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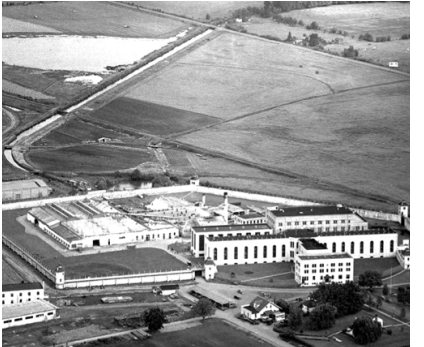
Sometimes, there's a "Failure to communicate."

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Prison break gone bad

Jones, in a moment of enthusiasm, had broken the turnkey's jaw with his fist and now he was out cold on the floor.

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Tall load snags powerlines

Wreck at Milepost 39 blocked Friday traffic



Aaron Ratiff

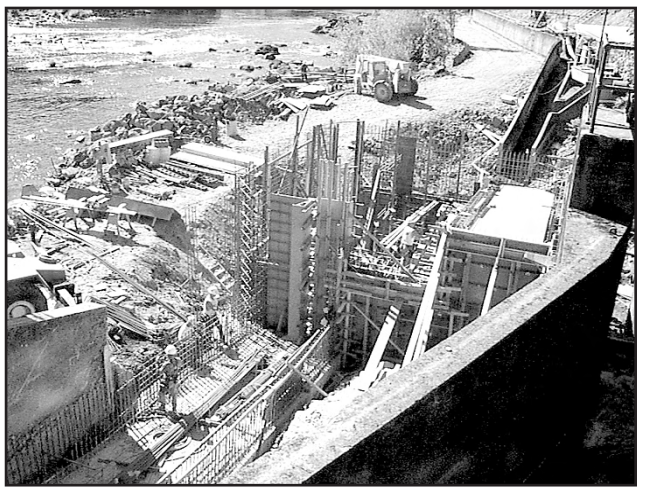
Traffic came to a halt Friday when equipment on a semi-trailer snagged utility lines. According to Oregon State Police reports, Glen Yadon, 59, told investigators he was entering Hwy.126 from a driveway in the 49600 block around 11:16 a.m. when the rear of his trailer hit the low-hanging wires. Yadon 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.

EWEB to outline plans at Leaburg meeting

Dam removal is expected during the 2030's

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 work 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.

At 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



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

the actual start date in the mid-2030s. In the interim, though, 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 redirects side stream and rainfall runoff back to the McKenzie River.

Residents with south-side properties that are accessed over Leaburg Dam Road **Leaburg meeting - Page 11**

Willamette National Forest receives \$14.7 million for fuels reduction

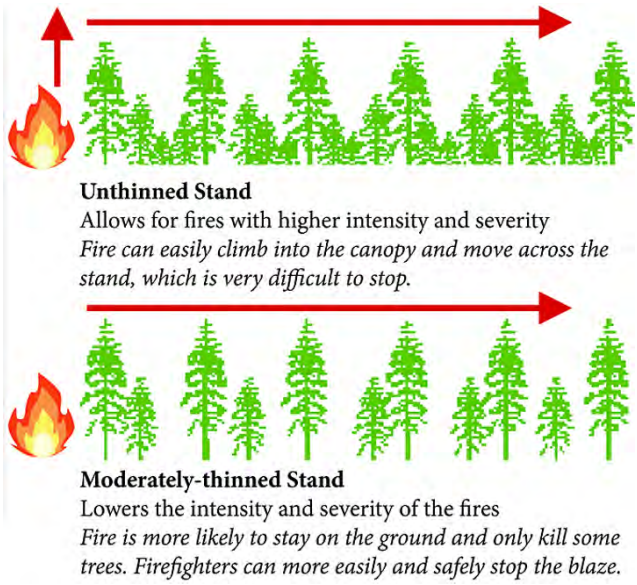
The Willamette National Forest will receive a total of \$14,700,000 to implement fuel breaks on boundaries of potential operational delineations (PODs) as part of the Wildfire Crisis Strategy implementation. Officials say the Forest was chosen based on opportunities to work with industry partners to 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 wildfire. 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 ad-

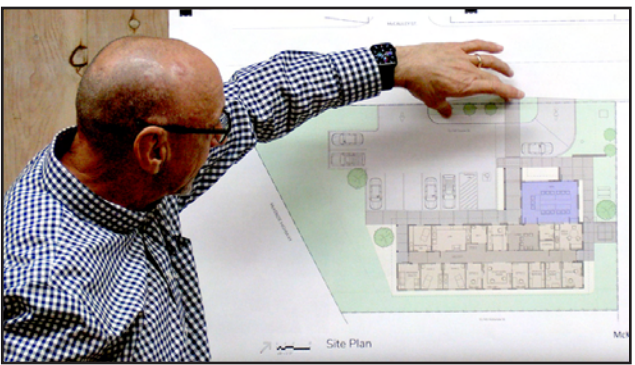
jacent private lands. Efforts will build upon and improve boundaries and existing features relevant to fire containment. Projects will include working with communities, collaboratives, landowners, and industrial partners to connect and complement public and private efforts in a cohesive strategy to reduce 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."



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/msytm23s

The annual report and election of officers for McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) were on the agenda but blueprints took center stage at the non-profit's meeting last Tuesday. "Our five-year vision is the McKenzie Valley region is sustainably renewed and rebuilt as a lively, robust destination community - not just as a place to visit, but as a place to live," was the way MVW president Val Rapp described the group's goals. "Job one for McKenzie Valley Wellness is to rebuild the medical clinic. Our vision is for

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're 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 for a grand opening next June.

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Letters to the Editor

Don't repeat

Now that we are past the pre-election discussions surrounding the election for our local school board candidates, and voting has begun, I'm wondering if our community, based on our recent experience, can come to some agreement about how we might improve the process for future elections.

What have we learned from 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 Voters' Pamphlet. Not all states enjoy this aspect of the election process Oregonians are privileged to utilize to make informed decisions. The statements can give all voters a chance to at least look at educational background (or not), occupational background (or not), community service record (or not), and more. These alone can tell us important things about the candidate we might not be able to consider otherwise. It is an important tradition that should not be taken for granted, even by the smallest of communities, whose votes are just as important as our big urban areas.

We've learned that engaging our candidates in a public forum/debate is crucial to drawing out specific outlooks and goals our candidates would bring to their community service as school board members. In addition, community members have the opportunity to express their value of the democratic process itself by engaging in a process that is civil, inclusive and thoughtful for those who are coming after us.

We've learned that we find stuffing our main roadway link to each other with lawn signs is offensive and is not helpful at all to voters who are attempting to make an informed decision about who we believe is the best choice to represent us in matters important to our community.

