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A male was cutting wood at the Ben and Kay Dorris Park

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The "Panic of 1893" was worse than the Great Depression

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Fruit tree care

Giving them attention now helps ward off insects and diseases

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January 21st edition



In a typical year, more than 40 million seedlings are planted annually in Oregon. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) estimated 360,000 acres of private forestland were among the million acres that burned during the Labor Day wildfires.

February 11th edition



The "Ames Reach," just west of Johnson Creek, has been an area of concern for the Eugene Water & Electric Board due to its steep banks and areas where seepage has been detected. An updated seismic analysis warned that portions of the canal just above Leaburg could be severely damaged or destabilized during an earthquake.

March 18th edition



First, second, and third graders became the forefront of students reactivating classes inside the McKenzie Community School. Under COVID protocols, students were required to wear a face-covering over their nose and mouth, stay six-feet apart, and eat lunch with their class.

April 8th edition



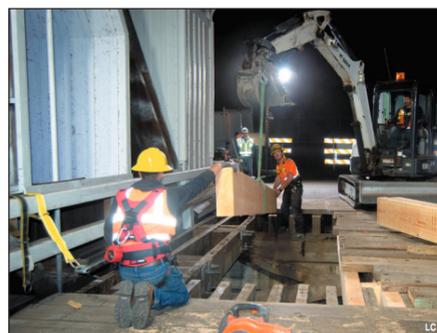
Della Cantrell was at the coast when the Holiday Farm Fire started along the McKenzie River. It was a full week before she found everything was gone. She donated 800 feet of riverfront to the McKenzie River Trust's Finn Rock Reach conservation area

May 6th edition



Tom Clawson celebrated his birthday the week of the boat building class at the McKenzie Discovery Center. Before putting it in the water he planned to donate it to be used again in a session Jayson Hays' next class where students can learn how to apply finishes to wooden boats.

June 17th edition



The Goodpasture Covered Bridge, one of the most iconic in Lane County was fixed. During an inspection earlier this year workers had discovered spots of rot in the stringers that support that the wooden roadway inside the structure. They then moved quickly to come up with a plan for repairs.

Holiday Farm Fire year-end recovery update

"Tremendous amount of work to do"



Oregon Governor Kate Brown addressed an audience during the opening event when FEMA delivered 17 manufactured homes to the U.S. Basketball Academy property in Rainbow.

The Holiday Farm Fire burned more than 175,000 acres in and around the McKenzie River Valley in September 2020, displacing more than 1,000 residents and destroying 464 homes, notes Lane County's Disaster Recovery Manager Matt McRae. In a report released last week McRae reported more than 135 wildfire survivors are still sheltered in hotels in Eugene, and less than half of affected property owners have begun rebuilding. "In short, there are hundreds of survivors still dealing with very difficult circumstances," he wrote, "Recovery has just begun and there remains a tremendous amount of work to do."

To deal with the resulting workload, the Land Management Division added: two planners, two Land Management

technicians, and an Environmental Health Specialist, an Office Assistant, and a Permit Navigator.

600 properties were affected by the Holiday Farm Fire and 464 homes were lost. Since then 182 dwelling permits have been submitted, with 166 replacement permits issued. 16 permits are still listed as "in review" or under "submitted" status and 82 free emergency RV permits were granted. Since September 7, 2020, 85 properties have been sold.

Direct allocations from the state legislature included \$1,800,000 to McKenzie Valley Wellness toward the rebuilding of the medical clinic building in Blue River. Another \$903,520 was

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Court approves dam changes

Cougar on list for deep drawdown

EUGENE: A federal court approved this month details on the "how" of fish passage, drawdowns and spill designed to aid salmon and steelhead passage at Willamette River dams, even as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing a new environmental impact statement for the agency's 13 Willamette Valley Project dams.

Although it has filed an appeal with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Corps already is complying with the U.S. District Court's injunction for the interim actions that the agency is to initiate while it is completing the EIS and reinitiating consultation with NOAA Fisheries on a new biological opinion. A draft EIS is expected next fall. The Corps will not say when or whether it will act on the appeal.

U.S. District Court Judge Marco Hernandez approved several "Notice of the Expert Panel's Response to Injunction Action" in December, all detailed descriptions of interim actions the Corps must take at many of its Willamette basin dams to protect threatened wild upper Willamette River spring chinook and winter steelhead.

The court-approved interim actions have been proposed by the expert panel, a group composed of plaintiff's experts, two National Marine Fisheries Service biologists, two Corps employees, and two "ad hoc"

federal experts. In his Sept. 1, 2021 final Opinion and Order, the judge charged the expert panel with drafting the implementation plans for each Willamette River sub-basin along with the details for each of the required interim actions and he set timelines for the expert panel to complete plans for the remaining actions. The original court case was first filed by conservation groups in 2018.

"The expert panel has spent the past five months working through various interim operations for the various Willamette dams and reservoir operations," said Jennifer Fairbrother, conservation director for the Native Fish Society, one of the plaintiffs in the court case. "The expert panel is tasked with working out the 'how' for each of these ordered actions."

Some of interim actions approved by Hernandez are a deep drawdown at Cougar Dam, adult outplanting, spring spill and juvenile passage at Green Peter Dam on the Middle Santiam River, a tributary of the Willamette;; spring spill and the use of regulating outlets at Lookout Point Dam on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River; and the use of temperature control outlets at Detroit and Big Cliff dams on the North Santiam River. All were requirements of his

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Sports Schedule This Week

No McKenzie sports contests scheduled this week. Have a Happy and Safe New Year.

McKenzie Drops Hoops Opener At Siletz

Eagle Athletes Earn Honor

McKenzie has enough athletes to field both a Girls and Boys Varsity team. That's a big deal! Thanks to the disastrous Holiday Farm Fire and Covid double whammy, Eagle Hoops was not a foregone conclusion this Winter Season.

It doesn't take long to look down the rosters, eight girls and seven boys on their respective teams thus far. Jack Devereaux is coaching the McKenzie Girls team and Joshua Henley is the Eagle Boys Head Coach. Both are working hard with their teams on the basics, and that means, the Basics! Neither team is projected, at this juncture as a threat to win the Mt. West League 2021-22 season nor advance to post-season as Eagle fans used to expect with regularity. For now, that's just the way it is and that's ok. A journey begins with a goal, direction, and first step and McKenzie Hoops has checked all three.

The first stop for the teams Mt. West League play was over on the Coast, in the Siletz Valley, where they tangled with the Warriors of the Siletz Valley Early College Academy. The Warriors' Girls team defeated the Eagles 43-37, in a contest that McKenzie was in, with a chance to win, right up to the final horn.

Junior Haley Prater led her Eagle team with 21 points scored. Freshman Adrian Caulley stepped up to the challenge in her first Varsity uniform, adding 8 points. Junior Spencer Hayes scored a couple of buckets for 4 points, Senior Captain Hannah Prater added 3 points and freshman Kieran Burwell-Steller made a free-throw for a point while hauling in 10 rebounds. Fellow freshman Rebekah Short upset the Siletz offense with 5 steals and junior Taylor Wickizer finished with 6 rebounds.

