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Containers or raised beds?

Not every yard is suited for in-the-ground gardening. Sometimes containers or raised beds are better options.

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Briefs...



Results of a national poll to establish each state's unofficial state mocktail says 'Cascade Mountain Mist' was voted in as Oregon's.

If each state were to have its signature 'Mocktail', inspired by local flavors, ingredients, or cultural icons, what would it be? Zinnia Health, a behavioral health treatment network, sought to find out, and tabulated replies from 3,000 respondents. The result? A coast-to-coast guide to sipping state pride without the spike.

What's in Cascade Mountain Mist?

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April Fool's Day was no joke for Oregon angler Rebecca Jones when she caught a monkeyface prickleback weighing 4.8 pounds and 28 inches long, potentially the new world record.

Jones had dug sand shrimp early Monday morning then headed to Barview Jetty near Garibaldi hoping to catch rockfish for dinner. Instead, she hauled in an eel-like fish she'd never seen before, the monkeyface prickleback.

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Celebrate Earth Day with the McKenzie River Trust from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th, at the Finn Rock Reach. The Trust will provide light refreshments, and people are welcome to bring a picnic lunch.

Some work will include walking on uneven ground, bending, and carrying buckets of mulch to hundreds of baby trees and shrubs planted in the property's recently completed restoration area, while others

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Cutbacks in hatchery funding protested

McKenzie area trout stocking could drop by 60 percent

Cuts to annual federal budgets for trout, steelhead, and Chinook salmon stocking in the Upper Willamette Basin are generating protests from Northwest anglers and organizations. In December the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers (ACOE) notified the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that it planned to stop funding producing hatchery trout, steelhead, and

Chinook salmon in the Upper Willamette Basin.

Numbers in the Corps' plans include an overall 65% reduction from 277,000 lbs. of trout per year to 97,000 in 2025. That could translate into less than 20,000 lbs. per year for the McKenzie - instead of the nearly 50,000 lbs. per year.

The Corps says federal budget reductions

and annual inflation costs are the main reasons for the cuts. More details include ending the Middle Fork Willamette's summer steelhead program in 2025 and cutting Spring Chinook production by 172,000 smolts.

In 1938 the Flood Control Act led to the construction of 13 dams, including

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Doors swung wide at Vida Center

Large turnout to newly rebuilt building wowed at weekend's Grand Opening

VIDA: Vida McKenzie Community Center president Walt Wilson marked the welcome return of the rebuilt building last Saturday. The structure, he noted, was constructed in the same shape and on the same footprint as the structure it replaced. But when first time visitors went inside, they too shared the "Wow!" that Walt let loose outside.

What they found was an open central gathering room with exposed rafters and a fully equipped kitchen that continued to fill with well wishes throughout the afternoon.

To view a video of Saturday's ribbon cutting go to: tinyurl.com/y5b8deb5



A cut ribbon fluttered to the ground to mark the official return of the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

Sturgeon relocated Leaburg's show fish moved



Leaburg Hatchery technicians and Springfield District biologists wrangle up sturgeon in the hatchery's popular show pond.

No, it's not a case of "Where's Waldo?" but return visitors to the Leaburg Fish Hatchery recently have wondered why they couldn't seem to find the largest fish in the facility's show ponds.

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60-Mile Main Street?

Planning program adopted in other areas

Does your community have a "Main Street?" If you live in Waltherville or Finn Rock, the answer to that question would probably be different than one that comes to mind for folks in Blue River. Is Highway 126 a roadway that unites towns that compose an overall McKenzie community? That's a concept behind a series of meetings scheduled to kick off later this month at the Vida McKenzie Community Center (VMCC).

Many McKenzie River residents have been involved in post-fire recovery efforts for over two and a half years. This week, the physical result of some of that work was celebrated with the ribbon cutting at the VMCC. Soon, there will be other ceremonies to the east—the dedication of the Blue River Fire Station, followed by the completion of the rebuilds of the O'Brien Memorial Library and the McKenzie River Clinic.

Initially modeled on a national

program, the Main Street approach was adopted by some of Oregon's smaller cities interested in preserving and strengthening their downtowns. In 2021, Oregon Main Street (OMS) convened a group to develop a Rural Regional Main Street program, which was successfully launched by the Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce in Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties. It started with one community and expanded to eight over the next year and nine communities by 2023.

"Before implementing the Rural Regional Main Street Program, our frontier rural communities faced numerous challenges," according to K'Lynn Lane, executive director of the Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce. "The towns had been struggling with economic decline, vacant storefronts, and a diminishing sense of community. The Main Street program brought about a wave of positive changes that have sig-

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Letters to the Editor

Walterville Open House April 21st 2 to 4 PM

Walterville Grange invites you to an Open House at the Walterville Community Center on Sunday, April 21 from 2 to 4 PM. Please stop in for refreshments and conversation as we recognize April as Grange Month. Joining us will be other community groups

providing information on Plant Care, Emergency Radios, EWEB, The Discovery Center, Representative Charlie Conrad, and others. We would love to see you there and bring your friends and neighbors. The Walterville Community Center is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville.

Thank you,
Jeffrey Dehne

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams travel to Mapleton on Thursday, April 11, to participate in the Mapleton middle of the season meet. Field events start at 4:30 pm and the track events begin at 5:00 pm.

The teams travel to LaPine on Saturday, April 13, to participate in the LaPine Invitational. Field events will begin at 10:00 am and track events will start at 12:00 pm.

McKenzie Boys Second Girls Third

At AMJ Aaron And Marie Jones Invitational

The McKenzie Varsity Boys Track and Field team earned second place in the team scoring at the AMJ Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational Meet. The annual event, hosted by McKenzie Community Track and Field at the iconic Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue, was held on Saturday, April 6, featured seven teams and 123 high school athletes, from around Oregon. Jefferson, a Class 3A PacWest Conference team from the Salem area, Cascade Academy, a Class 1A Mountain Valley team out of Bend, Mannahouse Academy (Eugene), Mapleton, Alsea, and McKenzie, all representing the Class 1A Mountain West League, rounded out the field.

The annual meet commenced on a typical Cascades Spring day, damp and chilly, with a sprinkle of dry mixed in for grins. Jefferson won both the Boys and Girls team competition. The Lions Boys scored 212.5 points and McKenzie finished second with 126.5 points. Mohawk earned third with 84 points, Cascade Academy took a fourth home with 58 points, Mapleton came in at fifth with 19 points and Alsea was sixth on the day with 3 points earned.

The Jefferson Lions Girls scored 147 points to easily outpace the rest of the field. Alsea scored 80 points for a second place finish, and McKenzie was right behind in third with 74 points. Mapleton

finished fourth with 60 points, Mohawk fifth with 49 points, Cascade Academy in at sixth with 28 points, and Mannahouse Academy (Eugene) scored 17 points for seventh place.

