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JP Doodles

Are there still 12 months in a calendar or do marketers read theirs?

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Country Kitchen

I still enjoy the sights of Halloween themed decorations on lawns, in windows and in stores.

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154 acres added to Trust

“McKenzie Camp” includes two miles of riverfront



Correction - this article refers to the purchase of the Finn Rock Reach property in 2016. FINN ROCK: The McKenzie River Trust (MRT) has purchased another 154 acres of riverfront land Rosboro sold the land in a closed-bid auction..The property, called McKenzie Camp, includes

about two miles of riverfront, numerous side channels, ponds, wetlands, and old floodplain forest. MRT, a nonprofit land trust has protected over 4,000 acres of healthy natural lands in the region. “We are grateful to the folks at Rosboro for working with us on this legacy

project,” said Joe Moll, Executive Director of the McKenzie River Trust. “When you think of the McKenzie River, you imagine clean blue water, incredible salmon spawning habitat, and healthy floodplain forests. This property has all of that.”

Plans ready for review

County to host meeting on November 8th

Lane County has scheduled a meeting next month to share the latest draft concepts for a Blue River community plan. From 6 to 8 p.m. planners will share initial drafts and begin collecting feedback from residents, according to Devon Ashbridge, the county’s public information officer. The in-person meeting will be held in the McKenzie High School’s New Gym, 51187 Blue River Drive. “We have been working with community stakeholders and state partners for several months to gather information and ideas to guide the creation of the draft concepts,” said Lane County’s

assistant planning director, Lindsey Eichner. “We are excited to bring these ideas to the larger community and start to refine what their vision is for the future of Blue River.” The Complete Community Plan for Blue River is intended to promote mixed-use, compact, small-town development patterns so people can easily walk to meet their daily needs, such as school, work, shops, and recreation. Officials noted that the project is happening in coordination with other planning efforts and will update Blue River’s zoning and development standards to support future

development as the community continues to rebuild following the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. For people who are unable to attend the meeting in person, a virtual workshop will be available online from Tuesday, November 7th, to Monday, November 20th. The virtual workshop will provide online access to the draft alternatives, maps, diagrams, handouts, and tools for providing input and feedback. More information about the project and the virtual workshop (starting November 7th) can be found at tinyurl.com/3hr6p2e.

Quartz Creek Bridge upgraded

Plans call for full replacement next month



While work continues, a temporary bridge is currently in place and partners expect to complete installation of the new bridge by mid-November.

Crews working on a project for the McKenzie Watershed Council have placed five concrete panels to create the base of a bridge over Quartz Creek. The bridge, which leads to Pond Road (USFS 805) is the initial phase of a larger-scale project to restore floodplain habitat across

180 acres in the Quartz Creek sub-watershed. The work was designed to help reduce the impacts of large flood events, capture fines and sediment, and enhance habitat for Chinook salmon, bull trout, and other native species. Partners in the project include the Eugene Water &

Electric Board, McKenzie River Trust, and Willamette National Forest. The bridge replacement is funded through the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law and managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Aufderheide Drive is open

More roadwork is scheduled for next Spring

COUGAR RESERVOIR: Crews that have been busy on a road connecting the public to popular recreation sites have hung up their tools for the season. Due to weather, according to the Willamette National Forest, construction work on Forest Service Road (FS) 19 was paused and the road is now open to through travel between the McKenzie River Valley to Westfir. This summer, contractors removed and upgraded 1,100 feet of guardrail, repaired approximately 35 road failures (road fill slopes and pothole repairs), repaired the bridge approaches at the Frissell Crossing

Bridge, and completed 8 miles of asphalt surface slurry sealing. Officials report that work that remains to be completed this Spring will include 3.5 miles of asphalt overlay for surface repair and another 18.5 miles of centerline striping along the 60 miles of road that connects the McKenzie area to Oakridge and Westfir. The route is not maintained during the winter, generally from November until April. The road repairs were possible thanks to funding from the Great American Outdoors Act and Disaster Recovery funds.



Reconstruction work on sections of USFS Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) included welded-wire wall construction to address a failing road fill. Activities that were underway this summer will resume in 2024.

Guest Opinion

We were your basic titans of American manhood



(And as far as we knew, things were going to stay that way.)

By Eric Mortenson

We were free and white, as people in our town used to say, and about five years out from being 21, which would seal the deal. As far as we knew, there wasn't much to worry about, except the damn Russians and sometimes the Chinese. And things stayed that way for guys like us, for decades.

But things did start to change, over time, didn't they?

I'm glad to see America turn, however slow and painful it's been, before our time is completely over.

And our time should be over, except for any genuine wisdom we can pass along. You see the three of us up there? All three of us, Titus, Oates and me, are eight years younger than Joe Biden and five years younger than the vile

buffoon.

Titus turned 72 the other day and I'm right behind him, with my birthday in November. Oates won't catch us until next spring. On his birthday, I texted Titus and told him we still had time to make a presidential run. "No kidding!" he texted back.

The point is that Joe Biden — a good man — and the vile buffoon are both too old to be president again. Not to mention that the buffoon is a con man, a liar, a cheat and a traitor. Like I've said, I hope he dies alone in a prison cell, with the other cons laughing at him.

But seriously, it's time for all of us boomers to step aside, politically.

I'm happy to oblige, although I do intend to keep babbling about various things and offering my opinion, should anyone care to listen.



The photo is from 1967 and was taken in Hood River, in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge. The sh*t was about to hit the fan in America in 1968, that's true, but most of it spun past us in rural Oregon and seemed to land elsewhere. I remember the three of us were playing three-handed Pinochle at Oates's house that April

night after the news broke that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been murdered in Memphis.

Yes, we solemnly agreed as we played our trump cards, that was sure too bad for the Negroes.