All in all a good first outing for the Eagle Girls, and their Head Coach, Jack Devereaux, was complimentary. "No give up, competed all the way through the game," the Eagle Coach shared. "They did a good job not settling for being close," Coach Devereaux observed when attributing the team's positive attitude. Lastly, Devereaux highlighted his lone senior, the Eagle Captain, Hannah Prater. "Hannah has stepped up by really competing."

The McKenzie Boys faced a Siletz Warrior team that is currently ranked fifth in the Oregon Class

1A basketball polls. It's early in the season and while it remains to be seen if that ranking will be retained throughout the balance of the season, nonetheless the Warriors post-up a 6'9" player and a teammate also stepping on the court at 6'6". The Eagles gave it a fair go, but Siletz Valley's experience and height led to a 65-18 opening season defeat.

Sophomore Griffen Withalm topped the Eagle scoring with 6 points, followed by sophomore Thomas Hayes with 5 points, sophomore post player Levi Lockard with 4 points, and freshman Jamie LeClaire, who scored 3 points.

McKenzie Head Coach Joshua Henley complimented his team by acknowledging their positive attitude, sharing that the boys understand where they stand with Varsity level skills and experience. Henley shared that his team is working hard on the practice court with a vision toward the future and elevating their game.

We could stop this sports report right here for this week, but to quote those who remember the iconic Paul Harvey, it's "Time For The Rest Of The Story." Following the game over on the coast, McKenzie Athletic Director Fred Heins and Eagle Superintendent Lane Tompkins received an email from Siletz Valley Administrative Assistant/Principal Joanna Napoleon, concerning the behavior of the McKenzie Athletes during the game. Principal Napoleon expressed her amazement of the level of sportsmanship and respect the Eagle teams exhibited during both games, particularly the girls team. "They were getting pretty beat up by our team on fouls," the Siletz mentor shared. "Not once did I see a McKenzie girl get chippy or an attitude, when it would have been easy to do so."

The Principal went on to add that the Eagle girls even

acknowledged an injured Warrior player at her bench, making sure she was okay. "Your school was very well represented last night and I just wanted to let you know that," she added.

McKenzie parents, school staff, and community, you have a lot to be proud of with this group of athletes and their coaches. McKenzie athletes have always been some of our River Valley's best ambassadors and it appears that we are still in good hands. Our high school athletics should always be about how to, as UCLA Coach John Wooden used to share, "be the best that you can be." That sage advice applied to both skills and character.

Coach Wooden won ten National Championships at UCLA, brilliantly coaching and mentoring his athletes the skills and teamwork necessary to win consistently. The object of the game was never up for debate; it was to win, not just compete for a participation ribbon. That would be accomplished with a 100% by-in effort. Anything less was not to be expected. And yet, Coach Wooden was always the first to share the fundamental importance of building positive character and integrity in his players, one of the first building blocks to success in one's life. Preparation through hard work and sacrifice, positive character building and the total personal output to be the "best that each player could be" would define the success of each individual and the team, on the court and off. Great life goals and steps to success.

Good to see our Eagle athletes on that road and receiving the honors earned for their efforts. Might be time to once again fill our gymnasiums and support our athletic ambassadors! And now you know, "The Rest of The Story."



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awarded to McKenzie Fire and Rescue for a new Disaster Relief Logistics Center and \$2,100,000 to the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District to rebuild and equip the Blue River Fire Station. equipment and facility replacement. The O'Brien Memorial Library will receive \$1,400,000 for reconstruction and another \$15,500,000 was earmarked for drinking water and wastewater system replacements.

Oregon also provided funds to reimburse lost property tax revenues. The Blue River Water District was allocated \$22,242. The McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District will receive \$360,061 for lost taxes and \$134,134 for their Local Option. \$86,732 will go to the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District for taxes as well as \$36,286 for their Local Option. \$839,361 was approved for lost taxes at the McKenzie School District and \$425,929 for Lane County Government.

Another \$2,100,000+ in state funds is projected to provide support for essential incidental and one-time housing costs

including first and last rent, as well as damage deposits.

Funds committed to watershed recovery have been agreed to by the Eugene Water & Electric Board, which approved a Watershed Recovery surcharge amounting to \$12,300,000 (over 5 years). The McKenzie River Trust has committed to matching EWEB watershed recovery funds at \$ 3,000,000, and the state legislature allocated \$4,000,000 for McKenzie watershed restoration.

McRae also noted that funds committed by the state funds for wildfire recovery housing: were \$100,380,000 statewide and Behavioral health grant for Holiday Farm Fire came to \$250,000. A \$737,284 Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program will fund three county positions and two positions at DevNW for Disaster Recovery.

In addition, initial hazard tree removal along the highway is now complete. Crews now are working to address roadside trees that died during the heat and drought in 2021.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that McKenzie Fire & Rescue (District) will hold a joint public hearing of its Board of Directors and its Public Contract Review Board regarding use of a Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation for a Design Build alternative contracting method for design and construction for its Disaster Relief Logistics Center Project. The Project entails the design and construction of a new Disaster Relief Logistics Center, an emergency operation center that will house critical supplies for any large-scale disaster.

The hearing will be held on the 17th day of January, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at the District Training Center located at 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. The District will receive public comment on the Board's draft findings supporting this alternative contracting method and exemption from competitive bidding requirements. The draft findings are available for review at 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon or on the District's website at: www.mckenziefire.com. Questions, requests for the draft findings, and written comments may be directed to Fire Chief Darren Bucich at (541) 896-3311 or dbucich@mckenziefire.com prior to the hearing.

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Sept. 1 final order, but the expert panel recently provided the details on how to do it.

Some of the recommendations include an evaluation of landslide potential if a deep drawdown of Lookout Point is ordered for next fall, Fairbrother said. Also coming up are spring passage operations at other dams for which the panel will be fleshing out the details over the next several months.

Corps spokesperson Tom Conning said the agency "takes its Endangered Species Act obligations seriously and is committed to taking actions that will benefit ESA-listed salmon and steelhead

while continuing to work on finding solutions that balance our authorized purposes.

"We've begun deep drawdowns at Cougar and Fall Creek reservoirs, increased spill operations at Foster Dam and extended water temperature management operations at Detroit Dam," he said. "We do not anticipate these actions impacting our flood risk management mission."

In addition, he said, the Corps will delay the refill of Cougar and Fall Creek reservoirs and conduct spill operations at Foster Dam beginning in the spring of 2022, as required by the Court's injunction.

Letters to the Editor



Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

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WEATHER REPORT

Friday 12/31		Saturday 1/1		Sunday 1/2	
McKenzie Valley AM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 38 Low: 26	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: -5 Low: -12	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 42 Low: 31	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: -1 Low: -8	McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 45 Low: 38	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 0 Low: -4

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
12/21	41	33	0.10 NA	12/21	50	37	0.38 9,100 cfs
12/22	42	39	0.76 526 cfs	12/22	48	40	0.11 7,340 cfs
12/23	45	32	5.82 NA	12/23	41	39	0.03 8,110 cfs
12/24	32	37	0.78 597 cfs	12/24	44	37	0.54 7,990 cfs
12/25	34	31	0.18 725 cfs	12/25	46	34	0.45 7,390 cfs
12/26	31	29	2.51 740 cfs	12/26	40	31	0.32 6,850 cfs
12/27	31	26	0 740 cfs	12/27	32	28	0.03 6,745 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Dec. 20: 12:51 a.m: Assist Outside Agency - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:51 p.m: Civil Service - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

1:08 p.m: Theft - 88800 blk, Ross Ln. 88800 blk, Ross Ln. A caller reported that a vacation home guest took approximately \$500 in items from the location.

