Blaze triggers evacuations

Lookout Fire impacts people on North side of Hwy. 126

Firefighting resources including aircraft, road machinery, and personnel have all been flowing into the area to fight the growing Lookout Fire. The blaze, which grew to 1,200 acres on Tuesday morning, caused Oregon Governor Tina Kotek to invoke the Emergency Conflagration Act in response to its projected $2 million plus impacts on the local area. That move has resulted in fire personnel from multiple agencies, emergency managers, and the Lane County Sheriff’s Office all working together.

At a meeting Saturday night at McKenzie High School officials outlined some of their strategies for limiting the fire’s growth as well as the particular challenges posed by its point of origin within the old growth environment of the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest.

Part of the program addressed what was found on May 5th after the lightning ignited the fire on the Northwest side of Lookout Mountain, about 3 miles North of McKenzie Bridge. The initial plan, according to Joe Powell, the USFS incident manager, was to attack the fire directly. That changed, he said, “based on the overhead danger and the angle of the slope.” Another real concern was the estimated 5 hours or more it would take to evacuate anyone who might become injured, even though it was only 1 to 3 acres at that time.

Other challenges included evacuation of Lookout Mountain, about 3 acres at that time. Even though it was only 1 to 3 acres at that time, there were concerns about how to get people to safety, especially if they might become injured, even though it was only 1 to 3 acres at that time.

Motoring through McKenzie Bridge

Classics take a 1,500 mile cruise to Concours d’Elegance

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Every August since 2012, a group of dedicated classic car collectors has set out from Seattle for a 1,500-mile road trip to California. The route of the Pebble Beach Motoring Classic travels through mountain passes and along the Pacific Coast. Organized by fellow collector Al McEwan, their destination is the famed Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance collector car show.

After an evening of entertainment courtesy of the Oon Pah band and the chicken dance, drivers departed the Timberline Lodge. They spent Thursday morning driving to McKenzie Bridge. On the way, the participants said they saw firsthand the devastation caused by the 2020 wildfires that decimated areas like Detroit and the McKenzie Valley. “We stopped for gas and chatted with a few locals, learning that the area is actively rebuilding and the people are in good spirits,” McEwan said. “We then made our way up McKenzie Pass, stopping at the Dee Wright Observatory to view the lava fields. We then descended the pass, arriving at Sisters, Oregon to stay for the night.” Normally, most McKenzie Valley residents can only expect this caliber of automotive art if they tune into the nationally televised event. That changed last Thursday when the tour made a lunch stop at the McKenzie Station Pub, providing an opportunity to see the classics up close.

Getting a preview

A chance to get a the “feeling” of the new Center

By Bill Lucia

WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD

Tribes call for ban on car tire chemical

A more environmentally-friendly alternative hasn’t emerged

By Bill Lucia

Washington State Standard

Two tribes in Washington are asking federal regulators to ban a chemical widely used in car tires that scientists have identified as highly toxic to salmon and other fish.

The Port Gamble S’Klallam and Puyallup tribes, along with the Yurok, which is the largest native nation in California, petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday to establish regulations prohibiting the manufacture and use of the substance, known as 6PPD.

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Letters to the Editor

VMCC Thanks the community

The 8-13-23 “Very Soft Opening” of Vida McKenzie Community Center was a wonderful success and the Board of VMCC wants to extend a “Thank You” to everyone who attended and who supported the event. For the first time since Spring of 2020 (member COVID) the Center was exactly what it is meant to be: a gathering place where friends, neighbors and even out-of-town visitors meet.

A special thanks to McKenzie Crest Wines who donated the sip tastings, to JoDee’s Cakes for donating the sweet bites, to Honey Paddle for donating the raffle bouquet and to Adoptions Northwest for donating the raffle basket.

See you soon for our Grant Opening!

VMCC Board of Directors

From left: Ann Penny, Walt Wilson, Kim Esser, Sherry Jones, and Faith Bokros. Bottom row: Gerry Aster, and Tammy Pelton all offered a “Thank You” to AARP for their $10,000 grant for the Center’s AV and Hearing Loop System. With help from AARP and two other grantors, the entire system and installation is now paid for.

Motoring through

The "mystery car" turned out to be a rare, supercharged 1942 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500SS Aerodyne.

