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Temporary FEMA trailers coming to Rainbow

US Basketball Academy will lease space for 17 units



About two acres of the 45-acre US Basketball Academy property will be designated for placement of 17 FEMA temporary housing (lower right of photo).

RAINBOW: Some area families should soon be able to return to living on the river again, after losing their homes in the Holiday Farm Fire last year. In an agreement between the Federal Emergency Agency and the US Basketball academy, 17 temporary trailers will be located on the eastern portion of the academy's property.

"Housing units for each household are chosen by FEMA based on the survivor family composition and needs, as well as to ensure that requirements for access or functional needs are met," according to agency spokesman Paul Corah. "The Mobile Housing Units (MHUs) will vary from two to three bedrooms with living area, kitchen, and bathroom space. First

units will potentially be available to occupy by the middle of July."

"We were the last area to be approved for the housing mission and the last to strike a deal," said Jamee Savidge, Community Organizer with the McKenzie Community Development Corp. "It's long overdue. The next step is securing long-term housing."

NTSB releases report on fatal 2019 crash

Two were killed at McKenzie Airstrip

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: In a report released this week, the National Traffic Safety Board cited a lack of pilot experience and weather conditions for contributing to an August 27, 2019, fatal airplane accident in McKenzie Bridge. Killed in the wreck was pilot, Steven Pasiack, 23, and his passenger Jake Kelley, 22. Both were from Lebanon, Oregon.

Investigators determined that after flying over mountainous terrain, the pilot attempted an approach into the McKenzie Bridge Airstrip - a 2,600-foot long grass runway bordered by tall trees.

Witnesses near the center of the runway described the airplane flying east over the runway about five feet above ground level when it came into their view. One witness stated that he could not hear any noise as the airplane came into view but that its wings rocked; he said he heard the engine power increasing and that the airplane may have started to climb when it reached his center of vision. A second witness stated that she heard the engine running and that the airplane began a slow climb and then disappeared from her view behind trees at a slightly higher altitude. About 15 minutes later, they saw smoke coming from the crash site.

Pasiack had about 69 hours of flight experience, most in a Cessna 172 he was flying that day, or

similar aircraft. According to the airplane's owner, the pilot rented the airplane from 1730 to 1930 on the day of the accident. The owner said he warned Pasiack of the high-density altitude before departure that day and the potential for reduced airplane performance due to the high ambient temperatures.

NTSB investigators reviewed Pasiack's logbook and said it showed that "He had not performed landings or takeoffs at mountain airports. Thus, he had insufficient experience to attempt a landing or takeoff at a short mountain airport runway bordered by trees on a day with a density altitude over 2,800 ft higher than the airport elevation."

The report continued, saying it was, "Unknown if the pilot had intended to perform a full-stop landing, a touch-and-go maneuver, or overfly the runway at a low altitude. He had selected a runway that was not recommended for takeoffs but was recommended for landing. The pilot likely misjudged the runway length needed and the airplane's performance when he chose to begin a climb about midfield in high-density altitude conditions with rising terrain and 120-foot obstacles at the end of the runway.

Investigators also retrieved a 16-second video file that was extracted from the pilot's mobile phone. The segment captured the plane's flight about ten minutes

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Tree Planting Days This Week

10,000+ conifer seedling donated by Valor Family Farm

By Cliff Richardson
Valor Family Farm and Cascade Relief Team are hosting a tree planting event this weekend, June 4 to June 6. Valor Family Farm owners Wes Ross and Jenny Stewart have over 10,000 conifer seedlings (and possibly several thousand more) that need to be planted immediately to survive.

The seedlings were overstock from a nursery in Jefferson and were headed for landfill disposal until Ross decided to plant and hold them over on his farm. The seedlings will be later given to Wildfire Survivors. Ross and Stewart have graciously given hundreds of trees to folks in the wildfire areas thus far and now need help of their own to get these seedlings in the ground.

The tree planting event will start this Friday, June 4, at 9 a.m. and wrap up Sunday, June 6, at 6 p.m. The call is out to anyone and everyone to come to Valor Fam-



In addition to cleanup efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire volunteers are now gathering for a large tree planting effort.

ily Farm, 38401 Kickbush Lane, located off the east end of Camp Creek Road.

Some planting tools will be provided but those folks who can bring their own shovel or hoedad are urged to do so. Special thanks go out to McKenzie River Ranger District, including Autumn Metz and Shadie Nimer, who made the Tree Cooler at the District avail-

able to store trees (and dispense them to the public) until planting.

Consider making this weekend a great family outing, helping meet an urgent need, and help a great neighbor in Valor Family Farm by planting trees that will green up the Wildfire areas. The event is free and lunch and water will be provided. Please join us.

High-tech may pose risk to fisheries

Fishing equipment now in the air

New developments in recreational fishing technology - from the use of aerial drones and social media scouting reports to advances in hook design - are creating challenges for fisheries management and effective policymaking, according to a new study co-authored by the University of Massachusetts Amherst researcher Andy Danylchuk.

With the opening of the spring fishing season, millions of recreational fishing aficionados across North America are dusting off their tackleboxes, fitting together their rods, and heading to the bait and tackle shop to purchase the latest in fish-catching gear. But what im-

pact does all that new technology have on the fish themselves?

"There are still so many unknowns," says Danylchuk, professor of fish conservation in the

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Some people have been caught attaching angling lines to drones.

