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Health vote coming MVW election set for Tuesday

RAINBOW: Interest in a new clinic should help boost participation in this year's election of board members for McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW). Part of that interest relates to plans for a \$1.8 million grant the local nonprofit has received to replace a building that burned in 2020.

Four incumbents are on the ballot: Jane Wilson, Val Rapp, Kelly Shaw, and Josh Cloke. Two people have announced they're running as write-in candidates. Tony Casad is asking people to vote for him for Position 3, currently held by Rapp. Tia Cloke is seeking election to Position 2, which Wilson holds now.

According to the MVW bylaws, people who became members 30 days or more before an election will be able to vote. That means only people who were accepted by April 4th will be able to cast ballots for the May 3rd vote count. They have three options: sending a letter or email that arrives by May 2nd, or by attending the annual meeting that will be held at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow. Despite some misconceptions, patients of Orchid Health Care are not automatically members of McKenzie Valley Wellness.

Some of the MVW non-profit's approximately 180 members had questions about election integrity because the single-sheet ballot requires voter signatures. It also states the signed portion would be cut off before votes are tabulated.

People could use a separate privacy envelope inside a larger one if they identify themselves.

"There is no statutory requirement that membership voting be private," according to Kristina

Edmunson with the Oregon Dept. of Justice. "Generally, if a nonprofit wishes to impose additional voting standards or requirements, it would do so by adopting appropriate provisions in its bylaws," she said.

Critics, like former MVW board member Tim Laue, have questioned past financial decisions that depleted the organization's reserves by more than \$400,000 in less than four years. He's also complained that it's been hard for him to get details about how that occurred.

Rapp, says as the MVW president, she's been authorized to speak for the board and has been open about the challenges all independent rural clinics face. She says a white paper she wrote for MVW has been discussed several times at their meetings. In addition, she reports the nonprofit's CPA commented on the 2016-2019 losses, that, "no money was missing nor was there suspicious activity."

In announcing her candidacy, Cloke said she "would like to continue to serve the community by supporting programs that promote wellness and ensuring that funding is used responsibly in our community."

Casad said he "believes it is time for new leadership within MVW."

Ballots can be submitted in person at the annual meeting, set for 7 p.m. next Tuesday. People can log into Zoom to view the session online. Those that didn't receive a ballot will have to request a link in order "to prevent election pranksters from 'Zoom-bombing' and disrupting the meeting," Rapp said.

To rebuild or remove?

EWEB facing critical decisions for Leaburg hydropower project



Property owners might lose lakeside frontage but gain additional mudflat acreage on the bottom of Leaburg Lake if the Eugene Water & Electric Board decides to remove the dam structure. What that could look like was apparent during a 2012 drawdown for rollgate repairs when the river channel shifted closer to the curve on Hwy. 126.

LEABURG: Economic, environmental, and societal impacts were all on the minds of people who filled McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center last Tuesday. During an hour and a half of audience questions, the Eugene Water & Electric Board's commissioners and staff heard from local residents worried about the fate of Leaburg Lake and its dam and powerhouse.

Two outcomes are up for review. The first would involve ways to bring the project back online to generate electricity. The second option calls for shutting it down.

Either choice would be a "legacy decision" according to utility manager Frank Lawson. "We know that anything we do with the Leaburg Canal is going to be long-lived," he said. "It's everything from lake levels to impacts on fish and wildlife to

property values."

Richard Tracy, a Leaburg property owner for some 20 years, said the impacts are already here. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered EWEB to drain the canal due to safety concerns. Tracy said that caused him to lose the water rights four years ago that were necessary to sustain his raspberry and blueberry bushes, orchard, garden, and koi ponds. "Somebody took it from me and I haven't been able to get it back," he said. "In another four or five years we probably won't be alive and that's very disappointing."

Part of the shutdown option could involve returning the area to what existed before the project was constructed. That would include the removal of the canal, powerhouse, and dam as well as the restoration of creeks that had

been intercepted.

That prospect caused one property owner along Leaburg Lake's shoreline to ask how his tax lot would change. Most likely, he was told, his parcel would expand across the bottom of the lakebed to the point of the river's new highwater mark near the highway.

EWEB Generation Engineering Supervisor Mark Zinniker said people should expect to receive a survey for them to comment on plans by late 2022. He expects the staff to present their preliminary results in a draft report to the utility's board in October.

Regardless of which way the EWEB commissioners finally decide to proceed, Zinniker said people shouldn't expect the Leaburg Canal area to return to a "new normal" until 2030.

A fine return for boaters

Festival for watercraft draws crowds



NIMROD: Plenty of people, and boats, showed up for the McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival after a two-year hiatus caused by COVID restrictions and wildfire. Everyone - from fishing guides to boat builders or sun lovers and barbecue buffs - were smiling for the event held at the Eagle Rock Lodge. A boat parade, fly-fishing demonstrations, and close up looks at fine craftsmanship were topped off by great lunch provided by the McKenzie River Guides.

Corps bracing for another challenging water year

PORTLAND: Despite substantial help from recent rain and snow events, Army water managers are bracing for another challenging year as they work to refill 13 Willamette Valley reservoirs for the upcoming conservation season. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) officials report the system is 53% full, which is 33% below the rule curve, as of April 21.

"Extended drought conditions,

variability of snowpack in the Cascades, and modified dam operations to support downstream passage of juvenile salmon are impacting refill of the system," said Erik Petersen, Willamette Valley Project operations project manager. "This will be a tough water year with less overall system storage, limiting our supplies to augment for water quality and fisheries habitat downstream dur-

ing the summer and fall."

The Willamette Valley Project reservoirs depend on spring and early summer rainfall to refill, and minimal precipitation is making it challenging to fill multiple reservoirs. In addition, the Corps did not begin to refill Fall Creek Reservoir until the middle of April, and it won't begin refill of Cougar and Foster reservoirs until May

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Letters to the Editor

New leadership

After writing my letter to the editor in the River Reflections regarding the funding at McKenzie Valley Wellness and reading the current letter to editor regarding the lack of accountability, I believe it is time for new leadership within MVW.

I am announcing my write in candidacy for position #3 on the McKenzie Valley Wellness board.

Please be sure to submit your ballots now or plan to attend the meeting on May 3rd at the Upper McKenzie Community Center with your ballot in hand.

Hope to see you at the meeting.
Thank you,

Tony Casad
Blue River

Support the board

I urge all McKenzie Valley Wellness members to vote & return

your ballots.

I am endorsing the following Val Rapp, Jane Wilson, Robin Roberts & Galen Phipps.

