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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 **Lookout Fire - Page 2**



Steve Severin

On Monday the Lookout Fire could be seen above the power transmission lines near the Tokatee Golf Club.

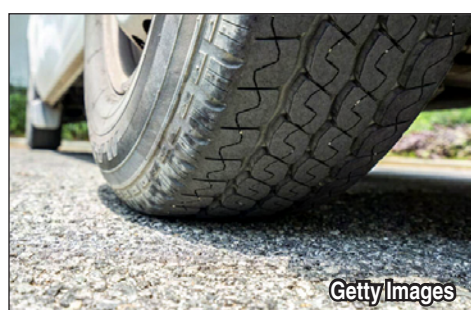
Tribes call for ban on car tire chemical

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



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Researchers in 2020 identified an offshoot of the chemical-6PPD-quinone, or 6PPD-q-as the culprit causing premature salmon deaths in urban streams and rivers in the Puget Sound region.

Agency on Tuesday to establish regulations prohibiting the manufacture and use of the substance, known as 6PPD.

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Manufacturers, dating back to around the 1950s or 1960s, have used 6PPD as a preservative to keep tire rubber from cracking and degrading. But when the chemical reacts with ozone in the atmosphere, it yields 6PPD-q. The substance ends up on roads and other surfaces as tires wear and from there, it gets washed into streams and other bodies of water that provide salmon habitat.

"To see 6PPD-q kill the salmon that are reared in the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's own streams and from its own hatchery is an unconscionable slap in the face to a people who rely on salmon for their wellbeing, in addition to being a gross violation of the Tribe's rights as enshrined in the 1855 Treaty of Point No Point," Josh

Motoring through McKenzie Bridge

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



"B" is for Bentley, represented by this impressive 1924 3-Litre Vanden Plas Tourer.

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 Oom Pah band and the chicken dance, drivers departed the Timberline Lodge. They spent Thursday morning driving to McKenzie Bridge. On the way, 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 while the tour made a lunch stop at the McKenzie Station Pub, providing an opportunity to see **Motoring through - Page 2**

Getting a preview

A chance to get a the "feeling" of the new Center



Billed as a "soft opening" the turnout was impressive when the doors of the new Vida McKenzie Community Center were opened to the public on Sunday. The official opening will come in the Fall but in the meantime, people had a chance to see numerous photos of the equipment that will be installed - from an under-counter refrigerator and freezer to a convection oven. There was also an opportunity to explore the outdoor patio area, where some names have already been etched on the memorial paver blocks. See more on Page 2.

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 (remember 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

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some famous cars that are few in number. The most intriguing was a silver coupe that had many passersby wondering what it could be. Filling out the field were more than a half-dozen 50's era Mercedes Benz 300 SLs - both in roadster and famed gull-winged coupe configurations, as well as a father of the "Bond car" - an Aston Martin DB2:4 Mk 1 Drophead

Coupe and a 1940 Packard 190 Darin.

Car buffs can see more if they tune into the 2023 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Live. The daylong livestream of the prestigious event will start at 1:15 p.m. Pacific Time on Sunday, August 20th at tinyurl.com/y7cp2vr4.

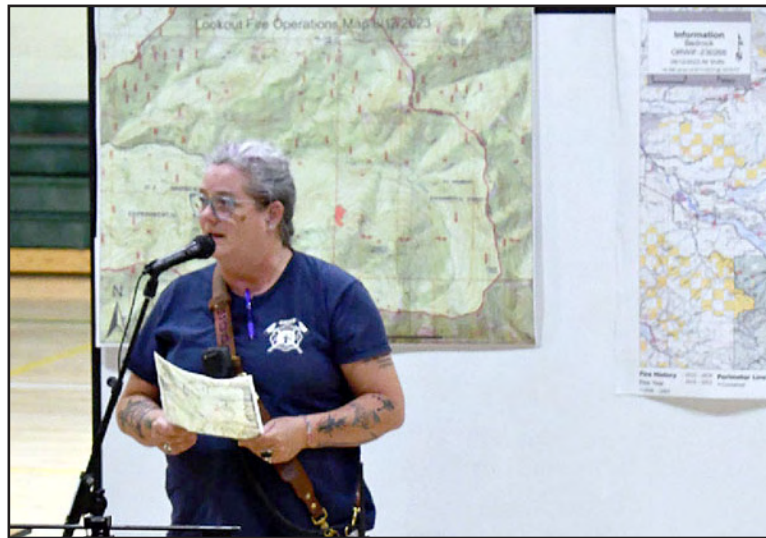


The "mystery car" turned out to be a rare, supercharged 1942 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500SS Aerodyne.



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/9aszfb5d.

access to the area, an old-growth forest that hadn't been affected by fires in several decades.

Over the following 5 days, there had been some elements that improved prospects. Emergency suppression lines were set up, noted Danny Gallagher, who also pointed out that 35 miles had been scouted if other indirect lines were needed. Other groundwork has included the creation of an incident command post at the McKenzie Bridge Airstrip as well as camping and feeding areas for the firefighters.

Air operations were moved to a helibase closer to the fire incident to accommodate 3 heavy firefighting craft and 1 reconnaissance chopper. As of Saturday, Gallagher said air crews had already dropped 77,735 gallons of water on the fire.

Providing some local insights was Upper McKenzie Fire Chief Rainbow Plews, who noted, "We've all done this before,"

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 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 9 11 calls, "just as we always do. We'll be helping people with medical problems or things like small fires in toasters."

"The Lookout Fire has been growing rapidly due to the dry, windy conditions in Lane County," Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana 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 on 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/4cp27dnz

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WEATHER REPORT

Friday 8/18		Saturday 8/19		Sunday 8/20	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 89 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 88 Low: 54	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 84 Low: 54	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 5% chance precip High: 85 Low: 52	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 84 Low: 54	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 79 Low: 51

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEAUBURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
8/8	88	54	0	367 cfs	8/8	88	54	0	2,000 cfs
8/9	83	56	0	367 cfs	8/9	80	53	0	2,000 cfs
8/10	94	60	0	NA	8/10	87	53	0	1,970 cfs
8/11	86	54	0	362 cfs	8/11	88	51	0	1,960 cfs
8/12	91	56	0	362 cfs	8/12	80	52	0	1,960 cfs
8/13	101	64	0	362 cfs	8/13	93	56	0	1,950 cfs
8/14	103	71	0	362 cfs	8/14	100	61	0	1,940 cfs

Sheriff's Report

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

4:42 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.11534118, Long: -121.851737. 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 assault in the fourth degree.