We didn't recognize, then, how bad it was for all of us. And how Bobby Kennedy's murder just two months later, in June, was another vicious smack against everything we believed about America. Then the hammer blows of reality fell: Vietnam, injustice, ignorance, violence, casual and deadly racism, and the dirty crimes of the rich against the poor. We'd already had President Kennedy murdered when I was in sixth grade, and I still think that cracked us and cracked America, too.

We ducked when the sh*t hit the fan. I think a lot of guys like us didn't want to look at it. We'd grown up thinking life in America was pretty damn great — and for us, it was. We Americans were smart and brave, we had the best of everything and the world was damn lucky to have us. We'd saved the world's butt in World War II just over 20 years earlier, simultaneously fighting across two oceans.

We didn't want anyone telling us otherwise. Didn't want to hear it.

If you had told us, for example — when we were in that photo up there — that we were and would continue to be the beneficiaries of white male privilege, we would have scoffed in your face. Bullsh*t, we would have said. What privilege? Why...

We weren't rich and our daddies weren't connected and they didn't completely pave the way for us. We had to work for it, too, all three of us, didn't we? Hell, I was one of seven kids raised by a body and fender man and a part-time telephone operator. Don't go telling me about any privilege and...

But I like to think we know better, now. Even our family, lower middle class that we were, started out a step ahead of so many other Americans. Just about every person of color dealt with vicious, demeaning crap that we didn't have to. How many of the girls our age never broke clear of grabby hands and patronizing minds?

It's funny. We came out of the 1960s and '70s thinking our parents were hopeless Neanderthals

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Cross Country teams travel to the Valley of the Rogue State Park Thursday, October 26, to participate in the 3A Boys, 2A/1A Boys and 3A/2A/1A Girls Special District 4 Cross Country Championship Meet. The 2A/1A Varsity Boys race starts at 1:30 pm and the 3A/2A/1A Varsity Girls race will start at 2:15 pm.

The McKenzie Varsity Six-Man Football team travels to Falls City, Friday, October 27, to play the Falls City/Kings Valley Charter team. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Eagles Celebrate Homecoming And Seniors McKenzie Defeats Siletz Valley 21-0

The McKenzie Valley has been celebrating quite a lot lately, and last Friday night, the celebrations continued. Once again, Mother Nature, as She has so many times this past month, blessed the Community event with fine weather. That evening, at iconic Wade Thomas Field, located on the

campus of McKenzie River Community School, Folks gathered for the 2023 McKenzie Homecoming and Senior night celebration.

The Eagles invited the Siletz Valley Warriors to the party for the Special District 2 North (Mt. West) League Six-man football game. Add in five Eagle seniors and their families, a Homecoming Court, some really cool cars and a pep band and Party ON!! Friday night lights were lit, fans settled into the new stadium digs and the new concession stand started selling the dogs, coffee and candy!

First up, prior to the opening snap, McKenzie honored its Fall senior athletes. Football seniors Salomon Acevedo, Thomas Hayes, and Levi Allan Lockard and managers Jane Dellinger and Riley Morales, along with their respective families were honored for they're past Eagle activities, honors and memories. It was also an occasion where the Seniors could share back their thoughts and thanks to those who have walked with them on their journeys.

The halftime celebration, steeped in Eagle tradition, saw this year's Homecoming Princesses representing their classes; arrive before the fans in the stands riding in some really "down" Auto-Mobiles. Freshman Princess Sapana Mitchell-Chavez circled the field first in a 2016 Dodge Challenger and was met at the Grandstands by her Freshman Prince, William Valtinson. Next, Sophomore Princess Paiten Clevenger entered rid-

ing in a 2008 Ford Mustang GT Convertible driven by William Valtinson and met by her Sophomore Prince, Asaiah Story. Junior Princess Hailey Jefferson was next in the lineup as she arrived riding in a 2008 Chevrolet Corvette, driven by Tanner Rucker, and met by Junior Prince Aytan Brown. Senior Princess Savanna Drummond rode high in her chosen auto, a H2 Hummer, driven by her sister, Katrina Drummond and her Senior Prince, Levi Lockard, escorted her. 2022 McKenzie Homecoming King Allen Acevedo and Queen Riley Morales crowned this year's Royalty, voted on by the McKenzie Associated Student Body, King Aytan Brown and Queen Paiten Clevenger.

And, oh yeah, there was a football game as well. The Eagles and the Warriors came to play this evening and although there wasn't a lot of scoring either side, both teams battled hard throughout.

Coming into the game, both McKenzie and Siletz Valley had defeated one foe this Fall, C. S. Lewis Academy. Needless to say, both teams were hungry for a victory and each bench looked like a tasty opportunity to the other.

Credit to a scrappy Warrior team but at the final horn, the Homecoming victory was the Eagle's to claim, a 21-0 win which earned Head Coach Neil Barrett's team a 2-4 League record and a 5th place tie with Crow/City First Christian Academy. Siletz Valley dropped to

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Friday 10/27		Saturday 10/28		Sunday 10/29	
McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 50 Low: 32	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 32 Low: 17	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 51 Low: 28	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 31 Low: 15	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 53 Low: 31	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 39 Low: 20