In August 20th at tinyurl.com/8azsfbd, videos of the meeting at: tinyurl.com/9aszfb5d.

Lookout Fire

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Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District Chief Rainbow Plews advised people to "be patient, we don’t have all the answers but we are here for you." View videos of the meeting at: tinyurl.com/8azsfbd.

referencing the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. She noted some things, though, were more positive. "One of them is we’re actually having this meeting," she said. "In 2020 we did not have that luxury. We have the blessing right now of continued active fire behavior. We have the blessing right now of a time window and I want to stress to everyone that you can help us best by helping yourselves."

Plews went on to note that area residents are likely to see fire personnel - both local and from some of the structural inspection teams that have responded from other areas - visiting different neighborhoods. The assessments they’re making, she added, are an indication of the important role saving structures has played in the overall fire response.

She also reminded people that Upper McKenzie Fire will continue to respond to 911 calls, "just as we always do. We’ll be helping people with medical problems or things like small fires in toilets."

"The Lookout Fire has been growing rapidly due to the dry, windy conditions in Lane County,” Oregon State Fire Marshal Marizana Ruiz-Temple said in a statement Monday. "The next few days are very concerning with continued red flag conditions."

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office has issued a Level 3 or “go now” evacuation order in place for residents in Taylor Road and North Bank Road, all areas north of Highway 126 between Blue River Reservoir Road and Drury Lane, plus the Mona and Lookout campgrounds, and the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest headquarters.

7 crews totaling 350 personnel were assigned to the fire, along with 3 engines, 3 bulldozers, 3 water tenders, and 4 helicopters. In a Tuesday update officials were advising people to expect continued active fire behavior with medium-range spotting to the west and southwest, with uphill runs and flanking at moderate to active spread rates. Rollouts were expected on steep slopes that could help spread the fire to the north, west, and south.

Updates on the Lookout Fire are available at: tinyurl.com/4qsp7zmd.

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Sheriff’s Report

July 29: 2:19 p.m: Criminal Information - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Two people were observed throwing trash near the river.

4:24 p.m: Suspicous Conditions - Lat: 44.11534118. Long: -121.857372. 2 backpacks found in the area.

July 30: 3:13 a.m: Assault - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. A caller reported that their spouse threw a phone at them and caused injury. Deputies investigated and arrested the spouse for charges.

3:35 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Male in the area that appeared to have cash stolen from him.

July 31: 12:42 p.m: Theft - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller reported having cash stolen from their vehicle.

10:19 a.m: Theft - 41800 blk, Parson Creek Rd. A passerby reported seeing a juvenile male in the area that appeared to have blood on him.

8:26 p.m: Shots Fired - 36400 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A vehicle was damaged.

Aug. 10: 11:36 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36500 blk, McK. Hwy. 2:34 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36000 blk, Parson Creek Rd.

4:16 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:02 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

12:54 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 95900 blk, McK. Hwy. 4:52 p.m: Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

Aug. 9: 9:29 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 95900 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:30 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36000 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:35 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90000 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:40 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36000 blk, Marcola Rd.

Aug. 8: 7:42 a.m: Lockout - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:03 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

Aug. 5: 11:03 a.m: Traffic Hazard - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

11:31 a.m: Safety Hazard - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy.

7:58 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

Aug. 11: 3:35 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:19 a.m: Theft - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

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3:07 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Caddis Ln. & McK. River Dr.

4:29 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

4:39 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.


4:40 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 52900 blk, McK. Hwy.

Aug. 10: 10:34 a.m: Hit & Run - Lane/Linn county line, Hwy 126

11:15 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

12:00 p.m: Extortion - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.

12:35 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 46000 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:46 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37100 blk, Boiler Creek Rd.

2:06 p.m: Safety Hazard - 56300 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:17 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carvon St.

4:31 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Old Mohawk Rd. & Hill Rd.

7:21 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - Tamolitch Falls.

8:47 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:51 p.m: Civil Service - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

12:54 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90300 blk, Sunderman Rd.

4:29 p.m: Hit & Run - Marcola RO. & Old Mohawk Rd.

4:42 p.m: Lost Subject - Lat: 44.9988. Long: -121.8926.

5:46 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 26000 blk, Marcola Rd.

11:01 pm Emergency Message - Lat: 44.1614506. Long: -121.9378.

