Tall load snags powerlines

Wreck at Milepost 39 blocked Friday traffic

Traffic came to a halt Friday when equipment on a semi-trailer snagged utility lines. According to Oregon State Police reports, Glen Yaden, 59, told investigators he was entering Hwy. 126 from a driveway in the 49600 block around 11:16 a.m. when the rear of his trailer hit the low-hanging wires. Yaden came to an immediate stop and Charter/Spectrum utility crews were called to the scene to move the pole and wires to the right shoulder. The Peterbilt truck and its load were not damaged and were driven from the scene when the lanes reopened at 12:29.

LEABURG: Next week, the Eugene Water & Electric Board Commissioners plan to provide an overview of what is likely to occur as plans move forward to permanently discontinuing generating electricity at the Leaburg Hydroelectric Project. Issues sure to be aired at their May 16th upriver meeting include when to remove Leaburg Dam could get underway and if the utility’s federal license to operate the project will also require removing the Walterville project.

The board’s May 2nd meeting, generation manager Lisa Krentz noted that planning for removal work and ongoing agency consultations is likely to take 10 years, putting the actual start date in the mid-2030s. In the interim, EWEB will be doing other activities along the Leaburg Canal, she said, “on our near-term risk reduction measures” to make sure the canal will continue to be safe while it reflects side stream and rainfall runoff back to the McKenzie River.

Residents with south-side properties that are accessed over Leaburg Dam Road were busily constructing the Leaburg Dam in 1929.

Willamette National Forest receives $14.7 million for fuels reduction

The Willamette National Forest will receive a total of $14,700,000 to implement fuel breaks on boundaries of potential operational delineations (PODs) as part of the Wildfire Crisis Strategy implementation. Officials say the Forest was chosen based on opportunities to work with industry partners to accelerate vegetation management projects that integrate fuels reduction objectives and commercial treatments.

In a POD, roads or natural features can be used as control lines in a wildlife. Funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Law will cover mechanical treatments that costs for fire containment, prescribed fire, and fire-fighter safety while supporting local milling infrastructure.

As part of the process, the Forest is engaged will identify projects that reduce wildfire risk to highly valued resources on the landscape - like communities, infrastructure, and adjacent private lands. Efforts will build upon and improve boundaries and existing features relevant to fire containment. Projects will include working with communities, laboratorives, landowners, and industrial partners to connect and complement public and private efforts in a cohesive strategy to reduce the risk of wildfire on critical values within and adjacent to the Willamette National Forest.

“We’re looking forward to building on existing partnerships and creating new ones to do this work in areas and in ways that benefit people,” said Dave Warnack, Willamette National Forest Supervisor. “Together we will strategically identify and implement work to protect communities, homes, infrastructure, and industrial forests through the use of fuel breaks and PODs, tools that give us the best opportunity to protect the things that are most important on our landscapes.”

EWEB to outline plans at Leaburg meeting

Dam removal is expected during the 2030’s

Dam builders hadn’t considered an expiration date when they were busily constructing the Leaburg Dam in 1929.

Clinic rebuild taking shape

New building could open next June in Blue River

Curt Wilson provided details on how a new medical clinic in Blue River will look and fit within a tight plot of property. To view a video of his presentation, go to: tinyurl.com/5tymz2x

An expanded health and wellness building,” she added.

On hand to explain details of the 3,200 square foot structure was Curt Wilson of Wilson Architecture in Eugene. His illustrations showed a rectangular building with access from Dexter Street to either a parking area or a flow through a driveway that would allow for patient dropoffs at the front door. Besides patient exam rooms and office areas, the clinic would be configured so that a portion could be used as a community or multi-purpose room after normal day-to-day hours of operation, Wilson said.

A local firm, Dale Turnley Construction, was selected from four contractors that submitted bids for the project. “We feel very confident that Dale’s team will deliver a high-quality building while providing as many local jobs as possible,” Rapp said.

Dale Turnley was also at the meeting and said he felt it was a good idea to get the architect and contractor working together to help develop the final design. “This is the time to do it,” he said. “Taking an eraser (to drawings) is easy. Once we are at the point of going for permits, changing anything becomes expensive and we have a tight budget already to deal with.”

If all goes well, it’s estimated the building could have a roof on by Thanksgiving and be ready to open for normal operations by next June.

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Don't repeat

Now that we are past the pre-election discussions surrounding the election for our local school board candidates, and writing has begun, I'm wondering if our community, based on our recent experiences, is ready to take an agreement about how we might improve the process for future elections.