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WEATHER REPORT					
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM			READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE		
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Riverflow
10/17	65	51	0	868 CFS	3,220 cfs
10/18	73	49	0	954 cfs	3,100 cfs
10/19	73	51	0	NA	3,720 cfs
10/20	69	52	0	1,534 cfs	3,690 cfs
10/21	62	47	0	1,487 cfs	3,620 cfs
10/22	60	53	0	1,464 cfs	3,570 cfs
10/23	60	46	0	1,418 cfs	3,510 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Oct. 16: 6:48 a.m: Alarm - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
1:38 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 9000 blk, Thurston Rd.
4:39 p.m: Lost Subject - Lat: 44.212729. Long: -122.391515.
Oct. 16: 6:48 a.m: Alarm - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.
1:38 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 9000 blk, Thurston Rd.
Oct. 17: 4:34 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Goodpasture Rd. & McK. Hwy.
4:39 p.m: Assist Fire Department - 55500 blk, Drury Dr. Medics requested law enforcement for assistance with a disorderly patient. Deputies were disregarded prior to arrival.
5:00 p.m: Civil Problem - 41700 blk, Madrone St.
8:26p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

Oct. 18: 6:47 a.m: Mental Subject - 87100 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
11:22 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Sunderman Rd. & Marcola Rd.
11:53 a.m: Fraud - 37700 blk, Worth Rd. A caller reported being scammed out of an undisclosed amount of money by a fraudulent company.
12:00 p.m: Civil Problem - 41700 blk, Madrone St.
5:06 p.m: Subpoena Service - 90300 blk, Mountain View Ln.
7:58 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 92800 blk, Saddle View Dr.
8:09 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Bowen Dr.
Oct. 19: 1:40 a.m: Welfare Check - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.
11:32 a.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.
11:36 a.m: Theft - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
3:29 p.m: Subpoena Service - 90300 blk, Mountain View Ln.
5:05p.m: RecklessEndangering - Lat: 44.15383. Long: - 122.50421. A caller reported they

were hunting and several bullets were fired past the caller.
5:48 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
7:14 p.m: Alarm - 89100 blk, Bridge St.
7:29 p.m: Drug Overdose - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.
7:50 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Milepost 9.
Oct. 20: 3:29 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & S Gate Creek Rd.
4:05 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.
4:28 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.
4:34 p.m: Menacing - N. Gate Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.
4:54 p.m: Harassment - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.
5:28 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:30 p.m: Water Rescue - Lat: 44.066806. Long: -122.963834.
10:49 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Oakshire Dr.
Oct. 21: 1:46 a.m: Assist, Information - Lat: 44.2587. Long: -122.8729.
2:21 p.m: Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
2:43 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.
3:08 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 44.

3:21 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 40.
6:46 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Mp. 20.
9:04 p.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. & Robinson Lake Rd.
11:15 p.m: Building Check - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.
Oct. 22: 3:38 p.m: Assault - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.
8:31 p.m: Hit & Run - 91000

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State Police Report

On October 22, 2023, Oregon State Troopers responded to a single vehicle collision. A black Chevrolet Cruise was traveling eastbound. It swerved to avoid a collision with an animal and lost control. The Cruise traveled off the right shoulder where it collided into a dirt embankment. No injuries were sustained during the collision. The registered owner arranged for their own tow of the vehicle. Involved: 38-year-old female from Springfield.
Oct. 22: 13:50: Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 36. A single vehicle with a single occupant crashed. The driver suffered head injuries and was transported to Riverbend Hospital. The driver of the 2015 white Lexus sedan was westbound when he lost control of the vehicle and veered off the road. The sedan rolled and ended on all four wheels slightly blocking the west lane of travel. ODOT was on the scene. The vehicle was towed from the crash scene. Involved: 74-year-old male from Texas.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Oct. 16: 10:56: 38000 block, Flowerdale Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
11:15: 90000 blk, Sunderman Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.
12:33: 51000 blk, Dexter St. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.
Oct. 17: 16:25: McK. Hwy. Milepost 14. Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.
18:49: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. 18. Injury/Blocking, 1 Transported.
Oct. 19: 13:19: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Oct. 20: 20:31: 1300 blk, McKenzie River. Water Rescue. Patient Extricated From Water, Transported.
Oct. 21: 0:08: McK. Hwy./Mp. 9. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Oct. 17: 16:10: Medical - 55000 block, Drury Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
Oct. 19: 14:05: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
15:59: Medical - 91000 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
Oct. 22: 13:46: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. 1 vehicle rollover, blocking. Caller says he is injured.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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A history of fly tying

by Fitz Moore

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Most of us have noticed fishing flies for sale somewhere here along the river. They are casually bought and sold in tackle shops, hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants, and taverns from Springfield to Sisters — thousands of them every year. Hundreds more are made and fished by individuals, who add to the pleasure and satisfaction of their sport fishing with flies of their own manufacture. Though the numbers increase yearly, the demand for professionally tied flies increases at an even greater annual rate. This has generally been the fact since flyfishing became a popular sport among English gentlemen of the 18th century.

Fly tying probably originated in the common sense approach of a man observing fish feeding on natural insects or examining the contents of their stomachs, and attempting to lure fish to his hook by “dressing” it to imitate this natural fish food. When man first wrapped feathers around a hook, we will never know, but he started a method and tradition in angling that has grown in scope and popularity ever since. Though artificial flies were used in ancient china and Japan, the first known historical description of a man-made insect imitation is from Aelian, a Roman naturalist of the 3rd century A.D. He wrote of fishermen in northern Greece angling for what were almost certainly trout. Simply made of red wool and the hackle (neck) feathers of a rooster, these flies would be considered crude by modern standards, but the artificial fly has come down to us basically as it was at that time: a bit of fur and feather wound on a hook by hand.

Flyfishing and tying undoubtedly came to Britain with the Roman legions, but the first known reference to fly tying (or fishing) in the English language came twelve hundred years after Aelian, in 1486. Generally attributed to Dame Juliana Berners, Sister and Prioress of a nunnery at Sopwell, near St. Albans, England, the “Treatise on Fishing with an Angle” gives detailed instructions on the design and use of rods, lines, and leaders for flyfishing, as well as a description of twelve artificial flies. The greater part of the book concerns bait fishing for trout and salmon as well as several

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from the rising
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other species, and became the standard reference of sport fishing for nearly two hundred years. One of the first books printed in England, the “Treatise” was a best-seller of its day, and reprinted several times before its list of flies was included in Izaak Walton’s “The Complete Angler,” first published in 1653.

