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Even if you can't
volunteer, many do
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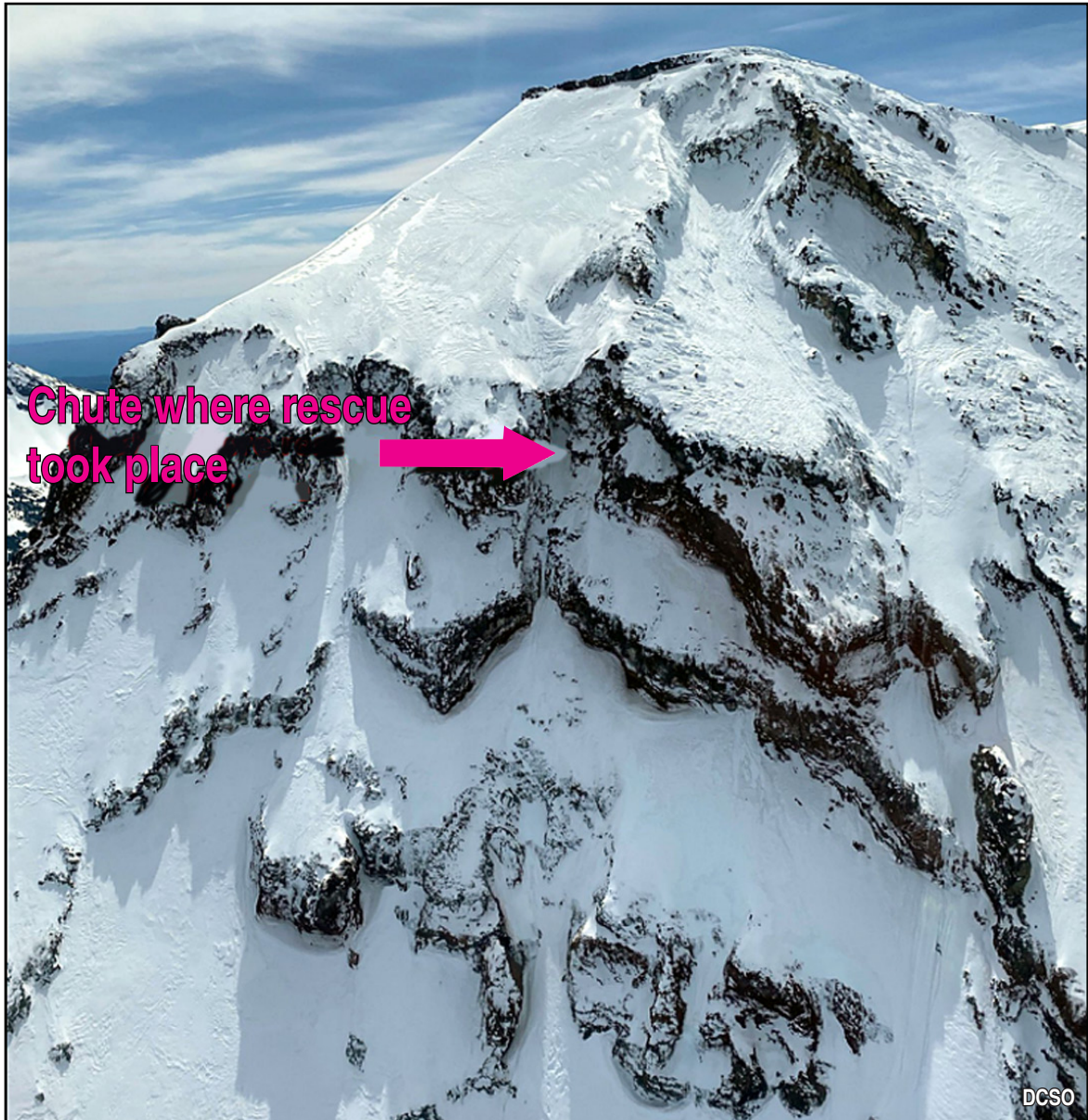
Drama, scandal
Mary Leonard story will
probably never be fully
known
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Direct Answers
Only once in 21 years did
I mention anything
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Rescue on South Sister

Climber was unable to continue up or down



Search and Rescue teams responded to a steep slope at 9,800 feet on the South Sister last week.

SANTIAM PASS: Snow, ice and poor rock were blamed for trapping a man attempting to scale the South Sister last Monday.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, the 49-year-old Beaverton man was climbing alone up the north side of the South Sister when he found himself in a precarious location. Stephen Lamb told the 911 operator he was unable to either continue up and or climb back down the mountain. Snow, ice and poor rock were preventing

him from move away from a small ledge in very steep terrain.

Two Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Special Service Deputies responded to the 9 a.m. call and began initial planning for rescue. They determined the rescue would require technical rescuers from the Deschutes County Search and Rescue Mountain Rescue Unit (MRU). Three Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers were flown by AirLink to the summit of South Sister. AirLink made two more flights ferrying rescuers and

a third to assist in locating Lamb.

Six additional SAR volunteers responded to the Devil's Lake Trailhead via snowmobile to support the mission and five additional volunteers supported Incident Management. At the same time, the Oregon National Guard was put on standby for the possibility of a hoist rescue.

Rescuers had to proceed about 600 feet down a ridge off the Northwest side of the mountain and then move laterally along a

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Pieces in place to address salmon decline

Plan would include modernizing the Northwest power grid

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service
Groups are urging Northwest leaders to act on U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's infrastructure and Snake River dam proposal.

The plan would breach the four lower Snake River dams to help salmon, whose numbers have dwindled for years. It aims to restore what American Rivers calls in a report out this week, "the most

endangered river in the country."

