, nearly as quickly as she’d risen to fame, the world seemed to make a special effort to forget her.

Her mistake, the one that precipitated her fall from public grace, was an understandable one: She put in a claim for compensation from the government, for the expenses she’d put up during the war, and got a little carried away with her figures.

After all, how does one put a dollar value on a trauma like the one she experienced?

Most likely the way she set about it was to tally up all the revenue she received from Club Tsubaki, which she spent as quickly as she got it on relief supplies for the guerillas and prisoners, and add a healthy percentage for interest and incidentals.

By the way, in case you’re wondering, no one is 100 percent sure what happened with the flotilla of submarines that Claire sent away to its doom after the all-night party with its officers. In her book, though, Claire writes that she heard back from one of them later, and he told her he was the only survivor.



A photo of Claire Phillips standing in front of her nightclub, Club Tsubaki, during its early-1940s heyday in Japanese-occupied Manila.

In any case, the figure she came up with was \$146,850 — which, in modern currency, would be worth about \$1.6 million. This was such an enormous figure that it caused many people who would probably have been favorable to her case to turn away, dismissing her as a gold-digger.

Naturally, her documentation was scant. The federal employees and FBI agents processing her claim suspected she was trying to take advantage of government largesse, and they were not shy about expressing that view.

“She’s a prostitute,” one FBI agent wrote, in a note he left in her file. “Got a lot of publicity and is a phony.”

She also had a falling-out with some of her wartime colleagues in the Philippine resistance,



John “Phil” Phillips, Claire Phillips’ husband, as he appeared just before the Second World War.

and at least one of them started spreading rumors that she had been a Japanese collaborator. As Madame Tsubaki, her job had been to vamp Japanese officers; so naturally many Filipinos at the time hated her for consorting with the hated occupiers and accused her of being a Japanese collaborator. Not all of these rumors were extinguished by her arrest; plenty of real collaborators got arrested and jailed by the Japanese during their occupation.

In the end, the government took the position that she was entitled to nothing, and the judge awarded her \$1,349.21, which probably didn’t go far beyond covering her attorney’s fees.

That was in 1957. Three years later, weakened and getting sickly, the 52-year-old war hero caught



Oregon Historical Society
Claire Phillips in 1956, in her late 40s.

meningitis and died. Fame and adulation are fickle things to begin with, and they seem to be especially fickle for women. In any case, following that initial postwar burst of enthusiasm for her wartime service, Claire Phillips fell quickly into obscurity. Following her death, she seemed utterly forgotten about. Documentarian and author Sig Unander deserves a lot of the credit for bringing her story back to life. Unander has been working on a full biography of High Pockets for several years now, and when he finishes it it will probably become the definitive work on this fascinating Vaudevillean war hero.

Most recently, in 2017, the Oregon State Capitol Foundation unveiled the Claire Phillips Memorial, on the northwest corner of the state capitol grounds in Salem, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Gov. Kate Brown.

“Clair Phillips,” the governor remarked, “follows in this Oregon tradition of women who truly fly on their own wings.”

And how.
(Sources: “Claire Phillips: Forgotten Hero,” an article by Sig Unander published in the January 2016 issue of 1859: Oregon’s Magazine; “Claire Maybelle Phillips,” an article by Sig Unander published May 11, 2022, in The Oregon Encyclopedia; “Manila Mata Hari,” an article by Brian Libby published in the February 2011 issue of Portland Monthly magazine; Manila Espionage, a book by Claire Phillips and Myron Goldsmith published in 1947 by Binford & Mort.)

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University
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Know when it’s time to pick your fruit



Anticipation of ripe pears and apples peaks in fall as fruits hang heavily from branches and begin their gravity-aided trip to the ground.

But how do you know when it’s prime picking time?

According to Steve Castagnoli, a horticulturist with Oregon State University’s Extension Service, the signs are different for apples and pears.

“It’s much easier to recognize ripeness in apples,” he said. “Pears typically won’t ripen to eating quality on the tree so you can’t go out and taste one.”