Dame Juliana’s original twelve flies were probably based on natural insects observed at streamside, but only a few of them can be positively identified with such insects today. Constructed mainly of wool and various bird hackle and wing feathers, they were crude but effective. Like today’s artificials, they probably didn’t look much like the naturals in hand, but gave a reasonable impression of them to the fish when in the water. Most artificials, both historical and modern, are of this “natural” or impressionistic type, but there are also “attractor” type flies that represent nothing but the tiers’ imagination, though they may have a generally “buggy” appearance. Also, these early flies were tied entirely by hand, before the use of a small jawed vice to hold hooks as the materials for the fly are wound on them. As the art of fly tying developed, so did its tools: the vise, hackle pliers, finely pointed scissors and tweezers, and bobbins to hold spools of thread, which are considered necessary to the craft today.

Izaak Walton was neither a fly tier nor a fly fisherman, but his friend Charles Cotton was. Cotton wrote the first essay on flyfishing for the fifth edition of Walton’s book (1676), including a list of sixty-five flies, their dressings (patterns), and written instructions for tying the flies. Cotton’s, and the only type of flyfishing practiced until the mid-nineteenth century was with “wet” or subsurface flies. Even so, experimenters with the fly had produced the nymph and streamer types of wet flies, and fly patterns numbered in the hundreds by the time the dry fly was becoming popular in the 1890’s. The advent of the dry fly, fished as a natural fly riding on the water’s surface, led fly tiers to imitate the insects fish took them for more exactly. Frederick Halyard, the leading proponent of these new methods in England, sent his dry fly imitations of English insects to American Theodore Godson in 1890. Both these men were dedicated Flemishes, fly tyros, and

voices for flourishing through their writings on the sport published on both sides of the Atlantic. Halyard wrote the first insect identification guide for dry fly tiers in his “Dry Fly Entomology” (1897). Godson adopted Halberds methods and patterns to match North American Insects, and the modern American dry fly was born.

Gordon’s influence was so great, he is acclaimed as “The Father of American Dry Fly Fishing.” Some of his original fly patterns are still in use, and just as effective in our Cascades as they were in New York’s Catskills, where Godson did most of his fishing. A Catskill style of fly tying, especially of mayfly imitations, continues to the present day, and can be traced directly to Theodore Gordon’s tying bench. Since Gordon’s time, there have been many innovations in fly tying, mainly in the use of newly developed materials, or emphasis on techniques to produce certain desirable effects. In some cases, new materials have led to new types of flies, a material enabling the tyer to make his artificial in a way not possible or extremely difficult with materials previously available. Similarly, flyfishing methods have been influenced by the use of new materials and designs of rods, reels, lines, and leaders. These new fishing methods always seem to call for new fly patterns. The dry fly vs. wet fly controversy of 1900 has been complicated by men fishing artificials in lakes and streams at every depth from top to bottom.

The modern artificial fly that we see on sale is the product of a professional tyer, but unless he is employed full time by a large tackle company, or sells large numbers of flies at the wholesale level, tying flies is a part time activity that provided only a small part of his income. Many professional tyers are housewives, retired persons, students and people who are seasonally employed, usually working out of their own home. The flies they tie are sold to wholesalers, retailers, or directly to fishermen, and are generally of average quality. The true professional, who derives all or most of his living from fly tying, usually produces a superior product, and has often built a reputation on a particular pattern or style of tying high quality fishcatchers. There is a point where skill, talent, and craft combine to become art; the very best tyros are considered masters of the art of fly tying, and deservedly so. All of them tied thousands of flies before gaining recognition in the field. The master, or even a true professional fly tyer may be considered a rare breed, but one that will always be with us, as long as there are free-rising fish in the streams.



By Slim Randles

Old Jasper Blankenship went out to hunt deer the other day, the same way he’s done for decades now. He’s slower than he used to be, of course. Deer season has changed a lot for Jasper over the many years he’s been at it. As a kid, he couldn’t wait until he was old enough to get a license, because he wanted to bring a buck home to show his family. Not just any buck, either, but a big one.

As a young man, he wanted to see how many hunting seasons he could have in one year: duck, goose, quail, pheasant, deer, about anything that moved.

As a middle-aged man, he turned to the technology of hunting and wanted to learn about the newest gizmo that would make you quiet, make you invisible, make you irresistible to deer.

But things are different these days. Oh, Jasper still enjoys going through all the outdoor magazines and orders catalogs, and each year he orders some new gizmo that guarantees to bring home the meat. But he just chuckles at them, even as he orders them. Hunting, to him, means a reattachment to nature, a return to his roots. It is a time to see if his personal skills are still adequate. It is also a time to sit on a ridge and look around and appreciate what is there. And if what isn’t there happens to be a deer, well, that’s all right, too.

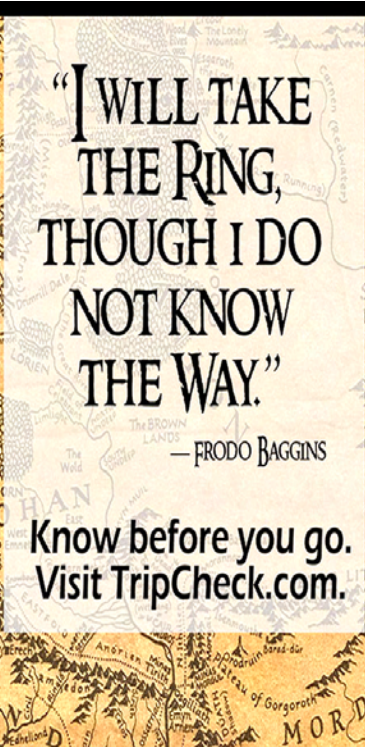
Venison isn’t getting any easier to pack back to camp after all these many seasons, either. But there is something in the hunt, something

in being allowed to silently stalk the nameless essence of fall, something in moving in near invisibility. There is something. Sometimes it’s just nice to go out there and see what happens.