1:55 p.m: Stalking Order Service - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:24 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 50400 blk, McK. Hwy.

Dec. 21: 9:43 a.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

12:19 p.m: Warrant Service - MJ Chase Rd. & Camp Creek Rd. A deputy conducted a traffic stop on an individual with multiple warrants. The suspect's driving privileges were suspended criminal level and he was an outstanding suspect in a recent offensive littering case in the McKenzie district. 44-year-old Erik Noel Olsen of Leaburg was taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail. Olsen was also cited for possession of meth.

12:27 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 46800 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:08 p.m: Theft - A caller reported that a male was cutting wood at the Ben and Kay Dorris Park. The male claimed to have a permit to cut

the wood. He was driving a white Chevrolet pickup with a white canopy, pulling a trailer.

9:20 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy.

Dec. 22: 12:17 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38800 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

3:44 p.m: Sign Down (not stop sign) - Sunderman Rd. & Keller Ln.

4:26 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Carson St. & Marcola Rd.

4:58 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

5:11 p.m: Assist, Information - Old Mohawk Rd. & Hill Rd.

5:18 p.m: Open Gate - Marcola Rd. Milepost 20.

5:19 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, mill creek Rd.

7:36 p.m: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

Dec. 23: 1:54 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Periwinkle Rd.

9:40 a.m: Alarm - 91800 blk, Marcola Rd.

12:15 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Verbal argument between father and son. Deputies contacted both involved and determined dispute never became physical.

12:38 p.m: Assist, Information - 55400 blk, Delta Rd.

1:35 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. An employee advised that a van pulled into the parking lot and tried to camp there. A male associated with vehicle was irate when asked to leave.

2:13 p.m: Theft - 50400 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:19 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln. Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash. No serious injuries were reported.

Dec. 24: 11:28 a.m: Welfare Check - 46700 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

1:55 p.m: Citizen Contact - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:40 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 91000 blk, Leashore Dr.

6:05 p.m: Assist OSP - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

9:09 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Dec. 25: 8:25 a.m: Littering - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:39 p.m: Fraud - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:43 p.m: Citizen Contact - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:27 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:51 p.m: Vehicle Fire - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Vehicle Fire - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A travel trailer caught fire at a residence. Fire was quickly extinguished.

6:07 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Lat: 044.175060 Long: 122.936966.

7:00 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 42100 blk, McK. Hwy.

Dec. 26: 12:00 p.m: Citizen Contact - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:52 p.m: Hit & Run - 91300 blk, Donna Rd. A Centurylink phone box

was damaged.

2:20 p.m: Civil Service - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

3:25 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Goodpasture Rd. & Marten Ridge Rd.

9:41 p.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

10:06 p.m: Fire, Down Line - Peel Ln, & Hill Rd.

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

State Police Report

Dec. 24: 17:39: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Alcohol - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 10. Dispatched to a two-vehicle, unknown injury head on crash. Vehicles involved were a silver sedan and a white pickup truck. On arrival the female from the silver sedan was being transported to the hospital due to injuries from the crash. Contacted the driver of the white pickup & immediately noticed signs of impairment. The driver refused Field Sobriety Tests and was ultimately arrested and transported to Lane Adult Corrections where he provided a breath sample of 0.22 %. He was lodged for DUII-Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering of a Person (x 2), and

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Dec. 20: 10:18; 44000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:31: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist

Dec. 22: 14:44: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical Alarm. Lift Assistance Provided.

18:19: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Dec. 23: 7:13: McK. Hwy. Milepost 30. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/ Non-Blocking.

11:52: Camp Creek Rd./Upper Camp Creek Rd. MVA Non-injury, Non-Blocking.

13:36: 45000 blk, South Gate

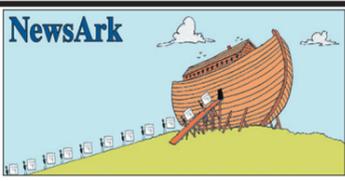
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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Dec. 26: 12:42: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 33. Vehicle spun out from westbound lane, across the road, Non-Injury.

13:51: MVA - Clear Lake Cutoff, Mp.12. 4 vehicles off the roadway.

The Upper Mck. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 Mck. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Green Island goes back to the future

LOWER MCKENZIE More than 50 local, state and federal officials and participants representing private interests attended the 100-acre Green Island fish and wildlife restoration project on June 28. The tour of the island, located near the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers, provided guests an opportunity to see current restoration progress and a vision for restoring the island to what it was 100 years ago.

"We are thrilled to have so many people come out and see the many restoration projects on the island," said Ioffe Anderson, chairman of the McKenzie River Trust, which is responsible for managing the restoration effort. "All of the participating individuals and organizations have come together with the common goal of restoring this island back to its natural state for the benefit of the fish and wildlife and the communities of the southern Willamette Valley."

Green Island, named for the family that owned and farmed the land for 70

ODOT to host meeting on canal crossing

The bridge at the corner of Page Lane and Hwy. 126 has been the focus of a petition drive by area residents who feel it's become a safety hazard.

WALTERVILLE Concern about they've encountered since a new guardrail changes to the Walterville power canal bridge will be the focus of a 6 pm meeting set for Thursday, July 6. Staff from the Oregon Dept. of Transportation will attend to hear public comment about problems

Crews replacing the wooden Oldfield Bridge

A crane was set up along the Leaburg power canal last week to aid in the demolition of the Oldfield Bridge, soon to be replaced by a concrete span.

LEABURG Crews from Carter and Company began work last Tuesday to remove and replace the 47-year-old Oldfield Bridge.

The timber framed structure was given a "life-extension" following an inspection by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). It is currently listed as a critical structure. In order to maintain access for two property owners as well as I-5 access to the Leaburg Canal access road it was decided the bridge must be replaced, according to utility spokesman Mary Douglas.

Mobile screening unit will set up in Vida

One of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation's Mobile Health Screening Units will be a town on Saturday, offering free health testing

VIDA The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation's Mobile Health Screening Unit (MSHU) is coming to Vida on July 8. It will be in the parking lot of Mark Fletcher's McKenzie River Properties (next to the Vida Market) from 9 am to 3 pm.

The unit is part of public screenings held around the state throughout the year.

"Critical components of the timber frame have deteriorated beyond repair and have reduced the safety and carrying capacity of the structure," Douglas notes. "The bridge is currently posted at a reduced load capacity of 5 tons. The new clear span precast concrete bridge is designed to current ODOT bridge specifications and will allow access for all legal loads."

Work began on June 27, and demolition is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, July 7. The bridge is scheduled to be complete and open for traffic by the first week of August at a cost of \$108,814.