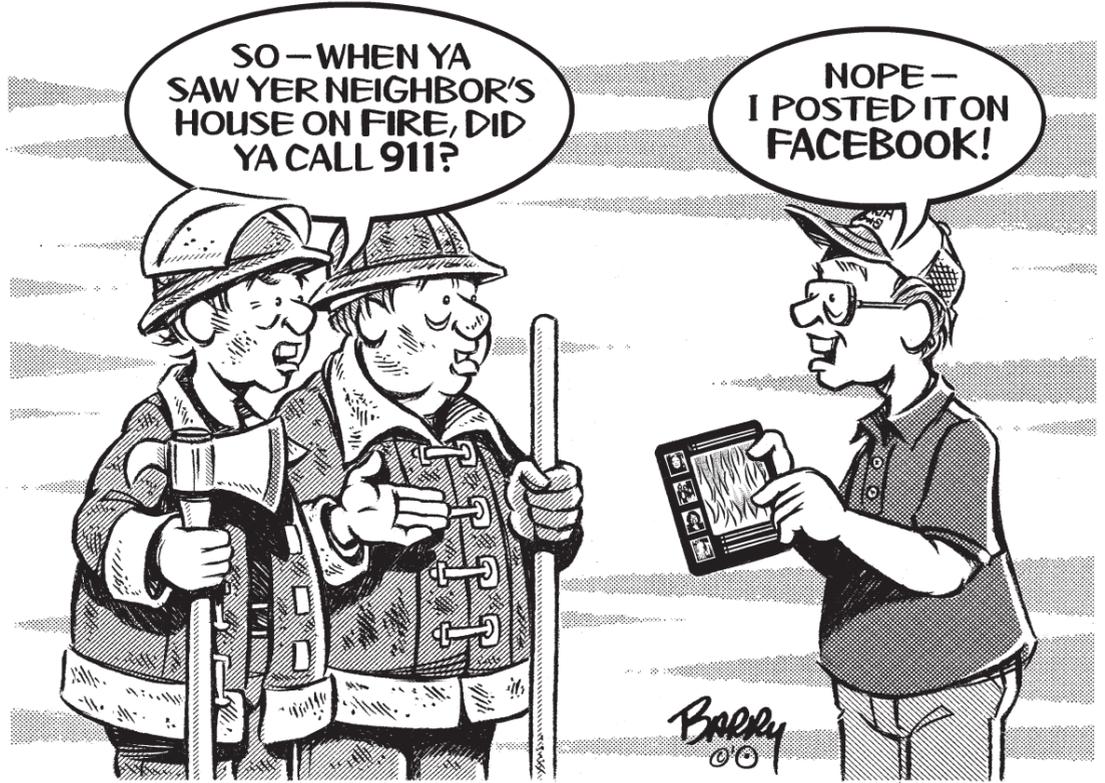
These are the directors that are working for the communities best interest.

These directors are responsible and can be trusted to use the 1.8 million dollars from the State of Oregon to build a replacement Clinic in a responsible way.

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There have been insulting rumors circulated in the community referring to thievery and embezzlement that are not true & this issue is being dealt with

James Baker
Vida



SOCIAL MEDIA DOES HAVE ITS LIMITATIONS...

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams travel to Mapleton on Tuesday, April 26, to participate in the 1A-SD2 League Meet, held at Mapleton High School. Field events start at 4:00 pm and the Track events begin at 4:30 pm. Ten teams are entered: Alsea, Crow, Eddyville, Mapleton, McKenzie, Mohawk, North Douglas, Riddle, Triangle Lake, and Yoncalla.

Sunny Skies Shine Saturday On MWL Middle School Track Meet

Sun and smiles, both, were in abundance last Saturday, April 23, at Aaron and Marie Jones Track. McKenzie Community Track and Field and McKenzie High School volunteers worked together to host the MWL (Mt. West League) Middle School Meet, which featured fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students representing Alsea, Crow, Mapleton, McKenzie, Mohawk, and Siletz Valley schools.

For the fourth time this Spring, the weather cooperated beautifully, but, shhh! Don't let the news slip out! Two meets remain on schedule and here's hoping the string of excellent weather continues. Saturday, May 7, the MCTF will host the MWL Middle School District Meet. The last meet this season at the Aaron and Marie Jones Track will be the 1A-SD2 Special District 2 Championships and that is scheduled for Friday, May 13.

Last Saturday, McKenzie Middle School athletes performed well. The Eagle's fifth/sixth grade team Boys and Girls teams both

placed first in the competition. The McKenzie seventh/eighth grade girls likewise placed first and the Eagle's seventh/eighth grade boys took second.

In the 7/8 grade Girls competition, Myra Dion won both the 1500 m and the 3000 m races. Mya Triplett won the 100 m hurdles, the long jump and placed second in the 100 m. Nelli Sullivan finished second in the long jump and fifth in the 100 m hurdles. Ema Sewell took third in the shot put, fourth in the high jump, and ninth in the long jump.

The McKenzie 4x100 relay team consisting of Sophia Joy, Triplett, Clair Weiss, and Sullivan also finished first. Clair Weiss, who finished first in the 100 m and 800 m races, led the 5/6 Eagle Girls team. Nellie Sullivan finished second in the 100 m race. Sophia Joy won the high jump and placed fourth in the long jump and took sixth in the shot put. Aly Peek won her javelin event, placed third in the high jump, and fifth in the shot put. Azzy McDermott earned fourth place in the discus, fifth place in the javelin, and sixth in the long jump. Eagle Gracie Mackenzie took home fourth in the shot put and fifth in the long jump.

William Meister, who placed second in the 1500 m and third in the 3000 m races, led the McKenzie 7/8-grade boy's team. Rhys Hamlow was a fourth place

finisher in the 100 m hurdles and fifth in the 100 m. Cylus Sughrone took a third place finish in the 1500 m and finished fourth in the 800 m. Fen Willis earned fourth place in the 100 m and Avery Thoms finished fifth in the 800 m and seventh in the 100 m. Noah O'Doal finished second in the 100 m. The Eagle boys 4x100m relay team consisting of Noah O'Doal, Fen Willis, Avery Thoms, and Skyler Lethcoe were the fastest team on the day, but a second Eagle team comprised of William Meister, Rhys Hamlow, Liam Acevedo, and Jacob Norlund finished a close second.

In the boys 7/8 grade field events, Rhys Hamlow took second in the long jump and Noah O'Doal followed him in sixth and Cylus Sughrone finished seventh. Jacob Peek took third in the shot put, fourth in the discus, and sixth in the javelin and Andrew Simmons was seventh in the javelin. T.J. Doolin, who won the shot put and discus events and placed second in the javelin, led the 5/6 grade boys. Eagle Jacob Norlund won the javelin and he also took home high honors in the high jump and placed second in the long jump. Liam Acevedo won the long jump and he added a third place finish in the high jump. Noah O'Doal in the javelin, Andrew Simmons in the shot put, and Skyler Lethcoe in the long jump earned third place finishes.

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to improve downstream passage conditions for juvenile salmon and comply with a court order.