Brought to you by John McAdams, who teaches good, safe ways of being a successful and responsible hunter. john@thebiggamehuntingblog.com.

Quote of the Week

“If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.”
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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Go underground for colorful spring bulb bloom



When it comes to plants, bulbs are about as easy as it gets and now’s the time to get them in the ground.

“You plant spring-flowering bulbs in fall, they grow over winter, flourish in spring and go dormant in summer,” said Heather Stoven, a horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. “Once they’re in the ground, they do quite well over multiple years with little maintenance.”

On top of that, bulbs are drought tolerant. “That’s one of the great things about them,” Stoven said. “Since they go dormant in summer, they don’t need to be watered.”

If you plan to intermingle bulbs with perennials or place them near shrubs, pair with plants that don’t need much irrigation, she said. Or, if the area gets regular water, make sure the soil drains well.

Bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, crocus and hyacinth are planted in fall because they need some time to get their roots going before pushing up to put on a spring show. Although October and No-

vember are ideal for planting, bulbs can go into the ground until mid-December.

When purchasing bulbs, choose large ones. The bigger the bulb, the bigger the bloom, Stoven said. Also, avoid those with mold or soft spots, which signal rot. Plant as soon as possible, but if something comes up to delay you, store bulbs in a cool, dim place such as an unlit garage.

Make a plan before heading to the garden center. Decide on color combinations. Do a little research so that you can choose early, mid- and late-blooming varieties for a longer display. Think about what to plant together – a mix of different types of bulbs is an attractive option. A big swath of the same type and color bulbs will make a statement, too.

As you get ready to plant, dig holes to fit multiple bulbs rather than planting one at a time. The effect is more natural.

“Groupings are really nice,” Stoven said. “You’ll get a mass of color.”

When digging the hole, it’s best to follow directions on the pack-

age for planting depth, but a general rule of thumb is three times as deep as the bulb is wide. Add some organic material – compost, well-rotted manure or mulch – to the bottom of the hole, place bulb pointed side up and cover with soil. Adding fertilizer is not necessary, but if you feel compelled, use super phosphate or a low-concentrated product labeled for bulbs, Stoven said.

There’s no need to dig bulbs up after flowering, but letting the foliage turn brown and die back is a good idea so that the nutrients contained in the leaves return to the bulb and it can start the cycle once again.

Here are Stoven’s recommendations for uncommon spring-blooming bulbs:

- * Fawn lily (*Erythronium oregonum*) – An Oregon native wildflower with dainty, nodding white or yellowish flowers and brown-stained leaves. Doesn’t mind shade and looks inviting in a woodland setting.
- * Grecian windflower (*Anemone blanda*) – Delicate, star-like flowers come in blue, white and pink on frilly foliage that melts away soon after bloom is over. Best used in a mass. “Blue is especially nice to have as a contrast to yellow daffodils,” Stoven said.
- * Allium – Part of the garlic family, this deer-resistant bulb puts up a stem with one ball-shaped flower, usually in shades of purple, pink and blue, more infrequently white. Sizes vary widely from the 10-inch flowers of ‘Globemaster’ to the tiny pops of 1-inch drumstick alliums.
- * Fritillaria – Another group of bulbs with wide variation. On crown imperial fritillaria (*F. imperialis*), bell-shaped flowers in orange or yellow hang in clusters from single stems up to 5 feet tall. The much-smaller native checker lily (*F. affinis*) has dark purple flowers spotted irregularly with yellow.
- * Species tulips – Just like their big siblings, but shorter, hardier and longer lasting. They come in many colors and often the flowers open wider than regular tulips. These bulbs will seed themselves, so they’ll naturalize and give years of enjoyment.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



HALLOWEEN MEMORIES

Although my daughter and I don’t have youngsters living with us, I still enjoy the sights of Halloween themed decorations on lawns, in windows and in stores. These bring back memories of my childhood, my daughter’s and the grandchildren’s when they lived with us.

Getting ready for Halloween was an exciting time at our farmhouse. Mother helped us children make costumes for school parties. One year, she cut and sewed a multitude of orange and black crepe paper into a witch costume for me. Another year, she made my sister a pumpkin headed ghost costume, using one of the large pumpkins from our garden for a head. (I used this as inspiration for my story, “Mama’s Prize Pumpkin” in my children’s anthology, *Tales of Adventure & Discovery*.)

We carved funny faces on pumpkins, and then put candles inside for lights. The hired man told us scary tales as he sat on the kitchen couch waiting for meals. (He was a grandfather figure throughout childhood.)

Community Parties

Sometimes there was a community party at the local town hall, the gathering place for young and old. One year Mother dressed in costume, too. She later told me she was disappointed because she was recognized immediately. She thought she had created a good

disguise. However, there weren’t many women accompanied by four young children. So we may have given her away.

Since our farmhouse wasn’t located near others, we started from my friend’s home in a more populated area for our “trick or treating.” That custom was fairly new when I was a youngster but was a great deal of fun.

Halloween Cooking

Mother also made pumpkin cookies for a treat and decorated them with faces. She baked pumpkin pies, too.

PUMPKIN PIE - Mix together: 2 slightly beaten eggs, 1 can solid pack pumpkin, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon ginger, 1 2/3 cups evaporated milk or light cream. Pour this mixture into a 9-inch unbaked pie shell with a high edge.