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Kendall backs VMCC

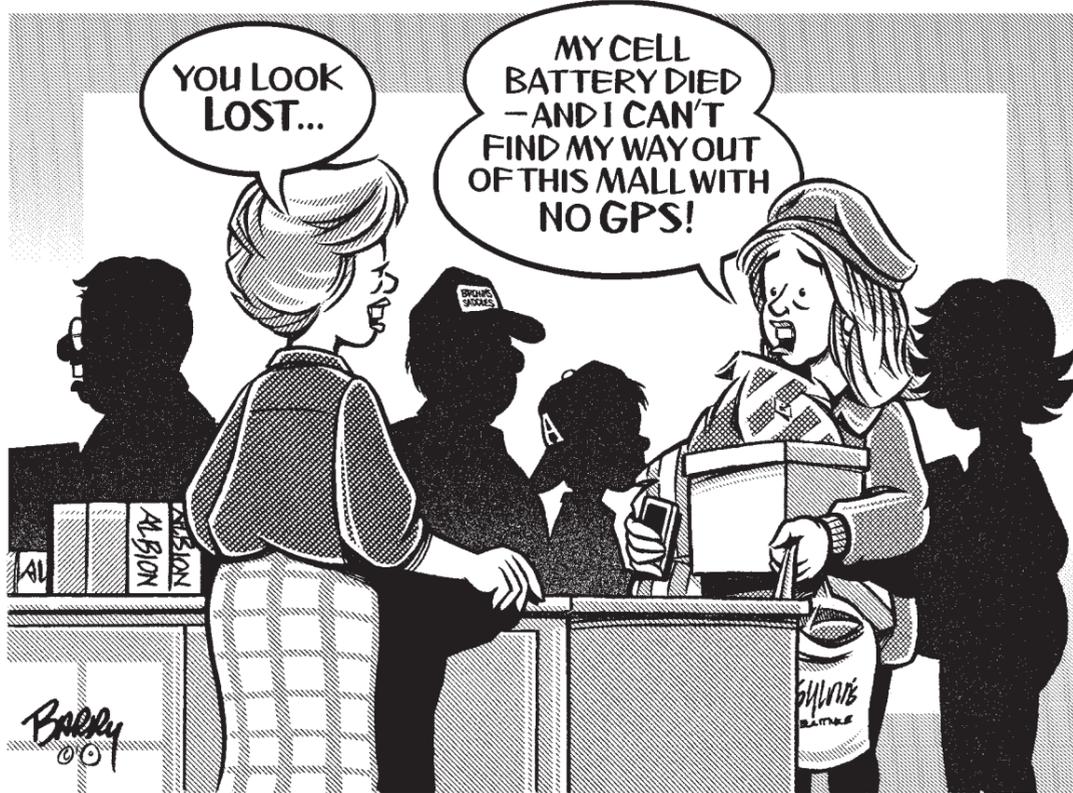
With underwriting from Kendall Auto Group's Hope Project, Vida McKenzie Community Center is holding a family friendly BINGO Drive-Thru Fundraiser on July 10th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entry cost is only \$25 per person and includes one Bingo card (but you can buy more at \$5/card if you wish,) free admission to the Lavender Bloom Festival, a fabulous lunch prepared by Vinnie's Smoke'in BBQ and live music.

Here is how it works: Sign up in advance at www.vidacommunity-center.com or mail your check to VMCC P.O. Box 163, Vida, OR, 97488. On the day of the event, drive to Patsy's Stage Stop Restaurant in Cedar Flat to check in, obtain your Bingo card(s), pick up your "goodie bag" complete with a map of all eight stops and you

will have your Bingo card marked with the first two randomly drawn numbers. From there, you proceed to each of the stops along the McKenzie Highway where friendly volunteers will continue to mark your card with two numbers. Your last stop will find you at McKenzie Track where you will be treated to a delicious lunch and live music. At 2:45p.m. the final numbers will be called and the winner of a drift down the McKenzie will be the person holding the card that comes closest to a "regular" Bingo.

What a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon! What a wonderful way to support the rebuilding of our Community Center, lost in the Holiday Farm Fire. Thank-you Kendall for your generous support!

Gerry Aster, VMCC



Risk to fisheries

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UMass Amherst department of environmental conservation, and co-author of a new paper that investigates the relationship between fishing technology and fish ecosystems. "There's more attention paid to products we use with our pets than to what we use to try to catch fish in our streams, lakes, and oceans."

Fishing technology has come a long way since the days of hook and worm. Today one can buy battery-powered, artificial lures that wriggle like minnows and are slathered in fish-attracting scent. Underwater cameras and fish finders help anglers not only seek out their targets but also observe as fish either approach or reject the bait. Aerial drones scan for fish and even deliver lures to them. Social media helps pinpoint, in real-time, what fish are biting where. Even the seemingly simple hook has been completely redesigned to better reel in the big one. And it's not as if recreational fishing in streams, lakes, and in the ocean is a niche activity – it is the second most popular leisure activity in North America, falling just behind gardening.

"From improvements in finding and catching fish, to emulating their natural prey and accessing previously inaccessible waters, to anglers sharing their exploits with others, technology is completely changing all aspects of recreational fishing," says Steven Cooke, professor of fish ecology in Carleton University's department of biology and the study's lead author.

Without knowing what impact all this advanced technology has

on the fish and their aquatic ecosystems, it has become difficult for fisheries managers to monitor the health of the fishery, and to ensure that the fishing experience is a positive one. "Recreational anglers have always been a strong voice for conservation," says Danylchuk. "If something changes and they are no longer catching fish, they're one of the first stakeholder groups to raise the alarm about possible environmental harms." It turns out that what's good for the fishing community is also good for the fish: more, and healthier fish means a more enjoyable, successful fishing experience.

What this means for the research and management community is that more attention needs to be paid to the effects of high-tech fishing equipment. "An important message here is that resource management agencies need to share their experiences and that scientists should more intensively study the impact of innovations in recreational fishing," write the study's authors. "If science can't keep up in terms of evaluating the impacts of technological innovation to help inform management and policy," says Danylchuk, "it can be really detrimental to the fish, which may ultimately mean fewer fish, and a worse fishing experience for anglers."

before the accident and showed the airplane flying through mountainous terrain at a low altitude. Toward the end of the video, the airplane made a slight right turn and then immediately began a left turn, at which point the video ended. "The engine sounded smooth and continuous," the reports says.

A third witness at the airstrip was a helicopter mechanic, who reported that the airplane appeared to be slow and was "way too low." He said the engine sounded continuous at a low power setting. The mechanic said the Cessna banked hard from side to side and then disappeared from his view behind trees. It was about 15 minutes later, that two of the witnesses saw smoke coming from the accident site.