Still, there are signs. A mature pear will snap briskly and cleanly when tilted 90 degrees, according to Castagnoli. With the most commonly grown varieties such as Comice, Bosc, and D’Anjou, the fruit will typically change from green to a slightly paler color. The flesh will get lighter and have some juice on the surface when cut.

You can also go by maturity dates, which are included in OSU Extension’s publication Picking and Storing Apples and Pears. However, dates can vary.

“It depends on when the sea-

son starts,” Castagnoli said. “We go by bloom time. In general, the earlier the bloom, the earlier the harvest dates.”

Except for being a little smaller than perfectly ready-to-pick pears, there’s no harm in taking them off the tree a few days too early, he said. The essential part of ripening pears is keeping them in cold storage for about a month, depending on the variety.

“Ideally, pears should be stored at below 40 degrees,” Castagnoli said. “A refrigerator is good, but a freezer is too cold. An unheated garage usually will be too warm.”

Determining ripeness in apples, which don’t need cold storage, is much easier than for pears, he said. Color is a useful indication. Apples may be yellow, red, green, or combinations of these colors at harvest.

When the green has almost completely given way to yellow, a yellow variety is mature. With red blush or striped apples, the area where there is no red color usually changes from green to yellowish.

Ripe apples are easily separated from the tree, but don’t pull the apple down to pick it. Rather, twist it upward with a rotating motion. Another sign is when a few sound apples drop to the ground, which means the apples on the tree are nearly mature.

“The best way to test an apple for ripeness,” Castagnoli said, “is to cut it open and taste it.”



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY BREAKFASTS

Breakfast is an essential meal, although it’s often one many people skip. Starting the day with nourishing food helps mental capacity, energy, memory, weight control, and establishes healthy eating habits.

Portable Breakfasts

These days our lives often take on a hurried aspect. Seldom do families sit down together for breakfast. Often everyone’s schedule is different, leaving for work and school at various times. If someone wakes up late, they often dash out the door without a thought for food.

So, with breakfasts at various times, portable ones can be of help. These include:

- * Cereal or protein bars
- * Shakes made from milk or juice, protein powder, and banana or other fruit blended together.
- * Dry cereal mixed with dried fruit, nuts, pretzels, and sometimes M&M’s. I find this a great snacking food if I need something at break with my cup of tea. Or I can munch it on the way to work.

Considering Fiber

In addition to helping you feel full, and thus generally causing you to consume less, fiber foods are considered good for maintaining good health. Learn to eat and cook with higher fiber foods, such as bran cereals, lentils, oatmeal, raw apple with skin, peas, black and Pinto beans, corn on the cob, oat bran, chickpeas, baked beans, etc.

HIGH FIBER MUFFINS from the family cookbook - Pour 1/2 cup boiling water over 2 cups bran cereal and 4 crushed Shredded

Wheat type biscuits. Cream 1 cup shortening and 3 cups sugar. Add 4 eggs and stir the mixture well.

Sift together 5 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 5 teaspoons baking soda, 2 teaspoons salt. Combine the cereal mixture with the egg/shortening/sugar mixture.

Then add the dry ingredients alternately with 1-quart buttermilk; mix well.

Cover and store in the refrigerator. Use as needed for a batch of muffins. This batter will store in the refrigerator up to one month. You may add raisins, nuts, and other dried fruit when you’re ready to bake a batch of muffins.

Bake in greased or paper lined muffin tins at 400 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes. This recipe will make about 5 dozen muffins.

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Quote of the Week

“In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.”

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Blue River rebuild

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At the same time, Lane County will continue to coordinate with the DEQ to determine if a larger system can be permitted. To help with this, water monitors will be installed in existing wells on each property to evaluate the aquifer levels over a 12-month period. This information, along with running various GPD scenarios in the hydrogeological model developed by engineers and reviewed by DEQ, will be able to determine if a community wastewater system greater than 2,500 gallons per day can be installed without affecting the surrounding rivers.