Aug. 14: 12:28 a.m: Welfare

McKenzie River Reflections

Explore a treasure trove of McKenzie River history - in the back issues of this newspaper. Go to: tinyurl.com/2rkpsen

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Assisted to road from bank, Refusal Obtained.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue


August 12: 13:01: Deceased Subject – 91000 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Body just washed up at the dam.

19:16: Medical – 50000 blk, Blue River Dr. Possible transport of patient.

The Upper McK. Fire District’s board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th, at the McK. Fire Station, 5678 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.
By Finn J.D. John

Part Two: Arrival

On June 1, 1981, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh boarded a Boeing 747 for a flight from Mumbai to New York City.

Officially there was no medical treatment that he needed, but they had told him he needed to take it easy. His movement, which had already become an international octopus with meditation centers in dozens of different countries around the world, had outgrown the Pune campus. He needed a new World Headquarters. And in his new personal secretary, Ma Anand Sheela (formerly known as Sheela Patel Silverman), had found one for him.

Sheela closed the deal for the property then known as the Big Muddy Ranch in the following month, paying $5.75 million for it. It was 64,229 acres of Central Oregon farmland, a place where the amenities one would expect a family ranch to have. And in late August, Rajneesh signed a lease for cattle and horses to fly the guru in to see, for the first time, the dry landscape that was to be his new home.

It was a bit of a shock for Rajneesh, who had loved the lush greenery and tree-screened privacy of Pune. But like a lot of Utopian projects that cool shower and the queue by the workplace every morning.

The work pace is totalitarian,” wrote a sannyasin named Michael in a letter home to New Zealand, published in a Rajneeshite newsletter: “from dawn till dusk with about 150 of us working in the fields, hoeing and plowing, and the core of the experience was the perspective that’s most often overlooked. Rajneesh catered to the work ethic, laying foundations for the new Marim Canteen, warehouse, Bhagwan’s school, hospital, health centre, and so on; forming the garage, school, office block, health centre, and so on; forming the Sannyas	Wiki

Celebration at Rajneeshpuram in 1981. The finest leatherwork items new community centered on freedom from what you might call the tyranny of space, but it didn’t feel that way. Actually, it was a beautiful dream.

But like a lot of Utopian projects over the years, it was about to get hijacked by people who could see its potential as a personal power base.

The locals started getting to know their new far-out neighbors.

When “The Rolls-Royce Guru” came to Oregon

riverside


Rajneesh told Sheela that his charm offensive of sorts among the neighbors, hosting a party or two at the past offenses, and the neighbors who had dropped it up. Soon Central Oregon was feeling pretty sanguine about its new Rajneeshite neighbors, and in early November 1981 when the Rajneeshites applied to the Wasco County board of commissioners for incorporation of the city on the Big Muddy, they got an easy, informal country-style “yes” — the City of Rajneeshpuram was born.

It’s important to stress, at this point, that the sannyasins at Rajneeshpuram were acutely aware of the problem of being a new world for themselves and their children. Rajneesh himself wrote, in his journal, about being in the moment and striving toward Enlightenment. What was not to like? The well beyond the commuting side of the nation, and they were aimed at preventing exactly the kind of thing that Bhagwan’s crew had in mind: the conversion of farmland into new urban and suburban lands.

The local residents could think of something a little bit less. Joints or something. He’d been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

The finest leatherwork items and art is available to check it out at www.artvincentleather.com.
**Growing beautiful roses this summer**

By Erica Browne Grivas

Roses have been adored as a symbol of beauty and love for thousands of years. If you haven’t grown them yourself yet, you might have heard they are fussy – a rep earned by certain hybrid tea types. But the vast majority are very easy and to grow. Choose garden-ready varieties, and follow their simple care requirements, and you’ll be rewarded with bountiful blossoms for decades.

“They’re actually one of the earliest garden plants to grow,” said Dan Estacio, president of Terra Firma Nursery & Bark, a garden center located in Salem, Oregon. “They’ll survive both arid and wet conditions. That’s especially true of our locally-grown roses,” he said. “They’re actually one of the hardest plants we grow.”

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**Country Kitchen**

* COUNTRY KITCHEN – hearty soups, casseroles, desserts, and breads.