The McKenzie Bridge Airstrip's runway slopes 134 feet uphill with 120-ft-tall trees beyond the east end. Federal Aviation Administration charts for the site indicate, "land east-takeoff west." Airport signage along the runway also says, "Departures From This End [the west end] not recommended."

The airplane came to rest inverted in a wooded area about 615 ft east of the east end of the runway. At the final site was a tree about 120 ft tall with a severed top. Investigators found a debris path marked by several broken tree branches at the top of a tree

of 120 ft tall, about 75 ft southeast of the place the plane came to rest. The main wreckage was located about 150 ft away from the initial impact area and was mostly consumed by the postcrash fire that comprised all major structural components of the airplane.

In their conclusion, the National Transportation Safety Board determined the probable cause(s)

of the accident to be: "The pilot's delayed climb and misjudgment of the airplane's performance and the runway distance needed to clear obstacles at the end of the runway, which resulted in a collision with trees and subsequent impact with terrain. Contributing to the accident was the pilot's insufficient experience landing and taking off at mountain airports."

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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
5/25	57	50	0.79	490 cfs	5/25	67	50	0.67	3,220 cfs
5/26	74	46	0	490 cfs	5/26	60	46	0.39	3,416 cfs
5/27	57	47	0.24	490 cfs	5/27	73	45	0.10	3,1290 cfs
5/28	73	45	0	640 cfs	5/28	60	40	0.14	3,020 cfs
5/29	82	45	0	930 cfs	5/29	73	42	0	3,240 cfs
5/30	83	50	0	980 cfs	5/30	79	47	0	3,390 cfs
5/31	90	53	0	970 cfs	5/31	84	49	0	3,690 cfs

Sheriff's Report

May 24: 1:10 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 block, McK. Hwy. Caller found a plastic coffee cup lid next to his truck. Thinks former tenant may be involved.

May 25: 9:22 a.m: Assist Outside Agency - Lat: 44.103842 Long: -122.237614.

11:32 a.m: Assault - 91100 block, Sunderman Rd.

1:07 p.m: Assist, Information - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:10 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Blue River Dr. & McK. Hwy.

9:17 p.m: Assault - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Deputies responded to the report of a domestic dispute between a father and adult son. Investigation revealed that a 20 year old male assaulted his father during an altercation. The 20 year old was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

May 26: 9:06 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.

10:04 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

12:00 p.m: Threat, Harassment

- 91500 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Caller reported that a neighbor had been playing loud music and yelled profanity in a threatening manner.

3:23 p.m: Reckless Endangering - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:07 p.m: Eviction - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

5:07 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

6:49 p.m: Vandalism, Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:34 p.m: Assist, Citizen Contact - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.

10:04 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 27: 4:24 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.

4:54 a.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Mp. 18.

8:24 a.m: Narcotics, Drug Info - 92000 blk, Maple Ln.

9:00 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 46700 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

9:23 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.

2:34 p.m: Theft - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported items had been previously stolen from the location by a former tenant.

3:54 p.m: Custodial Interference

- Cedar Flat Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:11 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported a verbal dispute at the location. Deputies made contact and determined no crime had been committed.

5:44 p.m: Medical Info Call - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

5:44 p.m: Assist, Citizen Contact - 44200 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:27 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Rd. & Booth Kelly Rd. Caller reported a Washington plated vehicle had been trespassing on Weyerhaeuser property.

6:38 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91000 blk, Sunderman Rd.

7:15 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Mp. 2.

9:50 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 28: 10:34 a.m: Welfare Check - 90200 blk, Hill Rd.

11:15 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 54600 blk, McK. River Dr. Caller reported ongoing issues regarding landlord coming on property and attempting to evict. Determined to be civil in nature.

4:00 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Rd. & Booth Kelly Rd.

4:10 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 93200 blk, Ewing Rd.

5:18 p.m: Civil Problem - 41800 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

5:54 p.m: Assist, Citizen Contact - Leaburg Dam Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:32 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.

8:54 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported seeing a suspicious light.

10:08 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

May 29: 1:38 p.m: Citizen

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State Police Report

May 28: 15:40: Traffic Crimes, All Except DUII - Hwy. 126E & Cedar Flat Rd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic offense near milepost 11. The driver was Driving While Suspended-Misdemeanor and had open containers in his vehicle. A licensed passenger was allowed to drive the vehicle from the scene. The driver was cited for Careless Driving, Open Container and DWS-Misdemeanor.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

May 23: 18:56: 44000 block, Canal Lane Illegal Burning. Fire Extinguished; no homeowner present.

May 24: 11:57: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Road Medical, General. Patient Assessed.

15:31: McK. Hwy./Greenwood Dr. Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-injury. Awaiting OSP

May 25: 3:17: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lifting Assistance Provided.

13:44: 38000 blk, Kickbush Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:26: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat

Rd Medical, Trauma. 2 Patients Assessed, No Transport.

21:55: 88000 blk, Keola Ln, Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 26: 23:06: 8000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 27: 2:03: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Public Assist. Lifting Assistance Provided.

7:02: 88000 blk, Heritage Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 28: 13:21: 7900 blk, S. C St. Check for Smoke. Legal Burn Pile.

May 29: 11:29: 88000 blk, Twin Firs RD Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 30: 19:46: 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Mutual Aid. Cancelled.

May 31: 6:29: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd Medical, General. Patient

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

May 25: 23:27: Medical - 59000 block, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Patient keeps passing out.

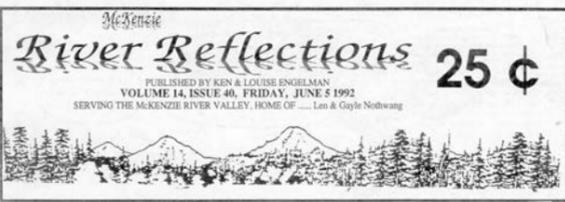
May 27: 17:38: Motor Vehicle Accident - 90000 blk, Aufderheide Dr. Single vehicle.

May 30: 19:43: MVA - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Vehicle into mailbox after reckless driving.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 16th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.