We've learned that there are those in the community who might exercise a cloaked personal, religious or political agenda to gain power for power's sake, and that

this is not a healthy prospect for our community.

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

Can we agree that in the future all candidates will commit to placing a statement in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet, which is one 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 "lawn" 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 consist of any "group" of candidates who might have a personal agenda based on some religious or political stances?

For our young people here, and for the future of this community, I sure 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 the community and would be an asset. Please write him in to be your representative.

Ann Penny
Springfield

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams will participate in the 1A-SD2 Northwest Sub-District meet, held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track, this Friday, Friday, May 12. Field events will commence at 12 a.m. and track events will start

at 1 p.m.

Lakers Take Two Topping Three At AMJ Invitational

Triangle Lake rolled into the Upper McKenzie Valley last Thursday, May 4, to participate in the McKenzie Community Track and Field Committee's annual Aaron and Marie Jones Invitational. At the end of the day, the Lakers departed with but one disappointing performance. That downer 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 two teams in the field, Mohawk and McKenzie. The Laker girls have



ONE GOOD REASON FOR IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH ...

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 19, and McKenzie third with 15 points. The Triangle Lake boys doubled second place McKenzie 80 to 40 points and Mohawk finished third with 35 pts.

Levi Lockard took first place in the shot put with a throw of 37 ft. 8.5 in and teammate Jacob Peek finished seventh at 24 ft. 10.75 in. Lockard threw the discus 96 ft. 0 in., good for second place behind Ivan Surcamp of Triangle Lake, who set a Personal Record with a throw of 102 ft. 6 in. Peek 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 141 ft. 1.5 in. and Lockard followed in second place, throwing the javelin 101 ft. 10 in. Peek took sixth at 68 ft. 6.5 in.

Other boys field event winners were Mitch Dumford of Triangle Lake in the high jump: 5 ft. 5 in., McKenzie's Jovial Jordan in the pole vault: a Personal Record 7 ft. 0 in., Yosiah Baker of Triangle Lake in the long jump: 16 ft. 6.75 in., and Tyler Wallace of Mohawk in the triple jump: 35 ft. 2.75 in.

In the boy's track events, Eagle Trent Peek Van Sickle won the 110 m. hurdles in a PR time of 57.68 sec., holding off teammate Jordan, who finished second in 22.74 sec., also 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 Ewan O'Dea of Mohawk, who finished in 48.98 sec.

McKenzie sprinter Salomon Acevedo finished second in the 100 m. in a time of 12.41 seconds, which was won by Mohawk's Brody Robinson in 12.33 sec. Van Sickle finished the 100 m. in fourth place at 12.66 seconds and Allen Acevedo took fifth in 12.73 sec.

Robinson won his second sprint event, the 200 m. in a time of 25.52 sec., and Salomon Acevedo nearly beat his Mustang rival, finishing in 25.53 sec. Allen Acevedo took third with a time of 26.47 sec. McKenzie freshman Will Meister ran a third-place 12:53.56 minutes time in the 3000 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 4x100 m. relay team of Allen Acevedo, Salomon Acevedo, Lawson, and Van Sickle finished second with a time of 49.51 seconds to 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 Overvaugh.

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 the discus earned her third place behind winner Feirrin 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 home top honors in the long jump with a leap of 13 ft. 11.25 in. Mohawk's Lucy Barrowcliff won the pole vault with a top clearance of 6 ft.

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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE
US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases
5/2	64	45	0.0	1,456 cfs
5/3	66	50	0.0	1,456 cfs
5/4	54	49	0.41	NA
5/5	54	45	0.11	1,410 cfs
5/6	54	44	0.50	1,456 cfs
5/7	59	40	0.01	1,470 cfs
5/8	48	44	0.07	1,468 cfs

READINGS TAKEN AT
EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
5/2	59	41	0.01	7,340 cfs
5/3	63	45	0	7,000 cfs
5/4	69	46	0	6,940 cfs
5/5	60	46	0.08	7,180 cfs
5/6	59	47	0.11	6,850 cfs
5/7	64	39	0.14	6,920 cfs
5/8	63	44	0.05	6,740 cfs

Friday 5/12

McKenzie Valley
Mostly Sunny
10% chance precip
High: 81 Low: 51

Santiam Pass
Mostly Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 68 Low: 44

Saturday 5/13

McKenzie Valley
Sunny
5% chance precip
High: 88 Low: 60

Santiam Pass
Sunny
1% chance precip
High: 73 Low: 51

Sunday 5/14

McKenzie Valley
Sunny
10% chance precip
High: 95 Low: 60

Santiam Pass
Sunny
10% chance precip
High: 77 Low: 52

Sheriff's Report

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.

3:50 a.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs. A caller reported that their purse and handgun were stolen from within their vehicle at the springs.

April 23: 7:49 a.m: dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. A caller advised that his ex-wife was refusing to give his phone back.

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.

4:12p.m:SuspiciousConditions - 41500 blk, McK. Hwy. An owner of an area business reported that some visitors to the business left behind meth.

5:49 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 39400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. 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.

6:12 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy. A vehicle that is believed to have been involved in a previous theft was spotted in the area.

April 26: 1:32 a.m: Prowler - 42700 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 – 5'09 with a medium build. He was last seen walking westbound on McK. Hwy.

8:13 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. Dispute between a female and her boyfriend. No crime articulated.

11:55 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy. A red Toyota Celica was reported to have broken down in the area.

April 27: 10:22 a.m: Accident, Vehicle-Pedestrian - Foley Ridge Rd. & McK. Hwy. A male lying in the roadway was struck by a passing vehicle. The male was transported by Life-Flight to the hospital and expected to survive.

5:56 p.m: Harassment - 87800 blk, Fawn Way. A caller advised that her deceased husband's children were harassing her.

April 28: 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.

3:02 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

3:44p.m:SuspiciousConditions

- 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.

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

3:15 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 41700 blk, Madrone St.

May 2: 4:05 p.m: Assist, Follow Up – McK. River Fire Station.

May 3: 12:04 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

6:00 p.m: Citizen Contact -

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State Police Report

May 6: 09:14: Fish & Wildlife, Hunting. Contacted by LCSO after they received information of a trespasser on Weyerhaeuser property near Gate Creek. LCSO & trooper arrived and located two vehicles locked behind a private gate. When asked what they were doing there one of the hunters said they were hunting turkeys. That hunter also said he had killed two ruffed grouse. With grouse season being closed, the two grouse and the hunter's shotgun were seized as evidence. The hunter was cited for take/possession of game bird closed season. LCSO also cited the hunter for trespass. Involved: 22-year-old male from McMinnville.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

May 1: 5:54: 87000 block, Lupe Ln. Fire, Vehicle, Fire Extinguished Prior to Arrival.

13:57: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:04: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

16:22: 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

May 3: 6:48: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident - Unable To Locate.