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

3:35 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 6. A passerby reported seeing a juvenile male in the area that appeared to

have blood on him. **Aug. 7: 12:47 a.m:** Welfare Check - 37400 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

5:17 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd. **2:03 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

12:34 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

6:08 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

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

11:02 a.m: Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

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

3:08 p.m: Disabled Boat - 90400 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

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

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

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

2:34 p.m: Theft - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

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

4:16 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

6:36 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:18 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 5.

8:40 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 52900 blk, McK. Hwy.

Aug. 10: 11:36 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:39 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:52 p.m: Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

5:54 p.m: Reckless Endangering - 8000 blk, Thurston Rd.

6:48 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - McK. Hwy. & Mill Creek Rd.

11:24 p.m: Theft - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

Aug. 11: 1:35 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 56500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:00 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, of Intoxicants Driving Under the Influence - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd.

8:54 a.m: Harassment - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:03 a.m: Dog at Large - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

12:26 p.m: Illegal Dump - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

7:15 p.m: Welfare Check - Lat: 44.17337, Long: -122.10597.

9:10 p.m: Assist, Information - Lat: 44.143678, Long: -

122.386215.

8:26 p.m: Shots Fired - 36400 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Aug. 12: 10:43 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 - 56600 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, Carson St.

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

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

Aug. 13: 3:08 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

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 Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

4:42 p.m: Lost Subject - Lat: 44.0988, Long: -121.8926.

5:46 pm Suspicious Vehicle - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

11:01 pm Emergency Message - Lat: 44.16141666, Long: -121.99375.

Aug. 14: 12:28 a.m: Welfare **Continued On Page 10**

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Aug. 7: 21:40: 91035 Leashore Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Aug. 8: 7:12: 97939 Camp Creek Rd. Illegal Burn. Burn Barrel found, Homeowner extinguished.

10:24L 39543 McK. Hwy. Smoke Scare. Smoke From Structure Due to Melted Small Appliance, Ventilate.

11:20: 42870 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:59: 90488 Fish Hatchery Rd. Water Rescue. Individual Assisted to road from bank, Refusal Obtained.

17:03: 7740 S A St. Medical, **Continued On Page 10**

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

August 10: 12:46: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury. McK.Hwy./Milepost 34. Vehicle is facing backwards in the ditch on the eastbound side. Trying to see if the male is okay.

20:58: Assist Police Dept. - 54000 block, McK. Hwy. Evaluate after dispute.


August 11: 17:41: Medical - Foley Ridge Rd./McK. Hwy. Multiple calls from male in area.

19:57: Medical - 91000 blk, Elk Creek Rd. Female patient.

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

19:16: Medical - 51000 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, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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When "The Rolls-Royce Guru" came to Oregon

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 the trip was for medical treatment, and authorities were told he'd be heading back home to India afterward. But Rajneesh was not planning on returning. 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 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 the following month, paying \$5.75 million for it. It was 64,229 acres of Central Oregon rangeland with only the amenities one would expect a family ranch to have. And in late August, she chartered a Learjet 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 the Pune ashram. "Where are the trees?" he asked, with obvious disappointment.

He soon got over it, though, and settled in. Sheela launched a charm offensive of sorts among the neighbors, hosting a party or two at which local cowboys whooped it up. Soon Central Oregon was feeling pretty sanguine about its new far-out neighbors, and in early November 1981 when the Rajneeshes applied to the Wasco County board of commissioners for permission to incorporate a city on the Big Muddy, they got an easy, informal country-style "yes" — and the City of Rajneeshpuram was born.

It's important to stress, at this point, that the sannyasins at Rajneeshpuram were not all rich libertines in red robes punching each other in Encounter Group. Strange and morally unmoored as Rajneesh's teachings could seem, they sounded logical and innovative and sensible to a certain kind of spiritual seeker. One could place all one's faith in that hypnotic man and, under his guidance, transcend the individuality that so much of life's pain is anchored to. No guilt for past offenses, no sorrow for lost relationships, no shame for the judgements of society, just being in the moment and striving toward Enlightenment. What was not to like? Worldwide, thousands had joined, and the vast majority of them were sincere, sensitive people. They also, as noted earlier,



Sannyas Wiki

The first "ranch crew" relaxing after a hard day of working to build Rajneeshpuram, in 1981.

were disproportionately young people.

Not only that, but the sannyasins at Rajneeshpuram were acutely aware that they had the chance to make a new world for themselves and their children. Rajneesh referred to work as "worship," and while that might sound like a cheap Newspeak way to get free labor out of "worshippers," for them it was a meaningful distinction. Especially early on, Rajneeshes at the ranch "worshipped" all day with shovels, hammers, and joy. Many of them recall literally leaping out of bed and running to the workplace every morning.

"The work pace is totalismo," wrote a sannyasin named Michael in a letter home to New Zealand, published in a Rajneesh newsletter; "from dawn till dusk with about 150 of us working heavy machinery, laying foundations for the new Mariam Canteen, warehouse, Bhagwan's garage, school, office block, health centre, and so on; forming the land and setting up the irrigation; putting up about 50 homes, each with space for about 14 people; gardening, cooking and on and on through each hot and dusty day till that cool shower and the queue by the keg of beer at sunset."

When the story of Rajneeshpuram is told, this is the perspective that's most often overlooked. Rajneesh catered carefully to rich people, and plenty of his followers were loaded with dough. But not all of them were, and the core of the experience — once you got beyond Sheela's avaricious crew — was not about money, or sexual freedom, or shaking down the "marks." It was about creating a new community centered on freedom from what you might call the tyranny of self. Arguably, 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

a little, and at first it went well. The Rajneeshes provided plenty of fodder for conversation at cafes and taverns in places like Madras and Redmond. In particular, the contrast between antimaterialist rhetoric and Rajneesh's vast and growing collection of Rolls-Royce cars (which eventually numbered 94) raised some eyebrows, and the exclusive choice of red clothing made them instantly recognizable and a little funny-looking. There may have been the occasional rumor of violence or sex in Encounter Therapy sessions, as in the Pune ashram; but if so, they didn't get much traction, and anyway most Eastern Oregonians are strongly inclined to mind their own business.