"We expect that delayed refill will impact recreational access to both Cougar and Fall Creek reservoirs," said Petersen. "Foster Reservoir refills from Green Peter storage late every spring, so it should look normal from late May until after Labor Day. Detroit and Fern Ridge are a little behind right now, but we see more rain in the near-term forecast, which could help out if it is realized."

Diminished water storage during the summer months means that reservoirs with more water may drop in elevation faster than normal as the Corps draws from them to meet downstream needs.

To help explain the situation, Corps staff will host a virtual public information session April 28, 4-5 p.m.

The Corps invites the public to attend the session to learn more about current operations, future forecasts, and potential impacts to the Willamette Valley System.

Date: Thursday, April 28, 4-5 p.m.

Link: <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/erik.s.petersen>

Call: 1-844-800-2712 (US) (Call-in toll-free number)

Access Code: 1999-18-2318 #

The Corps encourages questions but asks participants to send

questions using the chat function in WebEx during the call.

Year-to-date precipitation across the Willamette was 96% of normal, as of April 21. The snowpack is 128% of median for the Willamette. Snowmelt helps keep reservoir elevations up in the summer if it lasts and matches outflows, but it only accounts for less than 10% of the system's storage.

The Corps manages reservoir inflows based on a water control diagram, more commonly called the "rule curve," which is the authorized maximum elevation on a given day to balance flood risk management and storage for other authorized purposes, such as recreation, hydropower, and irrigation supply. The Willamette Valley System's reservoirs are kept lower in the winter to reduce downstream flooding and are refilled in the spring to prepare for recreation and adequate flows for fish and water quality.

Portland District encourages the public to check its "teacup diagrams" before heading out to recreate. These diagrams show water elevations for Corps-managed reservoirs. Willamette River Basin teacup diagram: <https://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/teacup/willamette/> or <http://pweb.crohms.org/nwp/teacup/willamette/>.

Letters to the Editor



Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

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Friday 4/29		Saturday 4/30		Sunday 5/1	
McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 63 Low: 43	Santiam Pass AM Clouds 20% chance precip High: 47 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 61 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 44 Low: 27	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 64 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 51 Low: 29

WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Riverflow
4/19	44	38	0.37 NA	4/19	60	38	0.37 5,850 cfs
4/20	45	41	0.22 840 cfs	4/20	51	37	0.31 5,560 cfs
4/21	45	31	2.53 835 cfs	4/21	52	40	0.35 5,630 cfs
4/22	57	33	0 835 cfs	4/22	58	42	0.07 5,750 cfs
4/23	64	36	0 835 cfs	4/23	61	35	0 5,790 cfs
4/24	70	34	0 1,172 cfs	4/24	67	45	0 3,790 cfs
4/25	51	41	0 1,351 cfs	4/25	70	43	0 5,900 cfs

Sheriff's Report

April 19: 12:46 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 90900 block, Angels Flight Rd. A neighbor has posted on social media that they are going to shoot the caller's dog. The caller's dog has previously killed the neighbor's chickens.

April 20: 12:53 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 4600 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller requested assistance getting a female to leave their house. Deputies made contact with the caller who advised that the female left voluntarily.

5:36 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 87500 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

April 21: 2:37 p.m: Assault - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

3:24 p.m: Assault - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

6:37 p.m: Livestock At Large - 88900 blk, ROSS Ln.

April 22: 12:32 a.m: Alarm - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:39 a.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 88600 blk, Whitsell Ln.

10:52 a.m: Assist, Information

- Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd.
6:56 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 35200 blk, McK. View Dr.

8:02 p.m: Drug Overdose - 36800 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

April 23: 9:01 a.m: Vicious Animal - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

12:00 p.m: Theft - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:00 p.m: Fraud - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

3:01 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 27.

3:02 p.m: Criminal Trespass - 92200 blk, Carson St.

3:12 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.

3:31 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.

4:10 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

4:23 p.m: Burglary - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

4:24 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek.

5:19 p.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. River Dr. & W. King Rd.

8:38 p.m: Welfare Check - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

9:07 p.m: Menacing - 55600

blk, McK. River Dr.
11:06 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Mt. Hagen.

April 24: 12:34 a.m: Shots Fired - 88800 blk, Ross Ln.

11:24 a.m: Switched License Plates - 89000 blk, Bridge St.

2:59 p.m: Welfare Check - Marcola Rd. Mp. 5.

4:38 p.m: Assist, Information - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

8:42 p.m: Welfare Check - 36600 blk, Lisa Ct.

April 25: 10:06 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 54300 blk, Rainbow Dr.

11:08 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 41000 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:59 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 46000 blk, Gate Creek.

5:27 p.m: Civil Service - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

State Police Report

April 21: 15:48: Crash, Injury - Clear Lake Cutoff, Milepost 3. A white Subaru Forester was traveling in the westbound travel lane. The driver fell asleep while driving. The vehicle left the roadway right,

striking a pile of boulders. The vehicle continued, rolling over and rotating clockwise. The driver was transported to St. Charles Bend and treated for her injuries. The vehicle was towed. Involved: 76-year-old female from Redmond.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

April 17: 17:36: 7940 South C St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 18: 7:10: 43147 Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

8:19: 42285 Holden Creek Ln Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:16: 51215 McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 19: 8:11: 37821 Shenandoah Lp. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Deceased.

23:02: 38541 Kick Busch Ln. Fall Injury. Lift Assist Only.

April 20: 1:23: McK. Hwy. Milepost 32. Motor Vehicle Accident - Non-Injury. Public Assist.

1:30: 42870 McK. Hwy. Medical Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

3:44: 90158 Greenwood Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Transported.

April 21: 20:11: 38372 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 22: 8:25: 43006 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No Transport.

8:32: 41578 McK. Hwy.. Medical, General. Patient

Assessed, 1 Transported.
April 23: 5:12: 39001 Bryant Ln. Fall, Lift Assist. Patient Assessed, Refusal.
18:49: 37577 Upper Camp Creek Rd Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
19:06: 40132 McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
20:42: 48500 McK. Hwy. Illegal Burn. Investigate.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 16th. 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.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 20: 01:23: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 32. Male attempting to pull a van out of the ditch. 10 people in the van, unknown injuries.

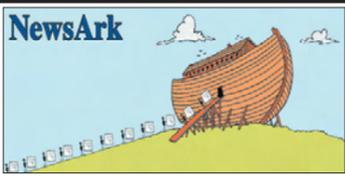
April 22: 17:10: Medical - 56000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

April 23: 13:51: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

20:39: Brush Fire - McK. Hwy./ Milepost 32. Caller observed logs on fire, south side of highway. It appeared nobody was around.

22:06: Assist Police Dept. - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Menacing that possibly turned into a stabbing that possibly turned into a vehicle vs. a pedestrian. The subject is possibly on foot in the area - attempted to stab someone, ran away.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Boat ramp talks Cause of fatal Finn Rock accident isn't known will continue



Five potential boat ramp sites were on the table when EWER officials held a public meeting last Thursday.