9:40: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Walk In. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

20:46: 40000 blk, Tonga Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 4: 8:42: 87000 blk, Collins Lane Medical, General. Assist.

13:18: 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

16:05: 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

May 5: 4:27: 40000 blk, York Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.




11:10: McK. Hwy./Milepost 36. MVA. Scene Secured/Non-Injury.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

May 4: 13:16: Medical – 50000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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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, and when the last prisoner had rounded the corner out of sight, they doubled back, hurrying into the cell that had been assigned to 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 to the men’s 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; James Willos, a burglar from Umatilla County; Tom Murray, 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 Ellsworth Kelly the artist, the mid-century painter of large-format works of modern abstract art famous for bright colors and hard edges.)

Prison breaks, or attempted ones, were surprisingly common in 1925. A new prison 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.

One exception was the warden, A.M. Dalrymple, who had worked for Oregon State Penitentiary before. Dalrymple, though, was kind of an exception that proved the rule: He’d been fired from that job with the approval of then-Governor Oswald West, who publicly disparaged him as “white-livered.” Dalrymple had almost immediately moved to prove West right by relaxing discipline and ordering all the guards to avoid shooting prisoners during escape attempts. After word about that got around, as you can imagine, busting out of the joint became almost a popular pastime for the inmates.

Indeed, all of the men but Willos had made an escape the



Oregon State Archives

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

previous year. In that attempt, they had unlocked a door with a key Kelley had made in the prison shop; then sawn 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, where they had commandeered a car from a motorist driving by. They’d gotten away but had only managed to elude the posses 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 around the cell block, two on each side, making for turnkey James Nesmith’s office ... where the guns were stored.

As they crossed 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, the 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

all helped themselves.

Two of them then opened fire on the north guard tower, raking it with bullets. The guards in the tower shot back, but they were at a huge disadvantage; rifle bullets passed right through the tower walls, whereas the turnkey’s office was made of stone.

When the guns stopped speaking from the north tower, the men left the office and ran for it, clambering over the wall, and making for the outside.

As they did so, Warden Dalrymple arrived with his shotgun and sent both barrels after one of the fleeing forms. The runner was seen to waver, but it was a long-distance shot, and didn’t have enough stuff to stop him.

But then John Davidson, a wall guard, arrived on the scene with his rifle. With this he shot Bert “Oregon” Jones as he came off the wall, hitting him in the leg and immobilizing him. Jones waved the others on, and after that, he apparently shot himself in the head.

So then there were three, running through the twilight, making for the trees.

They ran directly to the Oregon State Hospital, or the Insane Asylum as it was then called, where they came into a significant spot of luck: A yellow taxi had just pulled up to pick up a patient who was being discharged.

Soon they were on their way in the commandeered cab. Behind them, they left the bodies of the North Tower guards, James Holman and J. Sweeney, with a third guard, Lute Savage, seriously wounded. As they fled, the other inmates in their cells whistled and shouted and rattled their bars in support.

The three survivors made their way to a farm just outside of New Era, where they threw themselves on the mercy of the farmer there, C.L. Newman. It’s not clear whether Newman was part of the New Era Spiritual Society commune at New Era,

but he probably was, because he took a very Mount of Olives Discourse-inspired approach with the convicts, taking them in and feeding them and letting them rest peacefully. He didn’t report the convicts’ visit until well after they were on their way, which let him in for some bitter words from local officials. Newman, though, bluntly replied that he was not going to put his family’s safety at risk by taking sides in a quarrel that he saw himself as having no part in, between the state and the prisoners.

Eventually, though, the convicts did have to move on. So, after writing an account of the breakout in which they claimed “Oregon” Jones had done all the killing and pledged never to be taken alive, they left Newman’s farmstead, Eden, aiming to get far enough away to make a clean break.

Near the town of Bingen in southern Washington, Murray, the leader of the crew, wanted to go east; but Kelley and Willos thought north was a better option. So the gang split up.

Murray drifted into a trainyard in Centralia, where he started looking for a morally flexible drifter who might help him pull a holdup to get some traveling money.

He found one in Phillip Carson, a 26-year-old hobo from Portland ... or so he thought. Carson paid to rent a cheap hotel room in which they could plan the job and told him he knew an experienced stick-up man who would help for a cut of the take. Then, Carson went to get his friend ... from the local police station. One of the cops on duty, C.D. Pilling, quickly changed into civilian clothes and came back with him.

Soon, Carson was introducing Murray to Pilling, and a few minutes later Pilling and Murray had hatched a full plan to knock over a nearby roadhouse.

Then Carson and Pilling went out to hire a car, and returned with George Barner, the mayor of Centralia, behind the wheel of his own car.

Needless to say, Murray never made it to the roadhouse for the stick-up. Back he went to Salem in careful custody to face his reckoning.

But he never received it. On May 10, 1926, as it became increasingly clear that he was headed straight to the gallows, Murray hanged himself in his holding cell.

By that time, the other two were back in custody as well. Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos got off to a bad start on their own when sticking around Bingen to try to

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By Slim Randles

When Harley Jacobsen came into Doc’s office the other day for his physical it was a treat for Doc.

Harley is one of Doc’s favorite people. Harley is a farmer. A 24/7 farmer. Ol’ Harley can make hair grow on a bald head and wheat grow on rocks.

When he’d been thumped and bumped and listened to and pumped up and partially drained, Harley asked Doc for the verdict.

“Not bad at all for someone your age, Harley,” Doc said, grinning. “But you look tired. Take some time off and go fishing or take Gladys to the beach. ”

“Can’t right now, Doc,” Harley said. “Plowing summer fallow.”

“Well, how about later on?”

“There’s harvest you know, and the trees will have to be pruned before winter, and then the winter wheat will go in. Have to overhaul the wheel tractor this winter and by then it’ll be time to plant.”

“Harley, you need two weeks with nothing to do. Get someone to help with the farm and go do something fun.”

“I just can’t do it in two weeks, Doc,” Harley said. “Took 60 years of farming to get this tired.”

Brought to you by the new paperback edition of “Ol’ Max Evans, the First Thousand Years,” by Slim Randles. Go to unmpress.com.