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By Slim Randles

It doesn't really take much prompting to get ol' Windy Wilson to start holding court on all things strange ... not at the Mule Barn truck stop. All it takes is someone slowing down enough to listen to our aging camp cook. Someone accidentally said the word "quail" and that was enough.

Now ol' Horton lived 'way up Lewis Crick from here, Windy said. Had this old mule named Putner. Ol' Putner got his name 'cuz when he was foaled, he putner died. But Horton trained Putner to do things Horton liked to do. In fact, that's the reason them two bird hunters from the city drove over to Horton's place that day. Opening day of quail season, doncha see.

They was told ol' Horton he had him a mule who could point quail, and Horton says he sure as sugar does. He said he'd rent ol' Putner out to 'em for ten dollars a day. Guaran-dog-teed him steady to wing and shot, don't you know.

So they gave him the ten bucks and Horton turned Putner loose and he galloped around through the puckerbrush and then slammed into the prettiest long-eared point you ever seen. Sure enough, he found them a covey of quail, and when they shot the birds, ol' Putner retrieved them back to the hunters. Picked 'em right up in his mouth just as gentle as a marshmeller.

Well, those ol' boys had their limits by lunch time and they couldn't believe it. They took Putner back to ol' Horton and said they had to have him, and they didn't care how much it cost them.

Horton shook his head and said he couldn't do 'er. Nossir. Not for any money.

Why not? Those hunters asked him.

Why boys, said Horton, it's almost time for the salmon run, and Putner would rather fish than hunt, any day.

Brought to you by "Packing the Backyard Horse" by Slim Randles, now available on Amazon.com.

Quote of the Week

"Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?"

Steven Wright

Emergency?

Call 911

"March on Washington" involved train hijackings

By Finn J.D. John

Many people today think of the 1890s as a prosperous, carefree era — the term "gay '90s" (or even "naughty '90s) jumps to mind. But what most people don't realize is that much of that decade was spent mired in a massive economic depression

In many ways, the "Panic of 1893" was worse than the Great Depression. It brought us some iconic images that are still familiar today. The stereotype of the palatial Victorian "haunted house," as seen on innumerable episodes of Scooby-Doo, comes from the thousands of brand-new luxury homes whose owners, unable to pay for them, simply walked away and left them to decay. Also, it's no coincidence that the Snidely Whiplash-type villain of classic melodrama, with his handlebar moustache, swallowtail coat and silk top hat, is dressed in 1890s business attire.

The panic also brought us the very first "march on Washington," an organized event that became known as "Coxey's Army."

Coxey's Army in Portland

Coxey's Army — which at that time called itself the "U.S. Industrial Army" — was launched and led by an Ohio quarry owner and populist named Jacob Coxey. Organized along military lines, the U.S.I.A. was generally a disciplined, law-abiding group of unemployed tradesmen, who bitterly resented the plutocrat-owned newspapers of the day for constantly calling them "tramps and thieves" or "hobos." But in a couple of cities, the groups of men, trying to make their way to Washington, actually engaged in what you might call train robbery — seizing control of a railroad train and making it haul them eastward. Portland was one of those cities.

Stuck in Stumptown

Oregon governor Sylvester Pennoyer, a populist, was sympathetic to the Coxeyites and asked the railroads to relent and carry the men east. The north-south Southern Pacific lines let the Coxeyites ride in unused boxcars, but at the eastbound lines, Pennoyer was emphatically rebuffed. So the Army was essentially stranded in Portland.

The old-school Establishment, led by the formidable Harvey Scott at the Portland Morning Oregonian, was disgusted by their presence. To Scott and his ilk, these were simply bums who would rather beg than work, and deserved their plight. The president of the Portland Board of Charities highhandedly informed the workers that in exchange for six hours of hard labor on street crews, the Board would give them



Puck (Library of Congress)

A political cartoon from an 1896 issue of Puck Magazine showing Populist candidate William Jennings Bryan at the head of Coxey's ragtag army, eyeing the White House.

two soup-kitchen tickets and a bunk — a deal that was probably designed to be rejected so that the Board could claim it was not refusing to help.

The Army leaves Portland

After recruiting another 400 or so unemployed tradesmen in Portland, the U.S.I.A. started thinking about departure. They made a couple of attempts to hijack eastbound trains, following the example of a group in Montana, but the Northern Pacific railroad people were onto them, and it didn't happen. So early one rainy April morning, the U.S.I.A. set out on foot along the railroad tracks, heading east toward Troutdale.

When they got there, they got busy trying to capture a train to take them east. Since the railroad was in federal receivership at the time — the failure of overextended railroads was a major cause of the Panic of '93 — this got a zealous federal marshal named H.C. Grady involved.

The marshal's scheme

With the sheriff and a force of some 50 deputies, Grady traveled from Portland to Troutdale, apparently planning to make some attempt to arrest or disperse them. When they arrived, they found the U.S.I.A. lined up, apparently ready to march eastward again. It quickly became obvious that the entire town of Troutdale was sympathetic to the Coxeyites, and somewhat resentful of the gang of deputies. Crestfallen, the law-enforcement crusaders headed back to Portland.

The next day, Grady and the railroad people launched a plan to entrap the Coxeyites. They sent a train of passenger cars to Troutdale, each one with a copy of a court injunction ordering them not to seize any railroad property. Apparently assuming the railroad was helping them out, the men happily boarded with their baggage, at which point Grady read the injunction to out loud to them, then hustled up to the train

engine and climbed aboard. Then, without the cars attached, the engine raced away to the nearest telegraph office, from which Grady cabled back to Washington, D.C., that a gang of Coxey's Army had seized a train.

"Am powerless to equip enough deputy marshals to gain possession of train," he wrote. "The situation is critical and the men are desperate. Please advise."

The Justice Department in Washington, though, knowing that the men were only in possession of a handful of Pullman cars, still did nothing. So Grady took one further step:

He loaded a special train up with two high-ranking executives of the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads and they drove it to Troutdale, ostensibly to pick up a couple train cars full of meat. The idea seems to have been to dangle a hijack-able train engine in front of the Coxeyites, hoping they'd take the bait and force Washington's hand.

It worked. When the train arrived, the Coxeyites were expecting it — someone must have leaked the word. They firmly but politely took possession of the engine, sidetracked the car full of executives (had they not done this, they probably would have all been charged with kidnapping later) and headed off east with the cars full of men.

Stuck In Stumptown, again

Grady's gambit had finally forced the Justice Department's hand. The soldiers were duly deployed and they met the eastbound train at Arlington, where the Coxeyites were arrested and the train turned around and sent right back to Portland.

In Portland, a very large crowd assembled to greet the train — about 1,500 people, out of a Portland population in the 50,000's. The crowd was large enough, and loud enough, that Grady and the local cops worried about riots. Again Pennoyer was asked for help from the state militia. Pennoyer, in one of the few really good decisions of his term, shot back a telegram

pointing out the ridiculousness of the federal government asking him to underwrite Grady's bad decision.

"No interference by state troops. (President) Cleveland's army brought Coxey's army to Portland," he wrote. "Let Cleveland's army take care of Coxey's army."