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Scuba Diving Trail Bridge For Bull Trout Study Hopes To Improve Habitat

Scientists and diving apparatus were studied by duck as volunteers set out to count and document size and location of bull trout in Trail Bridge Reservoir on the upper McKenzie. A cooperative effort between the Forest Service, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Federation of Flyfishers and EWED, the scuba diving project is part of an on-going effort to save this isolated population of bull trout from extinction.

According to reports, bull trout in the state of Oregon are currently being considered for threatened or endangered status. The species is currently uncommon in parts of its historic range in Oregon due to migration barriers, introduction of competing non-native species, watershed management, and over-fishing.

"We've been working on this project on and off for the past few months," said Jim Capron, biologist with the McKenzie Ranger District. "It's so important to get a handle on the movement and numbers as well as aquatic river users with this trout and its status," he said.

According to Capron, in previous dives trout movement has been documented and the key to their survival in Trail Bridge is Sweet Water Creek. "It's two miles-plus of quality," he said, "that are key to dove wood, cold water and clean gravel beds." However, there's a 10-foot drop from the culvert to the water in Trail Bridge. When the count is completed, Capron feels they'll have a better idea on how to install the culvert for a fish passage.

Later in the season work will begin on the culvert which at one point will require the main highway to be closed.

Volunteer residents from the McKenzie Valley along with members of the Aquanauts a dive team from Corvallis were working late last Friday night with the Forest Service counting bull trout at Trail Bridge Reservoir.

Bridge Street Upgrade Stalled

The four different bridge alignments include one placing a new bridge upstream of the present site and another just downstream, which give engineers the option of continuing Bridge Street in a direct line to the McKenzie Highway or retaining the present access route along Holden Creek Lane. If a new bridge is placed downstream at an angle, it would allow a direct connection to Holden Creek Lane and the highway. A fourth option could site a crossing to the west at the old bridge crossing.

Building a new bridge was viewed as a viable option following a March 10 public hearing in Leaburg. At that time repair costs were expected to total \$365,000 and require an 11 week road closure.

TV To Be Franchised
Cable Contract Covers The Rural Areas

A new franchise agreement between Falcon TV and Lane County will likely draw a crowd on Wednesday, June 24. The non-exclusive franchise would affect the unincorporated areas of the county, including the McKenzie Valley.

"We feel a franchise agreement is probably the best mechanism we have to get any leverage over Falcon other than just saying "please terminate my service," according to Gary Daniels of the Lane Council Of Governments.

Because the contract is non-exclusive, it would allow for a competitor to come in and set up a competing service. Any competitor would have to first gain approval from the county by meeting requirements of the franchise.

The franchise agreement is modeled on a document written by the

Riding For Charity
Young Cyclists Join In Benefit Event

Wheels were turning round and round at McKenzie Schools on Saturday as young riders lapped the school parking lot in a benefit ride for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Sponsoring the fundraising event was Cub Scout Troop #191.

Decision By County Board Of Commissioners Expected This Fall

Plans to repair an oak bridge linking Holden Creek Lane and the Dearborn area have been placed on hold pending further review. Rehabilitation of the structure had been scheduled for construction during the summer of 1992. The project would have included replacement of the entire south approach span, installation of new guardrails and raising overhead beams, along with some touch-up painting of the truss and repairs to the deck surface. Now, OBEC Consulting Engineers have been hired to compare four different bridge alignments as part of a proposal for an entirely new crossing at or near the existing bridge site.

"Also placed on hold is a joint state and county proposal to improve the west Holden Creek Lane - McKenzie Highway intersection. That proposal is one of several in the McKenzie Valley to upgrade intersection safety by changing alignments from acute to right angle junctions.

"According County Engineer Ollie Swenden, the Holden Creek Lane intersection project may not be necessary. "One of the things OBEC will be looking at will be different connections to the highway," he said. "That doesn't mean you necessarily have to have something new if you put a new bridge in. But there is a possibility of a straight connection and so need for the old intersection."

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Lotus Isle, Oregon's most surreal amusement park

By Finn J.D. John

For a small group of Portland-area businessmen in 1929, opportunity was knocking — or so they thought.

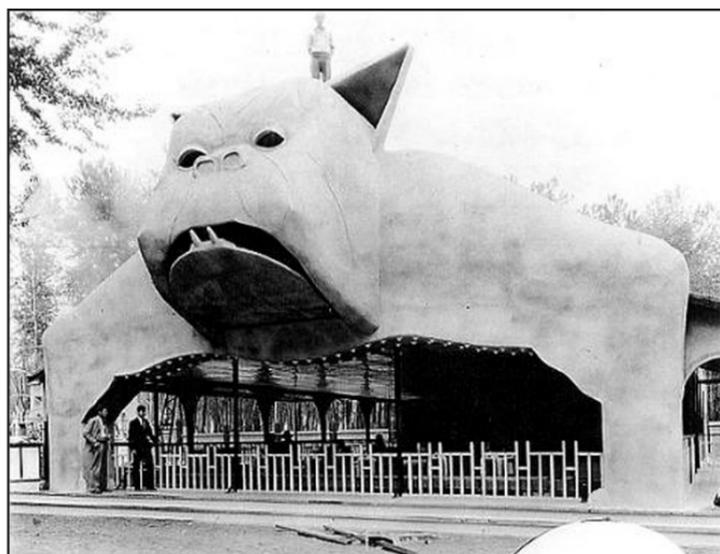
Jantzen Beach, the legendary swim-and-play amusement park on Hayden Island in the Columbia River, had opened in 1928 to vast sell-out crowds, and was doing very well there. It was backed by some deep pockets, and was a showplace for the Jantzen brand of swimwear.

And the businessmen happened to own a large piece of real estate on the other side of the island — the easternmost tip of it, in fact. Why not announce plans to develop a huge amusement park there, and get the rich backers of Jantzen Beach to buy them out? Easy money, right?

The businessmen got busy working on Operation Shakedown. They called it “Lotus Isle.”

The trouble was, they had to spend some money to make the Jantzen Beach people think they were serious. They did. But in mid-1929, Jantzen Beach called their bluff, saying jovially that there was plenty of room for all and the competition was welcome.