Quote of the Week

“Thankfully, perseverance is a great substitute for talent.”
Steve Martin



**A Moment
in Oregon
History**
By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

May 11 - Captain Robert Gray was born in Rhode Island. He went to sea at an early age, was employed by a Boston based company and sailed to the Pacific Northwest to explore and to trade for furs with the natives. At 4 a.m. on May 11, 1792 Captain Gray and his ship, the Columbia Rediviva, stood off the entrance of a great river. The ship’s log noted the wind was blowing strong out of the west, breakers were visible running in a line from shore to shore, and there appeared no visible opening. But Gray ordered sails set and his ship crossed over the bar. The “Great River of the West” had been discovered and Captain Gray claimed it for the United States of America and named it after his ship, the Columbia.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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New flavor to the table with unusual vegetables



By Kym Pokorny

David Coon is on a mission. Not exactly a Mission Impossible save-the-world mission; more 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 be 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 10 someone would ask me what it was,” he said. “I got used to giving my spiel. 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 popping up occasionally on grocery shelves. It looks like a bulb about the size of a baseball and tastes like a cross between cabbage and broccoli. Use it raw, sautéed, steamed, roasted, or stuffed. 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 salad, and field salad: 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, but never saw it again until recently,” he said. Mache sometimes shows up in the grocery store nowadays, but then drops out of sight when it doesn’t sell. Coon thinks that should change. It’s easy to grow and tastes like sweet, nutty lettuce with no bitterness. Leaves are used in salads. Plant in spring and summer; it overwinters beautifully in much of Oregon.

Spigarello: Common in southern Italy, spigarello is related to broccoli but doesn’t form large heads. Eat the small heads, stems, and curly leaves in salads, steam, sauté, or throw in soup. The flavor, Coon says, is sweet and grassy, a mix of kale and broccoli. Plant in spring and fall. Frost is hardy, but will die out after a freeze.

Sorrel (also called spinach dock or narrow-leaved dock): A perennial herb or salad vegetable native to Europe, western Asia, and North Africa, sorrel has leaves

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



A CUP OF TEA FOR COMFORT

I’ve long preferred a cup of tea for my beverage of choice with my meals or for relaxation. I enjoy trying various types and flavors of this beverage and seem to prefer regular black tea, not herbal or decaffeinated tea. But I find it tasty to add various flavors to my black teas.

English and Irish Breakfast Tea seem to be my ones of choice, to which I often find some of them with added flavor like vanilla, coconut, or mint. Earl Grey Tea is another I enjoy, along with Ceylon tea. I drink my tea fairly strong with no sugar or cream added.

Tea has long been a sign of comfort and hospitality in my family. “Have a cup of tea,” often was the invitation when guests visited. My grandmother enjoyed her tea at 3 PM every afternoon. She had tea while my two aunts drank their coffee.

My sister and I had small tea sets and organized tea parties with our dolls. My granddaughter also enjoyed tea parties with a small tea set at a small table when she was a toddler. I recently found a photo of my husband (her grandfather) sitting at this tea table with her dolls when we visited. Kara sat in her small chair, Jim on the floor cross-legged.

Tea with Mother

When I visited my mom in her home, before she moved in with us as she developed Alzheimer’s, she’d insist we sit and chat over tea upon my arrival. (Mother and I lived 275 miles apart.) While she lived with me, we’d have our afternoon tea and often reminisce how my grandmother enjoyed this

custom.

As Mother needed more care and moved to a nursing home, we had our tea parties there. My grandchildren (her great grands) thought it fun to have tea with her. They would eat their snacks while Grandma and I enjoyed tea and muffins or cookies. (The children liked the goodies, too!) Those are memories we have today, even though my mom and grandmother are gone.

Tea Accompaniments

Tea and crumpets, muffins, cookies and sandwiches are just a few of the goodies that might accompany afternoon tea.

QUICK COFFEE CAKE - (You might want to re-name it “tea cake” if you’re serving it with this beverage!)

Cream together 1/2-cup sugar and 1/3 cup shortening. Stir in 1 egg.

Sift together 1/2-teaspoon salt, 3 teaspoons baking powder, and 2 cups flour. Add these dry ingredients alternately with 1-cup milk to creamed mixture, resulting in a rather stiff batter. Spread in greased 8-inch square pan.

For a topping: Mix together 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 stick butter or oleo melted, 2 teaspoons cinnamon (more or less as desired). Sprinkle over batter in pan. (Add golden raisins or dried cranberries for variation.)

Bake in 375 degree F. oven for 20 minutes or until tests done. It’s not recommended you use an electric mixer for this.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes for children and adults from her home in the NH woods.)

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Walterville Community Center Siding and Windows

The Walterville Grange is applying to the USDA Rural Development, Community Facility Grant Program for funding the removal and replacement of siding, windows, and insulation on the west side of the hall for a total project cost of \$39,000. The Walterville Grange will hold a board/council meeting open to the public to discuss the application and provide an opportunity for the public to comment. The meeting is a requirement of the USDA application. The meeting will be held at 7 PM on May 16, 2023, at the Walterville Community Center 39259 Camp Creek Rd. For more information on the USDA Rural Development application please contact Jeffery Dehne at jcdehne@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM OR-LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the UPPER MCKENZIE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on May 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at 56578 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the UNRFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 56578 McKenzie Hwy, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online at uppermckenziefire.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Dawn Pozzani, Budget Officer

Telephone: 541-822-3479

Email: uppermckenziefire@gmail.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2021-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-2023	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-2024
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,863,059	2,979,000	2,748,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service	3,121	3,500	700,000
Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	2,239,989	250,000	344,942
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	2,140,000	650,000	1,360,000
All Other Resources, Except Current Year Property Taxes	58,761	68,000	30,000
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	261,652	242,000	244,451
Total Resources	6,066,782	4,193,000	4,717,413

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Personnel Services	96,562	143,601	109,875
Materials and Services	180,836	201,399	194,538
Capital Outlay	568,562	900,000	2,130,000
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	2,140,000	650,000	1,360,000
Contingencies	0	4,000	10,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expend	3,080,822	2,294,000	913,000
Total Requirements	6,066,782	4,193,000	4,717,413

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *

Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Fire and Emergency Services	0	1,927,000	5,794,413
FTE	1.50	1.50	1.25
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	6,066,782	2,266,000	923,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	6,066,782	4,193,000	4,717,413
Total FTE	1.50	1.50	1.25

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

Grants received for Infrastructure and Equipment replacement after the Holiday Farm Fire increased the FY 2021-2022 Resources considerably. The current FY 2022-2023 year the District has gone from design to beginning construction on the new Blue River Station. FY 2023-2024 will see the project completed, equipment purchased for the new station and Engine. The projected ending balances reflect this level of expenditure.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2021-2022	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2022-2023	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2023-2024
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit per \$1,000)	1.1951	1.1951	1.1951
Local Option Levy	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0

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Community Notes

Late trout stocking

Late winter is having an impact on spring trout stocking. Spring stocking in several parts of Oregon is being delayed due to heavy snow and lack of access for the liberation trucks. A good rule of thumb is if a waterbody is still inaccessible or frozen over, it will not be stocked as scheduled. The Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife reports it is doing its best to keep to the online stocking schedule and Recreation Report up-to-date. In addition, people can check local road reports to confirm access.

Due to cold water conditions, fishing for newly stocked trout may be slow. Trout are coming from warmer water in the hatcheries, and are in for a bit of a shock when they're stocked in very cold water of many lakes and ponds. Within a few days, these fish should acclimate and become more active.