On improving already existing facilities rather than developing new ones. The five options at Water Board Park would include a second ramp of water-side access, the intersection of Leaburg Dam Road and the McKenzie Highway. "Even if you create a ramp last, you'd still have to get into a hill with a steep climb," she said. "Clear about the site would be to build and add the ramp would be the number of parking spaces."

WIDA, a consultant's report recommending construction of a new boat landing on the east end of the Leaburg Water Board Park, received a mixed reception at a public meeting last Thursday. John Harter of EWER, Consulting Engineers gave the group an overview of a feasibility report developed at last year's meeting for a new boat landing in the vicinity of Leaburg Lake. Three options included expanding the existing ramp, constructing a new ramp from the Old McKenzie Park (Harber), constructing a new landing at Indian Creek, above the Goodpasture Bridge, constructing a new landing at The Goodpasture site, four downstream from the Goodpasture Bridge, and constructing a new landing on the east end of the Leaburg Water Board Park.

The EWER report stated the Water Board Park site "is the best for landing a new ramp." According to the report, a new building a new boat ramp through a picnic area to a spot on the lake, also requiring an additional landing for new sites.

Butler said he saw a possibility just below the Goodpasture covered bridge but Harter and subsequent costs were unknown and were "likely to be relatively high."

The three remaining sites were all located in areas with some existing land other "very difficult" or "not possible." Harter said "there are some present access difficulties for development of a public boat ramp facility. The Old McKenzie Park, Boat Landing sites are likely unworkable, environmentally and because of their proximity, either on flooding. The Indian Creek site has significant issues with construction and a steep difficult connection to the highway caused by one, two, and three, and they cannot be reasonably developed."

Comments from the audience were critical of the report's limited scope. Many were members of a similar group, when the Lane County Parks Division held a series of meetings in the early '90s that also focused on a potential new boat ramp.

Leaburg/Alan Douglas said he wanted to know why the survey team's looking at spending money

on improving already existing facilities rather than developing new ones. The five options at Water Board Park would include a second ramp of water-side access, the intersection of Leaburg Dam Road and the McKenzie Highway. "Even if you create a ramp last, you'd still have to get into a hill with a steep climb," she said. "Clear about the site would be to build and add the ramp would be the number of parking spaces."

For Bob Taylor, the big issue was the "steep climb" from the boat ramp to the county's property. Taylor said the Oregon Dept. of Transportation was the deciding factor in eliminating several ramp locations. Rejection of the Goodpasture site by the report, he said, "was not a political decision. EWER said there was inadequate right-of-way to get a ramp last as it is."

John Bennett was a supporter of building a new ramp on the lake's edge, across the highway from the Old McKenzie Park. Harter-Bennett said he'd developed a design plan for developing the new boat ramp. He said the plan would also provide a safe zone for future boat launches.

Harter said the EWER report, he said, "wasn't something that small is 'not a solution' one," and questioned why the survey team's "looking toward the future" when planning recreational facilities.

After the meeting, EWER spokeswoman Mary Douglas said the survey's cost will be included in the report, which was brought up at the meeting specifically that that involved higher safety. "We'd be looking at the first site on the table in one of two sites or two, might do ramp because of the ONCT issue," he said. "In doing a future site analysis, we don't end up being covered the way."

While another public meeting was planned, the EWER board of commissioners is planning to hold a special meeting of the Water Board Community Center in late October to gather public input about the alternative sites, Douglas said. He said the board is expected to meet in the late fall - probably in mid-December.

Harvest's here - big time



WALDENVILLE: Gardeners who'd like some inspiration for next year can visit by Herick Farms on Milliken Road, where a nearly 1/2 ton Atlantic Giant Pumpkin is now on display.

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Shevlin: Oregon's wandering timber town

By Finn J.D. John

The U.S. Post Office inspector was puzzled. He'd just arrived at the tiny logging-company town of Shevlin, deep in the ponderosa pine woods south of Bend — and found it gone.

Shade trees still towered over manicured home sites. A stray whiff drifted in the wind from an open pit where an outhouse once had stood. And on the spot where he'd expected to find the Shevlin Post Office, there was nothing but the bare outline of a building.

The entire town of 600 was gone, as if abducted by aliens.

But chances are good that the inspector knew exactly what had happened. Shevlin, you see, was a town built entirely with railroad rolling stock. It was, depending on how you looked at it, either a very small company town, or a very large and elaborate logging camp. And the company that owned it did not practice sustainable forestry, so when all the trees were cut over, the town would simply move on.

The inspector headed back to headquarters, where he learned that Shevlin was now at a new location, 40 miles deeper into the pines, across the county line. A couple weeks later, he got out to the new town site and completed his inspection.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company

The town of Shevlin more or less came into being in 1932, and it lasted less than 20 years. It was named after the company that owned it — the Shevlin-Hixon Company of Bend.



Ronald L. Gregory

The bunkhouses where the single loggers slept, as they appeared later in the 1940s. The bunkhouses often were left on the flatcars, parked on an unused railroad spur.

Shevlin-Hixon was one of the most successful beneficiaries of the Oregon land-fraud scandals of the early 1900s, in which sharp operators like Stephen Puter hired hobos and laborers to pretend to homestead claims so that he could aggregate them into blocs of land large enough to interest timber producers. After years of investing in buying aggregated claims like these, along with railroad lands, by 1915 the company was the second-largest owner of Central Oregon ponderosa-pine timberlands — right behind Weyerhaeuser. It owned a vast tract of virgin ponderosa, some 215,000 acres.

Once its mill in Bend was complete, the company got busy turning those acres into dollars in what was then the usual manner.

Crews of railroad builders (“steel gangs”) graded and punched lines into the timberlands; spur lines were built; timber was felled, limbed, bucked and loaded onto rail cars and hauled out to the company sawmill in Bend.

Portable logging camps

Of course, to get all this work done, the company needed men. It needed swarms of men, and they needed to be close to where the work was being done. So, like most logging operations of the day, it threw together crude logging camps deep in the woods and stocked them with the gangs of young mostly-Scandinavian bachelors who worked the woods in those days. There was no store, no post office, no barber shop, no schoolhouse. The only family housing was for supervisors. In 1916, if you worked in the woods, you were either a bachelor or you left your family back in town for months at a time.

Now, even by the standards of a railroad-logging show, ponderosa cutting was fast — faster than Douglas fir or Sitka spruce. It didn't make much sense for the company to invest in building a camp of shacks only to abandon them a few months later.

So instead, the company built portable camps that could be moved out on railroad flatcars. When it was time for camp to move, the buildings would hauled in, lifted off the flatcars with log loaders, and arranged along the spur line. When it was time to move on, it would be the work of a day or two to load the buildings back up and move them out.