While reading about events in this McKenzie School District Board of Directors election, we've learned that it would have been more helpful to have been able to see statements from our candidates in the Oregon Voter's Pamphlet, which is important guide for voters to at least get a general idea of who the individuals asking for our votes are.

Can we agree that having an open, well attended and properly administered “candidates forum” is helpful to voters and that all candidates agree to attend?

Can we agree that, while a few “law” signs are acceptable, it is inappropriate and not helpful to voters who want to make an informed choice, to crowd our main thoroughfare with heavily posted lawn signs?

Can we agree that a healthy school board of Directors should not consist of more than one person from any one family, and certainly not be comprised of any of the candidates who might have a personal agenda based on some religious or political stance.

For our young people here, and for the future of this community, I can hope the best thing that comes out of this local election is that we don't want a repeat.

Sincerely,
Francesca Anton

Write in Rose

No one has filed for Position 5 for the McKenzie Fire and Rescue Board. I would like to suggest David Rose as a write-in candidate.

He is a relatively new resident to the river, but not inexperienced in the fire service. He has been a firefighter for 29 years, was a Captain in his past district, earned a fire suppression degree at Chemeketa College, and is an EMT and Emergency Room RN. He has a great deal to offer to the community and would be an asset. Please write him in to be your representative.

Aun Penny
Springfield

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It seems not to be a healthy prospect for our community.

With this in mind, we might ask ourselves these 4 questions:

1. Can we agree that in the future all candidates will commit to placing a statement in the Oregon Voter’s Pamphlet, which is important guide for voters to at least get a general idea of who the individuals asking for our votes are?

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The McKenzie Varsity Track team, this Friday, May 13, 2022, sweep the island, simply dominating the other two teams in the field, Mohawk and Santiam Pass.

At AMJ Invitational

Triangle Lake rolled into the Upper McKenzie Valley last Thursday, May 4, to participate in the McKenzie Community Track and Field Community Invitational.

Annual Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational. At the end of the day, the Lakers departed with but one disappointing performance. That performance would be the Triangle Lake van, which gave up in the parking lot, forcing the team to find alternative rides home.

Up until that moment, the Lakers were flying high and simply dominating the other teams in the field, Mohawk and McKenzie.

The Laker girls have been doing just that all season long in competition with their Mt. West League colleagues and staying true to form. The talented team scored 101 points while Mohawk finished second with 79, and Santiam Pass third with 40 points. The Triangle Lake boys doubled second place McKenzie 80 to 40 points and Mohawk finished third with 35 pts.

Lakers took first place in the shot put with a throw of 37 ft. 8.5 in. and teammate Jacob Kelly finished seventh at 24 ft. 10.75 in. Mervalock threw the discuss 96 ft. 10 in., good for second place behind Ivan Surchup of Triangle Lake, who set a Personal Record with a throw of 102 ft. 6 in. Peck finished fifth in the discus with a toss of 70 ft. 6 in. Dakota McConnell of Triangle Lake won the javelin throw with a good mark of 411 ft. 1.5 in. Lockard finished in second place, throwing the javelin 101 ft. 10 in. Peck took sixth at 66 ft. 6.5 in.

Other boys field event winners were Kiele Riggs of Triangle Lake in the high jump: 5 ft. 5 in., McKenzie’s Jovial Jordan in the pole vault: a Personal Record 7 ft. 9 in., Yosiah Baker of Triangle Lake won the four points and Mohawk finished third with a time of 57.68 sec., holding off teammate Johnson, who finished second in 22.74 sec., also in a PR time. Jordan established another PR time in the 300 m. hurdles running the event in 57.68 sec., which earned the Eagle third place behind winner Swan O’Dea of Mohawk, who finished in 48.98 sec.

 McKenzie co-captain Solomon Acevedo finished second in the 100 m. hurdles in 11.26 sec. and 12.41 sec., which won by Mohawk’s Body Robinson in 12.33 sec. Van Sickle finished the boy’s track events in fourth place at 12.66 seconds and Allen Avocado took fifth in 12.73 sec. Robinson won his second sprint event, the 200 m. in a time of 25.52 sec., and Salamone Avocado nearly beat his Mustang rival, finishing in 25.53 sec. Allen Avocado took third with a time of 26.47 sec. McKenzie freshman Will McComb ran a third-place 2.52.56 minutes time in the 300 m. and that race was won by Oliver Gonzales of Triangle Lake in 11.12.94 min. Meister also earned fifth place in the 1500 m. with a time of 5:41.04 min. and Triangle Lake’s Viggo Beck took top honors with a time of 4.35.54 min. Beck finished first in the 800 m. at 2:21.63 min. Mitch Dumford won the 400 m. for Triangle Lake, turning in a time of 57.97 sec. McKenzie’s Devon Lawson finished his 400 m. performance in 1:06.61 min., which earned him sixth place.