In Pune, Rajneesh had become known as "the sex guru"; in Oregon, he quickly became known as "the Rolls-Royce guru." People often saw him driving around in one of his big luxury cars; he wasn't a very good driver, but he was a fast one, and he occasionally got into crashes. Drivers who waved at him as they drove by got treated to the alarming sight of him taking both hands off the wheel and both eyes off the road to do a "namaste" salute back as his three tons of English steel careened past at well above safe highway speed. Few waved at him twice.

And at first, that was as bad as it got. All seemed to be going smoothly. But trouble was already on the horizon for the commune, and it wouldn't take long to arrive at their door.

The first big problem was centered around a mistake Sheela had made before buying the Big Muddy: she hadn't done any research into Oregon's land-use laws. These, as it turned out, were some of the most restrictive in the nation, and they were aimed at preventing exactly the kind of thing the Bhagwan's crew had in mind: the conversion of farmland into new urban and suburban

spaces.

And Sheela's charm offensive hadn't won over some of the locals. A month after Rajneeshpuram was incorporated, three nearby ranch families got together with a land-use watchdog group, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and filed an appeal with the Land Use Board of Appeals, seeking to invalidate the county's decision to allow the city's incorporation.

Naturally, this played poorly with Sheela and Rajneesh. A clumsy attempt to bribe 1000 Friends made things worse, and from this point on, the commune was more or less in a cold war with the rest of Oregon.

While the appeals courts kicked the case up and down the line from local courts to the state supreme court and back, development continued at Rajneeshpuram. The city issued hundreds of building permits and dozens of business licenses, established a police force, and installed utilities for water and sewer service.

The land-use challenge was bad enough for the commune, but was probably survivable. Then as now, it's hard to make a case that running cattle at one head per 40 acres is a higher and better use of the land than a self-sufficient semi-urban community surrounded by an organic farming operation. If land use had been the only issue, the parties would probably have soon come to some kind of an agreement that let Rajneeshpuram continue in exchange for some mitigation work and common-sense restrictions on zoning and land use.

What really became a problem, and what made such an agreement impossible for the state or 1000 Friends to consider, was the pattern of dishonesty that quickly became apparent among the leaders at Rajneeshpuram.

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Sannyas Wiki

A flyer advertising the first World Celebration at Rajneeshpuram in 1982.



By Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. 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.

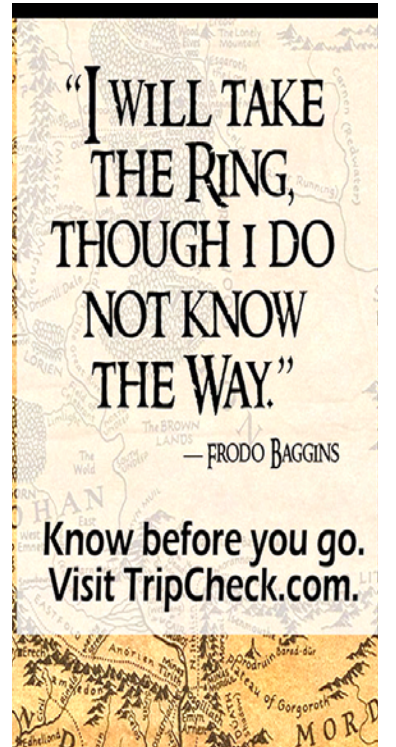
"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, 'To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative.'"

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

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Gardening Tips

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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 yet, you might have heard they are fussy – a rep earned by certain hybrid tea types – but the majority are very easy 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 easier garden plants to grow," said Dan Estacio, president of Terra Gardens Nursery & Bark, a garden center located in Salem, Oregon. "They'll survive both arid and wet conditions. That's especially true of newer varieties. We see more damage from excessive care than lack of care."

Rachel Burlington serves as curator for Portland's International Test Rose Garden. "If you give a rose a little care it's going to reward you a thousand-fold," she said. "Even during these higher heat events last summer, who survived? The roses."

This time of year, you'll find roses for sale in containers, while in early spring many are available bare root. You'll find disease-resistant varieties for groundcover, compact shrubs, standard/tree styles, and climbers – most needing minimal pruning. Summer is a perfect time to visit public rose gardens to discover your favorite colors and scents before you go shopping, Estacio said.

Setting Up for Success

After selecting a spot with well-drained soil and six-to-eight hours of sun, Estacio recommends planting your rose in a very slight berm to shed excess water in winter. You can test your soil's drainage by digging a hole and filling it with water. Burlington

likes to see the water drain in fifteen minutes. If it's still there in an hour, find another spot. Leave plenty of elbow room between plants to promote air circulation for healthy leaves. Loosen any circling roots.

If your rose is grafted – look for the tell-tale knobby graft union on the base of the trunk – keep that about two inches above soil level, said Brenda Powell, co-owner of Garland Nursery, a garden center in Corvallis, Oregon. Own-root roses can be buried at the same level as their container. It's recommended to use a root-stimulating fertilizer at planting (the middle number in the formula will be the highest, such as 4-10-3). Huntington incorporates compost and then mulches with a blend of 2:1 compost/mulch.

Summer Care

For a newly planted rose, you may need to water it several times a week depending on the heat and humidity, and more frequently if it is in a pot. Instead of overhead watering on the leaves, watering at ground level by hand, soaker hose, or irrigation helps discourage fungal diseases. Once established, less-frequent deep watering is best for root development, Burlington said.

During the season, Burlington applies slow-release organic rose fertilizer with a 15-10-10 every 6-8 weeks unless it is over 90 degrees, in which case she switches to liquid fish emulsion. All our experts recommend stopping fertilizing and pruning in the fall to let your roses prepare for winter. If a frost hits top-heavy fresh growth, it could kill the whole plant, Powell says.

In summer, deadheading should be the only pruning needed, and some repeat bloomers like many groundcover roses don't even need that. But don't let that stop

you from making bouquets to enjoy and give all season. When harvesting or deadheading, prune to above an outward-facing five-leaflet leaf. "We know that should be strong enough to support another bloom," Burlington said.

Troubleshooting

If you see black spots on your leaves, remove and dispose of the affected leaves on the plant and ground to prevent blackspot fungus from spreading and overwintering.

Aphids are small, soft-bodied sucking insects that cluster on stems and buds. They can be hosed down or treated with repeated insecticidal soap early morning or at dusk to avoid affecting pollinators. If you buy and release ladybugs, Powell suggests releasing them at dusk and spraying the ground with water to encourage them to stick around. Squishing an aphid may attract ladybugs eventually, too.

If powdery mildew strikes, don't worry – it is more unattractive than it is dangerous. Powell said she has found the new bio fungicides, rated for organic use, helpful.