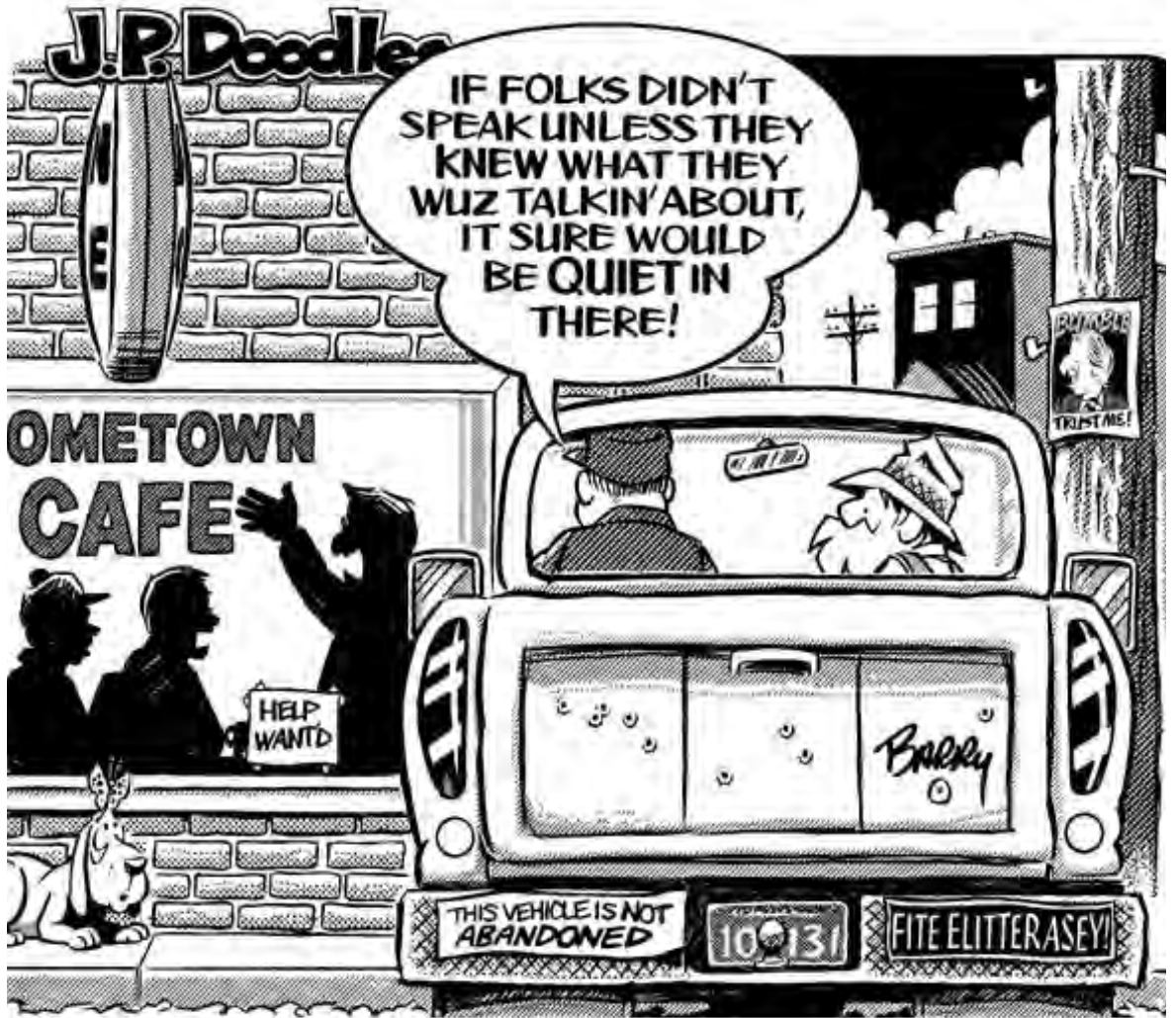
Griffin Withalm And Will Meister PR To Win

Eagle 4 By Relays First In

Senior Griffin Withalm fired up his Eagle teammates last chilly Saturday, at the AMJ Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational, with a Personal Record first place 100-meter sprint. Withalm's new finish time for the 100 m. was recorded at 11.64 seconds and evidently inspired his race teammates as Rhys Hamlow finished 10th in 13.44 sec., Hayden Harbick 13th in 13.60 sec., William Valtinson 16th in 14.18 sec., Auden Vailes 17th in 14.46 sec., all Personal Records as well. Eagle Coulter Lyons finished his race in 18th place in 14.67 seconds.

Will Meister's Personal Record arrived a bit later in the day, the 3000-meter race, and his new mark was timed at 11:31.89 minutes. The McKenzie quartet Allen Acevedo, Salomon Acevedo, Atom Fetterhoft, and Withalm won both relay races, the 4x100 m. relay in 46.79 seconds and the 4x400 m. relay in 4:08.63 minutes. Allen Acevedo also placed second in a tight 400 m. finish with Jefferson's Drew Withee, who took first. Both runners established Personal Records, Withee, 58.44 seconds and Acevedo, 58.84 sec. Meister finished third in the 1500 m. race with a time of 5:28.85 minutes and Corbin Dalton from Mohawk finished first in 5:13.20 min. Salomon Acevedo also brought home a third place finish, in the 200 m. race, crossing the finish line in 24.89 sec. Cannon Smithers of Cascade Academy won the 200 m. with a time of 24.39 sec. Eagles Valtinson finished ninth in 29.56 seconds and Lyons tenth in 31.41 seconds, a Personal Record for the freshman.

Over in the Boys field events, Eagle senior Levi Lockard earned a couple of second place finishes, a discus mark measured at 90 ft. 6 in., and a javelin throw measured at 103 ft. 0 in. Reagan Toetig of Jefferson won the discus with a throw of 92 ft. 11 in. and Lion teammate Andrew Keena won the javelin with a stick of 117 ft. 3 in. McKenzie's Jacob Peek finished third in the discus at 78 ft. 10 in. and earned a Personal Record seventh place finish in the javelin with a toss of 84 ft. 1.5 in. Hamlow earned a couple of



second place finishes, in the long and high jumps, both Personal Records for the Eagle freshman. In the long jump, Hamlow leaped 16 ft. 11.5 in. He was followed by teammate Vailes, who set his Personal Record of 12 ft. 4.75 in.

Dimetrius Rodriguez of Jefferson won the long jump with a jump of 17 ft. 6 in. Hamlow cleared the high jump bar, at 4 ft. 10 in. for second place, Harbick placed right behind in third place at 4 ft. 8 in. and Reedsport's Keena took first with at 5 ft. 8 in. Hamlow's mark in the pole vault was 6 ft. 6 in., a fourth place finish and teammate Harbick finished fifth at 6 ft. 0 in, a Personal Record. Corbin Ellis of Jefferson won the pole vault, clearing the bar at 8 ft. 6 in. Rodriguez also won the triple jump, landing at 37 ft. 11 in. and Harbick finished third with another Personal Record mark of 35 ft. 5.5 in.

Other Boys event winners were Mohawk's Ewan O'Dea in the 300 m. hurdles (49.90 sec.), Mohawk's Ethan Webb in the 110 m. hurdles (19.9 sec.), Cascade Academy's Jay Brust in the 800 m. race (2:08.54 min.) and Jefferson's Osbaldo Vasquez in the 2000 m. steeplechase (7:45.73 min.).

Liliana Jones And Beckah Short

McKenzie junior Becka Short and freshman Liliana Jones led their Eagle teammates last Saturday at the AMJ Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational. Short jumped 21 ft. 5.5 inches in the triple jump event and grabbed second place for her efforts. Jefferson's Riley Kemmer won the triple jump with a Personal Record 28 ft. 10 in. leap. Eagles Grace Weiss placed third with a 21 ft. 5 in jump, Paiten Clevenger finished fourth at 20 ft. 7 in., and Sepana Mitchell-Chavez secured fifth at 20 ft. 3 in. Weiss, Clevenger, and Mitchell-Chavez

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Blueberry juice, lemon juice, and a splash of soda water; garnished with fresh blueberries and a sprig of mint, and a sip of Oregon's majestic Cascade Mountains.

World record?

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"I'm relatively new to fishing and was losing bait off my line, but I kept at it. Within an hour of fishing, I felt another hit. It wasn't a hard fight, the fish came right up," Jones said. "But it was a very strong fish though, I had to sit on it to get the hook out."

Once Jones realized what she caught, she weighed and measured the fish, knowing this was

a keeper and a potential record fish. She is applying to the International Game Fish Association to see if her catch could be a new record. The current world record monkeyface prickleback is three pounds four ounces, caught in Yaquina Bay in 2008.