 McKenzie’s 4x400 m. relay team of Allen Avocado, Solomon Salamone, Avocado, and Van Sickle finished second with a time of 3:59.51 sec. for the Mohawk foursome of O’Dea, Konor Robinson, Wallace, and Brody Robinson, who finished the relay in 48.13 sec. Triangle Lake won the 4x400 m. relay race with a time of 3:58.60 min. with the foursome of Baker, Beck, Dumford, and Porter Overbaugh.

 McKenzie senior Hailey Prater had a fine day at the Track as she earned first place, Personal Record, toss in the shot put marked at 24 ft. 1.5 in. Prater’s PR distance of 65 ft. 1.5 in. in the discus earned her third place behind winner Feirra McConnell of Triangle Lake, who threw the discus 74 ft. 2 in. McConnell took first in the javelin as well, tossing the implement 92 ft. 0 in. and Prater followed in second place at 71 ft. 1.5 in. Eagle sophomore Beckah Short jumped 22 ft. 9 in. in the triple jump, which was a third-place effort behind the winning jump of 28 ft. 10.75 in., by Kiele Riggs of Triangle Lake. Riggs won the high jump at 4 ft. 4 in. and she also took top honors in the long jump with a leap of 15 ft. 11.25 in. Mohawk’s Lucy Barrowcliff won the pole vault with a top clearance of 6 ft.

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April 21: 3:54 p.m: Theft - 89600 blk, Hill Rd. A caller reported that their mailbox was stolen.

April 22: 12:06 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A highly intoxicated caller advised that they had been run over by a vehicle. The caller refused medical treatment. Deputies responded and were unable to establish that a crime had occurred. Parties were separated.

April 23: 7:49 p.m: Dispute - 87000 blk, Murdoch St. A caller reported that their purse and handgun were stolen from within their vehicle at the springs.

April 24: 12:47 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St. A caller reported that an intoxicated male possibly pulled a gun during a verbal dispute. Deputies responded and were unable to substantiate that a crime had occurred. Parties were separated.

April 25: 7:49 a.m: Dispute - 87800 blk, Fawn Way. A caller reported that her deceased husband’s children were harassing her. Deputies contacted the male and were unable to locate the source.

April 26: 1:32 a.m: Assault - 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. A male was seen walking around the caller’s property talking to himself and checking vehicles. He is described as a white middle-aged male standing approximately 5’06” with a medium build. He was last seen walking westbound on McK. Hwy.

April 26: 8:13 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. An owner of an area business reported that some visitors to the business left behind meth. Deputies responded and determined that the situation had calmed. A caller’s autistic step-daughter was making threats and behaving in a manic manner. Deputies responded to perform a welfare check and determined that the situation had calmed.

April 26: 6:12 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 87800 blk, McK. Hwy. A vehicle that is believed to have been involved in a previous theft was spotted in the area.

April 26: 3:36 p.m: Explosion - 40100 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. A caller reported hearing an explosion in the area. Deputies checked the area and were unable to locate the source.

April 30: 12:01 p.m: Welfare Check - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

May 2: 3:02 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy., & Holden Creek Rd.

May 2: 3:44 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47500 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that vultures and ravens were gathering around something along the river. Deputies responded and determined a dead animal to be non-human.

May 1: 12:01 p.m: Citizen Contact - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr.

State Police Report

May 6: 09:14: Fish & Wildlife.

May 6: 10:22 a.m: Accident - McK. Hwy.

May 7: 1:44 p.m: Business Check - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

May 8: 2:45 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - McK. River Fire Station.

May 9: 1:00 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 41500 blk, McK. Hwy. A female reported that her ex-wife was refusing to give his phone back.

May 10: 11:55 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 90500 blk, McK. Hwy. A red Toyota Celica was reported to have broken down in the area.

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Bloody 1925 prison break ended badly

By Finn J.D. John

It was a typical balmy August evening at the Oregon State Penitentiary. The bell had rung for supper, so inmates were streaming out of their cells and heading toward the dining hall for the evening meal, as they always did. But on this particular evening, four prisoners hung back from the throng, their actions would lead to a death for one of their number. Working feverishly with an auger stolen somehow from the prison’s shops, they cut a hole in the roof and pulled and boosted each other up through it.