**SQUASH - A TASTE OF FALL**

By Mary Emma Allen

Even though it’s only mid-August, nighttime here in NH is getting cooler and reminds us of the coming of fall. During the autumn, we harvest various types of squash from our gardens and find more varieties in the markets, such as Hubbard, acorn (the traditional dark green), white acorn, gold acorn, table acorn, butternut, bush, sweet loa, buttercup, sugar, and turban. You’ll also find the favorites of summer – zucchini and summer squash.

Generally, in our homes today, the storage consists of a basement, pantry or the refrigerator. Years ago, a root cellar held stored food - winter vegetables, squash, cabbage, etc. This was a dug out portion of ground, often containing a framed door, possibly framing inside - a sort of cave. Storage in the root cellar kept fruit and vegetables from freezing and provided food throughout the winter. If the house had a cellar and the coldest food, often was stored there.

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**Decorative Ideas for Squash**

- Simply arrayed throughout the house wherever a colorful accent is needed, they look nice.
- Simply placed in a crock or basket in a front hallway they add color.
- Place in gift baskets with other fall fruit and vegetables.

Recipes

As mentioned, you can prepare squash in a great variety of ways - soup, casseroles, desserts, and breads.

MASHED SQUASH - Simply cooked (boiled or baked), scoop out and mash with butter and a dash of cinnamon, makes an easy to prepare vegetable dish.

BAKED ACORN SQUASH with APPLE FILLING - Wash 2 acorn squash, cut into halves lengthwise; scoop out the seeds and fiber. Place in a baking pan with the cut side down. Add 1/2 inch boiling water. Bake at 400 degrees F. for about 20 minutes. Using 3 tart apples, peel, core and dice them. Mix with 1/4 cup melted butter and 1/2 cup maple syrup or honey. Take squash from oven, and turn cut side up. Brush with melted butter. Fill squash with apple mixture. Cover the pan with foil, and then continue baking at 400 degrees F. for 30 minutes, or until the apples and squash are tender.

MOUNTAIN SQUASH VARIE- TION – Many people serve the squash plain. Turn them right side up, and brush with melted butter. Fill squash with potato and filling. Mix all together, and bake at 350 degrees F. for 30 minutes, add 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese and bake a few minutes longer.

**MORE VARIATIONS** - Some cooks make bread stuffing, like the traditional dark green), white acorn, gold acorn, table acorn, butternut, bush, sweet loa, buttercup, sugar, and turban. You’ll also find the favorites of summer – zucchini and summer squash.

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**MORE VARIATIONS** - Some cooks make bread stuffing, like the traditional dark green), white acorn, gold acorn, table acorn, butternut, bush, sweet loa, buttercup, sugar, and turban. You’ll also find the favorites of summer – zucchini and summer squash.

- COUNTRY KITCHEN – hearty soups, casseroles, desserts, and breads.

**SQUASH - A TASTE OF FALL**

By Mary Emma Allen

Even though it’s only mid-August, nighttime here in NH is getting cooler and reminds us of the coming of fall. During the autumn, we harvest various types of squash from our gardens and find more varieties in the markets, such as Hubbard, acorn (the traditional dark green), white acorn, gold acorn, table acorn, butternut, bush, sweet loa, buttercup, sugar, and turban. You’ll also find the favorites of summer – zucchini and summer squash.

Generally, in our homes today, the storage consists of a basement, pantry or the refrigerator. Years ago, a root cellar held stored food - winter vegetables, squash, cabbage, etc. This was a dug out portion of ground, often containing a framed door, possibly framing inside - a sort of cave. Storage in the root cellar kept fruit and vegetables from freezing and provided food throughout the winter. If the house had a cellar and the coldest food, often was stored there.

Decorative Ideas for Squash

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**Decorative Ideas for Squash**

- Simply arrayed throughout the house wherever a colorful accent is needed, they look nice.
- Simply placed in a crock or basket in a front hallway they add color.
- Place in gift baskets with other fall fruit and vegetables.

Recipes

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August 17  McKenzie River Country
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, 4561 McKenzie Hwy.

August 17  McKenzie Chamber
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.org

August 18  Dive In Movies
Friday’s movie, from 8:30 to 10 p.m, will be Super Mario Bros at Splash, 6100 Thurston Rd. in Springfield.