434 wrist-slappings

The next day, in court, all 434 of the captured Coxeyites were sentenced to nothing more than a stern lecture by the judge. They apologized for their behavior, promised to abide by court decisions in the future, and were sent on their way. The general population of Portland, overwhelmingly on their side despite the increasingly screechy editorials of the Morning Oregonian, seemed quite happy with this outcome. Grady, on the other hand, was beside himself.

On the very next day, during peaceful but spirited city-wide May Day celebrations mostly unrelated to Coxey's army, he sent another telegram back to Washington.

"Events here bordering on insurrection. Fully anticipate trouble," he wired breathlessly. "Can you wire me requisitions ... for 50 rifles — also sidearms and 150 rounds of ammunition?"

The response from Washington seems to have been silence. Maybe they were finally onto him.

Getting to Washington

About 100 of the men quit the U.S.I.A. after this mass arrest, saying they'd had enough. The rest of them disbanded into groups of three or four and started hopping freight cars to get east to Washington D.C.

Nationwide, only about 500 members of Coxey's Army made it to Washington; the rest stopped along the way, either giving up or finding work. Those 500 were pretty much ignored upon arrival, although some — including Coxey himself — were arrested for trespassing on the capitol lawn.

Three months later, the protesters were dispersed by companies of militia, and Coxey's Army faded away into popular memory.

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Gardening Tips
By Kym Pokorny



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Get a leg up on fruit tree problems

Just when you're ready for a long winter's nap, it's time to tend your fruit trees.

If you don't, chances are they'll struggle in the coming season. Giving them attention now helps ward off insects and diseases, said Steve Renquist, a horticulturist for Oregon State University Extension Service who has taught hundreds of gardeners the basics of managing fruit trees.

Applying dormant sprays – Superior oil, copper, and sulfur – helps control nasty pests and diseases like codling moths and apple scab.

Superior oil, also called horticultural oil, is a highly refined miscible oil (up to 99.9 percent pure) that when mixed with water and sprayed on trees will smother overwintering insects and their eggs. It targets mites, aphids, leaf hoppers, mealy bugs, leaf miners and more.

Sulfur is a fungicide that controls fungal diseases like apple and pear scab and peach leaf curl.

Copper is a fungicide and bactericide that controls diseases like bacterial blight, fire blight and Nectria canker. It kills bacteria and fungal spores left in the trees, including *Pseudomonas syringae*, a common bacteria that can cause gummosis, which is oozing of bacterial infested honey-like sap from bark split. In a rotation of copper and sulfur, the copper will

deal with bacteria and sulfur will target fungal diseases best.

With a spray regimen of all three – used in conjunction with good hygiene and pruning practices – most fruit tree problems can be nipped in the bud, according to Renquist.

The trio of pesticides, which can be used in organic gardens, fit snugly into the realm of IPM or integrated pest management, a practice that uses a variety of low-risk tools to deal with pest problems and minimize risks to humans, animals and the environment.

"They are a really important part of good IPM," Renquist said. "When you're planning a program, you want to use products that have low toxicity, and won't cause a lot of problems for the environment. Dormant sprays score pretty well. Their toxicity level for animals is pretty low if you follow the labels. Superior or horticultural oil kills target insects, but beneficial insects are rarely around trees in the dormant season."

A good reference for disease and pest control is Extension's Managing Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards, which has a list of cultural practices and least toxic products for various pests and diseases. For information on specific products contact your local master gardeners.

Renquist recommends a three-pronged approach to spraying. In fall around Thanksgiving, apply copper or sulfur but not both. Spray sulfur mixed with

Superior or horticultural oil in early January. Then use copper or sulfur in mid-to late February. If you used copper in fall, use sulfur in February or vice versa. Don't combine copper and sulfur in the same tank to minimize the risk of damage to tree bark.

If you don't like to spray or forget the early spray, Renquist said the January application is the most important. This year, if you've missed the January timing, you're still better off to make the third spray.

Some tips from Renquist:

- Apply Superior or horticultural during the dormant season to allow for greater coverage and a higher likelihood of getting to a majority of insects.

- Spray when temperatures are above freezing but before buds break.

- Don't mix copper and sulfur in the same tank.

- Prune trees to keep the branches separated for good pesticide coverage and good hygiene. The best time is in January so that the last spray or two will cover the pruning wounds.

- Clean up fruit, leaves and debris under trees. They can harbor insects and diseases. If you don't want to rake leaves, mow over them a couple of times and leave them to decompose.

- Clear weeds from around the trunk and under the tree where insects and rodents can hide.

- Add organic matter around trees for fertility and because enhanced microbial populations in the soil will help devour the remnants of orchard sprays that fall to the ground.

- Accept a little damage to fruit.

- When planting fruit trees, consider dwarfs so you don't need a ladder for spraying.

- Read the labels of all products you use and follow the instructions. Using any pesticide incorrectly is not only harmful to you and the environment, it can actually cause damage to the very plants you're trying to benefit.

For more information on fruit trees, refer to Extension's Growing Tree Fruits and Nuts in the Home Garden and Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



RECIPES FROM RELATIVES

Discovering recipes from relatives can be an adventure and give you a nice collection for the coming year. Memories about these recipes can be interesting, too.

Aunt Freda's Recipes

Aunt Freda and Uncle Charles, my dad's brother, lived in New Hampshire, 275 miles from our New York State home. My family, when I was growing up, visited them each summer. Aunt Freda loved to cook and I recall helping her. She had a French Quebec background and told stories about her childhood there.

When she learned of my interest in cooking and recipes, she wrote some of them down for me. I still have them, and my memories, many years later.

Aunt Pat's Fried Chicken

Aunt Pat was a friend of Mother's who lived in Virginia. It was a great adventure to travel that far to visit her and her family one summer. We also stopped to tour Washington, DC on the way.

One night, Aunt Pat decided to make Southern Fried Chicken for supper. Time was of little importance to her, as she and Mother reminisced about their days teaching school together. So supertime kept getting put further and further into the evening. Father became hungrier and hungrier.

Finally Aunt Pat suggested her sister take us to the movies while she plucked the chickens and got them ready to fry. We children thought that great fun and snacked on popcorn.

The chicken was delicious. However, Father never forgot waiting until 10 pm for his supper. I don't think he appreciated the movie as much as we children did either.

Auntie's Recipes

My mom's sister lived closer to us and was a good cook, too. I often spent several days with her on the Trails End Farm, in

Milan, NY, where she lived with my grandmother, her brother and his wife.

When you entered the kitchen, you always knew Auntie had been cooking something delicious. From her I learned to bake bread, churn butter, and fry donuts, among other dishes. Traveling to her home, although it was only about an hour away, took us over winding country roads.

Aunt Freda's Nut Bread

Mix and sift together 2 1/2 cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1/2-cup sugar. Mix together 1 beaten egg and 1/3 cup softened shortening. Stir, with 1-cup milk into dry ingredients. Add 3/4 cup chopped walnut meats.

Bake in greased and floured bread pan at 350 degrees F. for one hour or until inserted pick comes out clean.

(You can add for variation, 1/2-cup raisins, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.)