Getting Ready for Winter

It's September. You've slowed the watering and stopped the pruning, so you may be enjoying some rose hips on the bushes. Clean up fallen leaves and add a light mulch. Do you need to prune now? Only if you have a very top-heavy plant over four feet tall that could snap in a storm – then trim by about one-third, Powell says. Leave the rest of your pruning until February.

Patio or container roses will be more vulnerable to winter winds than those in-ground, so consider pulling up against a warm house wall, or wrapping with frost cloth in severe weather.

"Roses are super forgiving," Powell said. "Gardeners don't have to stress a ton about being right or wrong. My grandson ran over the same rose twice and it looks beautiful today."

With their tough-as-nails constitutions, often intense fragrance and bountiful blooms in nearly every color, is it any wonder we still love roses after all these years?

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SQUASH - A TASTE OF FALL

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 ace, butternut, bush, sugar loaf, 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 it was cold enough, food often was stored there.

Decorative Ideas for Squash

- * Place near your doorway, around a display of dried corn stalks, perhaps with pumpkins and gourds, too.

- * Arrange squash and winter vegetables in a bowl on a sideboard, dining or kitchen table.

- * Simply arrayed throughout the house wherever a colorful accent is needed, they look nice.

- * Also displayed 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), scooped out and mashed, served with butter and a dash of cinnamon, makes an easy to prepare vegetable dish.

SQUASH PIE - Substitute cooked, mashed winter squash for the pumpkin in a recipe. It's tasty. I usually can't tell the difference, but some people claim they can.

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.

ACORN SQUASH VARIATION - Many people serve the squash plain. Turn them right side up and sprinkle with cinnamon, possibly a little sugar, and a dab of butter. Finish baking until tender. You also can substitute maple syrup or honey for the sugar.

MORE VARIATIONS - Some cooks make bread stuffing, like that used for turkey, chicken or pork and fill the squash with it instead of apples. You also can add cranberries to the apples (recipe above) or to the bread stuffing. In the South, cooks might use cornbread stuffing.

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Community Notes

August 17 Story Time

Story Time is back, 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 for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD's and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

August 17 Leaburg Food Pantry

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

August 17 McKenzie Chamber

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

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 and movie event. Watch a movie on Splash!'s outdoor sun deck and come and go as you please from the pool to the movie. Regular drop-in admission to Splash! includes the cost of the movies. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., movies start at 9 p.m. Concessions are available. Registration is not needed; just come on by! \$3-10 drop-in admission to the pool. 541.736.4544

August 19 Poker River Run FUNdraiser

For the Rebuilding Project of the Vida McKenzie Community Center, destroyed in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. \$120 includes * 10-mile Finn Rock to Helfrich whitewater rafting trip at 25% off regular price * Poker Run entry fee and packet * Picnic at Lloyd Knox Park * Round-trip transportation from Leaburg, Oregon * Guide gratuity. Twelve person maximum. Must call ahead to reserve your seat. After meeting at 9 a.m., people will go to the Leaburg Store to pick up packets, sign their release form and draw first cards. Then they'll go to Finn Rock for a second card and to start a river adventure. There will be two more riverside stops for cards three and four. The rafting trip will finish at Helfrich Landing where people

can see the progress being made on the rebuild of the Community Center. Next, drive to Lloyd Knox Park to draw the final card and to enjoy a picnic. After lunch, people will be returned to Their cars in Leaburg. Call 541-726-5039 or email info@mckenziecrafting.com to claim seats.

August 19 Dime At A Time

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

August 22 - September 26 Return of "Write your Life"

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week memoir workshop will begin at 6pm on Tuesday, August 22nd and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free, and will meet in the library's Annex Room.

If you participated in the first workshop, you can pick up where you left off. If you are new, you can start fresh! All are welcome.

"This workshop isn't about correct grammar or spelling, or putting commas in the right places, or about getting published. It's about examining one's life and writing about it," Duane said. "What is important is finding your own voice."

Duane is a local resident and former staff writer for the Los Angeles Times and co-founder of InsideOUT Writers, a program for detainees in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall system.

He is the author of "Postcard From Deerhorn", a NextDoor series of essays about life on the McKenzie River.

To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library. We're right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

August 21

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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

August 25

Oregon Rocks - Leaburg

August 26

Oregon Rocks - Rainbow

The McKenzie area's libraries will host the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History "OREGON ROCKS" program this month. The first is set for Saturday, August 26th at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building. Kids are invited to go a geology adventure and explore our ever-changing planet Earth. Dig into rocks, fossils,

earthquakes and volcanoes through hands-on activities and rockin' specimens, discovering the dynamic forces that have shaped Oregon's landscape over time. Spend time at the "Shake Table" making an earthquake, and the "Volcano Table" actually constructing a volcano. Play the "Ride the Rock Cycle" game with your friends, and create your own jars of sedimentary layers with colored sand. There will be trays and trays of nifty rocks to examine, and who doesn't love rocks!

All of this will begin with a 15-minute interactive presentation, followed by time at activity tables, for fun hands-on activities, and touchable specimens.

The next day, the program will begin at 2pm at the O'Brien Memorial Library's temporary Upper McKenzie Community Center location.

The program is free of charge. Although it is geared for elementary children and their families, everyone is welcome no matter your age or family status!

August 25

McKenzie Food Pantry

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

August 26

Dime At A Time

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

August 26

Junk in Your Trunk

On Saturday, Aug 26th, the Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic in Rainbow will host a "Junk in your Trunk" rummage sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the clinic for more information at 541-822-3341.

August 28 - September 2 Summer Reading Prizes

The O'Brien Memorial Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program is coming to an end. Come in with your completed booklet to receive your book and prizes. Visit obrienlibrary.org to check for days/hours of operation. We hope the program has added some adventure and interesting reading to your summer! Remember to also check out the DVDs and Storytime to add to your last days of summer entertainment.