Earth Day

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are busy filling buckets from the mulch staging area. It's highly recommended that people bring rain boots and clothing that can get muddy. The bucket brigade is a great way to get out and get active while giving back to this special place. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/yrwbasjj

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Friday 4/12		Saturday 4/13		Sunday 4/14	
McKenzie Valley PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 60 Low: 43	Santiam Pass PM Rain 80% chance precip High: 51 Low: 34	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% Chance precip High: 61 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Rain 60% chance precip High: 51 Low: 31	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 56 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Rain to Snow 50% chance precip High: 42 Low: 27

WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEAUBURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
4/2	77	41	0	1,036 cfs	4/2	70	41	0	4,900 cfs
4/3	53	41	0	NA	4/3	77	42	0.31	4,880 cfs
4/4	45	34	0.16	NA	4/4	52	34	0.65	4,830 cfs
4/5	48	35	0.07	1,008 cfs	4/5	49	34	0.03	4,720 cfs
4/6	45	38	0.26	1,018 cfs	4/6	54	36	0.14	4,540 cfs
4/7	50	39	0.21	990 cfs	4/7	50	42	0.43	4,540 cfs
4/8	57	41	0	1,018 cfs	4/8	59	40	0.02	4,540 cfs

Sheriff's Report

March 26: 9:11 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 91100 blk, Hill Rd. Several teenagers were in the parking lot and were asked to leave.

March 27: 1:32 p.m: Theft - 8900 blk, McK. Hwy. Several tools and other items were stolen from the victim.

4:49 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy. A homeless camp appeared to be forming on the side of the road in the area. A deputy patrolled and determined it was a derelict camp on private property.

March 28: 3:02 p.m: Hit & Run - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported a hit and run at the location.

12:45 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92600 blk, Pentilla Ln. A resident blocked an employee from leaving a shared driveway and yelled at him before allowing him to leave.

March 29: 4:21 a.m: Shots Fired - 37600 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Vehicles were stopped at a pullout and shooting in an unknown direction. Deputies responded, however the vehicles had already left.

11:56 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & Adams Rd. A utility truck with no markings or license plate was reported in the area. A deputy made contact with the worker and spoke with the manager of the company, which turned out to be legitimate. The worker was advised to display appropriate markings showing his utility truck is an official contractor vehicle due to recent wire thefts in the area.

3:32 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 92200 blk, Carson St. A caller reported concerns about a neighbor and was contacted by a deputy.

March 30: 2:13 p.m: Disorderly Subject - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A USFS employee was in a dispute with a male who refused to pay to use the site and was being

disorderly. A deputy responded, but the male had left the area.

4:39 p.m: Accident, Vehicle/Pedestrian - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A caller reported a hit and run in the area. The call was forwarded to the Forest Service.

March 31: 11:15 a.m: Burglary - 8200 blk, McK. Hwy. A deputy responded to a burglary that had occurred sometime ago.

8:43 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 41300 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to a dispute in the area. No crime had occurred, and the involved separate for the night.

April 1: 12:57 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 92200 blk, Carson St.

7:11 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 48000 blk, Conley Rd. A deputy responded to a dispute. The involved separated prior to the deputy's arrival, and no crime was articulated.

9:15 p.m: Harassment - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:57 p.m: Kidnap - 36800 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to an armed dispute and kidnapping in Marcola. A male involved in the dispute left prior to deputies arriving, but was quickly located in the area. Based on their investigation and interviews with multiple witnesses, deputies arrested Andrew Hamilton Dimmick, 33, of Marcola and lodged him at the Lane County Jail on charges of Kidnapping in the First Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Menacing, Reckless Endangering, and Physical Harassment.

April 2: 5:28 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

2:53 p.m: Civil Service - 39600 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:46 p.m: Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

5:24 p.m: Assist Fire Depart-

ment - 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

April 3: 4:30 p.m: Harassment - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

April 4: 3:11 a.m: Information - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

8:24 a.m: Civil Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:46 a.m: Theft - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. Citizen self report regarding a theft in the area.

10:46 a.m: Menacing - 90100 blk, Marcola Rd. Deputies responded to a dispute. No crime was articulated, and the involved separated for the night.

11:28 a.m: Information - Blue River Dam.

1:52 p.m: Alarm - 87900 blk, Running Spring Dr.

2:40 p.m: Burglary - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr.

4:08 p.m: Reckless Driving - 33600 blk, Alder Branch Rd.

6:44 p.m: Reckless Driving - 36600 blk, Alder Branch Rd.

10:36 p.m: Medical Info Call - 38600 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

April 5: 2:59 a.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

7:01 a.m: Reckless Driving - 36600 blk, Alder Branch Rd.

7:17 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd.

7:27 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln. Citizen contact regarding suspicious activities in the neighborhood.

7:59 a.m: DownLine - Thurston Rd. & McK. Hwy.

11:24 a.m: Business Check - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

11:28 a.m: Hit & Run - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:02 p.m: Burglary - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr.

5:32 p.m: Harassment - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

9:09 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - 37600 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

April 7: 11:54 a.m: Abandoned

Vehicle - 91800 blk, Marcola Rd.

12:01 p.m: Hit & Run - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:01 p.m: Burglary - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr.

1:16 p.m: Harassment - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

1:20 p.m: Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

2:06 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

2:45 p.m: Harassment - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

April 8: 12:02 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln.

1:16 p.m: Civil Service - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

2:17 p.m: Civil Service - 40000 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:34 p.m: Burglary - 91500 blk, Dearborn Island Rd.

4:49 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:08 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

11:56 p.m: Reckless Endangering - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

April 1: 11:08: 42000 block, Holden Creek Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

19:03: 90000 blk, Greenwood Dr. Medical, General. First Aid, Transport.

April 2: 11:49: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

13:08: 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

17:19: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, General. Lift Assist.

20:45: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, General. Lift Assist.

April 3: 4:44: 41000 blk, Madrone St Medical, General.

Patient Assessed, Baby Delivered, 2 Transported.

11:16: 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transport.

13:25: 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd Public Assist. Lift Assist.

15:14: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:17: 44000 blk, Canal Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

8:41: 90000 blk, Angels Flight Rd Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:52: 36000 blk, Alder Branch Rd Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.

22:34: 38000 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd Medical, Trauma, Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 5: 8:01: McK. Hwy/ Thurston Rd. Down Line. Line Found, Utility Company Notified.

April 6: 8:01: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

11:48: Camp Creek Rd./ Swearingen Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. 2 Patients Assessed, 2 Refusals Obtained.

April 7: 18:54: 88000 blk, Bowen Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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

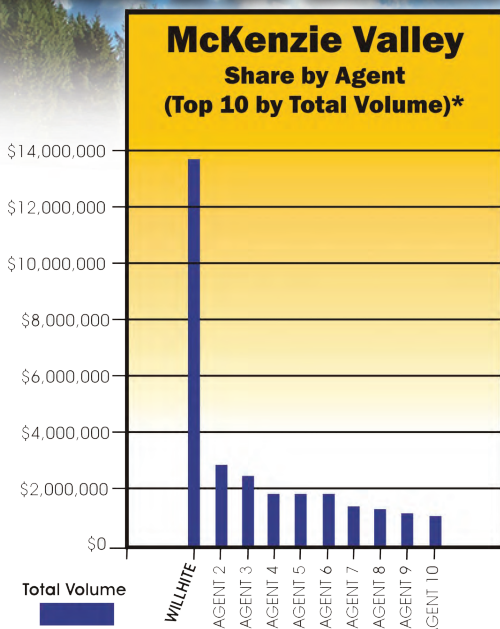
Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 3: 02:35: Medical - Cougar Hot Springs. Caller requests help with being lost or trapped with injuries.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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Why legendary lawman Virgil Earp is buried in Portland



By Slim Randles

“Well,” said Steve, the tall cowboy, “at least it’s Friday and we all have the weekend to look forward to.”