May 11

Coop Meeting

The Lane Electric Coop's McKenzie District Meeting will be held at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. LEC board members will give updates and candidates will speak. Food and prizes will be provided.

May 12

Sub District Meet

The McKenzie Community Track & Field will host a Sub District meet from 10 a.m. to noon.

May 12

McKenzie Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 2nd & 4th Friday, at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop for yourself or have food delivered to car. Questions call Robin 541-844-8838.

May 13

Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Riv-

ers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. Walks are scheduled on the second Saturdays, March through December, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 13

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

May 14

Mother's Day Breakfast

The Waltherville Grange will be hosting its annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14th. It's time to give mom a break by taking her out for breakfast at the Waltherville Community Center for some great food. The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Waltherville. Breakfast will be served between 8 and 11 a.m. Please bring a canned food item for the upriver food bank. Donations are gratefully accepted with a goal for new windows and siding for the community center. For more information call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

May 15

Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

May 15

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

May 16

Family Story Time

There will be some special FUN at Camp Creek Church - for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship. 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd.

May 16

Board of Commissioners

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

May 16

EWEB Upriver Meeting

The Eugene Water & Electric Board will hold its annual Upriver Board Meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway. Topics will include the utility's wildfire mitigation plan, projects in the McKenzie Watershed, updates on the Leaburg Hydroelectric Project, billing assistance, and more. Q&A with EWEB staff and Commissioners to follow presentations.

May 17

BCC Meeting

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May 17

Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

May 17

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

May 17

Upper McKenzie Fire

The board of directors will meet at 7 p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

May 18

McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce board will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. To sign up for a link to the meeting, go to: info@ McKenzieChamber.com.

May 18

Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

May 20

Living River Day

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

May 20

Plant Sale

The Late Bloomer's Garden Club's plant sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center. There will be a wide variety of plants, refreshments, and a raffle drawing.

May 20

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

May 20

Art With Ellen

Children are invited to take part in drawing lessons with Ellen at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed especially for children, ages 6 - 10. \$90 for children of members, \$110 for children of non-members.

May 23

BCC Meeting

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May 23

Family Story Time

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May 26

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May 27

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May 29

Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

May 30

BCC Meeting

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May 30

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May 31

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Playing With Fire



I am a stay-at-home mom, 24, married to my husband, 26, for six years. He has a problem chatting with young girls online.

I have “caught” him numerous times, and it’s always the same thing. He’s sorry and says it’s only a game to him, but he continues to do it. He works with a high school program and knows these girls in real life. I’ve recorded his conversations, and they are very disturbing.

He likes the attention, and for some reason teenage girls are attracted to him, never mind he’s 10 years older and married with children. Recently I read a conversation in which he told a girl the only reason he’s married is because I got pregnant, which is true. He says we are best friends, and eventually we will “move on” when the time is right.

This was news to me. I confronted him, and he said he

only said those things because he knew I was spying on him and wanted me to come forward. I don’t believe that. I don’t think he knew I read his messages. I believe that is the way he feels.

He tells me constantly he loves me and is never mean in any other way. He says it’s an escape for him. In a way, I believe it, but I cannot forget what he said about our marriage. If that’s how he feels, why does he want to stay?

Jewell

Jewell, when your husband said he wrote something provocative to make you come forward, it’s a little like saying he wanted a police officer to come forward, so he began to speed. It doesn’t hold water.

The question is, what is real and what is fantasy? Your husband is playing an escalating game with real people who are too young for him to be playing with. He hasn’t stopped because there aren’t escalating consequences.

He is casting his net wide, hitting on these girls, waiting for something to happen. He is taking a chance one of them will print out what he says and pass it around. Even more threatening, sooner or later he is going to find the one he cannot resist.

Meanwhile, the young girls get a chance to try out their sexuality on an adult male. For most, it will just be practice. For one of them, it is likely to be the real thing. If you don’t present him with serious reasons for stopping, that is where his behavior is likely to lead.

Your husband is toying with the pin on a hand grenade. If you can’t get him to put it down, you need to get out of the blast zone.

Wayne & Tamara

Song And Dance

Why is sex so public? Why is it used as a marketing tool? I just don’t get it. I throw up at the sight and sound of this garbage. What happened to the good old days when sex was private, shared between two people, and never spoken about in public? I miss them, and I wasn’t even alive then.

Briana

Briana, human beings are built to respond rapidly to things involving fear, food, sex, approval, and authority. There are people, companies, and institutions who know this and stand to gain by pushing our buttons. They don’t care about us. They care about their own agenda.

Wisdom comes from understanding our own hot buttons and detaching ourselves from self-serving messages. Just because we live in a certain time doesn’t mean we can’t stand apart from that time.

Instead of reacting to every message and letting people push our buttons, we need to ask, Who will gain if I act on this message? Until we understand that, we are like a willow whipped by a wind stirred by others. After we understand that, we are like the sedate oak, barely moved by even the strongest winds.

Wayne & 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

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

How to Triumph Like a Girl

By Ada Limón

I like the lady horses best, how they make it all look easy, like running 40 miles per hour is as fun as taking a nap, or grass. I like their lady horse swagger, after winning. Ears up, girls, ears up!

But mainly, let’s be honest, I like that they’re ladies. As if this big dangerous animal is also a part of me, that somewhere inside the delicate skin of my body, there pumps

an 8-pound female horse heart, giant with power, heavy with blood.

Don’t you want to believe it? Don’t you want to lift my shirt and see the huge beating genius machine that thinks, no, it knows, it’s going to come in first.

Ada Limón became the 24th Poet Laureate of the United States in July of 2022. Limón is the author of the poetry collections *The Hurting Kind* (2022, Milkweed Editions); *The Carrying* (2018, Milkweed Editions), which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry; *Bright Dead Things* (2015, Milkweed Editions), a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Books Critics Circle Award, and the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award; *Sharks in the Rivers* (2010, Milkweed Editions); *Lucky Wreck* (2005, Autumn House Press, reissued 2021); and *This Big Fake World* (2005, Pearl Editions).

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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May 6: 14:14: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

20:11: 7900 blk, S. C St. Medical, Heart. Disregarded Prior to Arrival.

May 7: 7:26: 40000 blk, Tonga Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

17:38: 88000 blk, Missy Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:07: Camp Creek Rd. Mp. 3. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

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

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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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Events from May 11th



Tue Apr 18th 6:00pm - Tue May 23rd 8:00pm

"WRITE YOUR LIFE" Writing Workshops at Leaburg Library

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Fri May 12th 11:00am - 1:00pm

McKenzie River Food Pantry

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Sat May 13th 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Fri May 12th 4:00pm - Thu Jun 1st 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

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Sun May 14th 8:00am - 11:00am

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McKenzie Community TRACK & FIELD

Fri May 12th 10:00am - 12:00pm

Sub District Meet

McKenzie Track & Field will host a Sub District Meet



Sat May 13th 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day

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New flavor

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Spigarello is great cooked or used raw in salads.

used raw in salads or in sauces and soups. The flavor is tart and lemony with a crunch when raw. Coon said it makes a great pesto and pairs well with eggs, cream, and pasta. Plant in spring for summer harvest.