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her woodland home in NH. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com.)

Ski Report

December 28, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that 1 inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the base to 64 inches. Temperatures were 19 degrees mid-mountain and 17 at the base with WSW winds averaging 17 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 16 degrees at the base and 13 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. 7 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 69 inches at mid-mountain broken clouds. Tuesday morning's skies were glowing as the sun peeked through. 8 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 93 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

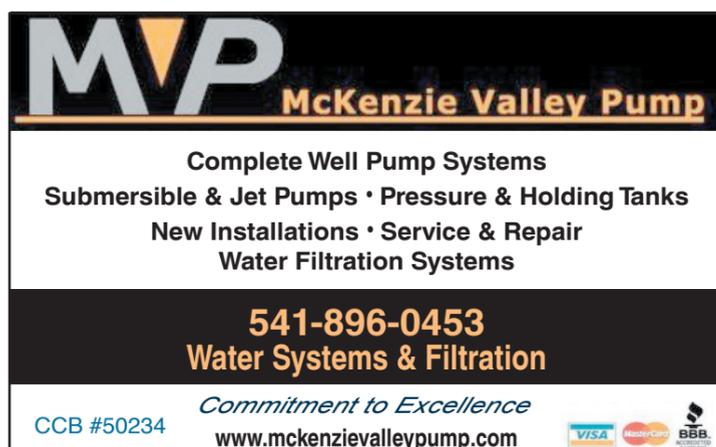



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JANUARY McKenzie Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Does your group or organization meet on a regular monthly basis? Contact River Reflections, 59059 Old McK. Hwy., McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413 541-822-3358 • FAX 541-663-4550 • rivref2@gmail.com Detailed Event & Church calendars - mckenzieRiverReflectionsNewspaper.com</p>					1 Bottle Boys, Leaburg 10 am
3 McK. Bridge AA 6 pm Boy Scout Troop #8 7:15 pm	4 Upper McK. Comm. Center Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Walterville Grange 6:30 potluck, meeting 7:30 pm	5 Blue River Water District 5 pm Blue River Park Bd 7 pm	6 Permit Navigator 9:30 am Leaburg Fire Station	7 McKenzie Food Pantry 11 am Walterville Grange Garage Sale 9 am - 3 pm	8 Bottle Boys, Leaburg 10 am BINGO 6:15 pm Walterville Presbyterian
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Community Notes

**January 20
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- Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
- Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
- Use power strips for multiple appliances.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Replace incandescent lightbulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75% less energy.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

I am 50 and was married to my first husband for 18 years. We had one daughter. Most of this time I was a housewife or worked in a family business until it was sold. For the last 10 years of our marriage, my husband was a frustrated, unrecognized “writer” waiting to be discovered.

I decided to wear the pants in the family. When our daughter entered junior high, I went on overseas assignment, was swept off my feet, and within two years married my second husband. He is from the Middle East and a Muslim. We come from different cultures, different religions, and different outlooks. Now, nearly three years into the second marriage, I realize it was a big mistake.

I want to end this relationship, return to the first (Catholic, as I am), then reconcile and remarry civilly. Is it asking too much of a man, divorced nearly four years, to have his wife come back into the family? I feel I simply acted out of vulnerability due to stagnation in the marriage.

I want to end the nightmare of recent years, return, and recommit to my first husband. Though not without quirks and disappointments, he is a man of outstanding character and

strength. He is good-hearted and optimistic in his endeavors. He is a dreamer, but he provides the only comfort and sense of familiarity I have ever known. Thanks for any insights.

Anna

Anna, you jumped out of a bad relationship into one even worse. Jumping back into the first one is not a cure for anything. In time the old, familiar patterns will reassert themselves, and you will be frustrated and angry.

If your present relationship is a nightmare, end it. Then take time to stand on your own two feet and decide what to do with your life. Look underneath the original situation. The keys to what you are looking for are not found by returning to what you abandoned, but by examining why you left in the first place.

Wayne & Tamara

Time Will Tell

For a year and half I knew this woman strictly as a friend, primarily because she was married. We talked on the phone many, many times and emailed each other on a daily basis. Then she got divorced.

While she was in the process of divorce, I went with her for a weekend and we had a blast. We both want more than anything to be together. This all sounds perfect,

but she lives four hours away from me. I am totally willing to move, but I have a great job with a big future and make excellent money. She is totally willing to move also, but she has two small children and an ex-husband who would be mad if she left town.

We can't think of a solution. I think she is planning on breaking it off altogether because she can't stand to see me on weekends and miss me all week. She can hardly sleep when I am not there. I can't see giving up a job I love to move up there and get a job that may not last. Please help!

Joe

Joe, are you worried the job might not last, or the relationship? Is your friend saying, I want you and only you and whatever obstacles life throws at us we will deal with together? Or is she saying, I have a vacancy in my life right now, and if you don't fill it, I'll find someone who will?

If you give up the good things in your life to accommodate her, her children, and her ex-husband, where are you in all this? At the very least, give yourself time to decide if this is love or infatuation. Neither of you is totally willing to move, but it sounds like she may be totally willing to move on.

Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.*

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Sometimes a poem achieves its beauty by a certain fixation on a small detail that is not burdened with the need to be “important”. Here, in “Oolong”, Adrienne Su creates her own tea ritual, a meditative moment to reflect on the ordinary, the quo-tid-i-an. Tea and the drinking of tea, treated to such careful study, become a way to think of life as it moves from strong to weak and back again.

Oolong

By Adrienne Su

From strong to weak, a single cup can carry me from waking up to the mild hush of the bedtime snack.

Fresh hot water brings it back from depletion, or threat of such.

What ancient genius gained so much from roasting pieces of a shrub? I watch it change, as daylight flags, from strong to weak,

ending with the faded touch of flavor that was once robust. faintness helps the mind relax, but part of me remains perplexed that every day unfurls as it must, from strong to weak.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. 13:36 Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:05: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. MVA Non-Injury. North side of Hwy, blocking, Scene to OSP.

18:55: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA - Non-Injury, Non-blocking.

Dec. 24: NA: McK. Hwy./Leaburg Dam Rd. Hazardous Situation. Landslide partially blocking westbound lane.

17:37: McK. Hwy./Thurston Rd. MVA w/Injuries . 2 Vehicle MVA.

20:14: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. MVA. Mistaken Alarm, Same flagged vehicle in ditch .

21:59: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. MVA, Non-Injury. Vehicle in the ditch, South side of Hwy.

Dec. 25: 0:23: 41000 blk, Block McK. Hwy. MVA, Non-Injury. Vehicle Off the Rd., Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

17:24: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln MVA. Mistaken Alarm, Same flagged vehicle in ditch.

17:48: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Vehicle Fire. Fire Extinguished.

Dec. 26: 8:38: McK. Hwy. Mp. 25 MVA - Non-Injury, No occupants, vehicle flagged.

10:58: 90000 blk, Mountain View Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:06: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA, Non-Injury. .Same wreck from earlier this day.

12:32: Holden Creek Ln. / Bridge St. Electrical Fire. Awaiting EWEB.