Join a special evening swim at Splash and dress up! Watch a movie on Splash’s ocean sun deck and come and go as you please from the pool with tickets. Regular drop-in admission to Splash! includes the cost of the movies, so your kids open your fair in the door and Knox. Park to draw the final card and enjoy a picnic. After lunch, people will enjoy the movie and game at the McKenzie. Call 541-726-5039 or email siedle@northwestrecreation.com to claim seats.

August 19  Poker Run River RunFunder
For the Rebuilding Project of the McKenzie Community Center, destroyed in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. $120 includes the round trip from McKenzie to Rock and white rafting trip at 25% off regular price * Poker Run entry fee and packet * Picnic at Laidley Knos Park * Round-trip transportation from Leaburg, Oregon * Guided group raft trip to McKenzie Falls. Must call ahead to reserve your spot. After meeting at 9 a.m., people will head to the Store to pick up packets, sign their waivers and pay. Then they’ll go to Finn Rock for a second card and to start a river adventure. Drop off at Helfrich Landing where people will be flown up, even in the face of adversity. Some of the messages we received were: “Respect everyone; Fear None.” “Do what you love.”

Victor and his wife Colleen met in 1996, and were married in Coos Bay on August 30, 2003. They lived in Christmas Valley, Oregon. Victor and Colleen spent part of their time tending to their garden and animals. They spent every Sunday together and loved each other dearly. Victor’s greatest loves were his children. Nothing made him prouder than his kids. James, Matthew, Stephanie, and Vic- tor, his stepsons Russ, Joe and Steven.

Victor leaves behind his wife, Colleen, his children, James, Matthew, Stephanie, Victor Jr., his brother Ted and sister Jenni (Mark, Stormy, Molly)...many more relatives and friends, and all the kids he coached over the years. He is now with his father, Arthur, in Heaven.

Victor will be dearly missed and always remembered. Victor’s family has arranged a celebration of life in the near future. For more information, please join us at https://everloved.net/ life-of-victor-vidal/

Living Wage Family Fellowship 52355 Rock Rd. St. Helens, OR 97051 info@livingwagefamily.org 503-367-0661

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The McKenzie River Community Church, 415 St. Helens Ave.

An Invitation to Worship
McKenzie River Reflections
August 17

Second Mondays of the month. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. All meetings otherwise noted, are held in the Board Room of the Springfield Fire and Rescue Administration Building, 640 A Street.

August 29  “Write Your Life”
This class is de- signed to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second “Write Your Life” workshop! This workshop will begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Work sessions will be held on an as needed basis.

August 31  Story Time
Story Time is from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Library’s Children’s Room, 42888 McKenzie Hwy. Children of all ages and their parents are invited to enjoy stories, crafts, and games and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a select collection of children’s books, feature books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, Dvds and audiobooks, as well as fun games and puzzles.

September 9  Walla Walla Fair
The Walla Walla Grape is hosting the 71st annual Walla Walla Community Fair on September 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan on bringing some cash to enter from 7:30 to 9:30 AM (judging will start at 9:30). Show your creative side as you and your friends have been up by to enter them into the fair. People are encouraged to enter their canning, baking, quilting, crafting, weaving (quilting, crochet, knit), arts and crafts, antiques, photography (or whatever you want to enter). There will be a parade at 11 a.m. at contact Dani at 541-747-4560 if you wish to be in the parade. We have local chicken barbeque chicken consisting of 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, beans, baked beans, rolls, and brownie for a $30 meal. Or single items will be available for $3. Serving will start at 11:30. There will be lots of vendors to check out. Call Jeff at 541-747-9974 if you wish to be a vendor). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for some of the special prizes. All proceeds of the fairing will take place at 3 PM. The Grape is working to raise money for replacement of the windows we are missing and siding on the west side of the community center. Check out the thermometer. We have progressed and feel free to chip in. See you at the fair! For more information please call 541-521-7660, and leave a message (calls will be returned).

Click here and stay in touch with events online McKenzie Community Events Calendar.
I’m currently in the classic older man and younger woman relationship. I’m 50 years old, Nancy is 30, and we are both divorced. I was not looking for anyone when Nancy came into my life. She is beautiful and sweet, and I absolutely adore her.

I could think of a million reasons why it doesn’t make sense to have a relationship with a younger woman. But she doesn’t feel that way at all. So why am I writing? At this juncture in my life, I simply can’t see this relationship in the long-term.