The proposal for a study of a public wastewater system noted that “residential and commercial wastewater in the community of Blue River is disposed of by private onsite septic tanks and subsurface disposal fields. In general, these onsite septic systems are located on sandy loam topsoil with moderate to high infiltration rates and gravel layers which may have a connection to the river or groundwater sources. These private, onsite systems – especially those damaged in the Holiday Farm Fire – pose a risk of contamination to the McKenzie River and its tributaries.”

It also noted that the McKenzie River and its watershed is subject to the state’s “Three Basin Rule”

which prohibits new or increased wastewater discharges to preserve the existing high-quality water for municipal water supplies, recreation, and aquatic life downstream.

Benefits to creating a community wastewater system in Blue River were expected to include “better protection of the McKenzie River watershed and water quality, safer, off-site wastewater disposal for residents, fewer barriers to rebuilding post-wildfire (smaller properties are struggling to site new septic tanks or drain fields required due to fire damage, and increased capacity to support economic development

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Community Notes

September 21 McKenzie Chamber

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

September 22 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 23 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 26 Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

September 26 Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

September 19 Write Your Life

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki

is back with a second “Write Your Life” workshop! This six-week memoir workshop will begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 22nd, and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free and will meet in the library’s Annex Room.

To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library. We’re right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

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September 27 Lane Electric Coop

Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Rd, Eugene.

Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly.

If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting>

**September 27
Watershed Wednesday**
Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9

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

September 28 Story Time

Story Time is back, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Library’s Children’s Room, 42888 McKenzie Hwy, Children of all ages and their parents are invited for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD’s and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

September 30 Dime At A Time

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October 4 EWEB board meeting

Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at <https://tinyurl.com/EWEB-Board-Meeting-08-01-23>.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, EWEB’s Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours’ notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000.

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October 21 Learn CPR & defibrillator use

A CPR and Defibrillator Use class will be held on October 21 at McKenzie Fire & Rescue in Leaburg. The class starts at 9:00a. m., will likely require 4-5 hours, and will cost \$30 (includes Heart Association certificate.) There are 9 spaces left. Interested? Call Clayton at McKenzie Fire & Rescue: 541-896-3311.

October 4 Blue River Water Board

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

October 4 Blue River Park Board

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

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

SPS Board seeks public input on proposal to provide stipend to school board members

The Springfield Public Schools Board of Education is actively seeking public input regarding a proposal to provide a monthly stipend to school board members, up to \$500 per month. This move comes after the recent passage of House Bill 2753, which removed the prohibition on compensation for school board members.

The Board evaluated the proposal during its August 28 Work Session and September 11 Business Meeting. Discussions centered around understanding the potential impacts and benefits of providing compensation to board members.

“This could open the door to possibilities for folks who are parents and work long hours, single parents or other underrepresented folks who see a barrier to access because of time and financial constraints,” said Kelly Mason, Board Vice Chair, during the August 28 Work Session. “This could change the faces that you see in the future and the future of school boards in Springfield.”

“Board service can be a financial and time burden,” said Jonathan

Light, Board Chair. “Many times you see people in more financially secure positions who are able to serve on the Board. But is that actually casting a broad enough net to find diverse board members to guide the District? Perhaps a modest compensation would help.”

The funds for the stipends, which could total \$30,000, would come from the Board’s budget. An annual resolution would be utilized to make any necessary adjustments, including an alignment with the Consumer Price Index.

In order to ensure the community’s voice is heard, the SPS Board invites people to provide their input on this proposal.

- * Email at public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us
- * Online submission via Let’s Talk (can submit anonymously).
- * Virtual or in-person comment at October 9 Business Meeting. Sign up information for commenting at Business Meetings is available online. *The number of speakers is limited at public meetings.

The Board could take action at its October 9 Business Meeting.