August 28

Springfield School Board

The Board of Directors meet twice during most months during the school year. Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the

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

August 29

"Write your Life"

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week memoir workshop begins at 6 pm on Tuesdays. To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library. We're right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

August 30

Board of Commissioners

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

August 31

Story Time

Story Time is back, 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 for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD's and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

September 9

Walterville Fair

The Walterville Grange is hosting the 71st annual Walterville Community Fair on September 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan on bringing your fair entries to enter from 7:30 to 9:30 AM (judging will start at 9:30). Show your neighbors what you have been up to by entering them into the fair. People are encouraged to enter their canning, baking, fruits and vegetables, hand crafts (quilting, crochet, knit), arts and crafts, antiques, photography (or whatever you want to enter). There will be a parade at 11 a.m. (contact Dani at 541-747-4560 if you wish to be in the parade). Barbeque chicken dinner consisting of 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, rolls, and brownie for \$12. Hotdogs and chips will also be available for \$3. Serving will start at 11:30. There will be lots of vendors to shop from (contact Jeff at 541-746-9974 if you wish to be a vendor). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for some great prizes and drawing will take place at 3 PM. The Grange is working to raise money for replacement of the windows and siding on the west side of the community center. Check out the thermometer and see how we have progressed and feel free to chip in. See you at the fair! For more information please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar.](#)



In Memory

Victor Kirk Vidal



Nov. 9, 1958-July 24, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Victor Kirk Vidal. Father, husband, son, brother, uncle and friend. Victor left us too soon on July 24, 2023.

Born on Nov. 9, 1958 in Carmel, California to Arthur and Merrellyn Vidal. He and his family moved to the McKenzie River in the early 70s. Victor attended McKenzie High School in Finn Rock, Oregon. Victor later became a Groundsman traveling throughout the PNW in the 90s/early 00s and was a coach to many, always inspiring the power of self-belief and never giving

up, even in the face of adversity. Some of his favorite messages were: "Respect everyone; Fear None." "Do what you love." And "BELIEVE."

Victor and his wife Colleen met later in life, in 2010, and were married on August 30, 2013. They lived in Christmas Valley, Oregon. Victor and Colleen spent their time tending to their garden and animals. They spent every day together and loved each other dearly.

Victor's greatest loves were his children. Nothing made him prouder than his kids. James, Matthew, Stephanie, and Victor, and step kids from a previous marriage, Russ, Joe and Steven.

Victor leaves behind his wife, Colleen, his children, James, Matthew, Stephanie, Victor Jr., stepsons Russ, Joe and Steven, his grandchildren Isabella and Hunter, his mother Ellie, his brother Ted and sister Jenni (Mark, Stormy, Molly)...many other 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 will arrange a celebration of life in the near future. For more information, please go to: <https://everloved.com/life-of/victor-vidal/>

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Numbers



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 with someone like me; I have far less life to live than she does. She insists I have plenty of time left, though I cannot see where this could possibly go and be good for both of us. Am I simply sounding like some insecure, middle-aged idiot, or should I enjoy what we

have and see where it leads?

Simon

Simon, if you know something in your own heart that prevents this, or if there is an issue you haven't resolved, such as having children, that's one thing. But if it's simply the idea of the years, the years don't matter.

To suggest the difference in age is the problem implies being close in age would guarantee success. But that is not true. Many couples in the United States divorce, and most of them are close in age.

It is love that is the center of everything, not the number of years since your birth. It is love which creates alignment and balance between two people. What matters is that you love each other and belong together. In addition, there is no guarantee Nancy will outlive you.

Being an insecure, middle-aged idiot is no fun, so we suggest you enjoy what you have and see where it leads.

Wayne & Tamara

Free Will

My story is like most others. All the signs 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. So one night when he was away, I looked up her 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 guess the question you get most is why. But I don't want to know why he did these things, but why did I 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

Tiffany, if you are less than 70 years old, you have been raised all your life to believe we can make any relationship work with the right amount of hard work, compromise, and communication. That is what the "experts" claim. It isn't true.

The end result of believing every 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 who you are. He 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 someone else 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*, *The Friendship Solution*, and *Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

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

Koheleth

By Louis Untermeyer

I waited and worked
To win myself leisure,
Till loneliness irked
And I turned to raw pleasure.

I drank and I gamed,
I feasted and wasted,
Till, sick and ashamed,
The food stood untasted.

I searched in the Book
For rooted convictions,
Till the badgered brain shook
With its own contradictions.

Then, done with the speech,
Of the foolishly lettered,

I started to teach
Life cannot be bettered:

That the warrior fails
Whatever his weapon,
And nothing avails
While time and chance happen.

That fools who assure men
With lies are respected,
While the vision of pure men
Is scorned and rejected.

That a wise man goes grieving
Even in Zion,
While any dog living
Outroars a dead lion.

Louis Untermeyer was the author, editor or compiler, and translator of more than 100 books for readers of all ages. He will be best remembered as the prolific anthologist whose collections have introduced students 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 Weil related that Untermeyer once "described himself as 'a bone collector' with 'the mind of a magpie.'" He was a liberal who did much to allay the Victorian myth that poetry is a highbrow art. "What most of us don't realize is that everyone loves poetry," he was quoted by Weil as saying, pointing out the rhymes on the once-ubiquitous Burma Shave road signs as an example.

In his later years, Untermeyer, like Frost, had a deep appreciation for country life. He once told *Contemporary Authors*: "I live on an abandoned farm in Connecticut ... ever since I found my native New York unlivable as well as unlovable. ... On these green and sometimes arctic acres I cultivate whatever flowers insist on growing in spite of my neglect; delight in the accumulation of chickadees, juncos, cardinals, and the widest possible variety of songless sparrows; grow old along with three pampered cats and one spoiled cairn terrier; season my love of home with the spice of annual travel, chiefly to such musical centers as Vienna, Salzburg, Milan, and London; and am always happy to be home again." Untermeyer died in 1977.