Doc glanced up from his paper at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop and world dilemma think tank.

“Fastest Friday you’ll ever experience, Steve,” said Doc.

“That’s about right,” said Dud. Steve got that confounded look on his face. “What do you mean by that?”

“Today is Saturday.” “Well,” Steve said, shaking his head, “that flat wrecks this day all to pieces.”

“Hey,” said Dud, “it’s a pretty day. You have all day long to enjoy it.”

“But don’t you see?” Steve said, in real pain. “I was planning to spend all day Friday getting ready for Saturday and now I can’t.”

“Now that sounds kinda dumb,” Dud said, “and I realize that, but Steve does have a point. I mean, we think in terms of time ...”

Doc groaned. “... yea, verily ... time and space and the continuum thereof, henceforth and forevermore. That’s why, when our friend Steve here thought about Saturday, it was as though Saturday lay in the future, where things are to happen that we, as mere mortals, are loath to know...”

“Dud,” said Steve, “you been watching Nova again?”

Dud blushed. “It was a good show. It concerned the string theory and fusion and the way all these marvelous things come together to make up our lives and Einstein and the total something-or-other. I forget all the little stuff, but it was pretty good. Had to do with the Big Bang and all that junk. Do you realize that when you look at a star at night, it might not be there? That star might have blown up and died a million years ago.”

“So how can you tell if it’s still there?” Steve asked.

“Have no idea,” Dud said. Steve grinned and tossed off the last of his coffee.

“Well, I’d better be getting along. I’m running late as it is.”

“So what you up to today, Steve?” said Doc.

“Getting ready for Sunday.”

Never let this happen again. Send money to <https://www.maxiaids.com/product/2024-giant-print-calendar>. Or not.

By Finn J.D. John
Portland’s River View Cemetery is the state’s oldest nonprofit cemetery, founded in 1882 by three of Portland’s most prominent citizens: Henry Corbett, Henry Failing, and William S. Ladd.

All three of them are buried there — Ladd’s grave in particular was the target of a bizarre raid by a gang of grave robbers 15 years later, but that’s a story for another time.

In addition to the three of them, dozens of other Portland notables have their final resting place in this lovely pastoral necropolis. Walking through the park-like grounds reading headstones is almost like scanning the table of contents on a thick book of Oregon history: Sylvester Pennoyer, the nutty governor who gave Oregon two Thanksgivings; Henry Pittock, the Oregonian publisher who once commissioned a burglary to swing a Mayoral election; Capt. John Couch, the skipper who proclaimed Portland as the best spot for a deepwater harbor; legendary editor, author, and suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway; John M. “John H. Mitchell” Hipple, the fugitive deadbeat dad who became the first U.S. Senator to serve under an alias adopted to hide from law enforcement; Gen. Charles Martin, ex-Oregon governor and chief actor in what was arguably the most shameful official act in the history of the United States Army; Frances Fuller Victor, the “Mother of Oregon History”; Lola Greene Baldwin, first woman hired as a paid police officer west of the Rockies; and Simon Benson, best known for the “Benson Bubbler” drinking fountains.

These are just a handful of the dozens, perhaps hundreds, of famous Oregon names you’ll find on a stroll through the grounds.

But the most visited grave at River View isn’t one of them. It’s not even the grave of an Oregonian.

The name carved into the stone is Virgil W. Earp.

Yes — that Virgil Earp. City Marshal of Tombstone, Ariz., and lead participant in the notorious Gunfight at OK Corral.



Condor796/Wikimedia

Virgil Earp’s gravesite in the Bertrand family plot at River View Cemetery in Portland. Earp’s is the can-shaped stone surrounded by little U.S. flags.

The full inscription on the headstone reads:

In Loving Memory of My Husband
VIRGIL W. EARP
July 18, 1843–Oct. 18, 1905
God Will Take Care of Me.
Co. C. 83d. Ill.

So, how on Earth did Virgil Earp end up buried in Portland, a city he’d been in (so far as we know) only once in his life?

Well, as you can imagine, thereby hangs a tale. But to fully appreciate it, we have to dig a little bit into Virgil’s life story.

Virgil Walter Earp was born in 1843 in Kentucky, so he was originally a Southerner; but by the time he was 16 years old the family was living in Pella, Iowa, and he had fallen for a local 17-year-old Dutch girl named Magdalena “Ellen” Rysdam.

Virgil proposed, and Ellen said yes. But Ellen’s parents were furious when they learned what the kids had in mind. They wanted her to marry a respectable Dutch man, not some transplanted Johnny Reb riff-raff brat who, as Tricia Yearwood phrased it in her 1991 song about a similar situation, wasn’t worth a lick.

Virgil’s folks weren’t sympathetic either; they thought (not unreasonably, you have to admit) that he was too young to be getting married.

So the two star-crossed lovers

eloped and got secretly married, in fine Romeo and Juliet style. Their two families, united by opposition to their union, got together and tried to have the marriage annulled, and maybe they succeeded, legally in any case; but the young folks had not waited for an official decision on that before consummating the marriage, and soon there was a baby on the way.

Then the Civil War happened, and Virgil was off to the trenches to fight for the Union Army. The baby, Nellie Jane Earp, was born about six months after he left. That was in mid-1861.

Two years after that, word reached Magdalena that Virgil had been killed in battle. Ellen, considering herself widowed, remarried the following year to a nice, parentally-approved Dutch man named John Van Rossum. Then, a few months after that, the Van Rossums moved to Walla Walla.

And the following year, when Virgil mustered out of the Army and came home to Iowa, he found no trace of his wife and daughter. Her parents, of course, were not going to help him find them, and neither were his; but he did learn that she had remarried. Knowing that he could now bring only trouble to the woman he still loved, he swallowed hard and moved on.

For the next dozen years Virgil moved around the West, working

as a cop, driving stagecoaches, grading railroad beds, and joining forces with his more famous younger brother Wyatt in various business ventures.

He married two more times: once in 1870 to a woman named Rosella Drago, and once (sort of) in 1874 to Alvira “Allie” Sullivan, a waitress he met on the job at a hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa, when he was driving a stagecoach there. The records are silent on what happened to Rosella, whether it was death or divorce that parted them; but Allie would be his companion for the rest of his life, although they would never officially marry.

Virgil and Allie first arrived in Prescott, Ariz., in 1877. They’d been heading for California in a family wagon train led by Virgil’s father, Nicholas; but Virgil, Allie, and brother Newton liked Prescott and decided to stay while the rest of the family continued onward.

In Prescott, Virgil helped a posse catch a pair of wanted murderers, participating in the final gunfight when the two criminals went out in a blaze of glory. This seems to have given him a taste for frontier police work, because after that he sought almost exclusively law enforcement jobs. He got hired as constable in Prescott, and worked closely with the U.S. marshal for the area.

When, in 1879, Virgil and several of his brothers (including Wyatt and Morgan) headed for the silver-mining boomtown of Tombstone to set up a saloon and gambling parlor there, Virgil was commissioned as deputy U.S. marshal for the town.

In 1881, Tombstone police chief Ben Sippy skipped town, leaving \$3,000 in unpaid bills and debts; and Virgil was appointed to replace him.

Almost immediately Virgil had his authority tested when a fire broke out and took about 60 buildings down to the ground. Before the property owners could respond, squatters flocked in and started staking claims on parts of the ruins, pitching tents and moving into them as if they were

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Gardening Tips



Containers and raised beds offer options



By Nicole Sanchez

Not every yard is suited for in-the-ground gardening. Sometimes containers or raised beds are better options. In rental situations or areas with poor or thin soil, garden space must sometimes be “created.”