Brett VandenHeuvel, executive director of Columbia Riverkeeper,



Salmon numbers are declining rapidly in the Snake River, the Columbia's largest tributary

said Northwest lawmakers are in leadership positions in Congress and the Biden administration is focused on the environment and infrastructure.

"It just seems like the perfect storm to solve a problem that has vexed the Pacific Northwest for decades," he said. "We just need someone to take this opportunity and run with it."

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Man arrested after school lockdown

Video showed suspect entered building

FINN ROCK: A 33-year-old Portland man was arrested last Friday after Oregon State Police and Lane County deputies were dispatched to McKenzie High School when a stolen vehicle was reported nearby. After an OSP Trooper cleared the area, he was contacted by school staff who had reviewed security footage and noticed the adult male associated with the stolen vehicle had earlier entered the main hallway of the building. Several staff members also reported seeing the subject wandering around the school grounds before police arrived.

The administration immediately placed the school on lockdown while additional OSP Troopers and LCSO Deputies responded to the McKenzie High campus. A further review of security footage also confirmed the suspect had been walking outside on school property.

Police found the suspect two hours later while he was walking at the intersection of Hwy. 126 and Blue River Drive.

Joshua Walker-Graham of Portland was taken into custody and



Joshua Walker-Graham

transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged on charges of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Unlawful use of a Motor Vehicle, Trespass 1 and Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property.

The school lifted the lockdown once Walker-Graham was taken into custody and police said there was no ongoing threat to the school or area residents.

The involved brown 2020 GMC Traverse had been reported stolen out of Albany, Oregon.

Shelter with a shed

Students join rebuild efforts

FINN ROCK: Students from McKenzie School District have partnered with Sheds of Hope, Lane Education Service District and Northwest Youth Corps to build replacement sheds for people who lost a structure in the Holiday Farm Fire.

The students will earn graduation credit in math and fine arts (construction). Now, nine stu-

dents are working on the 8 foot x 8 foot sheds assembled as kits at the McKenzie River Community School shop. When completed, the sheds will be delivered to a property site for set-up and roofing. Students are working on five sheds with hopes of building up to 15.

The Sheds of Hope project was

Shelter with a shed - Page 2



Shed assembly is a group effort at the McKenzie Schools shop.

Letters to the Editor

Vote Yes On Bond

Look at our beautiful school and the heart of our community. We are all so grateful it survived the fire. But now as we rebuild our community let's not forget the needs of our school. For the past 2 years a committee of staff, community members and administration has worked hard to assess the needs of our facilities, and come up with a plan. Those needs and plan were presented to the board.

Our school bond for \$15,215,000 is coming up for a vote in the May election and I am voting yes because I believe it's what our community, students and upcoming students need to excel in the future. Tied to this bond is a 4 million matching grant from the state, that would be very difficult to receive again. Our elementary school is 60 years old, needed repairs and retrofits would cost nearly as much as a new building. Very little there was addressed in our previous bond (passed some 20 odd years ago and is fully paid).

I know your heart hurts like mine over our losses, even evident in this picture, but I am hopeful the passage of the bond will be a wonderful thing for our community as we look to a new future.

You can find more information here about the details of the bond: <https://www.mckenzie.k12.or.us/.../page/bond-measure-20-321>

We are also here to answer any questions along with our fellow board members.

Elaine Bryson McKenzie
School District Board Position 4 and Tim Holloran McKenzie
School District Board Chair.

Greetings and Happy Earth Week!

We write to inform you of our community celebration on Earth Day, this Thursday, April 22, at 11 am in Blue River.

The celebration will focus on the benefits of the Oregon Bottle Bill adopted some years ago by a very forward thinking legislature and governor. Ours is one of only a handful of states requiring a deposit be paid on most beverage containers, the intent being it would be an incentive to keep containers from littering our landscape, polluting our waterways or ending up in the landfill. Truly a wonderful gift to Mother Earth and a cause for celebrating.

Another great benefit of the Bottle Bill is non profit groups can use donated containers as a source of fundraising. Oregon has one of the highest refund amounts in the country and the Blue River Bottle Boys have been able to donate thousands of dollars from the Blue Bag collection project in conjunction with the ORBC (Bottle Drop) over the past few years.

The Holiday Farm fire led to the formation of the "one dime at a time" campaign to raise money to help with the rebuild of the O'Brien Library, the medical clinic, and fire station in Blue River. The tremendous support from the community has made it possible for funds to also be given to help with the rebuild of the Vida-Community Center and the continued support of the Upper McKenzie Community Center, The Walterville Grange and McKenzie



Community Track and Field.

Our planned event will take place at 11 am where Melaine's Market in Blue River was located , now the command center for the clean-up project. We will be attempting to fill a truck with Blue Bags to take to the Bottle Drop for a special promotion that will give us 20% more for our donations. We are asking folks to show up and help toss a bag into the truck. We will be using this gathering to produce a video we will submit in a contest to win extra money for our causes. We will follow all protocols for keeping ourselves socially

distanced and recommend masks. If you do not have a full bag or containers not in bags, bring them along and we will provide Blue Bags and help fill them. Show up with or without a bag and help toss some into the truck!

We hope to have a nice turn out of folks to help celebrate the progress being made to restore our

community and it's institutions and thank one another for the hard work being done.

Please help us spread the news of the celebration: Thursday, April 22 11 am Blue River.

Thank you
Pete Petty
Monty Wilson
The Bottle Boys

Rescue

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slope approximately 500 feet East to a location directly above the trapped man. Lamb was located in a precarious location in a narrow chute.