So the would-be bilkers were more or less forced to open their park up after all. And thus was born a theme park that seems, today, remarkably like a setting for a David Lynch movie. Lotus Isle was, when it opened, Oregon's biggest theme park. It was also, hands down, the most surreal — ever. The roof of the bumper cars ride was shaped like a giant hairless bulldog, complete with fangs protruding from a menacing



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The roof over the bumper-cars ride at Lotus Isle, seemingly crafted for maximum scariness to small children.

frown, crouched down as if preparing to pounce on a small child. At its entrance was a 100-foot tall neon sign in the shape of the Eiffel Tower in Paris; this massive work of gaudy randomness could be seen from miles away, on both sides of the river. The windows of its mammoth dance hall, the Peacock Ballroom, were screened with chicken wire hooked to an electric-fence charger; this was apparently to keep non-paying guests from getting in, but it's not hard to imagine where a good horror-film screenwriter might go with that little detail.

Even the name seemed like an obscure joke dreamed up by an opium smoker with a master's degree in classics. Who wants to go play on the Island of the Lotus Eaters, really?

Still, as it turned out, the

Jantzen Beach people were right. There really was business enough for both parks. When the plan to get bought out by Jantzen Beach failed, investor Edwin Platt had stepped up with enough money to do it right. There were 40 different attractions and rides and concessions, a 5,000-car parking lot and space for 15,000 picnickers. When Lotus Isle opened for the first time in June 1930, it was an instant hit, and for two months it looked like a real winner.

But everything changed late in August — almost exactly two months after the place opened. An 11-year-old boy, clambering around under the diving board where nobody could see him, fell into the Columbia River and drowned.

The next day, Edwin Platt was found dead — shot through the

heart, with a suicide note close at hand.

This, naturally, cast an awful pall over Lotus Isle for the rest of the 1930 season.

Over that fall and winter, new management came in and tried to reorganize the place to give it a go in 1931.

As part of that plan, Al Painter, a colorful promoter with a checkered past and sketchy business associations, came to Lotus Isle. Al was rumored to have been running from some creditors when he came to Portland. He certainly was running from some when he left.

One of the first things Painter did was to partner with Portland radio station KEX for a promotion he called the “Dance-a-thon,” held in the cavernous Peacock Ballroom (capacity 6,600 dancers). It was well received, and for most of the season all was well and Lotus Isle was thriving again.

But late August seemed to hold a special jinx for Lotus Isle. On Aug. 24, 1931, the Peacock Ballroom caught fire and burned to the ground in one of the more spectacular structure fires of Portland history. Folks in Vancouver at the time could feel the heat of the blaze, from 700 feet away on the other side of the river. The word on the street was that the fire was arson — and that it was intended to hurt Al Painter.

Which it certainly did. Al had, three months before, purchased an elephant — the biggest elephant in captivity, a 12-foot-tall, 20,000-pound circus veteran named Tusko. Tusko had acquired a reputation as the bad boy of 10-ton elephants when he reacted poorly to a beating by tossing his tormentor across the room and going on a rampage through downtown Sedro-Wooley, Wash., wrecking several cars and a number of houses and causing a riot in a dance hall before stomping off into the countryside and trashing a logging camp. (One account says Tusko was drunk at the time. And indeed, a 1931 newspaper article describing the joy with which he reacted to a gift of ten gallons of moonshine, [Lotus Isle - Page 8](#)



By Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, “Murder in the Soggy Bottoms.” It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assignment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called “The Duchess and the Truck Driver,” but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next. So he took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Save money and help the planet with sustainable garden practices

In a world of increasing climate change and the invasion of more exotic insects and pests, sustainable gardening is more important than ever.

We can all do our part to help by changing our practices – often just by a bit, depending on the methods you’ve already put in place. And if it all seems too overwhelming, take it one step at a time. You’ll help the environment and at the same time save money and join a community of like-minded gardeners who love to share their experiences.

To get you started or to increase your repertoire of sustainable practices, consider these suggestions by Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturists.

Check your property for invasive weeds: An invasive species is an introduced organism that negatively alters its new environment. In Oregon, there are many invasive plants that meet this definition. Blackberry, tree-of-heaven, invasive knotweeds, garlic mustard, lesser celandine, Italian arum and horsetail are some examples that are difficult to control. Keep these and other invasive weeds from establishing on your property. Monitor for invasive plants and take action before they become a bigger problem. Check with your local Soil and Water Conservation District to learn which invasive plants are a problem in your area. Use cultural methods of control before turning to pesticides. – Weston Miller, OSU Extension horticulturist

Home orchard care: The sustainable home orchard starts with the selection of size-controlling rootstocks. Tree size can be maintained between 6-9 feet tall when using dwarf or semi-dwarf rootstocks. Smaller trees make it easier to develop an open form that will dry quickly after rains reducing incidence of disease. Small trees are also easier to work with when pruning, thinning, spraying and picking, saving you time throughout the year. They require less spray, plus allow easy access to the upper tree canopy helping to keep sprays on target.

Look through catalogs and publications for tree fruit varieties that do well in the Pacific Northwest by resisting common diseases. For example, when planting a Liberty or Chehalis apple you will never need to spray fungicides to control apple scab because they are highly resistant. – Steve Renquist, OSU Extension horticulturist

Plant a cover crop: Soil is the basis of any garden, especially sustainable ones when you don’t want to use a lot of chemical fertilizer. Cover crops provide many benefits to the soil by reducing erosion and runoff, increasing water infiltration and increasing organic matter. Legume cover crops act as a fertilizer and fix nitrogen into the soil. See this publication from Washington State University Extension Service. – Erica Chernoh, OSU Extension horticulturist

Share tools: There’s no need to purchase your own specialty tools or small equipment (think long-handled branch pruners, lawn edgers or rototillers). See if there is a community tool sharing program in your area or reach out to your neighbors to share. If you need your own, check for used items at estate sales or a home improvement donation store.