One of the most legendary jailbreaks in Oregon history had just started, and the die had been cast that would lead men to their doom. It was August 13, 1925; not one of the four prisoners would live to see 1929.

The prisoners were Bert “Oregon” Jones, a notorious highway robber from southern Oregon; Frank Murray, a slasher from Umatilla County; Tom Pilling, a Lane County man serving 20 years for assault with a deadly weapon; and Ellsworth Kelley, a bank robber just starting a 20-year sentence for aiding in a previous prison break.

(By the way, Ellsworth Kelley the bank robber was not related to the Ellsworth Kelley, the mid-century painter of large-art famous for bright colors and hard edges.)

Prison breaks, or attempted ones, were surprisingly common in the early 20th century. The administration, appointed by Governor Walter Pierce, had been installed the previous year, and Pierce had stocked the place with political appointees with little real experience running a prison.

The prisoners had met in the previous prison break. They were led by Kelley and James Willos, two men with a piece of furniture, and they all helped themselves.

Meanwhile, two convicts had key Kelley had made in the prison shop; then saw through the bars on a basement window, climbed a guard tower while the watch was being changed, leaped off the high wall, and run to the road, his fist and now he was out cold a car from a motorist driving. They’d gotten away but had only managed to elude the possess for a few days.

This time, they hoped to slip through the dragnet and get clear of the state. Their goal was to get back east.

On this occasion, Tom Murray was leading them to the outside, but their escape plan was “Oregon” Jones’s brainchild — or so the others later claimed, for reasons that will soon become clear.

The four of them hurried to the edge of the roof and tied off a length of rope that they had carefully spliced together from bits collected here and there over the previous months. Then, one by one, they stealthily descended.

At the bottom of the wall, they split and ran across the cell blocks, two on each side, making for turnkey James Nesmith’s office, where the guns were stored.

As they crept in the yard, Warden Dalrymple, on his way back from dinner, saw Murray. He hurried toward the turnkey’s office, then stopped short — two of Murray’s colleagues were between him and the office, both armed with shanks made from files. He turned and ran back to his residence to grab his shotgun.

Meanwhile, two convicts had made it to the turnkey’s shop and burst in. The plan had been to make Nesmith open the gun locker at knifepoint, but “Oregon” Jones, in a moment of enthusiasm, had broken the turnkey’s jaw with his fist and now he was out cold on the floor. So Ellsworth Kelley bashed in the door of the cabinet with a piece of furniture, and they...

Bank robber Ellsworth Kelley as he appeared in his prison mugshot.

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Inmates.
almost a popular pastime for the shooting prisoners during escape ordering all the guards to avoid right by relaxing discipline and immediately moved to prove West delivered. “Dalrymple had almost Governor Oswald West, who had stocked the place with Pierce had installed the previous year, and installed the previous year, and and ran around the cell block, two and ran around the cell block, two running through the twilight, running through the twilight, making for turnkey making for turnkey...
New flavor to the table with unusual vegetables

By Kym Pokorny

David Coon is on a mission. Not exactly a Mission Impossible sort of a quest. He’s out to educate others about the potential for unusual vegetables in the garden and the kitchen.

Coon, an Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener, knew he was on to something when he’d been stopped in the grocery store by shoppers—fascinated by the produce he was sending through the check stand.

“For instance, a few years ago when I could finally find fennel in the store, I would take it up to the cashier and nine times out of ten someone would ask me what it was,” he said. “I got used to it pretty quickly. I realized a lot of people don’t know about these vegetables. That’s one reason I got interested.”

The lifelong gardener became aware of what people in the U.S. were missing back in the 1970s when he was stationed in Germany. “I saw a lot of things that people were eating and I came back here and didn’t see any of it,” he said. “After a period of time, I could see them gradually moving into the U.S. and wondered how they moved around. They’re like little ambassadors all over the world.”

As much as he can, Coon helps them on their way. He buys them, grows them, and urges them on others. In that vein, he offers eight of his favorite largely unknown vegetables. Though seeds can be hard to find, a search online will pull up some sources. Some nurseries will sell starts of a few including cardoon, kohlrabi, and broccoli rabe. Try them out and see what you think.