At approximately 3:19 pm, an MRU member rappelled to Lamb and secured him from falling. Due to the precarious location, they assisted him from the chute to a safer location for the Oregon National Guard HH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to hoist from.

At approximately 4:30 pm,

Lamb was hoisted aboard the helicopter and flown to a waiting Sheriff's Deputy at the Sisters Airport. Lamb was uninjured, but exhausted from the long climb and from holding on to a ledge for over 7 hours. Police said the helicopter rescue had been determine to be the safest method to get the man off the mountain.

The AirLink Critical Care Transport and the Oregon Army National Guard G/1-189 Aviation Regiment aided the rescue efforts.

Shelter with a shed

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developed in Lane County following the Holiday Farm Fire as a One Hope collaboration, according to Blue River's Living Water Family Fellowship pastor Doug Farrington. By April 10th, 61 new sheds had been delivered to people who lost homes in the fire, and a total of 120 property owners have applied. "One Hope brings together pastors, leaders, and churches to collaboratively serve Lane County," Farrington said.

Currently, 22 churches, five community groups, nine businesses/foundations, four college groups, and five public high schools have partnered to build sheds. Approximately \$180,000 has been donated to the effort.

Pastors in Eugene and Springfield worked hand-in-hand with Pastor Farrington. His church burned, as did his home. Dozens of Living Water church members faced the same loss. In the days following the fire, he said he began to see a family of churches standing with him, as they discussed how to collaborate and serve together.

Farrington said an opportunity presented itself in a community

meeting with local volunteers, Lane County leaders, and FEMA. Margaret Beilharz suggested that new sheds gifted to fire victims would provide a small, but significant, first step on the rebuilding journey.

A few weeks later in a community meeting, the pastor volunteered to be the "Shed Guy," knowing the support of his pastor-friends down river. He felt it was clear the recovery effort One Hope partners would focus their collaboration on would be Sheds of Hope.

A team went to work experimenting with plans, and fine tuning them so any group could build a shed. Retired friends at Camp Harlow went first, then Kaminski Construction joined the effort. Soon after, the project hosted three build days for teams to learn to build sheds themselves.

Builders then took the plans back to their own churches. One planned to build twenty sheds, but raised funds to construct 26 sheds. Another church shared funds with other congregations, so they could build as well. By December 2020, the momentum was building.

From the beginning of the recovery effort, Lee Kounovsky, Lead CTE Construction Specialist for Lane County high schools, was dreaming about sheds too.

By late Winter, Kounovsky had gathered all the necessary parties, and Lane County high schools (Lane CTE programs) set their building plans in motion. In partnership with Sheds of Hope, they will build more than 20 sheds, recruiting community members and construction companies to mentor students as they build. As high school students give back to the community, they're gaining hands-on trade skills and job experience, building relationships with positive role models, and receiving math and elective high school credits.

Organizers say Sheds of Hope is a small, first step toward recovery. Yet its impact on those who give and those who receive will stand long after the final shed is complete. For years to come, people who drive along the McKenzie River will see Sheds of Hope lining the route - as monuments to a community that stands together.

Friday 4/23		Saturday 4/24		Sunday 4/25	
McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 70 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 58 Low: 33	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 56 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 50% chance precip High: 40 Low: 28	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 57 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow Shwrs 50% chance precip High: 41 Low: 28

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
4/13	62	38	0	460 cfs	4/13	69	32	0	2,430 cfs
4/14	61	46	0	460 cfs	4/14	63	31	0	2,920 cfs
4/15	75	36	0	460 cfs	4/15	65	35	0	2,850 cfs
4/16	73	42	0	460 cfs	4/16	75	39	0	2,800 cfs
4/17	60	42	0	470 cfs	4/17	78	47	0	2,880 cfs
4/18	85	45	0	460 cfs	4/18	85	43	0	3,020 cfs
4/19	79	45	0	830 cfs	4/19	83	40	0	3,210 cfs

McKenzie Fire District honors its best

On Wednesday, April 14th, McKenzie Fire & Rescue volunteers and staff assembled in a COVID-19 mindful manner for a night of recognition and reflection. Fire Chief Bucich honored the District volunteers with awards for their continued commitment and dedication the community and fire district.

Awards handed out for the 2020 year include Service Awards for five years, ten years, 15 years, 20 years, and 35 years of service, as well as an Officer’s Award, Volunteer of the Year, Rookie-of-the-Year, and Chief’s Awards.

During the ceremony. Fire Chief Darren Bucich said, “We have amazing volunteers who keep the Fire District operating successfully and without them, we wouldn’t exist. We are thankful for their continued service, especially given the challenges of 2020.”



Volunteer of the Year
Chad Dillon
Kevin Reed



Five-Year Recipient:
Chad Dillon
Dave Starck (not pictured)



15-Year Recipient:
Patrick Anderson
Jeff Fox



20-Year Recipient
Charene Dehne
Scott Sweeney (not pictured)



35-Year Recipients:
Rusty Flanders



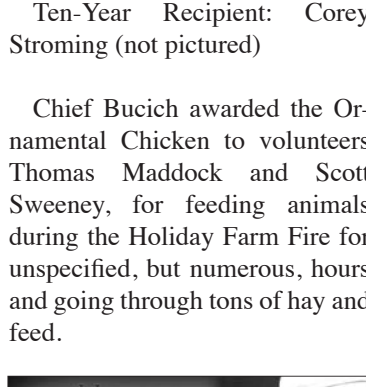
Rookie of the Year:
Laura Cherry (pictured with Will Hansen)



Officer's Award:
Rusty Flanders
Donny Smith



Special Award:
Thomas Maddock
Scott Sweeney (not pictured)



Ten-Year Recipient: Corey Stroming (not pictured)



McKenzie Fire/Rescue
2020 Fire Chief's Award

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didn't work well on deer, so he points them now. His tail didn't work for a week.)