I have told Nancy not to waste time that could be better spent like me; I have far less life to live than she does. She insists she has plenty of time left, though I’m not sure this could possibly go on and be good for both of us. Am I simply sounding like some insecure, middle-aged idiot is no fun, so we suggest you enjoy what you have and where it leads. Wayne & Tamara

Free Will

My story is like most others. All my records were there, but for some reason, I wanted to believe the lies. My former boyfriend met his ex-wife behind my back. I also suspected an affair with his boss. That thought nagged me. One night when he was out, I locked up my address and drove there. Lo- and-behold! His car was parked in her driveway at four in the morning. He said he left it there for convenience while he went out with friends for the night.

I wanted you to get most is why. But I don’t want to know why he did these things, but why did he stay with someone who would cheat on me? Why would I want to believe the lies so much I went against my own logic?

Tiffany, if you are less than 70 years old, you can apply. I used all your life to believe we can make any relationship work with the right amount of hard work, compromise, and common sense. That is what the “experts” claim. It isn’t true. The belief of ever-lasting relationship can be worked on and worked through is there aren’t any warning signs anymore. It is like saying since medical people can effectively treat burns, you no longer need to remove your hand from a hot stove.

You wanted a loving, monogamous relationship. That is why you are here. You wanted to play the field and be intimate with whomever he wanted. That is who he is. Neither of you had the ability or the right to change the other. You tried to apply what you desired in a relationship, and what the “experts” claim is possible, to the man you had. It didn’t work.

At the time, you couldn’t see there could be a reason. Shame even for you who would be loving and monogamous. That is where you needed to go because no one has the power to change the behavior of another.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men. Member, FriendShip Solution, and Cheating in a Nutshell—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

The Poetry Foundation is proud to present a Poem of the Day.

Kohlefeit by Louis Untermeyer

I waited and worked
To win myself leisure,
Till loneliness kissed
And I turned to raw pleasure.
I drank and I gamed,
Till sick and ashamed.
And now I see,
The food stood untasted.
I searched in the Book
For rooted convictions,
Till the badgered brain shook
With its own contradictions.

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Louis Untermeyer was the author, editor, and compiler of translator of more than 100 books for readers of all ages. He will be best remembered for his introductions to contemporary American poetry since 1919. The son of an established New York jeweler, Untermeyer’s interest in poetry led to friendships with poets from three generations, including many of the century’s major writers. His tastes were eclectic. In the Washington Post, Martin Welts related that Untermeyer once “described himself as ‘a hone collector’ with ‘the power to change the behavior of anyone who did not really believe recipes every day—is now available at every Walmart Supercenter, Sam’s Club, Publix, or anywhere you shop, with a Visa Gift Card.”


**ACROSS**
1. *Medical school entry requirement, acc.*
5. *Atlas image*
8. Hula dancer’s necklace
11. German money
12. Ready for picking
13. Nerd
15. Like many Brothers Grimm stories
16. Month of Purim
17. *Some exams*
18. *Laptop and books container*
20. Fastens a fly
21. Licorice-like herb
22. *Teacher’s favorite*
23. *Like hot lava*
30. Chapter in history
31. Deadly
34. DEA agent
35. Second person singular past of “do,” archaic
37. Greet, to a dog
38. Be in harmony
39. Inwardly
40. Opposite of pluralism
42. Even, to a poet
43. Academic planners
45. *High predecessor*
47. Pass!
48. Barnyard honker
50. Rooftop contraption
52. *Meal container*
55. Emerald or aquamarine, chemically speaking
56. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
57. Venus de Milo’s are missing
59. *Plural of #51 Down*
60. Comments from prompt box
61. Do like Elia Fitzgerald
62. *YPE in school*
63. Make a choice
64. Piece of cake

**DOWN**
1. Actress Ryan
2. Larry David’s “... Your Enthusiasm”
3. Bizet’s “Habanera,” e.g.
4. Tabby’s mate
5. King with a golden touch
6. Rapidly
7. ____ up, to become more cheerful
8. Spring
9. Morays
10. Abdominal pain cause, acc.
12. Plunder
14. *One of 3 Rs in grade school*
19. Genrefact
22. Letter-writing friend
23. *In LMC, educationally speaking*
24. Circular gasket
25. Big Dipper’s visible shape
26. Biblical gift-givers
27. Propelled a boat
28. Angler’s basket
29. Part of an act
30. Rare bills
32. Rare bills
33. Chewbacca’s sidekick
34. Memnonite’s cousin
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Red Flag Warnings issued for unstable fire conditions

The National Weather Service on Monday issued Red Flag Warnings for the western part of the Oregon Panhandle due to unstable conditions combining wind and low relative humidity.