Bake at 425 degrees F. for 15 minutes. Then lower oven to 350 degrees F. and bake for 45 minutes more, or until inserted knife comes out clean. Serve cool, whipped cream or a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

I have seen pumpkin ice cream in the store. Perhaps you’ll want to try this on top of a serving of pie.

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Fright Night at the Museum

Hosted by the Springfield History Museum. Really scary (older kids & adults) Adults - \$5, Kids (5 - 18) \$3, Kids under 5 - free, Families of 5 - \$20. All proceeds go to the museum. Call 541-726-2300 for details. #frightatthemuseum2023

October 27

Library Groundbreaking

O'Brien Library, 1 to 2 pm 51771 Blue River Drive. After the loss during the Holiday Farm Fire of such a treasure, The O'Brien Memorial Library is excited to share the latest news! Come join us at the Groundbreaking Celebration. Hear about what we've accomplished to date and plans for moving forward. Being such a huge effort, we continue to need our community's support. We cannot wait to see you there!

October 27

McKenzie River Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every fourth Friday of the month via Zoom from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

October 27

Trunk or Treat

Free event, all are welcome! Pumpkin Painting, Best Trunk Contest, Costumes Welcome,

Music, Treats & More! At the Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic - 54771 McKenzie Hwy. Interested in participating with a trunk? Call (541) 822-3341 if you'd like to participate in setting up a trunk or if you have questions.

October 28

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.

October 31

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.

October 31

Trout or Treat

Come and have your picture taken with Herman the Surgeon from 4 to 6 pm at both the Leaburg Fish Hatchery and the McKenzie River Discovery Center. Meet fishy folks, play fishy games and win fishy prizes - we will also have an extra special raffle item donated by Adventures Northwest - a float trip or fishing trip down the McKenzie River

October 31

Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

October 31

Fall Harvest Celebration

The McKenzie Bible Fellow-

ship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy, will host a fun family event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It will include a free dinner and dessert - plus games, candy, prizes, crafts, a costume contest, a pinata, BINGO, and games for adults. RSVPtomckenziebiblevida@gmail.com. No scary or dark-themed costumes, please.

October 31

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 6 pm on Tuesday, August 22nd, and will run through Tuesday, September 26th. The program is free and will meet in the library's Annex Room.

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.

November 1

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November 1

Free Produce

Orchid Health, at the McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Highway offers every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (weather permitted) for free fruits and vegetables. Households residing in Lane County and all McKenzie River Community members who sign up can be served, as long as they are under the income guidelines. For more information or to sign up please call: (541) 822-3341

November 1

Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A

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November 2

O'Brien Library Story Time

The O'Brien Memorial Library, at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive, is once again offering Story Time on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Enter the world of imagination and learning by joining our staff volunteers who will read a story and lead an activity for the young ones. Connect with other parents and let the kids mingle. Join us at our temporary location at UMCC and see all the colorful, amazing children's books we have. We can't wait to see you!

November 3

First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

November 3

Dime At A Time

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November 4

White Branch Celebration

Camp White Branch will host its 65th Anniversary Celebration with an open house from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Lunch will be available from 12:00-1:30 p.m. We will have a presentation/story time at 2 p.m. If you want to eat lunch with us please let us know you are coming by registering through our FB event or our evite: http://evite.me/egNYr34kyw or via email: cwboptionsmanager@gmail.com. If you have pictures or stories of Camp White Branch please let us know! We would love to include them in our event!

November 10

Spaghetti Feed

The Walterville Grange is holding its annual Spaghetti Feed on November 10 from 5 to 7 PM. Spaghetti with meat sauce is on the menu with salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. The Grange wishes to honor all Veterans and hope that you will join us in doing so. Their service is what makes our freedom so valuable. There will also be a raffle where you can pick the prize you want to try to win. This will be held at the Walterville Community Center/Grange Hall located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. The Grange is fundraising to replace the windows and siding on the west side of the building, and you are encouraged to add to the fundraising (check out our thermometer to see how much we have already raised). Please come and meet with your family, friends and neighbors to have some great spaghetti and a good time. Donations are gratefully accepted. We are also collecting canned food items for the upriver food bank. Please contact 541-521-4760 for more information. Leave a message and calls will be returned.

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11. Hangover memory?

12. 15th of March

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22. Acorn producer

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25. **When I See an Elephant Fly" elephant, 1941

26. Steal a throne

27. Misrepresent

29. *Pearl Harbor location

31. Capital of Latvia

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33. *Considered first general-purpose computer, acr.

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45. Tornado visual

49. Helicopter landing

51. Coal miners

54. Bear of bamboo forest

56. Brother's daughter

57. Gangster's gal

58. Hip bones

59. Barbecued anatomy

60. Birds

61. Part of cathedral

62. Cantina cooker

63. Sans mixers

64. Comedian Meyers

67. **The ____ Sleep," 1946

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
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October 26 - The Southern Route of the Oregon Trail brought pioneers into the Rogue River Valley and the discovery of gold in Jacksonville brought more settlers to the region. The native people resented the newcomers and open warfare broke out in what has become known as the Rogue River Indian Wars. It is estimated that 200 white residents and soldiers lost their lives and at least that number of Indians were killed. The war ended in 1856 when the Indians of that region were force-marched to the Grande Ronde Reservation. The soldiers who fought in the war were not paid pensions until 1913. By that time, most of the soldiers had already died.

Sheriff's Report

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blk, Oak Crest Rd.
10:54 p.m: Dispute - 37200 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

Oct. 23: 11:25 a.m: Burglary - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd.
2:49 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - Lat: 44.108702. Long: - 122.354436.
3:02 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.
3:17 p.m: Driving While Suspended - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.
4:50 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd.
7:01 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Blocking.
16:22:45000blk,Goodpasture Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
17:33: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
Oct. 22: 11:36: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:48: 49000 blk, Block McK. Hwy. MVA. Injury/Blocking, 1 Transported.
16:52: McK. Hwy. Mp. 14. Smoke From a Vehicle. UTL.
17:57: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 20th 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.