She took off down to the Soup 'R' Market and waved to Annette, who masked up and brought her groceries out to Janice's car. Yes, even here.

"What do you think of Fling into Spring, Annette?"

"Love it, Janice," she said. "That's why I picked it."

Janice tried to look puzzled through her mask. "You picked it?"

"You know ... for the high school picnic theme this year. I'm helping with the planning. But you must've heard about it."

"No ... I thought it would be a good name for my spring art show ..."

Both women stared at each other's masks, six feet away.

"In that case," Janice said, "I could change it, I guess. If the locals made jewelry we could call it Spring Bling, but that just doesn't work too well for paintings, does it?"

Annette nodded. "I know. How about 'A Sprint to Tint.'?"

Janice started the car. "I guess it deserves a bit more thought."

"I know!" said Annette. "Brush Strokes for Folks!"

Janice nodded, sadly. Sure will be glad when they get a handle on this pandemic.

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Oregon’s first female lawyer had drama, scandal in her background

By Finn J.D. John

Most Oregon professional women can point to a truly amazing pioneer who opened her profession up to women. Physicians (physiciennes?) can look to Bethenia Owens-Adair, who, despite her now-embarrassing enthusiasm for eugenics, was a giant in her field. Journalists (journalistes?) have Abigail Scott Duniway, about whom little more needs to be said.

But attorneys? Not so much — not, that is, if you believe the conventional wisdom on the subject. Oregon’s first female attorney was a bit of an embarrassment ... or was she?

The stereotype

The conventional wisdom on Oregon’s first-ever “lady lawyer” is that she was a grasping, crazy-eyed but endearing borderline girl, grinding down all barriers through the sheer force of manic enthusiasm and pro-level nagging skills.

She’d gotten into the profession of law after acquiring her husband’s large estate through the simple expedient of murdering



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This drawing from a 1888 edition of *The West Shore*, a literary magazine published in Portland, shows the neighborhood in which Mary Leonard ran her boardinghouse and practiced law. This photo is along Front Street facing south from Ankeny. One of her boardinghouses was located two blocks to the left along Ash, which is the intersection shown in this image, close to the present-day location of Dan and Louis’s Oyster Bar.

him before their pending divorce could be finalized — so the rumor goes. Then, it adds, she moved to Portland and proceeded to make herself notorious as a last-ditch defender for the clearly guilty down-and-out in police court, as a hard-drinking and unladylike mascot of sorts at social gatherings

of young male attorneys half her age, and to top it all off, as an operator of boardinghouses marketed winkingly to working prostitutes.

Ah, stereotype. So comforting, so easy to laugh off. The truth of the Mary Leonard story will probably never be fully known,



Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

OSU releases new, antioxidant-rich purple tomato

The new Oregon State University-developed tomato Midnight Roma follows in the steps of 10-year-old Indigo Rose, the first antioxidant-rich purple tomato available on the market.

Indigo Rose was bred by Jim Myers, vegetable breeder and professor in the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences. Midnight Roma is the result of crossing Oregon Star, a big, fleshy tomato good for slicing or paste with excellent flavor, and Indigo Rose, a dark purple tomato that contains anthocyanins, the same healthy antioxidants found in blueberries. Both varieties were also developed at OSU.

“We were selecting for a really dark Indigo-type processing tomato,” Myers said. “Ultimately, we got a really nice one. Anybody into home canning would be interested. Chefs like it for making sauces. Right now, Serious Pie in Seattle is using Midnight Roma to make pizza sauce.”

Row 7 Seed Co. in Tarrytown, N.Y., which has exclusive rights on Midnight Roma, is selling seed online. Co-founder Dan Barber, who has about 300,000 followers on Instagram, featured it on the social media platform and received more than 22,000 likes.

For Midnight Roma, Myers concentrated on flavor and disease resistance, coming up with a better-tasting tomato than many other paste tomatoes. It also is resistant to verticillium wilt. The plant is a semi-determinate variety, meaning the tomatoes tend to ripen at about the same time, making it timely for preserving. The anthocyanins are contained in the dark skin. So, to keep the antioxidants, the skin must be included in processing. Myers suggests running the sauce in a blender or food processor and then pressing it through a sieve, which he has done with success.

Indigo Rose caused a stir when it was introduced in 2011. The health benefits of antioxidants had become widely known and the first purple tomato was noteworthy. But because nothing like it had come to market before, home gardeners

were unsure when to harvest and tended to pick too early. As additional information emerged, people became familiar with the tomato’s color change from shiny blue-purple to a dull purple-brown with the bottom turning from green to red.

Midnight Roma darkens in the same way, and sunlight is key to getting purple skin, which contains the anthocyanins, Myers said. To achieve the highest level of antioxidants, use a trellis and prune excess leaves to allow the maximum amount of sun to reach the tomatoes.

In between developing Indigo Rose and Midnight Roma, Myers introduced Indigo Cherry Drops, Indigo Pear Drops and Indigo Kiwi, all of which are readily available on the market except Kiwi. Breeding is a years-long, painstaking process of taking pollen from the male stamen to brush on the female style by hand. For each generation, he chooses the best and repeats the process until he produces a tomato up to his standards.