Ditch the plastic. Join forces with close neighbors to order soil, compost, mulch or other amendments in bulk instead of purchasing plastic bagged product. – Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist

Reduce plastic: Reduce single-use plastic pots in the garden by:

- * Starting seeds at home in cardboard egg cartons, toilet paper tubes or even homemade newspaper pots;

- * If you want to start seed in larger containers, look to repurpose plastic tubs or containers from home (repurposed yogurt containers work well);

- * Buy bare root plants;

- * At the nursery, look for pots made from compostable materials like coir, paper or cow manure. – Gail Langellotto, OSE Extension Master Gardener statewide coordinator and professor of horticulture

Reduce pesticide use:

- * Replace pest-prone plants with ones that don’t require frequent pesticide use;

- * Learn more about the particular pests in your garden, and seek alternative methods of control;

- * Recognize that some pest

problems might be an issue of perspective and tolerance. Is there any space or room for you to tolerate light aesthetic damage on particular plants, that will not cause long-term harm to plant health.

- * If you have a lawn or landscape maintenance service, and they spray pesticides as a regular part of that service, make sure you know the pests that they are spraying for. Educate yourself to find alternatives, or to see if pesticide applications are even needed. Some services will spray at a regular interval (i.e., every two weeks or every month), whether it is needed, or not. – Gail Langellotto, OSU Extension Master Gardener statewide coordinator and professor of horticulture

Reduce water use through plant selection: One way to be sustainable in the garden is to reduce water use. Special irrigation systems are often installed as a way to decrease the amount of water applied or wasted. An even better way is to use plants in the garden that are drought-tolerant and do not require any applied irrigation. The Willamette Valley climate is semi-Mediterranean with a summer dry period, therefore establishing plants that can tolerate these conditions is a good way to have a low-maintenance and sustainable garden.

Plants that are native to our region will accomplish this goal, but there are also a number of plants that are native to other Mediterranean regions that will also tolerate our summer drought. A trial is currently underway at OSU’s North Willamette Research and Extension Center evaluating drought-tolerant groundcover plants as part of the Northwest Plant Evaluation Program, which has also evaluated other landscape plants grown without irrigation, including manzanita, grevillea, rockrose and California lilac. Some of these plant selections, as well as many other drought-tolerant plants, can be found at local nurseries and be planted in unirrigated areas of the landscape as a way to decrease water use in gardens. For more information, see the website.



Photo of drought-tolerant native manzanita

Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



CREATIVE & ARTISTIC MENDING

After reading, *Mending With Love* by Noriko Misumi, I discovered that mending your clothing can be creative and artistic rather than simply utilitarian. Noriko shows us so many ways to use various stitches and threads to add art to old garments, even socks, as you continue making them wearable.

I grew up in an era when we increased the longevity of our clothing by stitching ripped seams, patching tears, and darning socks. We also remade clothing for other family members as we passed ours to younger siblings. Mother taught Sister and me to add lace, rickrack, embroidery and decorative buttons to enhance something old or hand-me-down.

Even today, I often add usability to my husband’s and my clothing by mending and darning and now, following Noriko’s tips, I can add art to the mix.

I find hand mending relaxing. It’s also challenging to do this task so well it hardly shows. Mother used to say, “My grandmother and mother could mend so intricately the stitches were almost invisible.”

Darning Socks

This was particularly true when mending or darning socks. Yes, we repaired socks instead of throwing them out when holes developed. We had to reinforce them so the mending was strong but not lumpy. Thus it didn’t chafe the foot or heal or toe.

Grandma

Grandma, when her hands became arthritic, sat in her rocking

chair mending and darning to keep her fingers active. Nanny even had an egg-shaped wooden tool with handle on it to stick into the sock, which made it easier for darning well. Often we substituted a light bulb for the wooden darning aide.

Now who would have thought I could write so much about something as mundane as mending? But to many people it was a necessary art, an offshoot of embroidery. I continually have a mending or remodeling project going. I find it relaxing, creative and productive. Also, now with Noriko’s tips, I can find it artistic, too.

Cheese Spread - Make ahead and have handy for use

Combine 1 (12-oz.) can evaporated milk with 1 lb. grated American cheese in double boiler or microwave. Heat, stirring frequently, until cheese melts.

Remove from heat or microwave and add 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1/2-teaspoon dry mustard, dash salt and dash cayenne pepper. Stir well. Stir occasionally as it cools. Store, covered, in the refrigerator.

Variations: Add crumbled bacon and/or garlic salt. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

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Project Overcome in Blue River

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McKenzie River Trust



The McKenzie River Trust (Trust) is one of the founding members of the Pure Water Partners (PWP), a collaborative group of organizations that are working to protect and improve the health and vitality of the McKenzie Watershed through a variety of voluntary programs for private landowners.

The Trust, a non-profit organization, was formed in 1989 by individuals who were dedicated to preserving the river's exceptional water quality and fish and wildlife for future generations. The Trust's mission is to help people protect and care for the lands and rivers they cherish in Western Oregon.

The Trust has three components to its mission that can be summarized as protect, connect, and restore. The Trust protects special lands, working with willing landowners to purchase land when there are clear public values to protect. To date, the Trust has conserved over 7000 acres throughout Lane and Douglas Counties. Once acquired, the Trust seeks to restore natural systems



by enhancing and reestablishing native vegetation, water cycles, and other ecosystem elements. Green Island, near Coburg, is the Trust's largest restoration project, establishing over 450 acres of floodplain forest at the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. For connection, the Trust provides site tours, education events, demonstration and research sites, and information about the

projects it manages to encourage public support for conservation efforts.

To accomplish this work, the Trust relies on a broad network of partners, including watershed councils, government agencies, EWEB, and a large network of volunteers and community members. To learn more about the Trust and its partners, please visit www.mckenzie-river.org.

Community Notes

Firewise Meeting

Pure Water Partners, Oregon Department of Forestry, McKenzie Fire, and the Upper McKenzie Fire, District are working together to explore the development of McKenzie Firewise communities. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) program encourages communities to work together and become more fire-resilient by identifying and reducing fire hazards. Examples of this type of work can include clearing fuels from around homes, ensuring access for emergency vehicles, or removing debris from roofs.

A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, June 7th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To receive a link go to: MWSGfacilitator@gmail.com. For more information, call or email. Lily Leitermann, 541-517-6436, Lily@uwswcd.org.