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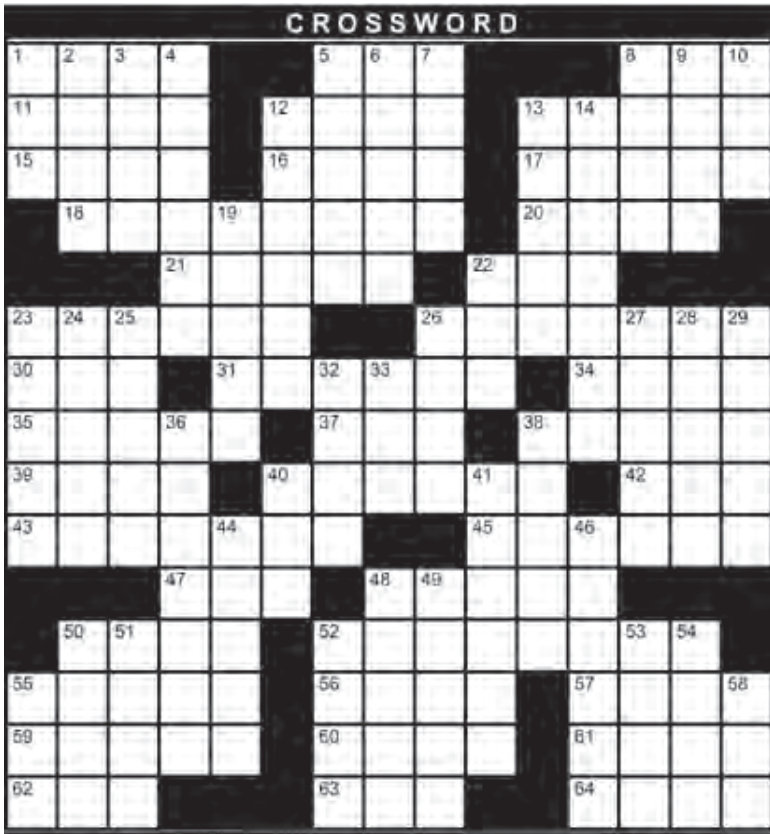


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21. Licorice-like herb
 22. *Teacher's favorite
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 31. Deadly
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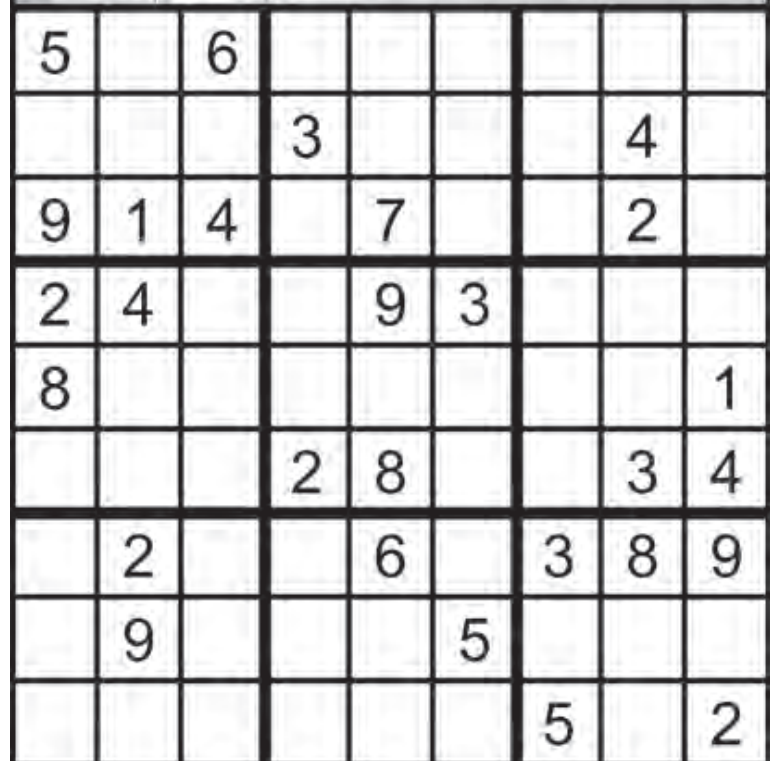
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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular

Wed Aug 16th 7:00pm - Mon Sep 4th 8:00pm
Upper McKenzie Fire District Board
 Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station. 541-822-3479

Thu Aug 17th 10:00am - 11:00am
McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
 The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce is a business organization of volunteers providing members key opportunities for visibility...

Thu Aug 17th 11:00am - Sat Jan 20th 2024 12:00pm
STORY TIME
 Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

Thu Aug 17th 3:00pm - 6:30pm
Leaburg Food Pantry
 All are welcome! Please send folks!

Fri Aug 18th 8:30pm - 10:00pm
Dive-in Movies at Splash!
 Dive-in Movies at Splash! Join a special evening swim and movie event. Watch a movie on Splash's outdoor sun deck and come and go

Sat Aug 19th 9:00am - 2:00pm
Poker River Run FUNdraiser
 For the Rebuilding Project of the Vida McKenzie Community Center, destroyed in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. \$120 includes * 10-mile

Mon Aug 21st 12:00pm - 1:00pm
McKenzie Fire District Board meeting. 541-896-3311.

Tue Aug 22nd
Lane County Board of Commissioners
 The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular

Sat Aug 19th 10:00am - 12:00pm
A Dime At A Time
 Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10-noon. Donations can be dropped

Tue Aug 22nd 10:00am - 11:00am
Family Story Time
 Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

Tue Aug 22nd 6:00pm - Tue Sep 26th 8:00pm
WRITE YOUR LIFE
 The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Nariyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week

Wed Aug 23rd 9:00am - 10:30am
Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meeting
 Members of Lane Electric

Thu Aug 24th 11:00am - Sat Jan 27th 2024 12:00pm
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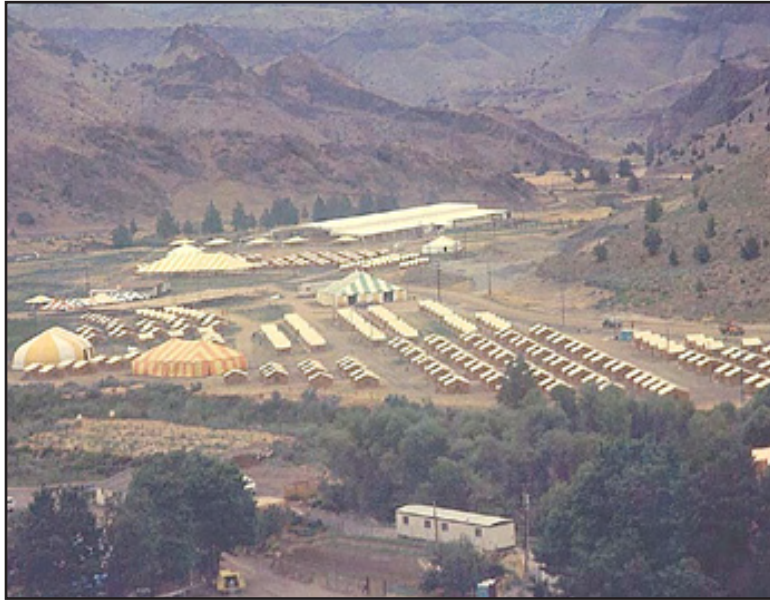
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Sannyas Wiki

Rajneeshpuram during the 1983 World Festival.