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are forecast to exist for fire ignition potential.

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They decided to take over a town that was already incorporated and transfer their energies over to that.

Their eyes turned, naturally, on the closest town to the ranch: Antelope, population 43.

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The Pacific Northwest has seen a significant increase in human-caused wildfires compared to previous years and the area covered by the warnings is extensive. Because of this, it is imperative to exercise caution with anything that can cause a spark, such as cigarettes, matches, and fireworks. It is also important to look up fire restrictions in your area and report any signs of fire immediately.

Stay informed about the latest weather and fire conditions in your area.

Check with your local fire department or visit a website that provides fire information.

The legislation also includes a mechanism for distributing the child tax credit in advanced quarterly payments, Mac Innis said. Before that goes into place, the state will determine if the payments would be considered income when determining eligibility for federal aid programs like food assistance.

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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 mainstream 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, all other gear must be released.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many streams across the state. Releases of 8” to 10” rainbow trout are marked with a banded Scotch collie and shepherd mix named Bobbie, rode outside on the luggage rack. On the ninth day of their vacation, in the town of Walcott, Indiana, Bobbie ran away. Six months later Bobbie appeared back in Silverton. Practically every news-paper in the United States ran a story about Bobbie’s amazing 3,000-mile journey home. Robert Ripley’s “Believe It or Not” radio show featured Bobbie; a book was written, and Bobbie even starred in his own movie, “Bobbie, The Wonder Dog.”

Ripley’s “Believe It or Not” radio story about Bobbie’s amazing paper in the United States ran a later Bobbie appeared back in the town of Walcott, Indiana, a shepherd mix named Bobbie, rode a bob-tailed Scotch collie and automobile. The Braziers dog, embarked on a cross-country trip with their daughters Nova and Leona, Elizabeth Brazier and their Silverton residents Frank and Elizabeth Forth, a senior attorney with Earthjustice’s Biodiversity Defense Program, said in a statement. Studies have shown that the chemical not only harms salmon and various types of trout and char. Franji Mayes, an Ecology spokesperson, explained in an email that the agency does not have the authority to impose a ban on phase-out chemicals in consumer products unless it deems safer alternatives are feasible and available. In a 2021 technical memo, the agency identified potential alternatives to 6PPD and noted the need for further research.

There was a nice get-together last Saturday at Orchard Health McKenzie River Clinic’s free annual BBQ. The event featured music, games, the Sheriff’s Give-Aways and free raffles for gift cards - even the dogs joined in.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 21 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 Buichc a call @ 541-553-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Sheriff’s Office

August 17 - In August 1923 Silverton residents Frank and Elizabeth Brauer and their daughters Nova and Leona, embarked on a cross-country trip in their Overland Red Bird automobile. The Brauer’s dog a banded Scotch collie and shepherd mix named Bobbie, rode outside on the luggage rack. On the ninth day of their vacation, in the town of Walcott, Indiana, Bobbie ran away. Six months later Bobbie appeared back in Silverton. Practically every newspaper in the United States ran a story about Bobbie’s amazing 3,000-mile journey home. Robert Ripley’s “Believe It or Not” radio show featured Bobbie; a book was written, and Bobbie even starred in his own movie, “Bobbie, The Wonder Dog.”

Carter, the tribe’s environmental scientist, said in a statement. The environmental group Earthjustice submitted the petition on behalf of the tribes. “There is no known safe level of 6PPD in tires, and no warning or label requirement will eliminate the unreasonable risk from the use of tires containing 6PPD,” the filing says.

The U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association said it was reviewing the petition and that its members were already evaluating possible 6PPD alternatives. “We have actively aligned with numerous federal and state regulatory bodies, including Earth- 94851 Leaburg Dr. Medical, General, Assist, 1 Transported
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Pochers beware! This week, the state launched Protect Oregon’s Wildlife—Turn In Poachers—a new campaign to help protect fish and wildlife for future generations through education and awareness. Now residents across the state can learn more about poaching and how to report the illegal killing of fish and wildlife.