Hwy 242 Not Open

Although some bicyclists have been riding the route, the gate on the east side is closed until June 21st, the third Monday in June. On the west side ODOT officials opened the first gate, at milepost 61.91 the Thursday before Memorial Day (May 27) so there's access to Linton Lake and the Proxy Falls Trailhead. The second gate, at mp 65.85 will remain closed until June 21st. Dates can always change due to weather.

Boaters Be Careful

The Eugene Water & Electric Board, at the request of the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, is spilling water through Rollgate #3 of Leaburg Dam to help attract hatchery-raised salmon to the left bank fish ladder. In June, ODFW will begin trapping operations to collect brood stock and to deterr-hatchery salmon from traveling upstream of the dam and spawning with wild Spring Chinook.

Boaters should be cautious, scout the area and launch only if conditions are favorable. The high flow hazard should be less as river flows decrease.

Firewise Grants

Financial grants are available to rural Lane County residents interested in making landscaping and structural improvements to their properties, which can increase the survivability of their home in the event of a wildfire. Residents may qualify for up to \$15,500 in financial assistance. Applications will be a lottery-styled system with priority for first-time applicants as well as high risk vulnerabilities such as wood shake roofs. Home-owners can submit a maximum of two properties per grant cycle year for funding. All online and paper applications must be received by Friday, May 28th, in order to be entered into the lottery-system. Go to: shorturl.at/uDIL8

Rockslide on Rd 19

A rockslide is blocking Forest Service Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) in the same area as a December 2017 slide that blocked the road and access to Terwilliger Hot Springs for months. Damage assessments are currently underway and officials said the road will be open as soon as possible.

Deer Creek

Forest Road 2654 (Deer Creek Rd) will be closed to the 2655 junction from May 3rd to August 15th due to heavy equipment operations. No vehicle or foot traffic is permitted at any time. The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) is relocating powerlines near Deer Creek onto the hillside west of the road to improve ecological function and biological productivity for native fish and wildlife, particularly Endangered Species Act-Threatened spring Chinook salmon and bull trout.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Low Standards

My boyfriend of nine years and his two kids moved miles away today. He left because I asked him to. But now that he is gone, I feel lonely and confused.

I want to live my life not having to explain to anyone what I do every minute of the day. I am getting what I asked for, yet I feel bad. I wonder if I'm scared because I worry about making it on my own financially.

I don't want to answer to anyone anymore. I'm an adult. I shouldn't have to ask to visit my friends. I shouldn't have to ask to visit my family. But yet I think he is a nice guy because he is not physically abusive.

But he can't be all that good because he is so controlling.

I love him and care for him, but I am not in love with him. Is there such a thing, for me to feel this way? When we are together, I don't want to be affectionate in any way and have no desire. So I thought to let him go. But I hate seeing him in pain and knowing I am the one causing all his hurt.

I think that is why I feel so depressed right now.

He left in hopes to come back in a few weeks, but I don't think I want that. I've felt this way

for three years, and I am barely realizing that I can't always be responsible for the way he feels. Not anymore. Please tell me what you think.

Taylor

Taylor, a saltine cracker looks different to a starving woman than it does to a woman who is not starving

In the same way, people starving in relationships find odd things to be grateful for. You are grateful your boyfriend is not physically abusive, as if that is a positive aspect of his character. But when most people think of character, they think of things like honesty, loyalty, and compassion.

No statement in your letter shows a genuine connection to him. You're tempted to call it love because you have to call the last nine years something, but the only thing you miss about him is the money.

If you feel trapped with him because of money, he's not the answer. Money is. If you stay together, the wheel will come full circle and you will be back where you started—once again asking him to leave.

You ended a nine-year relationship. Of course there is some emotional residue. People

are sad when relationships fail, even bad relationships. But now you have the chance for something new to begin.

Be the adult you say you are. Go to family and friends. In the next few weeks, enlist the help of people who care about you. Find a solution, because once the financial issue is solved, there will be no reason to look back.

People who are givers have a hard time saying no. When they are forced to say it, they feel bad. They think the pain of others is more important than their own pain.

What you feel is what gives you feel, and like all givers, you have a hard time telling anyone what you need or want. Perhaps that's how he captured you, but there is no reason to place his feelings above your own.

You did the first hard step. When you stand on your own two feet, your options will be vast. But for now you need the support of your family and friends. Don't stay with him and make him feel better by making yourself feel worse.

He's a saltine cracker. His only appeal is to a woman who is starving.

Wayne & Tamara

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American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

There is a long and ancient tradition of poetry as a form of prayer, even in the face of faithlessness or persistent belief. Here, in a poem from his new collection of new and selected poems, The Naked Prince, South Carolinian poet, Ben Greer, brings to my mind the faith we have in words, even as he contemplates the comforts of his own faith in God.

Ease

By Ben Greer

Sometimes my prayers are short they stop above my head and God must bend to lift the ones which I have pled not nearly hard enough.

But when I think again about my little pleas is it some kind of sin

to offer them with ease?

I'm getting old, not long to live. I hold my life above a sieve.

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Sheriff's Report

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Contact – Leaburg Store.

2:23 p.m: Theft - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies and Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers conducting follow up regarding recent thefts. An unknown plated white Toyota Avalon is thought to possibly be involved.

3:54p.m: Warrant Service - McK. Hwy. & Cogswell Creek Rd.

5:28 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

May 30: 12:48 a.m: Disorderly Party - 3 & 300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

7:50 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident unknown injury - 52700 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:13 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:16 p.m: Criminal Trespass - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

May 31: 12:25 a.m: Welfare Check - 93200 blk, Paschelke Rd.

11:39 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36800 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Caller reported a verbal dispute with a roommate. Deputies made contact and determined no crime had been committed.

12:01 a.m: Theft From Vehicle - McGowan Quarry.

4:22 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Mp. 6.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Assessed, 1 Transported.

10:42: 1000 blk, 66th St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; June 21st, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

Fishing Report

McKenzie River: All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 1,000, Leaburg Lake - 1,310, and Clear Lake - 2,500.