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<p>McKenzie Bible Fellowship 45061 McKenzie Hwy – Vida, Oregon Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m. Youth Ministries KidsFest Family Activities Small Group Fellowships Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies Call 896-3829 for information www.mckenziebible.com</p>	<p>Catholic Church St. Benedict Lodge Chapel 1/2 mile off Hwy. 126 on North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge Sat. Eve. 5:00pm Sun. Morn. 9:30am; web page: sbldodge.opwest.org</p>
<p>McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church Please join us for worship Sundays at 10:30 am, either in church on Hwy. 126 just east of Waltherville, or on our Facebook livestream. You may also make prayer requests, or request an emailed or earth-mailed bulletin -- phone or send email to Nancy Ashley, nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com, 541-914-1986. We would love to meet you! Milepost 13 McKenzie Hwy. (541) 747-2604</p>	



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By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

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State Police
Report

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deployed. This is an ongoing investigation. Involved: 23-year-old male and 45-year-old female from McKenzie Bridge.

Sept. 16: 19:09: Suspicious Activity. Hwy. 126E, MP. 27. While driving, an unknown object hit the windshield of a Subaru near the windshield wiper and then the object hit the windshield. A second large chip/puncture type spot was located in the windshield near the lower driver corner. A total of one chip and two larger chunks were taken out of the windshield. It did not experience full penetration by the object. The origin of the object or what the object was is unknown. The reporting party was provided a case number and the call documented in event like or similar incidents are reported.

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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.

Fish Counts

September 14, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook – 1,860
Summer Steelhead – 1,051

Sheriff's
Report

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Dr.
2:05 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
2:29 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.
5:48 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Mp. 34.
Sept. 16: 8:43 a.m: Welfare Check - 91700 blk, Burton Dr.
9:39 a.m: Recover Stolen Vehicle - Lat: 44.145741. Long: -122.940104.
12:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.
1:34 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.
1:43 p.m: Hit & Run – Lane/ Linn county line/Hwy. 126.
1:44 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.
1:55 p.m: Reckless Driving - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.
3:52 p.m: Harassment - 92700 blk, Marcola Rd.
8:45 p.m: Illegal Dump - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

Sept. 17: 5:31 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Hill Rd. & McK. View Dr.

2:18 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 43900 blk, McK. Hwy.

Sept. 18: 7:48 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:06 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr.

12:55 p.m: Harassment - 92200 blk, Whitmore St.

12:59 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 43900 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:27 p.m: Harassment - 92700 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:35 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 89700 blk, Hill Rd.

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

Fees waived for National Public Lands Day

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service will be waiving recreation fees at most day-use sites on lands managed by the agency on September 23rd, in honor of National Public Lands Day. This annual event, which is celebrated on the fourth Saturday in September, is an opportunity for people across the country to come together and give back to the lands that give us so much.

This year marks the 30th annual National Public Lands Day where people from across the country can join together to celebrate the beauty and diversity of our public lands and to recognize the hard work of the volunteers and partners who help care for them.

Waiving fees for National Public Lands Day creates an opportunity for everyone to get outside and enjoy these special places, and to inspire them to make a difference in the world by taking care of our natural resources.

Residents and visitors of the Pacific Northwest Region are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get outside, explore



our public lands, and celebrate 30 years of care and community. Whether you enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, or just enjoying a picnic with family and friends, there is a way for everyone to enjoy celebrating National Public Lands Day.

Fees will be waived for several picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads, and visitor centers. Regular fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, and other permits will still apply. Par-

ticipation by concession-operated sites may vary, so visitors are encouraged to check with their local Forest Service office for more information.

The Forest Service offers several fee-free days annually to encourage everyone to explore the outdoors and visit their public lands. More information about this can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits>.

Wildlife killing contests ends on public land

By Josh Laughlin, Executive Director, Cascadia Wildlands

At a hearing in Bendon Monday, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to prohibit wildlife killing contests for coyotes and other species classified as unprotected mammals in the state. A coalition of 22 local and national wildlife and conservation organizations and hunters, wildlife management professionals, scientists, veterinarians, and advocates across Oregon submitted testimony in support.