Shishito pepper: A small, usually sweet pepper that runs around 2 inches. Perhaps one in 10 will surprise you with a little kick, but “never crying hot,” Coon said. He turns the green pepper into snacks by throwing them in a hot pan with some oil for a few seconds and then dresses them with a dash of kosher salt. The plant originally came from the Americas and was one of the first new world peppers to make it around the world, first gathered by Europeans, then passed along to the Far East. This is a warm-weather plant that does best in soil that’s about 80 degrees.

Kohlrabi: Coon’s research shows kohlrabi originating in central Asia and now growing popularly on occasion on grocery shelves. It looks like a bulb about the size of a baseball, and is used cross between cabbage and broccoli. Use it raw, sautéed, steamed, roasted, or fried. He recommends the variety White Vienna. Kohlrabi is another cool-weather plant to put in the garden in spring and fall.

Broccoli rabe or rapini: Related to turnips, rapini arrived in the U.S. in 1927 from Italy. It looks a little like mustard with tiny broccoli heads and features a pleasantly peppery taste. Coon has been known to sauté, braise, stir-fry, and steam it, but advises not eating it raw. Plant in spring and fall.

Mache – also known as Lamb’s lettuce (not lamb’s quarters), corn salal, and field salsal: This plant – related to broccoli but with small heads – has been cultivated in temperate Europe since Neolithic times, according to Coon. “I saw it when I was in Germany and now popping, but never saw it again until recently.” he said. Mache sometimes shows up in the grocery store like a cross, but then drops out of sight when it doesn’t sell. Coon thinks that should change. It’s easy to grow and can be used sweet, nutty lettuce with no bitterness. Leaves are used in salads. Plant in spring and fall. Frost is hardy, but then drops out of sight when it doesn’t sell.

Spinach: Common in soups, chards are related to broccoli but doesn’t form large heads. Eat the small heads, stems, and curly leaves in salads, steam, stir-fry, and steam it, but advises not eating it raw. Plant in spring and fall. Frost is hardy, but will die out after a freeze.

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Cardoon: This Mediterranean vegetable in spring and you’ll have cardoons every year. It comes from Central America and was impressed by the thistle heads “just as spectacular as artichokes but smaller.” Instead of eating the head and heart like artichokes, cook and serve the stems. Before using, Coon suggests peeling off the ridges on the stem, which contain strings. The stem, which contain strings, is edible and pairs well with cream sauces, garlic, and thyme. Thistles are not only edible but also ornamental as they have cardoons every year.
Hackers could now target smart meters

By Steve Lundeberg

A power transmission grid can be destabilized by hackers who manipulate smart meters to create oscillations too high or too low, researchers at the Oregon State University College of Engineering have found.

The study is important because understanding where a grid’s vulnerabilities lie and what they look like is the first step in designing protection mechanisms, says associate professor of electrical engineering Eduardo Cotilla-Sanchez, who led the project with graduate student Falah Alanazi.

“A smart meter is a digital de-
vice that collects electricity usage data and sends it to a local utility through a telecommunications connection. The meters can help customers learn more about their electricity use, and they can also be used to remotely shut off cus-
tomers’ power, such as in the case of unpaid bills.

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In this study, conducted with OSU College of Engineering ass-

ociate professor Jinseob Kim, researchers used a model known as a time-domain grid protection model, which caused the load to vary back and forth in a regular pattern – known as a load oscillation – to cause grid instability and could result in a complete system blackout.

“The new technology has been introduced to make our aging infrastructure more ef-
ficient and more reliable,” Cotilla-
Sanchez said. “At the distribution level, upgrade, have included communication systems, distribu-
tion automation, local control and protection systems, and advanced metering infrastructure. The bad news is, the upgrades also intro-
duce new dimensions for attack-
ing the power grid.”

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“Imagine calling everyone you know and say, ‘OK, at 6 p.m., we are all going to turn the lights on,’” Cotilla-Sanchez said. “Even you would get a couple of people to do that, it would be unlikely to cause much instabil-
ity because the grid is able to ad-
sorb fairly big changes in supply and demand. But if you had solar panels at the end of the day they do not produce electricity and we are able to anticipate and compensate for that.”

“But if a person were to remote-
ly coordinate a large number of smart meters, the effect could ramp up and off at a particular frequen-
ty, that would be a problem.”

That type of incident would start with someone performing recon-
naissance by “poking” a couple of locations in a grid and using the information to estimate the grid’s destabilizing oscillation fre-
quency, he said. After determining which locations contribute to the oscillation, the attacker would launch an assault.

And comparatively speaking, an attack doesn’t need to involve much intelligence.