12:44: McK. Hwy. Mp. 33. MVA, Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

18:50: McK. Hwy. Mp. 17. MVA, Non-Injury. Mistaken Alarm, Same flagged vehicle in ditch.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday, January 17th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

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Personal

The Leaburg Sew & So's will meet again on Monday afternoons when the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Center re-opens for community activities. Call Sara at 541-896-3059 for more information.

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. AA Group meets Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday 5:00-6:00pm at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop, a block from the Walterville Shopping Center. N/c-sub 5/15-5/11/14

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State Police Report

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Assault 4. Involved: Chrysler 300, Ford F150, 57-year-old male, 56-year-old female from Springfield, Arrested: 43-year-old male from Eugene.

Dec. 24: 22:02: DUII, Alcohol and Controlled Substance - Hwy. 126E & Holden Creek Ln. Responded to crash, observed signs of impairment and began a DUII investigation. The suspect involved invoked her Miranda rights and a search warrant was subsequently written and approved. She was cited and released in lieu of custody. Involved: silver/aluminum Nissan Sentra, 24-year-old female.



A Moment in Oregon History

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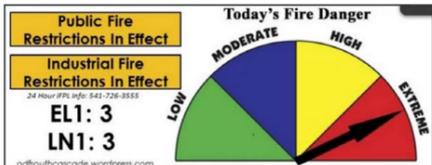
December 30 - Henry Weinhard was born in Germany and became an apprentice brewer. He immigrated to the United States in 1852 and arrived in Portland three years later. He was drawn to the Northwest because of the region's lack of brewing competition and its thirsty

market of lumberjacks, mill workers, fisherman, dockworkers and soldiers. Through a series of business transactions Weinhard was able to open his own brewery and was highly thought of in the community for his generosity and many civic contributions. When the Skidmore fountain was unveiled in 1887, Weinhard offered to lay a hose from his brewery to the fountain so that all of Portland could drink free on the first day of the fountain's operation. The City of Portland declined the offer.



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July 29th edition



Extreme Fire Danger restrictions went into effect for the South Cascade District of the Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF), which includes Eastern Lane and Linn counties. The designation includes public use restrictions, and an Industrial Fire Precaution Level 3 industrial closure.

During Extreme Fire Danger no open fires are allowed, including campfires, on lands protected by the South Cascade ODF. Existing campfire waivers and other regulated use waivers are also void during Extreme Fire Danger, but can be re-issued when the area returns to a lower fire danger category

August 5th edition



Was treasure buried inside the foundation of the Vida McKenzie Community Center? Whether or not there was anything to dig up wasn't clear to VMCC vice president Gerry Aster. She said stories about the existence of a hidden cache was along the lines of a rumor - as well as what might be inside if it was found.

September 2nd edition



"I felt it was a great honor to be asked, and I have always believed that public art has the power to bring people together," explains Jud Turner, a Eugene sculptor invited to create a sculpture for the McKenzie River community.

His work named "Viribus" - which is Latin for "Strength." Turner chose the name, "To reflect the resilience and strength he observed as the local residents.

October 21st edition



A 16-year-old emergency response plan was tested again at the Hendricks Bridge County Park in Walterville. The joint "spill drill" organized by the Eugene Water & Electric Board, McKenzie Fire & Rescue and the Eugene Springfield Fire Hazmat Team was designed to familiarize first responders with the McKenzie Watershed Emergency Response System.

November 11th edition



Security, food, health, construction, gifts, rentals, clothing, and graphics may not seem to have a lot in common. But they all got a boost in November thanks to the Oregon Community Credit Union Foundation and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Under a micro-grant program fifteen small businesses and non-profits impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire received checks ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

December 2nd edition



Over a half-dozen, new homes near the Goodpasture Covered Bridge were generating a lot of interest, along with false assumptions. "The majority of people who stop in think we're a sales lot," says Steve Shefcheck with a laugh. Instead, the eight factory-fresh manufactured homes he and his wife, Diana, bought are key to the couple's plans to restore some rental options to the McKenzie River area at the Blazing Stump Mobile Home Park.



January Birthdays

January 1st: William Alexander, Norma Allensworth, Jeff Campbell, John Campbell, Judy Campbell, Diane Chase, Robert Chase, Harry Degelmann, Eleanora Emmons, Richard Holmes, Nell Hughes, Barbara Hunter, Carol Jones, Denise Kaufmann, Kelly Keller, Ruth Koozer, Tommy Lee, Allen Luke, Joy Mathews, Alan Mayer, Francis McMahan, Donna Partridge, George Partridge, Peggy Partridge, Frederick Pippin, Karl Radeleff, Jewell Richards, Claude Richardson, Brandon Rinehart, Tyler Schmunk, Sean Smith, Willis Smith, Cynthia Ward Sobkowiak, Danny Utter. **2nd:** Robert Chase, Joe Collins, Barry Fallon, Gwyneth Hamaker, Cole Hansen, Mike Hoshaw, Jerrald James, Tonia Johnson, George Neal, Katherine Sallee, Charle Sartz, Julie Watts. **3rd:** Carol Black, Angela Broom, Adrienne Crowe, Bill Hill, Howard Jewett, Pat Shama, Katie Sullivan. **4th:** Harold Chase, Diane Hallstrom, Joanne Henry, Ray Hoffman, Darin Stewart, Marline Vanwyck, Marjorie Wilcoxon. **5th:** Nancy Bish, Lewis Bowers, Kelly Frasure, William Howes-McKenzie, Penny Lannoye, Adrienne Launer, James Lusk, Beverly Lynch, Teresa Miltonberger, Robert Spangler, Robert Spencer, Lane Stubblefield, Daniel DeLay, Bret Svoboda. **6th:** Willard Berg, Edward Boardrow, Raymond Schmidt, Shirley Eason, James Forcum, Barbara Fox, Emily Gourley, Toni Hight, Carol Hooker, Stormy Joy, Montana Long, Barry Lopez, Barbara Luton, Clifford Philes, John Spreull, Joni Stovall, Joyce Strassberg. **7th:** Galen Anderson, Albert Gamache, Donald Frisbie, Beverly Yarbrough, Russ Carpenter, Judith Simons, Robert Collins, Craig Hofmaster, Linda Collins, Mary Piazza, Debra Barker, William Whitlock, Christopher Sobkowiak, James Alexander, Theresa Castor, Howard Patton, Erik Lindamood. **8th:** Eleanor Yaggy, Maile Nelson, Sharon Albee, Daniel Frommherz, Vicki Ellison, Cynthia Mcelhinny, Jil Curtis, Yolonda Palahniuk, Donald Clocksin, Kari Ward, Jennifer Nawalaniec, Nicholas Smith. **9th:** Wendy Seal Brown, Rhonda Hinds, Claire Bussanich, Betty Griffith, Milton Osborne, Pete Cropper, Donald Gresser, Jeff Dehne, Lindsay Fountain, Bill Casto, Dede McCluskey, Cynthia Yost, Kirby Miner, Tony Kwong. **10th:** Joyce Fry, Carolyn Mehaffy, Richard Metzler, Iva Gouge, Artemio Paz, Henry Kerns, Claudia Eastburn, Karen Harbour, Claudia Srok, Laura Leiman, Kathy Dancer, Truda Oberle, Jeremy Rae, Alice Rasmussen, Lynn McSperett. **11th:** Brian Campbell, Rhonda Lutje, Bettye Meecker, Charles Thompson, Vergean Wier, James Black, Howard Allen, Joyce Ohnson, Janice Dresser, Hugh Hughes, Gila Fox, Joseph Schumacher, Molly Schultz, Ed MinterSW. **12th:** James Palmer, Marven Hart, Louise Shaw, Daisianna Stanley, Karen Fountain, Lorraine Schrack, Patrick Dickson, Ellen Currier, Patti Massingham, Jeffrey Apland, Sandy Mutchler, Camille Mathews, James Nuttall, Kellie Clocksin, Richard Bailey, James Fouts, Daniel Currier. **13th:** Shirley Rhoads, Vicki Eddy, Linda Martin, Richard Johnson, Rebecca Carlisle, Carol Ach, Gordon Royer, Lori Woods, Alvin Mersing, Cindy Smith. **14th:** Murray Nadeau, Brenda Carpenter, Eugene Jones, Steven Lloyd, Marjorie Brooks, Sheri Smith, Michael Letsom, Gary Blanquie, Douglas Osborne. **15th:** Preston Richardson, Lorena Reid, Luella Denton, Norma Kindseth, Ronald Broadwell, Yvonne Mooney, Deanna Sabbato, Linda Jonas, Randy Smith, James Stump, Sally Huling, Donna Mitleider, Bob Horan, Richard Iwasevic, George Wierichs, Kenji Jones, River Jensen. **16th:** Todd Krost, Olive Anderson, Frances Burns, Modesta Pemberton, Madeline Ortega, Gary Hampton, Daniel Connors, Dennis Coduti, Jerome Demarco, Julie Udy, Marty Martindale, Mark Oyervides, Roseanne