One of the parents for Indigo Rose that led to its purple, anthocyanin-rich skin was an experimental variety with wild tomato genes discovered by Carl Jones, a then OSU graduate student who was examining plants in a special collection at the University of California, Davis, that is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Plant Germplasm System. At that point, the health benefits of antioxidants weren’t commonly known and other breeders weren’t working on a marketable purple tomato. Now Indigo Rose is used to develop additional lines, Myers said.

“While other fruits, such as blueberries, have higher concentrations of anthocyanin, tomatoes are consumed practically daily in the United States,” Myers said. “The tomato is the nation’s most popular vegetable unless you count potatoes.”



Jim Myers with Midnight Roma

but it’s a sure bet that it bears only a faint resemblance, at best, to this conventional wisdom.

An unhappy marriage

Mary’s life was complicated and full of drama — on that, at least, everyone seems to agree. Originally from Switzerland, she came to The Dalles in 1875 to meet, and subsequently marry, a prosperous ferryman, hotelier and restaurateur named Daniel G. Leonard, when she was pushing 30 — at the time, an age at which

women started worrying about spinsterhood — and he was pushing 60.

Their marriage lasted roughly two years before he sued her for divorce, claiming she was lazy and a spendthrift, had started refusing him what he referred to (perhaps tellingly) as his “marital rights,” and had started sleeping regularly with a telegraph lineman who was staying in his hotel at the time.

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



REMEMBERING “LOST” RELATIVES

In doing family research and writing the history of our ancestors, we may find some we didn’t know existed. However, the ones I’m referring to as “lost,” are those who don’t have direct descendants. Will anyone remember them in years to come? Will anyone share stories about them? Or will they “drop off the radar” in the years after they’ve passed away?

As I record memories and family data, I realize several aunts and uncles, two of my mom’s cousins and a close family friend played a role in my life, but have no children to record stories about them. Will they become forgotten or “lost” if I don’t collect their information and pass it along?

I have memorabilia my mom had accumulated. However, if I don’t identify it, no one will know whose it was and what it was for. My daughter may recall vague stories I may have told her, but nothing significant.

For instance....

* Cousin Ina was a model in New York City in the 1920s. She

later took over her husband’s insurance business when he died and successfully earned a living. Ina took trips to places that fascinated us when she showed pictures and told stories. She also made up stories about the little elves that lived beside our bubbling brook when all took a dip in the swimming hole.

* Cousin Ella was a small, dignified woman who often spent a week with us in the summer. She enjoyed walks in the meadows around the farm, looking for wild flowers and listening for birds.

* Auntie (Mother’s sister) had a cheerful laugh and was an excellent cook. I wrote a poem about her, “The Cookie Lady.” After she passed away, I was given the notebook in which she wrote family recipes collected from family members and neighbors.

Do you have family members and ancestors who may “fall through the cracks” if you don’t record your memories of them? The challenge is to find time to organize the memorabilia. Then to make copies for family members who are interested.

EASY CHERRY PINEAPPLE CRISP

Mix together 1 can Cherry Pie Filling, 1 can crushed pineapple drained, 1 teaspoon almond extract (if desired).

Mix together for topping - 1-cup all-purpose flour, 1/2-cup sugar (more if desired}. Cut in 1 stick cold margarine until resembling coarse meal.

Put topping over cherry/pineapple mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F. or a little higher until warm and topping is bubbly and slightly browned.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

Quote of the Week


“The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.”

Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr.



A Moment in Oregon History
By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

April 21 - There was a shortage of currency in the early days of the Oregon Country but Oregon City storeowner George Abernethy, the first and only Provisional Governor of Oregon, came up with an innovative solution. He went to Willamette Falls and picked up flakes of obsidian, leftovers from the arrow and spear points made by Indians fishing at the falls. Abernethy etched his name and the value of the change onto the obsidian and handed them out as currency to his customers. Other merchants, knowing Abernethy would back up the value affixed to the obsidian flakes, honored this legal tender. This led to the expression “a pocketful of rocks.”



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Community Notes

OSU Honor Roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter 2021 have been announced by Oregon State University

A total of 8,150 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included: Brandon A. Eves, Senior, Forestry, from Blue River; and Galen O. Fox, Sophomore, Renewable Materials Mckenzie Bridge.

Bond Info

There will be a bond on the May ballot for \$15,215,000. The McKenzie School District will be holding two informational sessions to answer questions like what sort of repairs and replacements will be made and what this might mean for taxpayers.. Walking tours will be available and COVID Safety Guidelines will be followed. Those attending will need to wear a mask and follow physical distancing. The information sessions will be held at the Old Gym on April 22nd: 6 p.m; and on April 30th: 1 p.m and 3 p.m.

Fire Remembrance

McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals is sponsoring the First Annual Holiday Farm Fire 2020 Anniversary Remembrance later this summer. The all-day event will be held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue on Monday, September 6, and will commemorate those residents, responding fire district, police, and other emergency personnel that were trapped at the Track facility last September 7 and 8, as well as all the McKenzie River Valley residents adversely impacted by the disaster. McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals will also reveal

the placing of historical Holiday Farm Fire event interpretative signs that will tell the fire story at selected places along the McKenzie River corridor. This first annual event is open to the public for a time of reflection, healing, and community togetherness. Speakers, live music, food courts, and other activities will be provided throughout the event. Please plan to come together with your McKenzie neighbors and friends on a day to remember!