Internet articles often make both sound incredibly easy, possibly because the content creators were gardening in a different climate. Like many horticultural dilemmas, no one answer fits every situation. Considering the pros and cons from a variety of gardening perspectives may help the individual gardener figure out the best solution for their situation.

For vegetables, larger containers are usually better, for a variety of reasons related to water and nutrient retention, soil insulation and more. Large containers, however, become more difficult to move. In raised beds, the deeper the soil profile, the better. New gardeners are often surprised at how much the soil in a new raised bed will settle over the course of a gardening season. It’s helpful to top it off at the beginning of subsequent growing seasons. Numerous other factors can come into play in choosing containers or raised beds.

Soil warmth

Containers, even large ones, will be more prone to freezing soil when temperatures drop. Containers will freeze, which can damage plant roots. Larger volumes of soil, such as in a raised bed, will have more insulation and be less prone to drastic temperature changes.

The importance of soil warmth is often underestimated relative to seed germination and early growth of vegetable plants. In a raised bed, black plastic or landscape fabric can be used to raise soil temperature, aiding more even germination and protecting young

seedlings.

Season extension

Season extension in container gardening often means a workout every evening as plants are moved from the sunny driveway to the garage — then again every morning when plants are moved back out for the sun. If just a few containers are involved, or large containers have wheels, this practice is manageable.

Raised beds are often easy to fit with PVC piping and plastic covers, enabling the gardener to extend the growing season without a daily weightlifting routine.

A third option might be a combination: large, wheeled containers for sensitive tomatoes, which dislike cool nights, and a plastic-covered raised bed for leafy greens and carrots.

Watering

Container plants may need to be watered as often as twice daily. If they’re getting enough sun for good vegetable production, container soils dry out quickly. The combination of more frequent watering and frequent moving for protection can make container

gardening more labor-intensive than raised beds.

Raised beds can be fitted with drip irrigation for more efficient, root-zone watering. If possible, both containers and raised beds should be located such that watering is convenient and easy to access.

Container longevity

Summer sun and winter freeze-thaw cycles are both brutal on containers. Plastics become brittle and crack when moved; clays and ceramics freeze, thaw, and disintegrate. Even expensive containers may only last a few seasons. Metal containers would last longer, but are not ideal for plant production. Heavy-duty five-gallon buckets are not particularly attractive but offer moderately priced, reasonably long-lived containers.

Raised beds usually represent a significant expense at the onset but usually last much longer. Containers might make sense for short-term living situations or first forays into vegetable gardening. Raised beds require more work and money at the beginning, which may pay off over time.

Year-round gardening

Containers are easier to move into a protected location — garage, greenhouse, spare bedroom — during the winter. Depending on the plant, additional lighting may be necessary for best performance.

Raised beds won’t offer outdoor yearlong gardening in colder climates, but if timed correctly, summer-planted and nearly mature turnips, carrots and rutabagas can be held in “stasis” in a protected raised bed for quite some time after a few light frosts or short freezes. This enables a much longer harvest time — and better chances of success with root crops, which are poorly suited to container gardening. Herbs, leafy greens, and green onions are some of the easiest to grow in containers.

The OSU publication “Growing Your Own” is free online and contains more info for those interested in either containers or raised beds.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



DISCOVERING ANCESTORS' FOODS

The search for one’s ancestors and family history can lead you on fascinating food discoveries. As I was organizing my genealogical materials, I came across a folder with recipes from my husband’s grandmother, who came to this country at age 16. These I had photocopied from her well-worn cookbook. And Jim told me stories about Gram making them.

As I delve into the stories of my ancestors’ lives, I’m led to parts of the country, distant from where I grew up. Jim and I have followed the trails of my ancestors, enabling me to visit interesting places, make new friends, meet relatives and learn about new foods..

As I searched for ancestors, I ventured to western New York, Rhode Island, Illinois, Kansas, and Civil War sites of the South. My genealogy travels opened up new vistas, brought me to historic sites, and enabled me to research foods.

Ancestors in Kansas

My search introduced me to my grandmother’s uncle, mentioned only as Uncle William Mathewson in Grandma’s photo album. However, I discovered he was known in Kansas, where he settled, as the original Buffalo Bill. He left home in Broome County, NY and took up life in the West as a fur trapper and explorer.

Eventually Uncle Buffalo Bill established trading posts on the Santa Fe Trail, married an adventurous English woman (Aunt Lizzie), helped found Wichita, Kansas, and was an Indian peacemaker requested by the natives at treaty talks with the government.

Uncle George in a Civil War Cemetery

Grandma’s Uncle George Mathewson perished during the Civil War. My research led me to his grave at Marietta, GA, north of Atlanta. On a sunny spring day, Jim and I visited the Union

Cemetery and found a marker with Uncle George’s name on it.

A monument also stood nearby, one described in a family letter. It was rewarding to find landmarks mentioned in letters written 160 years ago.

Early Settlers in Providence, RI

Tracing the Mathewson family to their beginnings in this country, led me to Providence, RI. There we find a street called Mathewson Street and a theatre named after this family. I’ve walked along this street, trying to visualize it as the area might have looked when the early Mathewsons lived there.

Following the trail of your ancestors’ lives can take you to many new areas of the country and to foreign countries. As you travel for genealogy purposes, you’ll also find other enjoyable aspects of these regions.

Pioneer Recipes

Hard Tack was a standby for pioneers on the Santa Fe Trail and required very few ingredients, simply those they usually had handy.

Knead 4 to 5 cups flour, 2 pinches salt, and 2 cups water. Roll out on a greased 13-inch pan. Cut into pieces (15 to 20); pierce each with holes with a fork.

Bake at 425 degrees F. for about 30 minutes, turning over after 15 minutes. Then to remove moisture and harden, continue baking at 200 degrees F. for several hours.

Squaw Bread or Fried Bread was another pioneer food. Mix together 4 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 2 teaspoons salt, 2 teaspoons sugar. Then stir in 1 1/3 cups warm water, enough to make a dough you can roll out.

Roll out the dough on floured board and cut into rectangles. Fry these in deep fat. They also can be cooked in a frying pan by spooning the hot fat over the bread.

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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Community Notes

April 11

Vida Comm Center

The Vida McKenzie Community Center Board meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida.

April 12

Second Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk Will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. starting at the Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield, 500 Main St.

April 12

Painting Class

Join a fun and relaxing art class, whether flying solo or bringing your entire squad. This is a step-by-step class; however, feel free to let your creativity wander if you don't feel like following along. Held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive.

All supplies are included; aprons, paints, 16"x20" canvases, brushes, water cups, etc. for \$25.

Sign up by emailing: evergreencreations@gmail.com

April 12 & 13

Pendleton Velocity Tour

The best bull riders in the world will duel with the rankest bovines born to buck in an unpredictable, must-see David vs. Goliath showdown at the Matthew Knight Arena, 1776 E 13th Ave, Eugene. Last season, the elite Unleash The Beast headed to Eugene in February, where Rafael Jose de Brito (Potirendaba, Brazil) went a perfect 3-for-3 to win the first premier series event of his career en route to a gold buckle. The show starts at 8 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday,

April 13

Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

April 13

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.

April 13

Sip & Shop

Sip and Shop, on Saturday, April 13th at the Vida McKenzie Community Center. The \$25 ticket includes lunch, dessert, a variety of hot tea choices, and lots of shopping. Contact Tammy Pelton for tickets, at 951-970-0176

April 13

P.R.E.P.

A P.R.E.P. (Plan, Resilient, Educate, and Prepare) meeting will be held to discuss aspects of Fire Management to be better prepared for future events, in cooperation with the McKenzie River Ranger District, McKenzie Fire & Rescue, Upper McKenzie Fire District, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, Lane Electric, EWEB, Lane County Emergency Management, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and other

organizations. This event, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Leaburg Fire Station 42870 McKenzie Hwy., will cover prescribed burning and fire levels.