The camp becomes a town

This system worked great for the company, as it progressively moved southward, getting farther and farther from civilization. But by the mid-1920s, society was changing fast. It was clear that to continue logging, the company was going to have to make its camps more family-friendly, or it would have trouble finding and keeping workers.

So in 1932, the Shevlin-Hixon Company decided to consolidate all its logging camps into one big one. They'd plat it with streets, blocks and lots. They'd endow the camp with plenty of family housing, a store, a post office, a barber shop and a school district. In other words, they'd turn it into a full-blown small town.

And thus, the town of Shevlin was born.

Life in Shevlin

Residents of Shevlin tend to remember it fondly. Deep in the heart of Central Oregon, it was close to the kind of backwoods recreation that Oregon timber families have always loved: fishing, hunting, trekking, camping, swimming in cold alpine lakes, that kind of thing. There were no telephone bills or even rent payments to worry about. The isolation fostered a strong sense of community, and that sense extended to the owners and managers of the company — who, when the Great Depression gobsacked the lumber market, helped the families get through by

Wandering timber town - Page 8

Rebuilding question session

Lane County Land Management is hosting a drop-in session on Saturday, May 7th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McKenzie Community School's New Gym (51187 Blue River Drive) for Holiday Farm Fire survivors who are working through the rebuilding process.

“We know from talking with survivors that many are still deciding whether to rebuild or how to rebuild,” said Lane County Permit Navigator Marianne Nolte. “It can be a complicated process and our planners and building officials want to sit down with people to help them understand what they need for their specific properties.”

People will be able to get help with:

- understanding what forms are required
- locating what records already

exist for a property

- checking permit status
- understanding sanitation requirements
- determining required setbacks
- understanding building permits and inspections

Representatives from McKenzie Locals Helping Locals, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, and disaster case managers will also be on-hand to help connect fire survivors to resources and help.

For survivors unable to attend Saturday's drop-in session, Nolte continues to be available on Tuesdays at the McKenzie School New Gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Leaburg Annex (42870 McKenzie Highway - milepost 20) on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.



By Slim Randles

“Well that about tears it!” said Steve, twitching his walrus moustache. “How do they expect a guy to get by when they tell him what to do and to send money and re-up every dang thing in your billfold. It ain't right!”

We hadn't seen our favorite cowboy so worked up over something since the boss made him shoe the neighbor lady's mule. He still limps now and then when the weather turns cold.

Steve had been sipping coffee and slitting envelopes as he combined caffeine and mail. As usual.

“Are you going to ask him?” said Doc, turning to Herb.

“You're closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy.”

Doc grinned. “Okay, Steve, what's the problem?”

“Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does.”

“Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I'll bet if a guy got married, he'd need a license for that, too.”

“You got that right,” said Dud.

“Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too,” Steve said. “Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters, so your buddies in Thailand know it's you. I'm tired of it. We need a simpler way to live.”

“Okay, Steve,” Doc said, “What do you suggest we do?”

Steve grinned. “Everybody get a horse. You don't need a license for the horse. You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking.”

Doc smiled. “I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?”

“Well, Doc,” Steve said. “I believe if I were you, I'd saddle up and leave now.”

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**A Moment
in Oregon
History**

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 27 - When John William French was a young man he changed his name to Peter and began working for Dr. Glenn on his large California ranch. In 1772 Dr. Glenn sent Pete to Southeastern Oregon to scout the country for a cattle operation. The two men entered a partnership that took control of a vast domain, measuring 17,000 square miles, around the Donner and Blitzen rivers. Pete operated this ranch by feudal power and tried to hold it against an advancing wave of homesteaders. The day after Christmas 1873, Pete French was shot and killed by a homesteader. Much of the land was taken over by the federal government and was incorporated into the Malheur Migratory Bird Refuge.

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Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the **McKenzie School District**, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 will be held at the McKenzie High School Cafeteria. The meeting will take place on **May 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected on or after May 16, 2022 at the district office at 51187 Blue River Dr. Finn Rock, OR, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Additional meetings, if needed, are scheduled on May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and May 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public can access the live stream of the meeting at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14qR6Fmaelclzi4UMCeQ>

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

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Slug it out with spring's slimy pests

Follow the glistening trail and you'll find the gardener's most familiar, frustrating and certainly slimiest pest, the common slug.

It's spring, after all, and as soil temperatures start to climb, slugs rise from their winter hiding place underground to munch tender seedlings, emerging perennials and even seeds.

"What slugs want is a place that's warm and moist," said Claudia Groth, an Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener. "That's why they're coming out now. The soil temperatures are getting to be above 50 degrees, which is perfect for them."

Slugs aren't crazy about winter and summer. They bail from cold or hot weather. But fall and spring are agreeable seasons for slugs. In the perfect conditions of autumn when the heat starts to wane and the first rains come, the mollusks lay eggs in clusters called clutches, according to Groth, a horticulturist who has made slugs her specialty.

The eggs hatch fairly rapidly and the fast-growing slugs wait it out, showing up in spring to scrape and shred plant leaves with tongues lined with thousands of tiny, extremely sharp teeth.

"In fall, you're trying to kill them off before they lay eggs," she said. "Now that your plants are poking their heads up, you need to protect them, because once the

leaves are nipped, the damage is there all summer."

The pests are particularly fond of lettuce and other salad greens, broccoli, beans, hostas, strawberries, primroses and daffodil flowers. More sturdy plants like ferns, sedums, ornamental grasses, bleeding heart, heuchera, hellebores and most herbs fend them off reasonably well. Woody plants are also usually unbothered.

Since slugs go on attack at night and look for protected places during the day, you'll find them under ground covers or mulches and in thickly planted perennial or annual borders.

"Many gardeners grow plants tightly in their beds to keep weeds from growing," Groth said. "That's an environment that provides them with a 100 percent hiding place all day."

Slugs will crawl beneath almost anything where it's dark and moist, including boards, bricks, pots, loose stepping stones and pavers, debris left lying in the garden.

"So the first thing to do when starting a control program is to clean up the garden," she said. "Don't leave things all over the yard. They can even hide under garden gloves."

Raise pots onto bricks or "legs" purchased for that purpose. Pull mulch away from favorite plants. Remove weeds where the pests like to nestle down. Tidy under porches

and other raised structures.

Although sanitation is the first line of defense, there are plenty of other methods for control. Get started now. Young plants are most susceptible. Here are her Groth's recommendations:

Water in the morning. "If you water in the evening, it's wet until early in the morning and you've given them the best environment when they come out at night hungry," she said.

Put out beer traps. Use a pie plate or bury a plastic yogurt or margarine container up to about an inch from the rim. Pour in beer. Remove dead slugs daily and refill with beer.

Don't use salt. It can build up in the soil and damage plants.

Attract predators such as frogs, ground beetles and, yes, snakes.