Federico, Michael Suber. **17th:** Jacob Preslee Norlund, Katherine Ball, Grace Ybarra, Jeff Campbell, James Leo Mooney, Mary Donoho, Ennis Nestle, Erma Muse, Susan Kimpton, Mary Barkelew, Philip Mahone, Terry McKune, Hoyt Crawford, Ronald Randall, Kenneth Lisenby, Dennis Wiley, Jerry Tanton, Michael Schaefers, Debbie Lloyd, Ruth Rini, Nicholas Hake-Jordan. **18th:** Merle Heninger, Patty Schluckebier, John Stenger, Leroy Pruitt, Sandy Brown, Susan McCumsey, Kathy Cooper, Donna Barrett, Penny Greig, Patrick Smith, Lindsay Reaves, Ron Ottosen, Michael Avenport, Andrew Petersen, Tiffany Janz, Riley Galt. **19th:** David Fountain, Gloria Geiger, Tearance Holte, Kenneth Mart, Linda Fisher, Max Martinez, Wanda Keller, John Cook, Tracey Miner, Scot Johnson, Marie Michel, Elizabeth Miller, Hanna Sturdevant. **20th:** Rena Ellingson, George Letchworth, Ernie Brouillette, Jennifer LoVette, Dawn Mendoza, Randy Harbick, Walter Patterson, Richard Ward, Paula Herrick, Carolyn Beardsley, Beverly Henrich, Janette Dahne, Lorena Forsman, Jerry Whiting, Diane Remior, Tim Wright, Peter Martin, Cynthia Dinwiddie. **21st:** Rose Elia, Beatrice Tannich, Barbara Hayden, Andrew Hoskot, Garland Campbell, William McGriff, Gloria Gardner, Richard Putnam, Julie Moore, Terry Cummings, Debra Weaver, Rebecca Rupe, Rossana Baker, Franklin Price. **22nd:** Aaron Norlund, Carolyn Bourland, Glenda Loghry, Judith Cheshire, Marlene Swetland, Christopher Pinto. **23rd:** Bob Gardner, Vickie Buck, Fernando Serra, James Sims, Deane Meyer, Kenneth Hunter, Elizabeth Kelly, Lance Crandall, Tracy Hornback. **24th:** Maria Brigham, Jen Miller, Clovis Wilcoxon, Dorothy Schaumburg, Eunice Simpkins, Vivian Newbill, Sanford Anderson, Barbara Henderson, Lloyd Scroggins, Jason Ravlin, Roxanne Crabtree, Michelle Dunar, Ray Krass. **25th:** Louise Engelman, Vic Witcher, Willis Obenshain, Pam McCorkle, Earl Jennett, Rosamond Jaqua, Anton Weber, Gloria Dowdy, Randy Yost, Beverly Hadden-fry, Deb Bean, Marty Tadlock, Ron Cox, Heather Enlund, Shawna McClure, William Letsom. **26th:** Fred Dymock, Shirley Constantine, Trena LoVette, Jim Quandt, Becky Dunbar, Wally Burnard, Edward Staat, Janet Scofield, Joan Fletcher, Jean Hillstrom, Freddy Mock, Gerald Tobin, Lynne Palmer, Rosalind Leve, Gary Merly, Tom Wilson, Don Archey, Joan Parker, Carolyn Reynolds, Cary Dawson, Mary Murphy, Mark Schneider, Jay Cope, Hubert Brown, Wendy Whitson, Norma Feehan, Roni Mitchell, Helen Federico, Matthew Suttin, Brian Smith, Greg Taylor, Faden Kress. **27th:** Mary Ellen Haring, Kallee Eck, Betty Hoskot, Susanne Rear-Hunter, Leslie Blum, Pamela Kalaba, Walter Kuntz, Dalene Schmidt, Ed Hill, Mary Wheeler. **28th:** Leisa Blean, Patricia Lawton, Peggy Rice, Melanie Pierce, Kathryn Edwards, Hugh Evonuk, James Coumes, Suzanne Morgan, Carrie Work, Laurel Nelson. **29th:** Scott Omlid, Kathy Mendoza-Hazelton, Roy Burdge, Katharine Anderson, Robert Wright, Jennifer Klein, Gene Hiatt, Donald Watson, Cheryl Paslay, Marla Konish, Ann Rowning, Claudia Linn, Nancy Wood, Carolyn Rust, Bob Berry, Dustin Landreth. **30th:** Winifred Parker, Dorothy Lloyd, Delbert Schaumburg, Audre Keller, Wanda Lillegren, Thomas Thompson, Linda Spicer, Bruce Yokum, Wanda Murkley, Daniel Stokes, Roy Minton, Bill Smith. **31st:** Boby Smallwood, Dana Burwell, Dan Brooks, Stacey Mercer, Wanda Spalding, Nancy Thompson, Gloria Tinker, Edward Monaco, Thomas Coleman, Mary Breckel, Stephen Billings, Summer McDonald, Sarah Hamby, Andrew Griesel, Jamie Stone.

Wedding Anniversaries

Jan. 5th: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Henderson, **Jan. 6th:** Geoff & Lisa Blumhagen, **23rd:** Claire & Wayne Hildebrand of Nimrod, **29th:**

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Cast your vote by December 27th
 Fax, write, or email their name and an explanation of why you think they're the best in the McKenzie Valley

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