April 15

McK Fire & Rescue Board

The McKenzie Fire District Board meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. For information call 541-896-3311.

April 15

Upper McK Fire Board

The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors' monthly meeting is held at the fire station, 56578 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more info call 541-822-3479.

April 16

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.

April 16

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.

April 16

Walterville Grange

The Grange's second monthly meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and includes a nice dessert

Free soil teting

The Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District (UWSWCD) offers free Residential Home-Garden Soil Testing to McKenzie River residents impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire. The home-garden soil tests check for nutrients and pH balance, and results will include information on soil deficiencies and customized recommended inputs. This program will end on June 1, 2024.

It is recommended that wildfire-impacted soil be tested for nutrients before planting.

Soil tests will be free for the Holiday Farm Fire-Impacted Community (any resident who lives within the HFF burn perimeter).

Instructions for collecting soil samples and analysis are here:

Hard copies of the intake form will be available at drop-off locations (see below)

Soil sample collection runs through June 1st.

Pickup dates are every other Friday (weather permitting).

Test results include recommended nutrients and fertilizers for each

soil sample (each garden).

One Soil Sample Analysis is allowed per household.

We ask that you please allow up to four weeks from the date of pick up to receive your soil analysis report. The analysis can be emailed to you or if email is not available, alternative options to receive your analysis will be provided.

Drop-off locations:

Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow.

Vida Post Office, 45598 McKenzie Hwy.

The Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy.

McKenzie High School, 51187 Blue River Dr.

***Note the UWSWCD soil tests will determine nutrient deficiencies for re-establishing productive home gardens. These soil tests will not test for contaminants. For soil contaminant testing please consult with Pacific Agricultural Laboratories at pacificlabservices.com ***

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at 39259 Camp Creek Rd.

April 17

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April 17

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.

April 17

Cornhole League

The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

April 17

McK School Board

The McKenzie School District board meeting (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) will held at 51187 Blue River Dr. It will also be live-streamed

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April 17

Evening With Author

Join author and river advocate David James Duncan (The River Why, The Brothers K, My Story as Told by Water) and McKenzie River Trust for an inspiring and thoughtful conversation about the relationships between people and the natural world around us. Duncan will reflect on ideas from recent works, including his 2023 novel Sun House, which explores the American search for meaning and love, and a forthcoming collaborative book of essays, Going to See, inspired by Barry Lopez. Tickets are \$15, and student tickets are \$10. Purchase your tickets for Upstream online or in person at The Shedd, 868 High St, in Eugene.



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SESSION 3: NATURE & RECREATION ECONOMY

Thursday, May 30, 3:00-4:30pm
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Identity Theft



Natalie Heathcoat

I've known my best friend for six years. Initially, I thought she was a great person who was there for me in times of crisis. As time went by I noticed she was very competitive with others, and then I saw she was most competitive with me.

She will ask what I am wearing, then wear something shorter or more low-cut. She sees me in something, then buys that exact item. She copies phrases I say and repeats facts from me and claims them as her own. When we were in college, she constantly tried to one-up me in grades and games, even cheating to do so.

I confronted her after a close mutual friend brought this to my attention. I tiptoed around the issue because I did not want to hurt or insult her. She said she

competed with everyone, but not me, because with me she feels she cannot compete. After that I let it go.

Not to boast, but I am an attractive person, and her male friends always ask about me. I only mention this because I know she is insecure, even though she is an attractive girl who is physically fit, and smart, with many friends.

When I moved, she purposely "forgot" to pass on invitations to a wedding and a reunion of college friends. She forgot my birthday, then tearfully explained it was all a misunderstanding. Mind you I live five minutes from her house, and she did not even pick up the telephone.

You cannot get into a car without her speeding to show you how fast she can go, or be in a group without her trying to appear more intelligent than you in conversation. I see the person she is inside, and I don't like that person.

Part of my problem is during college she was there for me

financially when my family could not be. I will always love her for that. Even though I paid back every dollar, I still feel indebted. Sometimes I think she only helped me so she could feel superior.

Hailey

Hailey, who you are is a compilation of all you have experienced. You were raised to be good and polite. You have a sense of style and a sense of self. But your friend is invading your identity.

Robbers in a home invasion might take a homeowner's gun and use it against her. You may not own a gun, but you own a sense of niceness and your friend is using that sense of niceness against you. The word "nice" comes from a Latin word that means to be ignorant. You are not ignorant of what is going on, but you are ignorant of your own best interest.

She is injuring you. When you fail to confront her, you are not being honest, and being honest outweighs being nice.

You've seen inside her, and you don't like what you see. The only way to take back your identity for your sole use is by severing this relationship. Don't be nice. Be honest.

Wayne & Tamara

Criminal History

Can a second marriage succeed if both parties cheat on their spouse in the first marriage?

Alex

Alex, is there honor among thieves? That is what you are asking.

There is an honesty to ending a marriage when you don't love your spouse and don't believe the marriage should continue. Divorce may not be a pleasant thing under those circumstances, but at least it is an honest thing. There is a creepy, under-the-rock, loathsome quality when someone breaks the vow of fidelity while holding to the convenience of the marriage.

That's what occurs when you start a new relationship before ending the previous one. You crave assurances the cheater won't cheat on you, but there is no assurance of that. It's hard to live in the present while watching your back.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell and The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*—available from Amazon, iTunes, and booksellers everywhere.

I felt a Funeral, in my Brain

By Emily Dickinson

I felt a Funeral, in my Brain,

And Mourners to and fro

Kept treading - treading - till it seemed

That Sense was breaking through -

And when they all were seated,

A Service, like a Drum -

Kept beating - beating - till I thought

My mind was going numb -

And then I heard them lift a Box

And creak across my Soul

With those same Boots of Lead, again,

Then Space - began to toll,

As all the Heavens were a Bell,

And Being, but an Ear,

And I, and Silence, some strange Race,

Wrecked, solitary, here -

And then a Plank in Reason, broke,

And I dropped down, and down -

And hit a World, at every plunge,

And Finished knowing - then -

Emily Dickinson is one of America's greatest and most original poets of all time. She took definition as her province and challenged the existing definitions of poetry and the poet's work. Like writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Walt Whitman, she experimented with expression in order to free it from conventional restraints. Like writers such as Charlotte Brontë and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, she crafted a new type of persona for the first person. She died in Amherst, MA in 1886. After her death her family members found her hand-sewn books, or "fascicles." These fascicles contained nearly 1,800 poems. Though Mabel Loomis Todd and Higginson published the first selection of her poems in 1890, a complete volume did not appear until 1955. Edited by Thomas H. Johnson, the poems still bore the editorial hand of Todd and Higginson. It was not until R.W. Franklin's version of Dickinson's poems appeared in 1998 that her order, unusual punctuation and spelling choices were completely restored.

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ling

- 21. Poacher's ware
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Events from Apr 11th

Mon Jan 1st - Thu Jul 11th
Springfield Museum closure

We have big news to share here at the Museum! We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 11, 2024, while our staff and ...

Thu Apr 11th 4:30pm - Sun 14th 5:30pm
Vida McKenzie Community Center Board Meeting

McKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL

Thu Apr 11th 5:00pm - 6:30pm
McKenzie Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in ...

EMERALD ART CENTER

Fri Apr 12th 4:00pm - 7:30pm
2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Fri Apr 12th 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Paint Class with Sahara

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Fri Apr 12th 8:00pm - Sat 13th 10:00pm
Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour

On Friday and Saturday, FBI's (Professional Bull Riders) Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour bucks into Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Oregon, ...

Sat Apr 13th 10:00am - 12:00pm
A Dime At A Time

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10 noon. Donations can be dropped off

Sat Apr 13th 8:00am - 4:00pm
Living River Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree planting ...