Create an artificial hiding place by placing a board in their favorite places. To make it especially attractive, grind up lettuce and brewer's yeast (not baker's yeast) and put that under the board. In the morning, lift the board and remove slugs. Drop them in a bucket of soapy water.

Go out at night with a flashlight or head lamp and handpick them.

Get a duck, which will make a quick dinner out of slugs, but be sure to check with your city first. Some don't allow them and there are restrictions.

Tape a wide (3-4 inches) strip of copper around the top of a pot or the top edge of a raised bed.

Also, use bait. There are two types. One is a synthetic bait that contains metaldehyde, which is toxic to humans and can be fatal to dogs if eaten in large amounts. The other contains iron phosphate, which is considered very low in toxicity, according to the National Pesticide Information Center at OSU. It can be used around pets and wildlife and in organic vegetable gardens.

When baiting, scatter rather than making piles or bands. "If you use piles or bands," she explained, "slugs can go right by. If you scatter, they're likely to encounter it." Also, be sure to look on the label to see how much to use per square foot. It's a lot less than most people think. Using more is not better.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



PEEPERS - A DELIGHTFUL SOUND OF SPRING

Ah! Another sign of spring has come to NH. A few nights ago I heard the peepers as I passed the little pond (big swampy mud puddle) on the way up our road after I got off work. Their singing always is such a cheery note after a long winter of snow and cold. So far we haven't had to close our dirt road to ensure the peepers, salamanders, and bull frogs safe passage! They seem to stay in their "frog pond." But a couple years ago, I did read of one street being closed overnight in the southern part of our state so these spring creatures could migrate across without danger of being squashed.

When our daughter Beth was small, there was a swampy area behind the house where we lived and the peepers were in full chorus in the spring. One evening, Jim took Beth and me "peeper hunting." We clamored through the water and then Jim would shine a flashlight beam on one peeper after another. Exciting event for an 8-year old (in those days before video games!) And it was a way to create family memories.

Other times we took walks through a wooded area off a back road and explored another swampy area. We showed Beth frogs' eggs, salamanders and other woodland phenomenon. Our grandchildren were excited to find salamanders in the wooded area where we live. They would catch them, watch them for a while, and then release them. It was enjoyable for me to see their excitement in the natural environment around them.

Take time to explore the springtime of year with your children. You'll have fond

memories for years to come
LUCILLE'S APPLESAUCE SPICE CAKE – I'm particularly fond of cakes that call for chopped apples or applesauce. They're usually moist and tasty.

In a large bowl, with mixer at medium speed (you can do this by hand, too), cream ½ cup shortening with ½ teaspoon each of cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg. Gradually add 1-cup sugar, beating until fluffy. Then add 2 unbeaten eggs, one at a time.

Sift together 2 cups flour, 1 ½ teaspoon baking soda, and ¾ teaspoon salt. Add flour mixture and 1 ½ cups applesauce to creamed mixture; stir well.

Dredge ¾ cup raisins in 1-tablespoon flour and stir into batter. You may like to add ½ cup chopped walnuts, too.

Pour into greased and floured ring mold or 9 x 13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes for ring mold (or until tests done), less time for other pan.

Serve plain or with whipped cream. This cake tastes good the next day, too.

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**April 29
Play Festival**
The Walterville Grange Play Festival is back. The Grange will be hosting three plays performed by Goshen, Irving and Walterville Granges on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after. The plays will be held at the Walterville Community Center located at 39259 Camp Creek Road. Donations are always gratefully accepted. There will also be a collection of canned food donations for the upriver foodbank

**April 30
Annual Art Show**
The McKenzie Artists' Guild's 29th Annual Art Show will be held

from April 30th to May 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. in Leaburg. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

**April 30
Plant Sale**
The Lane County Master Gardener Association will hold its annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lane Event Center, 796 West 13th Ave. in Eugene. Annuals, perennials, berries, trees, shrubs, will be on sale along with \$2 starts for tomatoes and other vegetables.

**May 2
Naturescaping**
A McKenzie Naturescaping & Fire Resilient Landscaping Workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center in Leaburg. Topics will include how to use native plants to save time, money, and energy while protecting water quality and enhancing sh and wildlife habitat.

**May 4
Blue River Park**
The Blue River Park Board's meeting time will change begin-

ning in March and for all future meetings. The regular board meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:15pm instead of at 7 p.m.

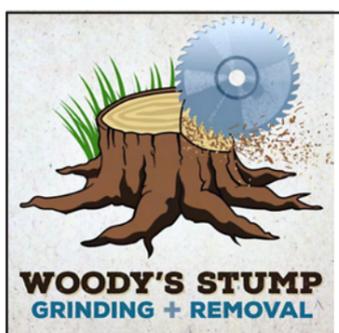
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Dime At A Time**
The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

**May 16
McKenzie Fire & Rescue**
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg

Training Center,

**May 16
Springfield School Board**
7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

**May 18
McKenzie School Board**
The will meet at 5:30 p.m. www.mckenzie.k12.or.us.



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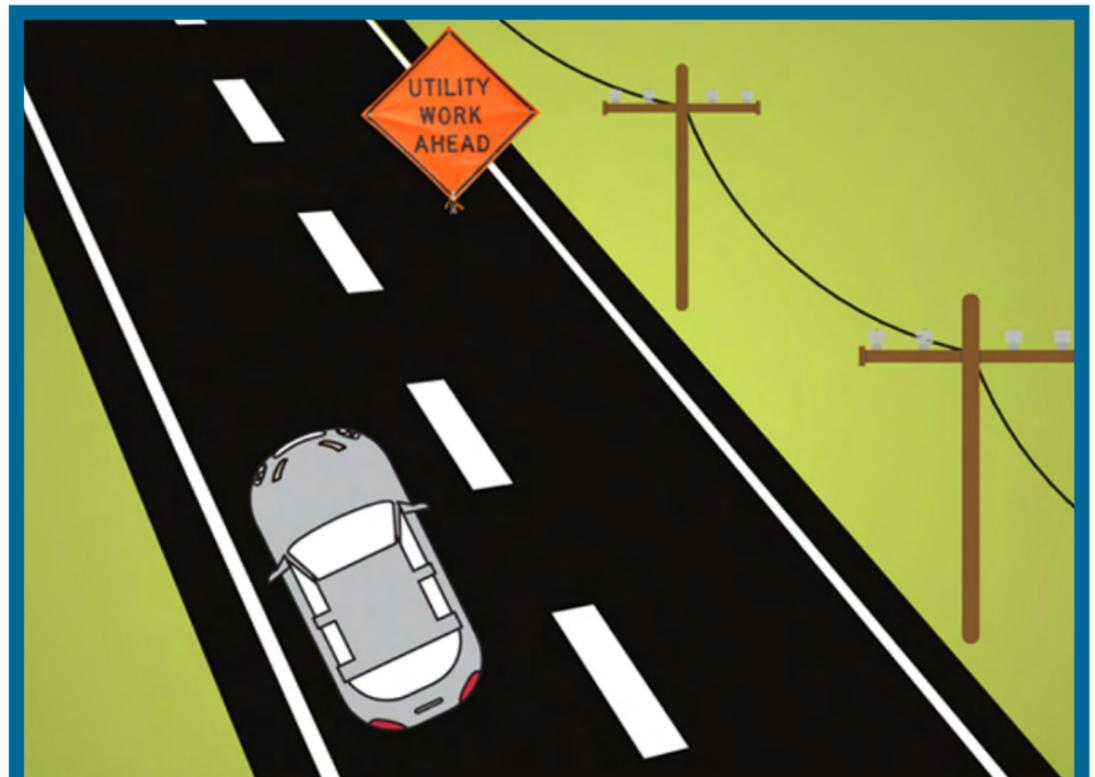
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Method Of Operation