“We are overjoyed that cruel, unsporting wildlife killing contests will never again occur on public lands in Oregon,” said Bethany Cotton, conservation director with Cascadia Wildlands. “We thank ODFW staff and Commissioners for recognizing that killing contests violate the agency’s mission to manage wildlife in trust for present and future generations.”

In wildlife killing contests participants compete for cash and prizes to kill the most, the largest and the smallest coyotes and other vital wildlife within a specified time period.

More scientific studies find that these contests do not reduce coyote numbers or prevent conflicts with livestock, and may even increase them. Instead, more economical and effective methods are available to help Oregon farmers coexist with native wildlife.

“Wildlife killing contests are abhorred by the Oregon public

and have no place in our state,” said Kelly Peterson, Oregon state director for the Humane Society of the United States. “Engaging in wanton waste of a native wildlife species as part of a contest for prizes is abhorrent and we are grateful that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to end these cruel, gruesome competitions.”

Organizations that supported the proposed rule included the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Welfare Institute, Bitterbrush Broads & Bros Leadership Team, Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity, Central Oregon LandWatch, Endangered Species Coalition, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Humane Society of the United States, Humane Soci-

ety Veterinary Medical Association, Humane Voters Oregon, Lark Ranch Rescue and Rehabilitation, National Wolfwatcher Coalition, Northeast Oregon Ecosystems, Oregon Humane Society, Oregon Wild, Portland Audubon, Predator Defense, Project Coyote, Think Wild, Western Environmental Law Center, Western Watersheds Project and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust.

Oregon becomes the ninth state to ban wildlife killing contests, following Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Vermont and Washington. In June, the New York state legislature passed a bill to end wildlife killing contests. The legislation now awaits the governor’s signature.

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Harbick files for state Rep.

Among candidates for 2024 state ballot

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Thursday was the first day candidates could file to run in the 2024 primary election. (Getty Images)

Thursday marked the official start of the 2024 election season in Oregon, with dozens of candidates turning in forms and paying fees to appear on the ballot.

Candidates have until March to file for office, but early entries provide a preview of some of the races to expect next year, including Republican infighting in Lane County and an intense general election in the Columbia River Gorge. Hanging over it all is the question of whether a handful of Senate Republicans who walked out for six weeks will be allowed to run again.

All 60 state House seats are up for election for two-year terms in 2024, and 15 of the 30 Senate seats are up for four-year terms. Voters will also elect the attorney general, secretary of state and treasurer, all statewide races with four-year terms, and pick the state's six U.S. representatives. City councilors, county commissioners, district attorneys and judges will also appear on ballots in many parts of the state.

Filling out paperwork and paying a fee doesn't guarantee a candidate will appear on the ballot. Staff in the state elections office will start verifying that candidates are qualified to run – making sure they're registered Oregon voters, belong to the Democratic or Republican party if they're running in a primary and, in the case of state representatives and senators, have lived in their district for at least a year prior to the election.

Candidates who don't meet those requirements will receive disqualification letters from the elections division and won't appear on ballots. So will the handful of Republican senators who racked up more than 10 unexcused absences and ran afoul of a voter-approved law meant to discourage legislative walkouts, confirmed Ben Morris, chief of staff for Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade.

That's subject to change depending on the outcome of an ongoing court case. Several of the affected senators and attorneys for the state



Last Thursday was the first day candidates could file to run in the 2024 primary election.

have asked the state Supreme Court for a quick resolution to legal questions about enforcing the voter-approved Measure 113. The court will decide whether to take the case, bypassing the state court of appeals, by Sept. 29.

Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp, R-Bend, is one of the Republican senators suing to be able to run for re-election, arguing that Measure 113's poor wording means the 10 senators with 10 or more unexcused absences are ineligible for the term after the next one – meaning he could run in 2024, but not 2028. He filed in person at the state elections office, sharing a statement and declining interviews through a spokesman.