Put simply, the top sannyasins considered state and federal laws to lack any legitimate authority over them.

So any time a law conflicted with what the Rajneeshes leaders wanted to do, the choice they made was whether to pretend to obey the law or to defy it openly. Following the law in good faith seemed to be strictly optional.

Throughout the time the Rajneeshes were in Oregon, the law would be used a lot as a weapon against those who felt themselves to be bound by it; but the commune's leaders never for a moment considered it legitimate. And that became obvious very quickly as non-sannyasin Oregonians started interacting with the group.

There was also a clear sense of contempt, a sense that the commune's authorities (and especially Sheela) considered non-Sannyasin Oregonians to be categorically a bunch of ignorant, small-minded hicks who should be easy to manipulate or dupe. This came through, loud and clear, in media appearances and interviews, and it started to change the perception of the commune from "harmless weirdos" to "offensive and probably crazy weirdos." Before long, 1000 Friends started discovering that its land-use fight with Rajneeshpuram was solid fund-raising gold. Donations poured in, reinforcing the battle lines.

The next serious source of trouble came when Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer noticed that the city of Rajneeshpuram was operating under something similar to Sharia Law — the government of the town was the religion of the town. So in late 1983 Frohnmayer sued to get Rajneeshpuram's incorporation overturned on separation-of-

church-and-state grounds.

Meanwhile, Ma Anand Sheela was talking to the media every chance she got. Oregonians were starting to get very used to seeing her on TV categorizing them all as "ignorant bigots" and worse.

By the end of 1983 or so, the Rajneeshes could see that there was a real possibility they would lose the fight to keep Rajneeshpuram incorporated as a city. Also, because the state of Oregon considered Rajneeshpuram illegitimate, the FBI had cut off the Rajneeshpuram Peace Force's access to the National Crime Information System database, which Sheela's crew had found super useful for digging up dirt on political enemies.

So 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.

(Sources: "Rajneeshpuram," an episode of Oregon Experience produced by Eric Cain and Nadine Jelsing and aired Nov. 19, 2012, by Oregon Public Broadcasting; "Beyond the Ranch: Rajneesh Revisited," a three-part series by Cory Frye published July 8, 2018, in the Corvallis Gazette-Times; the Portland Oregonian's 20-part series on Rajneeshpuram, published June 30 through July 19, 1985, and 5-part series by reporter Les Zaitz published April 14, 2011)

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Tax credit coming for OR families "in greatest need"

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

State lawmakers have approved a child tax credit for Oregonians with household earnings of \$25,000 a year or less. House Bill 3235, which creates a \$1,000 tax credit for every child from birth to age five. The credit phases out for families with income above \$30,000.

Tyler Mac Innis, policy analyst, Oregon Center for Public Policy, said his organization found nearly 55,000 children across all 36 counties who will be eligible for the credit.

"This policy, the Oregon Kids Credit, is really about targeting our resources at the state level to help the families in greatest need and ensure that we have a more economically just state," he said.

The legislation passed with near unanimous support in both the House and Senate, with only one lawmaker objecting in each chamber. It now heads to Governor Tina Kotek's desk. The so-called Oregon Kids' Credit is set to go into place in 2024.



The federal child tax credit program immediately reduced child poverty across the country.

The credit was modeled after the federal child tax credit, Mac Innis explained, which Congress temporarily expanded during the pandemic in 2021.

"We saw child poverty nationwide cut almost in half," he said. "We saw racial disparities experienced by children reduced significantly, and so we saw the impacts of families who are struggling with the rising cost of raising kids

- what it could mean to just give them some added cash."

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.

Red Flag Warnings issued for unstable fire conditions

The National Weather Service on Monday issued Red Flag Warnings for a large portion of the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region due to unstable conditions combined with wind and low relative humidity.

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. These warnings are issued when specific criteria are met to create prime conditions for fast fire spread if a fire were to ignite.

"Today's red flag warnings are in effect for extremely hot, dry, unstable weather west of the cascade crest," said Ian Rickert, Regional Fire Planner for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. "The challenging fire weather conditions coincide with areas that are experiencing abnormally dry to severe drought. Several measures of fire danger show we are approaching new record highs on the west slope of the cascades and in the coast range. Together, the weather and fuel conditions create a situation that lends itself to extreme fire behavior."

Local fire restrictions are typically implemented around long-term fuels and weather conditions. These restrictions have a lengthy review process and therefore, it is not possible to address short-term events (1-2 days) such as Fire Weather Watches and Red Flags. For this reason, during these types of events, visitors are encouraged to not only check for what local fire restrictions are in place but also consider alternatives to campfires, such as propane fire pits, which are allowed in most National Forests.

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.

What to do:

- * Stay informed about the latest weather and fire conditions in your area.
 - * Be prepared and keep a fire extinguisher or water source nearby in case of emergency.
 - * Be cautious with anything that can cause a spark, such as cigarettes, matches, and fireworks.
 - * Look up fire restrictions in your area and follow them.
 - * Report any signs of fire immediately.
 - * Consider a less risky option for a campfire, such as a propane fire pit.
 - * Ensure trailer chains are properly secured and do not drag on the ground where they can spark and cause wildfires.
- What NOT to do:
- * Do not throw cigarettes or matches out of a moving vehicle.
 - * Do not use fireworks or other pyrotechnics.

* Do not leave outdoor fires unattended, even for a short period.

* Do not park vehicles in tall, dry grass.

"Understanding Red Flag warnings is not just a matter of awareness; it's a commitment to safeguarding our communities and landscapes," said Jacob Gear, Regional Fire Prevention Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Regions of the Forest Service. "These warnings aren't just signals; they are calls to action, urging us to become stewards of prevention, protecting lives, homes, and the beauty that surrounds us."

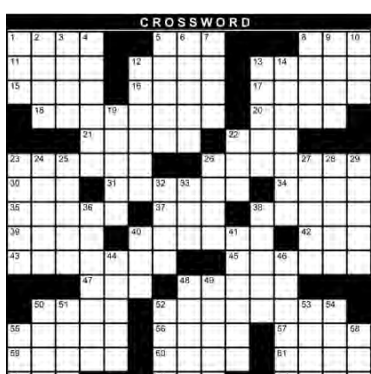
The Forest Service encourages residents to follow the recommendations of the National Weather Service and take proactive measures to prevent wildfires during this time of increased fire danger.