“We just exploited our work with related recent grid studies and found that is well-crafted attack can cause grid instability while involving less than 2% of the sys-
tem’s total customer base,” he said.

The findings, while unsettling, provide a jump-off point for grid operators to develop countermea-
sures.

“For example, if they detect this type of oscillation on the load side, they could push down the flow of service, intentionally alarming the area and thus avoid-
ning propagation of the instability to a broader area of the grid,” he said.

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can expect to be updated. EWEB has gone on record saying it will continue to investigate and facilitate all potential options with those agencies responsible for transportation in the area."

Given the strong local interest, at-large Commissioner Mindy Schildroth cautions that during discussions of the utility’s Action Plan, the utility needs to “be really clear that this is a plan to create an action plan.”

Board member John Brown noted that decisions “can’t be made overnight and will take years to do.” He felt that the sooner information was available, the better. “I don’t want to wait until the bottom of the ninth,” he said, regarding issues like water for the fish hatchery and south bank access.

When the ballots were tallied, incumbents Robin Roberts, Steve Severi, and Jennifer Zirkle were all reelected, along with a new director, Tim Hooton. Also passed was an amendment to the MVW board of directors. Severin, and Jennifer Zirkle were reelected, along with a new director, Tim Hooton. Also passed was an amendment to the MVW board of directors.

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They can retain heat for several hours and if you need a permit.

State law requires the proper restrictions for Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands, so as you begin this spring clean-up, the Oregon Department of Forestry and Keep Oregon Green urge you to put some thought into how you want to dispose of your yard debris. Considering alternatives to burning like composting, chipping, or slowly disposing of it via your yard debris bin (if you have one) helps to protect us from wildfires in your area. Check with your local disposal company for recycling options. By choosing an alternative disposal method, or burning under safe conditions outside of fire season, you can help significantly reduce the risk of a wildfire.

Jane Dillinger ran the 100 m. in 17.26 sec., good for eighth place. Dillinger ran her 200 m. race in 36.94 seconds, which was a fifth-place time and a Personal Record. Jessica Bottenknecht of Triangle Lake won the event in 30.89 sec.

Other girl’s track event winners were Lyvia Shottt of Triangle Lake in both the 1500 and 3000 m. races, the first with a time of 6:19.55 min. and the latter at 14:11.04 min. The Lakers Ella Mathers won the 400 m. in 1:07.85 min. and Madeline Brewster took home first place in the 800 m. with a finish time of 2:48.69 min. Triangle Lake won both relay races. The Laker foursome of Mathers, Baker, Brewer, and Riggs ran the 4x100 m. relay in 53.41 sec., and Kiera Alvarez-Riggs ran the 4x100 m. relay in 5:20.30 min.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and other fire prevention experts urge the public to exercise caution when disposing of yard debris this spring. With fires already occurring in the state, particularly in the northeast part of Oregon and Central Oregon District, Oregonians need to keep fire prevention at the top of their minds.

Now is a great time to trim trees and bushes, and tidy up plants around your home before entering a "defensible space" around your property. Defensible space creates a buffer around your home that can help protect your yard from catching fire and provides firefighters with a safe space to work from. Any time you burn yard debris, you will have a lot to dispose of. Debris burning is the leading human-related fire cause on ODF-protected lands.

Know the weather – Burn early in the day and never burn on dry or windy days, since fires can spread out of control more easily. Clear a 10-foot fuel-free buffer around the pile – Make sure there are no tree branches or power lines above.

Keep burn piles small – Large burn piles, up to 15 feet by 15 feet, can pose a fire hazard long distances. Keep piles small, maximum of four feet by four feet. Add debris to the pile in small amounts as you add the fire.

Always have water and fire tools nearby – When burning, have a charged water hose or a bucket of water, and shovel on hand to put out the fire. Drown the pile with water, stir the coals, and drown again, repeating until the fire is cold to the touch.

Go back and check burn piles. They can retain heat for several weeks and restart when the weather warms up and winds blow.

Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids to start your fire. Burn only yard debris – State laws prohibit burning materials or trash that create dense smoke or noxious odors.

Costs of runway debris burns – State law requires the proper disposal system, including extinguishing of open fires all year. If your debris burn spreads out of control, you may have to pay for suppression costs, as well as the damage to your neighbors' properties, which can be extremely expensive.

More tips on wildfire prevention, including campfire safety, increased equipment use, and fire-resistant landscaping can be found on the Keep Oregon Green website. Check the public use regulations for Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands before you burn.

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