Scarlet runner bean: A vining bean with beautiful, red flowers that call out to hummingbirds. Comes from Central America and is widely grown in England. Try these mild beans raw, steamed, sautéed, or as a dry bean. Plant in spring and fall.

Cardoon: This Mediterranean native is one of Coon’s favorites, not only because of the mellow taste similar to artichoke but also for the dramatic statement

its big, silvery leaves make as an ornamental plant. He grew it in Germany 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 like celery, and blanching them to remove some bitterness and to keep their pretty green color. Eat raw, sautéed, steamed, boiled or in soups and stews. Pairs well with thyme, cream sauces, garlic, and mild cheeses. Plant this perennial vegetable in spring and you’ll have cardoons every year.



SHELFNOTES FROM LEABURG LIBRARY

MAY 2023

A couple of weeks ago I was in the Children’s Room straightening things up a bit and re-doing the book displays, when I sensed something odd – just a slight movement like a sudden poof of air. I looked around quickly, but the windows were closed and no one was there. “Hm,” I thought. “That was weird.” So I finished what I was doing, left the room and thought no more about it.

Until - a day or two later. As I unlocked the door to the Children’s Room, I heard a tiny sound - something that sounded exactly like giggling, very faint and soft, hardly there at all, but a definite giggle. I opened the door just a crack and peeked in. Nothing. So in I went. One glance around the picture book nook and I could clearly see that the stuffies and the dolls were not in the same chairs they were in two days prior. No one had been there because the library had been closed.

“Okay, what’s going on, guys?” I asked. As if an answer would be forthcoming. Then I looked around more closely. The bookshelves were tidier somehow. The books were standing taller. There was an aura of expectancy in the air, of excitement ever so gently wafting through the room.

“Yep, definitely something weird going on in here,” I mused half out loud.

Then it dawned on me. Just before these strange occurrences, I had been talking with some moms who are home-schooling

their children. We were discussing the possibility of re-instating Story Time, a program that used to be quite popular at the library before the fire, and COVID, and the apprehension that accompanied both. The more we talked, the more I was convinced that the library really needed to “get back to normal” - it was time.

Well - when you are in the Children’s Room, you have to be oh so careful about what you say out loud, because there are many pairs of ears listening. If you don’t believe me, just come and sit awhile in that room. You’ll feel it - really you will.

Anyway, the fact is that the inhabitants of the Children’s Room are getting ready for their long-awaited human friends to return, and frankly they can’t wait! They are excited to share their colorful new tables and chairs, new books, new puzzles and games, even some give-away books!

Rag Doll seems to have found a bit more starch in her stuffing as she waits for a new friend to come and sit with her. Kanga is having a great deal of difficulty keeping Roo in her pouch. He just can’t seem to contain himself. He does love company, you know. And all of them are eager to hear some wonderful stories again, maybe with some fun craft projects thrown in.

So when is all this happening you might ask? I’m so glad you brought that up. Beginning on June 1st, we will be offering Story

Time on Thursdays, at 1pm in the Children’s Room (where else, duh!). Put it on your calendar, tell all your friends, bring your neighbors, all children are welcome (with parents of course - we have “big people” chairs!). You can even bring your own favorite thing to cuddle.

When you come, don’t be surprised if you feel a little touch of fantasy in the air. It will just be the stuffies and the dolls sprinkling their fairy dust on you and saying, “Welcome back.”

REMEMBER : STORY TIME, JUNE 1st, 1 p.m, LEABURG LIBRARY CHILDREN’S ROOM!

We look forward to meeting all of you.

I’ll see you at the library!
Marty Mealey, Director

Ski Report

May 2, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area is closed on Mon. & Tues; open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. to Sat; and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The temperature Tuesday morning was 41 degrees at the base with East winds averaging 45 mph. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 82 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 43 degrees at the base and 32 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 96 inches. Weather predictions included possible rain in the morning that could burn off later. 74 of 122 trails were open, along with 2 of 17 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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Hackers could now target smart meters



By Steve Lundeberg

OSU

A power transmission grid can be destabilized by hackers who manipulate smart meters to create an oscillation in electricity demand, researchers at the Oregon State University College of Engineering have shown.

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 and computer science Eduardo Cotilla-Sanchez, who led the project with graduate student Falah Alanazi.

A smart meter is a digital device 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 customers’ power, such as in the case of unpaid bills.

Like circuit breakers in a household panel, power grid components can “trip” and shut off when demand, or load, is too high or problematic for some other reason. The result is the load being passed on to other parts of the grid network, which may also shut down, creating the possibility of a domino effect that can lead to a blackout.

In this study, conducted with OSU College of Engineering associate professor Jinsub Kim, researchers used a model known as a time-domain grid protection simulator to demonstrate how causing the load to vary back and forth in a regular pattern – known as a load oscillation attack – can compromise transmission.

“New technologies have been introduced to make our aging electricity infrastructure more efficient and more reliable,” Cotilla-Sanchez said. “At the distribution level, upgrades have included communication systems, distribution automation, local control and protection systems, and advanced metering infrastructure. The bad news is, the upgrades also introduce new dimensions for attacking the power grid.”

One of the types of attacks made possible by the new technologies involves hacking into the advanced metering infrastructure, often abbreviated as AMI, and controlling the smart meter switches to cause load oscillations.

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

“But if a person were to remotely coordinate a large number of smart meters to switch customers on and off at a particular frequency, that would be a problem.”

That type of incident would start with someone performing reconnaissance by “poking” a couple of locations in a grid and using the information gained to estimate the grid’s destabilizing oscillation frequency, he said. After determining which customer meters to turn on and off at that frequency – less than 1 Hertz or cycle per second – the attacker would be ready to launch an assault.

And comparatively speaking, an attack doesn’t need to involve that many meters.

“We juxtaposed our work with related recent grid studies and found that a well-crafted attack can cause grid instability while involving less than 2% of the system’s load,” Cotilla-Sanchez said.

The findings, while unsettling, provide a jump-off point for grid operators to develop countermeasures, he added.

“For example, if they detect this type of oscillation on the load side, they could take lines A and B out of service, intentionally islanding the affected area and thus avoiding propagation of the instability to a broader area of the grid,” he said. “Another solution, which could be complementary, might be to change the generation portfolio enough – for example, curtail some wind generation while ramping up some hydro generation – so the overall dynamic response is different to what the attack was designed toward, so the impact will be smaller and won’t be enough to tip the system.”