I am having a problem in paradise. First of all, I am 22, he is 31. We have known each other for a little over a month.

At first, he was more affectionate than I was. He felt a little upset I wasn't moving as fast as he was affectionately. Not that he was trying to be sexual, he just wanted cuddling, hugging, and kissing.

For some reason he thought we were "two different people." He was unsure whether we should even talk anymore. I didn't see that! We had a long debate, and everything was good after that.

Last Thursday he came to my birthday party, and everyone thought he was very attentive. I sat on his lap, we held hands and hugged a lot. He brought me a bottle of merlot wine, burned a CD with my favorite songs on it, and gave me a card.

In the past he told me I am special, and it would be a loss if I wasn't in his life. After the party I emailed him a thank you. I called Saturday afternoon to see if he wanted to go dancing and left a message on his answering machine. He didn't call back, so I assumed he was busy. No big deal.

Next day I called again. He said he had plans all day. I asked if he wanted to do something later, but he said he was starting a new job on Monday. I've called or emailed four times since.

Maybe I'm being paranoid, but I've gotten no return call, no email, no nothing. My friends and I can't figure out what's going on in his head. I'm trying to think of the best way humanly possible to handle this situation delicately. I don't want to lose him, and I sure don't want to give up easily.

Elise
Elise, you want a delicate solution. I can give you the solution, but it lacks delicacy.

In your mind your boyfriend wasn't trying to be sexual, but cuddling, hugging, and kissing are the prelude to something more. He didn't get what he wanted. Then he withdrew, perhaps as a way of moving you along. Along the way he decided he was done with you.

Bill Clinton gave Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" to Hillary while they were courting. He also gave the same book to Monica Lewinsky. Who knows how many other women received the same treatment. It was just his method of operation.

A bottle of merlot, a CD, and a

note may well be just part of your ex-boyfriend's modus operandi. He does it by rote. It doesn't mean anything. What has meaning is the way he is treating you.

Pursuing him makes you vulnerable, and opens the possibility he might try to use you for his own ends. He's a player. Don't play unless you want to be hurt.

Wayne

No Shortcut

My daughter is the single mother of two children. I know this sounds harsh, but it has gotten to the point where her father and I are estranged from her. Basically we want a "divorce" from her and would like visitation with our grandchildren. Is this possible?

Betty

Betty, focus on your daughter, not on your grandchildren. Your relationship to those kids is through her. If someone tried to circumvent you to get to your children, imagine how you would react.

If there is a way to help your daughter, or even placate her, that is more likely to be productive than legal remedies. Getting between a mother bear and her cubs can raise the amount of discord to a level beyond what you can now imagine.

There's one major problem with giving grandparents legal access to their grandchildren. People who inflicted verbal, physical, and sexual abuse on their children are

then given access to inflict trauma on yet another generation.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Eric Pankey, in his poem, "In Such a Way That", participates in one of the rituals practiced by poets the world over — the marking of the changing seasons. The transitions from winter to spring, from rainy season to dry season, from monsoon to autumn and from harmattan to spring, are announced with poems rich with intimations of beginnings and endings. This poem borrows, with subtlety, from the biblical canticles and psalms associated with the vespers, invoking gratitude and confession in a space where contradictions and "double assignments" (entanglements and lodgings, shelters and staging grounds) abound. In the end, there is some comfort, for Pankey, in the changing seasons and in these remembered prayers.

In Such a Way That

By Eric Pankey

Winter ends with a miscellany's logic: a leaden horizon,

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Quote of the Week

"If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something."

Steven Wright

A narrow but unbridgeable distance.

Stolen moments are exchanged for isolated hours,

Elaborate entanglements, a lodging.

One's suitable room fulfills a double assignment

As a stage and shelter. The heady pollen of stargazer lilies

Covers the bureaus, the desktop, and end tables.

Beyond the window, the sacred mountain

Is depleted of snow. On a frequency

At the far end of the dial, one can hear

Vespers, and recall the little Latin one learned long ago,

Knowing even then it would come in handy

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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 last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 6,166, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, Blue River Reservoir - 1,200, Blue River - 600, and Clear Lake - 2,500.

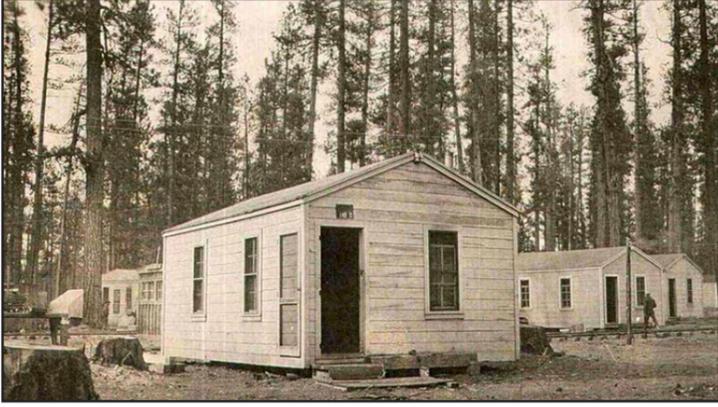
Fish Counts

April 24, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 391
Summer Steelhead - 311



Wandering timber town

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Ronald L. Gregory

One of the "railroadable" family houses of the type later used to house logger

spreading the work around so that everybody got enough to survive.

On the other hand, anybody who got fired was in a terrible pickle, which gave the company rather a strong hand in the event of any labor disagreements.

The houses were quite Spartan by modern standards. In the early years, they were basically boxcars with no wheels; but as the 1920s wore on and it became necessary to provide an environment that mothers would tolerate, the houses changed. By the 1930s they had gabled roofs, six windows and specially designed front porches that folded up against the side of the house on moving day. They were 14 feet wide and 22 feet long, divided into two rooms, with the front entrance at one end, shotgun-house style.