Poaching poses as a direct threat to Oregon’s precious fish and wildlife populations. The new website, Protect Oregon’s Wildlife, features tips on how to recognize poaching, the impact of poaching to wildlife populations and how to report it through the state’s Turn In Poachers (TIP) Line.

In 2021, key anti-poaching legislation passed after Oregon Hunters Association and Defenders of Wildlife lobbied to increase recognition, reporting and prosecution of these crimes. Supported by the Oregon Sportsmen’s Legislative Caucus, they shared passionate testimonies and gained bi-partisan support.

Legislators funded a collaborative anti-poaching effort with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon State Police (OSP F&W) and the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ). The three organizations work together to reduce poaching by using a three-prong approach of:

**Increasing Awareness:** ODFW works with educational institutions to increase awareness of poaching through education campaigns, empowering citizens with the knowledge and tools to identify and report poaching incidents. By encouraging everyone to do their part and report the illegal killing of fish, wildlife and natural resources, we can create a safer environment for our natural treasures. The Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon State Board, Oregon Wildlife Coalition, and Oregon Outfitter and Guide Association offer cash incentives and ODFW offers hunter preference points for tips that lead to an arrest or citation. People who report poaching can remain anonymous.

*Increasing Enforcement:* OSP F&W enforces the rules and regulations that govern the preservation of Oregon’s fish and wildlife resources. The anti-poaching legislation created funding for four additional Troopers and one Sergeant in the OSP F&W division. Their enforcement will help ensure compliance with laws and regulations that protect and enhance the long-term health and equitable use of Oregon’s fish and wildlife resources.

*Increasing Prosecution:* The DOJ hired the first Wildlife Anti-poaching Resources Special Prosecutor in the country. Senior Assistant Attorney General, Jay Hall, will guide and assist county prosecutors as they develop the special skills necessary to prosecute fish and wildlife crimes within and across jurisdictions. He will also work with law enforcement agencies, providing guidance on evidence collection, case processing, and penalty options.

Protection Oregon’s Wildlife educates residents on how to recognize poaching and empowers people to report the crime to wildlife officials. Losing our natural fish and wildlife resources means losing wonder of the state for generations to come.

Along with the new website, Oregonians will see campaign content across the state, including informational blogs, videos and partnerships that will help members of the public—at all levels of awareness—to identify and report poaching. As the initiative continues, Protect Oregon’s Wildlife will interact with the public at events like fairs and sportsmen shows.

“We depend on reports from Oregon hunters, sport fishers and wildlife officials. Losing our natural fish and wildlife populations and undermines the collective ownership and enjoyment of our natural resources,” said campaign coordinator, Yvonne Shaw. “Members of the public have an opportunity to report crimes against fish and wildlife by educating themselves on how to recognize and report poaching. In this way, we hold poachers accountable.”

The collaborative efforts of ODFW, OSP F&W and the DOJ, along with numerous agency, business and non-profit partners, will reduce poaching across the state. Each organization brings unique strengths to this partnership, combining their missions to protect and enhance Oregon’s diverse fish and wildlife for present and future generations.

Those who submit tips can receive cash for reports leading to citations or arrests. Alternatively, ODFW awards hunter preference points as an incentive for people who report poaching if the report leads to a citation or arrest. Award recipients can apply those points to any legal Oregon hunting opportunity. To see a full list of reward amounts, please visit the Protect Oregon’s Wildlife website at ProtectOregonWildlife.com. All tips submitted to Oregon State Police F&W Division can be made anonymously.

“We depend on reports from citizens to catch poachers. Together, we can ensure that Oregon’s diverse ecosystems thrive for present and future generations,” said Lt. Craig Herburger, Oregon State Police F&W Division. “Our wildlife belongs to everyone, and we cannot afford to look away. We encourage everyone to learn more about poaching to safeguard the beauty and biodiversity of our great state.”

For more information on Protect Oregon’s Wildlife and how you can contribute to the protection of Oregon’s fish and wildlife, please visit the new Protect Oregon’s Wildlife website at ProtectOregonWildlife.com or contact program coordinator Yvonne Shaw.