Either technique, he said, will require additional research and development to serve as an effective mechanism of protection, “but understanding the nature of possible attacks I would say is a good start.”

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

Hot Springs

4:07p.m:SuspiciousConditions - Keller Ln. & Sunderman Rd.

5:11 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

6:55 p.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 90400 blk, Hill Rd.

May 5: 5:02 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 36700 blk, Keller Ln.

11:37 a.m: Civil Service - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

12:13 p.m: Foot Patrol - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

12:58 p.m: Warrant Service - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

1:13 p.m: Reckless Driving - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 6: 10:55 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.228940. Long: -122.893765.

12:08 p.m: Hit & Run - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:02 p.m: Civil Service - 45900 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

1:19 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

1:50 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:05 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

5:41 p.m: Civil Service - 54700 blk, Caddis Ln.

5:42 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Deerhorn R.d & York Ln.

6:01p.m: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.1814680. Long: -122.331666.

May 7: 2:07 a.m: Alarm - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

10:02 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.228940. Long: -122.893765.

3:49 p.m: Criminal Trespass - 92200 blk, Carson St.

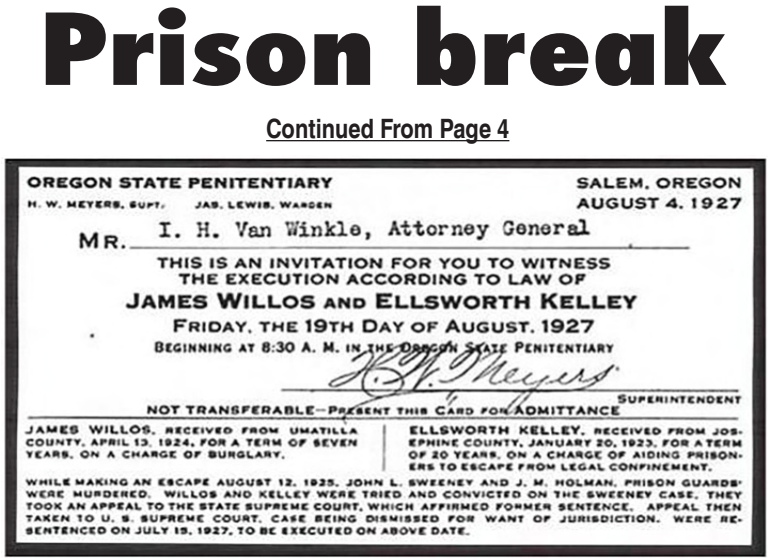
3:53p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Silver Creek Landing.

May 8: 2:03 p.m: Reckless Driving – N. Gate Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

2:41 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 45700 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

5:39 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

6:30p.m: SuspiciousConditions - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.



Peter Bellant

A ticket to the execution of convicts Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos after their recapture. This execution date was canceled, but the two were hanged the following year.

raise traveling money, they burgled E.G. Lewis’s general store. The haul was pitiful — about \$18 — but they helped themselves to some of the merchandise as well. This, though, turned out to be a huge mistake, because they stole new shoes for themselves, and left the packaging behind ... which is how police learned that whoever robbed the store wore the same size shoes as two of the escaped prisoners from Oregon

They then broke into the town marshal’s house, not realizing that he was still inside and asleep. Luckily for everyone involved, he did not wake up. They stole some money, tried and failed to steal the marshal’s car, and continued on their way. Farther down the road they found an Overland sedan, which they managed to start, and in which they fled.

But they wouldn’t get far in it. The next day, a posse of Multnomah County cops driving to Bingen saw a track of freshly smashed-down foliage leading off the highway through the brush into a deep canyon. Leaving their car on the road, the four of them stealthily followed the trail on foot to where the car was parked out of sight of the road, and both convicts were sitting on the ground in front of it with sandwiches in their hands. Their surprise was complete and they were back in Salem almost before Murray was.

In his suicide note, Murray tried to save the other two from the noose by claiming he had shot one guard, “Oregon” Jones had shot the other, and Kelley and Willos hadn’t even fired a gun. He needn’t have bothered. Under the law, when an illegal operation ends with innocent blood spilled, every member of the criminal conspiracy is considered just as responsible as every other member.

It took some time; convictions were appealed, and the Supreme Court even had to weigh in. But in the end, it was all for nothing, and finally, on April 20, 1928, both Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos were hanged.

The 1925 prison break had a big effect on the state prison. Warden Dalrymple, as mentioned before, had been given the job for political

reasons, and he was paired up with J.V. Starrett as the state parole officer. Starrett was actually on the Ku Klux Klan’s payroll (he was a Kleagle or something like that) and had done a yeoman’s job getting out the “Klown vote” to elect Pierce as governor; the position of parole officer had been his reward.

But like a lot of people to whom membership in a gang of secret vigilante terrorists was appealing, Starrett was always hungry for more power and contemptuous of rules. By 1925 Starrett and Dalrymple were openly feuding and everyone at the prison, guards and prisoners alike, had learned how to play them off against each other.

That, of course, all came to a screeching halt after this bloody fiasco. Both Dalrymple and Starrett were given their walking papers, along with five guards who “retired early,” and the prison was taken over by Warden J.W. Lillie, former sheriff of Gilliam County. Order was restored, and the next time a disturbance broke out — a food-fight in the dining hall that escalated into a 200-man riot — Warden Lillie himself ran to the scene with a gun and fired over a dozen shots into the crowd, critically wounding at least one man.

The Oregon State Pen was always a pretty awful place. But under Lillie, it became, at least, a little more predictable and less dangerous to its neighbors.

(Sources: *A Cycle of Crisis and Violence: The Oregon State Penitentiary, 1866-1968, a master’s thesis by Joseph Willard Laythe published in 1992 by Portland State University; archives of Roseburg News-Review and Oregon Statesman: March 1924, August 1925, May 1926, April 1927, April 1928; correspondence with Peter Bellant of Portland)*

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42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 2: 9:52 a.m: Theft - Marcola area.

4:05 p.m: Assist, Follow Up – Upper McK. Fire Station.

7:10 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Rd. & York Ln.

9:56 p.m: Child Abuse - 38700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

May 3: 12:04 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

6:00 p.m: Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 4: 5:11 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 38700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

6:27 p.m: Welfare Check - 92100 blk, Savage St.

6:55 p.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 90400 blk, Hill Rd.

7:38 p.m: Illegal Dump - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd.

8:00 p.m: Assault - 38700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

May 4: 8:09 a.m: Information - 38700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:22 a.m: Assault - Terwilliger

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Did you know...

Community newspaper readers share papers with up to 5 other people?