Mon Apr 15th 12:00pm - 1:00pm
McKenzie Fire District Board

McKenzie Fire District Board meeting. 541-896-3311.

Sat Apr 13th 11:00am - 2:00pm
Sip and Shop

Please save the date for the VMCC's upcoming fundraising event, Sip and Shop, on Saturday, April 13th. The \$25 ticket includes lunch, ...

Sat Apr 13th 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Plan, Resilient, Educate, and Prepare

McKenzie Locals Helping Locals will host a FIRE.P (Plan, Resilient, Educate, and Prepare) meeting to discuss aspects of Fire Management to ...

Mon Apr 15th
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Mon Apr 15th 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Upper McKenzie Fire District Board

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479

Tue Apr 16th
Lane County Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board ...

Tue Apr 16th 10:00am - 11:00am
Family Story Time

Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

Wed Apr 17th
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Wed Apr 17th 9:00am - 11:30am
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Ski Report

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Starting next Wednesday, the Hoodoo Ski Resort will be open for 13 days straight during Spring Break, wrapping up with an Easter celebration on March 31. The last report reported the base was at 78 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 34 degrees at the base and 38 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 110 inches. Another excellent day was expected, with clear skies, mild temperatures, and temperatures in the mid 40's. 83 of 104 trails were open, along with 10 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 13 - In the early years before settlement, the Oregon Country was a vast, unmapped region that extended from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast. The northern boundary was latitude fifty-four degrees, forty minutes, the southern border of Russian controlled Alaska. To the south the Oregon Country was a vague line influenced by the Spanish claim to California. In 1819 this line was arbitrarily set at the 42nd parallel, the present line between Oregon and California. In 1846 Great Britain and the United States agreed the 49th parallel constituted the international border. On August 13, 1848 President Polk signed a bill giving federal recognition to the new Oregon Territory.

Quote of the Week

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

Margaret Mead

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Sturgeon

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Martyn Reesman, Springfield STEP Biologist, applies an external secondary identification tag to a sturgeon.

That's because, in anticipation of the dewatering of the ponds later in the season, they've been moved, according to Erik Withalm, manager of the Leaburg Hatchery.

Five of the fish have been relocated to a pond at the McKenzie River Discovery Center - just across from the hatchery on the other side of Leaburg Lake. Three of the sturgeon are on loan and will return to the hatchery when it is rewatered and the other two will remain at the Discovery Center.

The remaining sturgeon that had been in the show pond have been stoked out in other areas, Withalm said. Those fish were over-harvest size and the locations where they were released will remain undisclosed

to protect them from being targeted or harassed.

Likewise, fishing for the sturgeon, and trout, in the Discovery Center pond is illegal since that is not an allocated or allowed water body and anyone angling there would already be breaking the law, he noted.

Virtually all the trout currently stocked in the area now are fish supplied by the Leaburg Hatchery. "Ultimately, there are no impacts the numbers of fish being stocked or their sizes," Withalm said.

Later in the season - sometime in May - the supply source will switch to the Willamette Hatchery in Oakridge.

"The Leaburg Hatchery is not closing," Withalm noted. "It's just being dewatered for this summer."

Main Street

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nificantly revitalized the region's spirit and economy."

After learning about the program, representatives from Locals Helping Locals, the VMCC, and the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce began researching the process to see if something similar might work here. The result was scheduling a Friday, April 26th meeting to see if people think an

"Oregon Main Street" approach would be workable in this area.

Rural Development Initiatives will facilitate the session at the Vida McKenzie Community Center from 3 to 4:30 P.m. It is open to area residents interested in discussing ways to strengthen the regional economy. People planning to attend should email a note to info@mckenziechamber.com

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Legendary lawman

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mining claims. Virgil deputized two dozen hard-eyed local men and coordinated a sweep, clearing the squatters off the land so its rightful owners could start rebuilding. No one was shot, or even injured, in the operation. It was a pretty good start.

But worse trouble was on its way. Like Matt Dillon on "Gunsmoke," Virgil kept his town in good order and firmly enforced the laws there; but the town was in the middle of Cochise County, a wild and outlaw-infested patch of rural Arizona that was led by a crooked sheriff who was a close associate of a notorious local gang of stock rustlers and outlaws who called themselves the Cochise County Cowboys.

The Cowboys soon figured out that life would be lots easier for them if Virgil, the only straight law-enforcement officer in the county, were out of the way. So they started coming into town to try and make some trouble that might end with Virgil leaving, dead or alive.

Trouble they wanted, and trouble they got. On Oct. 26, 1881, Cowboy honchos Billy Clanton and Frank McLaury strutted into town with Colts on their hips, in violation of the town ordinance (which required all guns be checked in at a saloon or hotel immediately upon entry into city limits). Virgil deputized his brothers Wyatt and Morgan along with Wyatt's buddy John "Doc" Holliday, and confronted Clanton and McLaury along with two other Cowboys in a vacant lot behind the OK Corral.

"Boys, throw up your hands. I want your guns," Virgil told them.

Famously, they threw up their hands with iron in their fists, spitting lead at the lawmen, who were ready for them. In the ensuing firefight, three of the Cowboys were killed, the fourth ran for his life, and Virgil and



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Virgil Earp as he appeared around the time of the Tombstone gunfight.

Morgan both took serious but not life-threatening bullet hits.

The Cowboy who ran from the fight pressed murder charges against the Earps and Holliday, but the charges were dismissed in court. So two months later, other members of the Cowboy gang tried to take vengeance. They hid out in an empty building and ambushed Virgil with shotguns as he walked out of his hotel, nearly killing him and leaving him with a permanently crippled left arm. Three months after that, someone shot Morgan through a pool-hall window, killing him.

Wyatt and Doc Holliday sent Morgan's body back west to the home of Nicholas, the Earp family patriarch, in Colton, Calif. Virgil followed the next day. Two of the Cowboys tried to ambush Virgil

at the railroad station, but Wyatt, whose blood was now very much up, chased them down, caught one of them, and pumped him full of lead. This was the first killing on Wyatt's famous "vendetta ride," in which he and Holliday and some other associates chased down and killed a number of the suspected assassins. That's a whole 'nother story, and a fascinating one, but since it has nothing to do with Oregon history, I'll leave it to other writers to recount, and get back to Virgil.

(Sources: *Hidden History of Civil War Oregon*, a book by *Randol Fletcher* published in 2011 by *The History Press*; *Tracking Down Oregon*, a book by *Ralph Friedman* published in 1990 by *Caxton Press*; "Virgil Earp: In a Brother's Shadow," an article by *Lee A. Silva* published in the March 2018 issue of *Wild West magazine*; "Virgil Earp," an article by *Kathy Alexander* published November 2022 on the *Legends of America Website*; "The True Hero Named Earp is a Permanent Portland Resident," an article by *Bill Gallagher* published Oct. 2, 2019, in *Southwest Connection*)

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longer race in 15:10.85 min. Cascade Academy's Jenna Anne Kerns won that event with a time of 13:09.96 min. The Eagle 4x100 m. relay team, Dion, Short, Weiss, and Jones, also finished third, posting a finish time of 1:02.96 min. Jefferson earned a first place mark with a time of 57.97 sec.

In the long jump, McKenzie athletes set four new Personal Records. Weiss led the charge with a PR 10 ft. 9.5 in. fourth place finish. Short followed in sixth place with a 9 ft. 11 in. jump. Clevenger jumped 9 ft. 5 in., a PR, Mitchell-Chavez finished with a PR 7 ft. 4 in. and Lyla Boydston, in her first meet, jumped 6 ft. 1 in., for a PR. Alsea's O'Brien took first place with a leap of 14 ft. 1 in.