Tooth Taxi

The McKenzie River Community School will host the Tooth Taxi during the week of April 26th. This opportunity for free dental care is open to all McKenzie River Community School students and Little Eagles Pre-School participants. To sign up to receive more information complete the survey at: <https://forms.gle/Y7fir8AT5m13FQVE9>

Meeting Rescheduled

The Eugene Water & Electric Board has decided to postpone its April 20th (virtual) Upriver Meeting. Given some of the difficulties and limitations of holding a virtual meeting, EWEB General Manager Frank Lawson and Commissioners have instead decided to hold an in-person meeting at 6 p.m. on June 15th at the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center. The meeting will be held outside the training center. Topics will include: watershed status and investments, customer programs, including rebuilding opportunities. discussion will center around programs for McKenzie Valley customer recovery specific to the area, wildfire mitigation, McKenzie River generation updates - focusing on the Leaburg Canal and road-mapping future decisions, potential price changes and the status of the upriver Cost of Service Analysis, along with a general

question and answer session.

New Forest Wilderness Permits

The Willamette and Deschutes Forests public permit reservations for the Central Cascade Wilderness Permit System begin next week.

On Tuesday, April 6 at 7 a.m. PDT Central Cascades Wilderness Permits will be reservable at Recreation.gov. The permit system begins the Friday before Memorial Day (May 28, 2021) and ends on the last Friday in September (Sept. 24, 2021). Wilderness permits are required for all overnight use in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas. Day-use permits are required on 19 of the 79 trails into those same three wildernesses.

People are encouraged to go to Recreation.gov prior to next Tuesday and create an account. To find the permits put Central Cascades Wilderness into the search bar and all permit options for day-use or overnight use will show. There is a \$1 processing charge for day-use permits per individual and a \$6 processing charge for overnight-use permits per group. An overnight group can be from 1 to 12 people.

Overnight Use Permit Availability:

40% of overnight permits will be available on April 6, 2021.

60% available of overnight permits will be available on a 7-day rolling window beginning May 28, 2021. The 7-day rolling window means that every day new permits will be available.

Day Use Permit Availability:

20-50% of a trailhead's full season will be available on April 6, 2021.

50-80% of a trailhead's permits will be available on a 7-day rolling window on May 28, 2021. The

7-day rolling window means that every day new permits will be available.

All reservations must be made through Recreation.gov either online, by calling (877) 444-6777 or TDD Line at 877-833-6777 from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. (Eastern Time Zone). People may go to a Willamette or Deschutes National Forests office to reserve a permit. However, currently Forest Service offices are closed due to COVID-19 and people should call an office ahead of going.

For more information about the permit system and planning a wilderness trip, people should go to: <https://bit.ly/2Pl8jtT>.

Scholarships are available

In honor of their late son, Joe McCall, Jerry and Meredith McCall are proud to offer \$5,000 dollars in scholarship monies, to be divided among multiple applicants graduating from McKenzie River Community School. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of their community involvement, academic achievement and a strong desire to further their education at a 4-year university, community college or trade school. These scholarships are designed to financially help a student, who might not otherwise be able to fund their higher education.

Required documentation includes an unofficial transcript (3.0 GPA required), a brief description about the applicant, their character, background and interests. Also, explain why they would be a great candidate for this scholarship. In addition, attach the names of two references, including address and telephone numbers, along with an additional sheet listing extra-curricular activities, honors and

awards received.

Applications are due to the high school office by April 30th.

Recovery Info Days

Wildfire Recovery Information Days are being held at the McKenzie River Discovery Center (MRDC) at Leaburg Lake, every Thursday from 10 am - 4 pm. The center will be staffed by: Devin Thompson, Fire Restoration Community Coordinator, representing Northwest Youth Corps and Pure Water Partners; Matt McRae, Disaster Recovery Manager, Lane County Emergency Management; White Bird Clinic, providing informal counseling services and emotional support

On the third Thursday of each month: Lucy Zammarelli, Lane County Health and Human Services

People should park in the public wayside and walk over to the historic hatchery buildings. Please wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.

This program is generously supported by United Way Lane County, the Ford Family Foundation and other anonymous MRDC donors.

Art Development

The Lane Arts Council is hosting a Professional Development Program for artists and creatives of all disciplines through a series of Zoom workshops paired with group discussions. The cost for the full series is \$65 and the cost for a single workshop and discussion is \$25. Register through Lane Arts Council, 541-485-2278 or www.lanearts.org.

A Developing your Digital Presence Workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 27th, 4:30-6p.m Discussion: Tuesday May 11th, 4:30-6p.m

Spring is a Good Time to Focus on Weeds!

Post-fire conditions resulting from the Holiday Farm Fire have left many areas along the McKenzie corridor disturbed, resulting in bare soil conditions left devoid of vegetation. These exposed areas are concerning as they offer an open door to the introduction of noxious weeds and invasive species. It is common for landowners to discover invasive species in areas that had previously been obscured by vegetation. Noxious and invasive species also provide ladder fuel which can greatly change the speed and rate at which wildfires burn.

Spring is the time that weeds and invasive species start to make their presence known. Early detection and rapid response (EDRR) is the key to successful management and eradication of these invasive species. Weeds and invasive species are a threat to

biodiversity, and once established, can easily outcompete native plant species for space, water and nutrients, while also negatively impacting wildlife and water quality.

Interested in learning more about invasive species, specific removal techniques and native

plants? Attend the upcoming Pure Water Partners (PWP) Naturescaping workshops online for two consecutive Tuesdays, April 27th and May 4th from 5:30-6:30pm.

Register online at: www.purewaterpartners.org and clicking on the event registration link.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Untreated Wound

I was completely devastated by my wife’s year-long affair. It’s been 21 years since we reconciled, and my life and marriage have never been the same.

Looking back, I am proud of the way I handled the situation, but the aftereffects remain as I think about her affair every day.