Fish Counts

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

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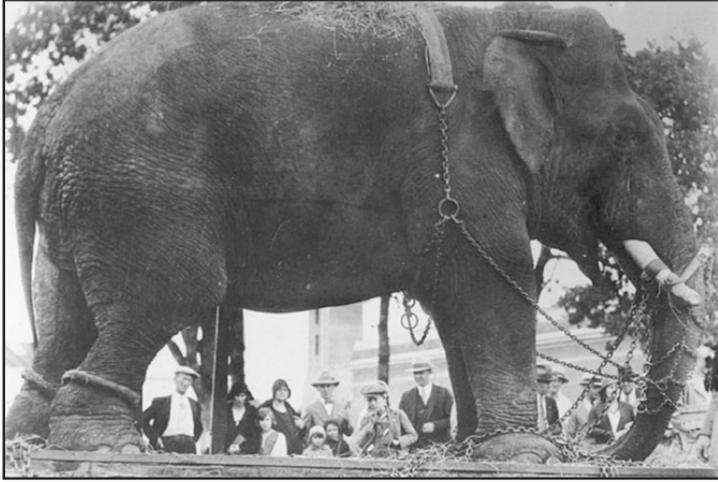
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Lotus Isle

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This photo of Tusko is from Salem and probably was made after he was abandoned there at the Oregon State Fair. This episode, and the state's subsequent complaints about his food consumption, led the Portland Morning Oregonian to sympathetically dub him "Tusko the Unwanted."

prescribed to help him fight off a cold, suggests that the poor animal was no stranger to the bottle.)

Painter first tried to give Tusko to the Portland zoo, but after hearing about the Sedro-Wooley incident, the city demurred, and Tusko ended up becoming part of the exhibit at Lotus Isle.

After the fire, Painter brought Tusko down to Salem for the Oregon State Fair and then disappeared, leaving the state with a ten-ton elephant to feed. Nothing was heard from him until December, when someone spotted an article in a New Orleans newspaper, which reported that he'd launched his Dance-A-Thon promotion there, run up large debts and skipped on them.

Tusko eventually went on a rampage bad enough to require the services of the 186th Infantry, doing substantial damage to what was left of Lotus Isle. He almost certainly frightened away as many people as he attracted to the park. Eventually Tusko was moved to a Seattle zoo, where he died in 1933 of what appears to have been a deep-vein thrombosis (although one source says he was actually given the "black

bottle," that is, euthanized with poison). His enormous skeleton was donated to the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

After Tusko's departure, there wasn't much left of Lotus Isle. It hung on through the 1932 season, but early in 1933 everything was liquidated in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Today, all that's left is Lotus Isle City Park, on the south side of the island, and a row of rotting pilings heading out across the Columbia River where the streetcar trestle used to be.

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EWEB commissioners will meet in Leaburg

**Tuesday, June 15, 6 p.m.
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center**

Eugene Water & Electric Board will host short presentations including programs for McKenzie Valley customers (including rebuilding opportunities), watershed status and investments, the future of Leaburg Canal, wildfire mitigation strategies, and the status of upriver pricing.

All community members are invited, and there will be a general listening session with subject matter experts on hand for a question-and-answer session. Presentations will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, go to eweb.org/upriver-meeting.





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

June 3 - The story of how the first peach came to Oregon Country begins with the American brig Owyhee. After sailing around the tip of South America in 1829 the ship stopped at an island off the coast of Chile. One of the sailors purchased a few peaches, and rather than throw the pits away, he planted them in a box of soil. Upon arrival at Fort Vancouver the box of peach sprouts was given to Dr. John McLoughlin who planted them near the fort. The trees that grew produced the first peaches in the Oregon Country. The earliest commercial peach orchard was owned by Henderson Luelling and was established in Milwaukie in 1848.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM ED-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the McKenzie School District #68 will be held on June 16, 2021 at 6:15 pm at 51187 Blue River Drive, Finn Rock, Oregon. Due to COVID-19, public may attend at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W8t8h8d>. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the McKenzie School Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 51187 Blue River Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at www.mckenzieosd.org. 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: Wendy Whitson Telephone: 541-822-3338 Email: wendywhitson@mckenzieosd.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2019-2020	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-2021	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance	\$408,309	\$401,249	\$292,292
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	1,859,930	1,920,794	1,721,646
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes			
Other Revenue from Local Sources	366,825	187,397	182,607
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	97,288	148,000	195,000
Revenue from State Sources	1,706,262	2,143,795	2,243,250
Revenue from Federal Sources	693,478	512,705	886,511
Interfund Transfers	121,000	122,000	122,000
All Other Budget Resources	294,268	385,101	220,113
Total Resources	\$5,547,360	\$5,821,041	\$6,544,479

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$2,079,567	\$2,311,127	\$2,569,955
Other Associated Payroll Costs	1,423,576	1,692,483	1,794,376
Purchased Services	623,749	749,952	1,058,150
Supplies & Materials	345,132	452,052	387,338
Capital Outlay	7,530	108,055	236,999
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	294,046	145,572	133,611
Debt Service*			
Interfund Transfers*	121,000	122,000	122,000
Operating Contingency		148,000	145,000
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves		100,000	100,000
Total Requirements	\$4,894,599	\$5,821,041	\$6,544,479

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$3,546,863	\$2,535,563	\$2,735,663
FTE	26.19	28.05	32.70
2000 Support Services	1,984,158	2,527,505	3,026,538
FTE	16.48	19.71	17.25
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	398,246	340,473	341,146
FTE	1.5	1.5	1.5
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	47,333	55,000	74,133
5000 Other Uses			
5100 Debt Service*			
5200 Interfund Transfers*	121,000	122,000	122,000
6000 Contingency		148,000	145,000
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance		100,000	100,000
Total Requirements	\$4,894,599	\$5,821,041	\$6,544,479
Total FTE	44.14	49.26	51.45

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING **

McKenzie budget is built upon the assumptions a state budget \$1 billion and passage of HB 2630. Federal Aid for COVID-19 Pandemic. American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) grant to assist in learning loss through summer learning, after school programs, and preparing for reopening.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.6915 per \$1,000)	4.6915/1000	4.6915/1000	4.6915/1000
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS	
	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	
Total	

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