Moving day

Shevlin moved three times, each time going farther south, away from Bend. Company planners would scout a new location, and roads and lots would be bulldozed, and latrine pits would be dug. Then, over a few days, the entire town — some 400 structures — would be hauled in and the homes set in place. Outhouses brought from the old townsites would be set down over the top of new latrine pits, and everybody would move right back in. It must have been a fairly disorienting experience for

newcomers.

Moving day was a big deal. Most residents got to preview the new site and pick the lots their houses would be placed on. Then the front porches would be folded up, the windows covered and the houses prepped for the lift. Dressers would be laid flat on the floor, and towels wrapped around the dishes, but the company crane operators were pros — accidents were few. Postmistress Lois Maker Gumpert once left a bucket of water in the middle of the floor by accident, and when her house arrived at its new spot, not a drop had spilled.

The end

Of course, the end came for Shevlin. It had to come. Right from the start, Shevlin-Hixon seemed completely uninterested in sustainable forestry. It was essentially a mining company, and once it had mined all the usable timber out of an area, it was done: no replanting, no thinning, none of that modern tree-farming stuff. Cut-over company lands were left to re-seed themselves, and the second growth, when it eventually came, was in the form of dense "dog-hair" thickets that had no commercial value.

In 1950, its endowment of ponderosa nearly depleted, the company sold out to Brooks-Scanlon, and Brooks-Scanlon was

not interested in the company-town system of timber extraction. Before the end of that year, it sold off all the buildings, and the town was gone.

But it's a sure thing that somewhere around Central Oregon, there's a family or two still living in one of the old railroad houses that used to line its streets — wherever those happened to be.

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With the May 17 primary elections approaching, campaigns and their friends should remember that ODOT will remove political signs posted on the state highway right-of-way.

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May Birthdays

May 1st: Gene Anderson, Dellisa Belveal, Timothy Burroughs, Edward Clark, Michael Fink, Daniel Fischer, Dorothy Frisbie, Robert Gundelach, Robert Hull, Damien Knight, Baney Lamarr, Vanessa Lambeth, Sandra Lewis, Luke Loder, Cindy Martz, Elizabeth Maurer, Phyllis Nestle, Alinka Nowicki-McMullen, Judy Olson, Aaron Phelps, Susan Pruitt, Jeanie Reppy, Al Smith, Michael Sprenger, Warren Swomley, Loyd Terpening. 2nd: Adam Barrett, Thomas Buchanan, Benjamin Danielson, Kathleen Donoho, David Marchant, Walter Sariti, Ken Scott, Cody Frank, Kim Moseley, Vanessa Wood. 3rd: Miska Asman, Michelle Bachand, Homer Canady, Howard Durbin, Dawn Gossler, Valerie Kosydar, Colleen Moody, Debbie Morehouse, Dwight Scroggins, Carmen Wiley, Megan McCluskey, Nancy Wilson. 4th: Yvette Balandran, William Camp, Fred Harris, Elisabetta Henderer, Robert Jacobs, Tracy Knight, John Johnson, Larry Maxwell, Farrah Roberts, Sean Rollins, Douglas States, James Swain, Ron Ventgen, Amy Wolf, Patricia Sullivan, Jake Woodard. 5th: Alice Brickley, Nick Carter, Betty Eldridge, Jason Fischer, Ricky Fox, Louise Harbick, James Hayden, Joshua Norman Johnson, Leona Person, Albert Rokey, Judy Shellaberger, Eland Smith, John Smith, Renee Hill, Rexene Wahl. 6th: Thomas Baldrige, Therese Berry, Barbara Fox, Jayme Franklin, Diana Glines, Ilapin Kerton, Greg Koozer, David Maas, Helen Nevin, Autumn Brook Reese, Patrick Ward, Polly Whipple, Pamala White, Carl Wilson. 7th: Sharon Bruno, Alvie Coughlin, William Dixon, Robert Englund, Esther Mace, Alyce Mathew, Linda Meyer, Gary Sanders, Susan Schvaneveldt, James Slate, Leonard Wing, Karen Wuthenow, Raylene Young. 8th: Leah Abney, Thomas Crafts, Thelma England, Wayne Fleek, Donnovan Fox, John Gray, John Gross, Sherill Helfrich, Sandra Hitchcock, Tiffany Hyland, Ann Imsland, Cory Lavelle, Shana Overall, Barbara Rogers, Kassie Ross, Barbara Stott. 9th: Tod Anthony, Teresa Applewhite, Christine Bigelow, Jimmy Castle, Roger Dillin, Barry Emery, Katherine Garretson, Dell Green, Gary Guttormsen, Jerold Hall, Norma Hostetler, Tom McBride, Joanna McKinney, Lesley Moehle, Dawn Neilsen, Charles Nothwang, Wilbur Stahl, Lorinza Stoupil, Tina Tishendorf, Roland Wilbur. 10th: Matthew Anthony, Alice Donahue, Brittany Ridge, Eunice Emery, Dick Helfrich, Kelly Hiddleston, Teresa Hulett, Mark Joy, Kelly Lewis, Marjory Millhollen, Michael Morehouse, Helene O'Rourke, Cory Randall, Jerry Riley, Galen Scrivner, Cynthia Stahl. 11th: Jimmy Burr, Cynthia Cords, Billy Davison, Renee Douglas, Katherine Fox, Hilary Green, Terri Hamlow, Donald Haas, Jo Hiatt, Marcia Joy, William Kelly, Lynden Middleider, Floyd Moore, Richard Perkins, Jack Pratt, JoRay Pulido, Kristin Smith, Lisa Wooley. 12th: Joshua Burrell, Annette Delbridge, Glen Dent, Matthew Donoho, Mary Harshberger, Gregg Melland, Helen Pakkala, Laura Pinto, Larry Sanford, Allan Sirotek, Michele Van Nuys, Michael Vanpelt. 13th: Susan Blatter, Jim Denney, Christina King, Bonna Mcleod, Monica Mitchell, Marys Pencer, Morgan Severson, Terry Sambrailo, Steven Wages. 14th: Fawn Birchak, Larry Brickley, Wendy Demarco, Glen Dongeil, Lynnette Gamble, Billy Garr, Nathan Hill, Randy Hill, Johnna Koozer, Tom Kowalczyk, Linda Maxwell, Donna Beauden, Duane Moeschler, Ronald Schiff, Troy Smith, Donald Swearingen. 15th: Arlene Boylan, Curt Brace, John Estes, Mary Jane Jewett, Timothy Joyce, Marjorie Ogle, Charles Spencer, Virgil Ward. 16th: Linda Alexander, Ruth Bissett, Timothy Erickson, Richard Godfrey, Rosemary Hatleberg, Wayne Kinnee, Kristi Mercer, Denny Patterson, John Phillips, Belen Rickman, Bonnie Sanders, "Skeets" Dowty, Robert Schwartz,

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