"The clear language of Measure 113 allows me to run one more time," Knopp said. "Oregonians are fed up with the 'tyranny of the majority' over the past decades."

Bend City Councilor Anthony Broadman, a Democrat, also filed to run in the Bend-based 27th Senate District on Thursday.

All in the family
Sen. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, is one of the Republican senators suing for the right to run for re-election. But if his lawsuit is unsuccessful, Linthicum has a backup plan for making sure his southern Oregon district is represented by a Linthicum: his wife and chief of staff, Diane, also filed to run for the state Senate.

Neither Linthicum returned a call Thursday.

Republican supporting abortion rights faces primary challenge

Darin Harbick, a Republican business owner in the upper McKenzie Valley who ran an unsuccessful primary campaign for U.S. Senate last year, plans to chal-

Lane County History Museum reopens

Community is invited to a "night at the Museum"

EUGENE: The Lane County History Museum is throwing a re-opening party-- "Night at the Museum," thrown in collaboration with Dayinthelife Entertainment LLC. This event will welcome our community back into our updated museum and will feature family-friendly and adult activities, live music, movie selections, food vendors, and a bar serving both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The event will be September 23, 2023 from 2:00 pm till 8:00 pm with the entire event being split into two portions of the day.

The first portion will be 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm where community-members can hear a brief formal introduction to what we are celebrating and what to expect at the event. After, guests will have the ability to enjoy local live music while checking out vendors, activities, and exploring the refreshed museum space. During this part of the event, there will be an emphasis on family-friendly activities, and those interested will have an opportunity to chat



with the community curators who worked with us to create some of the new exhibits.

The second portion will be 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm where the "night" aspect of the event really comes to life with the lights turned down and a DJ playing music and lighting up the space into a club-like atmosphere.

Community members can enjoy

the space and learn about history, too. Come grab a beverage and check out the new museum exhibits, movie showcases, activities, and vendors.

This event is free to the Lane County community so bring your family and friends and join us in enjoying a "Night at the Museum."

lenge state Rep. Charlie Conrad, R-Dexter. Conrad drew the ire of some Republicans for voting with Democrats for a measure intended to ensure access to abortion and gender-affirming care after talking to doctors and parents and learning more about transgender health care.

"When I saw some of the votes that Representative Conrad cast, I was frustrated, and that gave me the desire (to run)," he told the Capital Chronicle.

Along with the abortion and gender-affirming care bill, Harbick said he disagreed with Conrad's vote for a measure that will let voters decide in 2024 whether to adopt a ranked-choice voting system. Harbick also plans to push for more logging, keeping parents involved in public education and restricting government regulations on business.

He's been endorsed by Oregon Right to Life, the state's largest anti-abortion political group. In June, Oregon Right to Life launched a campaign against Conrad, vowing to do everything it could to keep him from winning a second term. The group's "Charlie Conrad, You Are Out" political action committee is nearly \$1,300 in the hole and received a single \$25 contribution, according to campaign finance records.

Conrad has not yet filed, but

he previously told the Capital Chronicle he plans to run for re-election and looks forward to debating issues.

Contested race in key gorge district

Freshman Rep. Jeff Helfrich, R-Hood River, is the first incumbent representative facing a serious challenge. Nick Walden Poulblon, a former legislative staffer who until Thursday was the vice chair of the Clackamas County Democrats, filed to run against Helfrich in the 52nd House District, which follows the Columbia River east from Troutdale to The Dalles. Helfrich won his race in 2022 by about 1,600 votes, and it's one of the few truly competitive House seats.

Helfrich said the challenge came as no surprise.

"It's a competitive seat and I always knew I would face an opponent," he said. "I've spent the last nine months working to be a bipartisan voice in the Legislature and spending the time to travel around my district, hold meetings and hear from my constituents. None of that is going to change, regardless of who runs against me."

Walden Poulblon worked for former Democratic Rep. Lori Kuechler, a Sandy nonprofit consultant who was appointed to represent the district for a few months

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