My pastor said it would be easier to forgive than forget, and I found that to be true. It’s completely unfair that showing affection is only a reminder of what happened.

Her affair taught me to lean on my faith and accept that some things are out of my control. I am grateful I was able to remain a full-time father to my two daughters. Who knows what their lives may have been like had they been subjected to a divorce and splitting time between parents?

They have grown to be incredible women and are constant reminders that I made the right choice because I believed it’s what God wanted. I took the advice of my pastor, who encouraged me to do everything in my power to keep my family together and to apologize, even if I didn’t feel like I did anything wrong.

While I do not regret my decision, I feel I reconciled too quickly and made it too easy for her to come home. I was desperate to put my family back together, though I was curious to know where another path might lead.

My wife refused counseling, and I was allowed one opportunity to ask questions but wasn’t given many answers. Only once in 21 years did I mention anything to

her about her affair, only to be accused of not keeping a promise.

I will never understand how a person who has had an affair can say they love the person they betrayed. And I feel like I have missed out on being with someone who genuinely loves and appreciates me.

I have been patiently waiting for God to move me in one direction or another. I believe He wants me to make that decision for myself, but I feel paralyzed. You would think after so many years the memories would fade, but the last three years have been difficult now that it’s just the two of us.

I always tried to do what’s right, but now feel I accepted and compromised on something important to me. I am weary of thinking and talking about this and having it be part of my life.

Trevor

Trevor, you “forgave” but you never left the scene of the crime. Her presence prevents you from moving on and forgetting. Every time you see her, or she is late, it picks at the scab of a wound that cannot heal.

If you hadn’t been living with her, if you were living with a woman you could have healed with, her cheating would not be foremost in your mind.

Your pastor said it would be easier to forgive than forget. That cliché means nothing unless you realize what he told you: you will never forget this. When he said it is easier to forgive, he meant easier for her, not for you, and it was better for the church.

You write, “It’s completely unfair that showing affection

is only a reminder of what happened.” It’s not unfair. It is exactly correct. What is unfair is that forgiveness was shoved down your throat as a solution.

You take pride in staying for the sake of the children, yet you showed them a loveless marriage. Maybe they would have come to live with you and your new wife. All you can do is imagine things would have been worse.

For 21 years, you leaned on your faith. After 21 years of leaning, why are you still talking about this?

Somehow there is forgiveness for your wife for breaking her marital vow and one of the most important commandments, but there is no forgiveness for you for wanting to divorce her. In this system, punishment is there only for the good person.

Forgiveness was forced on you as the solution before you had a chance to catch up with what she did to you and to explore your options. Unfortunately, that’s what some pastors and counselors do, and this whole mess was turned on you, the victim.

Every protection was given her and taken from you.

She broke a tenet of your religion and was coddled. Biblical verses which could have ended this for you were ignored. They punished you for your good nature and meted out 21 years of penance.

You’ve twisted yourself into knots trying to defend this, but your letter proves that you have failed.

You wrote, “My wife has refused counseling, and I was allowed one opportunity to ask questions but wasn’t given many answers. Only once in 21 years did I mention anything to her about her affair, only to be accused of not keeping a promise.”

She broke her vow, refused counseling, never gave you answers, and you haven’t gotten over it.

Spiritual advice is not our province, but you know what marriage is supposed to be like. You must decide, in your heart of hearts, if God has already sent you the answer.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Missouri poet, Kitty Carpenter, could have chosen any number of titles for her poem, a moving and difficult accounting of how the roles of parent and child change as a result of the passing of time; but it is, in the end, a poem that locates its hope in memory—the memory that the farm represents for her when she thinks of her mother’s strength.

Farm Sonnet

By Kitty Carpenter

The barn roof sags like an ancient mare’s back.
The field, overgrown, parts of it a marsh
where the pond spills over. No hay or sacks
of grain are stacked for the cold.
In the harsh
winters of my youth, Mama, with an axe,
trudged tirelessly each day through deep snow,
balanced on the steep bank, swung down to crack
the ice so horses could drink. With each blow

Is this the message you were waiting for? Those in power around you weaponized your faith and turned it against you.

Wayne & Tamara

write: Directanswers@WayneAndTamara.com

I feared she would fall, but she never slipped.
Now Mama’s bent and withered, vacant gray
eyes fixed on something I can’t see. I dip
my head when she calls me Mom. What’s to say?
The time we have’s still too short to master
love, and then, the hollow that comes after.

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Sheriff’s Report

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Influence of Intoxicants - Wendling Rd. & Paschelke Rd.

April 17: 7:35 a.m: Vandalism, Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:14 p.m: Civil Service - 40600 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:57 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

4:03 p.m: Suspicious Conditions – Blue River Dr. & Echo St. Caller reported that a female in a blue pickup wanted to pick fights with people. Deputies made contact and learned that the female calmed down and no crime occurred.

5:09 p.m: Mental Subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

5:26 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Blue River Dr.

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Assist. Lifting Assistance.

April 13: 11:31: Deerhorn Rd/ Milepost 3. Smoke Scare. Nothing Found.

14:38: 44065 Canal Ln. Lift Assist. Lifting Assistance.

19:43: 38422 Kickbush Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No Transport.

21:21: McK. Hwy./Latta Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

April 14: 3:12: 44065 Canal Ln. Lift Assist. Lifting Assistance.

NA: McK. Hwy./Leaburg Dam Rd. Public Assist. Assist With Disabled Vehicle.

14:04: 44065 Canal Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

14:50: McK. Hwy.Mp. 46. Brush Fire. Mutual Aid Provided.