2017 NNA Community Newspaper Readership Survey

Leaburg meeting

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Designed in 1929 by noted Oregon architect Ellis F. Lawrence, the Leaburg Power Plant is on the National Register of Historic Places. As decommissioning moves forward, part of the process will involve the future of the Art Deco structure.

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 Schlossberg cautioned 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.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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6 in.

Short’s PR time of 1:02.21 min. earned the Eagle second place in the 300 m. hurdles. Triangle Lake’s Samara Baker won that hurdle event in 49.98 sec., and the Laker also won the 100 m. hurdles with a top time of 17.10 sec. Baker won her third event the 100 m., with a time of 13.83 seconds and Short followed in seventh place at 16.59 sec. McKenzie’s

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 Bottensek of Triangle Lake won the event in 30.89 sec.

Other girl’s track event winners were Lyvia Shortt 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, Brewster, and Riggs ran the 4x100 m. relay in 53.41 sec., and Kiera Alvarez-Wilson, Brewster, Bottensek, and Isabel Brewster ran the 4x400 m. relay in 5:20.30 min.

Clinic rebuild

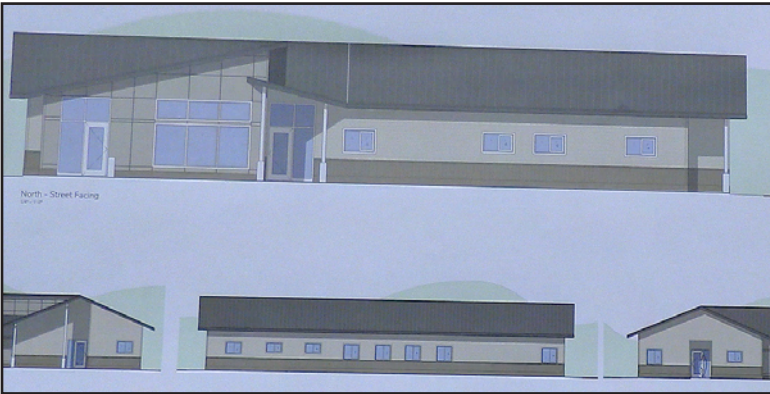
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When the ballots were tallied, incumbents Robin Roberts, Steve Severin, and Jennifer Zirkle were all reelected, along with a new director, Tim Hooton. Also passed was an amendment to the MVW bylaws that prohibits Orchid employees or their spouses from serving on the organization’s board of directors.

Rapp also reported that the Oregon Department of Justice had concluded its inquiry in October 2022, and “found no financial mismanagement, no misuse of money, and no wrongdoing.”

Responding to the inquiry, however, racked up some large legal and accounting fees that totaled \$21,727 in 2022 and \$79,738 in 2023.

Looking forward, Rapp said McKenzie Valley Wellness has decided to support the local Food Pantry, now based in McKenzie Bridge. The Food Pantry provides nutritious food, including fresh produce and protein, to local households. Part of the support will involve supporting food drives to help fill the Food Pantry’s shelves, she said.



LCC to host May 18th Job Fair

EUGENE: Lane Community College (LCC) will host its annual Job Fair, taking place on Thursday, May 18th, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Organizers say the Job Fair aims to connect employers with job seekers from both the college and the community. Gold Sponsors for this year’s event include Eugene Area Radio Stations, Grape Solar, PacificSource, and Willamette Family, Inc. Silver Sponsors are Lane Council of Governments, SERVPRO, and SunWize.

Tina Hunter, Scholarship and Employment Specialist, recommends attendees research participating employers in advance, dress professionally as if attending a job interview, bring updated resumes, and prepare a 15-second elevator pitch to introduce themselves to potential employers. Participants will also have the chance to enter a free raffle for door prizes.

According to Hunter, “Our annual Job Fair is a unique opportunity for job seekers to connect with a diverse range of local employers, all under one roof. We encourage



participants to take advantage of our workshops, as a well-prepared candidate is more likely to stand out and make a lasting impression on potential employers.”

Instructor and Career Counselor Beth Landy will host virtual “Prepare for the Job Fair” workshops, focusing on “Resumes and Conversations that will Impress Employers.” These workshops are open to the public and designed to help attendees make the most of

their Job Fair experience.

The Job Fair will be held in Building 19 (first floor lobby) at the main campus, located at 4000 E. 30th Avenue in Eugene. For more information, including the employer registration form, a list of participating employers, and the workshop schedule, visit the Job Fair website at tinyurl.com/y72cnt38.

Consider debris burning changes to prevent wildfires

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 Southwest and Central Oregon District, Oregonians need to keep fire prevention at the top of their mind.

Now is a great time to trim trees and bushes, and tidy up plants around your home to create a “defensible space” around your property. Defensible space creates a buffer around your home that can help protect your home from catching fire and provides firefighters with a safe space to work from.

After your clean up, you will have a lot to dispose of. Debris burning is the leading human-related fire cause on ODF-protected lands, so as you begin this spring clean-up, the Oregon Department of Forestry and Keep Oregon Green urge you to put some extra 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 prevent wildfire 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.

If you would still prefer to burn your yard debris, consider waiting until the rainy fall and winter seasons. Delaying your burn plans will give the debris more time to cure and avoid holdover fires when the weather gets hotter and drier over the next several weeks. You can cover part of the pile with plastic to preserve a dry area to start your fire.

If burning now is the only option to dispose of yard debris, fire prevention specialists ask people to follow safe burning practices. The following tips can help stop

runaway burn piles:

Call before you burn – Burning regulations vary by location depending on the weather and fuel conditions. If you are planning to burn, check with your local ODF district, fire protective association, fire department, or air protection authority to learn about current burning restrictions or regulations, and if you need a permit.

Stay with the fire until it is out cold – NEVER leave your debris burn unattended. State laws require monitoring of debris burn piles from start to finish until it is out cold. This law is intended to ensure sparks or embers that jump from the fire can be put out quickly.

Know the weather – Burn early in the day and never burn on dry or windy days, because 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 can cast hot embers long distances. Keep piles small, maximum of four feet by four feet. Add debris to the pile in small amounts as the pile burns.

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 or speed up your fire.

Burn only yard debris – State laws prohibit burning materials or trash that create dense smoke or noxious odors.

Costs of runaway debris burns—State law requires the proper clearing, building, attending and 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, motorized equipment use, and fire-resistant landscaping can be found on the Keep Oregon Green website. Check the public use restrictions for Oregon Department of Forestry protected lands before you burn.

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the **McKenzie School District**, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 will be held at the McKenzie High School Cafeteria. The meeting will take place on **May 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected on or after May 15, 2023 at the district office at 51187 Blue River Dr. Finn Rock, OR, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Additional meetings, if needed, are scheduled on May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and May 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.


Nathaniel Tompkins, Superintendent

4/13/2023
Date