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.

Fish Counts
October 22, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook – 2,178
Winter Steelhead – 1,147

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Basic titans

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and we were the enlightened ones who would make the world better. Now our kids blame us boomers for how things are so messed up.

But things have changed for the better, over our time. Slowly, belatedly, painfully. Most of us boomers, I think, eventually came to realize that America wasn't kind, hopeful and even-handed for many of our fellow citizens. Our kids know it for sure, and they plan to make it right.

I think it's important to acknowledge how it was, then, when we were in that photo up there and thought everything was great.

At best, Black people were "colored." My grandparents still referred to the long-abandoned homestead up the road from them as "the N##ger place." We had a neighbor who named his small black dog "Nig."

You might have to Jew somebody down to get a better price. The Indians? They weren't doing anything with the land or the river when we got here, so... Not our fault what happened to them. Hiroshima and Nagasaki, well, that was war and we had to end it. No use thinking too hard about it now.

Anybody with a disability was a retard or a spaz, short for spastic. Guys called each other "fag," "faggot" or "queer" as jovial insults. Our group of guys kept a "10 Most Want to" list of girls we knew, even though we were clueless, so to speak, about sex and wouldn't get closer than wonder-

ing about it for several years yet.

And of course we never, ever gave girls their due in school or work, even though many of them were smarter than most of us.

But we grew up, took over from our parents and too many of us are still running things. We'll have economic clout for years to come, but it's time for us to step away from the political hegemony we've been inflicting on the country.

I hope Joe does the right thing and announces next year that he won't seek another term, and throws it open to a young successor. I hope the Dems decide the nominee in a wide-open, energetic convention in Chicago, kind of like 1968 without the riots. I'd personally vote for Pete Buttigieg, Biden's Secretary of Transportation.

The Republicans? Unless some of their candidates grow a pair and start telling the truth about him, they'll be stuck with the vile buffoon and will lose again. Damn fools. This country needs a solid Conservative political faction to balance us wingnut Libs. Right now all the Republicans offer is idiots, criminals, cowards and cynical hypocrites.

Meanwhile, our time is over, politically.

I look at the three of us in that photo. We had a lot to learn, and I think we eventually did.


More than 50 years later, bemused titans. But we got it figured out. Didn't we?



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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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7th place with a 1-5 record.

McKenzie will conclude its 2023 Fall season with a road trip to the State's 11th ranked team, Falls City/Kings Valley Charter Academy. No game stats were available at press time.

Myra Dion Finishes 11th At Umpqua Invite

Will Meister Sets New PR

McKenzie Varsity Cross Country runner Myra Dion finished 11th at the Umpqua Invite held at Stewart Park in Roseburg. Dion competed in the Junior Varsity 5,000 meters race with a field of 97 runners representing 45 teams, Classifications 1A through 6A. The Eagle soph finished the course in 24:33.10 minutes, a season record, and the race was won by Grants Pass freshman Lucia Atondo in 22:19.90 min.

Fellow sophomore, Will Meister, competed in the Boys Junior Varsity 5,000 m. race, finishing 74th out of 205 competitors. Meister's time of 21:03.3 min. was a personal record. Craig Israelsen of South Medford won the race with a time of 18:03.00 min.

McKenzie Trio Earn All League Honors

McKenzie Varsity Volleyball player's freshman Ellie Boykin, sophomore Mya Triplett, and junior Bekah Short each earned

Honorable Mention Mt. West All League awards for their play this Fall Season. The Mohawk Mustangs (14-2) and Eddyville Charter Eagles (14-2) shared the 2023 Mt. West League Regular Season Championship and Mohawk won the Mt. West League Tournament Championship, defeating Eddyville Charter 3-0 at Junction City, last Saturday, October 21. The Mustangs will represent the Mt. West League as its top seed in the 2023 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A Volleyball State Championships and Eddyville Charter earned the second seed.

Triangle Lake defeated Alsea at the Mt. West Tournament to seal the third seed opportunity. The Mustangs are ranked 16 out of the 32-team field in the First Round of State playoffs and will host 17th ranked Bonanza, representing the fourth seed out of the Mt. Valley League. That match at Mohawk is scheduled for 5:30 pm start on Wednesday, October 25. Eddyville Charter, ranked 24th, will travel to 9th ranked North Douglas, and Triangle Lake, ranked 31st, travels to the State's 2nd ranked team, Powder Valley.

Winning First Round teams will match up for Second Round action on Saturday, October 28, with match times to be determined. Mohawk would face the winner of 32nd ranked Condon or top ranked Crane, if the Mustangs win their First Round match. Eddyville Charter, with a First Round victory, would face either 25th ranked Central Christian or 8th ranked Adrian. And if the Lakers of Triangle Lake advance, they would face either 18th ranked Myrtle Point or 15th ranked Imbler.

Why I got my CDL and why you should too

Hello to all, I'm Lane Tompkins, Superintendent/Principal of McKenzie School District and McKenzie River Community School. I'm writing this article to let you know, after years of resisting the call, I have taken the first steps towards getting my Commercial Drivers License to be better able to support our District's transportation needs. Throughout my tenure as an administrator at McKenzie, the scarcity of skilled drivers has consistently hindered our ability to offer the highest quality education to our students. Although we had anticipated a robust pool of applicants for these positions, that expectation has yet to materialize.