April 15: 10:21: McK. Hwy. Mp 12. MVA, Injury. Non-blocking.

11:49: 89875 Upper Johnson Creek Rd. Illegal Burning. Informed resident of burning regulations.

12:06: 38300 Wendling Rd. Smoke from a Structure. Staged.

12:53: 49164 McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Extinguished unattended burn pile.

13:41: Upper Camp Creek Rd./Cress Creek Rd. Brush Fire. 16-acre brush fire. ODF took command post extinguishment.

17:44: 44953 Leaburg Dam Rd. Illegal Burning. Informed resident of burning regulations.

April 16: 9:31: 48411 Block McK. Hwy. Brush Fire 9:31 Smoldering Tree Extinguished after being cut down.

11:55: 39333 McK. Hwy. Assist Police. Patient Evaluation.

16:08: 45920 Goodpasture Rd. Illegal Burning During Red Flag Conditions.

21:40: 7080 Thurston Rd. Smoke from a Structure. Disregarded En Route.

22:44: 38025 MJ Chase Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

April 17: 12:09: 49164 McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Burn pile extinguished.

20:23: McK. Hwy./Conley Rd. Illegal Burning. Burn pile extinguished.

22:10: 42510 McK. Hwy. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

April 18: 2:16: 89952 Rippling Way. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; May 17th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.. For notary and other business services, please call ahead to schedule an appointment and observe public guidelines by wearing, at minimum, a mask.

Emergency?

Call 911

She shot back that he had put her to work like a servant in the kitchen, worked her until her health broke and then refused to pay for necessary medical treatment, refused to give her money and treated her with physical cruelty. She denied, of course, sleeping with the lineman.

While all this was being sorted out, the judge ruled that Daniel must pay separate maintenance, since they were living apart. This he refused to do, prompting her to fire off an angry letter to him in which she implied, essentially, that she would exact a terrible revenge if he did not obey the judge, and that he should watch his back.

A few nights later, someone plugged Daniel G. Leonard in the head with a small-caliber pistol while he slept.

Acquitted of murder

There was no actual evidence that Mary had done it. But everyone assumed she had. First off, Daniel was apparently not a nice man, and the popular opinion on the subject was that he'd had it coming. So when, a

First female lawyer

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year or so later, she was acquitted, it wasn't so much an exoneration as a justification — not what you need if you want your neighbors to stop looking at you like you're Norman Bates. Nor did it help that her defense attorney was widely reported to have conducted a “masterful” defense — the implication being that the verdict had more to do with his skills than her lack of provable guilt.

The timing of the crime also made it look bad for her. Had Daniel been murdered a few days later after the divorce was final, she would have gotten nothing. But because he was murdered before the ruling could be made, she was his sole heir — and he was a fairly wealthy man.

Thus, regardless of means or opportunity, she had motive in spades, and that was good enough for the rumor mill. And in 1877, being known as an over-30 adulteress, murderess, and almost-divorcee — reputations didn't get much more ruined than that. Finding another husband was surely out of the question.

She may also have felt that her economic prospects in The Dalles

weren't all that good. Certainly she could have continued to operate her almost-ex-husband's business, and most likely made a good living doing it. But apparently she had had enough of Wasco County.

Moving to Portland

So instead, she moved to Portland and went into business as the proprietress of a boardinghouse in the wild, seedy neighborhood known as the North End — the corner of town near the waterfront north of Stark Street, known as Old Town today. In the 1880s the North End was the most dangerous part of town, home of Portland's skid road, peopled with sailors on shore leave, thieves and ruffians, laid-off loggers, temporarily-wealthy gold miners and prostitutes of all kinds. It was to these folks that Mary now went into business renting out rooms.

Looking over Mary Leonard's life today, from the safe distance of 130 years, it looks pretty likely that her decision to do this

changed her life — and Oregon history — more radically than she ever imagined it would. We'll talk about how that played out next week.

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Finn J.D. John, an instructor at Oregon State University, writes about unusual and little-known aspects of Oregon history. His book about 1800s Portland, “Wicked Portland: The Wild and Lusty Underworld of a Frontier Seaport Town,” will be out on June 5. To contact him or suggest a topic: finn@offbeatoregon.com, @OffbeatOregon (on Twitter), or 541-357-2222.

Pieces in place

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The proposal by Simpson, R-Idaho, has received criticism from some conservation groups that say its pause on litigation in the region lasts too long. The agriculture industry also has pushed back, saying breaching the dams would harm barging and irrigation. In a joint statement, U.S. senators from Oregon and Washington said all the region's stakeholders need to be heard before moving forward on this plan.

Sammy Matsaw, co-founder of the Shoshone-Bannock organization River Newe, said he hopes this proposal can be a step toward breaching the dams. He said the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have salmon-based cultures, with the fish as the basis of their knowledge systems and spiritual beliefs. The salmon's near-extinction is like a psychic wound for the region's indigenous people, Matsaw said, comparing the situation to western philosophy.


“When we lose our salmon, it's like losing Aristotle from your memory,” he said, “and as time goes on, the less and less you're able to talk about Aristotle, the more and more your link to him as a philosopher and the underpinnings of your culture are gone forever.”

Robb Krehbiel, Northwest rep-

resentative for the group Defenders of Wildlife, pointed out that Simpson's proposal also includes plans to modernize the region's power grid, including through improved battery storage and energy efficiency.

“It would just be a total shame if our region and our political leaders missed the opportunity to advance these big priorities in the upcoming infrastructure bill,” he said.

Some groups and tribes in the region are pushing for more negotiations on the proposal so it can be included in the Biden administration's infrastructure plan.



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