Additional information can be found here: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/predict/weather.aspx>

Visit the website and/or Facebook page for the National Forests you plan to visit for the latest information on local fire restrictions

To learn more about how to prevent human-caused fires, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/fire-aviation/prevention> or <https://smokeybear.com>.

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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 this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 833, McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 2,000, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

Fish Counts

August 11, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 23,248
Summer Steelhead - 950



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

August 17 - In August 1923 Silverton residents Frank and Elizabeth Brazier and their daughters Nova and Leona, embarked on a cross-country trip in their Overland Red Bird automobile. The Braziers dog, a bob-tailed 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."

Aug. 12: 11:46" 49259 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. 11:46 Patient Refusal.

13:53: Leaburg Dam Rd./McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Aug. 13: 3:06: 36241 Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Occupants Leaving the Scene Upon Arrival.

16:27: Marcola Rd./Old Mohawk Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded Prior To Arrival.

20:58: 91837 Taylor Rd. Mutual Aid for Lookout Fire.

21:05: 88859 Twin Firs Rd. Mistaken Medical Alarm Activation.

22:51: 48011 McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 21st at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Sheriff's Report

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Check - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:29 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

1:37 a.m.: Welfare Check - 54400 blk, McK. River Dr.

3:24 a.m.: Prowler - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

12:23 p.m.: Water Rescue - McK. River.

1:34 p.m.: Extortion - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.

4:30 p.m.: Assault - 40100 blk, York Ln.

5:07 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - Lat: 44.179201. Long: -122.897379.

5:57 p.m.: Fraud - 92800 blk, Regal Ln.

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

Quote of the Week

"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them."

Albert Einstein

Great day for a BBQ



There was a nice get-together last Saturday at Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic's free annual BBQ. The event featured music, games, the BBQ, and give-aways and free raffles for gift cards - even the dogs joined in.



McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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General. Assist, 1 Transported

Aug. 9: 8:09: 41496 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

19:47: 7740 S A St.. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Aug. 10: 11:29: 46213 Goodpasture Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:48: McK. Hwy./Milepost 34. Motor Vehicle Accident - Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

20:53: 8944 Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Assist, 1 Transported.

Aug. 11: 9:11: 42006 Holden Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

16:03: 36975 BLK Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained

19:52: 42851 Leaburg Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

20:51: 89954 Greenwood Dr. Cardiac Arrest. CPR and Full Work Up, Deceased.

Tribes call for ban

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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 requirements 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 are already evaluating possible 6PPD alternatives.

"We have actively aligned with numerous federal and state regulatory bodies, including Washington state researchers and regulators, material suppliers, academic and government research teams, industry associations and other partners to advance research into 6PPD-Quinone and identify effective mitigation strategies," the group said in an email.

"Tires are one of the most important safety components of a car and 6PPD serves a critical safety purpose in a tire," the association added.

So far, no straightforward fix to 6PPD contamination has emerged. Even environmental regulators, like Washington's Department of Ecology, acknowledge the chemi-

cal has safety benefits by preventing tires from breaking down and reducing the number of used tires disposed of in landfills.

Ecology has a slate of initiatives underway to better measure pollution from 6PPD-q, to cut the amount that ends up in the state's waterways, and to find safer alternatives.

In the current budget cycle, the state Legislature approved \$2.7 million for developing a 6PPD action plan and completing an assessment of replacement options for the chemical, along with about \$5.2 million for addressing toxic tire wear material in stormwater.

California last week adopted a rule that requires makers of motor vehicle tires for sale in the state to evaluate safer alternatives to 6PPD.

"We are working with the U.S. EPA, other states, researchers and the Tire Manufacturers Association to find a path to make tires safer for our environment without compromising on-road safety," Meredith Williams, director of California's Department of Toxic Substances Control said last week.

The tire manufacturers group says it has "mobilized" a consortium of 16 tire manufacturers to conduct an alternatives analysis

for 6PPD in tires under California's Safer Consumer Product Regulations.

The petition from the tribes describes 6PPD-q as the "second most toxic chemical to aquatic species ever evaluated by EPA" and cites research indicating it can kill coho salmon within hours. It also notes how traces of the chemical are showing up not just in stormwater runoff and urban watersheds, but also in household dust and even human urine.

"It is time for the EPA to phase out this highly toxic chemical," Elizabeth Forsyth, a senior attorney with Earthjustice's Biodiversity Defense Program, said in a statement.

Studies have shown that the chemical not only harms salmon but also other species, like 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 or phase-out chemicals in consumer products unless it determines safer alternatives are feasible to use and available. In a 2021 technical memo, the agency identified potential alternatives to 6PPD and noted the need for further research.

"We are currently funding research to help us learn more about what chemicals to include in the alternatives assessment and to fill data gaps around these chemicals," Mayes added. "As we receive the results of this research, we will be able to establish a more firm timeline for our alternatives assessment."

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Oregon steps up anti-poaching efforts with new wildlife protection campaign



Poachers 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, ProtectOregon'sWildlife.com, features tips on how to recognize poaching, the impact of poaching to wildlife populations and how to report using the state's Turn In Poachers (TIP) Line.

In 2019, 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 Sportsman'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 Fish and Wildlife Division (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 aims to raise awareness 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 and wildlife, we can create a safer environment for our natu-

ral treasures. The Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon State Marine 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 processes, and penalty options.

Protect 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 mean losing wonders 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 mem-

bers 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 are thrilled to introduce the Protect Oregon's Wildlife campaign as a united front against poaching. Poaching threatens Oregon's 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-ees 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 ProtectOregon'sWildlife.com. All tips submitted to Oregon State Police 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 Heuberger, 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 ProtectOregon'sWildlife.com or contact program coordinator Yvonne Shaw.

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Lane County Cultural Coalition is now accepting applications for its 2024 Cultural Opportunity Grant cycle. This grant focuses on funding projects that fall into the areas of Arts, Heritage and Humanities and the deadline for submission is 10/15/23. By visiting lanecountyculturalcoalition.com, you can learn more about LCCC's granting priorities and even view a tutorial.

Whether you are an organization or just an individual and have a project idea, but are not sure how to approach this grant, consider attending an in-person

workshop on 9/11/23 from 5-7p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg. During the workshop you will have an opportunity to discuss your project details and determine if your plan is a good "fit" for this grant.

First time grant writer? Don't be shy! LCCC offers 1:1 assistance to ensure your grant application is complete and competitive.

Questions? Call Gerry at 541-896-3001 for more information.

Gerry Aster, Lane County Cultural Coalition Grant Reviewer



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