Boydston placed fourth in the shot put event with a toss of 22 ft. 9 in, Eagle teammate Rachel Karch finished sixth at 21 ft. 3.5 in., and senior Riley Morales set a new PR with a 16 ft. 7.5 in toss. Brianna Dabel of Jefferson won the shot put with a throw measured at 26 ft. 2 in. Boydston also finished tenth in the discus with a throw of 36 ft. 2 in. The discus was won by Jefferson's Isabella Hahn with a throw of 60 ft. 8 in.

In the javelin event, Dion led her Eagle teammates with a fifth place throw, her last, measured at 54 ft. 9 in. Karch placed eighth at

49 ft. 7.5 in., a PR, Morales had her second PR of the afternoon with a fifteenth place throw of 37 ft. 6 in., and the javelin event was won by Mohawk's Bayley Fields, who set her own PR with a throw of 75 ft. 8 in.

Other Girls AMJ event winners were Alsea's O'Brien in the 200 m. with a PR time of 29.64 seconds and Jefferson's Dabel in the 100 m. hurdles with a time of 20.30 sec. Lavisia Lamarre of Cascade Academy won the 400 m. event with a PR time of 1:08.18 min., Mapleton's Natalie Stevens won the 800 m. race in a PR time of 2:38.94 min., and Jefferson's Flor Ruiz-Jimenez won the 2000 m. steeplechase event in 11:50.69 min. Holly Gay of Jefferson was a dual event winner, taking first place in the high jump, clearing the bar at 3 ft. 10 in. and again clearing the bar over at the pole vault at 7 ft. 0 in.

A Huge Shout-Out To The Dedicated Track Volunteers

It's always amazing and refreshing when a community comes together with a single purpose and accomplishes such. This past Saturday, the McKenzie community did just that when it showed up on a chilly, damp day to produce the annual AMJ Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational track and field meet.

The following folks volunteered

Cutbacks protested

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Trey Carskadon, acting President of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association with a giant north coast steelhead.

Blue River and the South Fork McKenzie rivers.

To mitigate the loss of fish habitat and production, construction, and operation of the dam, the Corps built and funded five hatcheries in the Upper Willamette Basin.

"Excluding unavoidable program reductions related to recent litigation and Endangered Species Act(ESA)implementation,ACOE mitigation program contributions have been fairly steady over the past 50 years," according to the McKenzie River Guides Association. "The Corps' 3-year contract payments to ODFW "have approached \$5 million in recent years. ACOE's planned reduction of nearly \$1 million in payment would be the first real departure in steady ACOE mitigation support/performance," they noted in a letter to Oregon Fourth District Congresswoman Val Hoyle.

"In the face of already diminished returns, reductions of this magnitude would effectively bury sportfishing in the Willamette River Basin," according to Liz Hamilton, Policy Director of the Oregon City-based Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA).

"The Willamette River once saw wild salmon and steelhead returns exceeding 1 million adults annually back to the basin," she noted. "When the US Army Corps of Engineers cut off spawning and rearing habitat by constructing the dams in the upper basin, these wild fish plummeted to around 3% of their historical abundance."

Last week the NSIA organized a letter campaign to alert Hoyle and Fifth District Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer of growing opposition. By Tuesday morning they had forwarded letters of concern from 1,600 Oregonians.

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to make the event a success. Pete Petty, Tim Hooten, and Cliff Richardson working the preceding 2 weeks to prepare the track. Steve Severin for vital work setting up the new pole vault standards. Chris Lester mowing the track infield. Connie Richardson and Jack Devereaux working on event flagging and parameter lines. Petty, along with Monte Wilson worked the volunteer table and cleanup efforts. Hooten led a timing crew consisting of Laurel Meister, Silvia Dion, Kayte Barrett, Megan Weiss, and several Eagle middle school athletes. McKenzie Community Track and Field President Michael Bergmann serving as Meet Director and Starter. Molly Jackson, Clerk of the Course assisted by sister Amanda Colombrão, Sarah

Hunter, and Owen Acevedo. Timing control room and stats, Melanie Brite and Dave Hunter. Announcer, Neil Barrett. Shot put event, Wade Scofield, Paz, and Devin Thompson. Discus event, Brent Weiss, Connie Richardson, and Mary Lipp. High jump event, Judy Cassad, Sam Swetland, and Kiger Plews. Javelin event, Sharon Zook, Joe Zook and Veronique Loggins. Pole Vault event, Marilyn Cross and Braden Ravenscraft. Long jump event, Bob Wilson, Brandi Ferguson, and Lisa Keevers. Triple jump event, Steve Birkovich and Dan Willis. Concessions, Fred Heins, Lorinda Marcy, and Melissa Norlund. Cliff Richardson, Field official. I apologize if some folks were not mentioned.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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all set new Personal Records. Jones placed second in the 100 meters, finishing the distance in 14.76 seconds behind Alsea winner Tamarra O'Brien, who ran a 14.14 second race. Mitchell-Chavez finished eighth in 18.44 sec. Short brought home a third place finish in the 300 m. hurdles with a time of 1:24.49 minutes. Mohawk's Lucy Barrowcliff took first with a time of 1:00.28 min., which was a Personal Record for the Mustang athlete.

McKenzie long distance runner Myra Dion placed third in both the 1500 m. race and the 3000 m. race. Dion's time in the 1500 m. was 6:45.77 min. and that event was won by Paisley Jacobsen of Alsea in a Personal Record time of 5:59.53 min. Dion set her own PR in the 3000 m., finishing the

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Efforts aimed at confronting wildfire crisis

State and federal agencies and departments in Oregon and Washington have agreed to collaborate on addressing the escalating wildfire crisis by increasing use of prescribed fire and other forest fuel management strategies at larger geographic scales while also increasing outreach to nearby communities as these strategies are deployed. These strategies reduce forest fuels on the ground and allow for strategic burning that minimizes community and public health impacts relative to impacts from uncontrolled wildfires.

Over the past decade, wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and beyond have intensified, posing significant risks to human health, particularly among vulnerable communities and populations. These dangers are exacerbated by a warming climate and increased human development in fire-prone areas. The recent infusion of federal funds through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act has provided an unprecedented opportunity for collective action amongst government agencies.

This collaborative initiative is a response to a March 2023 Government Accountability Office report which emphasized the need for aligned air quality and land management goals to mitigate wildfire risks effectively. Building on a national Memorandum of Understanding and recognizing the public health crisis that wildfires represent, this joint statement outlines a commitment to regional collaboration for achieving these critical goals.

At a meeting in November 2023, representatives from federal and state agencies discussed the necessity of increasing prescribed fire activities. Prescribed fires or burning areas intentionally to manage land and resource objectives, are deemed essential for reducing wildfire risks and enhancing ecosystem resilience.

This approach is balanced with strategies to minimize public health impacts from smoke, emphasizing the need for comprehensive community engagement and support for vulnerable populations.

The principles guiding this initiative include acting with urgency, protecting public health and property, overcoming implementation barriers, embracing innovation, and learning from experience. The agencies aim to leverage expertise, resources, and innovative strategies to increase the scale of prescribed fire implementations while ensuring public health protection.

Two pilot projects, one in West Bend, Oregon and another in North Central Washington, will serve as initial test areas for these collaborative efforts. The insights gained from these pilot projects will inform further actions and strategies, demonstrating a united front in addressing wildfire and smoke management challenges.

"In the face of a growing wildfire crisis, it's more critical than ever that we come together and leverage every tool, insight, and innovation," said Jacque Buchanan, Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. "This collaboration represents the beginning of a multi-agency effort towards improved cooperation and scale-up of prescribed fire and smoke management, with recognition that a near-term step will be to engage others, particularly Tribes, that are critical to this effort. Together, we're committed to reducing wildfire risk and prioritizing the health and safety of our communities while increasing the resilience of our ecosystems. Our shared efforts with these pilot projects will lay the groundwork for a safer, healthier future for the Pacific Northwest."

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