Each school day, 26 million students ride 480,000 school buses to school each day. In our close-knit McKenzie community, our transportation staff plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safe commute of our 185 students to school, field trips, sporting events, and co-curricular activities, and back to the warmth of their homes. These dedicated drivers are more than just professionals; they are the first smiling faces our students encounter in the morning and the last reassuring presence they see at the end of a long day. Given the expansive geographical expanse of our district, maintaining robust transportation services remains paramount. It ensures that all students within our district, as well as those who opt to join us from neighboring areas, have equitable access to the quality education they rightfully deserve. In more ways than one, transportation keeps our school moving forward.

Currently, our district, much like many others across the nation, is grappling with a significant staffing shortage. We have only two route drivers available to manage our three daily routes. However, as Eugene 4J faces its own driver shortages, this solution has become unsustainable. In response to this staffing crisis, our Transportation Coordinator has stepped in to handle daily driving duties.

Recognizing this staffing strain, coupled with the shortage of applicants, I felt compelled to take action to ensure our students' daily commute was uninterrupted but more importantly transportation shouldn't limit learning.

My intention is not to compete with others seeking employment opportunities; rather, I hope to encourage and inspire others to join a robust pool of candidates. This is where I need your help. As members of the community I work in and love, I am asking for your support in helping me spread the word about this staffing need to ensure our students' transportation needs are met.

Getting a CDL may seem like a lengthy and difficult task but I am here to tell you it's doable. The first step on the road to get-



ting your CDL is getting a Department of Transportation Physical. Think of it like a regular checkup you'd have with your family doctor. They'll go over your height and weight, check your vision and hearing, and make sure you've got the right range of motion. They'll also want to chat about any health conditions you might have and how they could affect your driving. There are some specific rules for folks with conditions like sleep apnea, diabetes, and certain psychological conditions.

We're lucky to have Cascade Health on our side. They've got a team of experts who can answer your questions even before you walk through the door for your physical. Now, here's an important part: the drug and alcohol screening. Getting your CDL means you're committing to not using illegal drugs and being okay with random drug and alcohol tests. Even though marijuana is legal for recreational use for adults in Oregon, it's not approved for CDL holders.

With a clean bill of health and a negative drug and alcohol test, you're now prepared for the next step: obtaining your Commercial Learner's Permit, or CLP. To secure your CLP for school bus driving, you must successfully pass four knowledge tests at the DMV. These tests include the DMV CDL Class B written test, DMV Class B passenger endorsement written test, DMV CDL Class B school bus passenger endorsement test, and the DMV CDL Air Brake restriction test. We highly recommend studying the DMV CDL manual and utilizing available study aid apps to prepare effectively.

Once you've acquired your CLP (Commercial Learner's Permit), you're ready to embark on the path to obtaining your CDL. This entails enrolling in and successfully completing an Entry Level Driver Training course, often referred to as ELDT. Furthermore, you'll be required to log 15 hours of hands-on Behind-the-Wheel Training under the supervision of a certified trainer approved by the Oregon Department of Education. We offer this training through our district.

Once you've successfully fulfilled these prerequisites, the next step is to proceed with the CDL

testing process. This can be done through the DMV or with the assistance of a Third Party Examiner. It's important to keep in mind that in order to secure employment within a school district, you will be subject to a comprehensive driving and criminal record check. This typically takes place as part of your application process when applying for your ODE School Bus Driver Certificate.

Our standard route drivers typically work an average of 16 hours per week, covering 2-hour morning and 2-hour afternoon routes each day. Furthermore, there is an optional afternoon activity route that entails an additional two hours daily for volunteers. In addition to our daily responsibilities, we often necessitate our drivers to undertake two to three trips per week outside of our district. The duration of these trips can vary, ranging from an additional two hours of driving time plus standby time during events to overnight journeys spanning the entire state.

When it comes to compensation, we offer a competitive wage package, including insurance, retirement, and a new driver hiring incentive of \$1200.00.

Driving can be an excellent choice for individuals seeking to make a positive impact on our community's youth. It offers a consistent part-time opportunity to bolster retirement income or provides the flexibility to craft a schedule that aligns with your personal priorities. Whether you want to spend more time with your children, focus on a side hustle, or indulge in your hobbies and interests, this role can accommodate your unique lifestyle.

If driving a school bus sounds like a rewarding challenge for you, please consider applying on our website <https://mckenzie-school.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=48>.

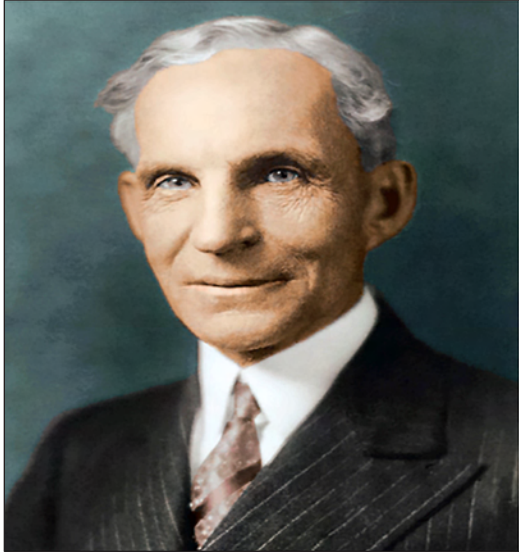
If you'd like to learn more before you take the leap and apply, we are currently working to schedule a number of community coffee hours the week of October 30th in McKenzie Bridge, Blue River and Waltherville, where the district will buy you a cup of coffee and answer your questions.

We are also working on setting up a Drive the Bus Event on campus on Saturday, November 4th, where folks can take a spin in our parking lot to get a feel for what it's really like to drive our buses.

I have shared some videos of my progress through the process on my blog <https://superintendenttompkins.blogspot.com/> and would like to invite you to join me and get your CDL and help our community and its students!




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Henry Ford



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